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United Nations Urges Russia to Repeal Antigay Laws

By Jase Peeples

The human rights office of the United Nations is now adding its voice to the growing number of those who have spoken out to condemn Russia's recently



passed antigay legislation, which bans the dissemination of so-called gay propaganda, and is asking the country to repeal the law, reports Pink News.

Also concerning the U.N. human rights office is the fact that areas in the Republic of Moldova have also adopted similar laws targeting LGBT people, and the Ukraine has been considering the adoption of antigay legislation as well.

"Such measures form the basis for standing and regular harassment, and even arbitrary detention, and help create a climate of fear for anyone working on advancing the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people," human rights adviser Claude Cahn told Pink News. He added that laws such as these are "inherently discriminatory in both intent and effect."

As an alternative, the office is pushing for "comprehensive non-discriminatory sexuality education" for countries that are considering or have adopted antigay laws. The proposed education would include information about HIV and AIDS, STIs, and homophobia.

Since Russian president Vladimir Putin signed the so-called gay propaganda bill into law, the country has seen an increase in violence toward LGBT people. In one of the recent incidents, five assailants stripped and attacked a transgender woman and posted a video of the beating to a Russian social networking site.

New Jersey Gov. Signs Ban on 'Ex-Gay Therapy'

By Sunnivie Brydum

New Jersey just became the second state in the U.S. to outlaw the practice of so-called sexual orientation change efforts, also known as "ex-gay" or "reparative" therapy, that seeks to turn gay people straight.



With Republican governor Chris Christie's signature on the bill Monday morning, New Jersey banned the scientifically discredited practice on minors, which advocates testified before the state legislature amounts to little more than child abuse. The legislation passed through both chambers of the legislature with bipartisan support, but Christie was hesitant

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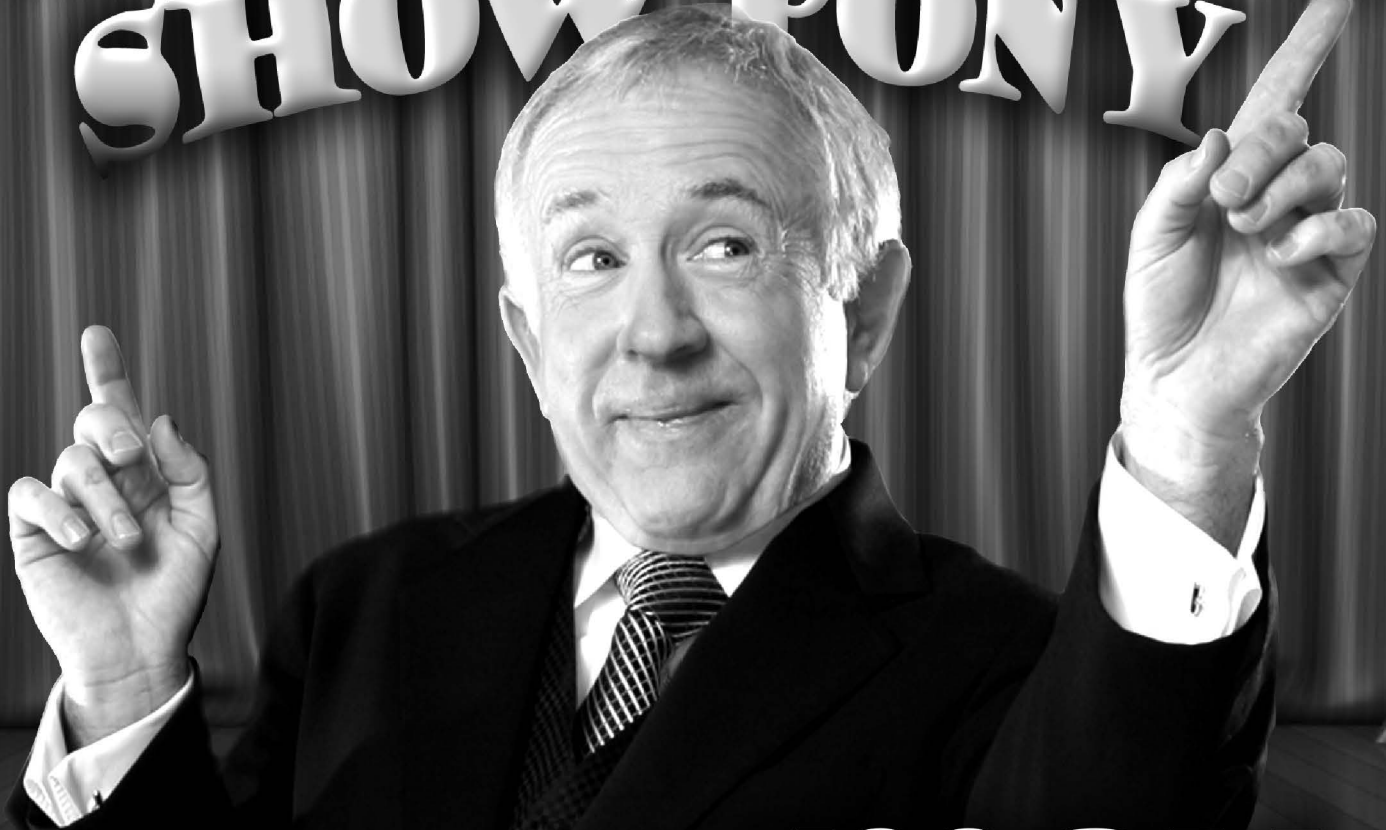
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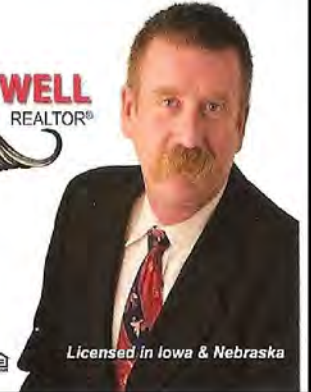


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The Hungry Homo

By Lisa Broadway-Savage

My wife loves Brussels sprouts, but me... well.. not so much. She found this recipe and now I actually request Brussels sprouts for dinner! The crispy texture with tangy sauce changed my mind about this veggie.

Brussels Sprouts in Chili Vinegar

Ingredients:

2 lbs Brussels sprouts, halved
4 tbsp olive oil
salt
1 cup sugar
1 cup white vinegar
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper
1/2 head garlic

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. On baking sheet, toss sprouts with olive oil and 1 tsp salt. Roast for 35-40 minutes until outer leaves are crispy
3. Mix sugar, vinegar, pepper and garlic in a saucepan and cook over low until sugar dissolves (about 5 minutes)

4. While hot, place sprouts in a mixing bowl and stir in 1/4 to 1/2 cup of chili vinegar mix. Add salt to taste.

Enjoy !!!



(New Jersey Gov. Signs Ban on 'Ex-Gay Therapy', Continued from page 1)

to confirm whether or not he would sign the bill into law. Monday was his last day to either sign the bill or veto it; if the governor had done neither, the bill would have become law by default.

Christie told CNN that he was still concerned that the legislation indicates "government limiting parental choice," but he ultimately sided with overwhelming scientific evidence proving that sexual orientation efforts are harmful to those subjected to them.

"The American Psychological Association has found that efforts to change sexual orientations can pose critical health risks including, but not limited to, depression, substance abuse, social withdrawal, decreased self-esteem and suicidal thoughts," Christie said while signing the bill, according to CNN. "I believe that exposing children to these health risks without clear evidence of benefits that outweigh these serious risks is not appropriate."

The bill is based on similar landmark legislation in California, and prohibits licensed therapists, psychiatrists, social workers, and counselors from engaging in efforts to change the sexual orientation of minors. LGBT advocates heralded the bill's passage. Garden State Equality told The New Civil Rights Movement that "there is no greater achievement than helping to stop the abuse of our youth."

"Today's SOCE ban will do just that," continued the organization's executive director, Troy Stevenson. "It will protect young people from being abused by those they should trust the most, their parents and their 'doctors.' Garden State Equality thanks Assemblyman Tim Eustace and Sen. Raymond Lesniak for championing this law. We also commend the governor for signing this legislation, and we hope he is true to his word. We hope that his realization, that there is nothing wrong with our LGBT youth — and that there is nothing about them that needs to be fixed — will lead to a further evolution. It is our truest hope that the Governor will realize as the majority of the legislature and a super majority of the New Jersey public have realized, that the best way to ensure our LGBT youth are protected from the abuse of being ostracized, is to provide them with equality. We must provide all N.J. youth with acceptance, with hope for the future and yes, the promise of the dignity to marry the person that they love."

Truth Wins Out, a national organization that combats what it calls the "ex-gay myth," also celebrated the law's passage. "New Jersey's LGBT youth are safer today because an abusive practice has been banned that destroys families and shatters lives," said executive director Wayne Besen. "The New Jersey law gives tremendous momentum for moving forward with new efforts to protect LGBT youth across the nation. We must remember that conversion therapy isn't a legitimate form of therapy, but a political marketing gimmick designed to demonize and stigmatize LGBT people. This is why it is rejected by every respected mainstream medical and mental health association in America."



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Iowa ethics board will investigate National Organization for Marriage

by Jennifer Jacobs

Jennifer covers state government and politics for the Des Moines Register.

A national organization that opposes same-sex marriage may have violated state law by not disclosing its donors in its fight to oust Iowa Supreme Court justices, ethics officials said today.

The Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board voted unanimously to investigate the National Organization for Marriage, saying that if the allegations against it are proven true, the marriage group's actions would violate state law.

The decision to investigate is a triumph for Republican former presidential candidate Fred Karger, who filed the complaint against the National Organization for Marriage on June 13.

Karger said the D.C.-based group spent \$635,000 in 2010 and about \$100,000 in 2012 to try to oust four of the justices who were part of a unanimous 2009 decision that allowed same-sex marriage in Iowa.

"We caught them," Karger told reporters after today's meeting. "I'm so grateful to the ethics commission."

Karger, who is openly gay, said it's important to send a message to the National Organization for Marriage to follow the law because it will likely be a player in Iowa again, seeking to oust Iowa Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, a champion of same-sex marriage rights, and the other three justices who authored the marriage ruling four years ago.

No representative from the National Organization for Marriage was present at today's ethics board meeting, but the Act Right Legal Foundation submitted a written response to Karger's complaint, saying the marriage group hasn't violated any Iowa laws.

Karger erroneously thinks NOM "must always and everywhere disclose all of its activities and donors. This is not the law in any state or of the United States," the statement, written by Joseph Vanderhulst, says.

But Megan Tooker, the ethics board's lawyer and executive director, noted that the National Organization for Marriage was "absolutely wrong" in several of its interpretations of state law.

Tooker said if the marriage organization solicited and received donations for the purpose of defeating the Iowa justices, by state law, the names of those donors should have been disclosed.

One piece of evidence in the complaint is an email the National Organization for Marriage sent out on Sept. 21, 2012 that asks for cash donations specifically for the fight against the Iowa justices, Tooker said.

In its written response, the marriage organization argued that

the release of donors isn't required if funds are raised through phone calls and emails.

"That's absolutely false," Tooker said.

Liberty Counsel Claims 'Ex-Gay' Therapy Ban Harms Minors, Plans Lawsuit

By Jase Peeples

New Jersey became the second state in the U.S. to outlaw sexual orientation change efforts, also known as "ex-gay" or "reparative" therapy, for minors yesterday after Republican governor Chris Christie signed a bill banning the practice into law. However, the antigay legal organization Liberty Counsel claims that Christie's signing of the bill "harms New Jersey children" and announced plans to file a lawsuit seeking to block the law in a press release posted to the group's website.



"The New Jersey governor is putting himself in every counseling room, dictating what kind of counseling clients can receive," said Mat Staver, Liberty Counsel founder and chairman. "This bill provides a slippery slope of government infringing upon the First Amendment rights of counselors to provide, and patients to receive, counseling consistent with their religious beliefs."

"This bill is so broad that parents would be prohibited from seeking help for their son who developed unwanted same-sex attractions after being molested by the likes of Jerry Sandusky. Counselors would only be allowed to affirm these unwanted feelings as good and normal. This is absurd and dangerous. This law would inflict serious damage to children, parents, and counselors," Staver added.

Officials with the organization believe they will be able to make a strong case to repeal the law because they claim it "prohibits only one viewpoint regarding change counseling and, therefore, constitutes viewpoint discrimination" arguing "no viewpoint-based restriction on private speech has ever been upheld."

Liberty Counsel is also currently litigating a similar case, challenging the law that bans "ex-gay" therapy in California.

Politician Against Gay Marriage Because They Don't Face Each Other During Sex

By: Brandon Voss

Now we've heard it all.

Mexican congresswoman Ana María Jiménez Ortiz was talking all kinds of crazy at a recent conference, as reported by The Independent.



When asked if gay marriage should be legalized in the state of Puebla, she said, "Marriage should only be considered in those relationships in which the members have sex while facing each other... A marriage should only be considered amongst people that can look at each other in the eye while having sexual intercourse, something that doesn't happen in homosexual couples."

A member of Mexico's PAN party, the politician also referenced a controversial study about children with same-sex parents, but let's stick to those comments about gays not making eye contact, shall we? Can blind straight people get married, Ana? What about heteros who like it doggie style?

Following a public backlash on Twitter, she later insisted she had made her point in a "respectful manner," adding, "I'm sorry that my participation was taken out of context and doesn't sum up the explanation that I made and that this has generated a series of attacks towards me on social networks, from people that unfortunately were not there and only have information from one source."

Only some Mexican states have legalized same-sex marriage, but the Supreme Court has ruled that gay marriage will be recognized in all parts of the country.

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A Body That Only One Million Moms Could Hate

By: Brandon Voss

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In Let's Get Zesty, a smokin' new ad campaign for Kraft Zesty Italian, actor-model Anderson Davis stars as the Zesty Guy, the salad dressing's answer to Old Spice's Isaiah Mustafa and the Diet Coke's hunks.

Well, it should come as no surprise that OMM is now urging its followers to contact Kraft and demand that they discontinue the "offensive" campaign:

Last week's issue of People Magazine had the most disgusting ad on the inside front cover that we have ever seen Kraft produce. A full 2-page ad features a n*ked man lying on a picnic blanket with only a small portion of the blanket barely covering his g*nitals. It is easy to see what the ad is really selling. A person has to look closely to see the item the company is marketing because the salad dressing bottle is so small next to the male model, picnic basket and other food items. There is also a small Kraft logo in the upper corners with the words "Silverware Optional - Let's Get Zesty." The website getmezesty.com is listed in the bottom corner.

Kraft has gone too far and will push away loyal, conservative customers with this new ad campaign. Christians will not be able to buy Kraft dressings or any of their products until they clean up their advertising. The consumers they are attempting to attract - women and mothers - are the very ones they are driving away. Who will want Kraft products in their fridge or pantry if this vulgarity is what they represent?

One Million Moms cannot get over the gall of this company. It is unnecessary for Kraft to use s*x to sell salad dressing!

Can you get over OMM's gall trying to make salad dressing boring again?

Pope Francis Finally Says Something Nice About Gay People

By: Sunnivic Brydum

In an apparent softening of the Roman Catholic Church's staunch opposition to homosexuality, Pope Francis recently told a group of reporters that it isn't his place to pass judgment on gay priests.

"If someone is gay and seeks the Lord with good will, who am I to judge?" he said on a flight from Brazil to Rome.

Pope Francis also registered what appeared to be a more moderate position on how Catholic doctrine dictates gay people should be treated, reports Australia's ABC.



"The catechism of the Catholic Church says clearly that we must not marginalize these people who should be integrated into society."

The apparently sympathetic comments are a sharp departure from Francis' papal predecessor, Benedict XVI, who said in 2008 that homosexuality was as much a threat to the future of humanity as was climate change.

Francis made the statements Monday when questioned about widespread allegations that his nominee to head up the Vatican's bank, Monsignor Battista Ricca, has had several gay male lovers. Ricca has not commented on the allegations, but a Vatican spokesman called the report "not trustworthy." Vatican officials similarly disavowed widespread reports of a "gay lobby" at work inside Rome earlier this year. But in June, Pope Francis acknowledged the existence of a blackmail scheme targeting gay priests inside the Vatican while speaking at a private conference of Latin American church leaders.

But Francis' religious acceptance apparently does not extend to women. Speaking to the same collection of reporters, Francis said that women should be given a larger role in the Church, but that the "door is closed" to their ordination.

Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

WHEN YOUR PARENTS ARE HORRIBLE



You can divorce an abusive spouse. You can call it quits if your lover mistreats you. But what can you do if the main source of your misery is your parents? No parent is perfect. But just as there are ordinary good-enough parents who mysteriously produce a difficult child, there are some decent people who have the misfortune of having really horrible parents.

As a therapist, it's sometimes perplexing for me on how to best serve people who have parents like this. While it's usually wise to try and salvage relationships, what about those that are really harmful? And what about when it's your parents? Yikes!

If you wonder if your parent(s) are truly horrible or merely slightly unkind, I suggest you keep an open-mind and consider whether maintaining a relationship with them is really good for you at this point in your life. As a child, you had no choice: you were stuck with your parents, like it or not. Now, when you DO have a choice, should you let go of toxic parents? .

I recently read a case history of a man in his mid-20s who had recently come out as gay to his devoutly religious parents, who responded by disowning him and telling him that it would have been better if he, rather than his younger brother, had died in a car accident several years earlier. If you're like me, your jaw hit the floor as you read that sentence. And yet, this guy still hoped he could get his parents to accept him and his sexuality. As a therapist, what would you do with a client who didn't want to "give up on" having a relationship with parents like that? If this man were my client, I'd recommend that he consider, at least for now, giving up a relationship with such openly-cruel parents. He needs to protect himself from the psychological harm they can inflict.

On the other hand, parent-child relationships are rarely all good or bad; even the most abusive parents can sometimes be loving, which is why severing a bond with your parents – no matter how horrible they are - is bound to be tough. However, if this guy were my client I would work with him to see the psychological cost of maintaining a relationship with such awful parents and urge him to take better care of himself

It's hard to let go of our parents, no matter how horrible they are. As children, we are hard-wired to bond with our parents, it's how we survive. Even if our parents are awful, we depend on them for our survival, so we'll often do anything we can to stay "connected". Unfortunately, involvement with these kinds

of parents is traumatic, especially when we are children. Research shows that prolonged childhood trauma can be toxic to the brain, e.g., prolonged stress can kill cells in the hippocampus, a brain area critical for memory. Having horrible parents may be harmful to our brain, not just hurt our feelings.

We can't undo history, but we can remove ourselves from destructive relationships. Therapy helps us heal, as does talking with friends we trust and relatives who can give us some insight about our parents and our childhood.

Neurobiology gives us more reasons to be optimistic: we can, in essence, "rewire our brain" by having positive, loving experiences as adults that create new neural pathways in our brain that will eventually replace the old neural pathways that our horrible parents may have created. The bad news: horrible parents are damaging, both psychologically and physiologically. The good news: much of this damage can be undone. So I respectfully (and professionally) encourage you folks with horrible parents to get off your pity pot and take action to heal yourself. You can do it. Let others help.

Lady Gaga Tweets About Russia, LGBT Youth

By James Nichols, The Huffington Post

Russia has come under international scrutiny as of late for a string of anti-gay legislation and violence against LGBT individuals, both from fellow citizens and those in positions of power. These events have culminated in an insinuation by several Russian politicians that openly gay athletes and spectators at the 2014 Sochi Olympics could be arrested and detained by the foreign government.

Late last week, the Russian government released a statement claiming that Lady Gaga had violated her visa while performing in Russia, also making the same accusation about Madonna. The assertion by Russian officials is that "the visas issued were of the basic cultural exchange sort, which does not grant their bearers the right to engage in any commercial activity." The man leading this campaign against the pop singers is increasingly infamous and homophobic Vitaly Milonov, the politician who spearheaded Russia's recent "anti-gay propaganda" law.

"The Russian government is sending a shot across the bow to Lady Gaga, Madonna, and other performers who are taking up gay rights in Russia," said Paul Saunders, Executive Director of the Center for the National Interest. Lady Gaga reportedly said, "Tonight, this is my house Russia. You can be gay in my house," at a December performance while in Russia.

Lady Gaga, who is no stranger to LGBT-focused political action, is slated to have her new single "Applause" drop on Aug. 19, followed by a performance at the MTV Video Music Awards on Aug. 25.

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2nd Monday

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Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm
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PFLAG- OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Country-side Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm – 6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary
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Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC- Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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3rd Sunday

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs

4th Monday

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4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

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Reality

A man brings his best buddy home for dinner unannounced at 5:30 after work. His wife screams at him as his friend listens in.

"My hair & makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pajamas and I can't be bothered with cooking tonight! What the hell did you bring him home for?"

"Because he's thinking of getting married...."

It's Tough to Get Old

Two medical students were walking along the street when they saw an old man walking with his legs spread apart. He was stiff-legged and walking slowly.

One student said to his friend: "I'm sure that poor old man has Peltry Syndrome. Those people walk just like that."

The other student says: "No, I don't think so. The old man surely has Zovitzki Syndrome. He walks slowly and his legs are apart, just as we learned in class."

Since they couldn't agree they decided to ask the old man. They approached him and one of the students said to him, "We're medical students and couldn't help but notice the way you walk, but we couldn't agree on the syndrome you might have. Could you tell us what it is?"

The old man said, "I'll tell you, but first you tell me what you two fine medical students think."

The first student said, "I think it's Peltry Syndrome."

The old man said, "You thought - but you are wrong."

The other student said, "I think you have Zovitzki Syndrome."

The old man said, "You thought - but you are wrong."

So they asked him, "Well, old timer, what do you have?"

The old man said, "I thought it was GAS - but I was wrong, too!"

The Cat

We were dressed, and ready to go out for the New Years Eve Party. We turned on a night light, turned the answering machine on, covered our pet parakeet, and put the cat in the backyard.

We phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and we opened the front door to leave the house.

As we walked out the door, the cat we had put out in the yard, scoots back into the house. We didn't want the cat shut in the house. Because she always tries to eat the bird.

My wife goes on out to the taxi, while I went back inside to get the cat. The cat runs upstairs, with me in hot pursuit. Waiting in the cab, my wife doesn't want the driver to know that the house will be empty for the night. So, she explains to the taxi driver that I will be out soon, 'He's just going upstairs to say Goodbye to my mother.'

A few minutes later, I get into the cab. 'Sorry I took so long,' I said, as we drove away. 'That stupid bitch was hiding under the bed. I had to poke her ass with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck. Then, I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked! I hauled her fat ass downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!'

The cab driver hit a parked car.

Two Old Boys

The 75-year-old had just finished his morning jog and wasn't even short of breath. The 70-year-old was amazed at the guy's stamina and asked him what he did to have so much energy. The 75-year-old said, "Well, I eat rye bread every day. It keeps your energy level high and you'll have great stamina with the ladies."

So, on the way home the 70-year-old stopped at the bakery. As he was looking around, the saleslady asked if he needed any help. He said, "Do you have any rye bread?" She said, "Yes, there's a whole shelf of it. Would you like some?"

He said, "I want five loaves."

She said, "My goodness, five loaves! By the time you get to the 3rd loaf, it'll be hard."

He replied, "I can't believe everybody knows about this sh*t but me."

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstuuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

GOglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbtDemocrats.wordpress.com> - contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also <http://ProgressiveOasis.com>

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6:30pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not

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LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Laramore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUTline, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outline.org, Lincoln NE

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr. 3620 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm: 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

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LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652 <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflagcornhusker.org/>

Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos

7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln

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Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tricity-glbtc.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic

209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, **FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia**

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - <http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/>

Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and

Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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U.S. Olympic Official: Athletes Must Comply With Russian Law

By Trudy Ring

The head of the U.S. Olympic Committee says he expects athletes to “comply with the laws” of Russia during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, including the oppressive so-called gay propaganda law recently adopted in the nation, although exactly what compliance means remains unclear.

“The athletes are always going into countries with laws different than his or her own country,” Scott Blackmun, CEO of the committee, told Russian news source R-Sport this week. “They’re going to agree with those laws in some ways, they’re going to disagree with those laws in other ways. It’s our strong desire that our athletes comply with the laws of every nation that we visit. This law is no different.”

Some opponents of the law have announced plans to protest by wearing pins or armbands with LGBT-supportive slogans and images or holding hands with members of the same sex, but Blackmun did not go into what would constitute compliance or

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- The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
- Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
- Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
- Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
- Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 3620 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330

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noncompliance with the law. The USOC is “looking to the [International Olympic Committee] for some leadership in this issue,” he told R-Sport. “They have been in discussions with the Russian authorities, so we’re awaiting for some clarification from them.”

An IOC spokeswoman earlier this week cited a rule from the Olympic charter saying “no kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites, venues or other areas,” indicating that athletes who protest Russia’s antigay law could be disciplined or disqualified. However, another IOC official told website LGBTQ Nation the committee’s position has been mischaracterized and that athletes would not be punished for hand-holding or wearing certain items.

“The official said that Rule 50 applies to ‘egregious’ behavior, and that a protest or demonstration from the podium, such as an athlete openly denouncing the Russian Government or an impromptu display during an event or the opening or closing ceremonies, would be seen as a violation of the rule,” LGBTQ Nation reports. The article characterized the speaker as a “high-ranking official” with the IOC who would not allow his name to be used.

The Russian law, passed this summer, prohibits any “propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations” that could be accessible to minors. It has been interpreted as banning LGBT pride parades or public demonstrations, and even any public discussion of LGBT issues or identities, with violations punishable by fines and jail terms.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY HOME-BAKED MAPLE-APPLE PIE, BILLY?

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MY, MY... IS THERE NO END TO YOUR COMEDIC WIT?

I SURE HOPE NOT, GRAMPS... I GOT BILLS TO PAY!

YES, I'D IMAGINE YOU KEEP YOUR ATTORNIES QUITE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED.

BUT SERIOUSLY, GUYS... I'VE BEEN HAVING SOME GOOD TALKS WITH EDUARDO OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

IT'S REALLY HELPED ME... TO SEE.

SEE WHAT?

HOW MUCH CRAP A LOTTA' GAY KIDS GO THROUGH... GROWING UP IN THIS COUNTRY.

AND YOU'RE JUST REALIZING THIS NOW?

C'MON, RUDY...

...I GREW UP IN A SMALL TOWN IN VIRGINIA. I DIDN'T KNOW ANY GAY PEOPLE.

THEY WERE ALWAYS ...KIND OF A CAR-TOON TO ME.

AND EASY TARGETS TO MAKE FUN OF.

EXACTLY.

BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT.

SO... MAYBE YOUR STAYING HERE... FOR THIS "SENSITIVITY TRAINING"... ACTUALLY DID SOME GOOD.

YEAH, I GUESS.

DIDN'T REALLY HELP MY CAREER, THOUGH.

I FOUND OUT YESTERDAY THAT "FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE" ISN'T RENEWING MY CONTRACT.

AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF MY STAND-UP GIGS GOT CANCELLED.

OH.

I DID GET AN OFFER TO PERFORM AT A "DEFENDERS OF MARRIAGE" FUND-RAISER, THOUGH.

WHAT AN UNSHOCKING DEVELOPMENT...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



LIFE IS BUT A DAY, LOVE IS AN ETERNITY

The light made its way over the horizon earlier today with those first rays of sunrise uniting the young lovers Ron and Rita. The happy couple enjoyed the honeymoon at Wisconsin Dells before the morning paper was even delivered.

As the newlyweds sat down for breakfast they prepared an extra space at the table for their daughter Kristin. Her jubilant addition brought warm smiles to those pancakes and syrup. By the time the last bite was eaten, their first born child would learn how to walk and talk circles around the kitchen.

The second dose of excitement came shortly after the dishes had been cleared from the breakfast table. The knock at the door revealed that the stork had brought more good news... it was a boy. Wrapped in layers of blue was that child named Ronald; the name didn't fall far from the tree.

A mid morning nap was the next order of business on this crowded but cheerful day. Kristin and Ron Jr. earned some well deserved rest after their time spent with their friends Bert, Ernie, and Oscar the Grouch. Their sleep time didn't last long. There were cries of joy that awoke them and indicated it was no longer a family of four, but instead a family of five. He was introduced to them all as Scott.

As the day turned to late morning, the tooth fairy and Easter Bunny were kept plenty active with this trio of joy. Santa also got the notice and slid down the chimney several times before the arrival of lunch.

The sun rose higher in the day sky while Rita managed the new household and Ron taught his classroom of students. They both took time from their action packed day to welcome the newest member of the Blake clan. It was the entrance of Matthew known as son number three and child number four.

Parent teacher conferences, doctor appointments, and social studies homework kept the pace of everything moving quickly on this early afternoon. Rita helped the kids prepare their spooky costumes for trick or treating and Ron took the gang on bike trips around the city. There was just one thing that could stop all this midday activity if only for the moment. He was welcomed into the home as the baby boy named Mark.

With five children and a dog called Alex in the Blake household, the late afternoon proved to be fun and chaotic. There was Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter that brought out all of the relatives for these celebrations of life. By early evening on this day, everyone had opened presents and sung happy birthday

dozens of times.

The setting sun was accompanied by five graduation ceremonies and the kids leaving the nest. At dinner time Ron and Rita spent many moments with the new in-laws and grandkids and all of their stories. Dessert included so many more smiles and laughter that walked through the front door.

Night has arrived and it's time for Ron and Rita to retire to the couch for some relaxation. They join together to be grateful for the blessings that they have and all the memories they look forward to still enjoying. After all...the day's not over yet.

This essay of joy was brought to you by that guy known as the second dose of excitement. That number one son is Ron Blake and he can be found wishing happy anniversary to his parents at myblakefitness.com.

(I wrote the following essay as a gift for my parent's recent 48th wedding anniversary. I hope this brings some healthy and happy reflections of your life and that of your family.)

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