



Cyndi Lauper performed during the closing ceremony of the 2006 Gay Games at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

culture festival. Last year, the Gay Games faced an additional threat from a competing gay sports event, World OutGames. Held in Montreal just one week after the Gay Games, that competing event's host organization ended up losing more than \$5 million Canadian.

At the Gay Games VII closing ceremony July 22, 2006, Chicago passed the symbols of the Gay Games to Cologne, Germany, the host of the 2010 Gay Games.

LOUISIANA
Anti-Gay Senator
Cops to Sex Scandal

U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-La., who has built his political career around family values and railed against same-sex marriage, admitted July 9 to "a very serious sin in my past" after his telephone number appeared among those associated with an escort service operated by the so-called D.C. Madam.

Vitter admitted that he had contacted a D.C. escort service sometime before 2004, apparently while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, and July 10, Jeanette Maier, the Canal Street madam of a high-price brothel in New Orleans, told WDSU-TV that Vitter frequented her establishment in the mid-1990s. In addition, *The Shreveport Times* reported that the former chairman of President Bush's Louisiana finance organization, Boysie Bollinger, said Vitter's relationship with prostitutes was known to insiders when he ran for the U.S. Senate in 2004.

Vitter has touted himself as a "moral values" leader throughout his political career and ardently opposed same-sex marriage, saying: "I'm a conservator who opposes radically redefining marriage, the most important social institution in human history." He has been a sponsor of the Federal Marriage Amendment, which seeks to preclude the recognition of same-sex marriage. 19

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sive annual film and television collection to the Outfest Legacy Project, a partnership between Outfest and the UCLA Film and Television Archive. GLAAD announced the collaboration in celebration of Outfest's 25th anniversary, which is being held through July 23.

"Each year, GLAAD monitors and archives thousands of hours of film and television," said GLAAD president Neil G. Giuliano. "We are thrilled that this collaboration with Outfest and UCLA ensures all of this important material will be made available to the public for generations to come."

In previous years, GLAAD donated its film and television archives to One National Gay and Lesbian Archives. In March, One deposited its vast assemblage of moving image material—more than 1,500 films and 3,000 videos—including GLAAD's collection, with the Outfest Legacy Project. The deposit nearly doubled the Outfest Legacy Project's holdings, which had already comprised the world's largest publicly accessible collection of queer films.

ILLINOIS
Games Losing Trend
Reversed

One year after Chicago hosted nearly 12,000 athletes from 50 countries at the 2006 Gay Games, Chicago Games, the host organization for the event, announced July 10 that the event broke even. This positive financial result reverses a 20-year trend, not achieved since 1986.

The 2006 Gay Games contributed \$50 million to \$80 million to the local economy. Some people estimate that another 10 years of positive gay tourism visibility will generate millions more dollars in the long term.

Nevertheless, the past three Gay Games host committees lost significant amounts of money, threatening the future of the quadrennial sports and



Relationships with a prostitute were a "known secret" during the 2004 campaign of U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-La.

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