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Editors Note

No matter the outcome of the election, there's still work to be done. Many GLBT citizens and our allies rallied together to make South Carolinians aware of the effects for the proposed amendment. Organizations across the state came together to work against this amendment. Election day made fighting for our rights more urgent. However, the election is over but the fighting is not done. We still do not have fair and equal rights as citizens. We have to continue the struggle for equality. Find an organization to your liking and join. Groups still need volunteers to do administrative work, staff community centers, organize events, raise awareness and generally carry on the fight for fairness. Make sure your voice is heard.

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Upcoming Events

(Columbia) Rainbow Radio

Sundays, 10:05 am
Station: WOIC 1230 AM

11-12-06

Subject: Follow-Up-The Election Show

Guests: Asha Leong and Michael Drennan

Sponsor: Harriet Hancock Community Center

Rainbow Radio airs every Sunday at 10 a.m. on WOIC 1230 AM, Columbia's Air America affiliate. Or check out the show on the website at www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio). Rainbow Radio shows are available online for download or podcast at www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio. For more information, contact Rainbow Radio at SCPrideCenter@aol.com.

Future Shows:

11-19 "Duh Bears and Cub Community"

11-26 "Grass Roots Organizing"

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(Columbia) **SC Gay & Lesbian Business Guild**

Next Meeting: Thursday 11-9

Reading, Writing, and Relaxation

Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 9th**.

The program will highlight the wonderful abilities and gifts of some of our members.

Meeting begins at 6pm

Program begins at 7pm

A new meeting location

Zas Brick Oven Pizza

located at 2930 Devine Street (one mile up from Five Points).

Free parking, outside patio, warm atmosphere.

Have you seen our ads?

Our new **billboard** is up at the corner of Gervais and Harden.

You can see it if you are traveling Gervais Street away from downtown.

Look for our ads in the **Free Times, Skirt and The State**.

Our ad highlights Fortune 500 and Forbes 200 companies

which offer domestic partner benefits

and have inclusive anti-discrimination policies.

The ad also points out that the Amendment #1 would be

bad for South Carolina and South Carolina businesses.

If you would like to support the Guilds ad,

contact Amanda at 803-960-7528.

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(Charleston) **Alliance for Full Acceptance Meeting**

Rev. Dr. Mel White in Charleston, author of "Religion Gone Bad"

Book Signing 11-13

AFFA's 8th Anniversary Meeting Tuesday 11-14

The Rev. Dr. Mel White will be in Charleston November 13 & 14th, promoting his new book "Religion Gone Bad" with a book signing at the West Ashley Barnes and Nobles on Monday night, November 13th, 7-9 PM, and the keynote speaker for AFFA's 8th Anniversary meeting, Tuesday

November 14th, The Renaissance Hotel, Wentworth St. books will be available at the meeting also for signing.
www.religiongonebad.com

More on the author:

The bestselling author of *Stranger at the Gate* provides an inside exposé of the Christian Right's agenda-and a playbook in how to resist it.

This Fall's midterm elections will see much discussion about the enhanced power of the Christian fundamentalist Right, leaving many people to wonder: just who are these people and what exactly do they want? What are their ultimate goals? The Reverend Mel White, a deeply religious man who sees fundamentalism as "evangelical Christian orthodoxy gone cultic," believes that it is not a stretch to say that the true goal of today's fundamentalists is to break down the wall that separates church and state, superimpose their "moral values" on the U.S. Constitution, replace democracy with theocratic rule, and ultimately create a new "Christian America" in their image. White's new book, Religion Gone Bad, is a wake-up call to all of us to take heed.

White is singularly qualified to write this exposé of the Christian Right because he himself was a true believer who served the evangelical movement as pastor, professor, filmmaker, television producer, author, and ghostwriter for such fundamentalist leaders as Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, and Billy Graham, all of whom he got to know well. As he writes, "These are not just Neocons dressed in religious drag. These men see themselves as gurus called by God to rescue America from unrighteousness. They believe this is a Christian nation that must be returned forcibly to its Christian roots."

He is also a gay man, who made news when he came out more than twelve years ago. White has gained a unique understanding of the fundamentalist agenda because, since the fall of "godless Communism," homosexuality and abortion have become the primary targets through which fundamentalists have created fear, raised money, and mobilized recruits. Religion Gone Bad documents the thirty-year war that fundamentalist Christians have waged against homosexuality and gays and lesbians and offers dramatic, heartbreaking evidence that fundamentalist leaders-Protestant and Catholic alike-are waging nothing less than a "holy war" (jihad) against sexual minorities. By focusing on the current plight of gay people in this country, White addresses the wider issue that fundamentalist Christianity-like fundamentalist Islam-has become a threat not just to gays, but to all Americans who disagree with fundamentalist Christian "values."

Book signing Monday, November 13, 2006
Barnes and Nobles West Ashley 7-9 PM
Alliance for Full Acceptance 8th Anniversary Meeting Keynote Speaker Nov. 14, 2006
Renaissance Hotel, Wentworth Street, Cocktails 545 PM Meeting 615 PM

For more information, call (843) 883-0343 or visit www.affa-sc.org

(Greenville) **The Laramie Project**

SC Governor's School for the Arts Presents
Wednesday - Sunday, November 15-19, 7:30 p.m. with two afternoon performances on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities (SCGSAH) Drama Program presents The Laramie Project, a play by Moises Kaufman directed by SCGSAH drama faculty member, Dan Day. All performances are on campus at 15 University Street in downtown Greenville, in Sakas Theatre. Tickets are free and reservations are strongly encouraged. Call 864.282.3737 to make up to four reservations

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(Columbia) **HARRIET HANCOCKS 70TH BIRTHDAY** **CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER**

When: Saturday, November 18, 6:30pm
Host: The Harriet Hancock Foundation and SCGLPM
Location: The Marriott Main Street , Columbia , SC
Phone: 803 254-2663

Please join us as we celebrate Harriet Hancock's 70th Birthday. This celebration is to honor SC's PRIDE Mom for decades of tireless work and support for the GLBT community of our State.

The event is a business attire dinner with an open bar. Entertainment for the evening will include a "Roast" of Harriet, current and former Mr. and Miss SC Gay Pride winners, and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person with all proceeds going to the Harriett Hancock Center Foundation. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Keith Blanton at 803 254-2664, or at kdb2156@aol.com or send your check made payable to HHCF c/o Keith Blanton, 1825 St. Julian Place, Suite 3-C, Columbia, SC 29204

We look forward to your attendance.

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(Columbia) **One Voice Concert Holiday Concert- Seasons of Miracles**

Sunday 12-10 @ 6 pm

GLPM and the Harriet Hancock Foundation present One Voice Chorus in their annual holiday concert. One Voice will again delights us with a wonderful blend of modern and traditional seasonal music. This year the concert has moved to the Garden of Grace United Church of Christ on Atlas Road in Columbia.

The Holiday Concert has evolved in the past 5 years. The first few years we called it the Sing-Along. We gathered around someone playing the piano and we all sang a wide array of songs. I remember the first year One Voice came down from Charlotte to perform. They did a very humorous rendition of "Baby Its Cold Outside". Last years concert was illuminating. The lights in the building were dimmed and all of the singers broke open glow in the dark sticks. As their hands moved with the music, it was quite a sight to behold. The show was fabulous. The music was lovely, the feeling in the room was warm and the desserts were tasty. I hope you will put the Holiday Concert on your calendar. You can dress casual or to the nines. The concert will give you delicious deserts, warm beverages and a chorus of voices to fill your heart with Pride and joy.

Tickets are \$15.00, tickets for seniors and children 5 years and older are \$10.00. Children less than 5 years old are free. Reserve your tickets by calling the Harriet Hancock Community Center at 803-771-7713 or emailing your request to: SCPrideCenter@aol.com

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(Charlotte) HRC Annual Dinner 2007

Saturday, February 24, 2007
Charlotte Convention Center

Dan Mauney, LaWana Slack Mayfield and Rodney Tucker have been named co-chairs of the Human Rights Campaigns (HRC) 2007 Carolinas Dinner.

The annual dinner will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center on Sat., Feb. 24, 2007. Last years HRC Carolinas Dinner drew a record crowd of 1,400-plus, becoming one of the largest HRC dinners in the country and earning the national HRC Dinner Committee of the Year award. It is the second year in a row that the Carolinas dinner has received national recognition. Mauney, Mayfield and Tucker have all earned distinction for leadership in the Charlotte LGBT community.

HRC hosts annual dinners throughout the country as fund-raisers to support its many efforts to achieve the organizational mission to build an America where Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT) families and individuals can be open, honest and safe at work, at home and in the community.

The Westin Hotel will serve as host hotel (for the third consecutive year) during the 2007 HRC Carolinas Dinner weekend in Charlotte. The Carolinas Dinner was held in Greensboro (1996-1997) and the Raleigh-Durham area (1998-2002) before moving to a successful two-year run at The Grandover Resort in Greensboro in 2003 and 2004. The 2005 event at the Charlotte Convention center drew a record crowd of 1,300-plus, and last years event set another record. HRC Carolinas officials are expecting an attendance of more than 1,500 at the 2007 event, making the dinner one of the largest HRC dinners in the country.

The 2007 HRC Carolinas Dinner planning has begun with details to follow on tickets prices, schedule of events, and featured speakers. Actor Robert Gant of the former Showtime television series, *Queer as Folk*, and Judy Shepard, mother of murdered college student Matthew Shepard, served as keynote speakers in 2005. HRC President Joe Solmonese and actress Jane Lynch spoke in 2006. Other past speakers at the Carolinas Dinner have included U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, Betty DeGeneres, Tipper Gore, former Texas Gov. Ann Richards and actress Judith Light.

The 2007 HRC Carolinas Dinner committee is seeking volunteers to assist with the event. For more information, e-mail info@hrccarolinas.org, or visit www.hrccarolinas.org.

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(Columbia) Pride Idol Returns March 2, 2007

Pride Idol returns March 2 to Columbia's PT's Cabaret. This 5th fun and funny fundraiser features lots of live South Carolina talent. What started out as a love for a certain reality TV show has grown into one of SCGLPM's best fundraising events. Past local celebrity judges have included Columbia's premiere Queen of Camp Patti O'Furniture, star of Columbia stage Bobby Craft, and Michael Callair, WWE Wrestler. Hosted as always by the fabulous Ms Nicole Roberts, the longest reigning Ms Gay Pride and the current Miss Castle at Large. But the audience is the final judge, so bring your tips and get the final vote! One lucky person will join past Pride Idol winners Leigh Burton, Elizabeth McLean, Nik Evans and Rachel Flowers as the best of the best in South Carolina; winning the opportunity to be featured at the SC Pride celebration on May 19. Do you have what it takes to be the next Pride Idol?

Are you good at karaoke? You could be the next Pride Idol. For contestant and ticket information, contact SCPrideIdol@aol.com.

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(Columbia) SC Pride 2007

SC Pride 2007 is now only 8 months away. Preparing for Pride is a year-long effort, and we need all kinds of help in making SC Pride 2007 a great event. People are needed to: decorate the park, create fundraising ideas, assist with the parade, stay at the community center to provide directions to the event, check in vendors, assist with fundraising events, sell beverages, assist with VIP tent and refreshments, manage the stage, find sponsors, and clean up.

SC Pride Committee Meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 o'clock pm in the Harriett Hancock Community Center, 1108 Woodrow St., Columbia. If you are interested in helping, please attend a meeting or email: SCPrideCenter@[aol.com](mailto:SCPrideCenter@aol.com).

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Preparing for Columbia SC Black/Latino Pride 2007

Palmetto Umoja reminds members and volunteers that it's time to get in the arena again, and start planning for Columbia SC Black/Latino Gay Pride 2007. For more information, visit <http://www.freewebs.com/palmettoumoja/>.

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Community Connections

(Notices of Meetings by region when a special speaker or program is not indicated.)

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(Anderson/Clemson) PFLAG Meeting

Thursday, November 23

For location and more information, please call 864-654-5959 (during the day) or email PFLAG-AndersonClemson@pflagupstatesc.org.

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(Columbia) Lesbian Book Club

Next meeting: Sunday, December 3 at 6pm

Book: The Iron Girl by Ellen Hart (can be found at the local library)

The Columbia Activity Network's Lesbian Book Club meets the first Sunday of every month. The group meets from 6-8pm at the Harriet Hancock Community Center, 1108 Woodrow St., Columbia. For more information, contact Cindy Wilson at Cynthia.Wilson@sprint.com

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(Columbia) CODA Codependency Group

Tuesdays @ 7pm

CODA, a codependency support group which has been meeting at the Harriet Hancock Community Center has recently moved to the Shandon Presbyterian Church for their weekly meetings. Meetings will take place on Tuesday at 7pm in room 207 of the church.

For more information, contact Josie Dunbar at jodunbar@aol.com.

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(Columbia) PFLAG Meeting

Next meeting: Thursday, November 16th

PFLAG Columbia meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at St. Martin's in the Fields Episcopal Church in the Community House which is located next to the parking lot behind the church. The address is 5220 Clemson Avenue (just off Forest Drive about 1 mile east of Richland Mall). For further information call Harriet Hancock at 803-781-0515 or visit our web site at www.pflagcolumbiasc.org.

If you're not in Columbia and you would like more information about your local area PFLAG group, contact the Harriet Hancock Community Center at (803) 771-7713 or at SCPrideCenter@aol.com.

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(Columbia) OutSmart

OutSmart has new office hours! OutSmart will host open house at the Harriet Hancock Community Center (1108 Woodrow St, Columbia) on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9pm.

OutSmart has regular weekly meetings for LGBTQ youth ages 16-22 every Friday at 6:30pm. For more information, contact info@outsmart.org or call (803) 779-6586.

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Submission Guidelines

The SCGLPM E-Bulletin is scheduled to be distributed on Wednesday mornings. All materials to be posted in the E-Bulletin must be sent to SCGLPMBulletin@yahoogroups.com or PeaceLvr1963@Yahoo.com by Monday night. Not all email servers are the same and delay in sending your message may cause delay in posting it in the E-Bulletin. Announcements and articles received after the deadline will be published in the next edition, if the article or event is still timely.

To submit events, meetings or announcements, follow this format:

- What** is the name of the event?
- When** is it happening? (date, time and duration)
- Who** (group's name) is putting on the event?
- Where** will it be held? (location)
- Why** is it happening? (fundraising, raise awareness)

Brevity is key to having people read about your activity and them showing up. Lengthy emails may be edited.

Providing this information will aid your group in attendance at the event. The person sending the email should provide a contact if further information is requested. Let me know if contact information is to be published with the email or not.

Thanks for your assistance,

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Check Out These Websites for Additional News and Events

scglpm.org
scequality.org
365gay.com
scgaynews.com

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Save The Dates:

11-18-06 Harriett Hancock's Birthday Celebration in Columbia

12-10-06 Holiday Concert by One Voice Chorus in Columbia

2-24-07 HRC Carolinas Dinner in Charlotte

3-2-07 Pride Idol at PT's Cabaret

5-19-07 SC Pride! at Finlay Park in Columbia, Theme – "Equal Rights Are Human Rights"

[Check out the calendar at www.scglpm.org for more information.]

The SCGLPM Bulletin is an electronic news bulletin distributed weekly by SCGLPM and the Harriet Hancock Community Center. Please forward the bulletin to interested friends and allies. Through this bulletin, GLPM hopes to facilitate communication among GLBT communities, organizations and our allies throughout the state.