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Revellers relax inside a 3-D Luminarium inflatable installation by British designer Alain Parkinson during Budapest's one-week, round-the-clock Sziget ("Island") music festival on an island in the Danube river in this file photo. Sziget, one of Europe's largest cultural events, opens its 20th edition on Aug. 5 after being voted the Best Major European Festival at the European Festival Awards this year.

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# Anti-gay B&Bs under fire in U.S., Canada

**QMI AGENCY** — Two weeks after a Canadian bed and breakfast was fined for refusing to accommodate a gay couple, a B&B south of the border is making headlines for posting on Facebook that God invented AIDS to punish homosexuals.

The Whitebriar Bed & Breakfast in Edgewater Park, N.J., penned the controversial post in response to a lesbian mom complaining about an anti-gay-marriage sign on the B&B's lawn.

Joanne Frascilla had planned to bring her son to the B&B's petting zoo, but changed her mind when she saw a sign on the front lawn proclaiming "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day," on Aug. 1, with the words "Marriage one man, one woman, one God."

Chick-fil-A is an American fried chicken restaurant chain that's been in the spotlight in recent weeks after its CEO publicly denounced gay marriage.

"This is somewhere my son loves

to pass by and we have been excited to visit. Not anymore. I'm sad to see a local business anti LGBT marriage," Frascilla wrote on the B&B's Facebook page Sunday night.

The B&B, owned by Carole and Bill Moore, replied: "Isn't it wonderful Joanne Frascilla, that you and your son can enjoy the animals here because I have a traditional marriage with a husband who works with me 90 hours a week to take care of these animals, and the summer camp."

"We're 66-68 years old ... there were no gays or queers in our time ... if two old ladies chose to live together ... so be it, let them deal with God when they get there ... but to have the 'face sucking' thrown in my face of two gay lesbians who are totally destroying the 'normal balance in a child's life' as you claim your son (sic)"

The post goes on to imply Frascilla's son would turn out to be gay "because he didn't have a father as a role model."

"I'll pray for you ... remember what the bible says: 'Lay down with dogs, get up with fleas ... guess that's why God invented aids ... (sic)'"

The post, seemingly written by Carole Moore, concludes that the B&B will remain staunchly and proudly pro-traditional marriage.

In subsequent Facebook posts, she admits to writing the post and denied it was the work of hackers.

QMI Agency has contacted the Moores for comment.

The post set off a storm of responses — some supportive of the B&B and some condemning it.

This controversy comes on the heels of a B.C. Human Rights Tribunal ruling that Les and Susan Molnar discriminated against a gay couple by refusing to let them stay in their B&B in Grand Forks.

The Riverbend B&B owners were fined \$4,500. They shut down the business soon after receiving the complaint and don't plan to reopen.