



Their First Kiss Wins the Internet

After Spc. Shane Adriano wed Pfc. Tristian Resz in Springfield, Mo., they embraced and shared their first kiss, which has since gone viral.

By Dawn Ennis

A smooch shared by Spc. Shane Adriano and Pfc. Tristian Resz after they were married in the Greene County, Mo., Court-house on February 11 has been liked, shared and generated oohs and ahhs all over the internet.



USA Today reported the couple chose that Springfield location because they wanted something intimate that could accommodate just a few friends to witness their big day.

Little did they know how big it would become once the American Military Partner Association posted the photo on Facebook, a few hours after the wedding.

Since then it's been shared 1,200 times and liked nearly 5,000 times, garnering hundreds of comments.

Adriano told LGBTQNation there were some negative comments but the majority were positive and noted how far the military has come since it was illegal to be openly gay and serve in the armed forces, since the repeal of don't ask, don't tell.

According to LGBTQNation, the couple are moving to Waynesville, Mo. Adriano is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood and is in his third year in the Army. Resz has been in the reserves for 18 months.

Cruz Rails Against Marriage, Trans Rights and Rainbows

BY NEAL BROVERMAN

As Ted Cruz fights for his political life, he is crouching to the level of his hyper-conservative base.

At a campaign stop, Cruz was asked by a local man about the nation's "moral decay," specifically mentioning the Obama administration's decision to light up the White House with rainbow colors as a way to honor the Supreme Court's marriage equality decision in June.

"It was a sad day when I saw the capitol building all lit up in the rainbow colors," Randy DeLong of Keosauqua said, slightly mistaken about his landmarks, according to ThinkProgress. "How will your faith have a positive effect? How will you light that faith to make changes?"

Cruz responded by saying the rainbow display was an inherent sign that "our country is in a time of crisis."

The U.S. senator from Texas said he would work against the court's ruling legalizing same-sex marriage, calling the decision "fundamentally illegitimate, lawless, and unconstitutional." While he's previously stated that states should ignore the high court ruling, he was also caught on tape saying rescinding national marriage equality is not a priority. But when he's trying to win an election, Cruz reverts back to fire and brimstone. Denying polls that say a majority of Americans support same-sex marriage rights, Cruz turned into a conspiracy theorist:

"You can write a poll in a way that will get the results you want if they're skewed."

The candidate also didn't miss an opportunity to take a swipe at transgender rights, criticizing the Department of Education for supporting and enforcing trans-inclusive policies. He

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equated trans children using restrooms and locker rooms corresponding with their gender identity as allowing "little boys to shower with little girls."

Cruz was recently endorsed by extremist preacher Mike Bickle, a virulent homophobe who believes the Nazis did God's work by sending minorities, like Jews, gays, and Gypsies, to their deaths. Cruz gladly accepted the the endorsement.

Marco Rubio Doubles Down With New Plan To Take Away LGBT Rights

by Eric Rosswood

In his continued efforts to strip the LGBT community of their rights, Marco Rubio just doubled down on his presidential campaign promise to reverse last year's marriage equality ruling. A press release issued on Saturday ahead of the GOP debate announced that Rubio's campaign has formed a Marriage & Family Advisory Board devoted to "rebuilding a vibrant culture of marriage and family." That's code for taking away equal marriage rights for same-sex couples.

In announcing Rubio's new Marriage & Family Advisory Board, Eric Teetsel, the Rubio campaign's Director of Faith Outreach, chose to attack same-sex marriage.

"The Supreme Court's decisions in Windsor and Obergefell are only the most recent example of our failure as a society to understand what marriage is and why it matters," Teetsel, former head of the head of the Manhattan Declaration, said.

"For decades, we have taken for granted the unique and neces-



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Rubio has recruited some of the most anti-gay activists in the public sphere. The Marriage & Family Advisory Board includes Ken Blackwell, Senior Fellow at the Family Research Council, an organization that was declared a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The board also includes Ryan T. Anderson, a Senior Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation. Anderson is known for advocating for harmful conversion therapy and for comparing same-sex attraction to pedophilia and alcoholism.

Rubio has never been shy about his disdain for the Supreme Court ruling on marriage equality, even though he claims he doesn't discriminate against the LGBT community. "It's not about discrimination," he said two months ago in an interview with Chuck Todd on Meet The Press. "It is about the definition of a very specific, traditional, and age-old institution."

As for one of his strategies to reverse the marriage equality ruling, Rubio said he plans to appoint anti-gay Supreme Court justices. "I don't believe any case law is settled law," Rubio said. "Any future Supreme Court can change it. And ultimately, I will appoint Supreme Court justices that will interpret the Constitution as originally constructed."

Italy's Prime Minister to Catholic Church: Stay Out of Civil Unions Debate

BY Trudy Ring

As Italy's Parliament considers establishing civil unions for same-sex couples, the nation's prime minister has called for the Roman Catholic Church to stay out of the debate.



Prime Minister Matteo Renzi made the comments Friday on RAI state radio, a day after the head of the Italian bishops' conference recommended that the Senate allow a secret ballot on the civil unions bill. Agence France-Presse reports. Angelo Bagnasco, the leader of the bishops' group, said this would allow lawmakers to vote in accordance with their conscience and escape pressure to follow their party's position.

"Parliament decides whether or not to allow secret votes ... not the head of the bishops' conference," Renzi said in the RAI interview. "What is there to fear from two people who love each other? Why not give these rights to two people who love each other? The majority of the country is clearly in favor of it."

Indeed, 70 percent of Italians support some form of legal recognition for same-sex couples, AFP notes, although only 24 percent favor adoption rights for these couples. The bill currently being considered would grant limited adoption rights, providing for one of the partners to adopt the other's children, and extending this right to unmarried heterosexual couples as well.

Italy is the only major Western European country without any legal recognition for same-sex relationships, and the European Court of Human Rights has ruled that the lack of such recognition is a violation of human rights law. The Catholic Church's influence is often cited as the reason for Italy's failure to adopt a civil unions or marriage equality law. The church's headquarters, Vatican City, is an independent city-

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state but is entirely within Rome's borders.

Pope Francis entered the civil unions debate last month in an address to the Vatican court, saying, "There can be no confusion between the family God wants and any other type of union." When he was a cardinal in Argentina, however, he opposed marriage equality but suggested civil unions as the "lesser of two evils." He also said two years ago that the church should at least study civil unions as a way to can provide economic security to same-sex couples, but stopped short of endorsing the concept.

In the past few weeks, there have been massive demonstrations both for and against the civil unions bill. If the Senate passes it, it will go to the other house of Parliament, the Chamber of Deputies.

Chicago Gay Man Beaten on Train in Possible Hate Crime

BY SUNNIVIE BRYDUM

A gay man was the victim of what he says was an antigay hate crime while riding the Chicago Transit Authority's Red Line train Friday, reports local TV station WMAQ.

Ryan McCarthy, a Chicago native, says he simply sat down next to another male passenger on the commuter train Friday night, but then the man launched into a violent assault.

McCarthy says he did not make eye contact with the man, nor come into physical contact with him before the abuse began. But when he was shoved off his seat, the assailant reportedly told McCarthy that "no gays should sit next to him."

"It was so hateful, such a hate crime," McCarthy told WMAQ.



"All I did was sit next to this passenger on this train. Immediately he pushed me off and started punching me in the face."

"He continued to punch me in the face and then it wasn't until other passengers created a barrier between me and him that he actually stopped," McCarthy added.

A witness to the assault told the local station that he was "scared for [himself] and everyone else on the train." Some passengers tried to restrain the assailant, the witness added.

McCarthy snapped a few photos of his alleged assailant as the man departed the train at Clark and Division streets. The Chicago Police and CTA are working in tandem to find the suspect, reports WMAQ.

The CTA issued a statement stressing that "incidents of battery on our system are extremely rare," pledging that the organization takes every reported incident seriously, and is cooperating with Chicago police to apprehend the assailant.

Police have not yet indicated if the attack will be investigated as a hate crime, though the Illinois Hate Crimes Act does explicitly mention attacks based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, according to LGBT group Equality Illinois.

Trans Woman Ashley Diamond Reaches Settlement with Ga. Dept. of Corrections

BY CLEIS ABENI

The black trans woman who was denied medically necessary care and allegedly subjected to repeated sexual assaults while incarcerated with men has reached a settlement in her lawsuit against the Georgia Department of Corrections.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which has been representing 37-year-old Ashley Diamond in her federal lawsuit filed in February of last year, announced the historic settlement (for an undisclosed amount)



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"We're pleased that we were able to favorably resolve this case on behalf of Ashley Diamond and bring international attention to the plight of transgender prisoners," said Chinyere Ezie, Diamond's attorney, in a statement today. "Our lawsuit and Ashley Diamond's bravery brought about important changes in Georgia and have put prison officials across the country on notice about the constitutional rights of transgender persons."

Diamond, a trans woman of color, was denied medically necessary treatment and forced into solitary confinement, and she alleges that she was repeatedly sexually assaulted by other prisoners in all-male Georgia state prisons while she was incarcerated for three years for a nonviolent burglary and theft conviction. She was released from Augusta State Medical Prison last August and received judicial approval to pursue her lawsuit alleging anti-trans discrimination just two weeks later.

In a new video produced by the SPLC, a glowing, refreshed Diamond speaks about her harrowing, dehumanizing ordeal. She says that prison officials not only mistreated her and enabled her repeated assaults but also stripped her of authentic femininity, in part by refusing to grant her access to the hormone therapy she had been receiving for 17 years prior to her internment.

"I asked to serve my time safely and to be respected as a human being," Diamond says in the video. "Yeah, you can cut all my hair off, shave my eyebrows off. You can take away that

care that was very detrimental. My body was completely reversed. But that person is still here." After the U.S. Department of Justice issued a statement last year declaring that the U.S. Constitution requires inmates with gender dysphoria to receive medical treatment as any other condition would be accommodated, corrections departments were placed on alert. Last April the Georgia Department of Corrections began updating its policies to bring them more into line with federal standards for the treatment and health care provided to inmates.

Since then, the Georgia Department of Corrections "rescinded its 'freeze frame' policy that prevented many transgender inmates from receiving medically necessary treatment," explains SPLC's statement. "Because of [Diamond's] case, dozens of transgender inmates across the state are now receiving hormone therapy for the first time since entering custody."

The statement also notes that "the Georgia Department of Corrections also adopted a sexual assault prevention policy that is more closely aligned with federal standards, and is in the process of training staff in prisons throughout the state on the health and safety needs of transgender inmates."

"It was torture. I might be free now, but I am still struggling," Diamond said last year in a phone interview with The Advocate. "Straight out of solitary confinement, but into another confinement here on parole. Parole stipulates that I must stay here in Rome [Georgia], and this town can be like a prison too. Yes, it's a town in the Deep South, and down here you feel it even more that the transgender issue is the civil rights issue of our time."

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Trans Comedian Will Franken on Transitioning Back

BY GLENN GARNER

The spotlight is now on transgender people more than ever. With the media circus that has taken place around Caitlyn Jenner and the numerous films and TV shows, it seems that the trans community is making strides toward acceptance.

Among many personalities who have publicly transitioned, one you may have missed is Will Franken. Around the same time Jenner was making her transition public, Franken was transitioning from Will to Sarah. However, after living seven months as a woman, the American comedian, currently living in England, recently made the decision to transition back to Will.



Franken recently wrote an essay for The Independent about the

decision:

“Yet, by the end of my seven months as Sarah, I was frightened, angry, lonely, confused – and, perhaps worst of all, bored. Utterly bored with the topic of transgenderism. Another redeeming aspect of my experience was the development of firsthand empathy for what minority comedians endure once the journalism and entertainment industries reduce them to their marketable externals: race, gender, or sexual preference.” As someone still attracted to women, the romantic isolation from women felt lonely. He also felt like a spectacle, whether it was blatant discrimination from transphobic boys in East London or the stares from gawking tourists.

He wrote another essay for Beyond the Joke that detailed his anger toward these reactions:

“One night, I complained to a trans-female friend about the abuse I had been receiving. She mentioned that hormone therapy had helped her deal with similar situations by lessening the testosterone-fueled temptation to react. This was illuminating to me. Because I knew then that I had no desire to lessen my testosterone. I wanted to preserve the violent feelings of justified anger towards something that was clearly wrong. The irony now, of course, is that because I'm no longer Sarah I no longer have that abuse and consequently no longer have that need to react.”

After his experience as Sarah, he was hesitant to chalk it up to a mere learning experience. It was a huge process in his self-discovery, which ultimately led him back where he began, as Will.



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Single Gay Men Can Now Create Their Own Virtual Boyfriend

BY XAVIER PIEDRA

Sometimes dating apps just don't cut it. With Valentine's Day right around the corner, maybe instead of trying to find a significant other to build a relationship with, you should try downloading one instead. The app My Virtual Gay Boyfriend (IOS only, sorry Android users) does exactly that, and more.

Created by Mike Amerson, who also developed other artificial intelligence (A.I.) dating apps like "My Virtual Boyfriend" and "My Virtual Girlfriend," "My Virtual Gay Boyfriend" was made in response to the gay community asking for their own version. In an interview with Huffington Post, Amerson talked about the relationship dynamics that are a part of the A.I. dating experience:

"The game is different things for different people, but my intent when creating it was for people to just have fun and be entertained by it. The game focuses on a relationship and, just as in real life, it can go either way. Sometimes it works out, other times it doesn't—which is reflected in the game too."

The game is designed to reflect real world relationships through a leveling system. After the player customizes the A.I., the game begins with small talk and flirting, which builds compatibility and fills up the A.I.'s heart meter. When the heart meter is completely filled, a "level up" is received, and the player and their A.I. can take their relationship to a whole new level. If the player is able to reach level 35, and not anger or cause a breakup with their virtual boyfriend, the A.I. will profess their love for them.



On the topic of genuine human connection, Amerson believes that the app's levity reflects that of real life.

"We all want to be loved, and no matter how advanced or realistic an A.I. is, it cannot offer the authenticity that a human can. Not that all humans are authentic all of the time, but in a romantic engagement with that person we certainly hope they are being genuine. The game employs a bit of flirty romance intermixed with some humor to keep the mood light and fun. If anything I think this game contributes to relationships as you have to learn to practice patience and compromise to get to higher levels—just like in real life."

You got it: Whether or not you've ever reached "level 35" with someone, you can try now with My Virtual Boyfriend.

The characters speak in a fake language. There is no option for English or any language. We did this for technical reasons because the game is heavy on dialog- but all the text is in English.

You should still be able to continue after level 4. It's ad supported, so you just need to click the "continue" button and you will be presented with a short video ad, after that- you move on to the next level, and it will do this indefinitely- at each level interval. So you can play all the way through.

The First Digital Archive of Transgender History is Now Open

BY NICHOLAS RICHARD REES

The Digital Transgender Archive (DTA), the first and largest collection of historical materials regarding transgender issues, was launched at College of the Holy Cross.

This ambitious project was born from the trouble a local academic had finding relevant research about trans history. K.J. Lawson, director of the DTA and an assistant professor of English at College of the Holy Cross, recognized the lack of readily available research and spent eight years amassing the impressive collection.

The digital resource includes books, photography, newsletters and oral history transcripts gathered from more than 12 insti-

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tutions around the world which include universities like Harvard, Duke, and the University of Michigan. The collection will continue to expand, as it awaits contributions from at least eight other institutions in the coming months.



The digital trove is available for academics, students and the general public. In a statement by Holy Cross, Lawson said he hopes the DTA will counteract "negative and hurtful stereotypes of transgender people with more truthful and historically informed representations."

On another promising note, Lawson told the Boston Globe, "A number of transgender individuals have already reached out with gratitude to find a history they weren't able to find and read about before."

Check out the Digital Transgender Archive at www.Digitaltransgenderarchive.net

South Dakota Anti-Trans 'Bathroom Bill' Heads to Governor

BY TRUDY RING

A bill that would bar transgender students in South Dakota public schools from using the sex-segregated facilities matching their gender identity has gone to the governor for his signature.

The state's Senate passed the bill today by a vote of 20-15, the Sioux Falls Argus Leader reports. The South Dakota House of Representatives approved it last month.

If Gov. Dennis Daugaard signs it into law, it would make South Dakota the first state to enact such a policy. Daugaard, a Republican, "has said the measure seems like a good idea and would listen to recorded testimony before making up his mind on whether to make the bill law," the Argus Leader reports.

The legislation would apply to restrooms, locker rooms, and shower facilities. Trans students uncomfortable with the arrangement would have to seek permission from their school district to use separate facilities.

LGBT rights groups have condemned the bill and pointed out that it conflicts with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which bans sex discrimination in public schools receiving federal funds. The U.S. Department of Education has ruled that sex discrimination includes discrimination based on gender identity.

"Using state law to force a student to use a separate bathroom from their peers just because they are transgender is not only dangerous and wrong, it is a violation of federal law," said a

statement issued by Kris Hayashi, executive director of the Transgender Law Center. "If signed by the governor, this bill would endanger students and open up South Dakota schools to legal chaos, liability, and the loss of millions in federal funds." The center urged Daugaard to veto the bill.

Human Rights Campaign president Chad Griffin also called for a veto. "The Republican leadership of South Dakota's legislature has disgracefully failed to fulfill its most fundamental obligation — to protect the state's young people from harm," Griffin said in a press release. "It is inconceivable that Governor Daugaard would decide the fate of this bill while saying he's never met a transgender person in his life. We urge him in the strongest possible terms to veto this legislation, and to engage in thoughtful dialogue with his transgender constituents, especially South Dakota's transgender children."



Transgender high school student Thomas Lewis last week warned the Senate Education Committee that enacting such a law would harm young trans people. "This bill would single out transgender students like me by forcing me to choose between using a different bathroom from the rest of my peers and using a bathroom that doesn't correspond with my gender identity," he said, according to a transcript from the Transgender Law Center. "This is only going to further bullying, harassment, and discrimination. It opens the door to ridicule and public insult by our peers when really, lawmakers should be focusing on passing legislation where every student can be free to be open about who they are in an accepting environment."

In a response to Daugaard's statement that he's never met a transgender person that he knew of, Sioux Falls transgender activist Kendra Heathscott wrote an essay for the Argus Leader, published over the weekend, pointing out that Daugaard had met her. She attended an educational program at the Children's Home Society of South Dakota, a social services agency, when he was executive director there in the early 2000s. Read her essay here.

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Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

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Dear Michael:

I am a 27-year-old gay man who only recently came out. I was married for a few years and that was just to shut my family up. My problem is that my dad is a minister and I was raised in the church from childhood on. I used to play the organ every Sunday (no pun intended).

I have found a wonderful boyfriend and am discovering what real love and sexual connection is all about. I can't let go of the idea that God hates me now and that I am now a disappointment to Him. When I have an orgasm with my boyfriend, I feel incredible guilt and shame, like I'm "dirty". Can you help me?

Confused child of God

Dear Confused:

Thanks for your letter and your honesty. I appreciate your dilemma. It brings up some fundamental questions: Does God love everyone, or is Her/His love conditional? Is it true, as Pastor Charles Lanier of Unity Fellowship Church used to say, "God has no respect of person. God is love and love is for everyone"? Or is it true that "God hates fags" as those religious extremists so tastefully point out every year at Pride. If your childhood concept of God is a punishing one, why hold onto it as an openly gay man?

Easier said than done. Luckily, you don't have to tackle this alone. Metropolitan Community Church (Clairemont), Unity Fellowship Church (Hillcrest), Universal Spirit Center (Hillcrest) and the Unitarian Universalist Churches (Hillcrest and Solana Beach) are some of the San Diego churches who welcome LGBT members with open arms. You might call one of these churches and ask to have a talk with the minister/pastor. Get spiritual support from someone who knows what she/he is talking about. Don't listen to ignorant religious extremists as you explore how to be a joyfully gay child of God. Go to people who have scholarly knowledge (of the Bible, Koran, etc.) and learn from them. In addition to churches themselves, there are LGBT groups like "Dignity" for gay Catholics. For more resources, look in Gay San Diego, call The Center or use Google.

How do you keep your faith and drop the guilt? I strongly recommend the book "Coming Out Spiritually" by the brilliant Christian de la Huerta. De la Huerta is the founder of Q-Spirit (www.qspirit.org), an international network of LGBT people of spirituality.

In his book, de la Huerta explores spiritual roles/archetypes that LGBT people have often assumed and continue to enact today, e.g., creator of beauty, consciousness scout, mediator, shaman and healer. The book may open your eyes to the many possibilities that we as LGBT people have for spiritual happiness.

Consider the Men's Coming Out Group at The Center. You'll likely find that you are not the only newly out gay man to experience the guilt of a God who allegedly hates you now because you're a happy, loving homosexual.

Don't do this alone: you've had 27 years of anti-gay conditioning. It will probably take you a while to "de-program" yourself of your internalized homophobia. Talk with your boyfriend and supportive friends, read up on queer spirituality, and consider connecting with a spiritual/church community whose fellowship will be a loving and nurturing one.

While I am not an overtly religious person, I am a gay man whose connection with God is important to me. My own experience is that being gay, lesbian, transgendered or bisexual is a GIFT from God...a blessing, a privilege and an honor. I don't think God gives these gifts out haphazardly.

My experience is that She/He bestows these gifts on souls that are ready to take them on and use them in this lifetime. The awareness, intelligence, sensitivity and strength that are born of being gay, lesbian, transgendered or bisexual are not known by most heterosexual folk...we have special gifts, and like any gifts, they come with obligations and responsibilities.

I believe we are here to TEACH heterosexual folks about love, tolerance, kindness, forgiveness and unconditional positive regard. To quote gay literary icon Paul Monette:

"Gay and lesbian people who have fought through their self-hatred and their self-recriminations have a capacity for empathy that is glorious and a capacity to find laughter in things that is like praising God. There is a kind of flagrant joy about us that goes very deep and is not available to most people."

You might consider brief psychotherapy to help you with the guilt you experience after orgasm. Cognitive therapy could be useful in replacing the guilt-based thoughts with neutral or supportive thoughts...the logic here being that guilt is an emotion caused by distorted thinking (i.e., "God must hate me because I'm having an orgasm with another man.")

If you can change the thoughts you're having during sex to something like "God loves me and I love my boyfriend" or "Loving my man is an expression of God's love for me", your guilt over orgasming is likely to dissipate fairly quickly.

Does all this sound like too much work? I encourage you to flip it and see it differently: integrating your happy new life as a gay man with your previous religious conditioning can be seen as a troubling burden, or as an amazing adventure. Because there are so few guidelines for living our lives as queer children of God, we get to make it up as we go along.

Churches and organizations can be helpful, but, ultimately, it's an individual decision how you choose to live your life: spiritually, sexually, etc. The possibilities are infinite...may you enjoy the journey.

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HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

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ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING

LEAGUE, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

SECOND UNITARIAN, Sunday morning services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, info@2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-

HEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE

meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563—Bible Study at 7pm

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP

7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

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 No More Empty Cups, 1502 So. 10th St., In the Community Room. 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: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.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 D 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

CBCA 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

Three Requests

The Lone Ranger was ambushed and captured by an enemy Indian war party. The Indian Chief proclaims, "So, you are the great Lone Ranger. In honor of the Harvest Festival, you will be executed in three days. But, before I kill you, I will grant you three requests. What is your first request?"

The Lone Ranger responds, "I'd like to speak to my horse." The Chief nods and Silver is brought before the Lone Ranger, who whispers in Silver's ear, and the horse gallops away.

Later that evening, Silver returns with a beautiful blonde woman on his back. As the Indian Chief watches, the blonde enters the Lone Ranger's Tent and spends the night.

The next morning the Indian Chief admits he's impressed. "You have very fine and loyal horse, but I will still kill you in two days. What is your second request?"

The Lone Ranger again asks to speak to his horse. Silver is brought to him, and he again whispers in the horse's ear. As before, Silver takes off across the plains and disappears over the horizon. Later that evening, to the Chief's surprise, Silver again returns, this time with a brunette, even more attractive than the blonde. She enters the Lone Ranger's tent and spends the night.

The following morning the Indian Chief is again impressed. "You are indeed a man of many talents, but I still kill you tomorrow. What is your last request?"

The Lone Ranger responds, "I'd like to speak to my horse...ALONE." The Chief is curious, but he agrees, and Silver is brought to the Lone Ranger's tent. Once they're alone, the Lone Ranger grabs Silver by both ears, looks him square in the eye and says, "Listen very carefully, you dickhead, for the last time BRING POSSE!!!!!"

The Parrot

A guy decides that maybe he'd like to have a pet and goes to a pet shop.

After looking around he spots a parrot sitting on a little perch; it doesn't have any feet or legs. The guy says out loud, "Geez, I wonder what happened to this parrot?"

"I was born this way," says the parrot. "I'm a defective parrot."

"Ha, ha," the guy laughs. "It sounded like this parrot actually understood what I said and answered me."

"I understand every word," says the parrot. "I am a highly intelligent and thoroughly educated bird."

"Yeah?" the guy asks. "Then answer this: how do you hang onto your perch without any feet?"

"Well," the parrot says, "this is a little embarrassing, but since you asked, I will tell you. I wrap my little parrot penis around this wooden bar, kind of like a little hook. You can't see it because of my feathers."

"Wow," says the guy, "you really can understand and answer; can't you?"

"Of course. I speak both Spanish and English. I can converse with reasonable competence on almost any subject: politics, religion, sports, physics, philosophy. And I am especially good at ornithology. You should buy me; I am a great companion."

The guy looks at the \$200.00 price tag. He says. "I can't afford that."

"Pssst," the parrot hisses, motioning the guy over with one wing. "Nobody wants me because I don't have any feet. You can get me for \$20.00; just make an offer."

The guy offers twenty dollars and walks out with the parrot. Weeks go by and the parrot is sensational. He's funny; he's interesting; he's a great pal, he understands everything, sympathizes, and gives good advice. The guy is delighted.

One day the guy comes home from work and the parrot says, "Pssst," and motions him over with one wing. The guy goes up close to the cage. "I don't know if I should tell you this or not," says the parrot, "but it's about your wife and the mailman."

"What?" asks the guy.

"Well," the parrot says, "when the mailman came to the door today, your wife greeted him in a pair of panties that showed everything and kissed him on the mouth."

"What happened then?" asks the guy.

"Then the mailman came into the house and put his hand on your wife's crotch and began touching her all over," reports the parrot.

"My God!" the guy says. "Then what?"

"Then he pulled down the panties, got down on his knees and began to lick her, starting with her chest, slowly going down and down." The parrot pauses for a long time...

"What happened? What happened?" says the frantic guy.

"That's what pisses me off. I don't know," said the parrot. "I got a hard-on, and fell off my damned perch."

IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ... But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it--

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or laugh....

Either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires

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.firstunitarianomaha.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 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 Website: 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/cglbte

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

HOLIDAY ROASTED PRIME RIB

A nearly foolproof and easy recipe for serving up a Rare to Medium Rare Roasted Prime Rib for your special holiday dinner.

First, the roast **MUST** be at room temperature for several hours before roasting. 6 or more hours is preferred.

- Ingredients:
- Generous amounts of the following:
 - 1 stick of Real Butter at room temperature
 - Lemon Pepper Salt
 - Garlic Power
 - Onion Power
 - Ground Black Pepper
 - Kosher salt - a generous amount
 - Worcestershire Sauce



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 712-256-4140
- First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
- Flix , 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

Directions:

Preheat oven to 500 degrees F (this **MUST** be an accurate temp)

Put roast, rib side down in roasting pan

Sprinkle 4 to 6 tablespoons of Worcestershire Sauce over the Roast and rub into meat. Mix the pepper and other seasonings into the butter until well combined. Spread the butter mixture over the entire surface of the prime rib. The more the better.

Put the kosher salt over the entire surface of the butter. Use more than you think you should here. Most of the salt will run off and very little will remain on the meat.

Next, Calculate the poundage of your roast by 5 minutes. We are going to do this recipe using a 5.75 pound rib roast with 2 ribs. This will feed approximately 4 adults.

So, my roast is 5.75 lbs. x 5 minutes = 28.75 minutes. Round up to 29 minutes and add 1 minute for the heat lost when opening the oven door. Keep this in the back of your mind for future reference.

Put the roast in the 500 degree oven for the Time Calculated for Your Roast. The time will be according to the size of Your Roast. So Time many very depending on the Weight of Your Roast. After the Roast has been cooking for the calculated time, simply turn the oven off and walk away from it for 2 hours. Yup, just walk away. Do **NOT** open the door, fiddle with it or anything else. Pretend the roast does not exist.

After 2 hours, remove the roast, slice and serve. Moist Roast between Rare and Medium Rare. Perfect!

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



SO...HOW WAS YOUR TRIP TO EUROPE WITH LANCE?
AMAZIN'. NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET TO SEE ALL THEM COUNTRIES. IRELAND... DENMARK...ITALY.



AH. YOU'VE BEEN BITTEN.
 'SCUSE ME?
 BY THE TRAVEL BUG. I HAVE, TOO.



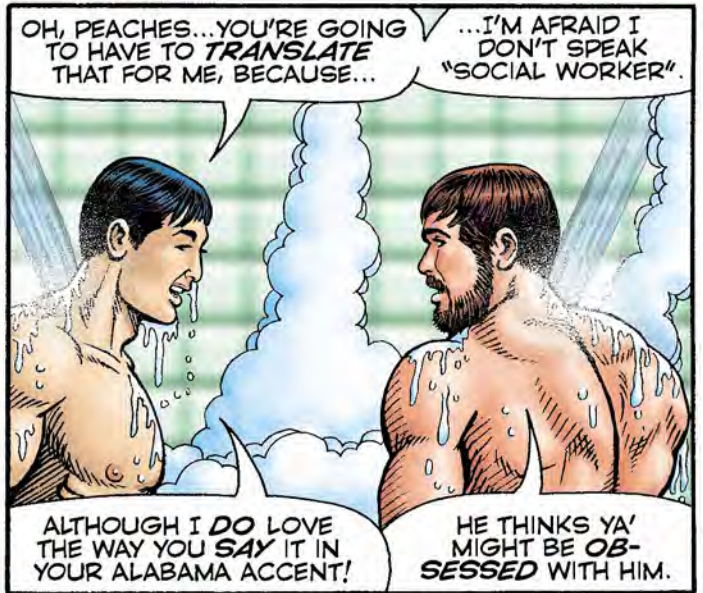
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 HEY, JEREMY...I WAS WONDERIN' IF WE COULD HAVE US A LITTLE CHAT.



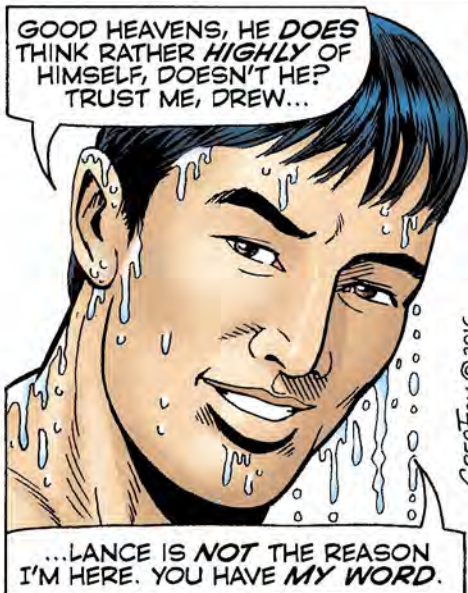
CERTAINLY, PEACHES. WHAT ABOUT?
 LANCE.
 MMM. OF COURSE. IS HE UPSET THAT I'M HERE?



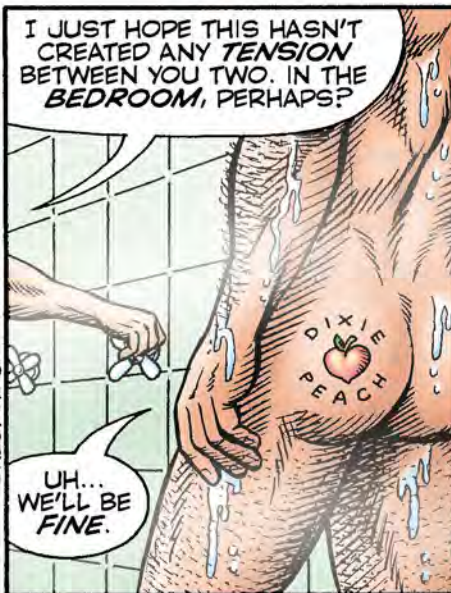
HE'S A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT YA' MIGHT GOT SOME...
 ...TRANSFERENCE ISSUES.



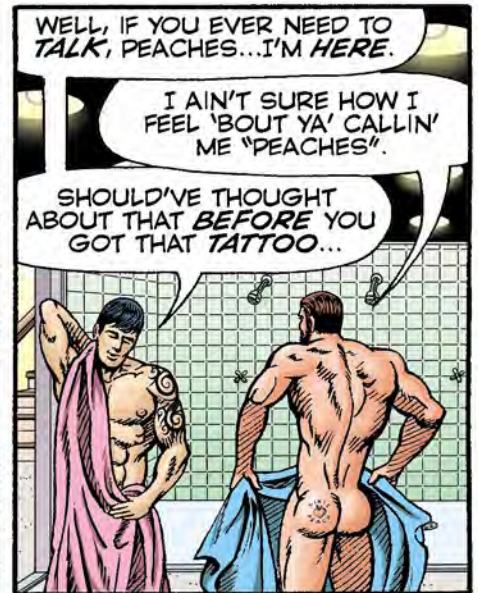
OH, PEACHES...YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TRANSLATE THAT FOR ME, BECAUSE...
 ...I'M AFRAID I DON'T SPEAK "SOCIAL WORKER".
 ALTHOUGH I DO LOVE THE WAY YOU SAY IT IN YOUR ALABAMA ACCENT!
 HE THINKS YA' MIGHT BE OBSESSED WITH HIM.



GOOD HEAVENS, HE DOES THINK RATHER HIGHLY OF HIMSELF, DOESN'T HE? TRUST ME, DREW...
 ...LANCE IS NOT THE REASON I'M HERE. YOU HAVE MY WORD.



I JUST HOPE THIS HASN'T CREATED ANY TENSION BETWEEN YOU TWO. IN THE BEDROOM, PERHAPS?
 UH... WE'LL BE FINE.



WELL, IF YOU EVER NEED TO TALK, PEACHES...I'M HERE.
 I AIN'T SURE HOW I FEEL 'BOUT YA' CALLIN' ME "PEACHES".
 SHOULD'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU GOT THAT TATTOO...

There's Now a Study That Proves Gay Men Fat Shame One Another

BY LES FABIAN BRATHWAITE

If you self-identify as a gay, bisexual and/or otherwise queer man, and you're breathing air, you've probably experienced, witnessed or perpetrated some form of fat shaming. A recent study in *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity* refers to this as the more scientific-sounding "antifat bias."

"Fat Chance! Experiences and Expectations of Antifat Bias in the Gay Male Community"—or, as I'd like to refer to it, "The Mean Gays Report"—used two studies to explore just how anti-fat gay men are, because simply logging into Grindr doesn't carry quite the same professional heft.

The first study found that out of 215 gay men, age 18 to 78, over one third of them had directly experienced antifat bias, even though most of them were not overweight using common body mass index guidelines. These men also reported that the most common form of antifat bias they received was from potential romantic partners, which was associated with several types of body image disturbance.

The second study compared the expectations of antifat bias among gay and straight college men. These 'mos and bros rated the likelihood of certain outcomes if they saw an overweight man hit on an attractive target. Basically, if they saw a fat guy hitting on someone out of his league, what would they expect to happen:

Gay men reported greater likelihood that the overweight man would be blatantly ignored, treated rudely, or mocked behind his back if he approached an attractive potential romantic partner.

The shade of it all.

So not only do gay men face antifat bias, regardless of actual weight, we also expect our peers to exhibit the same kind of behavior in our pursuit of love, or what have you. The results aren't surprising, which is perhaps the worst part of this study. It only confirms what so many of us have experienced and further illustrates a problem that it seems has plagued gay men for as long as anything resembling a gay community has existed. A problem that is exacerbated by the media and perpetuated by hookup culture.

There's no simple solution to fixing generations of this antifat bias—the idolization of the male body has always been part and parcel of gay culture—but that's why we have bears. And otters and cubs and others in this sexual menagerie that reject and subvert the idea of the ideal body.

One simple solution we can all do, however, is to stop broadcasting ignorance and prejudice—like, if you're filling out a dating profile maybe, I dunno, leave out the "no fats, femmes, etc." bullshit. Just a thought. Oh, and don't fuck with others who use that kind of language. You know, gay it forward, be the change you want to see in the world, etc. etc. And on Wednesdays we wear pink.

Poll: Hillary Clinton Leads LGBTI Vote

Even though more LGBTI voters think Bernie Sander is 'the most supportive of LGBT civil rights'

by Darren Wee

US presidential candidate Hillary Clinton is leading among LGBTI voters, according to a poll released Monday (15 February).

Last week, Community Marketing & Insights asked 563 LGBTI registered voters from 46 states which of the Democratic party presidential candidates would be 'the most supportive of LGBT civil rights.'

31% selected Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton came in at 25%. 37% indicated that the two candidates are equally supportive.

And 98% indicated that 'supporting LGBT civil rights' was very or somewhat important when choosing a president.

However, when survey participants were asked which candidate they would vote for if the election was held today, Hillary Clinton received 48% of the vote and Bernie Sanders 41%. Republican hopeful Donald came in third with 2%.

When asked which of the Republican presidential candidates would be 'the most supportive of LGBT civil rights,' 73% indicated that none of the Republican candidates are supportive of LGBTI rights; 6% selected John Kasich; 4% Donald Trump and the remaining candidates received 2% or less.

'What is striking in this research is how little support the current group of Republican candidates have among the LGBT community in the 2016 presidential elections,' said David Paisley, senior research director at Community Marketing & Insights.

'Unless something changes, the party may largely forfeit about 5% of adults in the United States to the Democrats, which can cause important swings in tight elections.

'Republicans perhaps could connect with LGBT's on issue like the economy, taxation and influence of government in private lives, but instead have chosen policies not supportive of LGBT Americans.'





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BLUEBARN Theatre PRESENTS FROST/NIXON

The BLUEBARN Theatre is proud to present the regional premiere of *Frost/Nixon* by Peter Morgan.

BLUEBARN Associate Artistic Director Randall T. Stevens directs, with set design by Martin Scott Marchitto, lighting design by Carol Wisner, costume design by Lindsay Pape, sound design by Craig Marsh, projection design by Bill Grennan and properties design by Amy Reiner.

Shows run Feb. 4 – Feb. 28, 2016; Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday Feb. 14, 21, and 28 at 6 p.m. Single tickets for *Frost/Nixon* are \$30 for adults; and \$25 for students, seniors 65+, TAG members, and groups of 10 or more.

FROST/NIXON is generously sponsored by First National Bank, Mutual of Omaha, and Whitmore Charitable Trust.

About FROST/NIXON

Richard M. Nixon has just resigned the United States presidency in total disgrace over Vietnam and the Watergate scandal. British talk-show host David Frost has become a lowbrow laughing-stock. Determined to resurrect his career, Frost risks everything on a series of in-depth interviews in order to extract an apology from Nixon. The cagey Nixon, however, is equally bent on redeeming himself in his nation's eyes. In the television age, image is king, and both men are desperate to outtalk and

upstage each other as the cameras roll. The result is the interview that sealed a president's legacy.

About the stars of FROST/NIXON

FROST/NIXON features two of Omaha's most prominent leading men: Equity Actor Paul Boesing (33 Variations, BLUEBARN Theatre) inhabits the role of 37th President, Richard Nixon, who goes head to head with the charismatic talk show host, David Frost, brought to life by veteran stage actor Aaron Zavitz. *Frost/Nixon* boasts a strong supporting cast, who recreate historical figures who played crucial roles in this compelling drama: Ben Beck as liberal journalist Jim Reston, Michael Markey as Nixon's former chief-of-staff Jack Brennan, in addition to Dave Wingert, Matthias Jeske, Mary Trecek, Brent Spencer, Will Muller, and Danielle Smith.

ABOUT THE BLUEBARN THEATRE

The BLUEBARN Theatre has been bringing professionally-produced plays to area audiences since 1989. Since its inception, BLUEBARN has produced over 100 plays and has established itself as Omaha's professional contemporary theatre company. Striving to bring artistically significant scripts and professional production values to Omaha and the surrounding region, BLUEBARN is known for high-quality entertainment and the fearless pursuit of stories that challenge both theatre artists and patrons.

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