



First Openly Gay Prince Discusses Coming Out

BY JESSE STEINBACH



Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil, India's first openly gay prince, made a video with Come Out Loud, an organization that strives to unite the LGBT community. Gohil first spoke about his sexuality on Oprah in 2007, and now further elaborates on his coming out journey.

"When I was around 12 or 13, I realized I wasn't attracted towards the opposite sex. I was attracted to the same sex. Why is this attraction happening? I wasn't clear about it because I did not have communication with anyone."

Royalty also put pressure on Gohil.

"Being brought up with servants and not many friends...no internet...it was a very confusing state."

When Gohil eventually began to explore his sexuality, he was disowned and disinherited by his family. Gohil then began traveling the world to share his story. After some time passed, his parents welcomed him home again.

Gohil commented with this strikingly powerful notion:

"We're all human beings. We should be treated equally and be given the rights which we have been denied. All we expect from the society is love. Gay rights cannot just be won in the courtroom, but also in the hearts and minds of the people we live with."

Pastor Wants Girl Scout Leaders To Be Executed For Supporting Gays

by Curtis M. Wong
Senior Editor, HuffPost Queer Voices

After he blasted the hit Disney film "Frozen" and the Harry Potter books for being too "pro-gay," Pastor Kevin Swanson (at right) has now set his sights on the Girl Scouts of America.



Swanson, who is a pastor at the Reformation Church of Elizabeth, Colorado, slammed the Girl Scouts for promoting "lesbianism, abortion and contraception for 14-year-old girls" among its participants on Monday's installment of his weekly radio show, "Generations with Kevin Swanson," Right Wing Watch first reported.

He then implied that scout leaders should be put to death, specifically by having "a millstone be hanged" around their necks and "drowned at the bottom of the sea," for their actions toward young girls.



"Jesus means what he says. You've got to take what he says, and you have to apply it," he said. "Don't train your little girls to be feminists."

Later in the broadcast, Swanson praised evangelist Franklin Graham, who has publicly vowed not to buy Girl Scout cookies this year because of the scouting organization's "support of transgender rights and homosexuality."

"I'm just thankful that, finally, another protestant leader is willing to stand up against this American icon that has been used as a tool of the left for many, many decades," Swanson said.

As easy as it may seem to just laugh off the pastor's claims, Swanson has been dominating headlines with his outrageous views since the start of the 2016 U.S. election cycle. In November 2015, he was the chief organizer behind the National

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Religious Liberties Conference, which was attended by Republican presidential hopeful Ted Cruz.

It was at the conference that Swanson delivered his tirade against Harry Potter in a convoluted speech, pointing to author J.K. Rowling's 2007 revelation that she always thought of Dumbledore the wizard as a gay man.

If there were any lingering doubts about where his political allegiances lie, Swanson has also argued that Hillary Clinton will turn children gay if she's elected.

When it comes to Swanson's wrath, it seems like no American icon will be spared.

Puerto Rico's governor: Gay Marriage Legal Despite Ruling by Federal Judge

by Greg Hernandez

Puerto Rico's president plans to ignore a federal judge's ruling that last June's landmark same-sex marriage ruling by the US Supreme Court doesn't apply to the island US territory.



Governor Alejandro García Padilla on Wednesday (9 March) said in a statement: 'The fundamental right to marriage has been ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit of Boston. Thus, I'm going to respect the rulings of the higher courts which, thankfully, ordered matters to proceed much differently than Judge (Juan) Pérez Giménez.'

District Court Judge Pérez Giménez has ruled earlier this week that the Supreme Court ruling making marriage legal nationwide does not apply to Puerto Rico because it is not a state.

He is the same judge who had previously upheld Puerto Rico's same-sex marriage ban.

The judge's earlier ruling was vacated by the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and Puerto Rico began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Pérez Giménez's ruling this week came in a case filed by Lambda legal on behalf of five couples seeking a judgment that

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all provisions of Puerto Rico law banning licensing and recognition of same-sex marriages is unconstitutional and no longer enforceable.

The legal group applauded the governor's defiance of the judge's ruling. "The marriages of same-sex couples in Puerto Rico are not in limbo and we appreciate that Governor García Padilla has reassured LGBT people and made clear to all others in the Island that marriage is here to stay," Lambda Legal staff attorney Omar González-Pagan said in a statement.

'The decision issued yesterday by District Court Judge Pérez Giménez is fundamentally flawed and we plan to file an appeal to ensure that this discriminatory ban does not stand. The law is on our side.'

He added: 'The U.S. Supreme Court has indisputably held that the constitutional guarantees of liberty and equality apply with equal force to the Commonwealth.'

Garcia said in December that he would not be seeking a second four-year term in November. Instead, he said he would be focusing on solving Puerto Rico's \$72 billion debt crisis. He has been governor since 2013.

Bernie Sanders Releases Plan to Defeat AIDS

BY DANIEL REYNOLDS

Bernie Sanders has a plan to create an AIDS-free generation.

The Democratic candidate's campaign released a statement on his website in order to address "the great moral issue of our day" — the affordability of HIV medication.

The statement took "profiteering" pharmaceutical companies to task for raising the prices of these treatments, thereby forcing those who live with HIV to pay thousands of dollars each year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that at least 1.2 million people are living with HIV in the United States. In 2012, over 13,000 people died of an AIDS-related illness. LGBT people and people of color are particularly at

risk. A recent CDC report noted that half of black gay men will be diagnosed with HIV in their lifetime.

"In the richest nation in the world, we must not tolerate a health care system that offers the best care to the rich, while leaving everyone else to fend for themselves," said the Sanders statement. "We must do everything possible to end the greed of the pharmaceutical companies and get people the medicine they need at a price they can afford."

To this end, the Sanders team proposed creating a "Prize Fund" of more than \$3 billion annually that would "incentivize drug development" and "provide virtually universal access to lower-cost life-saving medicines" as they become available.

The plan also seeks to reform patent laws that privilege pharmaceutical companies. Moreover, as president, Sanders would have the secretary of Health and Human Services "negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies and reduce barriers to the importation of lower-cost drugs from Canada and other countries."

"The United States is the only major country on earth that does not regulate prescription drug prices in some manner," the plan pointed out, "and the results have been an unmitigated disaster for patients and their families."

The Sanders plan called for universal health care and the expansion of health services currently in place, including access to mental health care, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS.

Sanders also stressed the need for civil rights protections for LGBT and HIV-positive people, including safeguards against employment and housing discrimination.

"We all must work together so we can finally realize the goal of an AIDS-free generation," the statement concluded.

The release of this plan follows remarks made Friday by Hil-

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lary Clinton, in which she praised the deceased Nancy Reagan and her husband, President Reagan, for helping to "start a national conversation" on HIV. After a backlash from LGBT groups, including the Human Rights Campaign, Clinton apologized twice.

In a Sunday interview on CNN's State of the Union, Sanders said he was "not sure where Secretary Clinton got her information" and set the record straight.

"They refused to allow that discussion to take place," he said of the Reagans. "They didn't get involved in it while so many fellow Americans were getting sick and dying."

In the past, Sanders has been a vocal opponent of Martin Shkreli, a pharmaceutical executive who raised the price of an AIDS medication by more than 5,000 percent. When Shkreli donated \$2,700 to Sanders, in the hopes of gaining an audience with him, Sanders gave the amount to an HIV clinic in Washington, D.C.

Family Says Bullying Led to Gay Wyoming Man's Suicide

BY TRUDY RING

A gay Native American man has been found dead in Wyoming, in an apparent suicide after he reportedly endured years of bullying.



Trevor O'Brien, 20, was found dead about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday in a park in Gillette, Wyo., the Gillette News Record reports. Gillette Police Department officers said O'Brien took his own life, although the local coroner has yet to issue a verdict. No other information on the circumstances of his death has been released.

Police said they're investigating reports of homophobic harassment directed at O'Brien, who had previously reported that his car was defaced with an antigay slur in 2012. "They put a disparaging word commonly used for homosexuals on the car," Lt. Chuck Deaton told the News Record.



O'Brien posted a picture of the car to Facebook in December:

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Other posts from O'Brien deal with mistreatment he suffered for being gay, and one photo shows him with scratches on his face, apparently from a fight, reports Billings, Mont., TV station KTVQ. Family members told the station that O'Brien "felt he had no one to turn to for help."

O'Brien, a member of the Sioux tribe, was a lover of music, especially the songs of Sam Smith. He recently posted a Facebook video of him performing a song made famous by another popular singer — "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz. Watch here.

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

Less Than 50% of Teens Identify as Straight, Says New Study

The next generation is much more queer and much less defined by gender than millennials.

BY LES FABIAN BRATHWAITE
www.vice.com

My fellow millennials, we're already a relic of the past. Gone

are our days of defining the zeitgeist. Pack it up. Show's over. Nothing to see here. Because the upcoming legendary children, as Vice so gingerly puts it, are queer as fuck.

A new study by trend forecasting agency J. Walter Thompson Innovation Group found that only 48 percent of 13-20-year-olds identify as "exclusively heterosexual," compared to 65 percent of millennials aged 21 to 34.

Vice reports:
On a scale of zero to six, where zero signified "completely straight" and six meant "completely homosexual," more than a third of the young demographic chose a number between one and five, indicating that they were bisexual to some degree. Only 24 percent of their older counterparts identified this way.

When it comes to gender, over a third of Generation Z (as I guess we have to call them now) strongly agreed that gender

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did not define a person as much as it used to—only 28 percent of millennials felt similarly. Over half, 56 percent, of Gen Z said that they knew someone who went by gender neutral pronouns such as "they," "them," or "ze," compared to 43 percent of people 28 to 34.

Gen Z's perspectives on gender also extends to their wardrobe. Whereas 54 percent of millennials always bought clothes designed for their own gender, that number drops to 44 percent when it comes to teens. They also overwhelmingly support gender neutral bathrooms, with 70 percent in favor, versus 57 percent of millennials.

But for kids these days, embracing a queer identity while rejecting the gender binary is less a trend and more a reflection of growing up in a world with unprecedented access to information and communities, at a time when the concept of identity is open to interpretation.

And how great is that? While I often question the taste level of today's teens—back in my day, we had faces—I take comfort in knowing that they're much less hung up about gender and sexual orientation than my generation, and the generation before, and before that. It's called progress. And try as they might, no one can stop the inexorable march of progress.

Read more about the study at Vice.com: https://broadly.vice.com/en_us/article/teens-these-days-are-queer-af-new-study-says

Coming Out: Why I'm Worthy, No Matter What My Parents Say

BY ANONYMOUS

This essay was chosen by editors in response to the #FirstTime prompt: What was it like coming out?

Does it even need to be said? I asked myself, standing at my parents' door on the day I'd chosen to come out. Will they accept me?

I couldn't settle on an answer.

My brother and sister realized I was gay. They didn't care. But my parents only suspected I was gay and so our relationship remained eerily constant. When I came out to them, would it all change?

My mother had grown more accepting in the 20 years since she joined the other parents of my brother's little league soccer team who demanded a gay assistant coach be dismissed "for the



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safety of the children.” My father had become more tolerant in the 17 years since I trembled next to him at the grocery store while he unleashed a flurry of curses at a gay couple cutely flirting over which flavor of ice cream to buy. Still, I could see denial darken my mother’s eyes whenever she said things like, “You’ll make some woman very happy one day.” And it seemed like no holiday dinner was complete without a helping of my father’s dissatisfaction at the progress of LGBT rights.

I wasn’t sure how my parents would react. But at that point, it didn’t really matter. Coming out to my parents would be the easy part. Getting there had been the real challenge.

For nearly two decades, the question wasn’t Will they accept me? It was Who am I to think I deserve acceptance? And the answer was I am not. I am trash.

I learned that answer when I was 11, low on self-esteem, and insecure – a prime target. My schoolmates threw the typical insults my way: Stupid! Ugly! Fat! Then one day, their words took on a different, more piercing tone: Faggot! Butt Fucker! Queer!

I always had a friend or family member who buttressed my confidence enough for me to reject commonplace bullying. But when I was belittled for being gay, like so many other closeted young kids, I had no one to tell me, “There’s nothing wrong with you.” When I was beat up in the locker room, or sucker-punched in the hall, I had no-one to reassure me I didn’t deserve it. In fact, my family felt nothing, but revulsion toward people like me. My friends turned on me. Everyone was unanimous: gays are vile degenerates. I began to agree.

My conscious self-loathing lasted until I entered adulthood, when things became even worse. Instead of working to accept myself, I dove into the dark bliss of denial, hiding my self-loathing and self-rejection under a grand delusion of layered rationalizations.

I made many friends in high school and college, but went to great lengths to evade them outside of class, lest they learn my secret. I like alone time, I told myself. I’m happier without attachments. I avoided serious relationships at all costs, finding outlets for my sexual frustration that are, to this day, my greatest source of pain and regret.

I’d often wake up crying, convincing myself over and over that it was just from a bad dream.

To everyone who knew me, I appeared happy, funny, charismatic. “You always smile!” But I was dead inside—a beautiful husk—lonely, desolate and ashamed, pretending that the blistering fires of the hell I lived were the warm rays of the sun.

I kept on this way until I was 28.

My coming out began with a friendship—just as shallow as all the others—that suddenly became very real when my friend and I both—through an accident of circumstance followed by a horribly awkward misunderstanding—felt forced to confide in each other that we were gay.

It was the first time I had ever said the words, but once I had spoken them, I couldn’t stop talking. Long-imprisoned honesty exploded through the crack my confession had created.

Why did you say all that?! I was horrified I had alienated myself even further from yet another friend. But to my shock, the truth brought the two of us closer. We were soon spending days and nights together: talking, laughing, and crying for hours on end.

Still—it wasn’t easy.

Every conversation was a battle fought on the charred fields of my suffering mind, my reborn self was viciously assaulted by doubt and self-hatred. But for every moment of vulnerability I achieved, my friends gave unconditional acceptance and love. The effect was profound. Over the course of a year, my doubt disappeared and the deep wound that had long-festered inside my soul closed. What hatred had inflicted, love had healed.

After years of hiding, I had finally come out to myself and found my own acceptance. It was the greatest moment of my life.

So when I stood at my parents’ door on the day I had chosen to come out, I asked and I answered:

Does it even need to be said? No. It doesn’t need to be said. But I’m going to say it anyway.

Will they accept me? I don’t know, but I deserve it. I am worthy.



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COMMENTARY

What Caitlyn Jenner's Really After

BY REBECCA JURO

After losing interest in *I Am Cait* midway through the first season, I believed I was done with the whole Caitlyn Jenner media circus. I think it was watching her hit golf balls off the side of that mountain that finally inspired me to wonder if I didn't have better things to do with my time. I felt no regret, no sense of loss. In my opinion, life's just too short to waste even one more hour of it on someone like her.

The truth is that Caitlyn Jenner bores me even as she annoys me. I've known people like her my whole life. In fact, I used to be a lot like her. When I was in my late teens and early 20s, about 10 years or so after Jenner had won gold at the Olympics and graced America's Wheaties boxes, I was a punk. I wore black leather, listened to the Ramones and the Clash, and adopted the politics and social outlook of the punk movement — the good and the bad.

On the one hand, while my politics could probably be described as left-wing, it was only because it was the politics of the bands I listened to. I really had no set political worldview of my own. Few, if any, people of color were to be found in the clubs or at the shows I frequented, and the same was true of openly gay or trans people. There was no real hate, no true animosity there, at least for me anyway. It was simply the way things were.

I was into punk for the music and the emotional release valve it provided me. The actual politics of the punk movement were secondary for me, and I rarely thought about them at all. I didn't really care that there might be more, something of value beneath the surface of the world of anger, drugs, and loud music I lived in then. I was getting what I wanted and needed from punk, and I wasn't particularly inclined to dig any deeper.

It's this kind of immature perspective I see in Caitlyn Jenner today. She's getting what she feels she wants and needs out of life, and she isn't especially inclined to seek anything more. She has all the money and all the attention she could possibly want or need, and her worldview doesn't extend beyond that which affects her directly. It's like she's on permanent spring break.

For me, it wasn't money; it was the drugs. Getting by on next to nothing was part of the punk aesthetic, and the drugs we did were cheap and strong. Like the music, the drugs enabled me to feel what I wanted to and put other concerns, especially those I didn't want or wasn't ready to deal with, out of my mind.

Toward the end of my time as a punk and a drug addict, I was making good money. I had pretty much everything I wanted, more than enough money to pay the rent, feed myself, and buy all the drugs I could possibly want. To say I was self-centered would be an understatement.

The drug I believe Caitlyn Jenner is addicted to isn't smoked, snorted, injected, or drunk. It's the notoriety, the attention. She has succeeded Kim to become the uber-Kardashian, and she obviously loves it, revels in it. That's her drug, and just about

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everything she does is focused on getting her more of it.

If there's anything I remember well from my own days as an addict, it's that when you're addicted to anything, no matter what it is, it becomes what your life is about. Nothing else and no one else matters.

Some have argued that Jenner is still new to being trans and new to this level of attention, and so she hasn't found her balance yet. The problem for Jenner and for all of us is that unlike with most actual drug addicts, her addiction is playing out in public, in the media. Indeed, it's that very media attention which is her addiction.

It's because of the attention Jenner seeks and enjoys so much that she has the potential to seriously harm the cultural and political interests of an unjustly harshly persecuted minority.

Caitlyn Jenner wants attention, and she doesn't especially care who's harmed as a result. That much is clear just about every time she opens her mouth. For trans people, particularly in an election year when anti-trans sentiment is at an all-time high, this is a problem for the community, and a big one.

Some time ago, transitioned helicopter pilot and news reporter Zoey Tur was the trans media darling of the moment. She spewed a plethora of misinformation about trans people in the media and publicly attacked some of her fellow trans journalists, including myself. While the actual content was different, the problem was much the same: Tur obviously loved the attention as much as Jenner does and would say whatever she had to in order to gain more of it.

The massive blowback in the media to Jenner's comments on *I Am Cait* about Republican support for trans rights can be attributed to the same cause that precipitated the fall from grace of Tur — she finally went too far, clearly exceeding the point where anyone could argue she was still credible.

That's the precipice upon which Caitlyn Jenner stands right now. She can grow up and start presenting herself as a competent trans woman who lives in the real world, or she can continue to show the world that she is neither. It'll be interesting to see what she does next.

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The Joys and Sorrows of Dating Apps

I am the first to admit that I have used dating apps: I even met one of my boyfriends on one (no, I'm not telling you which one).

Some apps are more for dating and romance (OK Cupid; Plenty of Fish) and others tend to be hookup-oriented (Grindr; Scruff). If an app requires a face pic, it's usually more relationship-oriented. If body part shots are prominent, it's probably more about hooking-up.

Have you ever noticed that lots of people are on more than one app? Maybe we're hooking up until we meet Mr./Ms. Right. Nothing wrong with that, right?

Sorry, rhetorical question.

If you are new to the LGBT world and these apps are your first exposure to our community, that ain't good. If you buy these apps' logic – without questioning them – you'll end up with a very narrow definition of what's required to be popular. Not a perfect face or body? Not white enough? Too old? The message may be that you don't belong, so just go away and don't bother us.

How can you experience the joys of these apps and connect with people you'd like to get to know? More specifically, how do you NOT get sucked into the unrealistic images of physical beauty that are apparently de rigeur for online success? Use them judiciously. Many a client has told me that he/she spent hours online, trying to connect with someone, only to be shocked afterwards at how much time they spent in their "hunt".

I recommend you partake of these apps just as you do high-calorie desserts: enjoy them sparingly, with a big dose of humor. Without humor, some of the mean comments you get on some apps would make any one of us want to run home and hide under the covers.

What if you're having fun on the apps? Then, my friend, go for it. But, again, get some vegetables with your desserts. Spend time with your (real life) friends and monitor the time you spend staring at your phone, hoping that the latest picture you carefully took in your bathroom (perfect lighting, your chin at just the right angle to make your nose look smaller and your eyes bigger) will get more hits from hotter guys/girls.

Dating/hook-up apps are great for making a (superficial) connection with LOTS of people. It's a numbers game: the odds

are better the more people that see you (and vice-versa). So, take a chance, be respectful, friendly and funny. And be prepared for ANYTHING to happen. It's really an adventure, and you never know what great (or bizarre) things await you on the next screen.

I recommend that my clients see the world of dating/hookup apps as a game: it's something you might enjoy, but there is no guaranteed outcome.

And – if you find yourself on-line a bit too much – you might ask yourself: am I looking for validation? Maybe I'm not feeling so good about myself, I've gained a bit of weight and I noticed a new wrinkle (or two) today. If you get on-line validation: good for you! Maybe that's all you needed. I've had clients tell me that they like on-line chatting more than actually hooking up. The chatting makes them feel "connected" and less alone. And who can't relate to that?

Please humor us LGBT elders who pre-date the Internet: we grew up in a very different world. We had to meet a man/woman in person and see what they looked like, how they talked, if they looked us in the eye, how they laughed. We got a wealth of non-verbal information that let us quickly sum someone up as a "yes" or "no".

Regardless of the app you use, sexual compatibility can only be discovered face-to-face. Photos and demographic information only take you so far: you gotta meet up in person for the real deal to happen (or not).

Many of us use apps to connect, meet someone to date or have sex with. As a psychotherapist, I wonder: are these dating/hook-up apps making us less (or more) lonely? I hear clients complain that no one wants to really connect, but, if it's really so hard to be your real, vulnerable and un-Photoshopped self on the apps, is this so surprising?



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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

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

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-

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

Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP

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

Every Wednesday

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

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

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

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

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 4:00-6:00pm Coffee with the Boys at No More Empty Cups, 1502 So. 10th St., In the Community Room. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Many of the guys go out for dinner afterwards. Everyone welcome to attend.

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

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

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Sunday

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

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday
NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

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

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

2nd Sunday

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

3rd Monday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at 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 Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC-Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

The Message

Hi Bob, This is Alan next door. I have a confession to make. I've been riddled with guilt these past few months and have been trying to pluck up the courage to tell you to your face, but I am at least now telling you in text as I can't live with myself a moment longer without you knowing. The truth is I have been sharing your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, probably more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently, but that's no excuse, I know.

The temptation was just too much. I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apologies and forgive me. It won't happen again.

Please suggest a fee for usage, and I'll pay you. Regards, Alan.

THE REACTION

Bob, feeling insulted and betrayed, grabbed his gun, and shot his neighbor dead. He returned home where he poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. He took out his phone where he saw a second message from his neighbor:

THE SECOND MESSAGE

Hi Bob, This is Alan next door again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I expect you figured it out anyway, and that you noticed that darned Auto-Correct changed 'Wi-Fi' To 'Wife.' Technology hey? Regards, Alan.

Circumcised

A teacher noticed that a little boy at the back of her class was squirming around, scratching his crotch and not paying attention. She went back to find out what was going on.

He was quite embarrassed and whispered that he had just recently been circumcised and was quite itchy.

The teacher told him to go down to the principal's office. He was to telephone his mother and ask her what he should do about it. He did this and returned to class.

Suddenly there was a commotion at the back of the room so she went back to investigate only to find him sitting at his desk with his penis hanging out.

"I thought I told you to call your Mom!" she said.

"I did", he said, "and she told me that if I could stick it out until lunchtime, she would come and pick me up from school."

Monastery Life

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand.

He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son."

He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot.

So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing, "We missed the "R" ! , we missed the "R" !"

His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably. The young monk asks the old abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

With A choking voice, the old abbot replies, "The word was..."

CELEBRATE!!!!

It's So Cold.....

There were three Eskimos in Alaska, and one time while they were at their local bar, they got to talking about how cold it was outside, and how cold their igloos were. They could agree on everything but whose igloo was the coldest, so they decided to determine who indeed had the coldest igloo.

They went to the first Eskimo's igloo, where he said "Watch this!" and poured a cup of water into the air. Well, the water froze in mid-air and fell onto the floor solid. "Not bad", said the other Eskimos, but each maintained their igloo was colder still.

So they went to the second Eskimo's igloo, and he said "Watch this!" and took a big breath and exhaled, whereupon his breath froze into a big lump and fell to the floor. "Wow, that's colder than mine!" said the first Eskimo.

But the third Eskimo exclaimed his was colder still. So they ended up at the third Eskimo's igloo. He said "Watch this!" and went into the bedroom, threw back the thick furs, and retrieved one of several small balls of ice there. He took it, put it in a spoon, and held a match under it.

When it heated up enough, it went "FFFAAAARRRRRTT".

A Love Story

A man was lying in bed with his new girlfriend. After having great sex, she spent the next hour just rubbing his testicles. This was something she loved to do.

As he was enjoying it, he turned and asked her, "Why do you love doing that so much?"

"Because", she replied, "I really miss mine!"

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.firstunitomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

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

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

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

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., HIV testing and counseling
NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING
Website: www.rcmc.org

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

-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation
SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

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

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

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.)
Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org
Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbte

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

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

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

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

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

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

Nationally Based

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

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The Hungry Homo

Incredible Baked Meatballs

- 1 lb lean ground beef o
- 2 eggs, beaten with 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1 cup panko or bread crumbs
- 1 small onion, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup minced fresh basil

Mix all ingredients with hands.
Form into golfball sized meatballs.
Bake at
350 degrees
for 30 minutes.



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 712-256-4140
- First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
- Flix , 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
- Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
- The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
- Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
- Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
- Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
- Rodeo Saloon & BBQ 164 W Broadway 712-256-0510

Loaded Baked Potato Salad

- One 5 pound bag medium Russet Potatoes
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 package of bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 small onion, chopped
- Chives, to taste
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Wash the potatoes and poke holes in them with a fork. Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour or until fork tender.
2. Cool and cut the potatoes into bite sized chunks. I put them in a separate bowl and once they cooled enough I put them in the fridge to cool all the way. This gives them an excellent texture and prevents the dairy ingredients from getting hot or the cheese from melting. If you are serving this salad hot then you don't need to cool the potatoes, just skip that step!
3. Mix the mayo and sour cream together in a bowl. Add to the potatoes, then add the onions, chives, and cheese. Salt and pepper to taste – I use a pepper grinder and a sea salt grinder for EVERYTHING so I never know exactly how much of either I put in. I think the taste is far superior to just using regular table salt and pepper.
4. Top with extra shredded cheese, bacon, and chives, and serve!

This is a simple and inexpensive side dish for any meal but especially great to take to a barbecue. My favorite part is that this is one of the regular ole recipes that anyone would make without realizing that it happens to be gluten free naturally. Those are my favorite! No special ingredients or expensive grocery stores, just regular food that I can eat along with everybody else. And it's delish!

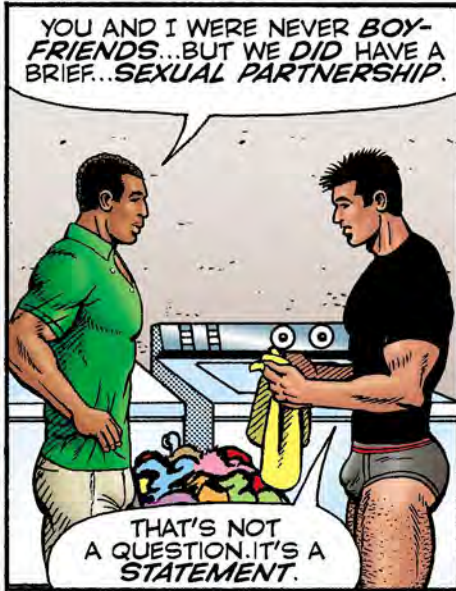


Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



CAN I ASK YOU A PERSONAL QUESTION?

MY FAVORITE KIND. GO AHEAD.



YOU AND I WERE NEVER BOY-FRIENDS...BUT WE DID HAVE A BRIEF...SEXUAL PARTNERSHIP.

THAT'S NOT A QUESTION.IT'S A STATEMENT.



THE QUESTION IS...HOW WOULD YOU RATE ME AS A SEXUAL PARTNER?

YOU'RE SERIOUSLY ASKING ME THIS?

IT'S IMPORTANT, EDUARDO.



OKAY. MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT IT...

...YOU WERE INCREDIBLE.

POSSIBLY THE BEST SEX I EVER HAD.



HA! I KNEW IT! THAT'S WHAT EVERY-ONE SAYS!

WELL... EXCEPT FOR JEREMY.

BUT NOW...



...DREW IS TELLING ME THAT I "LACK WARMTH".

YEAH...I COULD SEE THAT.

HOLD ON. YOU JUST SAID I MAY HAVE BEEN THE BEST SEX YOU EVER HAD!

RIGHT, LANCE. YOU'RE LIKE THE ULTIMATE SEX HOOK-UP.



TO BE IN A RELATIONSHIP, THOUGH...THAT'S DIFFERENT. YOU GOTTA SHOW SOME EMOTION.

YOU NEED TO OPEN UP YOUR HEART TO HIM.

I ALREADY TOLD DREW THAT I LOVE HIM.



OKAY. BUT HAVE YOU SHOWN HIM?

I TOOK HIM WITH ME ON MY BUSINESS TRIP TO EUROPE, DIDN'T I?

DOESN'T THAT MEAN ANYTHING?



YEAH. IT MEANS YOU'RE TREATING HIM LIKE A HIGH-PAID ESCORT.

WHICH IS KINDA' IRONIC, CONSIDERING YOUR HISTORY TOGETHER.

OH, AREN'T YOU JUST BURSTING WITH CLEVER OBSERVATIONS TODAY.

THAT MAKES ONE OF US...

Texas Politician Claims Same-Sex Couples Won't Survive on a Desert Island

BY YEZMIN VILLARREAL

Far-right Republican congressman Louie Gohmert of Texas is still making a case against marriage equality, continuing to use the argument that same-sex couples can't reproduce without assistance.



Gohmert repeated this argument last weekend to journalist Michelangelo Signorile, saying that if same-sex couples were put on a desert island, they would not survive, Signorile reported in *The Huffington Post*.

Signorile approached Gohmert at the Conservative Political Action Conference, where the congressman laid out his case:

"If you want a long-term study on what's the best building block for the family, you can take couples, man and wife couples, put them on an island where they have everything they need to sustain a society. Take all male couples, put them on an island, everything they need to survive. Take all women couples, put them on an island, and all they need to survive. Come back in 100 years and see which building block has been most effective in perpetuating their society and I think it'll tell you all you need to know."

Gohmert made similar comments last year. "We could take four heterosexual couples, married, and put them on an island where they have everything they need to sustain life," he told a youth group then, reported *Right Wing Watch*.

"Then, take four all-male couples and put them on an island with all they need to sustain life, take four couples of women, married, and put them on an island, and let's come back in 100 to 200 years and see which one nature says is the preferred marriage," he concluded, essentially arguing that the ability to procreate should be a deciding factor in whether a union is legal.

Gohmert, a frequent honoree in *The Advocate's* Phobie Awards, has a history of over-the-top antigay statements. In the House of Representatives in 2009, he said LGBT-inclusive federal hate-crimes law would offer protections to people who are "oriented toward animals" or "toward corpses, toward children."

Back in 2010, Gohmert testified against the repeal of the military's "don't ask, don't tell," policy, since he believed gay soldiers would be unable to control their "overt feelings of homosexuality" and end up assaulting fellow soldiers. Gohmert equated marriage equality with bestiality during a right-wing conference call in 2013. In 2014, he claimed that LGBT advocates are like Adolf Hitler's Third Reich, bent on silencing those who disagree with them.

Gay College Runner Finds Acceptance

BY RAFFY ERMAC

Despite being inadvertently outed, one gay college athlete in Virginia is finding solace in the fact that his track and field teammates are accepting of his sexuality.

In a recent profile by *OutSports*, College of William and Mary student Cavender Salvadori recalled the process of coming out to his track teammates after his then-boyfriend let the secret slip that he was in a relationship with a man.



"That freaked me the fuck out," Salvadori said, remembering how his boyfriend told his teammate and friend Jacob Sears that the two had been dating, and how anxious he felt because someone on his team knew his secret. "I can't believe the moment I've been dreading my whole life is about to happen."

Fortunately for Salvadori, Sears was surprisingly supportive of him, as were many other members of the William and Mary track team, and let him know that his being gay made no difference to them.

"He's my teammate, and this didn't change anything," said Sears. "He's my friend. I love him."



250 South 77th Street, Suite A
Omaha, NE 68114
(Located behind McDonald's at 77th & Dodge Street)

www.nap.org
402-552-9260

Get Smart, Get Tested



BLUEBARN Theatre Presents The Christians

The BLUEBARN Theatre is proud to present the regional premiere of *The Christians* by Lucas Hnath.

BLUEBARN Producing Artistic Director Susan Clement-Toberer directs, with set design by Martin Scott Marchitto, lighting design by Carol Wisner, costume design by Lindsay Pape, sound design by Craig Marsh, projection design by Bill Grennan and properties design by Amy Reiner. Shows run March 24 – April 17, 2016; Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday April 3, 10, and 17 at 6 p.m. Single tickets for The

Christians are \$30 for adults; and \$25 for students, seniors 65+, TAG members, and groups of 10 or more.

The *Christians* is generously sponsored by Dr. Amy Haddad and Steve Martin, Roger B. Devor, and Giger Foundation.

Following the Sunday, April 3rd performance, the BLUEBARN Theatre will host a panel discussion with Tri-Faith Initiative featuring Rabbi Azriel from Congregation of Temple Israel, Rev. Elnes from Countryside Community Church, and Dr. Mohiuddin from the American Muslim Institute - AMI.

About The Christians

Twenty years ago, Pastor Paul's church was nothing more than a modest storefront. Now he presides over a congregation of thousands, with classrooms for Sunday School, a coffee shop in the lobby, and a baptismal font as big as a swimming pool. Today should be a day of celebration. But Paul is about to preach a sermon that will shake the foundations of his church's belief. A big-little play about faith in America—and the trouble with changing your mind.

About the stars of *The Christians*

Award-winning actor Anthony Clark-Kaczmarek returns to the BLUEBARN stage in the pivotal role of Pastor Paul. Anthony was last seen in *Arcadia* (2003.) Jill Anderson (*God of Carnage*, BLUEBARN), Raydell Cordell III (*A Behanding in Spokane*, BLUEBARN), and Bill Hutson (*Vieux Carré*, BLUEBARN) return to the BLUEBARN stage in the roles of Paul's wife, Paul's Associate Pastor, and the church Elder, respectively. Kaitlyn McClincy (*Harbor*, SNAP! Productions - 2016 OEA Award) also makes her BLUEBARN debut as the young Congregant, Jenny. *The Christians* also features a live choir to enhance this compelling story: Fred Goodhew, Doug Good, Dan Luetheke, Kim McGreevy, Jenna Peterson, Sara Planck, Mike Rosenthal, Erin Stoll, Becky Trecek, Carrie Trecek, Debbie Trecek-Volkens, Homero Vela, and Kelsi Weston.

