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New York's Stonewall Inn To Get Official Landmark Status



NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's landmarks commission has voted to grant official status to the Stonewall Inn, the Greenwich Village bar where resistance to a police raid sparked the modern gay rights movement.

The unanimous vote Tuesday marks the first time a site has been designated as a landmark in the city because of its significance to LGBT history.

Patrons fought back against a police raid on the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969.

The uprising is commemorated in gay pride events every year in New York and around the world.

The commission's chairwoman, Meenakshi Srinivasan, says the Stonewall events were a turning point in the LGBT rights movement and in the nation's history.

Jindal Executive Order Prompts IBM to Cancel Baton Rouge Ribbon-Cutting

By John Riley

To put politics into Biblical terms, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal (pictured) is now reaping what he has sown.

The Republican presidential candidate and social issues crusader is currently receiving blowback from an executive

order he issued in May that opponents say will allow discrimination against LGBT people under the guise of "religious freedom." Jindal issued the order after the legislature failed to pass the Marriage and Conscience Act, which would have prohibited the Louisiana from retaliating against businesses who would deny service to LGBT people.

Fast forward a month, and now technology corporation IBM has cancelled a ribbon-cutting at the Baton Rouge headquarters of IBM's new National Service Center. IBM previously sent Jindal a letter expressing the company's opposition to the proposed measure, citing its concerns over being able to recruit and keep talent. "A bill that legally protects discrimination based on same-sex marriage status will create a hostile environment for our current and prospective employees, and is antithetical to our company's values," wrote IBM vice president James Driesse. "IBM will find it much harder to attract talent to Louisiana if this bill is passed and enacted into law."

Jindal, for his part, continues to insist that his executive order does not condone discrimination, but merely protects people's freedom of conscience as it relates to same-sex marriage.

The ribbon-cutting, which was scheduled for today, has not been rescheduled. The executive order will remain in effect until 60 days after the end of the next legislative session in 2016.

This is not the first time that Jindal, whose governorship ends at the end of this year, has received backlash for issuing the executive order. Soon after, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu (D) issued his own executive order aimed at counteracting any fallout, such as possible boycotts of the city or the cancellations of major conventions or sporting events, which would be harmful to the tourist trade. In a swipe at Jindal, Landrieu said he hoped his own executive order would make it clear that New Orleans "is an accepting, inviting city that thrives on its diversity and welcomes people from all walks of life with open arms."



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Jeb Bush Doubles Down on Opposition to Marriage Equality

by Chris Johnson, the Washington Blade

Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush reiterated his opposition to same-sex marriage on Friday, urging the country to recognize “the power of a man and a woman” raising children regardless of the upcoming decision on the issue by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The former Florida governor made the remarks during a speech at the Faith & Freedom Coalition conference in D.C. in which he decried supposed threats to religious liberty.

His comments on the issue were virtually lifted from his presidential campaign announcement in Florida earlier in the week, but he added new language, saying the views of religious individuals who object to same-sex marriage should be valued.

“This conscience should also be respected in people of faith who want to take a stand for traditional marriage,” Bush said. “In a country like ours, we should recognize the power of a man and a woman loving their children with all their heart and soul as a good thing, as something that is positive and helpful for children to live a successful life.”



The phrase “traditional marriage” is often used by conservatives and especially by Bush to mean opposition to same-sex marriage. Although he’s previously stated “traditional marriage” should be upheld to protect children born into poverty, it’s unclear how he thinks prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying would help those children.

“And while there are people who disagree with this, we should not push aside those that believe in traditional marriage,” Bush continued. “I, for one, believe it’s important, and I think it’s got to be important over the long haul, irrespective of what courts say.”

Bush didn’t articulate any policy measure by which he would seek to oppose same-sex marriage. He hasn’t yet spoken this campaign cycle on whether he’d back a U.S. constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage — an idea that GOP hopefuls Ted Cruz, Bobby Jindal and Scott Walker have endorsed.

Other speakers at the conference brought up the same-sex marriage issue, such as Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), who distorted facts on the religious liberty implications of same-sex marriage in his speech on Thursday. Ohio Gov. John Kasich, former neurosurgeon Ben Carson, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and New York Gov. George Pataki didn’t explicitly mention it.

Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum bragged about being part of efforts to pass a Federal Marriage Amendment during his tenure in the U.S. Senate.

“We’ve had one vote in the United States Senate on the issue of marriage, a constitutional amendment to institute marriage as between a man and a woman,” Santorum said. “Remember when that vote was? It was back in 2004. Do you know who pushed for that vote, who was in leadership at the time, who

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fought people behind the scenes in our caucus to even get that vote? Yeah, I did.”

There have actually been two votes in the U.S. Senate on instituting a ban on same-sex marriage in the U.S. Constitution, one in 2004 and one in 2006. Both times the amendment was backed by then-President George W. Bush, but both failed.

Jindal’s speech included criticism of the business community for siding with LGBT advocates amid controversy in Indiana and Arkansas over religious freedom measures seen to enable anti-LGBT discrimination.

“Economic liberty and religious liberty are two sides of the same coin,” Jindal said.

Jindal, who recently signed a religious freedom executive order for those who oppose same-sex marriage, also took the opportunity during his speech to restate his position on the issue, saying that his beliefs won’t change.

“Unlike Hillary Clinton and President Obama, my views on marriage are not evolving with the polls,” Jindal said. “I believe in traditional marriage between a man and a woman.”

Obama: Gay Rights is One of the 'Big Hits' of my Presidency

BY JOE MORGAN, GayStar News

President Barack Obama has described LGBTI rights as one of the biggest 'hits' of his presidency.

The US president was reflecting as he enters into the last 18 months of being commander in chief, saying he believes he has made the country better than when he first took office.

Speaking to Marc Maron on his WTF podcast, Obama asked himself the infamous Ronald Reagan question: 'Are you better off than you were four years ago?'

Pointing out the Affordable Care Act and driving unemployment down, he also said he has 'doubled our clean energy and

reduced our carbon footprint'.

'LGBT rights have been recognized and solidified in ways that we couldn't even imagine 10 years ago,' he emphasized.

'When I look at those things, I can say that in terms of not just in terms of managing the government, but moving the country forward, we've had a lot more hits than misses and we've made a difference in people's lives.

'That is ultimately what you're looking for, what you wake up and you think, are things a little bit better? If you take that long view, you're less nervous or stressed about the day to day.'



Russian Gay Activist Fined Thousands for Attempting to Hold Pride in Moscow

BY JOE MORGAN, GayStar News

Nikolai Alekseev, who has just been sent to prison for 10 days, will now be fined by the court 20,000 rubles (\$370, €330) for the organisation of a brief protest outside the mayor's office in Moscow.

On 30 May, Alekseev rode a quad bike with two others while carrying a rainbow flag and orange smoke flare down the main Tverskaya Street.

Around 30 homophobic thugs hurled eggs and threw rocks and bottles at them, but the activists were undeterred.

He was found to have broken the law on public demonstration, organising an unsanctioned public event and for disobedience of police orders.

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This is believed to be the first time anyone has been jailed for attempting to hold a Pride in Russia. Other attempts have only resulted in arrests and fines.

Alekseev has now appealed the arrest at the Presidium of Moscow City Court and also appeal the fine.

'But I don't have any hope or trust for the Russian courts,' he told Gay Star News.

'That is why the bans of the Pride events as well as the arrests and the fine will all be appealed in one case to the European Court of Human Rights.

'The situation in terms of human rights in general and LGBT rights in particular in Russia is worsening.

'It was the first time in 10 years since I organise the Pride in Moscow that someone was sent to prison for taking part.

'It is a new way to pressure the activists and to dissuade them from going on the streets. Huge fines, arrests, firing from work.

'I don't expect the situation will get any better in the nearest future but the Council of Europe and the European Court should put more pressure on the Russian Government in respect to the situation of LGBT people in Russia and the breaches of their rights.'

Op-ed: Transitioning as a Guard at San Quentin State Prison

By Mandi Camille Hauwert

My first shift at work presenting as a woman — wearing makeup and the female uniform — was two and a half years ago. It was the scariest day of my life. Even writing this now, I'm in tears.

I'm Mandi Camille Hauwert, San Quentin's first openly transgender correctional officer. I started at San Quentin State Prison in California in December 2007. Back then, I went by Michael. I'd known since I was young that I wasn't like the other boys. Yet when I first arrived at the Q, as we call it, I had given up on transitioning from a man to a woman. I thought my six-foot frame, broad shoulders, and muscular build would prevent me from ever passing as a woman. Then I decided I didn't care.



I had many jobs before coming to work at San Quentin. I was a limo driver, video game tester, martial arts teacher. The most significant job I held, up to this point, was my four years as a damage controlman in the U.S. Navy. A few years after leaving with an honorable discharge from the Navy, I needed stability and a career. Friends suggested I become a correctional officer with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. But those days are beginning to feel as if they happened to someone else.

When I look back at this picture I took of myself, I realize I had little clue that I would somehow become a trailblazer within the trans community. It reminds me of how unprepared and naive I truly was. I had no idea the makeup I wore would become my war paint, the open expression of my burgeoning femininity, a weapon against the prejudice I would encounter within the walls.

Most of the inmates, even the ones on death row, show me respect. My fellow officers are less tolerant. They regularly use the male pronoun of "he" or "him" to address me, a subtle but

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stinging insult. On occasion I hear more overt language, like "it" or "tranny."

A fellow officer told me that his religious beliefs would not allow him to ever recognize me as anything but male. He told me I was an abomination in the eyes of God and that I would spend an eternity rotting in hell for my "choice."

To be fair, the administrators at San Quentin have supported my transition. They approved me to work as a female (my legal gender). They released a memo reminding the staff of the prison's sexual harassment policies. They check in with me often and always have an open door. In a few weeks I am going to take some time off for gender reassignment surgery. The system is far from perfect, but it will take time and a lot of work to improve it.

Hours before coming to work on that first day I wore my full makeup, I crawled into my bed. I did not want to go, did not want to suffer the jeers and laughter of being looked at as some freak. I felt the most intense fear I've ever felt. In just a few hours, I would walk through the gates of San Quentin, finally presenting myself as a woman.

This was not the first time I wore makeup in public or revealed my true self to strangers. I often dressed as a woman outside the confines of the prison. I kept my boy spaces and my girl spaces separate. "Girl spaces" were places where I felt comfortable enough, safe enough, to express my femininity. But this felt different. I wasn't going to a safe space; I would be facing down some of the toughest people in the state. In lipstick.

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It took me three hours to get ready. I was so nervous that I kept wiping away what I had done, starting again. I have always been a bit of a perfectionist and that day was no exception.

I felt like I was having a panic attack on the drive to prison. My entire body was sore from my anxious shaking. After I parked, I sat in my car for a few unforgivably nervous minutes. As I walked to the front gate, a fellow officer walked by. "Bro," he said. "Have a good one."

I was misgendered by nearly every officer I saw as I walked to my post. It was like being there for the first time ever, revolver on my hip, rifle slung nearby. I could not believe that I had just walked those 15 minutes from my car to the wall post, walking past everyone, in makeup. I felt anything but brave. I thought I would be fired or dead within a month.

For any transgender person, transitioning in the workplace almost always proves to be extremely difficult. I imagine it was a complete shock for my colleagues at the prison.

Long before that first day, before I worked up the courage to don makeup, jewelry, or feminine clothing at work, I had a private coming-out to a few officers I trusted enough to keep my secret.

It left me feeling vulnerable. I worried that my friends would use this information against me. I could never quite find the right words to explain to them what I was and what I was not.

I talked to a supervisor and she told me I should have no issues in coming out and transitioning, that I was protected by law. And she personally expressed her hopes that it would go smoothly, that I would receive no trouble. I decided I could get away with coming out slowly.

I started off with subtle bits of makeup such as mascara and light shades of lip gloss. I would wear lingerie under my uniform, bra and panties. I hoped it would go by without much fanfare or recognition from my fellow officers. I could not have been more oblivious.

One night shift, I was called into the office of my supervisor. He asked another supervisor to join us and witness the conversation and asked, "What's with the makeup?"

It hit me: I was cornered, stuck in a situation of my own making. I responded with the words I had spent a lifetime avoiding:

"I'm transgender."

The next month and a half was an impenetrable storm of uncertainty and morbid fear.

I was sure that I would be denied my right to work in the gender with which I identified or that I would be issued a pink slip. I knew the laws that protected me, but I was convinced that inevitably I would be found unsuitable to serve as a corrections officer.

But that was more than two years ago. I look back at that picture, that first night I found myself on top of the wall in makeup, carrying a gun. A female officer.

By the end of that first day, I had forever altered the way in which my coworkers, and the inmates, would interact with me. I was exhausted, elated, and strangely happy. I knew that I had done the right thing.

On the long drive home, I cried. I cannot remember if I was extremely happy or profoundly sad. All I know is that when I got home, stripped off that uniform, and melted into my bed, I had never felt better. I was content. I wasn't sure I could withstand the negative reaction. I knew that I was going to do it anyway.

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Mike Huckabee Compares Accepting Gay Marriage to Accepting Slavery - Urges Civil Disobedience

BY GREG HERNANDEZ, GayStar News

Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee is urging his fellow social conservatives to wage 'civil disobedience' if the US Supreme Courts makes same-sex marriage legal nationwide.

The Republican presidential hopeful is comparing the upcoming



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ing marriage ruling - if it makes gay marriage legal - to the Dred Scott decision in 1857. That was when an enslaved man sued for his freedom and the high court ruled African-Americans could not be US citizens and therefore not be able to sue.



The Dred Scott decision is widely regarded as the worst Supreme Court decision in history and spurred vehement dissent from anti-slavery elements and proved, at least indirectly, to be a catalyst for the Civil War.

'What if no one had acted in disobedience to the Dred Scott decision of 1857?' Huckabee asked during a recent interview with Fox News.

'What if the entire country had capitulated to judicial tyranny and we just said that because the Supreme Court said in 1857 said that a black person wasn't fully human? Suppose we had accepted that, suppose Abraham Lincoln, our president, had accepted that, would that have been the right course of action?'

Huckabee adds that should civil disobedience not be waged against gay marriage, people will be forced to commit 'biblical disobedience.'

ing on gay marriage cases Monday.

The next possible date for a ruling is Thursday (June 25th).

The justices could settle the same-sex marriage legal debate for the nation if a majority find that the US Constitution prohibits states from banning same-sex nuptials because of its guarantee of equal treatment under the law and due process.

There are six cases from four states (Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee) that have been consolidated into Ohio case Obergefell v. Hodges.

In each of those cases, federal judges had struck down marriage bans but those decisions were reversed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit which resulted in the Supreme Court taking the issue on.

The high court's decision will come at a time that same-sex marriage is already legal in 37 US states plus the District of Columbia.

Many legal experts expect a 5-4 decision in favor of marriage with Justice Anthony Kennedy voting with the four liberal justices as he did in 2013 in the gutting of the US Defense of Marriage Act and in a decision that ended California's ban on same-sex marriage.

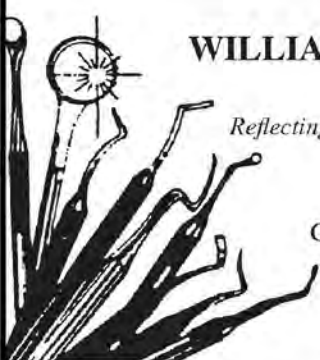
If the ruling does not come Thursday, it would then likely be handed down next Monday (June 29th).

US Supreme Court Could Still Issue Landmark Gay Marriage Ruling this Week, or Not

BY GREG HERNANDEZ, GayStar News

The wait continues.

The US Supreme Court did not issue its highly-anticipated rul-

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Shelterbelt Theatre, 3225 California Street, is pleased to announce their upcoming regional premiere production of Thank You For Being a Friend: The Unauthorized Golden Girls Musical by Falls City, NE natives Nick Brennan and Luke Jones. The production runs July 10 - August 2, 2015. Performances are Thursday/Friday/Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm (\$20 general, \$15 students/seniors/TAG). Tickets are already on sale at www.shelterbelt.org (click box office). On Saturday, July 11, the theatre will host a post-show talk back with playwright, Nick Brennan.



Directed by Roxanne Wach, with music direction by Keefer Peterson, the cast features Ryan Eberhart, Joey Galda, Jim Farmer, Ryan Fuller, and Sean Hill. The show is produced by Cristina Byrne, with scenic design by Ronnie Wells, lighting design by Josh Mullady, costume/wig/makeup design by Lora Kaup, props by Jayma Smay and cheesecakes by Beth Thompson and Rachel Flannery. Brian Callaghan is stage manager.

Four women over 60 are spending their golden years together in a wicker-filled bungalow in Miami. But when pop icon, Ricky Martin moves next door, his loud, all-male parties keep the quartet of cheesecake-loving retirees awake. The solution pits neighbor against neighbor at the annual Shady Oaks Retirement Home Talent Show. Singing, dancing and hilarity ensue in this RACY send-up of the beloved 1980's tv series. This is NOT your Ma's Golden Girls! *Contains adult material.

This is Brennan's first play presented in Omaha. "I've always wanted this show to run in Omaha. I love it when theater can push boundaries, question normalcy, not worry about being PC, make fun of popular culture, and make you laugh at something that is just so wrong, it's right."

"The Golden Girls was so far ahead of its time - dealing with really touchy situations," director Roxanne Wach continued. "It's fun to see bits of old episodes recycled into new touchy situations. In the end, we're still very true to the tv show."

Earlier versions of the show have had three sold out Off-Broadway runs in New York City, over a dozen regional productions around the country, and a London Production is planned in 2016. It has been featured in Out Magazine, on Logo TV and in the New York Times Arts column. Shelterbelt's production is a revised version and fea-

tures three new songs.

"Shelterbelt had not done a musical in quite awhile and when the opportunity to produce Thank You For Being a Friend came up as a possibility, it just felt too perfect. We loved the idea of bringing a summer, camp(y) show to our audience," said Artistic Director Elizabeth Thompson.

Shelterbelt Theatre is Omaha's home for new plays. This production closes their 22nd season.

LGBT Groups Join Call to Remove Confederate Flag From Public Spaces

By Trudy Ring

More than two dozen LGBT groups have signed on to an open letter calling for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from public spaces.

"The Confederate battle flag and versions of the same do not stand for heritage," says the letter, posted online today by the Human Rights Campaign. "It is, as South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley said, 'a deeply offensive symbol of a brutally racist past.' In the America of 2015, it does not belong on state or federal property, and it should not be flown in a place of honor as a part of any state flag."



After the killing of nine African-Americans by a white gunman at a church in Charleston, S.C., Haley this week agreed that the battle flag should no longer fly at the state capitol, as it has since 1962. Its display beginning that year ostensibly marked the centennial of the Civil War (which began in 1861) but was seen by many as a sign of resistance to the black civil rights movement. Several other Southern states have state flag designs influenced by the battle flag or other Confederate banners, and Mississippi's state flag directly incorporates its image. Some states permit use of the flag's image on license plates.

It will take an act of the legislature to remove the flag from South Carolina's capitol, but in the meantime the LGBT groups are joining widespread opposition to Confederate imagery on government grounds. "As organizations that stand for equality and justice for all people, we are united in our opposition to the usage of such offensive and violent symbols," the letter continues. But it also points out the need to change not just symbols but hearts, minds, and policies: "We also stand committed to addressing the hard truths that divide us, to finding solutions for the inequities facing people of color, and to ensuring access to fairness and to justice for all."

Signatories include national groups such as HRC, GLAAD, Lambda Legal, the National LGBTQ Task Force, National Black Justice Coalition, National Center for Lesbian Rights, National Center for Transgender Equality, and PFLAG, plus several local and regional groups, with three from South Carolina: the state's affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, SC Equality, and South Carolina Black Pride.

Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

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Fat? Old? Ugly?

I was inspired to write this column after seeing an ad in an LGBT Periodical (not from San Diego). The above three words were the large font headline.

Nice, huh? So helpful and encouraging.

It was an ad for plastic surgery: playing on our worst fears and offering a very expensive (and temporary) solution. If only plastic surgery would solve all of our self-esteem problems, I'd sign up myself.

Sometimes, I am asked to do psychological evaluations of people considering plastic surgery. The (ethical) plastic surgeons I work with refer clients to me when the surgeons think that the client's expectations are unrealistic. The surgeons are afraid that their clients will be disappointed regardless of how well the plastic surgery turns out.

And, often, they're right.

Because, more often than not, "fat, old and ugly" is a state of mind, not a state of body. I have often seen clients who feel WORSE after their plastic surgery than they did before. Why? Because their expectations were unrealistic. Fewer wrinkles, a flatter stomach and a tighter butt may be nice, but they don't change the way we feel about ourselves.

It takes more than that. A change in the outside doesn't mean a change on the inside.

I work with clients on this kind of self-esteem stuff all the time. We in the LGBT community usually have a lot of family-of-origin negativity to undo. Many of us were told all kinds of strange shit when we were younger; and 99.99% of it wasn't – and isn't – true.

Most negative stuff that people told us was really about them: jealous, unhappy, scared parents/siblings/teachers/lovers may have told you all kinds of unkind things about yourself. To me, this is brainwashing: our innate ability and desire to approve of ourselves as babies got corrupted.

Have you ever seen a baby who said, "I just hate my nose." Or "My hips are too big." Babies love everything about themselves and YOU were once like that. You started out just adoring yourself – your NATURAL state – and then, over time, other people brainwashed you and messed with your head. But here's

some good news: you can UNDO all those years of brainwashing.

Here are some suggestions:

Ask yourself these reality-check questions:

Who told me I was fat/old/ugly? How old was I? Why did they say that to me?

Who would I be without the opinions of others? Is there a core/essential part of me that is immune to what other people think about me? How can I get in touch with that place more-and-more?

What situations bring up these feelings for me? A pool party? Pride? A date? Going to a club/bar/restaurant? Notice your brainwashing triggers and begin to deprogram yourself by starting to...

Look in the mirror at yourself. You may initially cringe or critique what you see. That's okay, do it and let it pass. Then, you're ready to do some good, deep work. Look in the mirror and begin to deprogram yourself. Tell yourself things like:

"I am the perfect weight."

"I am beautiful/handsome at every age."

"I am willing to love my appearance."

You may not believe this stuff at first: you're planting a seed, and a seed takes time to grow into a great-big gorgeous tree. If these phrases really stick in your throat, use the word "willing" in your affirmations: "I may not believe I am handsome today, but I am WILLING to believe it."

The copy at the end of the plastic surgery ad that gives this column its title read, "Fortunately, today we have medical options to achieve the look and feel you really want." That may be true, but I would replace that statement with a much better one:

"Fortunately, today you have the ability to deprogram your brain of self-criticism and self-hatred to achieve the peace of mind you really want."

Our body is always changing (even with plastic surgery); but peace of mind lasts.

Don't settle for short term goals, go for the long-term ones and begin to experience yourself as beautiful at every age, at every weight, at every moment...regardless of whether other people agree with you or not.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center**
(mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

**We closed the Center as of
December 2nd, 2013.**

**The Gayzette will continue to
be published and our hotline
and web site will continue.**

**We appreciate the past sup-
port for the Center but it be-
came clear that it was time to
close and become a virtual
Center. We feel we can ac-
complish much more for the
GLBT community in this way.**

**Thanks,
George Broadway
Board Chair and Gayzette editor
Email: Gayzette@cox.net
Www.rainbowoutreach.org**

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:
AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ELCA, 3647 Lafayette Ave., Omaha GLBT
friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-
house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional
Worship at 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St.
Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM,
email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of
CHRIST,** info at: www.firstcentral.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020
Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 9:30
a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m.
"traditional service"

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-
MOUS** 4pm, Augustana Lutheran
Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark
639-3055 **HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM
FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday
Worship 9:30am and 11:15am

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anony-
mous, 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 Anony-
mous, 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 [aander-
son@hastings.edu](mailto:aander-
son@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 SUP-
PORT 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, 4:30-6:30pm
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.

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

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-
lbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOg-
lbt@cfep-ne.org) or see www.GOglt.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 Meet-
ing, 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 bev-
erages provided.

3rd 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

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors 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, Lin-
coln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET

The Parachute Club

Yesterday, my daughter again asked me why I didn't do something useful with my time. Talking about my "doing something useful" seems to be her favorite topic of conversation. She said that she was "only thinking about me", and suggested that I go down to the senior center, and hang out with the other old guys. I did this. When I got home last night, I decided to teach her a lesson about staying out of my business. I told her that I had joined a parachute club.

She said, "Are you nuts? You're 72 years old, and you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I proudly showed her that I even had a membership card.

She looked at it and said, "Good grief Dad, where are your glasses! This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club."

I told her, "Then I'm in real trouble because I've signed up for five jumps a week."

She fainted.

The Rich Man

Morris Schwartz is dying and is on his deathbed. He is with his nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons, and knows the end is near. So he says to them:

"Bernie, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses."

"Sybil, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza."

"Hymie, I want you to take the offices over in City Center."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown"

The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Morris slips away, she says to the wife, "Mrs. Schwartz, your husband must have been such a hard working man to have accumulated so much property."

Sarah replies, "Propertythe schmuck had a newspaper route."

Condoms

Jane and Arlene are outside their nursing home, having a drink and a smoke, when it starts to rain. Jane pulls out a condom, cuts off the end, puts it over her cigarette, and continues smoking.

Arlene: What in the hell is that?

Jane: A condom. This way my cigarette doesn't get wet.

Arlene: Where did you get it?

Jane: You can get them at any pharmacy.

The next day, Arlene hobbles herself into the local pharmacy and announces to the pharmacist that she wants a box of condoms.

The pharmacist, obviously embarrassed, looks at her kind of strangely (she is, after all, over 80 years of age), but very delicately asks what brand of condom she prefers.

'Doesn't matter Sonny, as long as it fits on a Camel.'

The pharmacist fainted.

Little Johnny

The value of a Catholic education and a pencil.

Little Susie was not the best student in Catholic School .

Usually she slept through the class.

One day her teacher, a Nun, called on her while she was sleeping.

'Tell me Susie, who created the universe?'

When Susie didn't stir, little Johnny who was her friend sitting behind her, took his pencil and jabbed her in the rear.

'God Almighty!' shouted Susie.

The Nun said, 'Very good' and continued teaching her class.

A little later the Nun asked Susie, 'Who is our Lord and Savior?'

But Susie didn't stir from her slumber. Once again, Johnny came to her rescue and stuck her in the butt.

'Jesus Christ!!!!' shouted Susie.

And the Nun once again said, 'Very good,' and Susie fell back asleep.

The Nun asked her a third question...'What did Eve say to Adam after she had her twenty-third child?'

Again, Johnny came to the rescue. This time Susie jumped up and shouted, 'If you stick that damn thing in me one more time, I'll break it in half!'

The nun fainted.

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

Italian Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients

1 (8 oz.) pkg. Italian sweet sausage
8 green onions, thinly sliced
2 zucchini, finely chopped
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 (7 oz.) jar roasted red bell peppers, drained and chopped
1 (16 oz.) Italian loaf bread, broken into 1" cubes
2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
6 large eggs
1 1/2 cups milk

Methods/Steps

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Remove and discard casings from sausage. Cook in a large skillet over medium heat, stirring until sausage crumbles. When sausage is no longer pink, drain. Add green onions, zucchini, salt and pepper to skillet. Saut  4 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Stir in roasted bell peppers. Drain mixture and cool. Spread 4 cups bread cubes in a lightly greased 13x9" baking dish. Top with half of sausage mixture and cheese. Repeat with remaining bread, sausage and cheese. Whisk together eggs and milk. Pour mixture over the bread. Cover and chill for 8 hours. Bake covered for 1 hour or until bubbly and hot.

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

Bean Soup

Ingredients

2 cups red potatoes, diced
2 cups green beans, frozen
30 oz. black beans, canned drained
29 oz. stewed tomatoes or Ro-Tel for a spicier soup
28 oz. vegetable broth
15 1/4 oz. corn, canned drained
15 oz. garbanzo beans, canned drained
1 cup salsa

Methods/Steps

In a 6-quart crock-pot combine potatoes and frozen green beans; add black beans, undrained tomatoes, broth, corn, garbanzo beans and salsa. Cover and cook on "low" heat setting for 9 to 11 hours or on "high" for 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 hours. Serve with warmed tortillas or tortilla chips.

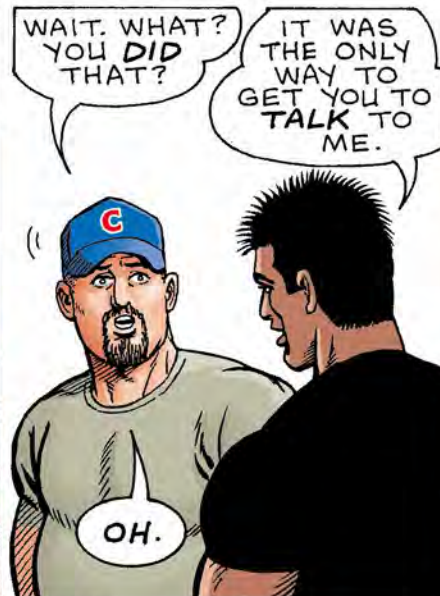
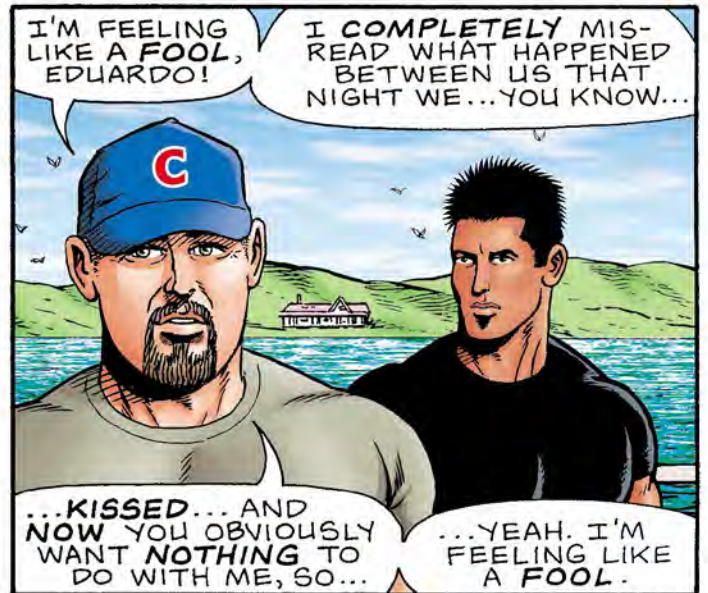
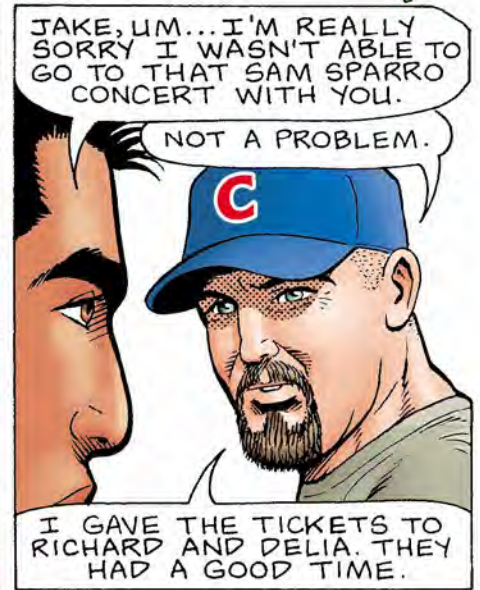
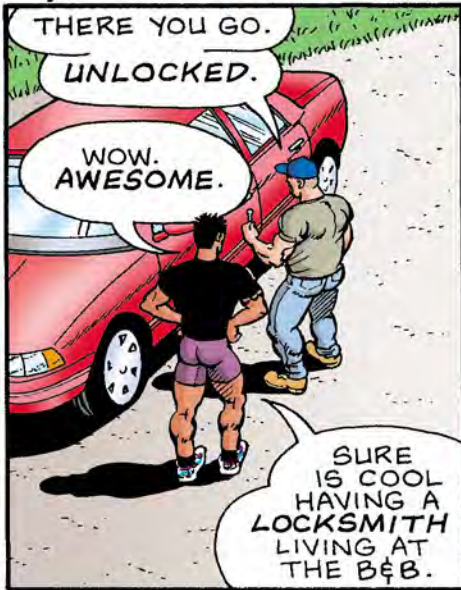
Additional Tips

Ready in 4 1/2 - 11 hours

Makes 6 servings



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



Second Annual Rainbow Run
October 10, 2015
8:00 AM

Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park
Council Bluffs, IA

Proceeds
Benefit
Heartland
Pride's
Efforts to
End Bullying



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or Walk.

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www.heartlandpride.org/rainbow-run-2015

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More info at www.nap.org



BREAKTHROUGH: Scientists Discover a Vaccine for Herpes

By Katie Peoples

Scientists have developed a new, counterintuitive vaccine to prevent the spread of herpes – the most common sexually transmitted infection with over 500 million sufferers. Researchers at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University published their findings of experiments conducted on lab mice in eLife.



“Developing a herpes vaccine is one of the holy grails of infectious disease research,” said Dr. William Jacobs, Jr., co-study leader.

The scientists were able to create the vaccine by taking a new approach to vaccine development. It had been assumed that the way to fight the virus was to stimulate production of neutralizing antibodies against a specific viral surface protein (glycoprotein-2) the herpes simplex virus-2 (genital herpes) uses invade cells. Researchers spent decades trying to stimulate antigens against gD-2 – but these versions of the vaccine were unable to prevent infection.

“We decided to take an approach that runs counter to most of the tactics used by other scientists – and we seem to have cracked the code,” said Dr. Jacobs. This, according to Dr. Betsy Harold co-study leader, suggested that previous vaccine strategies were stimulating the wrong antibodies.

Instead the Einstein group used genetic manipulation to remove the gD-2 gene from HSV-2 DNA to design a live vaccine. This weakened the virus and made it unable to infect cells in lab mice that were given the live vaccine.

The vaccinated mice showed low levels of neutralizing antibodies but high levels antibodies associated with a different immune response called antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC). A blood serum from these vaccinated mice was then used in other mice who showed signs of passive protection against HSV-2, showing that ADCC protects against HSV-2.

“We had a hunch that gD-2 might be masking other viral anti-

gens,” said Dr. Jacobs. “And that by removing this dominant protein we would expose those previously masked antigens to the immune system.”

Tests also suggest that the virus offers some protection against HSV-1 (oral herpes) but further testing is needed. The vaccine design also opens up possibilities for other vaccines against viruses, including HIV and tuberculosis.

“Genital herpes infections can not only be seriously in and of themselves, but they also play a major role in fueling the HIV epidemic,” said Dr. Herold, who explained that people infected with HSV-2 are more likely to get and transmit HIV.

The team hopes to begin human trials in the next few years.

'We Will Burn:' Texas Pastor to Set Himself On Fire if Marriage Equality Wins

By Dawn Ennis

Rick Scarborough, the antigay Texas pastor who already made headlines with a full-page newspaper ad announcing that he had at least 44,500 followers who pledged to go to jail to defend so-called traditional marriage, is now threatening to set himself on fire to stop marriage equality.

“We’re simply being preemptive and saying, no matter what the cost, we are not going to bow, we are not going to bend, and we will burn,” said Scarborough on a recent National Emergency Coalition conference call hosted by fellow antigay preacher E. W. Jackson.



“The preachers need to get out front, the leaders need to get out front, out front of these ordinary citizens and say, ‘Shoot me first,’” said Scarborough said, according to Right Wing Watch. The pastor was reportedly referring to business owners such as bakers and florists who claim to be victims of nondiscrimination laws (which would not be directly impacted by the pending Supreme Court decision on marriage equality).

On the conference call that took place June 16, Scarborough labeled gay marriage a Satanic plot:

“The end-game is the complete destruction of the church of the Lord Jesus, the replacement of it with this liberal theology that’s not a theology, it’s a philosophy, human-made, it goes back to the Garden of Eden when Satan wanted to be God. We now have a race of humans that don’t want to acknowledge that there’s a God.”