

# The GayZette



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## Tennessee Church's 'Satan' Sign Sparks Outrage, Gets Taken Down

A sign posted outside a Tennessee Baptist church was removed after it sparked outrage in the community and on the Internet.

"Remember Satan was the first to demand equal rights" disappeared from the marquee of the Knoxville's Baptist Tabernacle Church earlier this week following Facebook posts calling the message anti-Christian.



"What is wrong with you people?" posted Ashley Snipes. "You are sending everyone the wrong messages with your ignorance!"

Knoxville resident Adam Miller posted "I thought surely someone wouldn't post such a thing. Makes me sad I was wrong and doubly sad that these folks are in my back yard."

Pastor Tony Greene said the church meant no harm. The message, he said, was about unity.

"It was not a statement against any one group in particular," he said, according to WATE-TV. "You know, what about the rights of the unborn babies, the rights of children, the rights of everyone?"

A Facebook poster named Andy Henry wrote, "It's clearly a sign that was meant to offend a particular group - the LGBT community. Because of (church officials') lack of foresight, they ended up offending everybody who had ever fought for equality or civil rights in general," reported WBIR-TV.

The church's sign now reads "Glad you reading. Did not mean to offend. We all need Christ."

## Indiana Newspaper Sends Big Message

By Lucas Grindley

### THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR

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Extend protected status to gays, lesbians, RFRA and new protections can co-exist.



A striking front page for Tuesday's edition of the Indianapolis Star delivers an all-caps message to state lawmakers.

"FIX THIS NOW," reads the headline for a rare front-page editorial.

The newspaper argues the so-called "Religious Freedom Restoration Act," signed into law last week by Governor

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Mike Pence (at right), "already has done enormous harm to our state and potentially our economic future."



"The consequences will only get worse if our state leaders delay in fixing the deep mess created," it warns, before calling on lawmakers to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the state's anti-discrimination laws. "Half steps will not be enough. Half steps will not undo the damage. Only bold action — action that sends an unmistakable message to the world that our state will not tolerate discrimination against any of its citizens — will be enough to reverse the damage.

"Gov. Mike Pence and the General Assembly need to enact a state law to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, education and public accommodations on the basis of a person's sexual orientation or gender identity."

Pence was asked directly on Sunday whether he'd sign such a law. "I will not push for that," he told ABC's George Stephanopoulos. "That's not on my agenda, and that's not been an objective of the people of the state of Indiana."

For his part, Pence published his own op-ed in the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday, in which he assured the business community that the law isn't discriminatory. Instead of championing anti-discrimination legislation, Pence suggests the "Golden Rule" ensures LGBT people are protected.

"I abhor discrimination," writes Pence. "I believe in the Golden Rule that you should 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' If I saw a restaurant owner refuse to serve a gay couple, I wouldn't eat there anymore."

The Indianapolis Star editors couldn't have seen Pence's op-ed before publishing their own, but they manage to address its message anyway.

"We urge Gov. Pence and lawmakers to stop clinging to arguments about whether RFRA really does what critics fear; to stop clinging to ideology or personal preferences; to focus instead on fixing this," the newspaper wrote. "Governor, Indiana is in a state of crisis. It is worse than you seem to understand."

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# Op-ed: 'Religious Discrimination' Laws Have Nothing to Do With Religion

By Julian Bond

The value of religious freedom is paramount in our country — that's why it's enshrined in our nation's Constitution. Let there be no doubt: People of faith and their right to exercise their closely held religious beliefs are fully protected. Most unfortunately, a select group of insidious activists and elected officials is pretending those protections don't exist and is threatening the civil rights of LGBT Americans.



Legislators in states such as Indiana, Arkansas, and Georgia are busy pushing bills that purport to further protect religious believers from the so-called scourge of government intrusion. But these bills aren't about religious belief at all: They're about discrimination, pure and simple.

Legislative proposals like the one coming to Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson and the bill Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed into law Thursday are driven not by belief but by fear of the unknown. As marriage equality edges closer and closer to becoming the law of the land, those who are dismayed by the broad sweep of progress are using so-called religious freedom bills as ballast. But doing so puts not only LGBT Americans and their families at risk — it puts all of us in an untenable position.

These religious refusal proposals tell folks they can pick and choose which laws they want to follow. That individuals can sue not only businesses but teachers, firefighters, and police officers if they believe their religious rights are violated. If a police officer sues his precinct because he is required to patrol a mosque, can laws like the one in Indiana protect him? If a father sues a teacher because she disciplined his child under a community-wide antibullying policy, can legislation like that before the governor of Arkansas put that teacher in jeopardy? These bills are intentionally vague, leaving it up to an overburdened court system to decide whether an individual's religious beliefs are more important than another person's

basic civil rights.

We oppose these bills because they seek not to preserve or protect religious believers but to demean and exclude LGBT people, religious minorities, and others who may find themselves standing on the outside looking in.

I have seen discrimination. I have stood inside businesses that would not serve me because of my race, and I have been told that the rights of those business owners were more important than mine. I countered that logic then, as I do now. We have no crisis of religious discrimination; we have a crisis of fear. I stand against these bills and with those who are fighting to stop them. I refuse to allow discrimination to cloak itself in a shroud of faith. I refuse to give into fear.

DR. JULIAN BOND is a civil rights leader and former member of the Georgia legislature. He is the founder and president emeritus of the Southern Poverty Law Center and served as chairman of the NAACP from 1998 to 2010.

## Video Shows Gay Man Stoned to Death in Jamaica

By Neal Broverman

A young Jamaican man was pummeled to death with rocks as his killers chanted antigay slurs, according to a video and local reports.

Video of the public execution was posted on a Jamaican news site and then removed March 3, according to the blog *Minority-Insight*. Common Jamaican antigay slurs like "batty boy" are heard as the man is killed.

PinkNews reports that the crime occurred in Montego Bay, though that's according to unconfirmed social media postings. The Jamaican government, known by some as complicit in antigay hate crimes in this deeply homophobic country, has not issued a statement on the video.

The Guardian newspaper recently interviewed 2,000 Jamaicans about their feelings toward gay people. Though the paper found widespread animosity toward gays, younger and more educated people expressed much less intolerance. Men, and especially those who listen to dancehall music, were found to be the most homophobic.

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# Frankie Grande: Smoking 'Ain't Cute,' Guys

By Frankie Grande

When I was a little boy my father, Dr. Victor Marchione — a pulmonologist — took me into the hospital and showed me a black lung. He wrung out the lung out in front of me and I watched the black tar that killed its previous owner spill into a tray right in front of my face. From that point forward I vowed that I would never touch a cigarette and made it part of my life's mission to deter and stop others from doing so as well.



When I was 5, I walked up to a couple smoking in a restaurant and told them point-blank, "You're going to die." Then I walked away. I can only imagine their confusion as to why this little boy was predicting their imminent demise. Did they think it was the food in the restaurant or perhaps that I was a small prophet? Back then, when we didn't know as much, they may not have thought I was referring to the cigarettes in their hands and the smoke they inhaled between bites.

Now it is an undisputable fact that smoking kills by destroying your lungs and body. It's a huge problem, but it is hitting the LGBT community especially hard. According to the National Adult Tobacco Survey conducted in 2009 and 2010, the prevalence of any type of current tobacco use is higher for LGBT adults compared to heterosexual adults, and overall, sexual minorities are 1.5 to 2.5 times more likely to smoke than heterosexuals. But the problem doesn't just affect the adults in our community; it is affecting our youth at alarming rates. Smoking rates among LGB youth are estimated to be considerably higher (38 percent to 59 percent) than those among adolescents in general (28 percent to 35 percent).

To understand why people in our community are still smoking, we need to understand why they start. Several factors, such as higher levels of social stress, frequent patronage of bars and clubs, higher rates of alcohol and drug use, and direct targeting of LBG consumers by the tobacco industry may be related to higher rates of tobacco use among LGB people. Among youth,

research suggests that smoking rates are high because of unique stressors that contribute to their risk of substance use, such as coming out, physical and verbal victimization, feelings of alienation, and depression.

While manufacturers of tobacco products are required to prominently label packaging with warning messages, they continue targeting the LGBT market through their marketing initiatives. According to Legacy Tobacco Documents Library, industry documents show that tobacco companies are aware of high smoking rates among sexual minorities, and marketing plans illustrate the companies' efforts to exploit the LGBT market. Countering those marketing attacks with education campaigns is one of the best ways to keep our community healthy, but education campaigns can't be boring — they have to be fun and compel the viewer to take action.

The "Left Swipe Dat" video that I did with Brittany Louise Taylor organized by The Truth, one of the largest and most successful youth smoking prevention campaigns, does just that — educates with humor and gives us all a simple way to combat the problem. The point of the "Left Swipe Dat" campaign is to shine a light on one aspect of the impact that smoking can have; it's a funny video with a serious message. When you see a photo of someone smoking on a dating app, "Left Swipe Dat," and by doing so, you will take a personal stand against smoking and send Big Tobacco a message that you will not support this bad habit. The video also reminds people that smoking is not only deadly, it's unattractive, so it's time to finish it once and for all.

Personally, I want a significant other who is going to take care of himself. I take a great deal of pride in maintaining a healthy body, so when others advertise smoking in their photos, this tells me that they don't understand the impact that they are having on themselves and others. Love yourself, take care of your body, and don't destroy it. Make yourself more attractive by just putting down that cigarette.

As I said earlier, it is important to me to help deter others from smoking. This video helps further that goal, and if I can get just one person to quit smoking, in turn saving their life, then I will be happy. And if I can influence people to take a stand through this video, then I will have satisfied my mission because smoking and cancer ain't cute.

If you need more information and resources you can visit [TheTruth.com](http://TheTruth.com) and follow the campaign on social media.

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## 6 Ways You Can Get HIV

If you think that HIV happens to other people, you may want to think again.

BY TYLER CURRY

People make assumptions about the kind of people who get HIV. Some think that it is only an issue for people who are promiscuous, poor, a minority, or gay. With the false safety of these beliefs, people make mistakes that could result in a rude awakening. More than half of young people who are living with HIV are unaware of their status, and HIV infections are on the rise. So don't be naïve about the kinds of people who can get HIV, because no one is immune to infection and almost everyone has had an experience that could have been life changing.



Here are six common ways that you can become infected with HIV.

### You thought he was monogamous

Surprisingly, this is one of the most common ways that people report becoming HIV-positive. When you enter into a monogamous relationship, you shouldn't have to question your partner's fidelity or be forced to wear condoms on your wedding night. But that doesn't mean you should turn a blind eye to the possibility of your partner sleeping with another person. So keep the communication open and the topic of HIV on both of your minds to minimize your risk while maximizing your pleasure.

### He didn't know he was HIV-positive

You like him, he likes you and both of you seem to be as healthy as can be. Of course you would use a condom for a hook-up, but this isn't a hook-up and condoms are so "unromantic." Many people feel like sex without a condom is more intimate and a sign of trust. The decision to remove a condom as a relationship progresses can be a very good thing, but not before you've been tested together. Remember, more than half of young people living with HIV do not know that they are HIV-positive. And according to the CDC, the majority of HIV infections occur from someone who is unaware of their status. If you skip getting tested together, one of you may unknowingly transmit the disease.

### Drugs and Alcohol impaired your judgment

So you claim to wear condoms most of the time, but when examining your most recent sexual romps, the details are a little hazy. Maybe you wore a condom, maybe you didn't. Drugs and alcohol are one of the biggest risk factors when it comes to the spread of HIV. If you know that your likelihood of wearing a rubber decreases as the drinks start to flow, you may want to take a sobering look at just how risky your behavior may be.

### You didn't ask, he didn't tell

Naturally, you would assume that anyone who is HIV-positive would disclose his or her status before having sex with you. So you just presume that since they didn't bring it up, you're safe. Unfortunately, people fail to disclose all kinds of things, especially when it comes to sex. If you don't ask, he may not tell you. And in case you need reminding, just because he says he

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is HIV-negative doesn't make it true. When it comes to your HIV status, you cannot afford to be too idealistic.

### You are a top so you thought you were safe

It's common knowledge that HIV is a "bottom" thing, right? So when a hot guy is cool with going at it without a condom, you consider it safe. But if the same guy is unknowingly living with HIV and carrying a high viral load, your risk might not be as low as you think. Many men have reported contracting HIV from topping during anal sex. According to a recent study, around one-in-five men who were recently infected were tops.

### You thought it couldn't happen to you

It's easy to consider HIV as separate from your reality and, therefore, not a threat to your health. Many people living with HIV do so in secret; never revealing their status to their friends and family. This, along with improved medications, has created an environment where people falsely believe that HIV isn't a part of their world. Don't be naïve. HIV continues to spread and you are just like everyone else — at risk for HIV.

So get tested, talk about prevention with your friends and your partner, and be aware of the risks you face. Your sexual health depends on it.



## Major Companies Decry 'License to Discriminate' Bills

By Trudy Ring

Several major corporations have signed on to a Human Rights Campaign statement decrying proposed "license to discriminate" bills like the one that just became law in Indiana and the one awaiting action by the governor of Arkansas.



The first nine signatories are American Airlines, Apple, Levi Strauss, Microsoft, Orbitz Worldwide, Replacements, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Symantec, and Wells Fargo.

The statement denounces as "bad for business" laws that would allow individuals and companies to discriminate against those who offend their religious beliefs — for instance, LGBT people or members of a different faith. The current rash of legislation is largely in reaction to the spread of marriage equality, as some vendors of wedding-related goods and services want to be able to turn away same-sex couples without running afoul of state antidiscrimination law.

"Equality in the workplace is a business priority to foster talent and innovation, and these state laws undermine this core value," the statement reads in part. "These state laws set a dangerous precedent that stifles investment and economic growth by jeopardizing a state's status as a welcoming place for employees to live and thrive, undermining the success of a business at large.

"It is unreasonable for job creators to recruit a diverse workforce from states that encourage businesses to discriminate against our community of employees or consumers. While these bills won't alter our commitment to equality in the workplace, this legislation sends the wrong message about the states in which we operate and threatens our core corporate commit-

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ment to respect all individuals. We the undersigned call for public officials to defeat or abandon efforts to enact this type of harmful legislation.”

HRC officials said they expect additional companies to sign on to the document, which is available on the organization’s website. HRC president Chad Griffin issued a statement praising the businesses that have taken a stand against such laws, which are under consideration in numerous states.

“Business leaders have made it abundantly clear that these anti-LGBT bills undermine their core values and set dangerous precedents that stifle investment and economic growth,” he said. “Anti-equality lawmakers who value corporate investments in their state should sit up, pay attention, and abandon these bills attacking LGBT people.”

## River City Mixed Chorus to Present April 19 Concert to Benefit OutLinc



### River City Mixed Chorus

Lincoln, Neb.- The River City Mixed Chorus presents “We Sing Out,” a benefit concert for the Lincoln community. The performance will be at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 19, at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, located at 1144 M St. in Lincoln. A free-will donation will be taken at the concert with all proceeds going to OutLinc, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving and advancing the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community.

Musical selections include “Bridge over Troubled Water,” by Simon and Garfunkel, “I Sing Out,” by Mark Hayes and “Make Them Hear You,” from the musical Ragtime. Additional pieces, mainly from Broadway and popular collections, were specifically selected for their messages of inclusion, hope and empowerment.

The River City Mixed Chorus is in its 31st season and includes 100 singers. RCMC is one of the longest-running gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and ally (GLBTA) mixed choruses in the United States and is under the direction of Dr. A. Barron Breland.

“Our mission is to create exceptional musical experiences to support diversity, inspire change and empower communities,” said Breland. “We realize that our community reaches beyond Omaha, where the majority of our singers live. It includes Lincoln, the state of Nebraska and the entire United States. We look forward to expanding the reach of our message of inclusion and acceptance to the Lincoln community.”

For more information about the River City Mixed Chorus, including future performances, visit [www.RCMC.org](http://www.RCMC.org).

## Star City Pride Looks to Strengthen Event with \$10,000 Grant

By Justin Perkins | Photo by JP Davis  
[dailynebraskan.com](http://dailynebraskan.com)



Early this March, Star City Pride – Lincoln’s annual four-day celebration of the LGBT community – was awarded a \$10,000 grant through the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

After becoming a non-profit organization last year, organizers with Star City Pride applied for the grant. It became 1 of 26 awardees from a pool of 52 applicants.

Now in its eighth year, Star City Pride hopes to strengthen the expanse of the event and assemble a more robust advertising campaign for each of the four days, which will take place July 9-12 this year.

“None of us had ever written any kind of grant like that before, so it was kind of daunting at first,” said Vadra Stutzman, Star City Pride president. “But with this now, we’re looking to do things we haven’t been able to do in the past.”

Funds from the grant will allow Star City Pride to advertise outside of a 100-mile radius of Lincoln and will go to fund printing costs of the “Pride Guide,” the event’s signature brochure that includes sponsors for the event, its largest source of income.

In the past, Stutzman said the organization has never been able to afford advertisements in radio or newspapers outside of Lincoln. Now they hope to make the event more widespread and reach places like western Nebraska, for those who may not have the support of an LGBT community like Lincoln and Omaha has.

Ryan Huskey, vice president of Star City Pride, said Star City Pride will officially be able to attend surrounding pride events as an organization for the first time.

Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Stutzman hopes the grant will further help these relationships with LGBT communities in other states and draw a greater breadth of attendees.

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# Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

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## How To Choose A Therapist

How To Choose A Therapist Recently, I got an email from a guy who said:

“A friend of mine told me that he was tired of hearing me complain all the time about the same problems over and over and that I should see a therapist. I’ve never gone to a therapist: what exactly do you do?”



I recommended that he consider therapists as personal trainers for the mind. For example, when you work out at the gym, hit a plateau and can’t progress any further, if you’re smart, you stop doing the same old unproductive routine and get a trainer to help you move to the next level.

A therapist does similar work for your mental state: when you’re “stuck” and can’t progress mentally, you need some expert help. Friends, relatives and lovers can be helpful, but they have neither the training nor the objectivity and confidentiality that a good therapist does.

Therapists (psychotherapists, psychologists and psychiatrists) are regulated and licensed by the rules and regulations of your state. They usually have rigid continuing education requirements and can lose their licenses if they misbehave (e.g., have sex with a client, violate your rights to confidentiality, etc.). If you have a problem that is not going away, for example, your self-esteem continues to be low after years of trying to feel better about yourself, or you can’t get over your ex, or you feel depressed or panicky and often anxious, a therapist may be helpful.

There are different types of therapists. Your State may have a different title for them than the State next door. Keeping that in mind, here is some general information:

A psychotherapist is specifically trained to do psychotherapy, that is, talk therapy for your psychological issues. They do not issue prescriptions for any medications and rarely do psychological testing. Psychologists are usually to do talk therapy (like psychotherapists), but may do psychological testing as well. These folks often have the initials Ph.D. after their names.

Psychiatrists are medical doctors (MDs) who specialize in mental health. Their primary focus is usually in doing psychological evaluations and dispensing medications (antidepressants, anti-anxiety medications, etc.).

You can go to any of these for “therapy”, but note that each has their own specialty. Psychiatrists are usually the most expen-

sive, psychologists and psychotherapists usually charge less.

How do you find a therapist that you like and is able to help you with your problem(s)? Well...how did you find your doctor, dentist or chiropractor? Most of us ask our friends, family and co-workers for recommendations. Once you have some potential therapist candidates, I recommend that you come up with a list of questions to ask them before you call them up.

Some therapists will speak with you on the telephone before your first appointment, others will not. If this is your first time in therapy, I recommend talking with a therapist on the phone before you make an appointment; here are some questions to consider asking them:

“I am looking for help with \_\_\_\_\_“. Do you have experience with this?” “If not, can you recommend someone who specializes in this area?”

“How would you help me?”

“How often would you want me to come in?”

“How long would our sessions last?”

“How many times do you think I’d need to see you?”

“How much do you charge for your sessions?”

“Do you have evening/weekend/early morning appointments?”

This is not an exhaustive list, but it’s a good start. Interview several therapists over the phone before you choose one to see in person. Remember, this is how they make their living, so keep your telephone interviews as focused as possible...ask your questions but don’t waste their time.

Once you have done your telephone interviews, pick one or two therapists and schedule an appointment. Tell them during your appointment that you are looking for a therapist and may see another therapist (or two) in order to find a therapist that you really click with.

Don’t feel guilty if you don’t click with the first (or second) therapist you meet. You may need to meet with two or three to find the right one. It’s your time and money, so make sure you feel comfortable with who you choose. Then, get ready to face your problems and change your life!



### Rest Your Mind

I know you have been laying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as “Luvs”, “Huggies,” and “Pampers”, while undergarments for old people are called “Depends”.

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv’em, Hug’em and Pamper’ em. When old people crap in their pants, it “Depends” on who’s in the will

Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.



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

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

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

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

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

**ONE PROMISE GROUP,** Narcotics Anony-  
mous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819  
South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-  
8552

**RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE,**  
3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

**SECOND UNITARIAN,** Sunday morning  
services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha,  
[info@2uomaha.org](mailto:info@2uomaha.org), 402-334-0537

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

**WIMMIN'S SHOW,** KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**Every Monday**  
**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**  
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

**GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP**  
**HIV+ MEN** 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S.  
15th St., Lincoln NE., contact Nick or Rick at 402-  
476-3144

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

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-  
HEARSALS,** 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United  
Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

**Every Tuesday**  
**HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE,** meet  
Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session).  
Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [aander-  
son@hastings.edu](mailto:aander-<br/>son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at  
[jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto:jsandeen@hastings.edu) for further information.

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

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-  
PORT GROUP,** 7-8:30PM, Women's Center,  
Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

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

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK**  
6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball  
field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

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

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

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 7pm

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

**Every Friday**  
**LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting,**  
8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women,  
at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851  
North 74th Street

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

**OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB**  
Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday  
6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email  
[outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com)

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

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP**  
4-6pm, First United Methodist Church,  
291-6781 [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday**  
**FREE RAPID HIV TESTING,** 8pm to  
10pm at Flixxx Show Bar, STD testing also  
available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or  
142 or visit [www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org) for more info

**1st Thursday**  
**GLBT PROFESSIONALS,** meeting at  
5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOg-  
lbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOg-<br/>lbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for  
info

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday**  
**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm.  
Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian  
Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

**1st Sunday**  
**Soka Gakkai International (SGI-USA),**  
Lay Buddhist organization based on Nichiren  
Buddhism, World Peace Prayer the First Sun  
day of each month, 10am-11:30am,  
LGBTQIA Friendly, 1021 N 46th Street,  
Omaha, NE 68132, call 402-558-6148

**SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN**  
12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship  
Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library  
[info@inclusivelife.org](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on Facebook

**2nd Monday**  
**NAP HIV TESTING**  
Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm  
—50th & Ames Ave.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**HEARTLAND PRIDE**, Board Meeting- at 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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

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

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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## I Am Not Happy

I rear-ended a car this morning...the start of a REALLY bad day! The driver got out of the other car, and he was a DWARF!! He looked up at me and said 'I am NOT Happy!'

So I said, 'Well, which one ARE you then?' That's how the fight started.

## The Pregnant Girl

A 25-year-old girl tells her Mom that she has missed her period for 2 months. Very worried, the mother goes to the drugstore and buys a pregnancy kit. The test result shows that the girl is pregnant.

Shouting and crying, the mother says, "Who was the pig that did this to you? I want to know!" Without answering, the girl picks up the phone and makes a call. Half an hour later, a Mercedes stops in front of their house. A mature and distinguished man with gray hair and wearing a yarmulke steps out of the car and enters the house.

He sits in the living room with the father, mother, and the girl and tells them, "Your daughter has informed me of the problem. I can't marry her because of my personal family

situation but I'll take charge. I will pay all costs and provide for your daughter for the rest of her life.

"Additionally, if a girl is born, I will bequeath two retail furniture stores, a deli, a condo in Miami, and a \$1,000,000 bank account."

"If a boy is born, my legacy will be a chain of jewelry stores and a \$25,000,000 bank account."

"However, if there is a miscarriage, I'm not sure what to do. What do you suggest?"

All silent at this point, the mother placed a hand firmly on the man's shoulder and tells him,

"So, you'll try again."

## The Test of Three

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance, who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three."

"Test of Three?"

"That's correct," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to test what you're going to say. The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man replied, "actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second test, the test of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued, "You may still pass though because there is a third test - the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man was defeated and ashamed and said no more.

This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

And that's why Socrates never learned that his student was banging his wife.

## True Love

A woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you" ...

Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?" ...

She replies, "It's me...talking to the wine."

## MY LAST TRIP TO COSTCO

Yesterday I was at my local COSTCO buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Jake, the Wonder Dog, and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had an elephant? So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry.

The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff a poodle's ass and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Costco won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.



# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

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

**Camp Kindle**, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, [www.CampKindle.org](http://www.CampKindle.org)

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

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

**First Central Congregational Church UCC**, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

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

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

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming

**Front Water Bears**, (group disbanded)

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

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

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**GOglbt Professionals**, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

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

**Heartland Pride** [www.heartlandpride.org](http://www.heartlandpride.org), email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org); meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life** 402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://www.inclusivelife.org) Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

**Learning to Exchange Power**, no current info available

**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** not currently meeting

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

mature gay and bi men and their fans to encourage participation in fun, cultural, educational or social activities. Email [PrimeTimersEvents@gmail.com](mailto:PrimeTimersEvents@gmail.com) for more information & schedule. Also on Facebook as Metro Omaha Prime Timers

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am

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

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

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 250 So. 77th St., HIV testing and counseling

**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

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

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

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

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

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.oglbtsports.com](http://www.oglbtsports.com) for more information

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

**Out and About in Nebraska**, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

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

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

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon 4pm to 6pm, for info: email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

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

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

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

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

## LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094

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

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



cglbtc  
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,  
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

## Iowa Based

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

**Council Bluffs Community Alliance**  
[www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)

**Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.org)**

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

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

**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site:** [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

## Nationally Based

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

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## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

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

**Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: [Gayzette@cox.net](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)**

# The Hungry Homo

## Slow-Cooked Pork & Sauerkraut

### Ingredients

1 (20 oz.) can or bag sauerkraut  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1 1/2 lb. ground pork sausage  
1 onion, sliced

### Methods/Steps

In a medium bowl, combine the sauerkraut and brown sugar. Then place in the crock-pot. Arrange the sausage and onion over the sauerkraut. Cook on HIGH for 2 hours. If it appears dry, add some water if necessary. Reduce heat to LOW setting, and cook for two more hours.

### Additional Tips:

Try it with Kielbasa  
Makes 5 servings



## Sausage Rolls

### Ingredients

12 oz. pork sausage  
1 can refrigerated crescent rolls  
2 tbsp. chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped apple  
1 cup shredded Colby cheese  
1 tbsp. brown sugar  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon

### Methods/Steps

Brown sausage in skillet, stirring until crumbly. Drain and cool. Place crescent rolls on floured pastry board; flatten and pinch seams together. Roll into 2 rectangles. Sprinkle sausage and remaining ingredients on rectangle. Roll to enclose filling; seal edge. Cut into 1/2 inch slices. Place slices in 2 greased baking pans. Grill with lid down over medium-low indirect heat for 30-35 minutes or bake in a preheated 400-degree oven.

Makes 6





# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



SO... THIS IS MY FIRST DATE **EVER** WITH A **BEAR**.

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF I'M ACTUALLY...

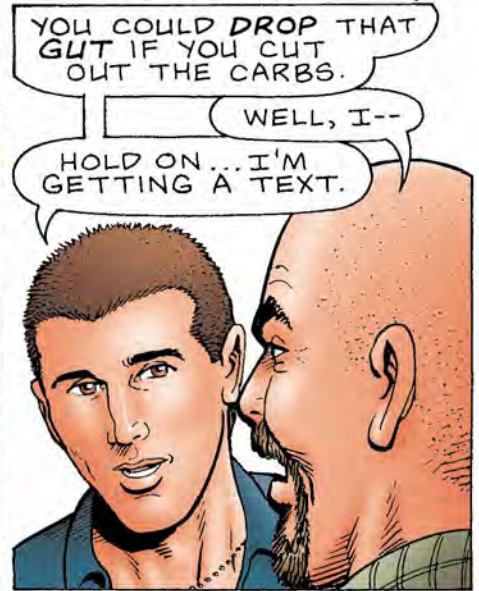
A **BEAR**?



OF COURSE YOU ARE. THE FACIAL HAIR... THE GUT... THE **TIMBERLAND** **BOOTS**.

**CLASSIC BEAR**.

OKAY...



YOU COULD **DROP** THAT **GUT** IF YOU CUT OUT THE **CARBS**.

WELL, I--

**HOLD ON... I'M GETTING A TEXT.**



**BITCH**. NEVER MIND.

SO... WHY THAT **OUTFIT**?

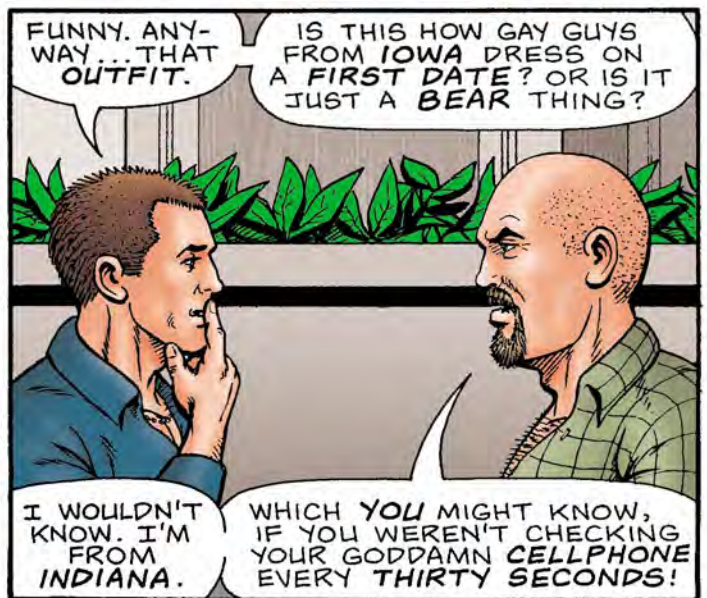
YOU'RE TALKING TO ME NOW?



DUH. WHO ELSE WOULD I BE TALKING TO?

I'M NOT SURE.

YOU KEEP CHECKING YOUR **PHONE** AND SENDING **TEXTS**... IT'S HARD TO TELL.

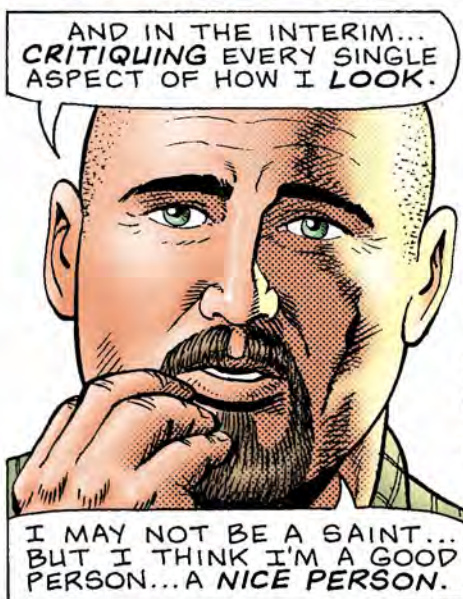


FUNNY. ANYWAY... THAT **OUTFIT**.

IS THIS HOW **GAY** GUYS FROM **IOWA** DRESS ON A **FIRST DATE**? OR IS IT JUST A **BEAR** THING?

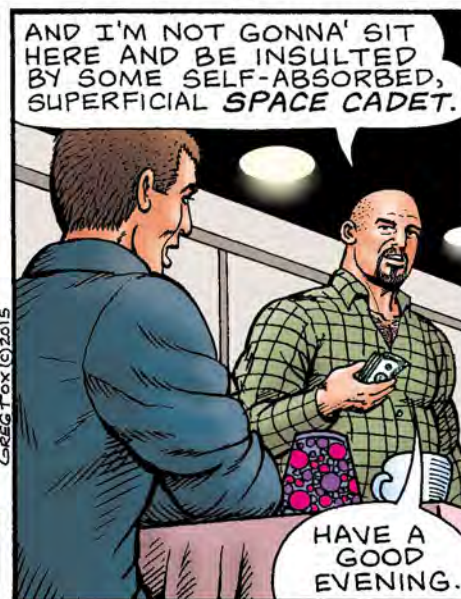
I WOULDN'T KNOW. I'M FROM **INDIANA**.

WHICH YOU MIGHT KNOW, IF YOU WEREN'T CHECKING YOUR **GODDAMN CELLPHONE** EVERY **THIRTY SECONDS**!



AND IN THE INTERIM... **CRITIQUING** EVERY SINGLE ASPECT OF HOW I **LOOK**.

I MAY NOT BE A **SAINT**... BUT I THINK I'M A **GOOD PERSON**... A **NICE PERSON**.



AND I'M NOT GONNA' SIT HERE AND BE **INSULTED** BY SOME **SELF-ABSORBED**, **SUPERFICIAL SPACE CADET**.

HAVE A **GOOD EVENING**.



IT'S JUST AS WELL. I CAN'T REALLY SEE MYSELF DATING A **BEAR** FROM **ILLINOIS**.

**INDIANA**. BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE GETTING CLOSER.

**RICHARD** IS SO **FIRED** AS MY **MATCHMAKER**...



Star City Pride gets Grant, continued.....  
 And with greater financial freedom, Stutzman and organizers are set to make this year's programs greater than in the past. "We're wanting to utilize a lot more local talent this year," Stutzman said, as this year's organizers are looking to bring in more local bands and drag shows.

Organizers even hope to host RuPaul – a renowned drag performer and producer of RuPaul's Drag Race – as an emcee for one night.

In the early years, Stutzman and volunteers raised funds by themselves for the entire event, which typically costs around \$15,000 to \$20,000, hosting fundraisers that ranged from dunk tanks, golf tournaments, drag shows and barbecues.

"The first event we ever had was just an afternoon in the park with maybe around 50-60 people," Stutzman said. "Now, in just this past year, I think we had grown to a crowd of maybe five to six thousand people."

This year, Stutzman and Huskey said they will continue these fundraisers and grow fundraising efforts to one day establish a parade with the event.

"It's been exciting just seeing this grow bigger and bigger each year," Stutzman said.

But both Stutzman and Huskey expect the event will still have the same close community feel for all ages and continue to further their goal to defend human and civil rights and promote equality throughout the entire Lincoln community.

"The main thing we hope to do is to give a safe space for people to have fun for a weekend and promote acceptance," Huskey said. "There's a huge difference between tolerance and acceptance, and we hope the more Lincoln has events like this, the more acceptance the state is going to have."

## Gay-Bashing Murderers Become First Same-Sex Couple To Marry in Prison

BY JULIEN SAUVALLE

Two convicted murderers detained in one of Britain's toughest prisons have become the first gay couple to marry in jail, The Guardian reports.



Mikhail Gallatinov and Marc Goodwin exchanged vows in Full Sutton prison, a top security facility in East Yorkshire, England, in what is believed to be the first same-sex marriage (or civil partnership) to take place in a prison since the equal marriage act was introduced.

Both men are serving life sentences for gay-bashing crimes. Gallatinov, 40, is a convicted pedophile who was sentenced in 1997 for murdering a man he had met through a gay chat line. Goodwin, 31, was jailed 10 years later for a homophobic killing on Blackpool sea-front.

At their wedding ceremony, the pair exchanged vows they had written in front relatives, fellow prisoners, and four prison officers.

"These two guys were on separate wings at Full Sutton and used to meet — and have sex — in the prison library," a source told the Guardian. "Then they managed to get on the same wing and had sex regularly."

A prison service spokesman said the wedding had come at no cost to British taxpayers. "We are very clear that if prisoners do get married, the taxpayer does not foot the bill for the ceremony and they are certainly not allowed to share a cell," he confirmed.

In England, under the terms of the Marriage Act 1983, all prisoners can exercise their right to marry under civil law in the place of their detention. Since last year's Marriage Act, same-sex couples are also entitled to the right to marry in jail.

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