



Stonewall Inn Proved It Was a Landmark

BY ADVOCATE.COM EDITORS

President Obama made history today by naming the site of the Stonewall riots the first national LGBT monument — but it had long ago proved it deserved that title.



The bar has been a gathering place after major moments in LGBT history, both for celebration and mourning. The Stonewall Inn became a center for LGBT people and allies to come together after the Orlando mass shooting to remember the 49 people whose lives were lost June 12 and the 50-plus who were wounded. This time last year, crowds rushed to the Stonewall to celebrate the Supreme Court's ruling for marriage equality, after a long and hard-fought struggle.

While LGBT people are in a state of mourning over the horrific act that took place in Orlando, the community needs a space where it can come together to honor historic moments in our history. That kind of space is exactly what President Obama recognized today.

The Stonewall National Monument will protect 7.7 acres of land in Manhattan's Greenwich Village — Christopher Park, the Stonewall Inn bar, and the area streets and sidewalks that surround the area where the 1969 riots against police harassment took place.

"The riots became protests, the riots became a movement, the movement ultimately became an integral part of America," said President Obama in a video about the history of the Stonewall riots.

"I believe our national parks should reflect the full story of our country, the richness and diversity and uniquely American spirit that has always defined us," Obama added in his announcement.

The National Parks Conservation Association celebrated the announcement, saying, "Now, thanks to this victory, this site of mass resistance that led to larger social and political change will now be preserved as part of our national heritage for future generations."

President Obama first revealed his plans to make Stonewall a national monument back in May.

Minnesota Archbishop Who Denounces Homosexuality Now Being Investigated for Having Sex with Priests

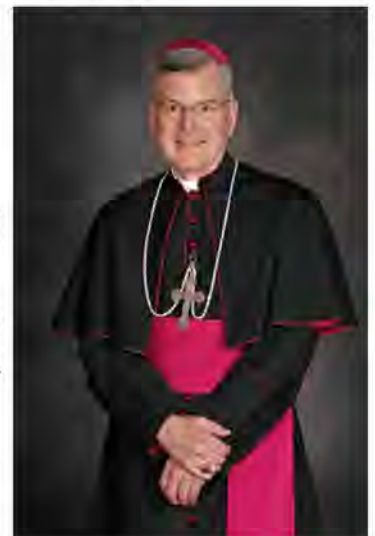
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Twin Cities (Minnesota) Archbishop John Nienstedt (pictured) has spent years arguing against LGBT rights. In 2007, he wrote that "those who actively encourage or promote homosexual acts... formally cooperate in a grave evil and, if they do so knowingly and willingly, are guilty of mortal sin."

He condemned Brokeback Mountain when it came out.

And he spent \$650,000 of the Church's money trying to convince Minnesota voters to pass an amendment banning same-sex marriage — an amendment that ultimately failed.

So guess what an investigation just found? GUESS! (Oh, this is too damn easy...)



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[Nienstedt] is being investigated for "multiple allegations" of inappropriate sexual conduct with seminarians, priests, and other men, according to the archbishop's former top canon lawyer, Jennifer Haselberger. The investigation is being conducted by a law firm hired by the archdiocese. Nienstedt denies the allegations.

"Based on my interview with [Minneapolis law firm] Greene Espel — as well as conversations with other interviewees — I believe that the investigators have received about ten sworn statements alleging sexual impropriety on the part of the archbishop dating from his time as a priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit, as Bishop of New Ulm, and while coadjutor and archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis," Haselberger told me. What's more, "he also stands accused of retaliating against those who refused his advances or otherwise questioned his conduct."

Nienstedt denies the allegations, of course, adding that they don't "involve minors or illegal or criminal behavior"... which is great but still doesn't absolve him from doing the very thing he's said throughout his career that no one should do. (It's pretty sad when "C'mon, at least I'm not a pedophile" is your best defense.)

This isn't just a victimless problem. Curtis Wehmeyer, a man who had a history of sexual misconduct, was promoted by Nienstedt to become pastor of two parishes... where he ended up molesting children. A separate investigation found that Nienstedt was aware of that man's criminal history when he promoted him. How could that happen? Well, I wouldn't be surprised if that history was just swept under the rug, allowing bad behavior to get even worse.

In a statement released yesterday, Nienstedt says he welcomes the investigation and denies doing anything illegal. But, as I said earlier, he doesn't even bother to dismiss the possibility that he's just a hypocrite.

Mike Huckabee Fined \$25K for Playing "Eye of the Tiger" at Kim Davis Rally

BY NICO LANG

Mike Huckabee was forced to pay \$25,000 in fines after settling out of court with the rock group Survivor, after the former presidential candidate used the band's "Eye of the Tiger" with-

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In 2015 the White House hopeful held a rally for Kim Davis, the controversial Kentucky clerk who was briefly jailed for refusing to allow same-sex couples marriage licenses. On September 8, Davis was released after five days behind bars.

Huckabee celebrated the occasion with supporters on the steps of the Rowan County Detention Center to the tune of the famous anthem from Rocky III, the 1982 entry in the series of boxing movies starring Sylvester Stallone.

Survivor lead guitarist Frankie Sullivan, who co-wrote the song, stated that they did so without prior authorization from the band. "We did not grant Kim Davis any rights to use... The Eye Of The Tiger [sic]," Sullivan posted on Facebook. "I would not grant her the rights to use Charmin!"

Sullivan hinted that there would be legal repercussions, and the resulting suit was uncovered Monday by CNN, who noted that Huckabee listed the settlement as a "campaign expense on federal election records" in a June 20 filing. Huckabee, who is still settling up his campaign debts, had to pay off the fee in two installments.

The onetime Fox News personality and former governor of Arkansas attempted to argue that he was well within his rights to use the song.

In court, his lawyers maintained that the infraction was "de minimis" — or so trivial that it would cause minimal harm to the injured party — and that it should be considered fair use due to the so-called religious nature of the gathering. "The purpose and character of the use was of a non-commercial and religious nature, signifying joy and praise at the release of Mrs. Davis from confinement," documents filed by Huckabee's legal team stated.

"That argument fell apart when the songwriter's lawyer pointed out that Huckabee claimed the rally as a presidential campaign expense," CNN reports. "He is now petitioning the Federal Election Commission to let him start a separate legal defense fund to pay off the settlement."

This isn't the first time that Survivor has taken legal action against politicians.

During the 2012 election cycle, the band sued presidential candidate Newt Gingrich, who had been using its music in his rallies for years. The two parties settled. Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor running against Gingrich in the Republican race, likewise received a cease and desist letter from the group and abruptly stopped playing "Eye of the Tiger."

In a 2015 interview with Rolling Stone, Sullivan addressed the Huckabee incident.

"I do not like mixing rock and roll with politics; they do not go hand in hand," Sullivan said. "What upset me most was that, once again, my song was being used to further a political agenda — and no one even bothered to ask for permission."

He further claimed that his opposition to allowing "Eye of the Tiger" to be used at a rally for Kim Davis was a personal one, as he opposes everything the county clerk stands for.

"I do not ... believe in denying gay rights and the freedom for all individuals to choose the lifestyle they want to live," Sullivan continued. "Our Constitution, and the words of our Founding Fathers, stand tall for freedom, which is what America is all about. I find it ridiculous in this day and age that this fight against gay marriage has gone on, even after the Supreme Court's ruling."

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Pope Francis: Catholics Should Apologize to the LGBT Community

BY NICO LANG

Pope Francis believes that it's time for Catholics to apologize to the LGBT community.

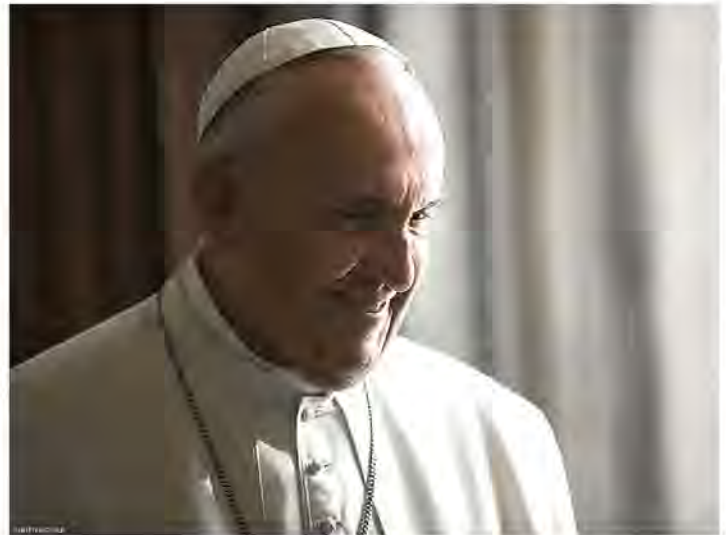
Returning from a trip to Armenia, the Pope spoke to the press aboard the papal plane about the recent attack on Orlando's Pulse nightclub, the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. Forty-nine people were killed at the Florida gay bar. Francis was asked by reporters about Cardinal Reinhard Marx's recent statement on the tragedy, in which he blamed the Roman Catholic Church for being "very negative about gay people" throughout its history.

The Pope agreed, adding that the Vatican should also seek forgiveness for its failure on women's rights, child labor, and gun control.

"I believe that the church not only should apologize to the person who is gay whom it has offended," he said, "but has to apologize to the poor, to exploited women, to children exploited for labor; it has to ask forgiveness for having blessed many weapons."

"The church must ask forgiveness for not behaving many times — when I say the church, I mean Christians!" he added. "The church is holy, we are sinners!"

Pope Francis said he is aware that many cultures and religions



find expressions of homosexuality "offensive," but having a "different mentality" should not be a justification for harm or ill will toward the LGBT community. "I repeat what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: that they must not be discriminated against, that they must be respected and accompanied pastorally," he said.

Francis also reiterated his famous "who am I to judge?" remark from 2013, when he first addressed the topic of gay rights back in 2013. "The problem isn't [homosexual] orientation," he said. "We must be like brothers and sisters."

"The questions is: If a person who has that condition, who has good will, and who looks for God, who are we to judge?" the pope added Sunday.

Rev. Federico Lombardi, a spokesperson for the Vatican, later clarified that the phrase "that condition" was in reference to "a person in that situation," not a physical ailment or an affliction. "In Italian, the word condition can also mean situation," according to CNN.

Rev. James Martin, who serves an editor at large for America magazine, told the news channel that the pope's statement is "a groundbreaking moment" for LGBT people, who have been traditionally shunned by the Catholic Church, where same-sex relations are often condemned and classified as a "sin."

"While St. John Paul II apologized to several groups in 2000 — the Jewish people, indigenous peoples, immigrants and women, among them — no pope has ever come close to apologizing to the LGBT community," said the Jesuit priest.

Martin added that the church is "correct" in doing so: "No group feels more marginalized in the church today than LGBT people."

Pope Francis, who has advocated for the acceptance of divorced Catholics, is hailed by many as the most progressive leader in the Vatican's history. He has repeatedly stressed the "wholeness and dignity" of LGBT people in his remarks, telling Italian journalist Andrea Tornielli in 2016 that "God loves all his creatures."


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Inside The Gay Teen TV Revolution

BY JUNE THOMAS



Noah Galvin (center) and the cast of *The Real O'Neals* (ABC)

In March 1994, America freaked out when two women kissed on prime-time television. After word leaked that Roseanne would include a scene in which a lesbian, played by Mariel Hemingway, planted a lip lock on the titular character, conservative groups protested, advertisers balked, and ABC decided not to air the episode. It took an angry Roseanne Barr threatening to take the show to another network to make ABC relent, although it felt the need to precede the episode with a stern parental advisory.

In March 2016, few people even noticed that ABC had two shows in its lineup focused on the lives of gay teenagers: *The Real O'Neals*, a sitcom about a Catholic family's response to 16-year-old Kenny O'Neal's coming out, and the drama *American Crime*, which in its second season showed the devastating psychological damage familial and peer-group homophobia can inflict on gay high schoolers.

The transformation of American attitudes toward homosexuality over the past 22 years is encapsulated in those contrasting reactions. Whereas a brief and thoroughly unsexy kiss between two adult women (Barr winced and wiped her mouth on Hemingway's sleeve after they uncoupled) was once thought too hot to broadcast, we now live in an era when the TV schedule is jam-packed with nuanced depictions of gay teens. In 2015, *The Fosters* — a cable show about a married lesbian couple and their five children (it's hard to imagine anyone would've predicted that show existing in 1994) — featured a smooch between two 13-year-old boys, and the most common response was to note what a cute couple they made.

Katie Steven and Rita Volk in *Faking It* (MTV)

And these aren't the only gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender teens on television today. The CW's cult sci-fi drama *The 100* has featured several



queer teenagers, including some who are both sexually active and leaders of their communities. On Freeform's *Pretty Little Liars*, one of the four eponymous fiibbers is a lesbian, and she's just as conventionally attractive, smart, and completely messed up as her BFFs. MTV's *Faking It* started with the bizarre premise that at a liberal high school in Austin, Texas, two girls would pretend to be a couple for the social cachet lesbianism famously imparts, but by the second season it had evolved into a complex exploration of sexual identity, as well as a reliable source of hilariously bitchy put-downs from Shane, the girls' out, proud, and popular pal.

It's no coincidence that many of those programs air on networks that explicitly target younger viewers. Since the days of earnest after-school specials, didactic TV shows aimed at teens have obsessed about helping young people work through their issues. In the mid-2000s, the biggest hits on The N — a Nickelodeon channel aimed at "tweens" — were *South of Nowhere* and Canada's *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, which could just as easily have been called *High Schoolers With Big Problems*. Both featured queer or questioning kids, along with teens with body issues, crummy parents, and addictions. But because the joy of falling in love was clearly distinct from nightmares like living with a violent parent or developing a drug problem, these shows put sexuality into perspective — the problem wasn't being gay, it was getting parents and bigoted classmates to keep their dumb ideas to themselves.

For many people, the ur-gay TV teen will always be Rickie Vasquez from the tragically short-lived 1994 series *My So-Called Life*. Rickie, played with heartbreaking sensitivity by Wilson Cruz, was a gentle, eyeliner-wearing lad, happiest when hanging in the girls' bathroom with his friends Angela and Rayanne. And thank God for those friendships, because Rickie was otherwise alone in the world, having been kicked out of the house by his abusive guardian. In one episode, Rickie allowed himself to believe that a guy he had a crush on had agreed to go to a school dance with him, only to realize that the kid, totally oblivious, was interested in Rayanne. Rickie could only conceive of finding love and happiness "in some imaginary universe that exists in my mind." It was a hard life, but an extraordinarily sympathetic one.

Hayden Byerly and Gavin MacIntosh in *The Fosters* (Freeform)

Unlike Rickie Vasquez, *Ugly Betty*'s Justin Suarez had a doting mother and a loving family. Justin (and Mark Indelicato, who played him) was just 12 when *Ugly Betty* premiered in 2006, and while the show was careful not to sexualize the character, the fashion- and musical-theater-loving preteen was always unapologetically flamboyant. While Justin's mother sometimes wished he were more like a "normal" boy — to spare him the harassment he sometimes endured — she supported him unreservedly, telling his estranged father, "He's comfortable with



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who he is, and so am I.” In the fourth and final season, Justin officially came out as gay, to the surprise of absolutely no one in the close-knit Suarez clan or the viewing public.

Speaking of musical theater, I am convinced that six seasons of *Glee* did more to normalize homosexuality than any other show in TV history. For most of its run, tens of millions of people — almost 27 million for the episode that aired after the 2011 Super Bowl — gathered in living rooms across America to watch a show in which gay and gender-nonconforming characters ruled the roost.

Sure, in *Glee*’s earliest episodes, fey Kurt Hummel was cruelly bullied by the jocks at McKinley High, but by the show’s final days, the most popular characters — or at least those with the best lines — were the ones in happy, loving, same-sex relationships. *Glee*’s writers clearly knew how influential they were: In the final season, a brash young football player declared, “Positive representations of gays in the mass media have given me the confidence I need to be myself, which, it turns out, is kind of an arrogant jerk.” But even an arrogant jerk like Santana Lopez was hurt by her grandmother’s refusal to attend her wedding to Brittany S. Pierce. Brittany comforted Santana by telling her, “If Abuela gets to know us, and sees we’re somewhat normal...maybe she’ll understand that, aside from the awesome lesbian sex part, we’re just like everyone else.” By watching *Glee*, people around the country also saw how “somewhat normal” LGBT kids are.

The gay TV teens of 2016 are more complicated and more recognizably real than those who came before them. In the devastating *American Crime*, two young men are grievously wounded by the way family members and fellow students respond to their gayness. The taunts, physical beatings, and wrongheaded moralizing lead both to act out violently. Their actions are brutal and excessive, but the show is careful to indicate that their behavior was on some level triggered by the irrational hatred of their homosexuality.

The delightful *Real O’Neals*, based very loosely on Dan Savage’s early life, is much more playful than *American Crime* but no less rooted in reality. Episodes tackle head-on the challenges today’s teens face when learning about gay life. How should Kenny ask a guy out? How does he cope with being the only out gay kid in Catholic school? Is he a bear, an otter, a wolf, or a chicken? If only he could turn on the TV to learn from his gay teen peers!

For a Gay Dad and Head of a Gun Safety Group, Orlando Was Personal

BY JOHN FEINBLATT

I’m a gay dad. So for my husband and me, Orlando was personal.

And as the president of the country’s largest gun violence prevention group, I’m hearing from more LGBTQ Americans who feel the same way.

The worst mass shooting in America’s modern history, nearly a year to the day after the faithful were targeted and killed at a



historic African-American church in Charleston, only made the danger starker. In a country where the access to firearms is all too easy — even if you’re a felon or you’ve been convicted of a hate crime — guns make hate lethal.

In the past five years, an estimated 43,000 hate crimes across America involved guns. LGBTQ people are disproportionately the targets of hate crimes — more than 20 percent of victims, according to the most recent data.

After Orlando, those realities are uniting gun safety and LGBTQ activists as never before.

So how will we win? The gun safety movement already owes a strategic debt to gay rights activists, who know a thing or two about winning on an issue that at first proved divisive.

Every campaign needs its generals. AIDS and marriage equality, though, showed how essential it is to have an army — the activists who share their stories, create urgency, and move more people to join the cause.

The organization I lead, Everytown for Gun Safety, has 3.5 million supporters and volunteers in all 50 states. Gun violence survivors and our Moms Demand Action volunteers are our vanguard. They’re the everyday Americans who — by turning the personal into the political — have transformed into advocates. They’re our movement’s heart and soul.

Together, we’re charting the same political course as marriage equality. Rack up wins in the states. Swell the chorus. And, eventually, D.C. will hear us loud and clear.

We’ve adopted marriage’s state-by-state strategy, with great success. With Congress gridlocked, in the past three years six states have enacted background check laws — the single most effective way to keep guns out of dangerous hands. Nevada and Maine can join them when ballot initiatives win in November.

We haven’t only admired marriage advocates from afar, either. We’ve asked them to join us and replicate their success in their respective states. The networks they founded and cultivated for marriage are still strong and ready to mobilize.

Throughout Pride Month, we’ve been marching together — under the #DisarmHate banner — in New York, San Francisco, Denver, Houston, and many more.

We've joined dozens of LGBTQ groups — including the National LGBTQ Task Force, the National Center for Transgender Equality, and Equality Florida — both in mourning and in calling for action, and we're in conversation with many more.

Our next step? Translating this new solidarity into lasting change and writing the basic protection of our safety and security into the books of law.

It'll take time for the people's will on gun safety to become the political will that changes history. Already, though, our new post-Orlando coalition is demonstrating power in the halls of Congress. Even as gun safety bills have stalled, an historic Senate filibuster and unprecedented House sit-in show that our leaders are hearing us.

Our message is simple.

We're in this together. Americans don't want to live in a country where the gun murder rate is 25 times that of other developed nations, or where lax gun laws allow the most hateful to wreak havoc.

Guns make hate deadly. With common sense, constitutional gun laws, lawmakers can disarm hate and save lives.

Over 70% of Adults Think Hetero Anal Sex Has Low HIV Risk

By Elaine Rita Mendus

A recent study on heterosexual anal intercourse suggests that couples feel that it is a safe way to avoid HIV and other STIs. The study was presented at the 2016 American Congress of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG) annual meeting by a team of physicians from the University of Washington in Seattle. One of the authors of the study, Dr. Lyndsey Benson, talked with Plus about the study, its results, and what it means.

The study, named Survey of Motivations for Anal Sex among Heterosexuals (SMASH), surveyed 5,000 American men and women aged 15-50 years old. The study began after a previous study by Benson highlighted "many knowledge gaps" in regards to what Americans knew about anal sex, including information about condom use, frequency of engaging in anal versus penis into vagina (PIV) sexual practices, and knowledge of HIV risks. Benson, the lead researcher, explained that this study was particularly important, as the majority (84 percent) of new HIV cases in women can be "attributed to heterosexual contact."

A full 36 percent of women surveyed by the study reported engaging in heterosexual anal intercourse (or HAI) at least once. The researchers identified that this anal sex was being practiced primarily for self and partner pleasure or to simply satisfy curiosity.

However, penis in vagina sex is still the most popular form of sexual activity among heterosexuals.



The researchers also discovered that a disconcerting number of Americans were engaging in hetero anal sex as a way to avoid sexually transmitted infections including HIV. More than 70 percent of adults in the study incorrectly believe that vaginal intercourse is higher risk than receptive anal intercourse. Among those that had anal sex, 10 percent reported they had done so as a form of contraception at least once.

While pregnancy through anal sex is impossible, considered the riskiest activity for sexually transmitted infections because the anus does not naturally lubricate like the vagina, it's small and easily tears, and is host to both bacteria and the type of cells that are particularly appealing to STIs like gonorrhea, herpes, and chlamydia. Should there be a tear in the anal tissue (which occurs frequently with both anal sex and bowel movements), or an open pathway to the bloodstream such as through hemorrhoids, it is very possible to transmit HIV to a partner.

The information in Benson's study backs up a similar 2010 study conducted by the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. That study suggested that there was an increase in anal sex among younger women, as well as women with multiple partners, and can be found here.

Benson's 2016 study has not yet been published.

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Hamas Leader Accused of Gay Sex, Killed

A scandal is rocking the Palestinian territory of Gaza, with a young leader killed by his own fellow soldiers after being accused of embezzlement and gay sex.

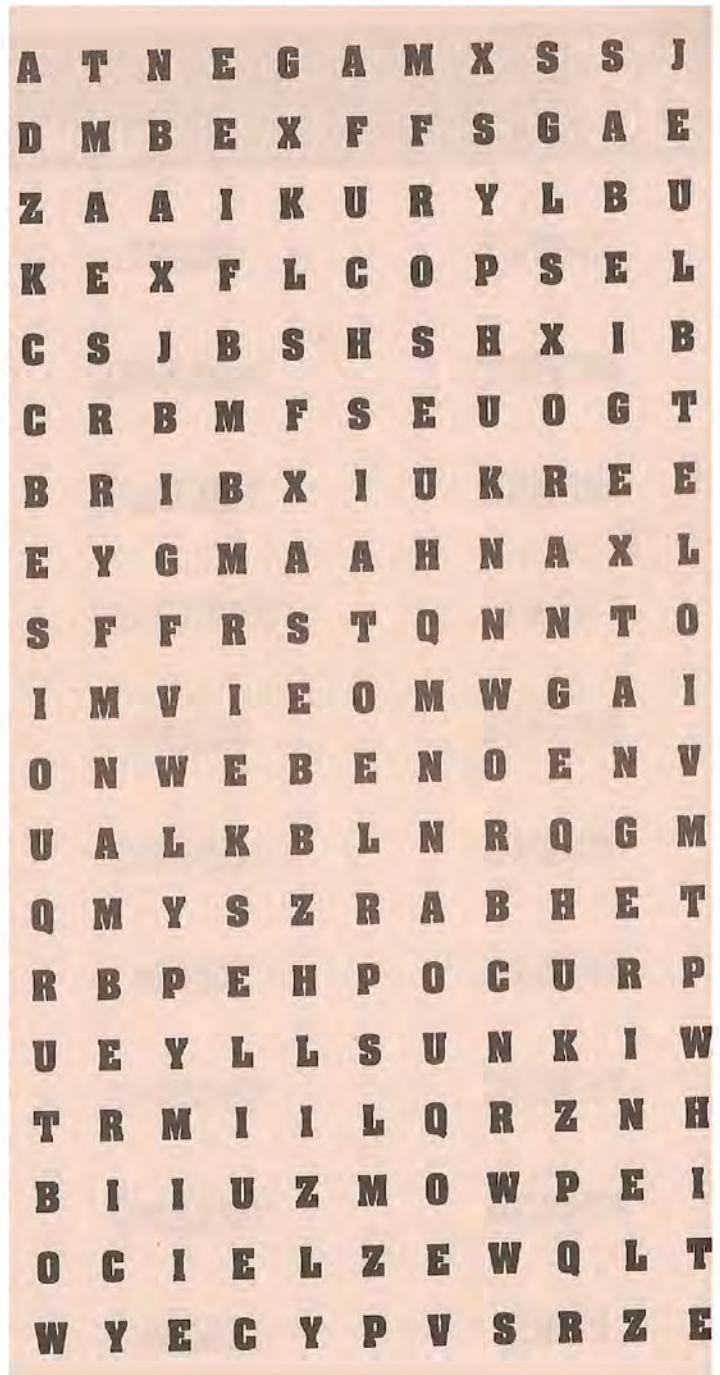
Mahmoud Ishtiwi, 34, was part of "Hamas royalty" — a respected member of the governing Islamic authority of the Gaza Strip, according to a report in The New York Times. Married to two women and the father of three children, Ishtiwi was revered for sheltering Hamas leaders and later became a commander of the military brigade stationed in his Gaza City neighborhood.



Things began to change in January 2015, when Ishtiwi admit-

ted funneling money to his brigade that was instead meant for weapons. After that, an investigation opened up on Ishtiwi, one that allegedly uncovered male lovers. Not only were Hamas officials humiliated over the reports, they believed his secret life could open him up to blackmail by Israeli officials. Rumors also began circling that he aided Israelis in an assassination attempt on a military leader named Mohammed Deif, an attack that instead killed one of Deif's wives and their baby.

Ishtiwi would admit to family members that some of the accusations were true, only to later take it back. Reports indicated he carved the word "zulum" — meaning "wronged" — unto his body. He was imprisoned and, he reported to his family, tortured. In the early hours of February 7, Ishtiwi's family pleaded with officials to spare his life; he was killed that day.



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Should I stay or should I go?

Often clients ask me, "Should I stay with my partner or should I go?" This is obviously not a question I can answer for them, so I help them look at the big picture – their expectations, the reality of their relationship, their old patterns – to help them make their decision.

Many people feel bored in their relationships and wonder if someone else would be a much better partner. Some people decide to try and "have it both ways" and have an affair.

Initially, an affair can feel so exciting: your lover seems to have all the qualities that your (boring, predictable) partner doesn't. You feel understood in a way your partner never could. This, dear readers, is characteristic of an affair. It is full of excitement, newness and illusions.

While we enjoy the excitement and newness, it is the illusions that spell trouble for us. We imagine that this new, wonderful person will lead us into a whole new life, but it's the rare affair that blossoms into a happy long-term relationship.

Affairs usually end badly: the illusions eventually bite the dust and we see that the person we're cheating with has plenty of problems and annoying habits. Once we wise up, we may wonder why we're giving up someone we really know for someone we barely know at all.

I'm not advocating that you stay in a boring, stagnant relationship. Sometimes a different person can better meet your unmet needs and you are really ready to change your life. But, in all honesty, this is NOT the case for most of us. For most of us, it's US that needs to change. This is such a drag, isn't it?

Wouldn't it be great if our partner would do all the changing and we could just lie back in our La-Z-Boy recliner and enjoy how wonderful they are now that they've gotten rid of all those annoying habits? Ah...if only it worked that way.

It doesn't. If we want to have better relationships, we need to work on ourselves first. Couples counseling can be great, but only if BOTH people are willing to change. Change is uncomfortable, hard work. Many people aren't willing to go there, so they keep repeating the same scenarios over-and-over, regardless of whom they pick as partners.

If this is you: wake up! It's you who is the problem, not your partner. If you have a common pattern in relationships, it's all about you, not them. Changing partners probably won't make a damned bit of difference. Oh sure, at the beginning things might look rosy with your new lover, but give it time and the same old you will start to emerge. Big surprise.

If you're unhappy with your relationship, I recommend you consider several options:

Talk about it with your partner. If he/she is willing to change, you have the potential for your relationship to deepen and become really amazing. You may find couple's counseling to be useful, or a workshop for couples, or some other way to get new information and skills to improve your relationship.

If your partner isn't willing to change, focus on changing yourself (perhaps in individual psychotherapy) and see if your partner will eventually "follow along".

Sometimes a trial separation is a good reality check for a couple in trouble: it gives both parties a chance to see if they miss each other, what they had together, and can serve as a good motivator for discussions about "how can we be happy together again?"

You may be clear that what's best for you is to end the relationship. If so, do it with as much kindness, grace and honesty as possible. Love isn't like a light bulb, you can't just turn it on and off with a switch. If you've loved this man or woman, you still probably do. Leaving is rarely the easy, breezy panacea we hope it will be. It's usually fraught with lots of sadness, anger and uncertainty, e.g., "Did I give it my best shot?" "Did we try everything we could to stay together?" "Did I give up too easily?"

If you do end your relationship, I strongly recommend that you be on your own for a while. Do not jump right into another relationship, even if it appears immediately on your doorstep.

After a relationship ends, it usually takes a few months for your internal voices to calm down and for you to see clearly where you're at and what you really want next. Jumping right into another relationship usually has a poor outcome. Yeah, you may be lonely for a while, but you need to figure out who you are now and what you want in terms of your next relationship.

Wondering what a good relationship really is? Let me share with you my definition:

A good relationship is one where you and your partner help each other to become the men or women that you truly want to be.

Whether you stay or go, let that be your guide.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-

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

Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP

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

Every Wednesday

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

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

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

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

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Sunday

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

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday
NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday
HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

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

2nd Sunday
Metro Omaha Prime Timers, Monthly Meeting, Abrahams Library, 5111 North 90th St, Stop by our monthly get-together to hear about the great upcoming events, and spend time with good friends. 3pm to 4:30pm. Snacks and beverages provided. Everyone Welcome !!

3rd Monday
FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

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

3rd Sunday
CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs – see website for more information at www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

4th Monday
NAP HIV TESTING
Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—50th & Ames Ave.

4th Tuesday
PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

I saw my doctor today. He said a patient of his over-dosed on Viagra. His boyfriend took it pretty hard.

Her First Date

This was on the Tonight show, with Jay Leno.

Jay Leno went into the audience to find the most embarrassing first date that a woman ever had.

She said it was midwinter...snowing and quite cold... And the guy had taken her skiing in the mountains outside Salt Lake City, Utah. It was a day trip (no overnight). They were strangers, after all, and had never met before.

The outing was fun but relatively uneventful, until they were headed home late that afternoon. They were driving back down the mountain, when she gradually began to realize that she should not have had that extra latte!!

They were about an hour away from anywhere with a rest room and in the middle of nowhere! Her companion suggested she try to hold it, which she did for a while.

Unfortunately, because of the heavy snow and slow going, there came a point where she told him that he had better stop and let her go beside the road, or it would be the front seat of his car.

They stopped and she quickly crawled out beside the car, yanked her pants down and started. In the deep snow she didn't have good footing, so she let her butt rest against the rear fender to steady herself. Her companion stood on the side of the car watching for traffic and indeed was a real gentleman and refrained from peeking. All she could think about was the relief she felt despite the rather embarrassing nature of the situation.

Upon finishing however, she soon became aware of another sensation. As she bent to pull up her pants, the young lady discovered her buttocks were firmly glued against the car's fender. Thoughts of tongues frozen to poles immediately came to mind as she attempted to disengage her flesh from the icy metal.

It was quickly apparent that she had a brand new problem, due to the extreme cold. Horrified by her plight and yet aware of the humor of the moment, she answered her date's concerns about 'what is taking so long?' with a reply that indeed, she was 'freezing her butt off' and in need of some assistance!

He came around the car as she tried to cover herself with her sweater and then, as she looked imploringly into his eyes, he burst out laughing. She too, got the giggles and when they finally managed to compose themselves, they assessed her dilemma. Obviously, as hysterical as the situation was, they also were faced with a real problem.

Both agreed it would take something hot to free her chilly cheeks from the grip of the icy metal! Thinking about what had gotten her into the predicament in the first place, both quickly realized that there was only one way to get her free.

So, as she looked the other way, her first time date proceeded to unzip his pants and pee her butt off the fender.

Jay Leno's comment... 'This gives a whole new meaning to being pissed off.'

Oh and how did the first date turn out? He became her husband and was sitting next to her on the Leno show.

Bad Medical Advice

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life; is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it. Don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit.

Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain.

Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain=Good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!!

Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy?

HELLO, Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is a shape!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets.

'Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming 'WOO HOO, What a Ride'

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, provides a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th

St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

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

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

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) and Y.E.S. Drop-in Center Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, see www.yesomaha.org for information

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-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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The Hungry Homo

Creamy Pasta Salad !!!

What you need:

½ box shaped pasta
1 head of broccoli, chopped
1 cup frozen peas, thawed
½ pkg mini pepperonis (regular size is ok, too)
8 Monterey Jack cheese sticks (snack sticks) cut into chunks (you can use any kind of cheese, but we always have these around, and it is easy to just slice them up!)
3 medium carrots, chopped
Ranch dressing (We use the packet to make our own...much better tasting)

How to make it:

Cook pasta according to directions on the box. Drain it.

Place colander with drained pasta into a bowl with ice and water in it to cool it off.

Put all the rest of the ingredients, except the ranch dressing, into a bowl.

Pour the cooled pasta onto a clean dry towel and really dry it off.

Pour pasta into the bowl. Stir in as little or as much of the ranch dressing as you like to taste.



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: Gayzette@cox.net

Paula Deen's Broccoli Casserole

INGREDIENTS

2 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped broccoli, cooked and drained
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
1 (10 3/4 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 eggs, light beaten
2 cups crackers, crushed
2 tablespoons butter, melted

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F
Spray a 13 x 9 inch baking dish with cooking spray.
In a large bowl, combine broccoli, mayonnaise, cheese, soup and eggs. Mix well.
Place the mixture in pan.
Top with crushed crackers and pour the melted butter evenly over crackers.
Bake for 35 minutes or until set and browned.



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2016 THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI

by Bertolt Brecht
(September 22 – October 16, 2016)
A SLAPSTICK TRAGEDY

2016 THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOW (ABRIDGED)

by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor
(November 25-December 19, 2016)
DELIGHTFULLY TWISTED HOLIDAY CHEER

2017 HIR

by Taylor Mac
(February 2-26, 2017)
SLY, SUBVERSIVE COMEDY: ANNIHILATING THE PAST DOESN'T ALWAYS FREE YOU FROM IT

2017 SILENT SKY

by Lauren Gunderson
(March 23-April 15, 2017)
OFTEN THE BRIGHTEST STARS ARE EVEN CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

2017 PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT THE MUSICAL

book by Stephan Elliott and Allan Scott
(May 18-July 1, 2017)
LIFE IS NEVER A DRAG

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by Bertolt Brecht (September 22 – October 16, 2016)
Described by Brecht as 'a gangster play that would recall certain events familiar to us all', Arturo Ui is a witty and savage satire of the rise of Hitler - recast by Brecht into a fictional, small-time Chicago gangster's takeover of the city's greengrocery trade in the 1930s. The satirical allegory combines Brecht's Epic style of theatre with black comedy and overt moralism. Using a wide range of parody and spoof - from Al Capone to Shakespeare's Richard III and Goethe's Faust - Brecht's compelling parable continues to have relevance wherever totalitarianism appears

and true story of discovery.

PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT – THE MUSICAL

by Stephan Elliott and Allan Scott
(May 19-July 1, 2017)

Based on the smash-hit movie, PRISCILLA is the heartwarming, uplifting adventure of three friends, Tick, Bernadette and Adam, a glamorous Sydney-based performing trio who agree to take their show to the middle of the Australian outback. They hop aboard a battered old bus "Priscilla," searching for love and friendship and end up finding more than they could have ever dreamed of. Featuring a hit parade of dancefloor favorites

today.

THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOW (ABRIDGED)

by Austin Taylor and Austin Tichenor
(November 25-December 19, 2016)
Welcome to the Annual Holiday Variety Show and Christmas Pageant at St. Everybody's Non-Denominational Universalist Church, where all faiths are welcome because we'll believe anything. But there's a problem: none of the acts scheduled to perform have arrived, so three members are pressed into service to perform the entire Variety Show and Christmas Pageant by themselves. An irreverent yet heartwarming trip through the holidays, THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOW (ABRIDGED) is festive and funny as these Three Wise Guys send up and celebrate our favorite holiday traditions.

HIR

by Taylor Mac
(February 2-26, 2017)
Somewhere in the suburbs, Isaac has returned from the wars to help take care of his ailing father, only to discover a household in revolt. The insurgent: his mom. Liberated from an oppressive marriage, with Isaac's newly out transgender sibling as her ally, she's on a crusade to dismantle the patriarchy. But in Taylor Mac's sly, subversive comedy, annihilating the past doesn't always free you from it.

SILENT SKY

by Lauren Gunderson
(March 23-April 15, 2017)
A new play about Henrietta Swan Leavitt and the real women "computers" working at Harvard Observatory at the dawn of modern astronomy. In this exquisite blend of modern science, history, family ties, and fragile love, a passionate young woman must map her own passage through a society unaccustomed to strong women in a man's world. A celestial romance

including "It's Raining Men," "I Will Survive," "Hot Stuff," "Finally," "Boogie Wonderland," "Go West," "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," and "I Love The Nightlife," this wildly fresh and funny musical is a journey to the heart of FABULOUS!

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Pentagon on Trans Troops: "These Are the Kind of People We Want"

BY SUNNIVIE BRYDUM

The Pentagon today announced the end of the long-standing ban on military service by transgender Americans.

"I am announcing today that we are ending the ban on transgender Americans in the United States military," said Ash Carter, secretary of Defense (pictured), in a news conference today. "Effective immediately, transgender Americans can serve openly, and they no longer can be discharged or otherwise separated from the military just for being transgender."

In today's press conference at the Pentagon, Carter outlined three primary reasons why the Department of Defense is lifting the ban, nearly a full year after the secretary announced the creation of a working group to study "any practical impediments" to letting trans Americans serve in the armed forces as their authentic selves.

The first reason, Carter explained, is to ensure the future of the nation's all-volunteer military force.

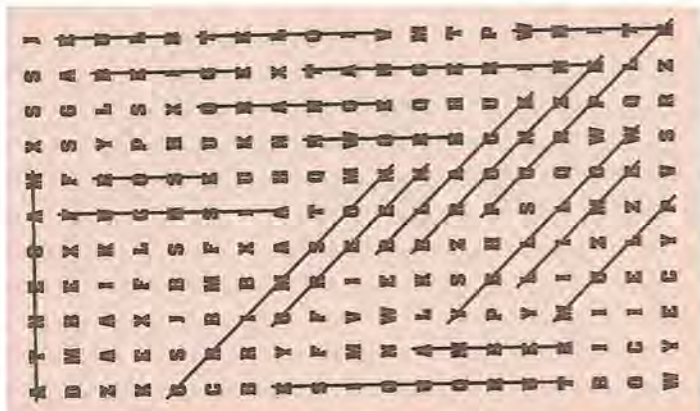
"The Department of Defense needs to avail ourselves of all talent possible, in order to remain what we are now: the finest fighting force the world has ever known," he said. "Our mis-

sion is to defend this country. And we don't want barriers unrelated to a person's qualification to serve preventing us from recruiting or retaining the soldier, sailor, airman, or marine who can best accomplish the mission. We have to have access to 100 percent of America's population for our all-volunteer force to be able to recruit from among them the most highly qualified, and to retain them."



The second reason, Carter noted, was that transgender Americans are "already serving in uniform today." He pointed to a study the Pentagon commissioned from the RAND Corp. that determined there are between 1,320 and 6,630 transgender Americans currently serving in the armed forces, whether on active duty or in the reserves — out of an estimated 1.3 million servicemembers nationwide. Although trans troops are limited in number, Carter said, "we are talking about talented and trained Americans who are serving their country with honor and distinction."

Carter added that he had met with several active-duty transgender troops over the past year, and heard one resound-



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