Celtics held first LGBT Pride Night

Jan. 9 vs. Pacer

By Sue O’Connell

Last Wednesday night, Jan. 9, the Boston Celtics hosted their first Pride Night in their game against the Indiana Pacers. The Celtics won 135-108. 200 tickets were reserved for the night and the event sold out.

Local resident Steve Harrington was honored with the “Heroes Among Us” award, the team said in a statement.

“As a proud openly gay man, Steve Harrington has competed in every...”

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Remembering Carol Channing, Gay Icon

NEW YORK (AP) — Carol Channing, the three-time Tony Award-winning musical comedy star who delighted American audiences over 5,000 performances as the scheming Dolly Levi in “Hello, Dolly!” on Broadway and beyond. She died Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 97.

Channing’s outsized personality seemed too much for the screen, and she made only a few movies, notably “The First Traveling Saleslady” with Ginger Rogers and “Thoroughly Modern Millie” with Julie Andrews.

Over the years, Channing continued as Dolly in national tours, the last in 1996, when she was in her 70s. Tom Shales of The Washington Post called her “the ninth wonder of the world.”

Channing is being remembered not just for her legendary career but also her status as a gay icon.

Journalist Billy Masters posted this remembrance of Channing:

“I had many wonderful experiences with Carol Channing. The last time I...”

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"Nobody ever wants to play Bobby because you end up standing around watching everyone get the big numbers and you don’t get any of the fun bits and nobody cares about you. But not anymore. I wish I’d written it for a woman from the start.”

— Stephen Sondheim’s feelings regarding his musical “Company” in light of the current West End revival featuring a female Bobbi. I guess Steve’s forgotten that the lead gets to sing one of his greatest compositions—“Being Alive”.

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Court allows military trans restrictions

By JESSICA GRESKO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration can go ahead with its plan to restrict military service by transgender men and women while court challenges continue, the Supreme Court said Tuesday.

The high court split 5-4 in allowing the plan to take effect, with the court’s five conservatives greenlighting it and its four liberal members saying they would not have.

The court’s decision clears the way for the Pentagon to bar enlistment by people who have undergone a gender transition. It will also allow the administration to require that military personnel serve as members of their biological gender unless they began a gender transition under less restrictive Obama administration rules.

The Trump administration has sought for more than a year to change the Obama-era rules and had urged the justices to take up cases about its transgender troop policy immediately, but the court declined for now.

Those cases will continue to move...
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saw her, she had just performed with Tommy Tune at Town Hall in Provincetown. Her mind was sharp as a tack and she was not only engaging but funny!!

The night before, Carol went to see Marilyn Maye at the Prownt Art House, and Marilyn really wanted to see Carol’s show—but she had a show for her own. So instead, I brought Marilyn to the post-show party. In came Carol, virtually carried/dragged across the room to a seat of honor. I brought Marilyn over, the two old friends reminisced.

As we walked away, we both kinda knew this would likely be the last time we’d see Carol. Marilyn said, “Honey, I am so glad I came here tonight. But, Billy, you must promise me one thing—and this is very important.” She pulled me close and said very firmly in my ear, “If I can’t walk in the room on my own, leave me home!”

In 1999, I was backstage at the re-opening of the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. Carol was 78 at the time and hadn’t been well. She shuffled over to a chair in the wings all hunched over and waited for her cue. After a while, she was helped into position, all the while holding onto the curtain. She was introduced, more or less thrust into the spotlight, and suddenly she was perfectly erect. She sang, danced, and appeared full of life. When she was out of that spotlight and back in the wings, she immediately hunched over and was back to shuffling.

That’s when I realized that Channing was one of those people who lived to entertain, and lived for the stage. She never gave less than everything she had—and then some.”

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interviews with 212 parents and 154 of their donor-conceived children. When their children were born, about one-third of the families were two-mom couples; just over half were single parents and the rest were different-sex couples.

The authors explore how parents chose donors, how they and/or their children chose to connect with donor siblings, and how the children within a donor network made sense of their donor and each other. They also look in-depth at five different networks, each begun at “a particular historical moment in the creation of donor-sibling networks.” Hertz explained in a phone interview. Each demonstrates “different points of connection and different ways in which people meet donor siblings.” The earliest of the networks studied, for example, began in the 1980s, well before the first online registry for finding donor siblings launched in 2000. The families in this network were, however, one of the first to use an “identity-release” donor, who agreed the children could contact him when they turned 18. Today, many parents join a registry and connect with donor siblings via Facebook and/or in person when their children are still infants.

Meeting donor kin “is a way to expand family in all kinds of new directions, particularly as families have begun to shrink in America and people begin to both search for their origins or understand idiosyncratic things about themselves, and look for new ways to create a form of choice family,” Hertz said. Unlike other forms of “chosen families,” however, “It is different in this case because people are connecting with their biological relatives.”

Some donor siblings and their parents developed close bonds and ongoing relationships; others had more limited interactions. “Like any group you join, you’re going to have to work at creating those relationships,” she noted. She stressed, however, “It’s the children who are the connection within these networks. The parents are fostering relationships for their children, not for themselves. Some of the parents did become friendly, but it wasn’t their motive for getting together.”

These networks embody a contradiction between how genes do and don’t matter. Prospective parents “spend a lot of care and time trying to figure out the best donor that will fit within their family,” Hertz said, but then “shelve the donor as part of their everyday family life.” If families choose to connect with donor siblings, however, “The whole issue of genetics becomes problematic again.” Many children had initially assumed that the donor was unique to them, and were “shocked” to realize the donor was “a shared collective good.” Kids in two-mom families sometimes felt that “by acknowledging that these children were their siblings, it undermined the whole idea of creating family within a lesbian context. They were much more hesitant and felt like they were betraying their non-genetic mom—or both their moms and the way they created the family—even though it was often times the moms who prompted the family to search and were willing to meet other families.”

Over time, however, the authors write, “the stress on genetic ties recedes, to be replaced by an emphasis on the choice that the participation in these groups—and the dynamic affiliations that form within them—actually represents.” Importantly, the children found multiple benefits in meeting donor siblings. “It helped them understand idiosyncratic things about themselves that they didn’t find within their own families,” Hertz explained. Most of the children, even in populous urban areas, did not know any other donor-conceived children. In meeting their donor siblings, therefore, “Many of them felt this was the first group they could really talk to about being donor-conceived and about their unique donor.” Most of the parents in the most recently formed network, with children under five years old, said the kids didn’t yet fully grasp who the donor siblings were to them, but the adults
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At Lincoln’s memorial, the social divide erupts
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The Lincoln Memorial is a popular destination where disparate groups often interact. This was illustrated the Friday before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, with an encounter whose aftermath recalled Akira Kurosawa’s 1950 movie Rashomon, in which an event is remembered differently by different people.

Two demonstrations were scheduled on the National Mall on January 18. One was the Indigenous Peoples March, to protest injustices against indigenous peoples. The other was the annual March for Life, dedicated to overturning women’s reproductive freedom. The latter assembly included a group of students from Covington Catholic High School in Kentucky, who were mostly white and wore “Make America Great Again” hats.

Afterward, a video went viral showing Omaha Nation elder and Vietnam War veteran Nathan Phillips chanting and beating a ceremonial drum, surrounded by Covington students who were mocking him. Many on social media, and Covington officials, condemned their disrespectful behavior. Then more details came out. Right wing sites started claiming Phillips was the aggressor. On Sunday, according to The New York Times, Phillips clarified that he had approached the crowd to intervene because racial tensions between the students and a group of black men were “coming to a boiling point.” Phillips said, “I stepped in between to pray.”

The mother of one of the Covington students wrote that the boys were harassed by “black Muslims yelling profanities.” She was apparently referring to a group called Hebrew Israelites, who were mostly black and white and wore “Make America Great Again” hats (Left).

Hebrew Israelites believe they are descended from the ancient Israelites, which must disconcert people who think Jesus was a fair-skinned European. The Hebrew Israelites claim they have no more right to exist than anyone else, embrace teachings and practices of Christianity and Judaism.

I’m almost surprised that Women’s March organizer Tamika Mallory has not been asked to apologize for them, even though she had nothing to do with the incident. She has resisted a flood of demands that she denounce Minister Louis Farrakhan. Her sin was working with the Nation of Islam on anti-violence initiatives after her son’s father was murdered. The Women’s March movement she helps lead embraces the Jews, LGBT people, and women who are Farrakhan’s favorite targets. Nobody demands that I prove my respectability by denouncing anyone.

We are constantly immersed in double standards without even noticing. We treat them as wallpaper. The slogan on the students’ hats, like an old racist song, stirs an ersatz nostalgia for a time when white racial dominance was seldom questioned. Tapping white resentment was Trump’s ticket to power; the attendant social division beclouds our shared spaces and frays our nation’s fabric.

On Sunday night, as I was reading news updates about the confrontation near where Dr. King gave his most famous speech, and others were deciding what to wear to the King Day march in sub-freezing weather, a rare phenomenon occurred: a total lunar eclipse.

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Gay Games since their inception in 1982, winning multiple gold medals for basketball. Determined to make a difference off the court, Harrington began volunteering at the North Shore Alliance of LGBTQ youth in 2009.

Over the last 11 years, Harrington has tirelessly worked to empower members of the LGBTQ community, impacting over 19,000 individuals in Boston. In honor of Pride Night, and for his commitment to improving the lives of LGBTQ young people, Harrington is being honored as a Hero Among Us.”

(Left) Steve Harrington. Photo courtesy Marc Davino (Right) Photo courtesy Keith Sliney
With a conservative Supreme Court—Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel A. Alito Jr., Neil M. Gorsuch and Brett M. Kavanaugh—it comes as no surprise that a 5-4 vote has revived Trump’s discriminatory policy on transgender service members, while the merits of the cases will continue to be challenged in lower courts.

Last year President Trump’s ban against transgender service members was delivered in his inimitable style of communicating to the American public the order in the form of a tweet:

“After consultation with my Generals and military experts, please be advised that the United States Government will not accept or allow transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military,” Trump tweeted. “Our military must be focused on decisive and overwhelming victory and cannot be burdened with the tremendous medical costs and disruption that transgender in the military would entail. Thank you.”

If Trump had his way, he would militarily eradicate transgender people from existence. Tuesday, Trump’s Supreme Court delivered his wish in supporting the exclusion of transgender men and women.

But, the Court doesn’t think so because its Orwellian argument is that the discriminatory policy is not a “blanket ban.” The policy’s cayser is that it only targets some transgender individuals not all.

“The policy does allow transgender troopers to serve but only if they do so in their biological sex, do not have a history or diagnosis of gender dysphoria, or can show a 36-month period of “stability” prior to military service.”

Since the military policy “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (DADT) in 2011 allowed LGBTIs to openly serve, unfortunately, military medical policies continue to discriminate against our transgender population. Evidence has shown that the military spends 5 times more on erectile dysfunction medications such as Viagra and Cialis, than it does providing medical services for transgender troopers, the bias persists nonetheless. The President’s binary views of gender, along with the perceived excessive cost of gender-reassignment surgery give rise to his notion that transgender healthcare is a “tremendous medical cost and disruption” to the military.

For example, in a July 2017 ad by the Family Research Council, for instance, Chelsea Manning is pictured next to a military jet with the question “Which one do you want our military to be spending your tax dollars on— transgender surgeries or equipment?”

In November 2017, the first sex reassignment surgery for an active service member was approved for payment. However, it must be emphasized that the medical cost for transgender troops is one-tenth of 1% of the military’s annual medical spending.

Last year, members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff testified before Congress on behalf of transgender troops serving openly because of no known issues resulting from it. Today, it is surprising to me that amid several wars that need every able person who wants to serve our transgender patriots would be excluded. Back in the day, LGBT service members who served our country were either closeted about their sexual orientation or gender identity, or they were discharged under “honorable conditions” called “Fraudulent Enlistment.”

Military readiness is not a heterosexual cisgender calling. The President’s ban reverts to the military’s history of intolerance eerily reminiscent of the same arrangement used when the military did not want to integrate its ranks racially.

Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars discrimination in the workplace based on “race, color, religion, sex or national origin,” but it does NOT bar discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. However, the Obama administration expanded the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect LGBTQ Americans providing federal guidelines permitting transgender students to use “gender-appropriate facilities” which aligned with their gender identity. Obama’s policy also opened the military to transgender service members.

Transphobia, like racism and sexism, in our armed forces is militarily dangerous because it threatens the necessary emotional bonding needed amongst service members in battle, and it underutilized the needed human resources to make a democratic and robust military.

Our transgender service members are prepared to defend this country with their lives. Without them, America would not be able to present itself as a united front on the battlefield. The real war in America is with itself.
National briefs

PHOENIX (AP)—The state Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday in a challenge of Phoenix’s anti-discrimination ordinance that makes it illegal for businesses to refuse service to same-sex couples for religion reasons.

Two Christian artists who operate a business that makes invitations and other wedding-related items argue that the ordinance will violate their religious beliefs by forcing them to custom-make products for same-sex marriage ceremonies.

So far, two courts have upheld the constitutionality of the ordinance, rejecting the free-speech and exercise-of-religion arguments made on behalf of artists Joanna Duka and Breanna Koski, who believe a marriage should be between a man and woman.

The Arizona Court of Appeals ruled this summer that while the ordinance may have an incidental effect on free speech, its main purpose is to prohibit discrimination. The appeals court concluded the ordinance regulates conduct, not speech.

“The case before us is one of a blanket refusal of service to the LGBTIQ community and not a First Amendment challenge to a specific message requested by a specific customer,” the Court of Appeals wrote.

The appeals court said Duka and Koski are free to stop selling custom-made wedding products, but they cannot “use their religion as a shield to discriminate against potential customers.”

Shortly before the ruling in Arizona, the U.S. Supreme Court sided with a Colorado baker who refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple, finding the state’s civil rights commission showed anti-religious bias when it ruled against the baker for refusing to make the cake. The Supreme Court decision, however, didn’t address the larger issue of whether a business can invoke religious objections to refuse service to gay and lesbian people.

An Arizona law that bars discrimination by businesses doesn’t include sexual orientation as a protected class. Phoenix, Tempe, Flagstaff and Tucson have passed ordinances banning businesses from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. Phoenix hasn’t yet taken any enforcement actions stemming from its ban on sexual orientation-based discrimination.

Phoenix argues objections to same-sex weddings don’t create a free-speech right to refuse service.

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The Alliance Defending Freedom, an advocacy group that represents Duka and Koski, didn’t respond to an email and phone call Friday afternoon seeking an interview.

The advocacy group said in court records that the case isn’t about whether a business can decline to serve an entire class of people, but rather about whether artists can freely pick the messages they want to convey.

“These women of deep religious faith gladly serve everyone, including those in the LGBTIQ community; their faith simply prevents them from expressing certain messages for anyone,” the Alliance Defending Freedom said in court records.

Groups on both sides of the legal dispute chimed into the dispute with friend-of-the-court briefs. About 20 Republicans serving in the Arizona Legislature, a religious freedom organization, and other groups said the ruling was in error and that the state’s highest court should review the case.

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On my building’s roof, as the moon entered the darkest part of the earth’s shadow, a young man and woman.

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hoped they would reap the benefits as they grew. “I think kids do benefit from this,” Hertz affirmed. “The kids say it was a good thing to know the other kids out there who share their donor.” Even when there wasn’t a strong sense they were going to continue those relationships, they indicated “maybe they would draw on them in the future.”

Connecting with donor kin “means that you’re acknowledging that there’s something beyond the nuclear family that exists out there,” Hertz noted, but affirmed, “It does take what was a market transaction [buying sperm] and makes it something that is incredibly intimate. That’s been a positive that everyone I’ve interviewed talks about.”

Grounded in academic research, Random Families is nevertheless an accessible and informative read for anyone who has or is considering donor conception in their family.

(Disclosure: I work at Wellesley College, although not with Hertz or in her department. I also independently helped her with some initial outreach for participants in this study.)

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through lower courts and could eventually reach the Supreme Court again. The fact that five justices were willing to allow the policy to take effect for now, however, makes it more likely the Trump administration’s policy will ultimately be upheld.

Both the Justice and Defense departments released statements saying they were pleased by the Supreme Court’s action. The Pentagon said its policy on transgender troops is based on professional military judgment and necessary to “ensure the most lethal and combat effective fighting force.” Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said lower court rulings had forced the military to “maintain a prior policy that poses a risk to military effectiveness and lethality.”

Before beginning to implement its policy the administration is expected to need to make a procedural filing in one case in Maryland challenging the plan. That request could be made this week.

Groups that sued over the Trump administration’s policy said they ultimately hoped to win their lawsuits over the policy. Jennifer Levi, an attorney for GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders, said in a statement that the “Trump administration’s cruel obsession with ridding our military of dedicated and capable service members because they happen to be transgender defies reason and cannot survive legal review.”

Until a few years ago service members could be discharged from the military for being transgender. That changed under the Obama administration. The military announced in 2016 that transgender people already serving in the military would be allowed to serve openly. And the military has an exception for transgender troops who re-enlist. But it does not seek to undergo a gender transition. But it has an exception for transgender troops who re-enlisted on the Obama-era rules to begin the process of changing their gender.

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Groups representing transgender individuals sued, and the Trump administration lost early rounds in those cases, with courts issuing nationwide injunctions barring the administration from altering course. The Supreme Court put those injunctions on hold Tuesday, allowing the Trump administration’s policy to take effect.

The Trump administration’s revised policy on transgender troops dates to March 2018. The policy generally bars transgender people from serving unless they do so “in their biological sex” and do not seek to undergo a gender transition. But it has an exception for transgender troops who re-enlisted on the Obama-era rules to begin the process of changing their gender.

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New congressman, a Marine, opposes transgender military ban

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Maine’s freshman congressman, a Marine Corps veteran who sits on the House Armed Services Committee, says he opposes President Donald Trump’s effort to ban transgender people from the military.

The Sun Journal reports Democratic Rep. Jared Golden said Tuesday that he will use his committee seat to advocate for both transgender military personnel and others who wish to serve. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed 5-4 on Tuesday to allow Trump to move ahead with his plans to ban transgender people in the military while lower courts weigh lawsuits.


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They say bad things come in threes—unless you’re referring to the triplets from Bratislava I vacationed with in Fort Lauderdale last week. We have a trio of bad stories about Chris Hansen, the former NBC anchor best known for hosting “To Catch a Predator.” First we heard he’s being evicted from his New York City apartment where he hasn’t paid rent since August (his rent is $5,600/month, quite reasonable by NYC standards). Then we found out he’s been charged with “wrongful bad checks”—which might explain why he hasn’t paid rent. Turns out, the problem goes back to 2015 when Hansen was trying to relaunch “To Catch a Predator” via Kickstarter with a campaign target of $75K—or what he calls roughly two years of rent! Contributors were promised various perks, including some custom-made shirts, mugs, etc. The guy he hired to make the tchotchkes was paid with a bad check...to the tune of $13K! But, here’s the kicker (so to speak)—the fundraising brought in $89K, which means Hansen got to keep the money. What did contributors receive? The phrase that comes to mind is, “I Contributed to Chris Hansen’s Kickstarter Campaign and I Didn’t Even Get a T-Shirt!”

The latest twist is that Hansen’s wife Mary Joan filed for divorce after 30 years of marriage. I’m shocked she hung in there this long. I thought she’d have left Chris back in 2011 when the “National Enquirer” got a video showing him in a hotel with a reporter 20 years his junior. Back then, the only one who dumped him was NBC—where he’d been for 20 years. He probably convinced his wife he only stopped by for some lemonade.

My return to Los Angeles was hastened by a last-minute invitation to see the spectacular Sheena Easton in concert at Pepperdine University. My presence there was aided by the venue’s two Tylers (I’m told I met the cute one, but that remains to be seen). She is always amazing, and once again she didn’t disappoint. It was a concert filled with her—her own and a bunch by other performers. Her voice seems virtually ageless (save for a hint of huskiness at the top of her middle range which smoothed itself out as the night went on). Easton made a point of saying that she was singing all of her songs in their original key—take that, Barbra. I don’t think there is a more appealing, engaging, and talented performer working today. Sheena Easton is the definitive ‘80s pop star. She was playing entire concerts of hits—her own and a bunch by other people. Her voice is pretty prolific on Twitter, and I have carpal tunnel. But I did see her Tweeted back to Kathy with a six-point response, the big takeaway being in point number one. “We had one conversation on a flight about our mutual disgust for individual 1. I don’t ‘friend’ that quickly so we can’t really be ‘exes.’” Kathy then confirmed that fact in a Tweet to a fan. “We had a good conversation one time. I guess he was just full of s—”. But first not—the next day, the two made up...via Twitter, of course.

Last week, Lin-Manuel Miranda proved how talented he is. During a performance of “Hamilton” in Puerto Rico, Miranda spotted someone in the audience filming him. Did he go all Pati LuPone on her as? No, instead, he charged some lyrics on the spot: “I’m a get a scholarship to King’s College, I probably shouldn’t brag, but dag, I amaze & astonish. Lady filming in the 4th row, please stop it, I gotta holler just to be heard.” He later Tweeted, “Having to think that fast within My Shot takes a year off my life, please just enjoy the show. Otherwise you were the best crowd we ever had.” I bet he says that to all the bootleggers!

Remember when I told you Steven Spielberg was holding open auditions in Puerto Rico to find unknowns for his film remake of “West Side Story”? We’re told that after auditioning over 30K people around the world (I suspect most of those were via video), 17-year-old Rachel Zegler from New Jersey was signed to play Maria. While Ariana DeBose, David Alvarez, and Josh Andres Rivera aren’t unknowns, they will be playing Anita, Bernardo and Chino, and are all members of the Hispanic community. Previously announced Ansel Elgort will be playing Tony.

For the first time ever, Liza Minnelli has given her blessing to a project about Judy Garland. This new musical, “Chasing Rainbows: The Road to Oz” recounts Garland’s early career. “My mother said that her biography is a blessing to a project about Judy Garland.” I’m grateful and happy they’re telling the fascinating story of her early history,” said Liza. “Having to think that fast within My Shot takes a year off my life, please just enjoy the show. Otherwise you were the best crowd we ever had.” I bet he says that to all the bootleggers!

For our quickie “Ask Billy” question, Howie in Tulsa says, “You mentioned watching a Brant Daugherty film. Did you see how buffed he’s gotten? WOW – there must be some mad gel out there.”

I did some snooping and snagged some snaps of a buffed Brant. His new and improved physique coincided with his casting in “Fifty Shades Freed” (not that they showed much). While he’s deflated somewhat since the 2016 filming, we can show you the results on BillyMasters.com.

When Sheena’s withholding her sugar walls, it’s time to end yet another column. I hate to nit-pick, but I’d hardly call a Hallmark movie a “film”. But, we don’t discriminate on www.BillyMasters.com—the site that always delivers. If you’ve got a question, send it to Billy@BillyMasters.com, and I promise to get back to you before Brant buffed up again. So, until next time, remember, one man’s filth is another man’s bible.
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