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**Documentary maker admits to killing lover**  
 Ray Gosling, an award-winning documentary maker, admitted to killing a lover who was "in terrible, terrible pain" from AIDS. [2](#)

**Zsa Zsa's husband says he's ready to lead Calif.**  
 The eccentric socialite says he'd restore gay marriage to California. [1](#)

**RachelWatch: Beck and Gall**  
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**AG intervenes in Texas divorce case**  
 The Texas Attorney General intervened in the case of two lesbians married in Massachusetts and seeking a divorce in Texas. [8](#)

**Blog swarm descends on HRC**  
 Gay bloggers are urging the Human Rights Campaign to pressure Obama on Don't Ask, Don't Tell. [3](#)

**Burke talks about son's death**  
 Brendan was a senior at Miami University and advocate for gay rights. [1](#)

**Frank: Partisanship is out of control in Congress**  
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# Withers: Is there a place for gays in the conservative movement?



By James Withers, contributing editor, 365Gay Blog  
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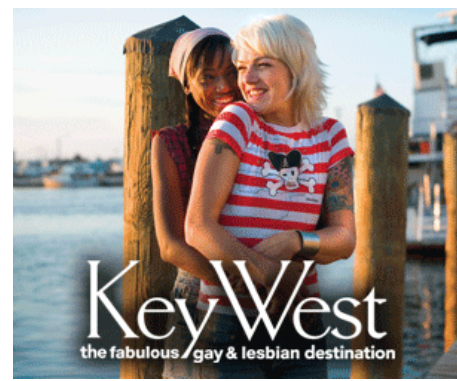
Hopefully the [Cato Institute](#) will keep emergency personnel on hand. The libertarian think tank is sponsoring a panel tomorrow called "Is There a Place for Gay People in Conservatism and Conservative Politics?" Blogger and writer Andrew Sullivan and Maggie Gallagher, president of the National Organization for Marriage, will share a panel with Nick Herbert, a member of British Parliament and the Conservative Party.

Games of chance are not my strength, but I'm confident there will be a few moments of disagreement between Sullivan and Gallagher. Possibly they will spar over same sex marriage because Sullivan is pro, and Gallagher is slightly con.

If I were in DC, I would be sitting in the front row with buttered popcorn. Sparks are going to fly baby! Outside of the desire to see some blood spilled (metaphorical of course), the title of the talk is laughable. If you agree with the conservative agenda (a slippery phrase at best), then why shouldn't there be room for you? Sure. Sure. I know many conservatives, and liberals, want to spread the conceit that same sex desire somehow informs ideology, but that sloppy thinking robs us of our status as distinct individuals.

It's an annoying fight because it is self evident, but all minority groups have to remind those in the tribe, and out, that tribe status is not some magical barrier that precludes making connections with ideas, thoughts, and theories that ring true and sound. [W.E.B. DuBois](#) said it best in [The Souls of Black Folk](#), a book written at the height of America's obsession with race:

"I sit with Shakespeare and he winces not. Across the color line I move arm in arm with Balzac and Dumas, where smiling men and welcoming women glide in gilded halls. From out the caves of evening that swing between the strong-limbed earth and the tracery of the stars, I summon Aristotle and Aurelius and what soul I will, and they come all graciously with no scorn nor condescension. So, wed with Truth, I dwell above the Veil. Is this the life you gudge us, O knightly America? Is this the life you long to change into the dull red hideousness of Georgia? Are you so



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Amalekite, we sight the Promised Land?"

Maybe that last question should be put to those conservatives who are uneasy with their gay and lesbian comrades. Are you afraid? Do you think your ideology only translates for those who look like you?

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