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NATIONAL news

MAINE

MAINERS GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO DIS GAYS AT THE BALLOT BOX

A measure was approved July 28 for the ballot in Maine that, if passed by voters in November, would repeal the state's newly enacted gay rights law. The declaration by Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap sets into motion what will be the latest in a series of battles at the ballot box concerning gay marriage around the country.

News of the approval was hailed by Christian leaders who are spearheading the campaign.

FLORIDA

GAY MEN'S HOUSE TORCHED IN HATE CRIME

Paul Day and Christopher Robertson came home July 29 to find their house in Kings Manor Mobile Home Park in Lakeland, Fla., torched and the words "Die Fag" spray-painted on the front steps. The home, which was recently renovated, is completely wrecked, and the damage is estimated at \$15,000.

Florida has been experiencing a resurgence of hate crimes based on sexual orientation. *The Orlando Sentinel* reported that the number of such incidents statewide accounted for 20 percent of all hate crimes in 2003, the highest proportion for this category ever recorded in Florida.



Paul Day (left) and Christopher Robertson were victims of a hate crime in Lakeland, Fla.

The ballot measure would amend the state's constitution to repeal existing rights, benefits and responsibilities for legally recognized domestic partners and permanently ban marriage protections for same-sex couples. It would deny health insurance, medical leave rights, hospital visitation and other protections and responsibilities for hundreds of thousands of California families.

If the measure passes, it will have far-reaching consequences such as requiring a tax increase on property jointly owned by unmarried couples, including senior citizen couples, upon the death of either partner.

COURT RULES THAT BUSINESSES CANNOT DENY DOMESTIC PARTNERS

The California Supreme Court ruled Aug. 1 in favor of a lesbian couple seeking equal treatment for their domestic partnership from the country club where one of the women is a member. The decision carries implications for other types of commerce, says the court: "A business that extends benefits to spouses it denies to registered domestic partners engages in impermissible marital status discrimination."

LARGE DROP REPORTED IN HIV CASES IN SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Chronicle reported July 20 that San Francisco health officials may revise downward their estimates of the number of new HIV infections each year after three new analyses suggested the spread of the virus in the city's gay community has slowed substantially.

Instead of the generally accepted estimate that 1,000 people were newly infected each year, a federal study among gay men in five major U.S. cities found that new infections in San Francisco were occurring at about half the rate recorded four years ago.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study was based on interviews with more than 1,764 men contacted at bars, dance clubs, sex clubs, gyms, parks and shops and on the streets. Participants



Toni Atkins is the openly gay mayor of San Diego.

CALIFORNIA

LESBIAN LEADS AMERICA'S SEVENTH-LARGEST CITY

San Diego became the largest city in the United States with an openly gay mayor July 25

included gay men in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Miami and Baltimore. In addition to volunteering for blood tests, they were asked about their partners, where they met them, their drug usage and other questions.