

**Map of GAY LAS VEGAS
LGBT Community News
Wilhemina's Gossip**

October 2013

**LAS VEGAS
Night
Beat**



CULINARY VS. UFC

**LGBT Center set to honor Ultimate Fighting Championship
as Corporation of the Year**

Cite homophobic, sexist remarks by fighters, company rep

— See page 18 —



**For National and
International Service**

**1(800) 482-1117
(702) 740-4770**

**4171 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(at Flamingo and Maryland Parkway)**

www.EnglishGardenFlorist.com

European Elegance

1140 Almond Tree Lane
Suite 304
Las Vegas, NV
89104-3233



Bill Schafer,
Publisher

**(702) 369-8441
lvnightbeat@aol.com**

Contributors:

Wayne Besen
Wilhemina Parsons
Cynthia Hall
Dennis McBride
Billy Brody

*Contents ©2013 Las Vegas Night Beat.
No part of this publication may be
reproduced without written permission.*

*The Night Beat is a monthly publication
with a minimum print run of 7,000
copies. Deadline for submission of
materials is the 20th of the month before
publication.*

Map of GAY LAS VEGAS
LGBT Community News
Wilhemina's Gossip



CULINARY VS. UFC

LOST Center set to honor Ultimate Fighting Championship
as Corporation of the Year

City honorees, award remarks by fighters, company rep
— See page 18 —

OUR COVER – The Culinary Union,
Local 226 has mounted a campaign to
persuade The Center to not honor the
Ultimate Fighting Championship as their
Corporation of the Year at the upcoming
Honorarium. The union is joined by a
number of community organizations and
individual activists.

Get the story on page 18.

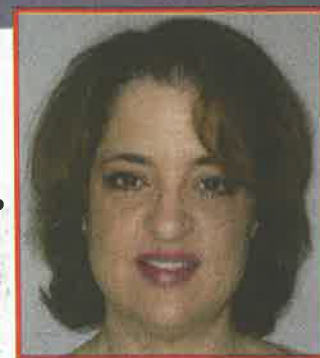
Insider's View of the Federal Reserve Bank

**Lorraine Thayer from Federal Reserve SF
discusses history, structure, role and
responsibilities of the nation's central bank.
Wednesday, Oct. 9th**

**The LGBT Chamber of Commerce for Southern Nevada
and our online directory at LambdaLV.com**



953 E Sahara Ave: Inside the
Commercial Ctr / Far West Side



**11:30 am to 12:45 pm / \$15 inclusive.
75+ usually attend. Public welcome.
Call (702) 893-2088 for more details.**

**Lambda Smart Pages 2013
in over 250 S NV locations!
www.LambdaLV.com**

LGBT Center urged to drop UFC as 'Corporation of the Year'

Lambda, Culinary Union cite homophobic, sexist remarks by fighters, company reps

Lambda Business Association and other community groups (see page 23) have joined with the Las Vegas Culinary Workers Union, Local 226 urging The Center to reconsider honoring the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) as the Corporation of the Year. In a letter to The Center, which a majority of the Board of Lambda has signed, the Culinary Union writes: "We are aware that the UFC has made a donation to The Center. However, we strongly believe that it is not in the best interest of The Center to align with this human cage fighting promoter. The UFC's history of tolerating homophobic and sexist remarks reflects poorly on all those associated with it. We urge you to reconsider honoring the UFC as the Corporation of the Year."

No representative of The Center was made available for comment during the days before this article went to print.

It should also be noted that the Culinary Union is involved in a bitter labor dispute with Station Casinos, owners of the UFC.

The Culinary Union, through representative Rachel Rekowski, maintains the UFC has a history of

"I'm a fag", "I have big tits", "I am a big faggot", "I suck dick", and "I want you to piss on my face". The fans, who did not appear to understand English,

• According to the Los Angeles Times, Rampage Jackson shouted "every conceivable gay slur" at a movie crew member of "The A-Team" who had called him a homophobic epithet. He was also quoted in the article saying, "Acting is kind of gay. It makes you soft."

repeated the statements at Jackson's urging.

• In April of this year, UFC fighter Matt Mitrione called a transgender fighter a "...lying, sick, sociopathic, disgusting freak." In response, the UFC suspended Mitrione, but only for 17 days. During that time, he did not have a scheduled fight. The UFC says it fined also Mitrione but has not disclosed the amount of the fine. Sports

• In a video posted by the UFC on Youtube in 2011, Michael Bisping, a UFC middleweight fighter and coach on the reality television show "The Ultimate Fighter," screamed "fucking faggot" at his opponent. The video had not been taken down by the UFC, and has over 800,000 views.

tolerating offensive comments by fighters and company representatives, including anti-gay and misogynistic remarks.

The Culinary Union cites numerous examples of UFC fighters' and management's disregard for the LGBT community and women:

UFC Fighters

• While in Japan for a UFC fight, former UFC fighter "Rampage" Jackson urged Japanese fans to repeat

Illustrated journalist Jeff Wagenheim characterized the fighter's suspension as a "kid's timeout."

• In a video posted by the UFC on Youtube in 2011, Michael Bisping, a UFC middleweight fighter and coach on the reality television show "The Ultimate Fighter," screamed "fucking faggot" at his opponent. The video had not been taken down by the UFC, and has over 800,000 views.

• In the YouTube video, called

"How To Pick Up a Gurl - Fast," Rampage Jackson attempts to rape a woman in a parking garage. Before attacking his target, Rampage instructs viewers to use chloroform as "something to help her relax" and zip ties. As Rampage stalks his victim, he comments, "And I hope she got low self-esteem." When the woman in the video turns out to be a man, Rampage says "It's a dude man, that's fucking disgusting." The original video had received over 200,000 views.

• Earlier in 2013, former UFC light heavyweight Forrest Griffin wrote on Twitter: "Man that bitch is so tough she uses a wooden dildo because she likes the splinters!"

• Bantamweight fighter Miguel Torres was briefly released by the UFC in December 2011 after he posted the following comment on his Twitter account: "If a rape van was called a surprise van more women wouldn't mind going for rides in them." Torres was reinstated by the UFC less than a month later after he apologized for the rape tweet and made donations to several rape crisis centers. After losing a fight in April 2012, the UFC released him again; in August 2012 Torres signed on with another promotion company.

• According to the Los Angeles Times, Rampage Jackson shouted "every conceivable gay slur" at a movie crew member of "The A-Team" who had called him a homophobic epithet. He was also quoted in the article saying, "Acting is kind of gay. It makes you soft."

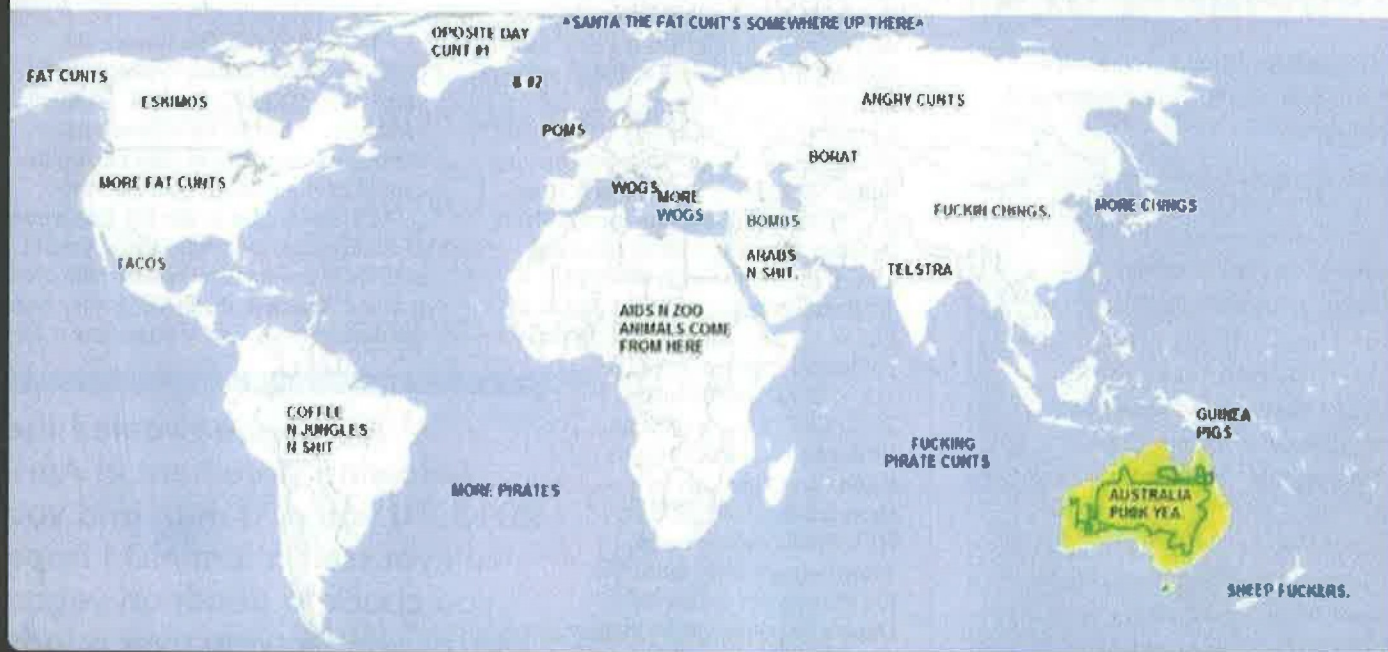
• In November 2011, then UFC light heavyweight fighter Forrest Griffin wrote on Twitter that "Rape is the new missionary." According to The Huffington Post, Griffin responded to a woman's objection to the tweet by telling her, "Keep it to yourself nobody

Continued on page 19

Photo

X

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIANS.



According to the Culinary Union, in August 2013, UFC fighter Hector Lombard tweeted the picture (above) with the comment, "You gotta love the Aussie way lol".

Honoring criminalization of same-sex sexual activity

10% owner of UFC is government-controlled company of Abu Dhabi;
Under Sharia law the death penalty is the punishment for individuals
who engage in consensual same-sex sexual conduct

Continued from page 18

cares." Griffin apologized for the rape tweet and made a donation to a rape crisis center.

- In July 2008, video footage was uploaded of Rampage Jackson positioning himself behind a female Japanese reporter, placing his hand on her thigh, and dry humping her. When she moves away from him, he follows her and grabs her leg. As of September 9, 2013, the video had over 1.4 million views.

- In June 2009, Rampage, in the middle of an interview, held Cage Potato reporter Heather Nichols against him, and dry humped her for a full 37 seconds. He continued to hold her after she signals to cut the video, and did not let her go until a man walked up to Rampage and tapped him on the shoulder. As of September 9, 2013, the

video had over 11 million views.

- In late May 2011, when being interviewed by MMA Heat host Karyn Bryant, Rampage replied that she's "Jamaican me horny" in response to her statement that she was Jamaican, black and white. He also commented that he wanted to motorboat her and simulated the act, although he did not touch her. As of September 9, 2013, the video had over 5 million views.

- In a Dutch video posted in late January 2012, a group of men time how long it takes for UFC fighter Alistair Overeem to unfasten the bras of seven women wearing animal masks to cover their faces, while he holds a beer in one hand. Earlier in 2012, Overeem was charged with misdemeanor battery for allegedly shoving a woman in the face at a Las Vegas casino. In March 2012, Overeem was sentenced to 50 hours

of community service and to undergo anger management counseling.

- On March 1st and 2nd, 2012, UFC Bantamweight fighter Bryan Caraway, tweeted the following statements: "Ronda an unintelligent bimbo," "She gonna talk smack she needs to know her place," "Guys and girls arent = I would knock her head off w 1 arm or choke her," and "She gonna act like a dude she can deal w the consequences."

UFC President Dana White:

- In a 3-minute expletive-filled rant to Sherdog journalist Loretta Hunt, UFC President Dana White said the following: "Shut the fuck up! Any fucking guy that won't put his name on it, first of all, whoever gave you that quote is a pussy and a fucking faggot

Continued on page 20

The Center's statement regarding UFC

Just as Night Beat was going to print, this statement came in:

"The partnership between The Center and UFC is unlike any other joint effort we have, providing a platform for The Center's programs, services, and messaging to be communicated to an important and critical demographic, mostly new to The Center. From the outset of our partnership, the participation by UFC in the life of The Center has been about more than just funding. They have had an impressive presence at significant events, and they have ensured that this participation has been inclusive and has included the highest level of leadership of UFC. The Center, in turn, has committed ourselves to supporting UFC's long-standing efforts to ensure that their operation is fully supportive of equality and the LGBTQ community. It is our strong belief that we can affect greater change by working with corporations like UFC than by isolating them."

- Raymond Wilmer,
President of The Center's
Board of Directors

UFC's jokes, homophobic slurs setting a bad example for youth

Continued from page 19

and a fucking liar and everything else, whoever gave you that quote." A minute later he said, "I mean, how do you write a story from a guy who fucking it's like, hey it's like in an interview where they fucking like put a black thing over the guy's face and change his voice and shit, you fucking dumb bitch. Fuck you, Loretta Hunt!"

- Dana White wrote the following to Jenna Jameson, partner of retired UFC fighter Tito Ortiz, on Twitter: "@jennajameson hey jenna SHUT THE FUCK UP and mind ur biz! @titoortiz put her on a fuckin' leash!!!"

- In early December 2012, UFC President Dana White had a brief cameo as a homeless character in a short comedy skit for Fox NFL Sunday that caused some outrage from fans over the stereotypes portrayed. Dana's response via Twitter was the following: "It's a skit for a comedian. Pussies in this country cry about everything!!! Get a sense of humor," "the pussies in this country who cry about everything everyone does makes me fucking ill," "people are such pussies these days it makes me SICK!!!," and "ur a puss."

- In a video uploaded on March 12, 2008, UFC President Dana White delivers a talk to participants of The Ultimate Fighter about being a UFC fighter: "It's not all, fucking, you know, signing autographs and banging broads when you get outta here. It's not. It's no fucking fun man, it's a job. Just like any other job. Being a fighter isn't all fucking girls and signing autographs. It's fucking hard work."

Others:

- Joe Rogan, who does commentary for televised UFC events, said the following about female sports reporter Maggie Hendricks: "I don't think [Rampage Jackson] should be given a free pass for some of the questionable things he does, but I do think that this woman in question is all kinds of cunt."

- Joe Rogan tweeted the following statement in April 2013, "If you're a

man and you call yourself a feminist I hope you chock to death on vegan pizza while crying over a lady gaga song".

In the letter to The Center, the Culinary Union claims "Also, a 10% stake of Zuffa LLC, the UFC's parent company, is owned by a government-controlled company of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). According to the US Department of State, consensual same-sex sexual activity is criminalized under both civil law and Sharia in the UAE. Under Sharia the death penalty is the punishment for

- Joe Rogan tweeted the following statement in April 2013, "If you're a man and you call yourself a feminist I hope you chock to death on vegan pizza while crying over a lady gaga song".

individuals who engage in consensual same-sex sexual conduct."

The letter continues, "The UFC's history of tolerating inappropriate and hurtful statements by fighters and representatives is shameful. Since the beginning of the year, over 78 women's organizations and advocates for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, including the National Organization of Women (NOW), as well as clergy and academics from 47 U.S. states and 24 countries, have demanded that the UFC put an end to the sexist and homophobic remarks and actions made by UFC fighters and company representatives. This spring, some lawmakers in the State of New York moved to maintain New York's longstanding ban against MMA events, despite opposition from the UFC. In August, the Boston City Council voted to ban children under 16 from attending MMA fights, like the UFC, without an adult. Boston Magazine reported that Boston City Council President Stephen Murphy said jokes about rape, abusive language that's demeaning to women, and the use of homophobic slurs set a bad example for Boston's youth."

**Signers to the letter urging
The Center to reconsider honoring UFC as
Corporation of the Year include:**

Geoconda Arguello-Kline

*Secretary-Treasurer,
Culinary Workers Union, Local 226*

Cleve Jones

Founder, The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

Brandon Smith

*Shop Stewart & LGBT Committee Member,
Culinary Workers Union, Local 226*

Members or the LGBT Committee

Culinary Workers Union, Local 226

Bob Fulkerson

*On behalf of the
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada*

**Stonewall Democratic Club
of Southern Nevada**

Lambda Business Association

Adan Campos

*MEChA UNLV Co-Chair
& National MEChA Coordinating Council
Board Member*

**The Board of the Clark County Young
Democrats**

Pastor Kathryn Obenour

Mary Magdalene Friends

Ruben Murillo, Jr.

President, Nevada State Education Association

**The Second Annual
WALK 'N' ROLL
DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS
& HIV/AIDS**

SATURDAY • OCT 12TH 2013

Jackie Gaughan Plaza
600 E. Fremont St.,
Las Vegas, NV 89101

the center
Serving the LGBTQ
Community of Nevada

Community Outreach/Medical Center

**Status of Personal
Equality**

**ACTION
RED**
RESOURCES EDUCATION DIVERSITY

Find out more at
www.walknroll4lv.org