



## Ousted Iowa Judges to Receive JFK Profile in Courage Award

By Neal Broverman



**From left: Judges Ternus, Baker, and Streit**

Three Iowa Supreme Court justices who voted to legalize same-sex marriage and were later removed from the bench by voters will be honored with the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

Justices Marsha Ternus, Michael Streit, and David Baker voted in 2009 to legalize same-sex marriage in Iowa, making the state the first outside of New England to offer marriage equality. A year later, a right-wing effort brought by Family Leader CEO Bob Vander Plaats helped oust the judges when they were up for a retention vote.

At a ceremony in May, Ternus, Streit, and Baker will be honored for their ruling, which ultimately cost them their jobs.

Calla Rongerude, interim executive director of equality group One Iowa, issued the following statement: "One Iowa congratulates Justice Ternus, Justice Streit, and Justice Baker for their courage and their commitment to upholding the Constitution. Because of their dedication to treating all Iowans as equal under the law, they have transformed the lives of loving and committed gay and lesbian couples and have made Iowa a more inclusive and fair place for all families. This is a very well deserved honor."

## Ricky Martin to Nancy Alvarez: We're Born This Way

By Diane Anderson-Minshall

Nancy Alvarez, the colorful former host of Univision's Spanish-language TV show *Quién Tiene la Razón*, has stepped in it again, this time telling AOL Latino that people are made gay by "mistakes made by their parents" in response to a tweet from Ricky Martin arguing that people are born gay and not made gay, as are heterosexuals born that way rather than "made straight."

According to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which responded to Alvarez's comments with a



column on today's AOL Latino, Martin took to Twitter "after the question was posed on an unfortunately biased segment about so-called conversion therapies that promise to change a person's orientation on Univision nighttime newsmagazine program *Aquí y Ahora*, a show that usually produces fair, accurate and inclusive coverage of LGBT people."

Alvarez, who bills herself as a sexologist and a doctor, has previously said that she was concerned about gay parents and the effects they may have on their kids.

"Unfortunately, Nancy Alvarez's comments are only a symptom of a larger problem," GLAAD wrote in response. "Though true that in recent years, we've seen a growing number of positive representations of LGBT people and issues in Spanish-language media, (meaning that millions of Latinos are getting to know LGBT people as their neighbors, friends, co-workers and family members), as with English-language media, there's plenty of room for improvement."

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## Iraq Sees Wave of Brutal Antigay Murders

In a recent wave of antigay violence, about 40 Iraqis have been killed, in some cases by a concrete block to the head.

By Trudy Ring

A recent wave of violence in Iraq has resulted in the kidnapping, torture, and killing of about 40 people perceived to be gay or lesbian, with the murder weapon sometimes being a concrete block to the head.

The killings began in early February after an unidentified group put up posters with death threats against "adulterous individuals" in largely Shiite neighborhoods of Baghdad and Basra, reports the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. The threats listed the targets' names and ages, and gave them four days to change their behavior or face divine retribution.

Some of the murders have been carried out by smashing the victims' skulls with concrete blocks or pushing them off roofs of tall buildings, says a report from two other groups, the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq and Iraqi LGBT.

IGLHRC officials further report, "The Iraqi authorities have neither responded to this targeted violence nor have they publicly denounced it. It is widely believed that these atrocities are

being committed by a group of the Shiite militia."

There was a wave of targeted killings of people believed to be gay or lesbian in 2009 as well, the organization notes. Such crimes "must not be tolerated in a new Iraq," says IGLHRC executive director Cary Alan Johnson in a statement on the group's website. As "a fully sovereign and democratic country," Iraq "must protect all of its citizens including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people from hate-filled violence and death at the hands of armed militias," he says.

An online statement from the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq and Iraqi LGBT calls on "all freedom-lovers of the world, the women's and human rights organization and governments in the advanced world" to pressure the Iraqi government to protect its LGBT citizens. It also demands a full investigation into the campaign of violence and "full punishment" for the perpetrators.

## Lawrence v. Texas Couple Never Had Sex

By Neal Broverman

### Tyron Garner (left) and John Geddes Lawrence

A new book claims the plaintiffs in the landmark 2003 Supreme



Court case that legalized gay sex weren't a couple and never had sex.

Writer Dale Carpenter details the 1998 arrest of Tyron Garner and John Geddes Lawrence in his new book, *Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas*. While police charged Garner and Lawrence with having anal sex after they burst into Lawrence's Houston apartment following a 911 call by Garner's boyfriend at the time — drunk and angry that Garner and Lawrence were allegedly flirting — both Garner and Lawrence say they weren't even touching.

"There was no sex," insisted Lawrence in 2011, according to *Flagrant Conduct*. "In fact, he said, Garner and he were not physically touching one another, and were seated as much as fifteen [feet] apart."

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Garner and Lawrence's claims hold more water when considering the highly inconsistent police report, with officers having very different recollections of what they encountered in the apartment.

Garner and Lawrence, promised that their identities would remain private, allowed the case to move forward, correctly anticipating it would change history.

## Daniel Radcliffe Talks Gay Marriage, GOP Bigotry, and Crushing on Ryan Gosling

By: Michael Matson

Actor Daniel Radcliffe displays intelligence as abundant as his talent in an impressive new interview with UK gay magazine, *Attitude*, beginning with an astute explanation of how marriage equality benefits society.

"The ultimate reason gay marriage should be legalized everywhere is because, as a kid, you look to your mum and dad and they're married, then you look at the gay couple who've been together for the same amount of time, but because they can't get married their relationship doesn't seem the same," said Radcliffe. "Yes, gay marriage is about symbolically blessing a relationship, but the larger issue is about transmitting a fundamental message about equality. Gay people should have equality in law everywhere. If you grow up as a young gay man knowing you don't have the same opportunities as everyone else, you're going to feel victimized and massive prejudice towards you."

The 22-year-old also revealed he's been "disgusted, amazed, stunned" by the anti-gay bigotry spewed by current GOP presidential candidate Rick Santorum and former contenders Michele Bachmann and Rick Perry. "I think [they] pretend to be homophobic just to win votes," he said.

Though heterosexual, Radcliffe still understands what is attractive about men—particularly Ryan Gosling.

"I can quite happily say someone is handsome, good-looking, and I can see why someone would want to f\*ck them, but I've never felt that way about a man myself," said Radcliffe. "There is that moment in your late teens when you ask yourself the question, 'Am I?' but I wasn't... Well, this year I have a talent crush on Ryan Gosling. I think he's fantastic and...(ahem) you know he'd be nice afterwards. He seems smart. If I was gay, I would go for a smart man."



## How the Foreclosure Scandal Impacts LGBT Borrowers

Taking away someone's home is serious business, and throughout most of United States history the court system has ensured that borrowers cannot be forced from their homes without a powerful legal reason and an abundance of supporting evidence. But during the past 2-3 years foreclosure courts have been allowing hundreds of thousands of evictions to go ahead based on apparently inadequate documentation which includes such things as fraudulent paperwork and forged signatures.

In the offices of some lawyers hired by mortgage companies, for example, a single individual might sign as many as 1,000 foreclosure documents per day. That's an average of about one every 20 or 30 seconds, meaning that they cannot possibly read or scrutinize for accuracy the papers they are signing. The phenomenon has given rise to the moniker "robo-signing" – a term that has become synonymous with this latest chapter in the ongoing foreclosure crisis.

The disturbing lack of legal protocol has tens of thousands of LGBT borrowers wondering what it means to them. The biggest question on everyone's mind is whether or not foreclosures that were allowed under questionable circumstances will now be overturned. As might be expected, it all depends on each individual situation. Many people, including those in high government offices, believe that there is no excuse for sloppy documentation.

"These people think they can play by a different set of rules," said Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray in an interview with Bloomberg Television, referring to big banks and other major mortgage lenders who cannot produce the required paperwork to validate foreclosure actions. He called the use of flawed affidavits – which have justified hundreds of thousands of foreclosures – a "business model for fraud."

But it still may be quite difficult for LGBT homeowners to get their foreclosures reversed in court. When there is compelling evidence, for example, that the borrower missed the monthly payments on a verifiable mortgage a judge will be reluctant to overturn the foreclosure. It is highly unlikely in those circumstances that the court will throw out a mortgage company's claim to repossess property in favor of the borrower simply because there are some supporting documents or authorized signatures missing. Required mortgage payments that are obviously unaccounted for will normally carry more legal weight than a few missing loan documents – shifting the burden of proof to the borrower.

In some ways, in fact, that legal territory has already been tested. Courts have, for instance, accepted thousands of affidavits that attest to the fact that banks cannot find all the paperwork required. These affidavits, signed by the banks themselves, basically say that although some documents are missing the bank still testifies that it does have the authority to proceed with the foreclosure – and that it did at one time have all the proper paperwork. Many judges have ruled that such affidavits are valid, and it is hard to believe that the court system will now do an abrupt about-face at the risk of causing economic chaos and



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# The Power of Growing Up

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I see several teenagers in my private practice, and here is a (slightly modified) quote from a 14-year-old boy with a gay dad:

I get along with my dad pretty well, but he wears clothes that are appropriate for guys my age — and totally wrong for 42-year-old dads: shirts that are way too tight and the kind of 70's t-shirts that my friends and I wear. He dyes his hair way too dark and even dyes his chest hair. I feel humiliated when my friends see me with him. How can I get him to stop trying to look like someone 20 years' younger?

It's tempting to be like Peter Pan, and resist growing up. But then we lose the power of adulthood. Growing up is about maturity, getting smarter and calmer and creating a life for ourselves that really works. Childishness is about trying to get your way. Kids are pretty powerless, adults call the shots. The only way a kid can get power is by getting adults to do what they want; manipulating them. You may be 60 years' old, but still haven't grown up. Consider this check list. Do you find yourself:

- Extremely moody
- Manipulating people to get your way
- Easily upset when other people don't do what you want
- Feeling powerless and helpless
- Dependent on others for your happiness
- Frequently borrowing money from people

These are all traits of children and, all-too-often, of adults who still act like children.

The power of growing up is about knowing that, unlike your childhood self, you are not powerless, you have access to a great many resources. You are an adult and can choose your own path, friends, job and life.

So many of my clients are caught between their childhood fears and their adult competence; they have one foot stuck in the "muck" of their past and one foot in present reality. My job is to help them pull their foot out of the "muck" and get both feet in present reality. This is easier said than done: our past strongly imprints our subconscious, and our subconscious is like the part of an iceberg beneath the water: huge and hard to dissolve. But, tapping into the power of growing up is the way to dissolve it.

While it's tempting to dress and act like someone much younger than you are, trying to hold on to youth is futile. Why not embrace your age and get clear on all the aspects of adulthood that are a joy? Peace of mind is severely underrated by young people, but it is a powerful tool to use to create a great life. Acceptance of things as they are is another tool that comes from maturity and wisdom. We can only change ourselves and others

so much; knowing what is worth the effort and what isn't is one of the secret "powers" that only grown-ups possess.

Maybe this sounds too Pollyanna-ish. You might be saying, "What's so great about getting to 40 or 50 or beyond?" When I hear people talking about how "invisible" older LGBT folks are, it doesn't sound very attractive. And, if you just focus purely on physical appearance, they're right. However, a real grown-up knows the power of accepting that each age has its joys and its sorrows. Young people may be beautiful, but unhappy and confused. Older people may be happier, wealthier and more content, but those rock-hard abs may be a distant memory.

I hear many gay and bisexual men say that they are afraid of getting older, that turning 40 is a scary birthday and that by age 50 you might as well pack up your personality and stay home, "cause who wants some ugly old queen?" as one client told me, his cynicism hiding his tears. This person has yet to find the power of being a grown-up. He hasn't yet done the inner work to value himself at his current age and claim his true, mature adult power.

Don't give your power away by getting lost in an obsession with youth. It's wonderful to be young AND it's wonderful to be 30, 40, 50 and beyond. Every age has its treasures, why not start to find yours?



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legal pandemonium.

There may be some exceptions, of course, and it is worth it for LGBT borrowers to fight to get their property back if they feel they have been treated unfairly.

Those with the best chance of winning a reversal are borrowers who qualify in two significant ways. First they need to show that the mortgage lender failed to follow standard protocol during the foreclosure process. But it is also just as important to demonstrate that they were never delinquent on their payments.

If those two things are true then the mortgage company was clearly at fault and a foreclosure judge may decide to unwind the foreclosure and give the borrower back their property – even if it has subsequently been sold to somebody else. Since most people who have been foreclosed on have already moved into another residence and may not be interested in getting their old house back, the majority of these cases are resolved through a cash settlement paid by the lender to appropriately compensate the borrower.

But those LGBT homeowners who are facing imminent foreclosure and have not yet lost their homes may be in the most encouraging position in the midst of all this drama. Before going forward with new foreclosure cases the courts will be much more cautious and strict, and many mortgage companies have already instituted temporary moratoriums on foreclosures until these new allegations are resolved.

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Directed by M. Michele Phillips, *The Paris Letter* calls upon four of the five cast members to play dual roles. The fifth, Anton, serves as the story teller who weaves in and out of the action. SNAP! happily welcomes back to the stage Connie Lee, Noah Diaz, Randy Vest and Michal Simpson, along with Producer Gina Wagner, Assistant Director Brian Callaghan, Set



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**DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON** 7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 9:00 pm, at DC's Saloon

**NAP HIV TESTING** 250 So. 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

### Every Friday

**LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting**, 8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

**LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON**, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

### OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email [outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com)

**GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT**, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

### Every Saturday

**AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON**, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

### Every Other Friday

**BCBA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER** at Barley's, 114 West Broadway in CB) starting at 5:00-7:00pm every other Friday

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Monday

**HEARTLAND PRIDE**, meeting 1st Monday of each month at Element Hotel, Omaha. Email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org), or PO Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68106

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

**FREE RAPID HIV TESTING**, 8pm to 10pm at Flixix Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit [www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org) for more info

### 1st Thursday

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info



### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm,  
Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian  
Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

### 1st Saturday

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, at 7:00  
pm . See [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

### 1st Sunday

#### **SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN**

12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship  
Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library  
[info@inclusivelife.org](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on Facebook

### 2nd Monday

#### **NAP HIV TESTING**

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm  
—50th & Ames Ave.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**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 Cath-  
olic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary  
Phone: 402.953.7656

Email: [ecuomaha@live.com](mailto:ecuomaha@live.com)

Web: [www.ecuomaha.org](http://www.ecuomaha.org)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of Gov-  
ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow  
Outreach GLBT Community Center,  
[www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

#### **PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,**

**NE)**, Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Con-  
gregational United Church of Christ, 7th and  
Marian St., 7PM, email to  
[jsandeen@inebraska.com](mailto:jsandeen@inebraska.com) or call 402.462.2961  
or 402.460.8696

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A,  
Lincoln

#### **LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm.

Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**BCA 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

#### **NAP HIV TESTING**

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—  
50th & Ames Ave.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

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

**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-

coln, ages 13 to 18, FFE: 475-3220. 3-  
5:30 pm

### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF**  
**OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

## Politics

The English language has some wonder-  
fully anthropomorphic collective nouns  
for the various groups of animals.

We are all familiar with:

a Herd of cows,  
a Flock of chickens,  
a School of fish and  
a Gaggle of geese.

However, less widely known is:

a Pride of lions,  
a Murder of crows (as well as their cous-  
ins the rooks and ravens),  
an Exaltation of doves and, presumably  
because they look so wise,  
a Parliament of owls.

Now consider a group of Baboons. They  
are the loudest, most dangerous, most  
obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and  
least intelligent of all primates.  
And what is the proper collective noun  
for a group of baboons?

Believe it or not, a Congress!

I guess that pretty much explains the  
things that go in and come out of Wash-  
ington!

## Water or Wine?

### WATER

It has been scientifically proven that  
if we drink 1 liter of water each day, after  
12 months we would have absorbed more  
than 1 kilo of E-coli bacteria found in  
feces. In other words, we are consuming  
2.2 pounds of poop per year.

### WINE

We do not run that risk when drinking  
wine (or rum, whiskey, vodka, beer or other  
liquors) because alcohol has to go through a  
distillation process of boiling, filtering and  
fermenting.

### FREE YOURSELF OF POOP ..

### DRINK WINE

It is better to drink wine and talk sh\*t than  
it is to drink water and be full of sh\*t.

## Dear Dad

A father passing by his teenage daughter's  
bedroom was astonished to see the bed was  
nicely made and everything was neat and tidy.  
Then he saw an envelope propped up promi-  
nently on the centre of the pillow. It was ad-  
dressed "Dad". With the worst premonition, he  
opened the envelope and read the letter with  
trembling hands.

Dear Dad,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writ-  
ing you, but I'm leaving home. I had to elope  
with my new boyfriend Randy because I want-  
ed to avoid a scene with Mom and you. I've  
been finding real passion with Randy and he is  
so nice to me. I know when you meet him  
you'll like him too - even with all his piercing,  
tattoos, and motorcycle clothes. But it's not  
only the passion Dad, I'm pregnant and Randy  
said that he wants me to have the kid and that  
we can be very happy together. Even though  
Randy is much older than me (anyway, 42 isn't  
so old these days is it?), and has no money,  
really these things shouldn't stand in the way  
of our relationship, don't you agree? Randy  
has a great CD collection; he already owns a  
trailer in the woods and has a stack of fire-  
wood for the whole winter. It's true he has  
other girlfriends as well but I know he'll be  
faithful to me in his own way. He wants to  
have many more children with me and that's  
now one of my dreams too. Randy taught me  
that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone and  
he'll be growing it for us and we'll trade it with  
our friends for all the cocaine and ecstasy we  
want. In the meantime, we'll pray that science  
will find a cure for AIDS so Randy can get  
better; he sure deserves it!!

Your loving daughter,  
Rosie.

Hands still trembling, her father turned the  
sheet, and read:

PS: Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at  
the neighbor's house. I just wanted to remind  
you that there are worse things in life than my  
report card that's in my desk center drawer.  
Please sign it and call when it is safe for me to  
come home. I love you!



# 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](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.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](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First Unitarian Church**, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, [www.firstuuomaha.org](http://www.firstuuomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://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 at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

**Heartland Pride**  
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68105, email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org); meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life**  
402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://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 currently meeting

**LinOma Bares**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

**North Side Christian Church** 5555 Larimore Ave., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

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

**Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.oglbtsports.org](http://www.oglbtsports.org) 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](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUTline**, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, [www.outline.org](http://www.outline.org)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

**Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations** PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See [www.rainbowpride.org](http://www.rainbowpride.org) for info

**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

**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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH**, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, [www.secondunitarianomaha.org](http://www.secondunitarianomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

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

**TOP, Taking Our Places**, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://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](mailto:info@yesomaha.org)

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

## LINCOLN BASED

**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](mailto: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**, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

**Spiritual Friends of Lincoln**  
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln [info@inclusivelife.org](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on FaceBook

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094

**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.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 Community Alliance  
[www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)  
 Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.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](http://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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by Jon Robin Baitz

fornia Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, April 1st show will start at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations must be made on-line at the SNAP! Productions website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for Senior, TAG and Students. SNAP! will also bring back its \$10.00 Thursday pricing.

Wall Street powerhouse Sandy Sonnenberg finds his personal and professional life threatened by the unraveling secrets of his past. A tragic game of financial and moral betrayal is played out over four decades and between two friends at the cost of family, friendship, love and marriage.

## Where Can You Find *The Gayzette?*

### Omaha:

Door 19, 1901 Leavenworth	402-933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	402-344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway	402-346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St.	402-932-3377
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, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	402-341-0330

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your  
 Place of business? Email your request to:  
[Gayzette@cox.net](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)



Gay Marriage Oregon



# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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NICK?! I NEED TO TALK TO YOU, BREYER.

HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?!

I'M YOUR LANDLORD. I HAVE A KEY.

BUT... YOU CAN'T JUST--

WHY ARE YOU MOPPING IN A JOCKSTRAP?

I'M... PRACTICING.

PRACTICING? FOR WHAT?

NEVER MIND. WHAT DO YOU WANT, NICK?

WELL, HERE'S THE THING...

...I DID SOMETHIN' REALLY STUPID. I ASKED DAVE TO MOVE IN WITH ME.

WHY'S THAT STUPID?

HE WAS EXPECTING A WEDDING PROPOSAL. NOT AN INVITATION TO SHACK UP.

OH...

HOW COME YOU N' KYLE HAVEN'T MOVED IN TOGETHER YET? OR GOTTEN ENGAGED?

KYLE'S NOT READY.

YOU'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT IT?

NO, BUT... I CAN JUST TELL.

I DIDN'T THINK I WAS READY, BUT... NOW THAT I MESSED THIS UP... I REALIZE HOW MUCH I LOVE DAVE...

...HOW MUCH I WANNA' SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH HIM.

SO, WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME? TELL HIM.

I'M AFRAID I MIGHT'VE BLOWN MY CHANCE.

I DON'T THINK YOU'D BE SO IN LOVE WITH A GUY WHO WOULDN'T GIVE YOU A SECOND CHANCE.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOIN' TALKIN' TO YOUR NAKED ASS FOR? I'M GONNA' GO TALK TO DAVE.

GOOD LUCK. AND, BY THE WAY... I'M INSTALLING A DEAD-BOLT ON MY DOOR.

FUNNY.

I'M NOT KIDDING...



# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



"The harder I work the luckier I get." That's an incredibly appropriate expression for the month of March with all the leprechaun luck that falls on our verdant aspirations. Where do you leave your wellness dreams? Luck or hard work?

That four leaf clover got you to the finish line of that marathon last fall. You wore it around your neck as you jostled 26.2 miles through nearly every major street in Chicago. Without that luck, you would have had to rely upon other guiding forces. Those forces that guide are identified as the 16 weeks of training, the early morning romps through the park, the dietary changes, and the foregoing of some festive frolicking. What really had you breathing success on the 27th mile?

That lucky number 15 emblazoned upon your jersey was all you needed to help your team win the softball tournament this year. Your father had the same number when he was the big man on campus yesteryear as his team won their conference championships. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Just like your old man you never missed a practice, you worked extra hours on your batting technique, and you always gave that 110% when on the field. You so sure about the 15?

Your rabbit's foot has been missing from your key chain since that car door incident many months ago. You have blossomed from welterweight to too much weight subsequent to this talisman's unfortunate fate. That lucky charm has been your little buddy that has kept you healthy and happy. Your mother died at the end of last year and you have been eating to forget. Bad luck or just a bad idea to replace your mom with second and third helpings each time at the plate?

That amulet you picked up at that Indian reservation nine years ago has been protecting you from unhealthiness. You haven't been to the doctor for the longest time, but strangely there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with you since your magical acquisition. Your convivial ways make you the life of the party but your blood pressure, triglyceride count, and cholesterol level make you potentially murder on the dance floor. What a blissful state it is when you have your amulet...and ignorance!

Last Saint Paddy's Day was full of mirth and mayhem. You were dressed in your dashes of green and wore your Guinness beer proudly as your cup clanged fast and furiously with all those gathered for the bacchanalia. You sang Danny Boy atop a table as a sea of emerald reflected back in your glossy eyes. Your bar tab carried the weight of a dozen lads and lasses and a leprechaun or two. However, your greatest memory is the one you can't recall. You flipped your car three times and landed in a ditch...alive. The only hard work you had from this episode was staying out of jail. You are alive because of luck. Dumb luck!

Luck never hurt any of us. Just don't depend upon it. On your way through life, grab a lottery ticket or carry that picture of grandmother in your pocket. Just make certain you've got those shirt sleeves rolled up and you're ready for some hard work. Here's to a happy and healthy St. Patrick's Day to you

all!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy with the wind of a bagpipe. That guy with dreams of Dublin is Ron Blake and you can glimpse his pot o' gold at myblakefitness.com.



## Want to Make a Difference?

### Volunteer

**Volunteers Needed For:**  
*Administrative  
Client Support  
Special Events*

Nebraska AIDS Project is currently looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in our community. Call Kyle today to find out how you can help.

250 South 77th St  
Suite A  
Omaha, NE 68114

**Phone: 402-552-9260**  
**E-mail: [kyleb@nap.org](mailto:kyleb@nap.org)**

A benefit for the  
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Prevention, Outreach & Education  
efforts.



Calling all designers...  
If interested in  
participating in this  
year's event, please  
contact Gary or Nakiea  
at  
402-552-9260.

## Project Condom Fashion Show 2012



Wednesday, June 27th, 2012  
Downtown Doubletree Hotel



# MARCH 2012



**SUN 11TH - 10PM**  
**"LET'S TALK ABOUT REX"**  
Presented by  
**Mister Max MI Rex**

**SAT 17TH - 7PM**  
**"KISS ME, I'M GAY-RISH"**  
Presented by Mark Aartun

**FRI 23 - 7PM**  
**"DISCO DOWN TO DENVER"**  
Presented by RCMC

**SUN 25 - 9PM**  
**MISTER MAX MI 4 CONTEST**  
**"KING OF LOVE"**  
(Applications available at The Max  
and online at [themaxomaha.com](http://themaxomaha.com))

**SAT 31 - 7PM**  
**"DUKE & DUCHESS BALL"**  
Presented by ICON

**SUN APRIL 1 - 5:30PM**  
**"WRESTLE MANIA 28"**

**SUN APRIL 1 - 10PM**  
**MR MAX 20 RYAN**

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1417 JACKSON ST. OMAHA, NE 68102 (402) 346-4110