



## Ireland Votes Yes, Becomes First Nation in World to Approve Marriage Equality

By Trudy Ring

With the world watching, the Republic of Ireland has become the first nation to enact marriage equality by popular vote.

The leader of the opposition, David Quinn, has already conceded the loss. "Congratulations to the Yes side on their win," tweeted Quinn, who is director of the Iona Institute. And in a more lengthy statement Quinn is already pivoting to the next fight, saying "We hope the Government will address the concerns voters on the No side have about the implications for freedom of religion and freedom of conscience."

But today is a day of celebration for supporters of LGBT rights, both in Ireland and worldwide. The margin is still being finalized but all reports say Irish voters Friday overwhelmingly approved adding this language to the country's constitution: "Marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction as to their sex."

The results make Ireland the 19th country in the world to extend legal marriage rights to same-sex couples.

The marriage equality measure had the backing of every major Irish political party and most of the nation's leaders, including Prime Minister Enda Kenny. While most of the Irish, like Kenny, are Roman Catholics, the church's opposition to making civil marriage available to same-sex couples did not sway them. Some other religious groups endorsed marriage equality, as did major corporations and Irish celebrities, including Colin Farrell and Bono. Polls leading up to the vote showed a majority of citizens in favor of equal marriage rights.

Ireland, unlike other countries where marriage equality has become law, had to conduct a popular vote on the matter



because marriage is governed by the constitution, and the only way to enact a law that is deemed to be at odds with the constitution is to have it approved by a majority of voters. The nation's cabinet members agreed last December to hold the marriage equality referendum.

Popular votes on marriage have been held in two Eastern European countries, Croatia and Slovenia, but voters in both nations rejected marriage equality. Slovenia's Parliament, however, approved a marriage equality law nonetheless.

## The First Federal Monument By and For LGBT Veterans

By Trudy Ring

The first monument honoring LGBT vets to be approved by the federal government and erected on federal land was dedicated Monday at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Ill., an hour south of Chicago.



The monument is the result of an effort by American Veterans for Equal Rights, Windy City Times reports. "This is the first monument for LGBT veterans created by LGBT veterans that will be dedicated at any cemetery in the National Veteran's Cemetery System." Chicago-AVER founder, vice president, and secretary James Darby told the paper prior to the dedication. "I never believed anything like this could've happened because we've been discriminated against for so long in many areas of life, including the military."

Made of black and pink granite, the monument bears a pink triangle and the bronze service seals of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. It is inscribed with these words:

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memory and appreciation of their selfless service and sacrifice, this monument was dedicated by Chicago Chapter American Veterans for Equal Rights 'AVER' ( ... with liberty and justice for all )."

"It is my great hope that all those who see this monument remember all who have served this great nation and especially our LGBT veterans ... who have served from the founding of this nation," Stanley J. Jenczyk, the Chicago-AVER board member who led the effort for the monument, said at the dedication ceremony, according to Windy City Times.

Chicago-AVER president Lee Reinhart read the names of LGBT veterans who have died, noting, "Many of these are members of AVER, and many from Illinois who served and today have a place that remembers them." The ceremony also featured prayers by clergy representing various faiths and a performance by the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus.

### Morocco Jails Three Men for Gay Sex

BY DARREN WEE, GayStarNews

Three men have been sentenced to three years in jail for gay sex in Taourirt, Morocco, where homosexuality and premarital sex are illegal.

The sentence was handed down on Friday (22 May) by a court in the northeastern city of Taourirt. Police were tipped off to two of the men, a mechanic in his 40s and a man in his 20s, who they caught having sex in the mechanic's workshop.

During their detention, they said they met through a mutual

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friend, who was then also arrested. The conservative North African country punishes anyone found guilty of carrying out 'a deviant act with a person of the same sex' with up to three years in jail.

Moroccan authorities declined to comment.

## Duggar Show Pulled From TLC Schedule, Could Be Canceled

By Neal Broverman

The TLC network has pulled all airings of its reality show 19 Kids and Counting in light of a molestation scandal involving one of the show's stars.

Josh Duggar, the oldest child of Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar, admitted to having "acted inexcusably" as a teenager after it was revealed that he was accused of molesting girls — including, according to reports, some of his sisters — in his teen years. Now 27, Duggar headed the lobbying arm of antigay Family Research Council; he resigned Thursday.

While 19 Kids is not currently airing, no definitive decision on cancellation has been made by TLC, according to TMZ. The network recently canceled Here Comes Honey Boo Boo after



that reality show's matriarch entered into a relationship with an accused child molester.

No one on Honey Boo Boo espoused antigay values, though. The Duggars are well-known for their antigay views, having, among other things, campaigned against an LGBT rights ordinance in Fayetteville, Ark., passed by the City Council but then repealed by voters. A robocall Michelle Duggar recorded for the campaign cast transgender people as child predators. By the way, Michelle Duggar has a lesbian sister, Evelyn Ruark.

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# Op-ed: How We'll End 'Conversion Therapy' in Four Years Flat

By Samantha Ames

Three years ago, then-California state Sen. Ted Lieu made history by shepherding through the legislature the first bill in the nation to protect LGBT youth from being subjected to the dangerous and discredited practice of conversion therapy by state-licensed mental health professionals. By his side was Ryan Kendall, a survivor who had endured such a severe degree of this psychological abuse as a child that a family court emancipated him, leaving him to join the millions of LGBT youth on the street struggling with depression, addiction, and suicidality.

Last week, now-U.S. Rep. Lieu made history again by introducing the first nationwide bill to protect all LGBT people, no matter who they are or where they live or how old they are, from being defrauded by someone selling a false and too often deadly promise that they can change their sexual orientation or gender identity. By his side one more time was Ryan Kendall, freshly graduated from Columbia University summa cum laude and about to begin his first year at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, and now serving as a member of the National Center for Lesbian Rights' #BornPerfect Advisory Committee.

The fight to end conversion therapy three years ago suddenly shifted gears to light speed, and survivors all across the country have begun joining forces with advocates to take down their abusers. Since California's Senate Bill 1172 was signed into law, conversion therapists have been held accountable for the damage they have wrought in courtrooms, state legislatures, Congress, the United Nations, and even the White House. Two federal circuit courts have upheld state conversion therapy bans, and a New Jersey case is on its way to making history by declaring claims that sexual orientation or gender identity can be cured as consumer fraud. Congresswoman Jackie Speier has twice introduced the Stop Harming Our Kids Resolution, calling on more states to follow California's lead. Three additional jurisdictions have enacted nearly identical legislation — New Jersey, Washington D.C., and just last week, Oregon. In 2015 alone, 18 states have introduced their own bills to protect LGBT youth from those who would profit from their pain. The United Nations Committee Against Torture has made this an issue of international human rights law. And, just last month, the president, vice president, and surgeon general declared

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their opposition to so-called conversion therapy.

What we are witnessing is not only the weight of injustice collapsing under the force of its own gravity, but also the spectacular birth of a historic moment.

Still, as rapidly as things are moving, the birth of a movement takes time. Most state bills are still working their way through the legislative process, which moves at a notoriously glacial pace. Lawsuits can take years to result in a judgment, much less make their way through the appeals process. Changing the hearts and minds of parents misguided by an industry that preys on their concern for their LGBT children cannot happen overnight. And survivors must balance speaking out with caring for wounds that still bleed.

But there is good reason to keep our eyes on the horizon. When these laws do come up for a vote, they enjoy broad bipartisan support from lawmakers and overwhelming backing from medical and mental health organizations, faith leaders, youth advocates, and civil rights groups. Conversion therapists have lost every court battle they have entered to date. And groups like the Family Acceptance Project are working with conservative parents and faith communities to ensure as many kids as possible find the acceptance and support that research tells us save lives. Our momentum is only increasing.

The Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act combines the best parts of this movement's state legislation with the best parts of its impact litigation. If passed, it would legally define conversion therapy as the consumer fraud it is and ensure that no person can profit from inflicting the sting of self-hatred on another by telling them they were born wrong. Having spent two decades working with survivors of conversion therapy, NCLR knows firsthand the lives this will save, including thousands of children.

In June 2014, NCLR launched the #BornPerfect campaign with the ambitious goal of ending conversion therapy in five years. At the time, it seemed like a daunting — and maybe even impossible — undertaking. But, one year later, we can see the contours of that day on the horizon. Getting there won't be easy, but pioneers like Ted Lieu and survivors like Ryan Kendall serve as powerful reminders of how far hope can take us. Hard as the conversion therapy industry may fight, the day is coming when every child, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity, will wake up knowing they were #BornPerfect. We won't stop until we get there.

## Greetings and Salutations;

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I have been a part of the LGBTQ community for many years in my previous state of Colorado and now in Nebraska. I have held a few pageant titles and have been on three Imperial Court System families. I have also had an opportunity to hold board positions on couple organizations as well. I have the privilege of being inducted into the current ICON reign as a family member.

I enjoy and understand the meaning of raising monies for charities and scholarship funds through the progress of events, from drag shows to car washes to spaghetti dinners. As an organization we do what we can to help raise money for charity. Even though raising money can be a lot of work, I try to have fun doing it. I know what it means to be a leader, as I have gained much experience in the last 19 years throughout my military career.

I feel I would be a good asset to the I.C.O.N. organization as well as a strong leader. So again I ask for your support, so come out and vote for Michael Martinez – candidate #1 for Emperor XXXV of the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

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# Josh Duggar Resigns From Antigay Family Research Council Amid Sexual Abuse Allegations

By Trudy Ring

Josh Duggar, the oldest child of the famously prolific and conservative Duggar family, has resigned from an arm of the antigay Family Research Council amid the revelation that he was accused of molesting five minor girls when he was as a teenager — and that some of his victims were apparently his sisters. Duggar, 27, has admitted to having “acted inexcusably” as a teen, now that In Touch Weekly this week broke the story that he was the subject of a police investigation in 2006, based on



accusations that he fondled female minors’ breasts and genitals without their permission. The incidents reportedly occurred in 2002 and 2003, but the only involvement of police until 2006 was when Jim Bob Duggar, Josh’s father, had him talk to a family friend who was also an Arkansas state trooper. That trooper, who took no official action, is now serving a prison sentence for child pornography, InTouch reports.

The investigation by the Springdale, Ark., police department came after a family friend found a letter, which had been stuck between the pages of a borrowed book, laying out Josh’s al-

leged actions. Police filed no charges because the statute of limitations had expired.

The names in the police report obtained by InTouch were redacted, but the publication confirmed that Josh Duggar was the accused. TMZ is reporting that some of the accusers were his sisters.

Duggar today resigned from Family Research Council Action, the lobbying arm of the FRC, which is listed as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center because it circulates untrue and harmful information about LGBT people.

“Today Josh Duggar made the decision to resign his position as a result of previously unknown information becoming public concerning events that occurred during his teenage years,” FRC president Tony Perkins wrote in a statement posted on the home pages of both FRC and FRC Action. “Josh believes that the situation will make it difficult for him to be effective in his current work. We believe this is the best decision for Josh and his family at this time. We will be praying for everyone involved.”

In a statement released to People magazine, Josh Duggar said, “Twelve years ago, as a young teenager, I acted inexcusably for which I am extremely sorry and deeply regret. I hurt others, including my family and close friends. I confessed this to my parents who took several steps to help me address the situation. We spoke with the authorities where I confessed my wrongdoing, and my parents arranged for me and those affected by my actions to receive counseling. I understood that if I continued down this wrong road that I would end up ruining my life.”

The statement about “counseling” is open to question — In Touch reports that it consisted of working in a family friend’s home remodeling business.

Josh’s parents, Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar, posted supportive statements on Facebook, as did Josh’s wife, Anna. The Duggar family has achieved fame as the subject of the TLC reality series 19 Kids and Counting, showcasing the large family and its conservative Christian values. The family members are well-known for their antigay views, having, among other things, campaigned against an LGBT rights ordinance in Fayetteville, Ark., passed by the City Council but then repealed by voters. A robocall Michelle Duggar recorded for the campaign cast transgender people as child predators. By the

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## San Diego Mourns Third Trans Teen to Die by Suicide

By Sunnive Brydum

Kyler Prescott, an accomplished pianist and activist for marriage equality and animal rights in San Diego, Calif., died by suicide on May 18. The transgender boy was 14 years old.

Prescott's family was supportive of his identity, and attended local support groups for family members of trans youth. Prescott's "grief stricken" parents have given Kathie Moehlig, a friend the family met through those support groups, permission to speak on the Prescotts' behalf, reports San Diego Gay & Lesbian News.

Prescott came out to his family as trans "a few years ago," reports SDGLN. His parents respected his wishes and referred to him using male pronouns, even asking the young man if he wanted the family to remove childhood photos of him wearing more feminine clothes.

"Some teens when they come out, they come out and that's it," explained Moehlig. "Other teens tend to flow between the genders. He chose male pronouns, but was completely comfortable with the family still having all the pictures up of his childhood. Because in Kyler's world a guy can wear a dress."

Although Prescott was occasionally misgendered by others and struggling with the general emotional turbulence of being a teenager, SDGLN stressed that the 14-year-old was "well supported within most of his life ... overall, Kyler was met with acceptance and approval."

The teenager struggled with the onset of puberty, Moehlig explained, pointing out that one's body developing in conflict with one's internal identity can be stressful and traumatic for transgender youth. Medical interventions, commonly known as hormone blockers, are sometimes available to delay the onset of puberty in trans youth, but it's unclear whether that was an intervention Prescott was seeking, or even desired.



Prescott was involved in local youth groups in San Diego, including at the North County LGBTQ Resource Center, the youth group in San Diego's LGBT neighborhood of Hillcrest, and the Transforming Family support group.

Since preschool, Prescott had been an outspoken advocate for animal rights, reports SDGLN. The Prescott family had a "small little zoo," according to SDGLN, which helped the teenager foster his connection to animals. He also enjoyed sketching and writing stories and poetry. In addition, Prescott was an accomplished pianist — a fact demonstrated by a photo displayed at a Friday memorial at the San Diego LGBT Community Center, showing Prescott seated at a piano, his long fingers gracing the white keys. The trans pride flags at the Center flew at half mast this weekend in honor of Prescott's memory.

Prescott's death is the third reported trans young person to die by suicide in the greater San Diego area since March. Taylor Alesana, a 16-year-old transgender girl, took her life on April 2, while a gender-nonconforming teenager named Sage, also died by suicide in early March. Both Alesana and Sage were reportedly involved with the North County LGBTQ Resource Center, where Prescott also attended various group meetings.

Nationwide, Prescott is the 11th reported suicide of a transgender youth this year, in an "epidemic" that trans advocates say sees far more casualties than make headlines. Earlier this month, 15-year-old Cameron Langrell of Racine, Wis.,



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took her own life just days after coming out as trans on social media. The highly publicized suicides of 18-year-old Charlotte, N.C., activist Blake Brockington, as well as that of 17-year-old trans girl Leelah Alcorn in Union Township, Ohio, last December, saw hundreds of thousands mourning worldwide.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the Prescott family offset funeral costs.

If you are a trans or gender-nonconforming person considering suicide, Trans Lifeline can be reached at 877-565-8860. LGBT youth (ages 24 and younger) can reach the Trevor Project Lifeline at 1-866-488-7386. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 can also be reached 24 hours a day by people of all ages and identities.

## Men Who Masturbate Will Find Their Hands Pregnant in the Afterlife, Anti-Gay Televangelist Warns



### But how will the hand give birth?...

BY JOE MORGAN, GayStarNews

A Turkish televangelist has claimed men who masturbate will meet their 'pregnant hand in the afterlife'.

Mücahid Cihad Han, a Muslim preacher, was answering viewers' questions on 2000 TV on 24 May when one asked him about masturbation.

The viewer said he 'kept masturbating, although he was married, and even during the Umrah', the pilgrimage to Mecca performed by Muslims.

In the bizarre response, Han insisted Islam strictly bans masturbation.

'One hadith states that those who have sexual intercourse with their hands will find their hands pregnant in the afterlife, complaining against them to God over its rights,' he said, referring to what he claimed to be a saying of Prophet Muhammad.

'If our viewer was single, I could recommend he marry, but what can I say now?' the televangelist added, advising the viewer to 'resist Satan's temptations'.

The claim has been widely criticized on Turkish and other media. He has also received criticism in the past for calling homosexuality 'evil' and 'the worst of all sins'.

Many have commented how only a very limited number of Islamic interpretations forbid masturbation, with many just considering it something to be frowned upon. Many mainstream Islamic interpretations even allow it, such as using it to avoid cheating on your spouse.

'Are there any hand-gynecologists in the afterlife? Is abortion allowed there?' one Twitter user asked.

## Northern Ireland Bakery Stops Serving all Wedding Cakes So They Can't be Made to Do Gay Ones

BY JOE MORGAN

The Northern Ireland Christian bakery at the center of a legal row is now not serving any wedding-themed cake as they can not, by a court ruling, discriminate against LGBTI people.

Ashers Baking Company was found guilty earlier this month after refusing to make a pro-gay Bert and Ernie cake.

As they are not a religious organization, the judge ruled they cannot discriminate against LGBTI people.

They are appealing the decision.

So it might have been bad timing when the Belfast Telegraph sent along a reporter and asked for a replica of the cake that caused all the fuss in the first place.

When an Ashers employee heard what the cake would be, they said: 'Oh please, we don't have time for this' and hung up the phone.

In a statement, Ashers Bakery said they would no longer be allowing customers to buy custom-built cakes on advice from lawyers.

They will only be serving birthday and baby-related celebration cakes.

They said: 'Ashers Baking Company has decided to limit the scope of its Build A Cake department while the owners review this aspect of their business and take further advice from lawyers.'



# Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

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## Fathers and Mothers

As we're about halfway between Father's Day and Mother's Day, it feels timely to write a column addressing how our fathers and mothers affect our lives and relationships.

In this column, I'd like to focus on: (1) How our Fathers and Mothers are (unconscious) models for our own adult relationships and (2) How we can become good fathers and mothers ourselves, whether we are single or married.

According to Freud, we model our adult relationships on those that our fathers and mothers had with each other. For many of us, this is not good news. However, it may explain why our past relationships may have emulated our parents' relationship (for better and for worse).

This may sound simplistic, but I think there's a lot of truth to it. In my own case, I sure played it out according to Freud's predictions: before I came out, I always picked women who were so much like my Dad. Whenever these women met my Dad, they just loved each other. After I came out, I picked men who were like Dad, and Dad and my boyfriends got along much better than Dad and I ever did.

And, yes, I played out my Mom's role with all these girlfriends and boyfriends: I was attentive to them, looked after them, and catered to their needs (much more than they did to mine). It took me a lot of therapy to see that I was imitating Mom and picking partners like Dad in my own relationships.

I don't do this anymore, thanks to my own therapy, and now I assist others who want to break their own patterns and NOT have relationships like Mom and Dad's.

If you are having difficulties in your relationship(s), look and see if your partner is like either your Father or Mother, and also question if you're playing out your Mother or Father's role. If so, you're not alone. And, happily, you're not stuck there. With awareness, help from friends, books, workshops and – perhaps – good therapy, you can break those old patterns and NOT play out your parents' relationship.

And now, a bit of a jump over to point #2: you may wonder, if you're single or not a biological parent, how you can be a good Father or Mother? The reality is that being a good Father or Mother is more about an attitude and point-of-view than it is biology. Lots of biological parents do a lousy job, and lots of us single folks have good parent energy that we share with the world.



What is a good Father/Mother? Someone who is protective, who wants you to be happy, safe and successful. Who does their best to model for you who you could grow up to become. It's not about biology, it's about intention and behavior. For example, do you do your best to protect younger LGBT people in the world? Or do you criticize and belittle them?

Once we get older, part of our life task is to mentor/help younger people. What good is experience and wisdom if we don't share it with those who could benefit? If it's our intention to help younger people have a better, happier, more fulfilling life, then we are truly being good Fathers and Mothers.

It's all-too-easy to denigrate younger people: "They do this wrong and they do that wrong and they don't do ——— like we used to." This is not merely unhelpful, it's quite destructive. Don't go there. Instead, be a source of strength and encouragement. Live and demonstrate that Good Mother/Good Father energy with whomever you come in contact with. YOU can make a real difference in the lives of younger people.

As LGBT people, we often didn't have biological parents who really "got" us. We had to struggle to find our place in the world. It doesn't have to be that way. By being "good" LGBT Mothers and Fathers, we can give that loving, protective, nurturing energy to others. And, by doing so, we can redefine "Father's Day" and "Mother's Day" and make them a universal experience that we can all take part in.

I sincerely invite you to do so.



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**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](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of  
CHRIST,** info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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-<br/>son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at  
[jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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-<br/>lbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglt.org](http://www.GOglt.org) for  
info

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 Hypnotist**

It was entertainment night at the Senior Citi-  
zens' Center.

After the community sing-along led by Alice  
at the piano, it was time for the star of the  
show - Claude the Hypnotist!

Claude explained that he was going to put  
the whole audience into a trance.

"Yes, each and every one of you and all at  
the same time," said Claude.

The excited chatter dropped to silence as  
Claude carefully withdrew, from his waist-  
coat pocket, a beautiful antique gold pocket  
watch and chain.

"I want you to keep your eyes on this watch"  
said Claude, holding the watch high for all to  
see.

"It's a very special and valuable watch that  
has been in my family for six Generations,"  
said Claude.

He began to swing the watch gently back and  
forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the  
watch --- Watch the watch ---- Watch the  
watch"

The audience became mesmerized as the  
watch swayed back and forth.

The lights were twinkling as they were re-  
flected from its gleaming surfaces.

A hundred and fifty pairs of eyes followed  
the movements of the gently swaying watch.

They were hypnotized.

And then, suddenly, the chain broke!!!

The beautiful watch fell to the stage and  
burst apart on impact.

"SHIT," said Claude.

It took them three days to clean the Senior  
Citizens' Center and Claude was never invit-  
ed there again.

## **Baby's First Doctor Visit**

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's  
examining room, waiting for the doctor to  
come in for the baby's first exam.

The doctor arrived, and examined the baby,  
checked his weight, and being a little con-  
cerned, asked if the baby was breast-fed or  
bottle-fed.

'Breast-fed,' she replied...

'Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor  
ordered.

She did. He pinched her nipples, pressed,  
kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while  
in a very professional and detailed examina-  
tion.

Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor  
said, 'No wonder this baby is underweight.  
You don't have any milk.'

I know,' she said, 'I'm his Grandma, But I'm  
glad I came.

## **Leroy**

A woman walks into the Mississippi welfare  
office, trailed by 15 kids.

"WOW!" the social worker exclaims. "Are  
they all yours?"

"Yep, they are all mine," the flustered mom-  
ma sighs, having heard that question a thou-  
sand times before.

She says, "Sit down Leroy." All the children  
rush to find seats.

"Well," says the social worker, "then you  
must be here to sign up. I'll need all your  
children's names."

"Well, to keep it simple, the boys are all  
named 'Leroy' and the girls are all named  
'Leighroy'."

In disbelief, the case worker asked, "Are you  
serious? They're ALL named Leroy?"

Their momma replied, "Well, yes-it makes it  
easier. When it's time to get them out of bed  
and ready for school, I yells, 'Leroy!' An  
when it's time for dinner, I just yells 'Leroy!'  
an they all comes a runnin'. An' if I need to  
stop the kid who's running into the street, I  
just yells 'Leroy' and all of them stop.

It's the smartest idea I ever had, namin' them  
all Leroy."

The social worker thinks this over for a bit,  
then wrinkles her forehead and says tenta-  
tively, "But what if you just want ONE kid to  
come, and not the whole bunch?"

"Then I calls 'em by their last names."

## **1960 vs. 2015**

Jack goes quail hunting before school and  
then pulls into the school parking lot with his  
shotgun in his truck's gun rack.

1960 - Vice Principal comes over, looks at  
Jack's shotgun, goes to his car and gets his  
shotgun to show Jack.

2010 - School goes into lock down, FBI  
called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees  
his truck or gun again. Counselors called in  
for traumatized students and teachers.

# 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](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto: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](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First Unitarian Church**, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, [www.firsttuomaha.org](http://www.firsttuomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://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](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://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](http://www.heartlandpride.org), email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto: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](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life** 402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

**North Side Christian Church** 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see [www.NorthSideOmaha.org](http://www.NorthSideOmaha.org)

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

**Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.oglbtsports.com](http://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](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**River City Gender Alliance**, PO Box 284, Boys Town, NE 68010, email [president@rcga.co](mailto:president@rcga.co) or call 402-541-5792, web site [www.rcga.co](http://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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**Second Unitarian Church**, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, [www.2uomaha.org](http://www.2uomaha.org), 402-334-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://NebraskaTransCommunity.com)

**OUTInc**, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, [www.outinc.org](http://www.outinc.org), Lincoln NE

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

**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact [unlqsa@yahoo.com](mailto:unlqsa@yahoo.com) for info

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)

**Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://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](http://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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## 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](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)**

## The Hungry Homo

### Classic Meatloaf

#### Ingredients

1 lb. ground beef  
1 (10 1/4 oz.) can vegetable soup  
1-2 tbsp. ketchup  
1 tsp. poultry seasoning  
1 tsp. Italian seasoning  
1 tsp. milk  
1 1/2 cups oatmeal

#### Methods/Steps

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Form into a loaf and place in baking pan. Bake for 1 hour.

Ready in 1 hour

Makes 6 servings



## Quick Egg Drop Soup

#### Ingredients

3 cups chicken broth  
1 tsp. salt  
Dash of white pepper  
1 medium scallion, chopped  
2 eggs, slightly beaten

#### Methods/Steps

Heat chicken broth, salt and white pepper to boiling in 2-quart saucepan. Stir scallion into eggs. Pour egg mixture slowly into broth, stirring constantly with fork, to form shreds of egg.

Makes 4 servings



# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



IS JAKE AROUND, NICK?

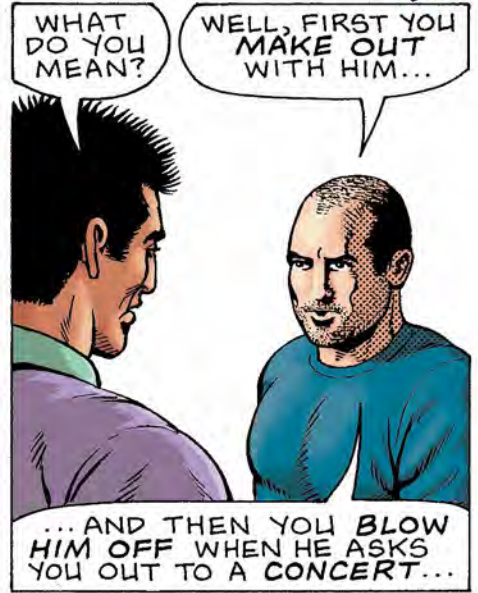
YOU JUST MISSED HIM. HE'S OUT ON A ROAD CALL.



OH, WELL, I JUST WANTED TO DROP OFF SOME COFFEE FOR HIM.

WOW. HAND-DELIVERED JAVA.

MUST BE FEELIN' PRETTY GUILTY, HUH, E?



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, FIRST YOU MAKE OUT WITH HIM...

... AND THEN YOU BLOW HIM OFF WHEN HE ASKS YOU OUT TO A CONCERT...



WHOA. HE TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT?

WHY WOULD HE TELL YOU?



'CAUSE HE'S A LITTLE CONFUSED ABOUT IT. MAYBE I AM, TOO.

MAYBE IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.



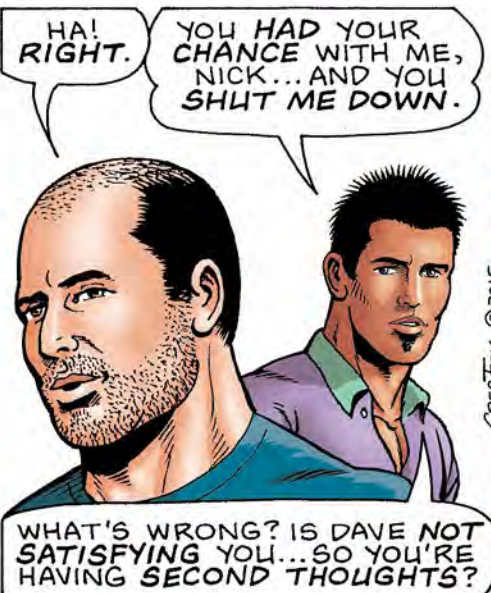
LOOK, E... JAKE'S A GOOD GUY. AND HE DOESN'T NEED YOU MESSIN' WITH HIS HEAD.

BY TRYIN' TO WORK OUT YOUR DADDY ISSUES WITH A GUY WHO'S JUST LOOKIN' FOR A STABLE RELATIONSHIP.



HOW AM I "MESSIN'" WITH HIS HEAD"?

OH, I GET IT. YOU'RE JEALOUS.



HA! RIGHT.

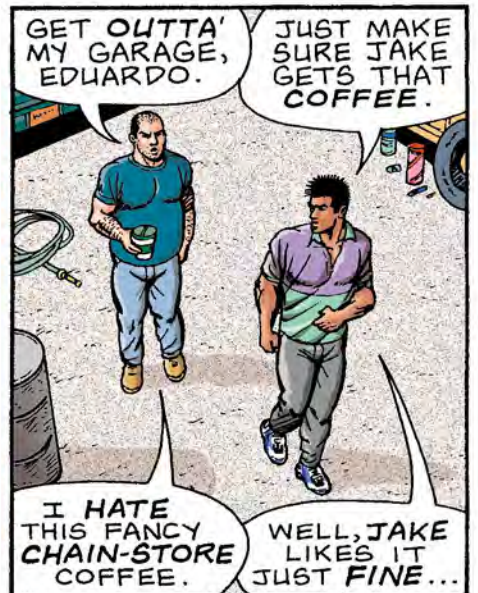
YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE WITH ME, NICK... AND YOU SHUT ME DOWN.

WHAT'S WRONG? IS DAVE NOT SATISFYING YOU... SO YOU'RE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS?



DON'T YOU DARE EVER TALK BADLY ABOUT DAVE, YOU LITTLE PUNK!!!

DON'T YOU TRY TO TELL ME WHO TO DATE!!!



GET OUTTA' MY GARAGE, EDUARDO.

JUST MAKE SURE JAKE GETS THAT COFFEE.

I HATE THIS FANCY CHAIN-STORE COFFEE.

WELL, JAKE LIKES IT JUST FINE...

## Australia minister: Gay marriage 'very likely' by end of year

BY DARREN WEE, GayStarNews

A cabinet minister in the Australian government has said he expects parliament to legalize gay marriage by the end of the year, as debate on a marriage equality bill is brought forward to next month.

'I'm confident the matter will be dealt with in the course of this year and of course, we obviously need a bill. There is a change in sentiment all the time,' Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull told ABC radio on Tuesday (26 May).

'I have never seen a social issue which has changed attitudes as rapidly as this one. So my feeling is that it is very likely to pass.'

Green party Senator Sarah Hanson-Young has a private mem-



ber's bill to legalize gay marriage before parliament.

Today, she brought forward a Senate debate on the bill to 18 June to build on the momentum of the Ireland referendum.

'Gay and lesbian Australians deserve better than being treated as second-class citizens. It's well and truly time the parliament acted,' Hanson-Young said.

'Cupid doesn't discriminate and neither should the law.'

She has nominated 12 November for a parliamentary vote on the bill.



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# Op-ed: Don't Let Harvey Milk Down

By Cleve Jones

My old friend Harvey has become a legend. His life has inspired books, films and other works of art and music. In California, his birthday, May 22, is recognized as Harvey Milk Day. He is a hero to millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people all around the world.



As we remember Harvey on what would be his 85th birthday, it is important to remember that behind the legend there was a real person, a man who was neither genius nor saint, but an ordinary man who endured defeats, tragedies, and the challenges most of us face in our lives. For me, he was a neighbor, friend, and mentor. He encouraged me to go to school and took me with him to work in San Francisco City Hall as a student intern. He was funny and kind and absolutely determined to change the world.

As I look back over the decades, I marvel at the progress our community has made in achieving our rights and know that Harvey would be proud. And as we wait for the Supreme Court's decision on marriage equality, I know that Harvey would remind us that our struggle is not yet won — no matter what the court decides.

There was a special place in Harvey's heart for young people, perhaps because he came out late in life and remembered the pain of hiding the truth of his life. I was just one of many young people he encouraged. I was in his office on days when the calls would come in from queer kids across America who had read of his election and reached out in search of hope for their own lives.

I campaigned with Harvey against the Briggs Initiative, a proposition to ban LGBT people and our supporters from working in public schools. It was fascinating to watch Harvey engage voters of all races and backgrounds, to see the way he used humor and wit to find common ground and break down the stereotypes and prejudices we still confront today.

Most observers believe that the Supreme Court will rule in our favor and that marriage equality will become the law of the

land. It will be a great victory and a wonderful gift to the many loving couples that have waited so long for their relationships to be honored by the state. But we still have a long way to go.

LGBT workers have no protection against harassment and discrimination in 29 states. Transgender people, in particular, suffer from high unemployment rates. We see legislation masquerading as "religious freedom acts" introduced in many states to actually encourage discrimination.

But what would grieve Harvey the most, I'm sure, is the reality that our kids are still killing themselves. LGBT youth are still being thrown out of their homes, abused at school, bullied, and beaten. We read the stories almost every week of beautiful young people whose lives are lost to homophobia and transphobia.

Harvey Milk and his contemporaries, our movement's pioneers, taught us some valuable lessons that are every bit as relevant today as they were 40 years ago. Harvey knew that the single most important step any of us could take was to come out, to leave our closets and reveal our true selves to our families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. He understood that this was the only way to tear down the misconceptions and fear and the hatred they fueled. In every speech and interview, Harvey repeated his call, "Brothers and sisters, you must come out!"

Harvey also believed that the LGBT community was part of something larger — the global movement for peace and social justice. He believed in coalitions with labor unions, feminists, antiwar activists, and other progressives. Here in San Francisco, he fought for renters, senior citizens, people of color, and low-wage workers. He wasn't a single-issue candidate, and as a city supervisor he championed the causes of our most vulnerable residents.

On November 27, 1978, I was in San Francisco City Hall and saw Harvey's body on the marble floor. I had never seen a dead person before. It is an image that haunts me to this day. All I could think was, It's over, it's all over. But then the sun went down and the people began to gather. Hundreds, thousands, and then tens of thousands of people came to Castro Street — Harvey's street — and began the long, silent march down Market Street to City Hall. We were men and women of all ages, races, and backgrounds, gay and straight alike, and as we filled the Civic Center plaza with the light of our candles, I knew that I was wrong: It wasn't over, it was just beginning.

Long live Harvey Milk.

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