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Harvey Milk To Be Honored With U.S. Postage Stamp

By James Nichols, The Huffington Post



The Harvey Milk Foundation confirmed Oct. 10 that the U.S. Postal Service would honor gay rights icon Harvey Milk with a stamp in honor of his memory and legacy.

Milk, the first openly gay man to hold political office in California, will break new ground once again as the first openly LGBT political official to be featured on a postage stamp.

Stuart Milk, Harvey's nephew, broke the news on Twitter: "On behalf of the Milk family and the Harvey Milk Foundation, we are thrilled that our campaign for the stamp has succeeded and we thank all our partners including the USPS in this effort," Stuart, who is also Milk Foundation president and founder, told The Huffington Post in a statement. "Harvey's story, example and courage continues to inspire across the globe and the issuance of the first U.S. postage stamp for an openly LGBT in my uncle's name will not only educate but will provide hope, hope that is still critically needed today."

Other LGBT icons to be immortalized on postage stamps reportedly include Tennessee Williams, Judy Garland, Langston Hughes, Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn and Bette Davis.

Look out for the Harvey Milk stamp, slated to be released sometime during 2014.

Attention: Nebraska Lesbian and Gay Couples who are Legally Married in Another State

When the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in June, federal benefits became available to all gay and lesbian couples who are legally married, even if you live in a state without marriage equality, such as Nebraska.

Join One Iowa for a FREE post-DOMA tax clinic to find out more about what the DOMA ruling means for married same-sex couples. The federal benefits for legally married lesbian and gay couples living in Iowa will also be discussed.

Oh, and did we mention there will be wine and snacks?

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What: Life After DOMA: Wine & Taxes

When: Tuesday, October 29th, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: Inclusive Life, 3620 Leavenworth Street (next door to

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Who: Tax expert Jason Dinesen and One Iowa Executive Director Donna Red Wing

Tax expert Jason Dinesen offers solid and useful information about filing your joint taxes. We will discuss how the DOMA ruling affects various laws on the state and federal levels.

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What is LB380?

LB380 is a bill that would make adoption available in Nebraska for qualified couples regardless of marital status.

Why is LB380 important?

LB380 is important because the State of Nebraska currently prohibits all unmarried couples from adopting and prohibits second parent adoption. This means that all LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual) couples are prohibited from adopting in Nebraska. LB380 can remedy this by removing the requirement of marriage for adoption and will clarify provisions in State law to allow second parent adoption. In addition, LB380 will have many benefits including allowing qualified couples to adopt the children waiting for a loving stable home (there are over 500,000 children nationwide waiting for families). It will allow couples who are already raising a child but only one parent has parental rights to use second parent adoption to secure the co-parent's rights. It will also allow qualified LGBTQIA couples to adopt children regardless of their marital status (Nebraska's SuperDOMA prohibits LGBTQIA couples from marrying).

Who is behind LB380?

State Senator Sara Howard introduced LB380 and currently Forward Equality is advocating for its passage. Forward Equality is doing this by talking with State Senators; asking people to write, email, and call their State Senator; and Forward Equality is holding LB380 postcard events.

Some of the organizations that support LB380 include the Association of Social Workers-Nebraska Chapter; Nebraska Psychological Association; American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska (ACLU); Bold Nebraska; Inclusive Communities; and Forward Equality.

What is Forward Equality?

Forward Equality is an advocacy organization devoted to creat-

ing a more progressive and fair America. We lobby public officials in Nebraska and Iowa on progressive and Equality issues. From time to time, we endorse progressive candidates for local, state, and federal offices. Some of the issues and causes that we work on include worker's rights, environmental issues, civil rights, safe schools, healthcare, separation of church and state. Some of the bills in the Nebraska Legislature and United State Congress that we support include LB380 (Second Parent Adoption), LB385 (Foster Care Fairness), LB603 (would eliminate a Pledge of Allegiance requirement in public schools), HR676 (Expand and Improve Medicare for All/Single Payer Plan), HR1010 (Fair Minimum Wage), HR1715 (Employment Non-discrimination)

You can contact Mika Covington at mika.covington@forwardequality.com for more information or if you have any questions.

Russia To Debate Taking Children Away From Gay Parents

Russian lawmakers will in February debate a bill that could see homosexual couples lose custody of their children, parliamentary documents showed Wednesday.



The debate will likely coincide with the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi which have already been marred by boycott calls over Russia's controversial new anti-gay legislation.

The bill, published on the website of Russia's Duma lower house of parliament, says the state can strip parents of custody if they practice "non-traditional sexual relations," the term used in Russian laws to describe homosexual relations.

Russia's homosexual community has feared such a measure ever since President Vladimir Putin in June signed a "gay propaganda" law which sparked international condemnation.

Pop singers Madonna and Lady Gaga and openly gay British actor Stephen Fry also heavily criticised the law, which bans the disseminating of information about homosexuality to minors.

In a note explaining the parenting bill, lawmakers said the proposed amendment to the family code was in line with the "propaganda" law.

"Harm to the child's psyche is great if one of the parents practises sexual contact with the same sex," the note says.

The author of the bill, Alexei Zhuravlyov of the United Russia ruling party, has cited a controversial study on gay parenting

conducted in 2012 by conservative US professor Mark Regnerus.

The New Family Structures study claimed that adult children of lesbian mothers reported lower income and poorer health than children brought up by heterosexual couples.

However many peer reviews said its results were inconclusive.

Last month, when the Russian bill on parenting was first proposed, Regnerus himself criticised it as a "political project" that would harm children, in an article for US news website The Atlantic Wire.

In an interview with Slon.Ru last month, Zhuravlyov said that "exposing" homosexuals would be easy enough once their children were in school.

"Homosexuals should not bring up children," he said. "It brings more harm than an orphanage."

Russia does not allow gay marriage or civil partnerships. It has also banned adoption by gay couples from foreign countries.

The existing grounds for depriving parents of custody in Russia include chronic alcoholism, abuse and abandonment. The decision to move a child out of the family and into a children's home is taken by a court.

MCC-Omaha 2nd Annual Autumn Bazaar

Don't miss the 2nd Annual Autumn Bazaar to be held Saturday October 19, 2013 from 10-4pm at MCC-Omaha social hall 819 S. 22nd Street Omaha Ne.

Vendor tables are still available for \$25.00 a table.

Table space will be inside and outside weather permitting.

There will be art work, crafts, pet products, jewelry, antiques, candles and much more.

Lunch will be provided for a free will offering from 11-1pm.

For information please contact Kevin Marik at bigred1997@hotmail.com or phone 402 658-8494.

Vatican Censors Photo Exhibit of Gay Couples Kissing in Churches

By Sunnive Brydum

Despite Pope Francis's recent comments indicating tolerance for
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The Hungry Homo

Baked BBQ Chicken

By Daddy Broadway

What's the next best thing to BBQ ribs? Why, BBQ chicken. These baked barbecue chicken breasts are downright delicious. Get your grill on from the comfort of your kitchen. Oven-baked BBQ has never tasted so good.

Ingredients

2 lb. chicken breasts
2 cups tomatoes, canned or fresh
1/4 cup chili sauce
1/4 cup A-1 Sauce
1/3 cup vinegar
2 tbsp. brown sugar
2 onions, minced
1 tbsp. paprika
1 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
Garlic, to taste

Steps

Chop tomatoes into small pieces. Add all other ingredients. Simmer until well cooked. Pour over chicken in a baking dish and bake one hour at 325 degrees. If mixture becomes thick before meat is done, add a little water.



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LGBT people and saying the Roman Catholic Church can't focus only on opposing abortion and marriage equality, it's clear the church is still virulently antigay.

That position was reinforced when Vatican officials threatened legal action and shut down an exhibition in Rome this weekend because it featured photos of same-sex couples kissing inside Roman Catholic churches, according to The Huffington Post.

The exhibit, titled "Triologo" and produced by Gonzalo Orquín, a Catholic man from Spain, was scheduled to open at Rome's Galleria L'Opera last Wednesday evening, until the exhibit's curators received a letter from the Vatican threatening legal action and confirming that "the church is against the exhibition."

The Vatican cited the Italian constitution among its reasons for demanding the exhibit be shuttered, essentially claiming the national law protects religious people from seeing anything they might view as offensive.

"Italian constitutional law safeguards an individual's religious feeling and the function of places of worship," Vicariate spokesman Claudio Tanturri told English-language Italian news outlet The Local. "Therefore photos that are not suitable and do not conform to the spirituality of the place offend and infringe upon the advancement of man in the particular place for the expression of faith." The Vicariate is an organization within the Vatican that helps the pope carry out his duties as bishop of Rome.

Orquín told The Local that all but one of the 16 images in the exhibit were taken inside churches in Rome, and that the images featured opposite-sex and same-sex couples kissing. After receiving the legal threat from the Vatican, Orquín said he consulted with his own legal counsel and concluded it would be best for his safety to censor the exhibit.

The photographer told The Local that he found Italy to be "a very homophobic country" in the eight years he lived there. "There aren't other countries in Europe of the West that are backward like this," he told The Local.

Orquín posted a photo of the censored exhibit to his Facebook page on Wednesday, showing the images covered with black paper and displayed above black crosses that spilled onto the floor.

"Here's what you'll see in my photographic work of kisses this afternoon," reads a Google translation of the caption Orquín posted with the photo. "Yesterday came a warning from the Vicariate of Rome. In the meantime, the legal study the thing I spoke covering my work, joy and love are going to hell. We the CENSORSHIP!"

Barilla Pasta Chairman says No Gays Ever, in His Commercials

By Diane Anderson-Minshall

When Guido Barilla, chairman of Italy-based Barilla Pasta, said that his company will never use a gay couple in his ads and if that angers LGBT folks, they should just eat someone else's pasta, countless LGBT people and



straight allies around the world did just that. Despite repeated attempts at apologizing, including a video message where the Barilla chairman promised to meet with "representatives of the group that best represent the evolution of the family, including those who have been offended by my words," the calls to "Boycott Barilla" continue.

To help you spend your hard-earned gay dollars on worthwhile brands, we've collected six fabulous gay-friendly pasta brands that can easily replace Barilla's spot in your pantry.

Bertolli
Wanchai Ferry Wontons and Dumplings
Pappardelle's
Buitoni
Sfoglini
Kraft Macaroni and Cheese

9th Annual Rocky Horror Picture Show Date Change



I would like, if I may, to take you on a strange journey.

Sponsored in part by Bud Light and Quality Brands of Omaha, Thomas is at it again hosting the 9th Annual Rocky Horror Picture Show. Due to scheduling conflicts, the show has been changed to Friday, October 25th at Flixx Lounge located at 1019 South 10th Street with doors opening at 9pm and movie

starting at 10pm.. Complete with all the props necessary to make the evening a complete success, your \$5.00 cover gets you a bag of goodies including cards, toast, confetti poppers, rice and newspaper. Not sure what you need all these things for? Well just follow along with the movie and other participants and you'll catch on fast!

While not required, audience participation is encouraged! Dress as one of your favorite characters from the movie and enter the costume contest at the end of the evening. Great door prizes, drink specials and fun is guaranteed for all who attend! This is one of the nights that the cleaning crew hates, but it's always a crowd pleaser with flying toast, cards, rice and...RAIN!

Stop down and start your Halloween weekend off with this cult classic!

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Jadin Bell's Father, Joe Bell, Killed While Walking Cross Country For Tribute To Dead Gay Teen

The Huffington Post | By James Nichols

The father who set out on an inspiring cross-country journey following his gay son's suicide was reportedly killed last night by a truck in Colorado, midway through his walk across America.

According to KTVB, Joe Bell died late last night after being



struck and killed by a semi-truck. Officials said that the driver was charged with reckless driving and may have fallen asleep at the wheel.

After his 15-year-old son Jadin Bell killed himself after allegedly being bullied by classmates, Bell vowed he would walk cross-country, stopping to speak and raise awareness about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth along the way. Beginning in Oregon, he planned to walk 15 to 25 miles a day and speak on behalf of Faces For Change, an anti-bullying foundation established in his son's memory.

"We need to stop this bullying -- it starts in our households, how we raise our children," Bell said at the time. "We need to educate our school systems on how to deal with it; they don't know how to deal with the problem."

Gulf Countries Propose Test To 'Detect' Gays, Ban Them From Entering Kuwait

By Cavan Sieczkowski
The Huffington Post

Gulf nations may soon conduct tests to "detect" gays traveling to those nations in order to deny them entry.

"Health centers conduct the routine medical check to assess the health of the expatriates when they come into the GCC [Gulf Cooperation Council] countries," Yousuf Mindkar, the director of public health at the Kuwait Ministry of Health, told local newspaper Al Rai, per Gulf News. "However, we will take stricter measures that will help us detect gays who will be then barred from entering Kuwait or any of the GCC member states."

The GCC is an alliance made up of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, formed to sustain unity among the six nations based on their similar cul-

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tural identities and religious beliefs. They are set to discuss the proposal on Nov. 11, according to the Gulf News.

Homosexuality is punishable by law in these nations. Penalties range from jail time to death, The Washington Post highlighted in June.

Gay rights activists are now speaking out against the flagrant discrimination.

"These proposals are not only futile but contrary to international human rights law," Richard Lane, of the gay rights campaign group Stonewall, told LGBT Weekly. "Many Gulf States have gone to great lengths to market themselves as open for international business. Their leaders should think long and hard about putting forward measures to restrict freedom of movement and further prohibit the best talent from doing business in the region simply because of their sexual orientation."

Other activists told Gay Star News they are concerned the means of "gay testing" may include anal probes, which have been conducted by authorities in Lebanon to determine criminal suspects' sexual behaviors. This practice is denounced by the Human Rights Campaign.

Peter Tatchell, British activist and director of the Peter Tatchell Foundation, is now demanding a boycott of the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar because of this proposed homophobic initiative.

"There is no known medical test to detect homosexuality. I wonder what quackery the Kuwaiti authorities plan to invent in their vain attempt to identify gay men. It simply won't work," he told PinkNews of the Kuwait health minister's proposal. "Banning gay people from entering the country will deter foreign investors and companies. They won't want to subject their employees to such barbaric, medieval humiliations."

This news comes on the heels of ongoing issues surrounding the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics and Russia's anti-gay law banning "homosexual propaganda." Though the legislation does not specifically outline such propaganda, penalties include fines or jail time or both.

Two Same-Sex Couples Married in Colombia

By Sunnive Brydum

Two same-sex couples have become the first to be legally married in Colombia, reports LGBT Latino blog Blabbeando.

Colombian attorney and LGBT advocate Germán Humerto Rincón Perfetti announced Wednesday that a civil court judge had declared Julio Alberto Cantor Borbón and William Alberto Castro Franco "united in civil matrimony" following a September 20 ceremony, according to Blabbeando.

On Monday, the nation's leading newspaper published a front-page article announcing the legal marriage of Elizabeth Castillo and Claudia Zea, who were also granted a marriage license by a different civil court judge Wednesday.



"I join you in a legitimate civil matrimony with all of the prerogatives and rights that civil law grants you and the same obligations imposed by civil law," said the judge before he pronounced the couple married, according to Blabbeando's translation of the Spanish-language article from El Espectador. The newspaper's headline read "Marriage Equality Is a Right" and featured a picture of the newlywed couple beaming.

Colombia has been on a long journey to embracing marriage equality, but last week's rulings seem to clear the way for same-sex couples throughout the nation to begin receiving marriage licenses.

In 2011, Colombia's Constitutional Court ruled that gay and lesbian couples could legally register their relationships beginning June 20, 2013, if the nation's lawmakers failed to extend them the same benefits to them guaranteed to heterosexual married couples. When Congress failed to present any kind of marriage equality legislation, same-sex couples in Colombia began filing June 21 to register their relationships. But at that time, it was still unclear whether those relationships would be recognized as marriages or some other form of union.

Marriage equality advocates with the LGBT group Colombia Diversa reported that dozens of same-sex couples had attempted to register their relationships with local clerks since the June 20 deadline passed but were issued a document declaring their "solemn union," according to Blabbeando. Colombia Diversa argued that there is no legal structure to recognize a "solemn union" in Colombia's family code, and since Congress failed to meet the deadline set by the Constitutional Court, same-sex couples should automatically be allowed to marry, as it's the only way to guarantee them the same rights and privileges afforded to opposite-sex couples.

Blabbeando notes that the Colombian inspector general has been a vocal opponent of marriage equality, fighting the court ruling so vigorously that the Constitutional Court itself scolded his staff twice and told Inspector General Alejandro Ordoñez that his office had no legal right to interfere in these cases.

Colombia joins a handful of other Latin American nations that embrace marriage equality, including Argentina, Uruguay, and many regions in Brazil. Some states in Mexico, including the nation's capital, Mexico City, also perform same-sex marriages, and the nation's highest court ruled in 2010 that same-sex marriages performed in marriage equality jurisdictions must be recognized and honored throughout Mexico. Last year, the Mexican Supreme Court struck down a ban on same-sex marriage in the southern state of Oaxaca, effectively changing that state's civil code to say that marriage takes place "between two people" rather than "between a man and a woman."

County Official Challenges North Carolina Same-Sex Marriage Ban

By Jase Peeples

A North Carolina county official has stated he will accept marriage license applications from same-sex couples, and he is also seeking the advice of the state's top lawyer, reports the Associated Press.

Although North Carolina's constitution was amended in 2012 to ban same-sex couples from marrying in the state, Buncombe County register of deeds Drew Reisinger said Monday that the law is unfair and that he is upset he has been forced to deny licenses to gay and lesbian couples. Rather than turn away "upstanding citizens," Reisinger plans to hold marriage applications from same-sex couples while awaiting the advice of state attorney general Roy Cooper.

However, while Cooper has revealed he supports marriage equality, he says his personal views cannot keep him from defending the state's same-sex marriage ban. Cooper's spokeswoman Noelle Talley responded in a recent written statement, saying, "These marriage licenses cannot be issued."

Buncombe County, in the western portion of the state, includes the city of Asheville.



they've bought, almost like "consolation prizes" in the madness of life. After I listen to them, I then ask them this: Yes, you do deserve to have nice things when you feel bad, but do deserve all that debt too? If what you need is comfort, debt won't do it. Debt creates stress and anxiety, and this isn't my idea of happiness.

Going to the Mall when you're unhappy is not that different from standing in front of the refrigerator, opening the door and saying, "Okay food, make me happy." Neither food nor shopping can make us happy for long. Here is my Happiness/Shopping theory: most new things (clothes, jewelry, haircuts, makeup, computers, electronic gizmos, etc.) make us happy for three days' max. After that, it wears off and then what? You have a credit card bill coming and how long will it take you to pay THAT off? And we're not even talking about the interest here (I'm not Suze Orman).

As I tell my clients: it's not what you're buying that matters, it's WHY you're buying it. I like nice things too, but I don't expect them to make my loneliness or boredom go away. In fact, I don't expect much of them at all. I buy something because (1) I can afford it and (2) I like it. Period. No more, no less. If you go shopping to avoid feeling something, then, honey, you're headed for trouble. How long do you think you can avoid your troubles this way? One client of mine recently bought a \$40,000 car because he was bored with his life. Another client took a \$3,000 trip to Europe because she was fed up with dating women who "didn't appreciate me." When the newness of the car and the European trip wear off, where are these folks? Back where they started, with a big ole debt to make them feel even worse!

The retail world is happy to make money off our insecurities... especially in this tight economy. Luxury good retailers appeal to this sense of insecurity (buy something from us and you'll be envied and admired). On the other end of the spectrum, discount stores seemingly appeal to our intelligence (buy something from us and you'll be a smarter shopper than your friends). Rather than fall for their marketing tricks, before you step out your front door, ask yourself: What is my motivation in going shopping? In this hyper-media-driven society, we are continually encouraged to indulge our narcissism and self-pity: "I deserve it." Of course you deserve it. We ALL deserve nice things...but using this logic to rack up a huge debt is bullshit rationalization.

You deserve comfort when you feel bad, but, dear reader, this ain't it. Comfort doesn't have a hidden price tag that will come back and bite you in the ass when the credit card bills come flooding in. Comfort comes from taking a good long look at yourself and asking "Why am I so depressed/angry/lonely/sad?" Go to the root of the problem, and stop using shopping as a temporary fix.

P.S. Debtor's Anonymous groups are really helpful for some people, and credit assistance/consolidation services are available too. But first, look within, then go for (external) help and support.

Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

WHEN SHOPPING MAKES YOU HAPPY

Are you someone who loves to shop? Does it make you happy? Is it hard to stop buying stuff? Are you in debt from continual shopping? For some people, whenever they feel down, they go shopping. They justify it by telling themselves some version of: life is so hard... don't I deserve to have nice things to comfort me when I feel bad?

Even with the economy so lousy, many people continue to shop themselves into major debt. I see some of them in my practice and hear them lament their situation and justify all the stuff



GAYZETTE EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center
3620 Leavenworth, Omaha**
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NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays	2:30PM - 8:00PM
Sundays	4:00PM - 6:00PM
Thursdays	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Fridays	6:00PM - 11:00PM

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The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

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 & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

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 aander-son@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm, Walk-in from 5pm to 8pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 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

GLBT CENTER MOVIE NIGHT, 8PM, for all ages. Every Friday, excluding major holidays. 3620 Leavenworth Street, snacks, water and soda's provided for free.

Every Saturday

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

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday

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

1st Thursday

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

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE, at 7:00
pm . See www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

1st Sunday

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

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

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm –
6:30pm, A progressive community in the
Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary
Phone: 402.953.7656
Email: ecuomaha@live.com
Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

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

3rd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm –
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Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctu-
ary, Phone: 402.953.7656
Email: ecuomaha@live.com
Web: www.ecuomaha.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, Lin-
coln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

2nd Saturday

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6:30pm, A progressive community in the
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**Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

Sex Therapy

A sweet old couple, both well into their
70's, go to a sex therapist's office. The
doctor asks, "What can I do for you?"

The man says, "Will you watch us have
sexual intercourse?"

The doctor raises both eyebrows, but he
is so amazed that such an elderly couple
is asking for sexual advice that he agrees.
When the couple finishes, the doctor
says, "There 's absolutely nothing wrong
with the way you have intercourse."

He thanks them for coming, he wishes
them good luck, he charges them \$50 and
he says good-bye.

The next week, the same couple returns
and asks the sex therapist to watch again.
The sex therapist is a bit puzzled, but
agrees. This happens several weeks in a
row: The couple makes an appointment,
has intercourse with no problems, pays
the doctor, then leave.

Finally, after 3 months of this routine, the
doctor says, "I'm sorry, but I have to ask...
just what are you trying to find out?"

The man says, "We 're not trying to find
out anything. She's married, so we can't
go to her house. I'm married, and we
can't go to my house."

The Holiday Inn charges \$98.
The Hilton charges \$139.

We do it here for \$50, and Medicare pays
\$43 of it, leaving my net cost of \$7!

I Hate That Name

There once was an Native American In-
dian who had only one testicle and whose
given name was 'Onestone'. He hated that
name and asked everyone not to call him
Onestone..

After years and years of torment, Onestone
finally cracked and said, 'If anyone calls me
Onestone again I will kill them!'

The word got around and nobody called him
that any more.

Then one day a young woman named Blue
Bird forgot and said, 'Good morning, On-
estone.' He jumped up, grabbed her and took
her deep into the forest where he made love to
her all day and all night. He made love to her
all the next day, until Blue Bird died from
exhaustion.

The word got around that Onestone meant
what he promised he would do.

Years went by and no one dared call him by
his given name until a woman named Yellow
Bird returned to the village after being away.
Yellow Bird , who was Blue Bird's cousin,
was overjoyed when she saw Onestone. She
hugged him and said, 'Good to see you, On-
estone.'

Onestone grabbed her, took her deep into the
forest, then he made love to her all day, made
love to her all night, made love to her all the
next day, made love to her all the next night,
but Yellow Bird wouldn't die!

The Moral of the story, You can't kill Two
Birds with OneStone !!!

Golfing Accident

One day a golfer accidentally overturned his
golf cart.

Elizabeth, a very attractive and keen golfer,
who lived in a villa on the golf course, heard
the noise and called out, "Are you okay,
what's your name?"

"It's John, and I'm OK thanks," he replied.

"John forget your troubles. Come to my villa,
rest a while and I'll help you get the buggy up
later."

"That's mighty nice of you," John answered,
"but I don't think my wife would like it."

"Oh, come on," Elizabeth insisted. She was
very pretty and persuasive.

"Well okay," John finally agreed, and added,
"but my wife won't like it."

After a restorative brandy, and some driving
and putting lessons, John thanked his hostess.
"I feel a lot better now, but I know my wife is
going to be really upset."

"Don't be silly!" Elizabeth said with a smile,
"She won't know anything. By the way, where
is she?"

"Under the buggy!" he explained.

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.firstuuomaha.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: 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 1st 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

LinOma Bares, for more info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

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, Wed. Worship at 7pm

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., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

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

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

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

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

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

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

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

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

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

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (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, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr,

3620 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781

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

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>

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

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

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

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

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

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

Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com

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.tricity-glb.com/

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic

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

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

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

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

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

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and

Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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Argentina Grants Lulu, 6-Year-Old Transgender Child, a Female ID Card

The Huffington Post | By James Nichols

Argentina's government has granted a six-year-old transgender girl an ID that corresponds with her gender identity.

Late last month, government officials granted Lulu, who was born biologically male but reportedly dressed and identified as a female since she could talk, a female identification card under the country's Gender Identity Law, according to the International Business Times.

As the Associated Press notes, it is the first case of a minor legally changing their sex on a government document since officials passed the legislation last year.

Passed in January 2012, Argentina's Gender Identity Law enables citizens to change their names and government-sanctioned sex on official documents without approval from a judge or doctor. With an awareness of how government documents designating one's assigned sex can function as a form of body policing and gatekeeping, Argentina remains the only country in the world to allow individuals to change one's sex without medical or legal approval.

The law reportedly states:

Gender identity is understood as the internal and individual way in

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Omaha:

- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 402- 346-3549
- 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
- Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 3620 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330

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which gender is perceived by persons, that can correspond or not to the gender assigned at birth, including the personal experience of the body. This can involve modifying bodily appearance or functions through pharmacological, surgical or other means, provided it is freely chosen. It also includes other expressions of gender such as dress, ways of speaking and gestures.

"The government of the province of Buenos Aires has decided to provide a solution to this particular case raised by the family," Alberto Perez, Chief of Staff to the governor of Buenos Aires, is quoted by The Telegraph as saying.

Recently, children and minors who identify as transgender have gained further visibility within both political and social realms. Throughout the battle for the passage of California's Transgender Student Rights bill, the world became familiar with Ashton Lee, a 16-year-old transgender student who was at the forefront of advocacy efforts to institutionalize the bill as law.

Six-year-old Cory Mathis also brought rights for transgender students in public schools into a national dialogue when Colorado school officials refused to let her use the girl's bathroom. The court eventually ruled in her favor, with many citing the case as the first such ruling in the next frontier of civil rights.

Additionally, 12-year-old transgender Jazz contributed to changing perceptions surrounding gender identity in minors when she spoke with Barbara Walters about her gender identity, and later to HuffPost Live about her desire to become a mother.

In terms of Lulu's victory in Argentina, officials made the decision to grant her the proper identification after her mother, Gabriela, wrote to Daniel Scioli, the governor of Buenos Aires, as well as Argentinian President Cristina Kirchner, according to The Telegraph's report.

"By accepting that my son was not the son I gave birth to, but a girl," Gabriela told reporters. "I accepted her identity and put myself at her side."

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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...N' YOU'RE SAYIN' THIS NELSON FELLA' LIED 'BOUT ME BEIN' A MALE ESCORT ...JUST TO PISS YA' OFF?

THAT'S CORRECT.

MAN...I OUGHTA' BUST HIS LIP.

DON'T BOTHER YOURSELF. I'LL DEAL WITH NELSON.

YOU KNOW, DREW...WE COULD'VE AVOIDED ALL THIS DRAMA...

...IF ONLY YOU'D TOLD ME YOU'D POSED NUDE FOR THAT POETRY BOOK.

ARE YA' SERIOUS? HELL, LANCE... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEVER WANTED TO TALK 'BOUT NOTHIN'.

I PRACTICALLY HAD TO DRAG IT OUTTA' YA' THAT YA' DID BALLET IN COLLEGE.

BUT THE ONLY THING YA' EVER ASKED ME 'BOUT WAS MY TATTOO.

YA' NEVER SHOWED ONE LICK OF INTEREST 'BOUT MY LIFE IN ALABAMA.

I GOTTA' BE HONEST WITH YA'... THAT KINDA' HURT MY FEELINGS.

WELL--

N' ANOTHER THING...

...YOU WERE MORE N' HAPPY TO PARADE ME AROUND LIKE A PRIZE SHOW HORSE AT YOUR FANCY AWARDS DINNER...

...UNTIL YA' FOUND OUT I MIGHTA' BEEN A PROSTITUTE. THEN IT WAS OFF TO THE GLUE FACTORY FOR ME.

AIN'T THAT AWFUL HYPOCRITICAL...

...WHEN YOU'VE USED SEX TO LAND ACCOUNTS AT YOUR JOB?

I HAVEN'T SLEPT WITH ANY CLIENTS SINCE WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER, DREW.

OH? ARE WE STILL "TOGETHER", LANCE?

I SUPPOSE THAT'S UP TO YOU.

YEAH, WELL...I'M GONNA' NEED SOME TIME TO THINK 'BOUT THAT.

HMMM... TIME WHICH I'LL PUT TO GOOD USE...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



THE UNHEALTHY SIDE OF ONLINE HOOKUPS

Back before I met my better half, I found a website called Manhunt where guys find other guys. I had been a virgin to the whole chat room scene and I was unfamiliar to the entire dating milieu. I was skeptical and nervous but I thought I'd give it a chance.

After two weeks, I became immersed in emoticons, sexual shorthand, and the ability to chat concurrently with a dozen guys who were only looking for "friends". The site is what it is and offers no excuses. It fosters an environment that allows consenting men to have sex with each other.

I will expose the dark and unhealthy side of this experience for all. It isn't quite "To Catch a Predator Dateline" material but just imagine it to be for dramatic effect.

What is with all the guys on Manhunt who are into BB? I found out through questioning that BB stands for bare back. These guys are complete idiots. BB was cool when HIV and AIDS was not prevalent back in the Victorian Era. This is the post Rock Hudson and Liberace era. You can get infected with HIV if you engage in unprotected sex.

Most of the guys I chatted with who were into BB proclaimed that they recently tested negative for HIV and only engaged in BB action with other guys who also tested negative for HIV. Once again, these people are complete idiots.

Many of these Bbers were looking for NSA (no strings attached) and random lovemaking. When was the last time you could trust a guy you JUST met. The only safe way is to trust only you. I worked several years as an HIV/AIDS case manager and the best method outside of abstinence is with condoms.

PNP is another acronym I learned from my swashbuckling adventures with Manhunt. PNP refers to party and play and it sounds so cute and nice. It is a euphemism for let's get coked up and grab some crystal meth and then have sex until someone's anus explodes.

All the health experts warn against using drugs while engaging in sexual activity. It lowers inhibitions and poor judgment is often used. That doesn't discourage scores of guys on this site from proclaiming their fascination with drugs and sex. More idiots I was exposed to on this site.

During the first two weeks I was on the site for up to six hours per day. It is quite addictive and initially exciting. It is like stalking your prey for miles and then finally relishing on your catch when you succeed in the kill. The problem is that many

guys are always hunting and are never relishing other facets of their life.

Get a life. Sex accounts for a small percentage of your existence. You need shelter, food, clothing, and many other things that make up a well balanced life. Those fellas that are constantly on this site are overly obsessed. Get a hobby or go find a job or start doing your job instead of pulling this site up at your cubicle each day. Just get a life before yours passes you by.

Finally, lying is not healthy. Manhunt is replete with pathological liars. Guys lie about their penis size, their waist size, their age, their situations, and their faces (they post fake pictures... gasp!). It is a small world and people will talk and word will get around. It is not healthy to have a bad reputation.

Furthermore, I would like to point out a few of my pet peeves. Do not state that you are a swimmers build when you are five feet eight inches tall and weigh 190 pounds. Athletic build does not mean you weigh 250 pounds and are less than six feet tall. That means you are fat. Do not state that you are only seeking someone who is drama free. This is the gay world and we all have drama.

I enjoyed my learning experience on this site and several others. Be wary and steer clear of those unhealthy aspects to it all and you shall be fine. I met many fascinating fellows from this experience and will have plenty of interesting muses for stories around the campfire one day.

This article of aha is brought to you by that guy of gee whiz. That openly oh boy guy is Ron Blake and he can be found by gosh by golly at myblakefitness.com.



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