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NATIONAL news

ACLU LAUNCHES MARRIAGE CAMPAIGN

The American Civil Liberties Union plans to launch a national campaign May 16 to persuade Americans that it is unfair to deny legal protections to the families of same-sex couples. The Marriage Campaign will be led by Michael Mitchell, who comes to the ACLU after serving as executive director of Equality Utah, that state's gay and lesbian advocacy organization.

"Our Constitution guarantees basic fairness to all people, yet lesbian and gay couples who make lasting commitments to each other just like married couples are denied protections for their families," said Anthony D. Romero, executive director of the ACLU. "With states racing to enact amendments that will forever ban same-sex couples from getting legal protections, it is critical to show why it's wrong to keep people from visiting their partners in the hospital or from making emergency medical decisions and how it hurts children to be legal strangers to their parents."

The goal of the Marriage Campaign is to step up the dialogue with the American people and show through firsthand accounts how gay and lesbian couples and their children suffer when their families are not recognized by the law. Among other public education efforts, the campaign will offer assistance to local campaigns fighting constitutional amendments that seek to ban gay people from marriage and other family protections.

"One thing I learned during Utah's recent constitutional amendment challenge is that most people don't realize the toll these measures take on very real Americans with very real families," said Mitchell. "When people are given the opportunity to see the chaos caused by our government's treatment of gay families, their attitudes change. I'm eager to bring the lessons I learned here in Utah and from my colleagues around the country and focus them into an active, honest conversation with the American public."

Matt Coles, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, added: "We're at a defining moment in the civil rights struggle for gay people. While we have recently made several important breakthroughs, our opponents are motivated like never before. It's time to fight back, and with Michael's enthusiasm and leadership, we hope to show America that this is simply a matter of basic fairness for all families."
—Sarah Dougher

FAMILY PRIDE COALITION LAUNCHES PSAs

The Family Pride Coalition, the only national nonprofit organization dedicated to securing equality for queer parents and their families, announced the availability of a new 60-second public service announcement April 27 designed to inform the general public of the controversy surrounding the recent decision by U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings threatening future funding for popular PBS children's show *Postcards from Buster* for featuring the child of a lesbian couple.

Featured in the PSA are actor B.D. Wong of *Law and Order: SVU*; U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.; and Karen Pike and Gillian Pieper, the couple at the center of this heated battle.

Each individual contributed meaningful dia-

logue as to why Spellings' actions are so damaging. Frank pointed out, "Sadly, there are people who have a political agenda who oppose fair treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, and even more sadly, they take it out on their children."

Wong, a father himself, added, "Secretary Spellings' actions attacked the integrity and legitimacy of all different kinds of family."

The Family Pride Coalition will make the *Buster* PSA available for both broadcast and Internet outlets. It is also available online to view at www.familypride.org.

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BULLYING AMONG GRADE SCHOOLERS: A DAILY OCCURRENCE

The Gender Public Advocacy Coalition cites a study released April 28 that shows bullying among sixth-graders is a daily occurrence. University of California at Los Angeles reports that within a five-day-period, almost half of the sixth-graders in two different Los Angeles public schools say they were bullied by other students.

"This is yet another reinforcement that bullying starts early and must be dealt with early. This type of harassment is often aimed at boys and girls who don't measure up to the 'ideal' standards of masculinity or femininity, and this needs to be addressed," said Lindsay Bond, GenderPAC's youth program coordinator.

Jaana Juvonen, UCLA professor of psychology and co-author of the study, told *UCLA News*, "Bullying is a problem that large numbers of kids confront on a daily basis at school; it's not just an issue for the few unfortunate ones."

The study also examined students who were witness to bullying and reports that while students who are bullied have an increase in feelings of humiliation and anger, those who bear witness have reported increased anxiety and a dislike of school. The study also offers solutions to combat school bullying including policies that target all forms of harassment as wrong and