



## Boss Allegedly Grabbed Man's Butt, Drew Penises on Paychecks, Must Pay \$2.2M

BY BIL BROWNING

A jury in New York City has awarded Raymond Rosas, a former restaurant supply truck driver, \$2.2 million after he accused his former bosses at Balter Sales Co. of extreme sexual and racial harassment.

Rosas claimed his boss, Barry Rosenberg, would draw "a picture of a penis" on his paychecks, "would repeatedly try and grab Rosas's buttocks," and would frequently try to lick Rosas's face. Rosas reportedly asked Rosenberg to stop harassing him, but it only made his situation worse, according to the New York Daily News.



The verdict, reached last week, still needs to be approved by a federal judge.

Rosas's lawsuit claimed his supervisor, Mark Balter, wasn't sympathetic and regularly talked down to minority drivers. Balter, according to court filings, said to Rosas, "What is it with you guys ... you must have a Latin attitude."

When Rosas complained about Balter's way of communicating with minority drivers in 2011, he claimed Balter told him, "I can't believe the way things are going in the recession that you can tell me that you think I am talking [offensively]."

Balter fired Rosas in January 2012, and Rosas soon filed his lawsuit. Balter filed a countersuit against Rosas in 2013, alleging that the former employee stole boxes of restaurant equipment worth \$700. Balter filed a police report, and Rosas was given a desk appearance ticket, but those charges were dropped. Rosas said the company fired him and filed the report as retribution for speaking up about the harassment. The jury agreed with Rosas and dismissed the countersuit.

"The jury was absolutely right," Rosas's lawyer, Derek Smith, told the Daily News. "The jury was angered at the way Mark Balter treated his employee." Rosenberg's attorney told the paper he wouldn't comment until after the judge approved the verdict.

It was not immediately clear if either Rosas or Rosenberg is gay and no indication their sexual orientation was relevant to the alleged harassment.

## Focus on the Family Founder: 'We Lost the Entire Culture War'

BY SUNNIVIE BRYDUM

A prominent evangelical leader who founded several of the nation's most virulently anti-LGBT groups has admitted that he and his contemporaries have "lost the entire culture war" when it comes to fighting LGBT equality, reports Right Wing Watch.

James Dobson, an evangelical Christian author and psychologist, founded Focus on the Family in 1977, was a founding member of the certified anti-LGBT hate group known as Family Research Council in 1981, and is listed as a founder of the right-



wing, antigay legal group Alliance Defending Freedom. That organization, now based in Arizona, has become a powerful fundraising behemoth dedicated to fighting marriage equality and trans-inclusive nondiscrimination protections, and to enshrining a "right to discriminate" against LGBT people in state laws.

Speaking to televangelist Andrew Wommack on The Gospel of Truth TV show November 24, Dobson reflected on the day the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of nationwide marriage equality in fatalistic terms.

"I had a black cloud over me after June 26, when that decision was handed down," said Dobson, referring to the high court's pro-equality ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. "And [as] I was contemplating this foreboding, this black cloud, it hit me like a ton of bricks. ... That decision is not really about gay marriage. It's not. It's about everything else. It's about the entire culture war."

"It's about control of the public schools and it's what happens in universities," Dobson continued. "It's about the economy and it's about business and it's about the military and it's about medicine. It's about everything. We lost the entire culture war with that one decision. The gay marriage thing was just part of it, but it's going to touch every dimension."

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Dobson, who rose to prominence in the 1990s after launching what was at the time a Christian radio show called Focus on the Family, has a long history of demonizing LGBT people and bemoaning societal steps toward equality.

Earlier this year, Dobson laid bare his fundamental confusion about what it means to LGBT, claiming on his radio show in April that being bisexual meant having "orgies." He also suggested that ministers who spoke the "truth" about homosexuality were at risk of being charged as "accomplices" to antigay hate crimes.

Dobson blamed the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn. — where a lone gunman killed 26 people, including 20 children — on a nation that has "turned our back on God." Dobson specifically pointed to marriage equality and legal abortion as evils for which God "has allowed judgment to fall upon us."

## ISIS Throw 4 More Gay Men to Their Deaths

by Darren Wee

Islamic State (ISIS) militants executed four more gay men in Iraq over the weekend.

Two young men were thrown off the roof of a building in Mosul under the pretext they were a gay couple.

'On Sunday afternoon, Daesh called on the people of Mosul to gather in the square of Bab al-Toub in order to witness the



execution of the two allegedly men,' an eyewitness told ARA News.


'The victims were taken to the top of a building and were brutally thrown off the roof.'

Also on Sunday, the Terror Monitor group tweeted photos of a separate execution of two 'gay' men, who were thrown from a building in Nineveh into a pile of cement blocks.

The photos show an imam reading out their sentence and large crowd of spectators:

ISIS has branded LGBTI people 'the worst of all creatures.'

The jihadist group executed nine men and a boy accused of being gay in Syria last month and have claimed responsibility for the killings of at least 30 other gay men.



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# Israeli Military Lifts Ban on HIV-Positive Recruits

BY JAMES MCDONALD

Earlier this week, the Israeli military announced that it has scrapped a ban on HIV-positive recruits and will soon begin enlisting HIV-positive soldiers to non-combat roles. Military conscription is mandatory for all secular Jewish citizens of Israel but, previously, HIV-positive people were automatically deemed unfit for service. This shift in policy makes the Middle Eastern nation one of the most progressive in the world in terms of inclusion towards a community that remains largely stigmatized.



Haaretz reports that the new policy will be put into effect in the coming weeks, and that HIV-positive people will then be able to enlist and serve in a variety of positions, excepting combat roles. While only a small number of people are expected to be affected per year, Col. Moshe Pinkert told Haaretz that this marks a "very important step...for the acceptance of people with HIV into society and reducing the social stigma."

Gays, lesbians, and bisexuals have been able to serve openly in the military since 1993, with transgender people being afforded the same right in 2013.

# US Senator Marco Rubio Reveals how Anti-Gay He'd be if Elected President

by Greg Hernandez

US Senator Marco Rubio makes no attempt to sugarcoat his opposition to LGBTI equality in a new interview.

One of the top five polling candidates in the crowded Republi-

can presidential field tells the Christian Broadcasting Network he would seek out potential Supreme Court justices who are against same-sex marriage and abortion.



He is critical of the high court for its 5-4 vote in June that made same-sex marriage legal in all 50 states. Two of the votes for marriage equality came from justices appointed by President Barack Obama.

'... There is no way that you can read that Constitution and deduce from it that there is constitutional right to an abortion, or a constitutional right to marry someone of the same sex,' Rubio said.

'You need judges that understand how constitutionally flawed that those two kinds of rulings and others have been and that's what the most important thing the next President will do is appoint Supreme court Justices that actually will apply the constitution irrespective of their personal feelings about the issue.'

Rubio would also reverse some executive orders made by Obama that seek to end LGBTI discrimination.

'... Things like gender equality in restrooms,' Rubio said. 'You've seen some local districts and others been forced to, you know, provide girls access to a boys' bathroom and so forth.'

He added: '... But also ensure that we're not doing anything that at any part in our government that is putting organizations that are motivated by their faith or organized around their faith from having to violate the tenants of their faith and that includes government contractors.

'There are many government contractors and small companies who provide services to the government who are faith-based people, and they are, they are being compelled to sin by government in their business conduct. That is not something we should be supporting.'

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## Gay Victim in San Bernardino Mass Shootings Died a Hero

by Greg Hernandez

Daniel Kaufman, believed to be the only gay person killed during last week's mass shooting inside the Inland Regional Center inside San Bernardino, died a hero.



The death toll of 14 could have been higher had Kaufman – who ran a coffee cart and worked as a job trainer at the facility – not tried to save the lives of others before he lost his own.

It's been revealed that Kaufman was in the hallway of the facility when the shooting started and he began shouting 'Get out! Go! Get out now! Hurry!'

He began to push people out of harm's way and rushing them towards a door to escape. It was during this process that Kaufman was shot and killed.

He is being credited with saving at least four lives, according to The Pride.

Kaufman had been trading texts with his partner three years, Ryan Reyes, throughout the morning of the attack and Reyes had said 'he was his usual cheerful, chattering self.'

Reyes, 32, who had to wait an excruciating 22 hours before finding out his boyfriend's fate, is expected to appear on TV's Dr. Phil this week to speak about his late partner and the tragedy.

Syed Farook, an inspector at the San Bernardino County health department, and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, opened fire on a holiday party that was taking place inside the center on Wednesday, killing 14 people and injuring another 21.

It is being investigated as a possible act of terrorism.

Farook and Malik were later killed during a shootout with the police.



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## Minnesota Man Abducts Teen, Rapes Him for Four Days in Sex Dungeon

by Darren Wee

A Minnesota man has been arrested for kidnapping 19-year-old man and raping him for four days in a sex dungeon.

Wilbert Glover, 55, was charged with kidnapping and first-degree criminal sexual conduct on 24 November.

According to the criminal complaint, the teen – only identified as DNB – was choked out from behind on November 20 while walking on the street.



When he woke up, he was blindfolded and chained in a basement, and was then anally raped over the next four days.

On the fourth day, DNB was able to break his left wrist out of handcuffs and broke a bar in the sex dungeon's concrete wall, and broke off that chain as well. He then crawled through a bathroom window that he smashed with a fire extinguisher.

He then knocked on doors until someone answered.

'I opened the door and there's this kid just standing there. And he had all these chains and a fire extinguisher,' Tina Meudeking told KARE-TV.

'He said he was attacked from behind and choked until he passed out, and woke up in the basement.'

When police arrived, DNB was crying. He had scabs around his eyes, wrists and neck, and his clothes were soiled.

DNB was maced and told not to remove his blindfold, and never saw his attacker.

So police had to look for a house with a broken back window. When they located it, they arrested Glover, who denied living there.

A five-gallon bucket full of used condoms was also found in the basement.

Glover was convicted of attempted murder and kidnapping in Illinois in 1987.

He is now being held on \$1 million bail, and faces up to 70 years in prison if convicted.

## BLUEBARN Theatre Announces Auditions for THE CHRISTIANS

The BLUEBARN Theatre is pleased to announce open auditions for the regional premiere of *The Christians* by Lucas Hnath. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, December 8th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 12th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in their new home at 1106 S. 10th St. (10th & Pacific) Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

Callbacks (if necessary) will be determined at the auditions. *The Christians* will be directed by Susan Clement-Toberer. Performances for *The Christians* run March 24 – April 17, 2016 with rehearsals scheduled to begin in mid-February, 2016.

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## Three Dead, Five Wounded in Attack on Gay Fest in Mexico

BY TRUDY RING

An attack by gunmen on a gay festival in Acapulco, Mexico, over the weekend left three people dead and five wounded, Agence France-Presse reports.

It wasn't immediately clear if the Sunday attack on the Reina Gay festival in the resort town was specifically antigay or part of the generalized violence plaguing the region. Acapulco has the highest homicide rate in Mexico, and several schools in nearby rural areas have had to suspend classes recently due to violence, according to AFP.

The people killed when the gunmen fired into the crowd were all men, aged 23 to 33, a police official told AFP Monday. Five others required hospitalization for their injuries.

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The spotlight musical selection will be John Rutter's "Gloria," a three movement classical piece in collaboration with the Plymouth Brass from Lincoln, Neb. This is particularly fitting, as Rutter originally wrote this piece for Mel Olson and the Omaha music community. Other great numbers include "Counting Down to Christmas" from the Broadway musical A Christmas Story, "I Wonder As I Wander," a wonderful new arrangement of Kwanzaa song "Habari Gani," and some new twists on traditional favorites including "I Love the Winter Weather" and "Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas."

The River City Mixed Chorus is in its 32 season and includes 77 singers. RCMC is one of the longest-running Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally (GLBTA) Mixed Chorus in the United States. It is under the direction of Dr. A. Barron Breland.

"I am excited about this concert because it gives the River City Mixed Chorus a chance to show its musical range," says Breland. "Plus, the show brings together the two best parts of the holidays: the beautiful music that celebrates the wondrous faith traditions that are celebrated, and the whimsical, lighter side of the most wonderful time of year."

For more information about the River City Mixed Chorus, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.RCMC.org](http://www.RCMC.org).

## STUDY: Dating Apps 'A Major Factor' in Spread of HIV in Asia

BY DAWN ENNIS

Just in time for World AIDS Day, a new study on teenagers in Asia has found smartphone dating apps complicit in the spread of HIV. Because the apps increase the opportunity for casual sex, researchers say, their growing use is a major factor in what is being dubbed a new HIV epidemic.

For example, in the Philippines alone, HIV infection rates among teenagers have reportedly doubled in four years, while in Bangkok, young gay men have a one-in-three chance of being infected.

These findings, unveiled after two years of research by the United Nations Children's Fund, were first reported Monday by U.K. newspaper The Guardian.

"With the rise of these apps, the probability and risk of infection will increase multifold because it makes it so much easier for [young gay men] to date other guys and hook up for sex," Wing-Sie Cheng, HIV adviser for UNICEF in east Asia and the Pacific, told The Guardian.

While worldwide, HIV infection rates are decreasing generally, UNICEF found that infections among people aged 10-19 have increased in Asia and the Pacific region, home to more than half of the world's adolescents.

Officially, there are at least 220,000 infected preteens and teens in the region, while the actual number is likely much higher, according to UNICEF.

Also, the U.N. believes doctors in that part of the world are treating fewer than half of those adolescents. And there has been a steady increase year after year in the number of AIDS-related deaths.

"We need to work better with mobile app providers to share information about HIV and protect the health of adolescents," Cheng told The Guardian.

But at least in the U.S., mobile apps Tinder and Grindr have bristled at such connections, such as the one made on billboards



that went up in Los Angeles in September. The ads from the AIDS Healthcare Foundation suggested the apps were linked to the spread of STDs and offered free testing. In response, Grindr removed all of AHF's ads and Tinder called its lawyers, who sent the group a cease and desist letter.

## Martin Shkreli Wishes He Could Charge More for \$750 Pill

BY NEAL BROVERMAN

After becoming a congressional whipping boy and an icon of corporate greed for jacking up the price of a medication by 5,000 percent, CEO Martin Shkreli has one regret: he should have charged more than \$750 a pill.

Shkreli aired the sentiment on Thursday at a New York health care gathering, Politico reports.

"I think I could have it raised it higher and made even more profit," Shkreli said at the Forbes Healthcare Summit. His detractors should try being a CEO, he said: "See how well you do."

The head of Turing Pharmaceuticals claims his only job is to make money for investors and that pharmaceutical companies should be able to operate like any money-making corporation.



Shkreli's company bought Daraprim in August and quickly raised the per-pill price from \$13.50 to \$750. Daraprim is the cornerstone component of a combination of two or three drugs used to treat toxoplasmosis, an infection in the brain that can cause blindness, seizures, and neurologic deficits in movement. It is acquired by ingesting the toxoplasmosis organism via undercooked meat and contamination with cat feces. People with immune system deficiencies, especially people with HIV, are particularly at risk.

Shkreli's decision to use Dauraprim as a cash cow led to con-

gressional probes, investigations from the New York attorney general, and rebukes from politicians, including Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

"I know society can't put you in jail for violating your fiduciary responsibility," Shkreli said Thursday.

## Louisiana's Next Governor Will Protect LGBT Workers by Executive Order

BY DAWN ENNIS

John Bel Edwards is still a month away from being sworn in as Louisiana's next governor, but he's already signaling a change from the Bobby Jindal administration by announcing plans to issue a pro-LGBT executive order.



The Times Picayune of New Orleans reports that sometime after his inauguration January 11, Edwards will sign an executive order to protect his state's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender state employees and government contractors from getting fired, being discriminated against and harassed.

No timetable was announced by the governor-elect's transition team.

"People deserve not to be fired from their jobs because of who they are," Matthew Patterson of the LGBT advocacy group Equality Louisiana told the newspaper.

It is currently legal to fire someone for being gay or in a same-sex relationship throughout most of Louisiana. The Times-Picayune reports that New Orleans and Shreveport are the only cities that have enacted laws to prevent businesses from

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The newspaper notes the executive order would not protect nongovernment employees, nor would it necessarily apply to state government outside the governor's control, such as the judiciary.

Jindal and another Republican governor, Mike Foster, would not offer protections to LGBT state workers and contractors, as Democratic former governors Edwin Edwards and Kathleen Blanco did. In fact, Jindal called Blanco's executive order "unnecessary" when he took office in 2007. In May, a little more than a month before the Supreme Court ruled in favor of marriage equality, Jindal issued an antigay executive order he said was designed to "protect religious freedom."

Edwards faces certain opposition. A conservative Christian state lobbying group, the Louisiana Family Forum, vows to fight the order.

"I have equal concerns that religious liberties may be jeopardized," Gene Mills, head of the Louisiana Family Forum, told the paper.

## U.S. Marine Convicted of Killing Transgender Woman

BY ELIZABETH DALEY

A United States Marine was convicted in the Philippines Tuesday of killing a woman after he discovered she was transgender, according to the Associated Press.

However, the court found Lance Cpl. Joseph Scott Pemberton of New Bedford, Massachusetts, guilty of homicide, and not murder, resulting in a far less severe punishment, reported the Philippine Star.

Witnesses testified that Pemberton strangled Jennifer Laude and dunked her head into a toilet bowl in a hotel room. They had met that night in October 2014 at a disco bar in Olongapo, a city northwest of Manila, according to the wire service.

Two of Pemberton's U.S. Marine colleagues testified Pemberton used a slur when he told them what happened: "I think I killed a 'he/she,'" the Associated Press reported.

According to police, Pemberton became angry with Laude upon discovering she had male genitalia, CNN reported.

In court, Pemberton claimed he acted in self defense and that Laude was not dead when he left her in the hotel shower, according to Reuters.

The Filipino court rejected Pemberton's "trans panic" defense and convicted him of homicide.

For his crime, Pemberton was sentenced to 6 to 12 years in prison, but credited for the year he has already spent in detention. He was also ordered to pay Laude's family 4.6 million pesos (\$98,000) in damages including burial costs, according



to the wire service.

Laude's mother, Julita, told the Associated Press she was not pleased with the short jail sentence and had hoped Pemberton would be found guilty of murder, which could have resulted in a 40-year sentence.

"But the important thing is he will be jailed," she said, crying. In her grief, she misgendered Laude, saying "My son's life is not wasted."

In October 2014, Jennifer Laude's family climbed the fence of the military base where Pemberton was being held because they wanted to see the man accused of killing their loved one and were not allowed legal entry.

The Laude family's lawyer, Harry Roque, told the Associated Press "this is a bittersweet victory because it is not murder," adding that "if what he did isn't cruelty, I don't know what is."

Pemberton is temporarily being held in the New Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa City, according to the Star. The U.S. Embassy is reportedly going to confer with the Department of Foreign Affairs about where Pemberton will ultimately be imprisoned.

The Star reported Laude family's lawyers claimed that the U.S. refuses to turn Pemberton over to Philippine authorities.

Under the Visiting Forces Agreement between the United States and the Philippines, the confinement or detention of U.S. personnel shall be carried out in facilities agreed upon by authorities from both countries.

Near the courthouse, dozens of Jennifer Laude's supporters rejoiced when the verdict was announced and burned an effigy of Uncle Sam, screaming "Justice for Jennifer!"

The demonstrators were held back by police, fire trucks and iron railings, according to the wire service.

The outrage surrounding the murder was heightened due to tensions regarding the United States military presence in the Philippines, which the Associated Press reported many Filipinos feel undermines the sovereignty of the country.



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## Friendless in San Diego

Dear Michael:

I don't seem to be very good at making – or keeping – friends. I'm kind of a loner and always have been, but I'd like a friend to hang around with, especially at this time of year. I've not been a very good friend in the past: I get impatient easily, frequently get annoyed with people and don't like talking on the phone. What would you recommend?

Friendless in San Diego

Dear Friendless:

Years ago, I facilitated a group that helped my clients develop and fine-tune their social skills. Making and keeping friends is a skill and, like any skill, it can be learned.

Friendships take time, energy and commitment. If you're not good with communication or understanding social cues (what is often called "emotional intelligence"), relax. You can, with some focus and effort, become better at being a good friend and attracting quality people into your life.

From years of helping clients go from friendless to friend-ful, here are some ideas for your consideration in how to master the skills of friendship:

**Loneliness** – Most of us want friends so we don't feel lonely. Loneliness is an emotional response to not feeling connected to other people or it can be experienced even when we're surrounded by other people but not relating to them. To me, loneliness is a kind of psychological "alarm clock", letting us know that we are drifting towards isolation and that we need human interaction (e.g., friends).

**Impatience** – Many of us lack patience when it comes to making new friends. We want great friends and we want them NOW! Unfortunately, it rarely works like that. Some people are impatient with friends they already have: they interrupt their friends with some version of "Get to the point, already". If this has been a problem in your friendships, try this the next time you get impatient and annoyed: take a deep breath, make eye contact with your friend and repeat something that they said (to encourage yourself to really listen). If you typically find yourself rehearsing what you're going to say when a friend is talking, bring your attention back to your friend and tell yourself



"My turn will come. Let me listen to him/her as I want him/her to listen to me."

**Forgiveness and flexibility** – Every friend, no matter how great they are, is going to mess up. Can you forgive them, or do you hold a grudge and try to "make them pay"? It's got to be okay for YOU to mess up and for THEM to do the same; otherwise, your friendships will be very short-lived.

**Enjoying your own company** – what makes you attractive to potential friends? Usually, it's when someone sees you somewhere and experiences you as happy and confident. It's hard to be attractive when you're miserable. So, how can you enjoy your own company more and be better friendship "bait"? Do things and go to places you enjoy. When you're enjoying yourself, you naturally appear more attractive.

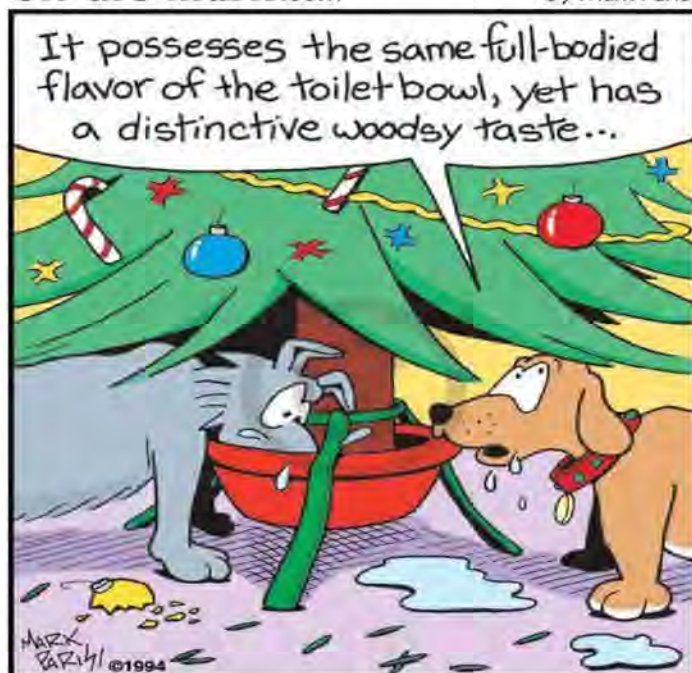
**Finding Friends** – How do you meet like-minded people? Well, what do you enjoy doing? Don't put yourself in situations that you don't enjoy: if you're not a party person, don't force yourself to go to parties in hopes of meeting friends. For example, if you love being outdoors, get yourself out there and start to notice other people a bit more. You could even smile and say, "Hello."

**Phone Challenges** – Lots of people don't like talking on the phone, you're certainly not alone. Texting is a good back-up. Some people don't like phone calls because they feel put on the spot when the phone rings: they don't know what to say. I suggest you use caller ID so that you can decide whether you are in a good place to talk to the person calling. If not, you can listen to their voice message and call (or text) them after you've thought about what you want to say/ask/share. If you do want to talk with them, take a deep breath before you pick up and greet them with some neutral phrase like: "Hi Chris, how's your day going?" or something equally friendly and benign.

Give some of these ideas a try and soon you won't be friendless anymore.

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by Mark Parisi



# GAYZETTE EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach  
Metro Omaha GLBT Center**  
(mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

**We closed the Center as of December 2nd, 2013.**

**The Gayzette will continue to be published and our phone line will be available for Gayzette advertising & info uses only.**

**We appreciate the past support for the Center but it became clear that it was time to close.**

**We feel we can accomplish much more for the GLBT community in this way.**

**Thanks,  
George Broadway  
Board Chair and Gayzette editor  
Email: [Gayzette@cox.net](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)  
Www.rainbowoutreach.org**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Every Sunday

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH**, ELCA, 3647 Lafayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, [www.augustanalutheran.com](http://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](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST**, info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://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 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 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](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 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 [anderson@hastings.edu](mailto:anderson@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 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 Howlin' Hounds Café,

712 South 16th St. 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](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

**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](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</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](http://www.nap.org) for more info

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOg-ibt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOg-ibt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOgibt.org](http://www.GOgibt.org) for info

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

**Soka Gakkai International (SGI-USA)**,

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

### **SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN**

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

#### **2nd Monday**

#### **NAP HIV TESTING**

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

#### **2nd Thursday**

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

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

#### **2nd Sunday**

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

#### **3rd Monday**

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

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

#### **3rd Sunday**

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

#### **4th Monday**

#### **NAP HIV TESTING**

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

#### **4th Tuesday**

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

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

**Email Your Event to:  
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

## **Fishing Tale**

A man get stopped by a game warden with his basket full of fish. ...

Warden: do you have a permit for all these fish?

Man: no sir. These are all my pet fish.

Warden: your pet fish? How's that?

Man: well, every night I take all my pet fish for a walk to the lake, I let them swim for about half hour and then I whistle and they all come back and jump in my basket and we go home. We do this every night.

Warden: Well that's just a crock of lies!!

Man: here I'll show you... (Releases the fish in the lake)

Warden: well this I got to see!!

5 minutes later...

Warden: well??

Man: well what?

Warden: the fish!! Where's your pet fish??

Man: what fish??

## **Raincoats**

Jane and Arlene are outside their nursing home, having a drink and a smoke, when it starts to rain. Jane pulls out a condom, cuts off the end, puts it over her cigarette, and continues smoking.

Arlene: What in the hell is that?

Jane: A condom. This way my cigarette doesn't get wet.

Arlene: Where did you get it?

Jane: You can get them at any pharmacy.

The next day, Arlene hobbles herself into the local pharmacy and announces to the pharmacist that she wants a box of condoms. The pharmacist, obviously embarrassed, looks at her kind of strangely (she is, after all, over 80 years of age), but very delicately asks what size, texture, brand of condom she prefers.

'Doesn't matter Sonny, as long as it fits on a Camel.'

The pharmacist fainted.

## **Walmart Greeter**

So I finally landed a job as a Wal-Mart greeter, which is a good find for many retirees, unfortunately I lasted less than a day.

About two hours into my first day on the job a very loud, unattractive, mean-acting woman walked into the store with her two kids, yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance. Per my greeter training manual I said pleasantly, "Good morning and welcome to Wal-Mart." "Nice children you have there. Are they twins?"

The ugly woman stopped yelling long enough to say, "Hell no, they ain't twins. The oldest one is 9, and the other one is 7. Why the hell would you think they're twins? Are you blind, or just stupid?"

So I replied, "I'm neither blind nor stupid, madam. I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice. Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Wal-Mart."

My supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this line of work.

## **Baseball In Heaven**

Two ninety year old men, Moe and Sam, have been friends all their lives. It seems that Sam is dying of cancer, and Moe comes to visit him every day.

"Sam," says Moe, "You know how we have both loved baseball all our lives, and how we played minor league ball together for so many years. Sam, you have to do me one favor. When you get to Heaven, and I know you will go to Heaven, somehow you've got to let me know if there's baseball in Heaven."

Sam looks up at Moe from his death bed, and says, "Moe, you've been my best friend many years. This favor, if it is at all possible, I'll do for you." And shortly after that, Sam passes on.

It is midnight a couple of nights later. Moe is sound asleep when he is awakened by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calls out to him, "Moe.... Moe...."

"Who is it?" says Moe sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Moe, it's me, Sam."

"Come on. You're not Sam. Sam just died."

"I'm telling you," insists the voice. "It's me, Sam!"

"Sam? Is that you? Where are you?"

"I'm in heaven," says Sam, "and I've got to tell you, I've got really good news and a little bad news."

"So, tell me the good news first," says Moe.

"The good news," says Sam "is that there is baseball in heaven. Better yet, all our old buddies who've gone before us are there. Better yet, we're all young men again. Better yet, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play baseball all we want, and we never get tired!"

"Really?" says Moe, "That is fantastic, wonderful beyond my wildest dreams! But, what's the bad news?"

"You're pitching next Tuesday"

# 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.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

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

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://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](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 Also see the Events list on page 10

**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 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@rcga.co](mailto:president@rcga.co) or call 402-541-5792, web site [www.rcga.co](http://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](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 (MtF, FtM and anywhere in between) and their Partners. Contact info can be found at: [NebraskaTransCommunity.com](http://NebraskaTransCommunity.com)

**OUTInc**, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, [www.outinc.org](http://www.outinc.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/cglbte](http://www.unl.edu/cglbte)

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

## Iowa Based

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

**Council Bluffs Community Alliance**  
[www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org](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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# The Hungry Homo

## Christmas Quiche

### Ingredients

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 small tomato, thinly sliced

### Methods/Steps

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Press the puff pastry into the bottom and up the sides of a shallow casserole dish or 8 inch pie plate.

In a small bowl, beat eggs and milk with a fork until blended; season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle a thin layer of Swiss cheese in the bottom of the pastry crust. Sprinkle crumbled bacon over the cheese. Pour the egg mixture into the pastry and sprinkle with the rest of the cheese. Arrange slices of tomato on top.

Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Continue to bake for an additional 30 minutes, or until crust is browned.

Ready in 1 hour - Makes 4 servings



## 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](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)**

## Twice-Baked Potatoes

### Ingredients

- 4 large baking potatoes
- 4 tbsp. butter
- 1/2 lb bacon
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1 (8 oz.) container sour cream
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp. crushed red pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh chives
- 1 tsp. dry bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. salt

### Methods/Steps

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Use a fork to pierce the potato skins. Bake the potatoes unwrapped for about 1 hour, or until soft, in the preheated oven. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside. Over medium-low heat, melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add together onion, mushrooms, red pepper, garlic powder, pepper, chives and salt. Cook slowly, stirring occasionally until the onions are soft. Cut open the baked potatoes and, keeping the skins intact, scoop the insides into a medium bowl. Transfer the onion mixture to the bowl. Mix in the sour cream. Pour in 1/2 of the cheese and continue mixing until all ingredients are well blended. Use a large spoon to fill the potato skins with the mixture. Top with bread crumbs, the remaining cheese and bacon. Place the potatoes back into the preheated oven and continue baking for about 15 minutes, until the cheese is melted and the filling is slightly brown.



# Here are 51 Weird and Cool Facts from LGBTI History

by Joe Morgan

1 Some of the world's oldest rock paintings which were discovered in Sicily, made about 10,000 years ago, showed two male phallic figures having sex.

2 Ancient Roman historian Plutarch wrote about The Great Mother, an intersex deity depicted with both sets of genitals. Her sacred priestesses, as found in the earliest civilizations in Babylonia and Akkad, were eunuchs and trans women.

3 In ancient Assyrian society, if a man were to have sex with another man of equal status, it was thought that trouble would leave him and he would have good fortune.

4 A Hindu medical text dating back to at least 600 BC made several explicit references to gay people; kumbhika – men who bottom during anal sex; asekya – men who swallow semen; and sandha – men who speak and act like women. The text also claimed it was possible for two women to create a child together but said it would end up being 'boneless'.

5 In Egypt 1503 BC, Hatshepsut became the second woman to rule and chose to take the title of king. She donned male clothing and wore a false beard.

6 Julius Caesar and Claudius were considered 'abnormal' for refusing to take male lovers. Julius had, at least, an affair with Nicomedes, the king of Bithymia, as a youth.

7 Ancient Celtic men openly preferred male lovers. According to Diodorus in the 1st century BC, he wrote 'young men will offer themselves to strangers and are insulted if the offer is refused'. Sex between men was very likely an important 'bonding ritual'.

8 One of the first Roman emperors, Elagabalus, could have been transgender. Before dying at the age of 18, it was reported the emperor had married a male athlete and would go out disguised as a prostitute.

9 Wales had a gay king. King Maelgwn of Gwynedd of the sixth century was described as 'addicted very much to the detestable vice of sodomy'.

10 St Thomas Aquinas, a priest from the 1200s, is considered the father of homophobia. At a time when homosexuality was often treated as an 'open secret', he preached widely that it was 'unnatural', similar to bestiality, and argued sodomy is second only to murder in the ranking of sins.

11 Did you know the church sanctified same-sex marriages in the so-called Dark Ages? Pope Sixtus IV, of the 1400s, was reported to have legalized sodomy during the summer months.

12 In the Klementi tribe of Albania, first observed in the 1400s, if a virgin swore before 12 witnesses that she would not marry, she was then recognized as male, carried weapons and herded flocks.

13 The French called homosexuality the 'Italian vice' in the

16th and 17th centuries, the 'English vice' in the 18th century, the 'Oriental vice' in the 19th century, and the 'German vice' starting from 1870 and into the 20th century.

14 Most people know the origins of the word 'gay', but the word 'lesbian' was first used from around 1590 to mean a tool – a stick made of lead (from the isle of Lesbos) used by stonemasons. It was flexible so it could be used to measure or mold objects to irregular shapes. A 'lesbian rule' was also used to mean being flexible with the law.

15 Julie D'Aubigny was a 17th century bisexual French opera singer and fencing master who fought and won at least 10 life-or-death duels, performed nightly shows on the biggest opera stage in the world and once took the Holy Orders just so she could sneak into a convent and have sex with a nun.

16 An 18th century English term for sex between women was the 'Game of Flats'.

17 A molly house was an 18th century English term for a room or bar where gay men would meet. Patrons of the molly house would enact mock weddings and children being born.

18 Trans man Albert Cashier fought for the Union in the American Civil War. At one point, he was captured by the Confederates but managed to escape by overpowering a prison guard.

19 A Boston marriage, in the 19th century, referred to two women living together financially independent of a man.

20 The word 'homosexual' (coined in 1869) is older than the word 'heterosexual' (1892).

21 Edward White Benson, the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1883 to 1896, was thought to have been repressing his homosexuality. His wife, brother-in-law and five of his six children were also gay.

22 The word "Dude" used to be a homophobic slur.

23 UK Prime Minister Winston Churchill, when he was 21, was accused of 'gross immorality of the Oscar Wilde type'.

24 Doctors in the early 1900s thought bicycles would turn women gay.

25 Wings, the first Oscar-winning film in 1920, featured a man-on-man kiss.

26 In the 1930s, a Disney comic strip showed Mickey Mouse as a violent homophobic thug. In the strip, he beats up an effeminate cat and called him a 'cream puff inhaler'.

27 The British secret intelligence service tried to spike Hitler's carrots with female hormones to 'turn' him into a woman.

28 Sister Rosetta Thorpe, a bisexual black woman, is credited with inventing rock n roll.

29 World War 2 genius and cryptographer Alan Turing said he had lost a mystery box of treasure in Bletchley Park but could no longer find it as he couldn't crack his own code.

30 The 1948-53 Kinsey study found a third of men had a homosexual experience.

31 A drag queen was the first openly gay candidate to run for US public office. José Sarria won 6,000 votes in his 1961 campaign for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

32 The death and funeral of Judy Garland is credited with inspiring the Stonewall Riots.

33 Pride in New York City was never really 'Gay Pride'. The first was mainly organized by bisexual woman Brenda Howard.

34 The original name for Pride was 'Gay Power'. Other suggested names included 'Gay Freedom', 'Gay Liberation' and 'Christopher Street Liberation Day'.

35 Dracula author Bram Stoker married Oscar Wilde's first girlfriend.

36 One of the first openly gay athletes was Dodgers outfielder Glenn Burke in the late 1970s. He told his teammates, who apparently didn't care, and was officially outed in 1982. He is also credited with creating the high-five.

37 A man who saved President Ford from assassination had his life ruined when the media outed him as gay.

38 L Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, had a son Quintin who was tasked to take over from the Church of Scientology. When Quintin came out as gay, he died of an 'apparent suicide' in 1976.

39 Mel Boozer, the African American human rights activist, became the first openly gay person ever nominated for the office of Vice President of the United States in 1980.

40 Sally Ride was the first American woman to go into space. She was also the first LGBTI astronaut and remains the youngest American to have traveled to space at the age of 32.

41 In the 1980s, religious groups tried to ban Dungeons and Dragons for being satanic as it 'promoted homosexuality'.

42 In 1987, Delta Airlines apologized for arguing in plane crash litigation that it should pay less in compensation for the life of a gay passenger than for a heterosexual one because he may have had AIDS.

43 Princess Diana went to a London gay bar, accompanied by Freddie Mercury, disguised as a man.

44 The Etoro tribe in Papua New Guinea is where homosexuality is the norm and heterosexuals are excluded. They believe young men only become adults if they have a daily intake of semen to 'properly mature'.

45 Queen's The Show Must Go On was recorded as Freddie Mercury was dying due to complications from AIDS. According to Brian May, Mercury said: 'I'll fucking do it, darling' – vodka down – and went in and delivered the incredible vocal.

46 When Ellen DeGeneres came out on her sitcom, Birmingham in Alabama refused to show it. A local LGBTI group sold out a 5,000-seat theatre so people could watch it via satellite.

47 Stephen Hillenburg, one of the creators of Spongebob Squarepants, revealed in 2002 that Spongebob is asexual.

48 The couple in Lawrence vs Texas, the case that stopped sodomy being punishable in the US in 2003, didn't actually have sex. They weren't even a couple.

49 The country that watches the most gay porn is Kenya, a 2013 study found. In a recent poll, 92% of Kenyans claimed they thought homosexuality should be illegal.

50 Fun Home, the award-winning, lesbian musical, is the first in the history of the Tonys to be written entirely by women.

51 In 2015, it was announced a crater on Pluto's moon will be named after George Takei's Star Trek character, Sulu.



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