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NEW MOVIE - "THE BABY FORMULA" - STARTS TORONTO
JUNE 19



It's a comedy about a lesbian couple who are the first two women in the world to conceive using "female sperm" made from each others stem cells. (Yes this process has been successful in mice in real life! Scientists have been able to produce offspring from two female mice with no male involvement.)

"A genuinely laugh out loud, funny and moving film" - The Hour

"It's funny, rueful, absurd, angry, hysterical, deadly serious, and entertaining as hell. Sort of like life." - The Montreal Gazette

38 sec teaser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4qvQ0Ofock>
2 minute trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZF_uEah68U

The Baby Formula starts its exclusive **Toronto** release starting **June 19th** at the **AMC, Yonge & Dundas**, after emerging from a huge critical and audience success on the world film festival circuit.

If you'd like any more information on the film, or if you would like to arrange further participation such as a Baby Formula ticket

giveaway, T-shirt giveaway, or to have the filmmaker & actors speak at the next meeting of your group, please don't hesitate to contact Allison Barber <promo@thebabyformulamovie.com>

GOOD GAY NEWS – MARIE OSMOND

Marie Osmond supports her gay daughter's right to marry.

Excerpt:

You know what? It's nice to be surprised by people, especially in a really good way. In a radio interview this week, Marie Osmond, a devout Mormon and mother of eight confirmed that her oldest daughter Jessica is gay, and that she totally supports her right to get married to someone she loves.

Read the Article at <http://t.love.com/211241930>

NEWS VIDEO – DAN CHOI DISCUSSES HIS DISCHARGE NOTICE ON "THE RACHEL MADDOW SHOW"

<http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>

BREAKING NEWS – CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SUSTAINS PASTORAL CALL OF OPENLY GAY MINISTER

Edinburgh, Scotland

Rev. Lindsay Louise Biddle, Chaplain of Affirmation Scotland, author of the Biblical Self-Defense Course and former National MLP Board Member, shared with us this good news from The Church of Scotland:

"After 3 1/2 hours of debate, the General Assembly of The Church of Scotland meeting in Edinburgh on Saturday evening, May 23, 2009, voted 326 for and 267 against the Presbytery of Aberdeen's action (taken in January 2009) to sustain the call (issued in November 2008) from Queen's Cross Parish Church in Aberdeen, to the Rev. Scott Rennie, an openly-gay minister in The Church of Scotland who is in a committed relationship with his Christian partner, David, who is a religious education teacher."

We thank God for an inclusive church, where all are welcome! **We give thanks to God** for this extraordinary faithful and just decision made on May 23 by **The Church of Scotland** and pray for its witness to inspire the **Presbyterian Church (USA)** and all other communities of faith within the Christian Communion.

(Thanks Jack!)

SURVEY – TRANS PULSE ONTARIO

We know transphobia is bad for our health. We need your help to prove it.

The Trans PULSE survey has officially launched! If you identify as trans and you live in Ontario, we want to hear your story. We are trans people, allies, and researchers, and we need your help to change the way health care and services are provided to trans people in this province. You may get asked to fill out a survey in the near future and you will likely be asked by another trans person that you know. After completing it, you will be able to invite three others. Tell us who you are, tell us what you've experienced and most importantly, tell us what you need.

The Trans PULSE survey is different than other surveys – everyone must wait to be asked to fill it out. Trans people will begin inviting each other to participate one-by-one until we reach 1000. Using this method will produce results that are more accurate and ensure we have the maximum impact possible. Trans PULSE is not simply collecting information – we are trans people, allies and researchers who are committed to action.

This survey is mostly check-boxes and can be filled out on-line or with paper and pencil in approximately 60 minutes. Language interpreters are available, all information is confidential, and everyone receives an honorarium for participating. If you identify as trans or as a person of trans history, we want to hear from you. We hope you will consider sharing your unique experiences and helping us prove that discrimination is bad for our health. Fill it out. Pass it on. Create change.

For more information visit our website at <http://www.transpulse.ca>

SEEKING PARTICIPANTS FOR STUDY – LGBTQ PARENTS

I'm a psychology professor at Wilfrid Laurier University and I've recently received funding to do a qualitative interview study that examines the experiences of lesbian and gay workers who take parental leave.

A bit of background about me – my recent research has been on perceptions of employees who take parental leave, and whether the use of leave programs leads to negative consequences with respect to evaluations, hiring prospects and pay. Very few studies ever consider LGBTQ parents, and I want to correct this omission. Ideally, I would like to recruit at least 30 participants, with roughly equivalent numbers of gay fathers and lesbian mothers.

In a perfect world, there'd be mix of adoptive parents and parents who'd used reproductive technologies to conceive a child. I'm particularly interested in:

(1) factors influencing decisions regarding which parent would take leave from work;

(2) parents' perceptions of how leave-taking affects both formal workplace evaluations and informal social interactions at work for gay and lesbian parents; and

(3) coping strategies used by respondents to deal with any negative leave-related work outcomes.

I'm looking to conduct the interviews in May, June and perhaps into July. I do have funding to award \$50 compensation to participants. I'd be happy to give you more details and/or answer any questions you might have if you think this project sounds like something you might be willing to publicize. I'm easy to reach by email, or I could give you a call sometime if it makes more sense

to chat.

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BANNER AD – RIZI TAMANE

WHAT WILL THE SUPREME COURT DO IN THE CASE AGAINST PROP 8?

As we are waiting to see the verdict on prop 8 in California, we here at the Gospel Truth Music Ministry are praying and we ask that you as our gay Christian family will join us to pray for a miracle. We are hopeful that God will influence the supreme court to do the right thing and overturn the hatred that became California law on November 4th 2008.

It is sobering to remember that it is not only in California that the rights of LGBT people are being denied, stripped away and blatantly ignored. All across Africa, Asia, Europe, the middle east and right here in the USA, the battle for LGBT equality continues. It continues in the workplace, in our homes, in our schools, in the sphere of marriage equality and so many other areas of our daily lives and we must all do our part to fight for equality and raise our voices against hatred, prejudice and injustice.

The Gospel Truth Music Ministry is happy to be representing Rizi Timane, an out lesbian gospel singer with an emotional testimony and a real passion for the gospel of INCLUSION. Rizi is doing all she can to spread the truth which is simply that "God Loves us all just the way we are" and she will be appearing on the main stage at several pride festivals spreading exactly that message during summer 2009.

Please click on Rizi's Banner Ad at <http://christiangays.com/> to learn more about Rizi, hear her music, watch LGBT videos which show the inhumane ways we are treated in the USA and across the world (including a testimony of a lesbian sent to jail by her own family for being gay where she was raped and barely escaped with her life --- Don't worry, God in His mercy gave this story a happy ending and the victim, Prossy Kakooza, received amnesty in London).

You may also watch Rizi's own video testimony, and be especially sure to check out her events page to see if she is coming to a city near you this summer -- and hey, when you are ready to get married, be sure to consider having Rizi perform your nuptials! She is an ordained reverend and does civil unions and gay weddings! For more details see the "Gay Weddings By Rizi section" on her website.

VERY PUNNY

It is said that the ability to make and understand PUNS is the highest level of language development. Here are the top 10 winners in the International Pun Contest.

1. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The Stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
2. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, 'Dam!'
3. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.
4. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
5. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.
6. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. But why they asked, as they moved off. 'Because,' he said, 'I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer.'
7. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named Ahmal. The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him Juan. Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, 'They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal.'
8. A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to

buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to 'persuade' them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

9. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is SO BAD, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

10. And, finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

"Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused."



Do not ask the Lord to Guide your Footsteps if you are not willing to MOVE your feet.

(Thanks Jacques!)

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God bless,
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