



American Idol Finalist 'Doesn't Agree' With the Gay 'Lifestyle'

BY NEAL BROVERMAN

American Idol finalist La'Porsha Ranae doesn't think gay people are "animals," but she still doesn't agree with their "lifestyle" or "life choices."



McComb, Miss., native Ranae, the runner-up on the last season of the recently-concluded Idol series, was asked about her state's new anti-LGBT bill on a conference call with the press, Jezebel reports. Her response raised many eyebrows:

"This is how I feel about the LGBT community: They are people just like us. They're not animals as someone stated before. They're people with feelings. Although all of us may not agree with that particular lifestyle for religious reasons, whatever the reason is, you still treat each other with respect. Everybody is a human being. We should be able to coexist with one another."

Her follow-up statement didn't help matters:

"I am one of the people who don't really agree with that lifestyle. I wasn't brought up that way. It wasn't how I was raised. But I do have a lot of friends and a lot of people that I love dearly who are gay and homosexual and they're such sweet, nice people. We should just respect each other's differences and opinions and move on."

Then a tweet from Ranae demonstrated how sold she is on the concept of people choosing to be gay or bisexual.

La'Porsha-Renae
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We don't have to agree with each other's life choices to love/respect one another. Live and let live. #RENAETION #RespectThatWeAreDifferent

Idol has dealt with numerous LGBT controversies over its 15-year run, including similar antigay declarations by finalist Mandisa a decade ago.

Kansas May Block Trans People From Updating Birth Certificates

BY YEZMIN VILLARREAL

Sam Brownback, the Republican Kansas governor, is currently pursuing a policy change that would create more bureaucratic barriers for transgender people to legally change the gender on their birth certificate.



As the law stands now, anyone in Kansas can change the gender on their birth certificate by "providing a medical certificate substantiating that a physiological or anatomical change occurred or by signing an affidavit saying that the gender was incorrectly recorded," reports The Wichita Eagle.

Brownback proposes to allow a person to change the gender on their birth certificate only if they sign an affidavit saying the gender was wrongly recorded at birth and provide medical records to prove it. This would effectively prevent trans people from making post-transition alterations to their birth certificate.

The proposed new policy was developed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and would require no new legislation to enact.

LGBT rights advocates roundly criticized the proposal. "This has been standing in Kansas for a very long time that transgender people are able to get their birth certificates corrected," Tom Witt, the executive director of Equality Kansas, told the Eagle.

"Now they're changing the rules because there are transgender people who are still trying to get their birth certificates corrected ... and Brownback's people don't want that to happen," he added.

If the agency was to allow someone to change their birth certificate, the state would be required to maintain a copy of the original certificate, along with the new one, which would be

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marked as "amended." The secretary of state's office would have the power to approve whether an affidavit, along with other evidence, is enough to allow a gender change on the birth certificate.

The proposal comes only a month after Kansas lawmakers proposed a "bathroom bill" that targeted trans students in the state. The bill would allow students to sue their school if they witness a trans schoolmate going into a bathroom that didn't match the gender they were assigned at birth.

In February, Stephanie Mott, a transgender woman, sued the state after it refused to allow her to change the gender on her birth certificate. The proposed changes to the state's current policy on birth certificate alterations came in January, the same month that Mott's request was denied.

A public hearing on the birth certificate proposal is scheduled for 9 a.m. May 12 in the Curtis State Office Building in Topeka.

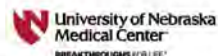
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Xena to Be Openly Gay in Reboot

Showrunner hints at 'exploring' the Sapphic sisterhood between Xena and Gabrielle.



BY LES FABIAN BRATHWAITE

Another beloved '90s relic is being brought yelling and cart-wheeling back to life with NBC producing a reboot of cult classic Xena: Warrior Princess. Javier Grillo-Marxuach, a writer and producer behind The CW's The 100, is penning and co-executive producing the pilot he's hinted that Xena is going to drag all the gay subtext of the original series out of the closet.

Grillo-Marxuach responded to a question on his Tumblr about whether fan reaction to the death of a gay character on The 100 would influence his work on Xena:

"I am a very different person with a very different world view than my employer on the 100 - and my work on the 100 was to use my skills to bring that vision to life."

Xena will be a very different show made for very different reasons. There is no reason to bring back Xena if it is not there for the purpose of fully exploring a relationship that could only be shown sub textually in first-run syndication in the 1990s. It will also express my view of the world - which is only further informed by what is happening right now - and is not too difficult to know what that is if you do some digging.

Maybe because hindsight is 20/20, but watching Xena as a kid, I always thought that it was pretty clear that Xena (Lucy Lawless) and Gabrielle (Renee O'Connor) were more than just friends. Especially after Gaby was serving Ellen DeGeneres hair tease in the later seasons.

And Lawless certainly agreed. In a 2003 interview, she confirmed the love that dare not speak its name:

"There was always a 'Well, she might be or she might not be' but when there was that drip of water passing between their lips in the very final scene, that cemented it for me," she said. "Now it wasn't just that Xena was bisexual and kinda liked her gal pal and they kind of fooled around sometimes, it was 'Nope, they're married, man'."

Yup, sounds about right. But it's been 15 years since Xena last hurled a Charkam at someone's face and in that time Xena and Gabrielle have finally earned the right to marry.

Researchers Have Successfully Figured Out How To Edit HIV Out Of T Cells

from Qweerty.com

This is huge.

Researchers at Temple University in Philadelphia say they have found a safe way to eliminate the HIV-1 virus from CD4+ T cells through a gene editing system.

"The findings are important on multiple levels," Kamel Khalili, professor and chair of the Department of Neuroscience at Temple, says in a statement. "They demonstrate the effectiveness of our gene editing system in eliminating HIV from the DNA of CD4+ T-cells and, by introducing mutations into the viral genome, permanently inactivate viral replication."

"Further," Khalili continued, "they show that the system can protect cells from reinfections and that the technology is safe for the cells, with no toxic effects."

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“The questions they address are critical, and the results allow us to move ahead with this technology,” Khalili said.

In a press release, Dr. Thomas Malcolm, CEO and President of Excision Biotherapeutics, which holds the exclusive rights to commercialize the gene editing technology, said: “This is a major advance in safety and efficacy for the use of CRISPR/Cas9 gRNA HIV eradication for us in humans. These exciting results also reflect our ability to select viral gene targets for safe eradication of any viral genome in our current pipeline of gene editing therapeutics.”

Gene editing has long been thought of as a potential cure for HIV, but scientists have feared that if not done properly, the side effects could be disastrous, even fatal. Researchers at Temple believe they have overcome this hurdle, but they are careful to note that challenges remain.

“First, it will be important to maximize elimination of viral sequences from patients,” the authors state. “This will require analysis of the HIV-1 quasi-species harbored by patients’ CD4+ T-cells and design of suitable, i.e. personalized CRISPRs. Second, improved delivery of CRISPR/Cas9 will be required to target the majority of circulating T-cells.”

Discrimination Is Alive In Texas Where Baker Refuses To Make Wedding Cake For Gay Couple

A Longview, Texas baker is in the news for refusing to make a wedding cake for a gay couple. Edie DeLorme, co-owner of Kern’s Bakery, will face no repercussions for denying services to the men; discriminating against LGBT people is legal in Texas.



According to the Longview News-Journal, Ben Valencia and Luis Marmolejo plan to marry on March 27 and went to the bakery seeking a quote for their wedding cake. But when the two showed Delorme a photo of the cake they wanted, she asked them who the cake was for.

“We just went in there to get a quote,” Valencia said. “Then she says, ‘Who’s this for?’ We looked at each other.”

DeLorme doesn’t deny refusing to serve the gay couple. In fact, she’s trying like mad to find an excuse for her bigoted behavior – and she’s hiding behind her religion to do it.

“And when they said it was them, I said, ‘Sorry. We don’t provide cakes for homosexual marriages. It’s not against people or what they choose to be part of,’” she told the News-Journal.

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“We don’t do alcohol-related cakes or risque (ones). We’ve turned down cake for, like, ‘Can you make a giant Skoal can?’ ... It’s not that we single out one (reason).”

When questioned how the shop responds to other requests that would violate the Bible’s laws on marriage, DeLorme hedged. In the Bible, Jesus says that second marriages are adultery if the first marriage ended for any reason other than a cheating spouse. Asked about divorced people who want to remarry, she admits that they fulfill the requests.

“We’ve talked about that,” she said. “We would really have to do a lot of prying to find out. That’s something David and I would have to talk about, whether that would be something that we should participate in or not.”

Valencia, for his part, is trying to keep a positive attitude despite the baker’s bigotry.

“I wasn’t really mad,” he said. “I was more like saddened by it, because that is the first time anything like that has happened to me.”

Following the Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage nationwide, “I was excited for people to be able to love whom they want to, to be with for the rest of their lives,” Marmolejo told the newspaper. “I don’t see how making a cake for somebody is going to compromise your beliefs. I know that there aren’t laws that protect discrimination against people’s sexual orientation. I think some employers have that in their employee handbook, but I don’t think it’s a law.”

While Texas has already passed a law to allow clergy to refuse to participate in a same-sex wedding, even though that right is already federal law. The day the couple were turned away at the bakery, the legislature was discussing ways to expand that right to business owners who also want to discriminate against LGBT people.

North Carolina Governor Alters Discriminatory Law — Barely

BY TRUDY RING

In reaction to the backlash against its new anti-LGBT law, North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory has signed an executive order that makes modest changes.

McCrory’s order, announced today, maintains the major portions of the law, known as House Bill 2, which prevents local governments from enacting or enforcing LGBT-inclusive employment nondiscrimination ordinances (affecting private businesses or contractors) and bars transgender people from using the restrooms, locker rooms, and other sex-segregated facilities comporting with their gender identity, if these facilities are located in government buildings, including public elementary and secondary



schools and state colleges and universities.

The order does affirm that private businesses and nonprofit groups can establish their own policies for these facilities, something that was not affected by the law but has been the subject of some confusion.

McCrory’s action also affirms that private businesses, nonprofits, and local governments can establish their own employment nondiscrimination policies — for their own workers. And it expands the state’s employment nondiscrimination policy to include sexual orientation and gender identity — that is, for state employees.

McCrory said he will also seek legislation allowing workers to sue in state court for discrimination, something that was explicitly barred by HB 2.

In a video (watch below) accompanying the announcement, McCrory decried “selective outrage” over the law and contended it had been misinterpreted. He also denounced what he called “overreach” by the Charlotte City Council in adopting an LGBT-inclusive public accommodations ordinance, which spurred the state legislature to pass HB 2 last month. He called the restroom provisions of HB 2 “common sense,” and noted that it allows for special accommodations — that is, single-occupancy restrooms and locker rooms — in government buildings.

Many major corporations and celebrities have condemned the measure. Just today, Deutsche Bank announced it was cancelling a planned expansion of its operations in Cary, which is near Raleigh, the state capital.

Activists said McCrory’s order does not do nearly enough to mitigate the effects of HB 2.

“Gov. McCrory’s actions today are a poor effort to save face after his sweeping attacks on the LGBT community, and they fall far short of correcting the damage done when he signed the harmful House Bill 2 into law which stigmatizes and mandates discrimination against gay and transgender people,” said a statement issued by Sarah Preston, acting executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina. “With this executive order, LGBT individuals still lack legal protections from discrimination, and transgender people are still explicitly targeted by being forced to use the wrong restroom.” She called on the state to repeal the law, which is the subject of a lawsuit filed by the national ACLU, the North Carolina affiliate, and Lambda Legal.

Equality North Carolina and the Human Rights Campaign also were less than impressed with McCrory’s effort.

“While Governor McCrory’s Executive Order creates vital protections in public employment on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, it does not address the deep concerns we share with members of the business community and citizens across the state about the damaging impact of HB 2,” said Equality NC executive director Chris Sgro in a statement on the HRC website. “In fact, the order doubles down on the Governor’s support for some of the most problematic provisions of HB 2.”

Added HRC legal director Sarah Warbelow: “The governor’s

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action is an insufficient response to a terrible, misguided law that continues to harm LGBT people on a daily basis. It's absurd that he'll protect people from being fired but will prohibit them from using the employee restroom consistent with their gender identity. The North Carolina Legislature must act to right this wrong as swiftly as possible. They created this horrendous law, and they need to repeal it."



Spreading Hate has Backfired on Right-Wing Media: How Fox News Unwittingly Destroyed the Republican Party

For years, Fox News has profited from its vicious, divisive rhetoric — and now a steep price is being paid.

by CODY CAIN

The Republican Party is in a pickle.

The Party itself despises its own two leading presidential candidates, Donald Trump and Ted Cruz. This is a remarkable oddity just in itself. But there is good reason for it. Both of these candidates are so extreme and disastrous that they will almost certainly never be able to win a national election for the Republican Party.

But much worse, if and when one of these candidates does become the Republican Party's nominee, the GOP could very well be torn asunder into factions. This could devastate the party for years or even decades to come.

The Republicans, however, have no one to blame but themselves. This is a crisis of their own creation. And it didn't just happen overnight.

The Republican Party has been fomenting anger and discontent in the base of its own party for years. The mechanism through which this hate has been disseminated has been the network of extremist media of right-wing talk radio and the Fox News Channel, which is essentially talk radio transposed onto television.

Just think of all the right-wing "superstars" who spew messages of anger and hate every single day throughout the land over this enormous megaphone. Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, Ann Coulter, Laura Ingraham, Ben Shapiro, Dana Loesch, Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity, to name a few.

And make no mistake, spewing hate has a significant impact upon society. It is the equivalent of modern-day propaganda where the population is barraged with a stream of consistent messaging. As ordinary people go about their daily lives, they are exposed repeatedly, day in and day out, to the same messages in numerous forms and by numerous people. Pretty soon, these messages begin to sink in and take effect. The audience begins to adopt a worldview consistent with these messages, regardless of the degree of truth. It is a remarkable phenomenon.

From Nazi Germany in the 1930s to Bosnia and Rwanda in the 1990s, history is replete with examples of propaganda's effectiveness as a tool for shaping public opinion. Propaganda is powerful stuff. Many people are susceptible to it and can be swayed by it, especially the less educated.

In America today, right-wing media is engaged in this very same activity through Fox News and extremist talk radio. This network is constantly barraging its audience with a stream of consistent messaging. And this messaging is overwhelmingly negative and destructive.

The messaging consists of common themes that recur in various forms. One central theme is a fierce opposition to government, especially so-called "big government." This reappears in various sub-forms as well, such as rage against bureaucracy, regulations, Washington, D.C., the IRS, the Environmental Protection Agency, and federal politicians.

Another big theme is fear and victimization. You had better watch out because government is gonna getcha! "They," whoever that may be, are about to take away your rights. Your freedom is about to disappear. Your religious liberties will be stripped away. You won't be able to make your own healthcare decisions. Free choice will be gone. Your children will suffer. Even though you are just an innocent person minding your own business, you are about to be victimized!

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Another common theme is the fear of foreigners, or outsiders. We must protect our own in-group from the vague and mysterious threats posed by those who are a little bit different from us. The particular targeted group changes with the times, but the concept remains the same.

And, of course, someone from the Democratic Party, or some "liberal," is to blame for all of this wreckage. Demonizing a specific target is powerful. If a Democrat is in the White House, then the president becomes the favorite bullseye. Otherwise the demon is some other Democratic politician, typically from Congress.

Now, a political platform comprised of nothing more than hate and anger is not a very viable or sustainable political strategy, especially for a national party like the Republican Party. It may be a good strategy for a specific election or an isolated situation, but an entire political party cannot endure based upon only a message of outrage and opposition.

So why would the Republican Party devise such a strategy that has no hope of success? Well, it turns out that they did not devise this strategy. In fact, it's not even a strategy at all. It emerged not as a result of a grand Republican master plan, but of market economics.

The extremist right-wing network of Fox News and talk radio was not created by politicians, and it is not funded by a political party. It is not supported by donations from people seeking political expression. It was created for one central purpose: to make money.

The founding motivation and the driving force behind all of this propaganda of hate and anger that is being disseminated throughout our society is nothing more than the almighty dollar. It is a business, pure and simple.

And, as it turns out, the business of peddling hate and anger is a fantastically profitable one.

Rush Limbaugh raked in \$80 million for himself in 2015 alone. Sean Hannity was paid \$30 million. Glenn Beck is personally worth over \$100 million. Bill O'Reilly's prime-time show, "The O'Reilly Factor," generates over \$100 million per year in advertising revenue.

If these front men are making this much money, well then you know that their corporate masters are making even more.

Fox News has dominated the ratings as the number one cable news channel for the last 14 years and reportedly earns over \$1 billion in profits annually, making it a golden goose in the overall Fox corporate empire. Fox itself is one of the most valuable brands in the world with sales of over \$13 billion. And the tycoon behind Fox News, Rupert Murdoch, is personally worth \$12 billion.

This is Big Business.

It is no joke. We are not talking about some folks just yearning to express their opinions. No. This operation is not being driven by politics or by a desire to promulgate political viewpoints. No. This operation is being driven by money.

Corporate profits are greatly impacted by governmental policies. Corporations, therefore, desire the government to be controlled by whichever political party is the most favorable to corporate profits. And this, of course, is the Republican Party. So it makes perfect sense that this extremist media network would use its megaphone to attempt to influence politics by urging support for the right-wing Republican Party.

Today, the bottom line is money. Politics is secondary. While the media content is highly political, the purpose behind influencing politics is to serve the primary objective of protecting the big profits.

Corporate profits are what led to the creation and expansion of this extremist right-wing media network. And it is indeed a cozy little business model. The network builds an audience by appealing to people's fear, insecurity and anger, and simultaneously directs its audience to support the right-wing political party that best protects the network's own profits.

It's like a rigged game. The content disseminated over the network masquerades as being objective and informative, but in reality the content has instead been carefully designed to promote the network's own business interests.

What is best for corporate profits, however, is not necessarily best for a democratic society.

From a political perspective, it is certainly not healthy to incite anger and hate within a nation's own population. And it is not very wise to inflame hostility and rage against a nation's own government. From a business perspective, sure, it is perfectly understandable because a corporation can exploit this and profit handsomely from it. But from a political perspective of creating a cohesive society and maintaining peace and harmony among the population, this is disastrous.

Responsible politicians certainly know better and would never endorse any enterprise seeking to inflame anger and hostility in the population. A true political leader would not participate in any such conduct, but instead would speak out against it. A true political leader would not condone the dissemination of false and misleading information, but instead would seek to correct it with accuracy. A true political leader would not sacrifice unity in society in order to capture a few easy votes, but instead would uphold his or her principles and integrity even at the risk of losing votes.

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But politicians in the Republican Party could not resist. The extremist right-wing network of Fox News and talk radio had built up an audience that could easily be exploited for political support. Even though the extremist media network was fomenting anger and hatred that is disastrous for society overall, the network could also be used to deliver political votes to Republican politicians.

An unholy alliance was formed. The Republican Party would allow the extremist right-wing network to promulgate its destructive propaganda throughout society in order to generate its enormous profits, and in exchange, the network would direct its audience to vote for the Republican Party.

The allure of easy votes was too great. Exercising true leadership was too difficult.

So for years and years, the extremist right-wing media network spewed out content full of anger, hate, and division. And Republican politicians jumped on the bandwagon. They began preaching the same destructive messages and appearing on the extremist right-wing network all across the nation.

And guess what? It worked. The base of the Republican Party grew more and more angry. Their resentment against our very own government grew ever greater. Their sense of victimization became ever more acute. Their fury at the establishment boiled over.

And then, predictably, it backfired.

The base of the Republican Party became a Frankenstein. It became radicalized into an extreme movement that turned against the established order, including the leadership of the Republican Party itself. It has become a monster of its own that is now roaming the countryside and terrorizing the very political party that created it.

This is the reason behind the rise of candidates like Donald Trump and Ted Cruz. The Republican Party establishment despises these candidates, but the party has no idea how to slay these dragons.

These candidates now pose the enormous threat of causing a split within the Party that could lead to the utter destruction of the entire Republican Party itself.

It is a remarkable story.

The Republican Party has enjoyed its dance with the devil. Now it must pay the piper.

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Singer looks at the attention that we – unconsciously – give to our monkey mind so that we can question it (instead of be run by it). An untethered soul, as he defines it – allows us to be more playful: we can experience life as an adventurous experiment, not a predictable set of circumstances that we have to – somehow – slog through.

This wonderful book simplifies a very complex subject: Singer walks us through steps on how to free ourselves from habitual thoughts and emotions that limit our consciousness. I have just learned so much from this book that I've recommended it to clients, who have also found it helpful.

While a lot of what Singer talks about sounds really good, how do we actually do it? Here are some practical steps you can take to help calm your "monkey mind" and feel more peaceful and free. Allow me to paraphrase Singer:

Your "monkey mind" will never be content. It always has a problem with something. When was the last time you really had nothing bothering you? I thought so. And before that problem, there was another problem. And after this one's gone, there will be another one.

You'll never be free of problems until you are free from the monkey mind that generates (and obsesses on) problems. The next time a problem is bugging you, don't ask yourself, "What should I do about this?" That just feeds the monkey mind. Instead, ask: "What part of me is being disturbed by this?" If you ask, "What should I do about this?" you're just encouraging your monkey mind to believe that there is a problem that you MUST deal with.

For example, if you're feeling jealous because you think that your partner is flirting with someone at a party, instead of trying to figure out what to "do" about it, instead, you could ask



yourself: "What part of me is jealous?" This encourages you to look inside and see that there's a part of you that's having a problem with jealousy.

Once you clearly see the disturbed part, ask, "Who is it that sees this? Who notices this inner disturbance?" According to Singer: "Asking this (question) is the solution to your every problem. The very fact that you can see the disturbance means that you are not it. The process of seeing something requires a subject-object relationship. The subject is called 'the witness' because it is the one who sees what's happening. The object is what you are seeing, in this case, the inner disturbance. This act of maintaining objective awareness of the inner problem is always better than losing yourself in the outer situation."

By not identifying with your problem and feeling that you must DO something about it, you get a bit of distance on it. You are pulling back from your monkey mind and watching it with some emotional neutrality. You aren't letting it run the show. You aren't getting lost and confused by situations like you used to. You no longer allow the monkey mind to define your life as a series of "problems" that need to be "solved."

This may sound a bit heady, but it is VERY practical. If it intrigues you, I strongly recommend that you check out "The Untethered Soul". In it, Singer walks you through a progression of steps to "untether" your soul from a constant need for problem-solving (which never ends).

The monkey mind can be tamed; this book can help.

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Walking Eagle

Donald Trump addressed a major gathering of the American Indian Nation. He spoke for almost an hour about his plans for increasing every Native American's present standard of living. Though vague in detail, he spoke about his ideas for helping his "red sisters and brothers."

Afterwards, the Tribes presented him with a plaque inscribed with his new Indian name, "Walking Eagle", which he proudly accepted.

After Trump left, a news reporter asked the chiefs how they came to select this name. They explained that "Walking Eagle" is the name given to a bird so full of shit that it can no longer fly.

GAYZETTE EVENTS



WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

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

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Sunday

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

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday
NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

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

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

2nd Sunday

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

3rd Monday

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

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

Bye Mom !!

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him.

She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son."

He answered, "That's okay."

"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out "Good bye, Mom" as I leave the store, It would make me feel so happy."

She then went through the checkout, and as she

was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Good Bye, Mom."

The little old lady waved, and smiled back at him.

Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his Groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk.

"How come so much ... I only bought 5 items?"

The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

Don't trust little Old Ladies!!!

Define Tragedy

The Reverends Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, while visiting a primary school class, found themselves in the middle of a discussion related to words and their meanings. The teacher asked both men if they would like to lead the discussion of the word "tragedy". So the illustrious Rev Jackson asks the class for an example of a "tragedy".

One little boy stood up and offered: "If my best friend, who lives on a farm, is playing in the field and a runaway tractor comes along and knocks him dead, that would be a tragedy."

No," says the Great Jesse Jackson, "that would be an accident."

A little girl raised her hand: "If a school bus carrying 50 children drove over a cliff, killing everyone inside, that would be a tragedy."

I'm afraid not," explains the exalted Reverend Al. "That's what we would call a great loss." The room goes silent. No other children volunteer.

Reverend Al searches the room. "Isn't there someone here who can give me an example of a tragedy?"

Finally at the back of the room little Johnny raises his hand. In a stern voice he says: "If a plane carrying the Reverends Jackson and Sharpton were struck by a missile and blown to smithereens that would be a tragedy."

Fantastic!" exclaims Jackson and Sharpton, "That's right. And can you tell me why that would be a tragedy?"

"Well," says little Johnny, "because it sure as hell wouldn't be a great loss, and it probably wouldn't be an accident either."

The Fight Song

A farmer outside of Boulder was working his cattle one day when he heard faint music coming from nearby. After hunting about for a time, he discovered the sound was loudest near one particular calf, and was even louder near the calf's tail.

Putting his head close to the calf's hind end, he heard the University of Colorado's fight song.

Amazed, he put the calf in the truck and drove the animal to a vet in Boulder. When the vet asked him what was going on, the farmer told him. The vet went around behind the calf and gave a listen. He casually agreed he heard the University of Colorado's fight song but didn't seem particularly excited.

"Man, this is unbelievable! How can you stand there and not be amazed?" the farmer asked. The vet, a third generation University of Nebraska graduate, said, "Hell, Bud, I'm a Cornhusker and I've been listening to assholes sing that song my whole life."

"SURELY I DON'T LOOK THAT OLD?"

I WAS SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR MY FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH A NEW DENTIST. I NOTICED HIS DDS DIPLOMA, WHICH BORE HIS FULL NAME. SUDDENLY, I REMEMBERED A TALL, HANDSOME, DARK-HAIRED BOY WITH THE SAME NAME HAD BEEN IN MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SOME 40-ODD YEARS AGO. COULD HE BE THE SAME GUY THAT I HAD A SECRET CRUSH ON, WAY BACK THEN? UPON SEEING HIM, HOWEVER, I QUICKLY DISCARDED ANY SUCH THOUGHT. THIS BALDING, GRAY-HAIRED MAN WITH THE DEEPLY LINED FACE WAS WAY TOO OLD TO HAVE BEEN MY CLASSMATE. HMMM ...OR COULD HE??? AFTER HE EXAMINED MY TEETH, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ATTENDED MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL. "YES. YES, I DID. I HAD A MUSTANG," HE GLEAMED WITH PRIDE.

"WHEN DID YOU GRADUATE?" I ASKED.

HE ANSWERED, "IN 1966. WHY DO YOU ASK?"

"YOU WERE IN MY CLASS!" I EXCLAIMED.

HE LOOKED AT ME CLOSELY.

THEN, THAT UGLY, OLD, WRINKLED SON-OF-A-BITCH ASKED, "WHAT DID YOU TEACH?"

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Beth El Synagogue, 14506 California St. A GLBT inclusive synagogue, same-sex marriages performed by their rabbis, provided both persons are Jewish. Call 402-292-8550 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbdemocrats.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.

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, 13111 Sterling Ridge Drive., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

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

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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-glbtc.com/>

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

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

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

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

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

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

Nationally Based

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

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The Hungry Homo

Old Fashioned Goulash

Ingredients

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
 - 2 large yellow onions, chopped
 - 3 cloves garlic, chopped
 - 3 cups water
 - 2 (15-ounce) cans tomato sauce
 - 2 (15-ounce) cans diced tomatoes
 - 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
 - 3 bay leaves
 - 3 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1 tablespoon House Seasoning, recipe follows
 - 1 tablespoon seasoned salt
 - 2 cups elbow macaroni, uncooked
- House Seasoning:
- 1 cup salt
 - 1/4 cup pepper
 - 1/4 cup garlic powder



Mix the ingredients together and store in an air-tight container for up to 6 months. Use as a seasoning on meat and when cooking vegetables.

Directions

In a Dutch oven, sauté the ground beef over medium-high heat until no pink remains. Break up the meat while sautéing. Spoon off any grease. Add the onions and garlic to the pot and sauté until they are tender, about 5 minutes. Add 3 cups water, along with the tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, Italian seasoning, bay leaves, soy sauce, House Seasoning, and seasoned salt. Stir well. Place a lid on the pot and allow this to cook for 15 to 20 minutes. Add the elbow macaroni, stir well, return the lid to the pot, and simmer for about 30 minutes. Turn off the heat, remove the bay leaves, and allow the mixture to sit about 30 minutes more before serving.

Serve with garlic bread and a salad.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

Man Pleasing Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 package of skinless chicken breast
- 1/2 c. Dijon mustard
- 1/4 c. Maple syrup (I would use sugar free and sweeten it with Stevia)
- 1 Tbsp. rice wine vinegar
- Fresh rosemary
- Salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS:

To make this chicken, which you should absolutely do immediately, preheat your oven to 450°F. Then, mix together 1/2 cup of Dijon mustard, 1/4 cup of maple syrup, and 1 tablespoon of rice/rice wine vinegar.

Put a 1.5 pound package of chicken breasts into a foil-lined, oven-proof baking dish. Six chicken breast came in my package, which made enough to serve 3 people. Then, salt and pepper the breasts. Pour your maple mustard mixture over them, turning the breasts in the mixture so they are fully coated.

Put the chicken into the oven, and let them bake for 40 minutes or until a meat thermometer reads 165°F. Baste the tops of the chicken with more sauce half way through. I find that a meat thermometer is essential in cooking because it allows me to check for doneness without cutting into the meat and losing its precious juices. Let the chicken rest for 5 minutes before serving. Plate the chicken, making sure to spoon some extra sauce over the top. Sprinkle over some fresh rosemary. If there is ever a time to use fresh herbs, THIS IS IT! The flavors are just so good together. Enjoy the savory goodness of this.



Enjoy !!

Liberal Justices Will Destroy 'Traditional Marriage,' Says Ted Cruz's Father

BY TRUDY RING

Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz's father, self-styled minister Rafael Cruz, has delivered yet another antigay rant, saying that the appointment of another liberal justice to the U.S. Supreme Court will bring about "the destruction of traditional marriage."



And that's not all, the elder Cruz told host Stephen K. Bannon today on Breitbart News Daily, a right-wing radio program. "One more justice like that," Cruz said, meaning the court's four more liberal members, "and we will lose our right to keep and bear arms. We will lose all of our religious freedom. We will see abortion on demand to the day of delivery. We will see the destruction of traditional marriage, and the family is the foundation of society — if the family is destroyed, society will be destroyed."

But as Right Wing Watch points out:

"Of course, the Supreme Court ruled last year in favor of marriage equality — which conservatives deride as 'the destruction of traditional marriage' — and society has somehow managed to survive."

And Rafael Cruz, by the way, has been divorced twice.

Cruz, a born-again Christian who calls himself a pastor but is apparently not affiliated with any church, often appears at his son's campaign events. He has made the argument several times that with the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, it's more important than ever to elect a conservative president — like his son — who will appoint conservative justices.

Ted Cruz's biggest rival for the Republican nomination, Donald Trump, can't be trusted to govern with a conservative philosophy, Rafael Cruz added. "Trump is the biggest enigma we have," he told Bannon. "We don't know where he would be on any issue." While Trump has called Ted Cruz a liar, Trump is actually "the one that lies constantly," the elder Cruz said.

Rafael Cruz has previously characterized gay people as sexual predators and said they want to legalize pedophilia. He has recently appeared at such anti-LGBT events as the World Congress of Families meeting in Utah and "kill the gays" Pastor Kevin Swanson's "religious freedom" conference in Iowa, both held last fall. Ted Cruz and two other presidential hopefuls who have since dropped out of the race, Bobby Jindal and Mike Huckabee, also appeared at Swanson's event. A spokesman for Ted Cruz's campaign eventually said it was a mistake for the candidate to be there.

Louisiana Gov. to Rescind Predecessor's Antigay Order

BY TRUDY RING

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards will soon rescind an antigay executive order issued by his predecessor, Bobby Jindal, Deadline Hollywood reports.

"As far as Jindal's religious liberty order, the governor intends to rescind it in the near future," Edwards's press secretary, Shauna Sanford, said in response to a Deadline inquiry today in the wake of Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal's veto of a so-called religious liberty bill that would have allowed discrimination against LGBT people based on religious objections.



Jindal, a Republican who once sought his party's presidential nomination, last year issued the Marriage and Conscience Order, which bars the state from taking punitive action against an individual, business, or nonprofit group acting in accordance with a "religious belief that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman." While the order says this should "not be construed to authorize any act of discrimination," it was designed to protect those with antigay views — for instance, business owners who don't want to provide goods or services for same-sex couples' weddings.

Jindal issued the order after legislation to this effect failed to pass. His order stands until another governor repeals it, and that is what Edwards, a Democrat who took office in January, intends to do.

Edwards has also announced his intention to issue an executive order protecting state employees from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Some previous Democratic governors had issued such orders, but not Republicans.

Edwards was elected in November over Republican David Vitter, a U.S. senator. Jindal was not eligible to run for governor again due to term limits.

Marriage Equality Brings Obama and Justin Trudeau Together

BY YEZMIN VILLARREAL

President Obama welcomed Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to the White House Thursday, marking the first state

visit from a Canadian leader in 19 years, reports The New York Times.



The two world leaders discussed health care and climate change, and celebrated the arrival of marriage equality in both countries.

"No matter what province or state you live in, you have the freedom to marry the person you love," said President Obama.

Last month Trudeau announced he would be issuing a posthumous pardon to a man who admitted to police he was gay and wound up being declared a dangerous sexual offender and sent to prison in the 1960s, according to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

LGBT rights advocates hailed the announcement, noting that the prime minister's father, former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, had championed a bill to decriminalize private, consensual sex acts between people of the same sex over the age of 21.

Homosexuality was decriminalized in Canada in 1969 — just one year into the elder Trudeau's first term as prime minister. Canada embraced marriage equality by parliamentary action in 2005.

Justin Trudeau, "the scion of a major Canadian political dynasty," according to Vox, has built on his father's liberal reputation and is noted for his progressive political views, being a self-proclaimed feminist and a passionate advocate for LGBT rights.

Trudeau became Canada's first national leader to attend an LGBT Pride festival when he marched in Toronto's Pride parade last June.

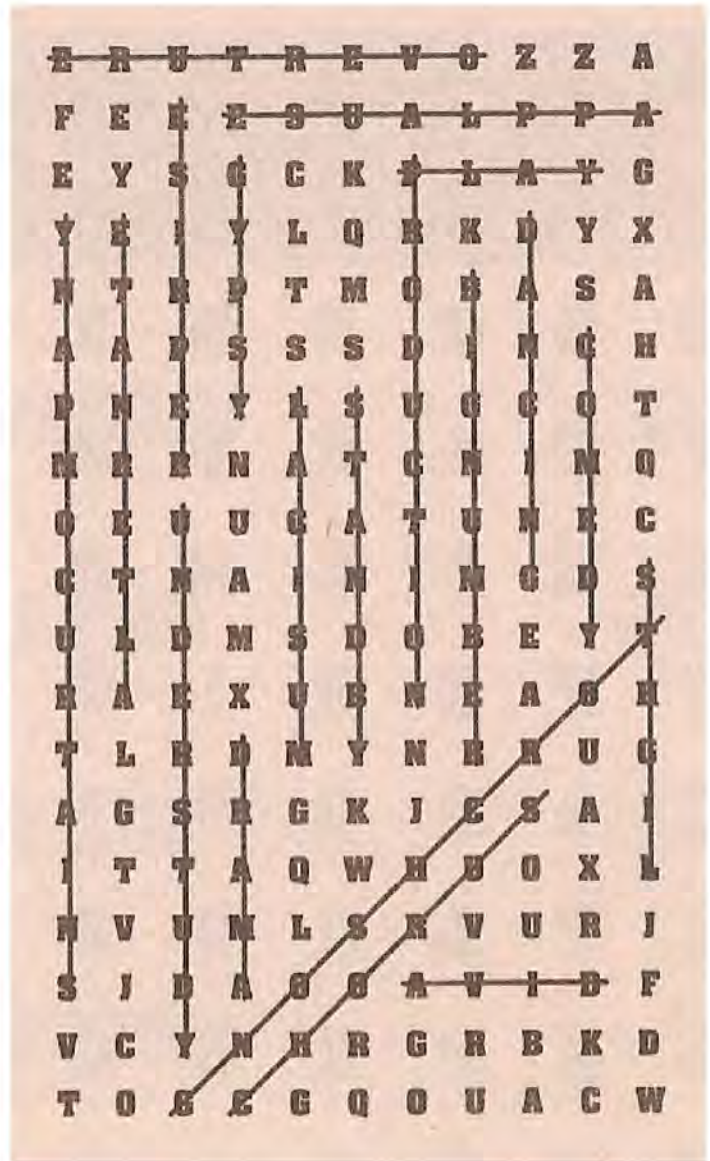
U.K. LGBT outlet Pink News notes that Trudeau was a frequent attendee of Pride celebrations in Vancouver and Toronto, but his presence after his election to prime minister made history.

"We're celebrating 10 years of taking the decision the Supreme Court in the U.S. just took," Trudeau said during an interview with Canada's Global News at Toronto Pride, shortly after the U.S. marriage equality decision. "It's a great day for freedom. It's wonderful to see political leaders, celebrating this."

In February, Trudeau took a stand against anti-LGBT bullying, donning a pink T-shirt and filming a video for Pink Shirt Day, an annual antibullying campaign that originated in Nova Scotia in 2007.

"On Pink Shirt Day, we stand up to bullying and vow to spread kindness," the prime minister tweeted last month when sharing his video.

Trudeau's predecessor, Steven Harper, made headlines in 2012 when anxiety arose that his administration was trying to undo the legality of same-sex marriage in Canada. Harper told the public there was nothing to worry about.



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I'M GLAD WE GOT TO SEE IT TOGETHER. RUDY...

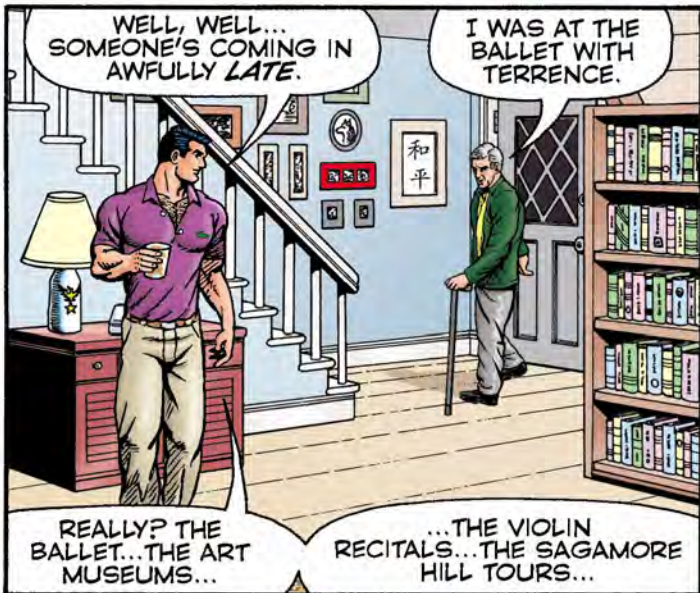


TERRENCE, I...

I'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW, OKAY?

OKAY, I... LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

ME, TOO. GOOD NIGHT, NOW.



WELL, WELL... SOMEONE'S COMING IN AWFULLY LATE.

I WAS AT THE BALLET WITH TERRENCE.

REALLY? THE BALLET... THE ART MUSEUMS...

...THE VIOLIN RECITALS... THE SAGAMORE HILL TOURS...



THAT YOUNG BUCK IS CERTAINLY SQUIRING YOU ALL OVER THE NORTH SHORE.

I CANNOT FATHOM HOW ANY OF THIS CONCERNS YOU, PRICE.



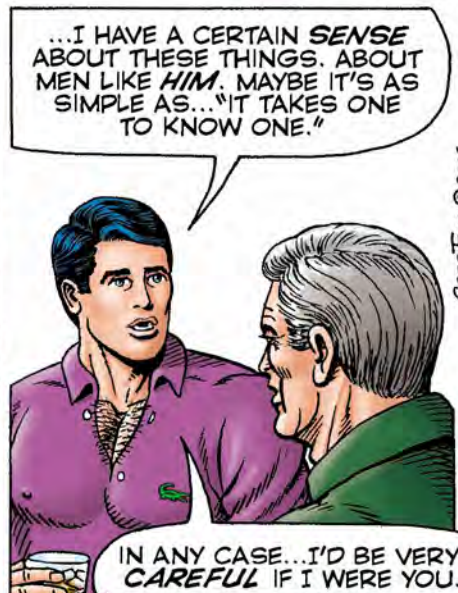
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I'D WATCH YOURSELF WITH THAT ONE.



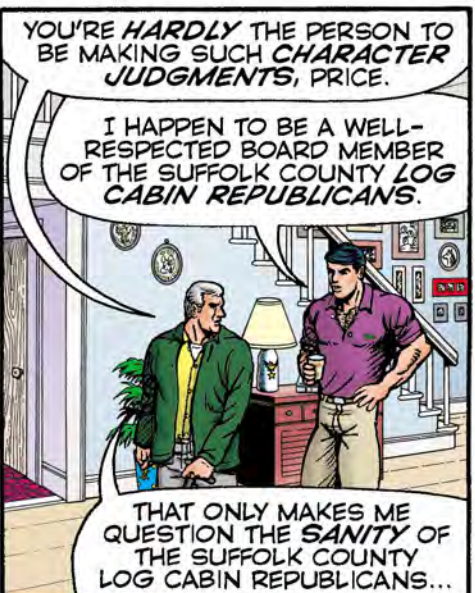
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? RICHARD DID ALL SORTS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS ON HIM, AND HE CAME UP PRISTINE.

I'M AWARE OF THAT. HOWEVER...



...I HAVE A CERTAIN SENSE ABOUT THESE THINGS. ABOUT MEN LIKE HIM. MAYBE IT'S AS SIMPLE AS... IT TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE."

IN ANY CASE... I'D BE VERY CAREFUL IF I WERE YOU.



YOU'RE HARDLY THE PERSON TO BE MAKING SUCH CHARACTER JUDGMENTS, PRICE.

I HAPPEN TO BE A WELL-RESPECTED BOARD MEMBER OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS.

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