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God pleased with gay marriage ban: 'No more tornadoes' says placated deity

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If Oklahoma votes in favor of a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, God will stop pelting the state with tornadoes.

"If I look down and see that homosexuals are behind denied the same civil rights and privleges that heterosexuals enjoy, then we'll be okay," the Judeo-Christian deity said in a joint press conference with Sen. James Williamson, R-Tulsa. "But if I see a separation of church and state, something's getting wiped out."

Republican leadership has been in talks with God throughout the session, working to broker a deal wherein the often-unpredicable supernatural entity would stop pelting the state with tornadoes, drought and other so-called "acts of God."

Federal law requires the state to enter into compacts with divine beings regarding Class III natural disasters, such as tornadoes, earthquakes and famine. God's Class II disasters, such a 1200 percent increase in meth use and the hemorrhaging of high-paying jobs, remain unregulated.

However, God said he may reward the state if the Bible's 612 other amendments are enshrined in state law.

"Yeah, I said homosexual love was an abomination, but I didn't say it was any worse than any other abomination," he said. "What's with at the heterotextile clothing? In Leviticus 19:19, I specifically said 'Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.' Yet I look around and I see all sorts of hybrid cattle and a lot of people wearing linencotton blends. What's up with that?"

In response to the voice of God, Rep. Bill Graves, R-Oklahoma City, is crafting legislation to enshrine the entire book of Leviticus in the Oklahoma Consitution.

A reprieve from tornadoes backs up Williamson's claim that a gay marriage ban would help economic development in Oklahoma. Democrats had previously disputed that argument based on the fact that it made no friggin' sense.

Williamson said the lack of God's wrath would drive down insurance prices which, along with right-to-work and tort-reform, will function as a panacea for the troubled state.

"If Oklahomans don't take a stand against civil rights, we'll soon end up like the God-forsaken hellhole that is Massachusetts," Williamson said.

So far this year, God has punished Massachusetts with a standard-of-living and percapita income far above Oklahoma's, as well as much lower rates of crime, teenage pregnancy, obesity and suicide.

Senate celebrates 'Penny Williams Awareness Day'

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – On Monday, the Senate celebrated "Penny Williams Awareness Day," a new state holiday designed to raise awareness of Sen. Penny Williams, D-Tulsa, who often appears to have no idea what is going on in the world around her.

"We had noticed that, at the Capitol and in the chamber, Penny often appeared both lost and confused. We hope that this holiday will greatly raise her awareness, informing her of where she is and what is going on," said Sen. Daisy Lawler, D-Comanche.



Sen. Penny Williams, D-Tulsa

Lawler authored SB D-Iulsa 24601, which created the state holiday. She said she was inspired to raise the awareness of Williams after watching the Tulsa senator vote to order tacos by unanimous consent.

"I think we were discussing provisions of the Volunteer Firefighter Incentive Act and, during her debate, Sen. Williams attempted to 'super-size' the legislation for an additional 39 cents," said Lawler. "We're hoping that Penny Williams Awareness Day will bring attention to Penny, or at least get her to stop yelling 'Bingo!' whenever she votes for a bill.

Trial lawyers seen twirling mustaches, tying women to railroad tracks

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – As the 2003 legislative session winds down, Oklahoma's trial lawyers are breathing a sigh of relief. At the beginning of the session, Gov. Brad Henry had promised tort reforms that would be "stronger than Texas."

With two weeks left in the session, Henry has backed off of this statement, and now promises reforms that are "stronger than

Texas football."

After mounting an intense lobbying effort against lawsuit reform, trial lawyers have now resumed fulltime mustache twirling, as well as kidnapping damsels and tying them to railroad tracks.

"Finally, I can relax again," said part-time trial lawyer Sen. Stratton Taylor, D-Oklahoma City. With the threat to jackpot justice nearly behind him, Taylor has resumed wearing a the black top hat and monacle that is the uniform of the American Trial Lawyer Association.

"With tort reform essentially emasculated, the people of Oklahoma are the winners," said Taylor. "Lawyers can finally get back to eating babies and kicking puppy dogs."

Trial lawyers are not the only party to benefit from Henry's flaccid reform promises. The state's workers compensation providers are eagerly awaiting the govenor's limp-wristed and toothless reform proposals. At press time, some had even resumed covering themselves in goat's blood and sacrificing chickens to Baal.

"Thank goodness we have a governor who fights for the people, not millionaire special interests," said Taylor, himself a millionaire trial lawyer who was especially interested in the legislation. "I haven't had time to kill a kitten in months."