

**South African athlete Caster Semenya was forced to take a gender test: Semenya is intersexed.**

**House Passes Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Bill, Amid GOP Opposition**

**Sakia Gunn (May 26, 1987-May 11, 2003) was a 15-year old African American lesbian who was murdered in a hate crime in Newark, New Jersey.**

On March 14, 2009 a gay couple leaving a concert in Newark, New Jersey were attacked by 15 teens. Josh Kehoe and Bobby Daniel Caldwell were called "faggots" and beaten. Caldwell suffered a broken jaw.

**On June 30, 2009, Seaman August Provost was found shot to death and his body burned at his guard post on Camp Pendleton. LGBT community leaders "citing military sources initially said that Provost's death was a hate crime." Military leaders have since explained that "whatever the investigation concludes, the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy prevented Provost from seeking help.**

The gay panic defense is a legal defense against charges of assault or murder. A defendant using the gay panic defense claims that he acted in a state of violent temporary insanity because of a little-known psychiatric condition called homosexual panic. Trans panic is a similar defense applied towards cases where the victim is a transgender or intersex person.