



Rick Perry, Who Once Compared Being Gay to Being an Alcoholic, Drops Out of Race for US President

by Greg Hernandez

Former Texas Governor Rick Perry is abandoning his bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 2016.

'We have a tremendous field of candidates, probably the greatest group of men and women,' Perry said in a speech at the Eagle Forum in St. Louis, Missouri on Friday (11 September). 'I step aside knowing our party is in great hands.'



Perry, who also ran in 2012, had been languishing near the bottom of the polls in a crowded field that is currently being led by Donald Trump.

Last year during an appearance in San Francisco, Perry compared being a homosexual to being an alcoholic saying: 'Whether or not you feel compelled to follow a particular lifestyle or not, you have the ability to decide not to do that. I may have the genetic coding that I'm inclined to be an alcoholic, but I have the desire not to do that, and I look at the homosexual issue the same way.'

He has also made a series of other anti-gay remarks in recent years as he's spoken against same-sex marriage, against the end of Don't Ask Don't Tell, and took a lead role in trying to keep openly gay members out of the Boy Scouts of America.

Among his many gaffes on the campaign trail during his previous presidential bid included not being able to answer when asked about the landmark Lawrence v. Texas case which struck down the state's anti-sodomy law and similar laws in 13 other states.

Kim Davis Says She Won't Authorize Licenses For Gay Couples Issued By Deputies

AP/The Huffington Post

MOREHEAD, Ky. (AP) — A defiant Kentucky clerk said Monday she will not interfere with her deputies if they keep issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, but she declared they will not be authorized by her and questioned their validity.



It was Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis' first day back in the office after a stint in jail for five days for defying a federal judge. Reading a hand-written statement outside the courthouse upon her return, Davis said gay marriage licenses issued by her office would be "unauthorized."

"I want the whole world to know ... If any [deputy clerk] feels that they must issue an unauthorized license to avoid being thrown in jail, I understand their tough choice, and I will take no action against them," she said. "However, any unauthorized license that they issue will not have my name, my title or my authority on it. Instead, the license will state that they are issued pursuant to a federal court order."

Davis said that she's being forced to disobey God since her name is on the gay marriage certificates issued by her office, whether or not she actually signs them.

"I don't want to have this conflict. I don't want to be in the spotlight. And I certainly don't want to be a whipping post," Davis added. "I am no hero. I'm just a person that's been transformed by the grace of God, who wants to work, be with my family. I just want to serve my neighbors quietly without violating my conscience."

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Davis, an Apostolic Christian, stopped issuing licenses after the Supreme Court effectively legalized gay marriage. U.S. District Judge David Bunning held her in contempt and ordered her to jail. In her absence, her deputies issued at least seven licenses to gay couples and altered the forms to exclude Davis' name.

The deputy clerk who issued the licenses, Brian Mason, said Monday that will continue to hand out the licenses despite his boss's objections.



The governor, the attorney general and the county attorney have said the licenses are valid. Only Davis and her attorneys claim otherwise.

Davis, who believes gay marriage is a sin, has become a hero to many conservative Christians after she stopped issuing the licenses.

On Friday, Davis' attorneys filed an appeal seeking another delay in issuing licenses.

In their motion to the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, her attorneys argued that all the same-sex couples who sued Davis for a license received one from her deputies while she was in jail. Therefore, they said, her office should not be required to issue them to any more couples once she returns to work.

Bunning wrote that his mandate to issue licenses applied to all couples, not only those who filed suit. But Davis' lawyers allege that order was issued improperly, and again have asked for a delay.

The tension in Rowan County reached fever pitch last week, as protesters, presidential candidates and news crews from across the county descended on the small town of Morehead.

Mark Zuckerberg: Facebook Is Working On A 'Dislike' Button

by Matt Ferner
National Reporter, The Huffington Post

Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced Tuesday that the social media giant is finally working on a long-awaited "dislike" button.

"People have asked about the 'dislike' button for many years," Zuckerberg said during a public town hall meeting, according to CNBC.

"Today is a special day because today is the day that I actually get to say we are working on it, and are very close to shipping a test of it."



The public Q&A, held at the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, California, was live-streamed on Facebook Tuesday morning.

Facebook has long resisted public pressure to add other ways for users to express their opinions about posts, beyond the famous "like" button.

Zuckerberg said last year that while Facebook was interested in finding new ways for its users to express a wider array of emotions, the company was trying to figure out "the right way to do it so it ends up being a force for good, not a force for bad and demeaning the posts that people are putting out there," according to The Guardian.

The CEO's comments on Tuesday hinted that Facebook has moved toward resolving that dilemma.

It's still unclear how exactly users will get to express senti-

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ments other than "like" when the new feature is launched. As Zuckerberg said, the site wants users to be able to indicate "empathy," meaning the button may not be a simple inversion of the existing thumbs-up icon.

"What they really want is the ability to express empathy," Zuckerberg said. "Not every moment is a good moment."

He added that Facebook has been developing the new button for some time and hopes to launch it soon, Business Insider reported.

(It's about damned time..... Gayzette editor)

Following Backlash, Caitlyn Jenner Now Unequivocally Supportive of Gay Marriage

by Greg Hernandez

Caitlyn Jenner's lukewarm endorsement of same-sex marriage during an appearance of The Ellen DeGeneres Show last week baffled many – including the host. But in a WhoSay column posted Monday (14 September), Jenner tries harder to leave no doubt about where she stands on the issue.



'Like many people, there was a time when I didn't realize how important it is for gay couples to have the right to get married,' she writes. 'But after hearing from my gay friends and learning more about the hardships they faced because of discrimination, it became clear to me that everyone should be able to marry the person they love.'

Jenner, 65, had told DeGeneres: 'I have to admit – I remember 15 years ago, 20 years ago whenever it was when the whole gay marriage issue came up – at first I was not for it.

'I mean I thought I'm a traditionalist. I'm older than most people in the audience. I kind of like tradition and it's always been a man and a woman. And I'm thinking I don't quite get it. But as time has gone on, I think like a lot of people on this issue have really changed their thinking here to I don't ever want to stand in front of anybody's happiness. That's not my job. ... If that word marriage is really that important to you I can go with it. I'm on board. I'm okay with that.'

DeGeneres called Jenner out on the spot then later during an interview with Howard Stern: 'She still has a judgement about gay marriage.... You're wanting people to understand and accept you – this is like really confusing to people and you still have a judgement about gay people and marriage.'

Jenner is a Republican and been married and divorced three times.

This Kentucky Clerk Vows to Die Fighting Gay Marriage

by Darren Wee

A Kentucky clerk refusing to grant marriage licenses to gay couples has vowed to die fighting for his 'religious freedom.'

Casey County clerk Casey Davis stopped issuing all marriage licenses since the US Supreme Court's 26 June ruling that legalized gay marriage nationwide.

He is no relation to Kim Davis, the other Kentucky clerk who has also refused to comply with the decision. Her emergency appeal asking for religious exemption from serving gay couples was denied on Monday (31 August).

In an 24 August interview on the Tom Roten Morning Show, Casey vowed to continue to defy the Supreme Court even to the point of death, Right Wing Watch first reported.

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‘It’s a war on Christianity,’ he said.

‘There is a travesty taking place with that Supreme Court ruling was completely unconstitutional, completely unconstitutional. They have no right to tell us, the state of Kentucky, that our law that was voted with what was 70% of the people that it was wrong, they had no right.’

Davis continued: ‘Our law says “one man and one woman” and

that is what I held my hand up and took an oath to and that is what I expected. If it takes it, I will go to jail over – if it takes my life, I will die... because I believe I owe that to the people that fought so I can have the freedom that I have, I owe that to them today, and you do, we all do.

‘They fought and died so we could have this freedom and I’m going to fight and die for my kids and your kids can keep it.’

Republican Who Made up Fake Story About Having Sex with Gay Rentboy Resigns

by Greg Hernandez

Todd Courser, the Republican lawmaker who falsely claimed he was caught having sex with a gay rentboy in order to hide an alleged affair with a female politician, resigned from office on Friday (11 September).

He had allegedly been involved with Cindy Gamrat who was also a member of the Michigan House of Representatives and a fellow social conservative. Gambit was expelled on a 91-12 vote by her colleagues.

Courser resigned following two unsuccessful votes to expel



him as well.

‘I felt it was the appropriate thing to do. I put everybody through a whole bunch, my family, constituents and the people in this room,’ Courser told the Detroit Free Press. ‘You go 14-15 hours later, they would have been doing a third vote. I felt they were just going to go until they got their answer.’

‘It’s an unfortunate chapter where we’re at, but it’s time to turn a page and go in a different direction and obviously heal, in my own house and in this body as well,’ he also said. ‘It’s been hell.’

The two first-term legislators, both married to other people and raising several children, had invoked their Christian faith on such issues as same-sex marriage and abortion.

Courser thought spreading a fabricated story via email about him having sex with a male prostitute would pale in comparison to the real scandal.

He allegedly fired an aide who refused to go along with his cover-up plan. The aide had recorded a meeting during which Courser detailed his plan to send an email to supporters with the rentboy story.

Despite many people calling for him to resign, he had refused.

Courser and Gamrat had an unusual arrangement in that they have joint House office operations and share some staff members. They had run together unsuccessfully in 2013 as chairman and vice chairwoman of the Michigan Republican Party.



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Kim Davis Couldn't Stop Her Office From Giving This Couple A Marriage License

"It's a big moment for us, personally, and so, we're just really happy."



Curtis M. Wong
Senior Editor, HuffPost Gay Voices

Carmen and Shannon Wampler-Collins were the first in line to receive a marriage license from Kentucky's Rowan County courthouse early Monday, the first day that Kim Davis returned to her office after having been jailed in her ongoing crusade against same-sex marriage.

Together for 20 years, the couple, who live in Lexington and had reportedly been turned away by the office once before, didn't seem fazed by Davis's claim that all licenses issued by her deputies wouldn't be legally sound without her authorization.

"My license is valid," Shannon told NBC. "It doesn't have to have her signature for it to be valid for me."

Carmen, who said she "never envisioned a day when we'd be able to get legally married, and certainly not in my hometown, supported by my family," echoed those sentiments.

Woman Says Marrying a Gay Man is as 'Painful' as Being One

by Jack Flanagan

An anonymous woman has penned an op-ed for New Zealand website Stuff, detailing her life and eventual divorce with a gay man.



During their time together, the woman's husband went to gay saunas and clubs; she would find the ticket stubs in his clothes as she did the laundry.

The piece, published today called: 'Why I stayed married to my gay husband', first congratulates Keegan Hirst for being the first rugby league player to come out as gay – but also offers her condolences to women like Hirst's wife, Sara, who discover after years of marriage their spouse is gay.

"There are a lot of us out there, but this surprisingly large community is as closeted as any 19th-century MP.

"As our spouses are praised for coming out, supported by a well-organized community... we often find ourselves feeling more isolated than ever."

The author says she never suspected that her husband coming home late meant anything more than bad traffic,

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or wondered why he didn't return her calls.

She finally discovered his sexuality by reading a 'graphic' and 'entirely unambiguous' postcard sent to him by a male admirer.

'I burst into tears,' she recalls, 'The first of many howlings at the moon.'

However, it was: 'As if I'd put on glasses and everything came into focus.'

After a confrontation about the postcard, the couple stayed together for another 15 years.

She writes, she stuck with him because: 'I'd never wanted a marriage in which I was constantly on his case.'

However, they are now getting divorced. She describes being married to a gay man as: 'A gilded cage', and declares: 'I am as much a victim of society's bigotry as my husband.'

'If my husband ever chooses to come out, I know I won't be surrounded by a wave of affirmation and support, as I face up to life on my own.'

'For a newly out man, it is the end of a painful journey. For spouses like me, it is just the beginning.'

ESPN Columnist Comes Out and Is Engaged

By Diego James

Israel Gutierrez, an NBA columnist for ESPN and a regular panelist on *Around the Horn* and *The Sports Reporters*, came out in an emotional blog post this week.



"I've been agonizing for months trying to figure out how to do this," he wrote. "It's been incredibly difficult, to the point where I usually talk myself in circles and end up making very little sense. So I decided on this simple blog entry. No formalities, no restrictions, just me letting you into a portion of my life I've kept largely separate from my professional career. I'm gay, which plenty of people, I'm sure, have either deduced or just guessed as much over the years."

Gutierrez, 38, says he's been out to friends and family for more than six years, so this isn't his big "coming out," but since he's getting married September 12, he didn't want to have to tell his story over and over when people noticed his

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wedding ring.

"As far back as I can remember, I've always enjoyed sports, enjoyed competition," he wrote. "But there was always, especially in my teenage years, a confidence barrier I could never break through. I couldn't really explain it then. I mean, I probably knew deep down that it was because I was gay, and for some reason that made me feel I wasn't on the same playing field, almost literally, as straight men. But I was already in deep denial about my sexuality, so acknowledging that would've probably broken me back then."

Gutierrez wrote that he had long felt extreme shame, and from his early teens until his late 20s, he'd blow out his birthday candles with the same wish: "Please don't let me be gay."

"Every time I prayed, I made sure to ask God to help me through this," he wrote. "To help reveal my true self." Then, in 2010, he read the coming out story of Welsh rugby player Gareth Thomas and was moved.

Gutierrez, who lives in South Florida where he was born, says he met David Kitchen in 2009 while on a trip to Phoenix, which was when his life began to change. The two were engaged in February 2014 and Gutierrez says they will have a very traditional ceremony next week.

"Not only was there, possibly, someone out there for me, but I had been making life so unnecessarily difficult on myself," he wrote. "I was so concerned about fitting what other people thought I should be, I was literally wasting an entire segment of my life. In a sense, all the prayer worked because I eventually saw my true self, and I've never been happier."

"I'm confident that now that this is out in the open, I can deliver an even better version of my professional self," he concluded. "Happiness tends to bring out the best in a person. And I'm so happy right now."

Brokeback Mountain to be Turned into a Play for the First Time

by Jamie Tabberer

Brokeback Mountain is to be adapted as a play for the first time, with production currently in development.

News of the new version of Annie Proulx's story coincides with the 10 year anniversary of the hit film, which starred Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal.

Producer Tom O'Connell made the announcement today that he had acquired the stage rights to the story. It will be staged in London in 2016.

The film famously won three awards at the 2005 Oscars – but was overlooked for Best Picture in favor of Crash. It has previously been turned into an opera.

O'Connell said, "I am honored to bring Annie Proulx's beloved story to the stage as a new play that celebrates her compelling writing and will bring a new perspective on this heart-warming tale of an unbreakable bond."



He added: "I've been extremely lucky in my career to produce plays which challenge, inspire and educate as much as they entertain; the struggles that the characters of Brokeback Mountain go through are still present in the world today, making the piece as relevant as ever. I am very much looking forward to working alongside Annie with a first-class creative team to bring Jack and Ennis' story to new audiences."

But there is no guarantee – the same producers and promoters tried to revive classic British gay play Beautiful Thing this year but ran out of money. The show was cancelled before it hit the West End and the company behind it went bust, leaving debts behind it.

Biden Slams Trump and 'Xenophobia' of Republicans as Crowd Chants 'Run Joe Run'

by Fred Lucas

During an event Tuesday night at the Naval Observatory marking Hispanic Heritage Month, Biden talked about the Republican presidential primary and the upcoming visit by Pope Francis.

"I don't want anybody to be down right now about what's going on in the Republican Party," the vice president said according to the White House press pool report.

"Trump and the stuff you're hearing on the other team," is a "sick" message, Biden added.

As Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton has looked more vulnerable, Biden has said he is considering a run, but has been unclear.

"What's going on with the other side," Biden told the crowd, "folks, this will not prevail. This will not prevail."

"Folks the American people are with us," Biden said. "I know it doesn't feel that way."

He contrasted that with Pope Francis, whom he called "the single most popular man in the world," with people of all faiths or no faith.

"In the meantime, watch the response that Pope Francis gets," Biden said.

As he concluded his remarks, those in attendance shouted, "Run, Joe Run!"

The vice president responded, "Oh, no no no no."

Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

Michael's website:
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Grindr, Facebook and the New Image Culture

The power of images, specifically, photos, is not to be underestimated. With apps like Grindr and Facebook, many of us interact less-and-less with people face-to-face. We don't hear their voice, see how they move or observe them with their friends.



Instead, we see images of them. Small images. On our phones. Welcome to the new image culture. I'd like to use Grindr and Facebook as examples of this culture and to think about how this new image culture may be changing us psychologically.

Grindr's main purpose is to facilitate hookups: you browse thumbnail images, mark the ones you like as favorites or send them messages. Grindr's message is immediately clear from the moment that you sign up: it's all about the image: be hot or be ignored. By showing only our best images, we want to appear desirable.

We think that desirability will protect us from loneliness, but it doesn't. Eventually, we all learn that popularity on app culture doesn't really stop our loneliness. It just hides it.

For a while, anyway.

Images of body parts are available for view and are often ranked and rated cruelly. "It's sick", a young client tells me, "I get hurt by participating in Grindr. Sometimes guys on-line make fun of me, but I can't stop doing it."

The opposite of desire is invisibility. It's clear who is invisible: "No fats, no fems, no old guys". Grindr – by reducing us to a bunch of images – dehumanizes us. It reduces complex human beings of depth and complexity to a bunch of images on your phone.

As real life interactions become fewer, on-line images grow in importance. You'd better have some hot photos of you on Grindr and some amazing shots of you (and your fabulous life) on Facebook. Show yourself at your best!

Since an image-based culture puts a premium on how we look, men and woman of all ages increasingly have low self-esteem about their body image. This starts in elementary school: in a survey of 693 students across the United Kingdom, 78% of elementary-age girls and 51% of boys had low confidence in their body image.

Pressure to achieve the perfect body meant girls were likely to go on a diet and boys were prone to start excessive exercise regimes. One teacher in England said: "I work with four to five-year-olds and some say things like, 'I can't eat cheese, it will make me fat!'"

Young people are under tremendous pressure to have or maintain often unrealistic body images portrayed in the media. If they grow up to use Grindr, what kind of images are they going to want to show of themselves?

Better not eat that cheese.

And what about Facebook, that popular source of social networking?

The Facebook life is the perfect life: you only show the pix that portray your life as wonderful and enviable. No one believes anyone's Facebook life is for real, so why are we trying to convince others (and ourselves) that we're doing great, hanging out with the coolest people and traveling to the best places on vacation? Who are we trying to fool?

Given all these challenges, where do we go from here? How can we navigate the new image culture? I have some suggestions:

If you don't want to be objectified into a series of images, don't allow it. Dare to be real and put up images that show who you really are, not just your idealized self.

Have real friends, not just Facebook friends.

Have real life lovers and spend time getting to know them, not just 20-minute Grindr hookups where – tomorrow – you're embarrassed to see this guy in public and pretend you don't know him.

There's nothing wrong with having fun on-line; just don't settle for a bunch of images when there are a lot of great real-life men and women out there in San Diego, waiting for someone to take a chance and be authentically themselves.

You CAN master the new image culture: don't settle for superficial. Be braver than that; go for the real thing. Meet, talk with and make love to real men and women: look them in the eyes, smell them, really SEE them...and don't be surprised that you're less lonely and anxious than you used to be.

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HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 4:00-6:00pm Coffee with the Boys at Howlin' Hounds Café,

712 South 16th St. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Many of the guys go out for dinner afterwards. Everyone welcome to attend.

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday

NAP HIV TESTING 250 So. 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-in from 5pm to 8pm

Every Friday

LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting, 8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 9am—11am Coffee with the Boys at Paradise Café, Regency Court. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Good food and good coffee too. Everyone welcome to attend.

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOg-ibt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOgibt.org for info

1st Friday

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Sunday

Soka Gakkai International (SGI-USA),

Lay Buddhist organization based on Nichiren Buddhism, World Peace Prayer the First Sun day of each month, 10am-11:30am, LGBTQIA Friendly, 1021 N 46th Street, Omaha, NE 68132, call 402-558-6148

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm —50th & Ames Ave.

2nd Thursday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

PFLAG- OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Country-side Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Sunday

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, Monthly Meeting, Abrahams Library, 5111 North 90th St, Stop by our monthly get-together to hear about the great upcoming events, and spend time with good friends. 3pm to 4:30pm. Snacks and beverages provided. Everyone Welcome !!

3rd Monday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flix Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC-Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Sunday

BCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs – see website for more information at www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—50th & Ames Ave.

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

**Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

Fried Chicken

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was and I said "Fried Chicken."

She said I wasn't funny but she couldn't have been right because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why so I told her it was you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired the most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now.....

A Catholic Goes to Confession

In a small cathedral a janitor was cleaning the pews between services when he was approached by the minister. The minister asked the janitor, "Could you go into the confessional and listen to confessions for me? I really have to go to the bathroom and the Widow McGee is coming. She tends to go on and on but never really does anything worthy of serious repentance, so when she's done just give her 10 Hail Mary's and I'll be right back."

Being the helpful sort, the janitor agreed. Just as expected the Widow McGee came into the booth and started her confession. "Oh Father, I have truly sinned, I have given into carnal thoughts and have had oral sex."

Stunned, the janitor had no idea how to handle this situation. Surely 10 Hail Mary's would not do. So, in a moment of desperation the janitor peered his head out of the confessional and asked an altar boy, "Son, what does the minister give for oral sex?"

The altar boy said, "a Snickers bar and a Coke."

(Now, don't get all crazy and offended. It's a joke. Have a sense of humor.)

British Politics

A little boy goes to his Dad and asks, "What is Politics?"

Dad says, "Well son, let me try to explain it this way:

I am the head of the family, so call me The Prime Minister. Your mother is the administrator of the money, so we call her the Government.

We are here to take care of your needs, so we will call you the People. The nanny, we will consider her the Working Class.

And your baby brother, we will call him the Future. Now think about that and see if it makes sense.'

So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said. Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him. He finds that the baby has severely soiled his nappy. So the little boy goes to his parent's room and finds his mother asleep. Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny..

He gives up and goes back to bed.

The next morning, the little boy says to his father, "Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now. '

The father says, 'Good, son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about.'

The little boy replies, 'The Prime Minister is screwing the Working Class while the Government is sound asleep. The People are being ignored and The Future is in deep shit.'

Last Request

An old pastor lay dying. He sent a message for an IRS agent and his lawyer to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his room. As they entered the room, the pastor held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed.

The pastor grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the IRS agent and lawyer were touched and flattered that the old man would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled because the pastor had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them.

Finally, the Lawyer asked, "Pastor, why did you ask the two of us to come here?"

The old pastor mustered all his strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go.

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firsttuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

GOglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbtDemocrats.wordpress.com> - contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also <http://ProgressiveOasis.com>

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org
Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, provides a welcoming and supportive environment to

mature gay and bi men and their fans to encourage participation in fun, cultural, educational or social activities. Email PrimeTimersEvents@gmail.com for more information & schedule. Also on Facebook as Metro Omaha Prime Timers Also see the Events list on page 10

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org
Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am

NAMI - Community Mental Health Support for the LGBTIQ community 415 South 25th Ave, Omaha, NE 402-345-8101 or 877-463-6264

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., HIV testing and counseling

NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout
Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

PFLAG Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon 4pm to 6pm, for info: email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

River City Gender Alliance, PO Box 284, Boys Town, NE 68010, email president@rcga.co or call 402-541-5792, web site www.rcga.co

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267,

Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Web-site: www.rcmc.org

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

LINCOLN BASED

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652 <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000

Nebraska Trans* Community
This group is for individuals that identify with a nontraditional masculine or feminine sense of self (MtF, FtM and anywhere in between) and their Partners. Contact info can be found at : NebraskaTransCommunity.com

OUTInc, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outinc.org, Lincoln NE

PFLAG Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflagcornhusker.org/>

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or

email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic
209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, **FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia**

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - <http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/>

Iowa Equality, GLBT – allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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The Hungry Homo

Rosemary Beef Stew

Ingredients

2 lb. beef stew meat
1 garlic clove
1/4 tsp. black pepper, fresh ground
1 onion, halved and sliced
12 oz. dark beer
2 cups low sodium beef broth
3 tbsp. no salt added tomato paste
2 cups of carrot, sliced
4 potatoes cut into quarters
2 turnips cut into quarters
1 tsp. rosemary
2 bay leaves
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/2 cup water

Methods/Steps

Combine all ingredients except the cornstarch and water in a slow cooker and cook on low for 7 hours. Combine the cornstarch and water in a bowl and stir into the stew. Turn on high, cover the slow cooker and allow the stew to cook an additional 30 minutes, until thickened slightly.

Ready in 8 hours
Makes 8 servings



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 712-256-4140
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
Rodeo Saloon & BBQ 164 W Broadway 712-256-0510

**Would you like to have the Gayzette at your
Place of business? Email your request to:
Gayzette@cox.net**

Tuna & Mushroom Casserole

Ingredients

1 (12 oz.) pkg. wide noodles, cooked and drained
2 (6 oz.) cans tuna, drained
1 (4 oz.) can mushroom stems and pieces, drained
1 (10.75 oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1 1/3 cup milk
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup crushed saltines
3 tbsp. butter, melted

paprika, tomato slices and fresh thyme

Methods/Steps

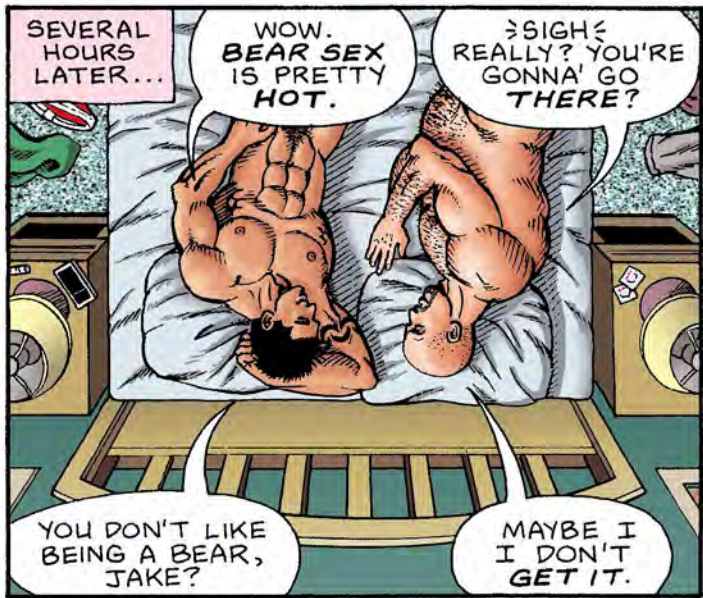
In a large bowl, combine noodles, tuna and mushrooms. Combine soup, milk, salt and pepper; pour over noodle mixture and mix well. Pour into a greased 2-1/2-qt. baking dish. Combine saltines and butter; sprinkle over noodles and bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with paprika and garnish with tomato and thyme.

Ready in 1 hour

Makes 6 servings



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



HAUNTINGLY HEALTHY HALLOWEEN

You've got all kinds of interesting ideas of what characters you want to be for Halloween. It's been a wicked bad year for some of you with your health and fitness. Take your pick from these spooky characters that quite resemble what you have become after a not so pleasant year of wellness.

You could go as a ghost. It has been a disappearing act for you with your health club most of this last year. The only person that claims to have seen you at the gym is Haley Joel Osment and that's not good because he only sees dead people. You've indeed been plenty morbid with your workout routines. It's a good idea to scare up some time and get back on those exercise machines.

A mummy could be another amazing choice for your October holiday costume. You're wrapped up tighter than King Tut in layers of complicated matters from all that stress you've bottled up over too many months. It's hard to breathe when you're wound up that much. Take off those bandages that have strapped their problems around you. Loosen up and walk like an Egyptian to some healthier places in life.

How about doing the whole vampire thing. They're all about sucking the life out of people and isn't that exactly what you've been doing with those cartons of cigarettes you've been inhaling. Those box of smokes have been zapping the breath away from you on each puff on each day. Stop your macabre and masochistic ways with that nicotine and step away from the coffin.

There's even the zombie role that you've been auditioning for since the beginning of January. You walk around with no goals and wander aimlessly in your life. You keep making the same mistakes over and over again and there is never a different result from your efforts. Snap out of it and get some actual zest surging back into you. Get some of those fitness goals in place and leave behind that lifeless world.

The headless horseman haunted that little hamlet called Sleepy Hollow. Now it seems he's made his way to your neighborhood for frightful tricks and treats. You've lost your head plenty of times this year and it appears to be getting worse for you and all those that come near you.

You are letting the daily grind get the best of you as you express your anger at every turn in your day. Don't continue to sweat all that small stuff and give up your health. Stop losing your cool and start keeping your head.

You just need green face paint and some bolts for the sides of your head and you're ready to play the monster. Frankenstein was the creation of a man and did what he was told to do... until he decided he wouldn't. It's probably as good a time as any to not let people control you anymore. Your parents, sib-

lings, and work colleagues dictate your every move in life. Be not afraid of those pitchforks and torches. Grab some healthy self-confidence and self-esteem and throw those controlling ways in the lake.

It's a magical time of the year, but it doesn't have to be so super scary for your well-being. Get motivated and get excited. Then light up the cauldron and cast some healthy spells into your life. Decide "witch" way you'd like to go and ride your broomstick to those happier days. Happy Halloween everyone!

This hobgoblin wellness is brought to you by that guy with a ghoulish graveside manner. That guy of hair-raising howls is Ron Blake and he can found behind a cloak of cobwebs at rblake5551@hotmail.com.

WARNING

When you drink Vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure.

When you drink Rum over ice, it can give you liver failure.

When you drink Whisky over ice, it can give you heart problems.

When you drink Gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.

Apparently, ice is really bad for you; warn all your friends!!!

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BLUEBARN THEATRE PRESENTS

THE GROWN-UP

BY JORDAN HARRISON



SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 18, 2015 AT THE BLUEBARN THEATRE 1106 SOUTH 10TH STREET
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BLUEBARN Theatre Announces First Show of Season 27!

The BLUEBARN Theatre is proud to present the regional premiere of The Grown-Up by Jordan Harrison.

This will be the inaugural production in the BLUEBARN's new home at 1106 S. 10th Street.

BLUEBARN Producing Artistic Director Susan Clement-Toberer directs, with set design by Martin Scott Marchitto, lighting design by Carol Wisner, costume

design by Jill Anderson, sound design by Martin Magnuson, and properties design by Amy Reiner.

Shows run Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday October 4th, 11th, and 18th at 6 p.m. Single tickets for The Grown-Up are \$30 for adults; and \$25 for students, seniors 65+, TAG members, and groups of 10 or more.

About THE GROWN-UP

The Grown-Up is BLUEBARN's Humana Festival Pick and tells the story of Kai, a ten-year-old boy at his grandfather's knee listening to a story of a magic doorknob. Jump 15 years and he is a young television writer. Jump in time again, and he and his future husband attend their wedding reception.

Has Kai run into powerful magic or has he just realized the breakneck speed of an ordinary life and what he might have missed? A funny and honest tale about living in the moment.

About the playwright, Jordan Harrison

Jordan Harrison's play MARJORIE PRIME (2015 Pulitzer Prize finalist) had its world premiere at the Mark Taper Forum and will have its New York premiere this fall at Playwrights Horizons.

Harrison's Humana Festival premieres include MAPLE AND VINE, THE GROWN-UP, ACT A LADY, KID-SIMPLE, and FIT FOR FEET.

His other plays include DORIS TO DARLENE (Playwrights Horizons), AMAZONS AND THEIR MEN (Clubbed Thumb), FINN IN THE UNDERWORLD (Berkeley Repertory Theatre), FUTURA (Portland Center Stage), and THE MUSEUM PLAY.

His children's musical, THE FLEA AND THE PROFESSOR, commissioned and produced by the Arden Theatre, won the Barrymore Award for Best Production.

Harrison is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and is a graduate of the Brown University M.F.A. program.

Harrison is an alumnus of New Dramatists and currently writes for the Netflix original series, "Orange is the New Black."

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