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# Judge Orders New Jersey to Allow Gay Marriage

By KATE ZERNIKE and MARC SANTORA

A New Jersey judge ruled on Friday that the state must allow same-sex couples to marry, saying that not doing so deprives them of rights that were guaranteed by the United States Supreme Court in June.

It is the first time a court has struck down a state's refusal to legalize same-sex marriage as a direct result of the Supreme Court ruling, and with lawsuits pending in other states, it could



Judge Mary C. Jacobson

presage other successful challenges across the country.

The decision was a rebuff to Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican who vetoed a bill passed by the Legislature last year that would have allowed same-sex couples to marry. His office said it would appeal to the state's highest court. And he is likely to seek a stay preventing same-sex marriages from beginning on Oct. 21, as the judge ordered.

New Jersey was particularly ripe for a challenge after the Supreme Court ruling, because of a previous ruling by the state's highest court in 2006. In that decision, in the case Lewis v. Harris, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled unanimously that same-sex couples were entitled to all of the rights and benefits of marriage. But the court stopped short of saying they had a fundamental right to marry, and in an unusual step instructed the Legislature to define how to confer equal protection.

"The ineligibility of same-sex couples for federal benefits is currently harming same-sex couples in New Jersey in a

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For information please contact Kevin Marik at bigred1997@hotmail.com or phone 402 658-8494.

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wide range of contexts," Judge Mary C. Jacobson of State Superior Court in Mercer County wrote on Friday. "Same -sex couples must be allowed to marry in order to obtain equal protection of the law under the New Jersey Constitution."

Legislators had responded to the 2006 court ruling by passing a bill to allow civil unions, but same-sex couples sued again, arguing that civil unions denied them many benefits, particularly in health care decisions and financial matters.

The United States Supreme Court's ruling in June striking down the federal Defense of Marriage Act meant that the federal government must provide the same benefits to gay married couples as it does to heterosexual married couples. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy noted in his opinion that the ruling was "confined" to legal marriages, and several federal agencies have since said that partners in civil unions would not be extended benefits, including those having to do with immigration, tax status and health care. Thirteen states and the District of Columbia allow gay couples to marry.

The same-sex couples in New Jersey pressed for a fast judgment after the Supreme Court's decision. Judge Jacobson agreed with the plaintiffs that the federal decision demanded a change in New Jersey, to abide by the state's earlier ruling recognizing equal protection for gay couples.

"Under these circumstances, the current inequality visited upon same-sex civil union couples offends the New Jersey Constitution, creates an incomplete set of rights that Lewis sought to prevent, and is not compatible with 'a reasonable conception of basic human dignity,' "she wrote, quoting from the earlier State Supreme Court decision.

While the decision is limited to New Jersey, gay rights advocates said that it would help fuel the argument that marriage is a fundamental right for gay couples.

"Other states may not have a Lewis decision that says that not giving same-sex couples an equal footing violates the Constitution, but I think that argument is available, and a vibrant argument to make," said Hayley Gorenberg of Lambda Legal, who represented Garden State Equality

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and six gay and lesbian couples and their children in the New Jersey case.

The federal decision, she said, "made the freedom to marry even more urgent than before because the state stood between these families and a host of federal protections, benefits, rights and responsibilities." She hailed Judge Jacobson's ruling as "thrilling."

The ruling heightens the political drama for Mr. Christie, who is up for re-election in November, and is considered a leading candidate for his party's nomination for president in 2016.

His Democratic opponent, State Senator Barbara Buono, called the ruling "a stark reminder that Governor Christie stands on the wrong side of history."

"The courts have spoken and the people have spoken," Ms. Buono added. "It is time for Chris Christie to stop blocking equal rights for all New Jerseyans."

But the court ruling might not work against him in a presidential campaign as he courts conservative voters in key primary states. He frequently rails against the New Jersey Supreme Court as too liberal, and has tried to fill it with judges who would rule more conservatively on issues like affordable housing and school financing.

If the appellate court rules against him on same-sex marriage, and even opponents believe there is a strong chance it will, Mr. Christie could simply campaign against activist judges. He could even ask the appellate court to push the case immediately to the State Supreme Court for quick resolution.

When Mr. Christie vetoed the same-sex marriage bill, he urged lawmakers to put the issue before voters. The Democratic-led Legislature declined, saying that questions of civil rights should not be subject to a referendum.

The governor's office, in a statement on Friday, signaled that he intended to make the Legislature, if not the courts, his boogeyman. "Since the Legislature refused to allow the people to decide expeditiously, we will let the Supreme Court make this constitutional determination," the statement said.

Legislative leaders, working with state and national gay rights groups, are pushing to override Mr. Christie's veto, which they have until January to do.

# Heartland Pride Art Show, Raffle and Celebration! Jain to at Howlin' Hounds on October 5th for the opening of the Heartland Pride Art Show! Hosted by Christina Arellano and Heartland Pride!

portion of the proceeds from their work to Heartland Peide to help support

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#### PLEASE JOIN US

October 5th from 6-9 pm Howlin Hounds Coffee 712 South 16th st. Omaha, Ne

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#### **LGBTQA History Month Dinner**

The 11th annual LGBTQA History Month Dinner will take place at The Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, NE on October 17th, 2013.

Individual tickets and Tables are available.

Visit http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa-history-month-1 for information and forms or call 402.472,1652. Dinner reservations need to be made (and paid for) by October 8th!!

This year's keynote will be Kit Yan, Trans\* Asian Spoken Word artist with guest Stacey Waite and performances by C Styles, Kharizma Valentine and Lennyx Bowers-West! Sponsored by the LGBTQA Resource Center @ UNL. A pre-dinner social is sponsored by Outlinc.

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#### NAP NEWS

During September 7th – 11th NAP sent three attendees to the U.S. Conference on AIDS 2013 which is coordinated by the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and was held this year in New Orleans, LA. There were 2,200+ registrants representing over 47 states, Canada, and International sites attending over 188 offered workshops, plenary speeches, seminars, and round tables on topics related to the Affordable Care Act, issues around HIV/AIDS and its impact on minorities (women of color, African-American MSM, Latino MSM, youth, aging, etc...), public health initiatives, advocacy, community engagement, gender based disparities, testing and linkage strategies, housing as health, understanding stigma and how to address it, and far too many to list as the list goes on and on.

The venue was mostly led by national, regional, and local minority leaders of diverse backgrounds and was a highlight of the quality of the presentations covering topics often missed or over looked in less diverse populations and communities. The level of commitment of the advocates, the peers, and the relationships between those living with HIV/AIDS and those not but striving to support the movement of ending HIV in our collective communities led to many networks of similar and newly inspired ideas to come together. The time together helped to fuel each other for our common causes and motivations in the work we share in, whether it be as health providers, peer support specialists, AIDS Service Organizations (ASO's), Community Based Organizations (CBO's), HIV+ advocates, HIV- advocates, educators, testing staff, faith based initiatives, youth based initiatives, and all the other countless people and organizations who shared in the learning and teaching of one another throughout the conference.

NMAC's webpage states the following that is of great concern to them and to us all.

"HIV/AIDS has an incredibly imbalanced impact on ethnic, racial and sexual minorities in the United States.

Despite making up just 12 to 14 percent of the overall population, African Americans accounted for 46% of all new HIV infections in 2010. Latinos accounted for 21 percent of new HIV infections in 2010, despite making up only 16 percent of the U.S. population and are almost three times more likely to be diagnosed with AIDS than Whites. American Indians/Alaskan Natives are also impacted disproportionately by HIV/AIDS and are 1.6 times as likely to have AIDS than Whites, while Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders are 2.6 times as likely to be diagnosed with HIV infections as the Whites.

While they account for only about 4% of our nation's population, gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men (MSM) accounted for 63% of new HIV infections in 2010. Young gay men, especially young Black gay men, are the only population in the country facing increasing rates of HIV infection. Recent findings from the HPTN 061 study suggested that African American gay and bisexual men face a 60% chance of acquiring HIV by the age of 40. Transgender people have also been shown to have extreme vulnerabilities to HIV." - http://nmac.org/minorities-hiv

Every year NMAC offers scholarships for those living with HIV or working with HIV to attend this incredible hot spot of opportunities. NAP would like to encourage you to look at their website, look at the highlights of the conference, and to consider keeping your eyes and ears out for the scholarship opportunities when released. Next year the conference is in beautiful San Diego! Be a part of the movement and come join the network of those who inspire and bring it home to inspire those you love and need your voice most, no matter where you are in spectrum of those who work to see a day without stigma and disparity based on one's health.

## The Hungry Homo

#### **Beef Stroganoff**

By Lisa Broadway-Savage

Nothing says comfort food better than Beef Stroganoff. Here is the easy recipe that I use when I need something that will stick to ribs and keep 'em full.

#### Recipe Ingredients:

1 lb sirloin cut in strips
3 tbsp margarine
1/2 c chopped onion
3oz can sliced mushrooms (drained)
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp dry mustard
4oz pkg cream cheese (cubed)
2/3 cup milk
Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup

#### Directions:

- 1. Brown meat in margarine
- 2. Add onion, mushrooms and seasonings and cook until tender
- 3. Add cream cheese, soup and milk, cook until cheese melts
- 4. Serve over hot noodles or mashed potatoes



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#### Salvation Army says "Gays Need to Be Put to Death"

by David Volz

Christmas, it is the time of the year for holiday shopping, and also hearing the bell ringers for the Salvation Army collection donations. Those donations provide Christmas dinners, clothing, and Christmas toys for children in need. The charity collects millions of dollars in donations every year, and



they distribute it to needy families, seniors, and the homeless in keeping with the spirit of the holiday season.

The Salvation Army has expressed their Christian beliefs in the past, stating that they do not accept the LGBTQ lifestyle, nor do they stand up for gay marriage. Salvation Army went on record recently, stating that LGBTQ parents should be put to death as the bible instructs. Major Andrew Craibe, a Salvation Army Media Relations Director, went on public radio hosted by journalist Serena Ryan, to discuss a recent call by LGBTQ parents for a boycott of the nonprofit for its anti-gay policies and beliefs.

Ryan questioned Craibe about Salvation Story: Salvationist Handbook of Doctrine, the manual used to train Salvation Army "soldiers" and members. Several chapters refer to the sin of homosexuality, including a section that cites Romans 1:18-32, which includes a admonition that homosexuals "deserved to die";

"Ryan: According to the Salvation Army gay parents deserve death. How do you respond to that, as part of your doctrine?"

"Craibe: Well, that's a part of our belief system."

Ryan: So they should die."

"Craibe: You know, we have an alignment to the Scriptures, but that's our belief."

# George H.W. Bush Is Official Witness to Lesbian Wedding

By Michelle Garcia

George H.W. Bush was the official witness in a same-sex wedding in Maine this weekend.

The former president and first lady attended the wedding of friends Bonnie Clement and Helen Thorgalsen, the owner of a general store in Kennebunk, Maine, ABC News reports. He then signed the marriage license as an official witness. "This has been a wonderful wedding experience for us and we were honored to have President and Mrs. Bush not only in attendance but also happy to sign our license," Thorgalsen said to ABC News.

Bush spokesman Jim McGrath did not confirm whether the Republican former president supports marriage equality, but he said the wedding was a "private ceremony for two friends."



# Vast Majority of Americans — and 56% of Republicans — Support ENDA

By Sunnivie Brydum

Americans are so convinced that it's wrong to fire or refuse to hire someone based on their sexual orientation or gender identity that a vast majority of them believe it's already illegal to do so, reyeals a new poll being touted



by the Human Rights Campaign today in its push to pass the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

The nationwide poll, conducted by conservative polling agency TargetPoint, surveyed 2,000 registered voters between September 3 and 8, and asked whether those voters believed it should be illegal to fire someone for being gay or transgender and whether it was already illegal on a federal level to do so.

A staggering 80% of respondents said they believed that federal law already forbade employer to fire, refuse to hire, or refuse to promote someone because they are LGBT. A full 60% of national registered voters surveyed said anti-LGBT discrimination is a problem, while 54% of self-described Republicans said such discrimination is a problem.

When asked if they support a federal law that protects LGBT Americans from workplace discrimination, 68% of respondents answered in the affirmative, according to the poll. Just 21% said they oppose such legislation, with just 15% saying they "strongly" oppose such a bill. Among Republicans, 56% of respondents said they support a federal workplace nondiscrimination law, while just 32% answered that they oppose such a law.

HRC argues that these views translate to a broad, bipartisan, and nationwide majority in support of employment nondiscrimination protections for LGBT Americans and, more specifically, in favor of ENDA, which is expected to be debated in the U.S. Senate in the coming weeks.

#### Fort Lauderdale, Florida Is The U.S. City With The Highest Concentration Of Gay Couples

The Huffington Post | By Lydia O'Connor

Did San Francisco just get out-gayed?

Recently released data from the 2012 U.S. Census revealed which cities have the highest concentration of



same-sex couple households in the country. The surprisingly frontrunner? Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where same-sex couples make up a whopping 2.8 percent of total households.

The Florida beach town has long been a destination for the vacationing LGBT community and is home to 19 gay resorts.

The real jaw-dropper, however, comes with a switch-up between two much larger cities. With 2.5 percent same-sex households, San Francisco came in a narrow third (third!) to Seattle, where gay households are suddenly booming. The city leaped from an estimated 1.7 percent of households in 2011 to 2.6 percent in recent data, nudging San Francisco from its cherished gay pedestal.

Seattle has long been hailed as a gay-friendly city, but its recent hold on same-sex households may be attributed to its overall family-friendliness.

"Most same-sex couples, in choosing a place to live, want what other families want — affordable housing, more space, good schools," the Seattle Times noted in 2011, when the city's surge in gay couples was first noted.

#### Pennsylvania Pastor to Face Trial for Officiating Gay Son's Wedding

By Jase Peeples

Six years ago, Rev.
Frank Schaefer officiated his son's samesex wedding, and he
is now being forced
to stand trial before
the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of
the United Methodist
Church for his support, reports Penn Live.



Schaefer, who is a pastor at Zion United Methodist Church of

Iona, told the Lebanon Daily News the decision to officiate his son's wedding in 2007 "was a tough decision in some sense," but he felt he had to follow his heart" on the matter, noting, "The love for my son took over the fear of losing my job."

However, Schaefer's act of compassion for his son could mean the end of his ministerial career because his actions go against the United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline, which forbids same-sex marriage.

Though Schaefer officiated his son's wedding several years ago, he is only now being brought to trial because one of his congregants filed a complaint against him, 26 days before the church's statute of limitations on a breach of discipline would have expired.

The United Methodist law prohibis clergy from officiating "ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions," and if a jury of Schaefer's peers finds that he did not conform to church teachings, he could lose his ordination credentials.

However, the impending trial hasn't caused Schaefer's support of marriage equality to waiver. "To me this is a human rights issue," he told Penn Live. "If being of a certain sexual orientation is who you are as a person, if that is genetic, who are we to say that these persons do not have the same rights as everybody else?"

#### 9th Annual Rocky Horror Picture Show

I would like, if I may, to take you on a strange journey.



Thomas is at it again hosting the 9th Annual Rocky Horror Picture Show on Thursday, October 24th at Flixx Lounge located at 1019 South 10th Street. Complete with all the props necessary to make the evening a complete success, you \$5.00 cover gets you a bag of goodies including cards, toast, confetti poppers, rice and newspaper. Not sure what you need all these things for? Well just follow along with the movie and other participants and you'll catch on fast!

While not required, audience participation is encouraged! Dress as one of your favorite characters from the movie and enter the costume contest at the end of the evening. Great door prizes, drink specials and fun is guaranteed for all who attend! This is one of the nights that the cleaning crew hates, but it's always a crowd pleaser with flying toast, cards, rice and...RAIN!

Sponsored in part by Bud Light and Quality Brands of Omaha, The Rocky Horror Picture Show will begin showing at approximately 9PM. Doors to the show bar open at 8PM so you can get your cocktail and choose your seat! This year's pre-show feature will be Disney's "Donald Duck, Trick or Treat".

#### Lambda Legal Files Lawsuit Challenging West Virginia's Ban on Gay Marriage

Lambda Legal has filed a federal lawsuit in the US District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia on behalf of three same-sex couples and the child of one of the couples seeking the freedom to marry.

The case was filed on behalf of Casie McGee and Sarah Adkins and Justin Murdock and Will Glavaris, all of Huntington, and Nancy Michael and Jane Fenton and their son Drew, of St. Albans, according to a press release from Lambda Legal.

In the lawsuit, Lambda Legal, joined by pro bono co-counsel from Tinnev Law Firm and Jenner & Block, argues that West Virginia's marriage ban unfairly discriminates against same-sex couples and their children and sends a purposeful message that lesbians, gay men, and their children are second-class citizens who are undeserving of the legal sanction, respect, protections, and support that different-sex couples and their families are able to enjoy through marriage.

Nancy Michael, 45, and Jane Fenton, 43, have been together for 16 years and their son, Drew, is 6. Of the other plaintiffs, Casie McGee, 30, and Sarah Adkins 32, have been together for more than three years, and Justin Murdock, 32, and William Glavaris, 31, have been together for more than two years.

Said Michael, a lifelong West Virginian: "West Virginia is home for us. Our family is here, our jobs are here, and our community here is a great support for us. Jane and I have been together for 16 years. We live and work together, and we are raising our son, Drew, together. We have done everything we can to protect and take responsibility for our family but we worry all the time that it isn't enough. We need the protection that marriage affords."

#### **Poll: Youth Support for Marriage Equality, Abortion Rights Offer** Republican Stumbling Block

By Sunnivie Brydum

Further affirming the pro-equality trend over recent years, a new Bloomberg poll confirms that the numbers just don't add up for Republicans who are dead-set on opposing marriage equality and a woman's right to choose.



1,000 American voters between September 20 and 23, found that 70% of Americans under 30 support the freedom to marry. That's consistent with several other recent polls finding overwhelming support among Milennials for same-sex marriage. Overall, 55% of Americans support marriage equality, while 52% of Republicans oppose it.

A striking 40% of Republicans surveyed said state legislatures should keep pushing for laws that restrict access to safe and legal abortions around the country, while just 22% of the American public believes the

same, according to Bloomberg's poll.

"The math isn't working to Republicans' favor," said J. Ann Selzer, president of the firm that conducted the Bloomberg poll.

A March report from the Republican National Committee acknowledged that the party needed to improve its image and become more "welcoming" and "inclusive" if it hopes to win future elections.

#### Young Boy Questions Former Australian Prime Minister on Marriage **Equality Stance**

By Jase Peeples

Julia Gillard, the former prime minister of Australia who recently lost the leadership ballot to Kevin Rudd, has begun opening up about her defeat in a series of public forums and found her opposition to marriage equality called into question by one of the youngest members in the audience at



one of her latest events, held in the Sydney Opera House, reports The Huffington Post.

During a Q-and-A session, Gillard was put on the spot when a young boy asked, "How come you didn't let gay people get married?" The former prime minister laughed nervously while the boy's question drew cheers and applause from the crowd.

Gillard responded by saying that her opposition to marriage equality didn't stem from an antigay viewpoint, but rather a feminist critique of the institution of marriage.

"I'm a lot older than you and when I went to university and started forming my political views of the world, we weren't talking about gay marriage, indeed, as women, as feminists. We were critiquing marriage," Gillard said. "And if someone had said to me as a 20-year-old, 'What about you get into a white dress to symbolize virginity and you get your father to walk you down and aisle and give you away to a man who is waiting at the end of the aisle,' I would have looked with puzzlement like, 'What on earth would I do that for?'"

#### The Night Belgrade's Gays **Demanded Equality**

By Aleksandar Kokotovic

The Serbian government banned the LGBT Pride parade in Belgrade for the third consecutive year, making the announcement Friday, just a day before the event was scheduled to take place. This happened even though the parade was officially announced months



before, with the support of police, no less.

The government bureau that sanctions these events reportedly debated

it for hours. Even after a tight vote (it was reportedly 6-6 at some point during the debates), the bureau decided to stop the parade again. As before, members declared it was banned because "the government couldn't guarantee security" to parade participants or to people or property near the route.

This was not the first time the Serbian government forbade the expression of support for LGBT rights in this largely Orthodox Christian country. The first and only Pride parade ever to take place in Belgrade was held in 2010, and ever since, the government has been canceling the event and citing security concerns.

This year, however, the decision was not accepted. Despite the government's ban on an official event, local LGBT people and their supporters resolved to walk through the streets of Belgrade. At 11 p.m., a group of more than 200 activists bravely gathered around Serbia's main governmental building and walked through the main city streets — followed by almost twice as many police officers — to the Parliament of Serbia, carrying flags and cheering "This Is Serbia" and "This Is Pride." These activists organized themselves in less than four hours since the decision to ban the parade had been made public.

Even though the government of Serbia showed a worrying lack of interest and capability regarding the protection of its citizens, a couple of hundred of its residents and their guests proved that LGBT people in this country still have enough will, strength, and motivation to stand up against the government that is denying them their right to assembly and expression, and that they will bravely stand up to the oppression, no matter if the government forbids it or not. If nothing else, this is something they can be proud of.

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#### Life Beyond Therapy

#### By Michael Kimmel

#### BETRAYAL

What happens when people dump us, lie to us, betray us? Friends may leave us behind, lovers fade away, bosses fire us without warning. Often, we feel helpless and betrayed. We may feel like we've been a victim of a hit & run where the other driver isn't taking any responsibility; he/she (your former friend/boss/



lover/etc.) has left you wounded and abandoned by the side of the road. Usually, we feel betrayed. We trusted someone, and they let us down. Let's look at how to handle such a painful – and often unexpected – situation.

First of all; try not to explode or over-react. The relationship

may not really be over, but you could finish it off by going off on the other person. Maybe they're going through a tough time, and the two of you can work this through. Many of my clients have told me that they (later) regret getting the anger "off my chest" right away by reaming the object of their wrath. It may feel good for a few minutes, but that kind of "explosion" can do serious damage to any relationship.

So, what do you do with all your emotions? Easy. Express them in ways that don't hurt you. You can write about them, scream in the car, hit the bed with a tennis racket, maybe even talk about the situation with a third party (make sure it's someone who can keep their mouth shut).

While you're working through your emotions, don't make any important decisions right now. Give yourself a week or two before deciding what you want to do. Decisions made while we are in a super-upset are usually lousy ones. You may wonder: Is it something I did? It's normal to do some soul searching, and it can be a good thing, in moderation. Don't spend too much energy looking at your past behavior...unless, of course, you've brought this on. Let's assume that this is mostly about the other person (which it often is). Who knows what's going on with the person who's betrayed you? You don't, so please don't torture yourself by guessing.

One way to work through your feelings, particularly any anger or sadness you may have, is to write this "evil" person a letter. Let the first draft of the letter be as rude and evil as you like – you won't send it, so let it rip! Put the letter aside for three days, and re-read it. Now edit it down to something "civilized". Take out all the mean stuff and put it aside for another three days. Then read it again and imagine someone sent it to you. How would you respond? Do one final edit to make it as neutral as possible. Put this letter aside for another three days and consider if you want to send it. If in doubt, have someone you trust read it and give you feedback. Remember, you're likely to see this person again – San Diego is a very small town - so don't mail something that may cause you future suffering.

After the above process, you may not need to mail the letter. The purpose of those three day "holding periods" is to give you time to calm down. By now, you may have gotten all the crappy emotions out of your system. If you do decide to mail it, you may hear from her or not. If you mail the letter, tell yourself, "I've done all I can, whatever happens now is out of my hands".

If this person is someone you can't really avoid, how can you not feel freshly wounded each time you see him/her? Try this cognitive therapy technique: any time you see this person, catch any negative thoughts that pop up in your mind and replace them with neutral or positive ones. For example, If you see her and think, "How could you do this to me?", you could replace that thought with "This is their problem, not mine" or "Lots of people love me." You're doing this for YOUR happiness, not theirs. You don't want to stay stuck in anger or sadness...so take good care of yourself right now, spend time with people who love you and remember, happiness really is the best revenge!

## **GAYZETTE EVENTS**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS 4pm . Augustana Lutheran

Church 3647 Lafavette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the

NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

SECOND UNITARIAN, Sunday morning services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, info@2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**Every Monday** A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP" Meeting Place, 28 & S. Lincoln, 7:30 pm

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402 -476-3144

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm. MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-HEARSALS, 6:45PM-9:15PM. First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

**Every Tuesday** HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-PORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

**Every Wednesday** AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W Faidley, Grand Island, Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Walkin from 5pm to 8pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES MCC OMAHA, Bible Study. 7pm

**Every Thursday** 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

GLBT CENTER MOVIE NIGHT, 8PM. for all ages. Every Friday, excluding major holidays. 3620 Leavenworth Street, snacks. water and soda's provided for free.

**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

#### MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

1st 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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library 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

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

PFLAG-OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Countryside 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

Phone: 402.953.7656
Email: ecuomaha@live.com
Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

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

**3rd Saturday** 

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm – 6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary, Phone: 402,953,7656

Email: ecuomaha@live.com Web: www.ecuomaha.org

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 – see website for more information at www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

4th Monday NAP HIV TESTING

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

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.

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm – 6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary, 402,953,7656

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#### The Zipper

In a crowded city at a busy bus stop, a woman who was waiting for a bus was wearing a tight leather skirt. As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus.

Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg.

the step only to discover she still couldn't So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more.

For the second time, attempted the step, and, once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg. With little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to make the step.

About this time, a large Texan who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus.

She went ballistic and turned to the would be Samaritan and screeched, "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!"

The Texan smiled and drawled, "Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured we was friends"

#### No one Believes Seniors

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved I love you, Sally.

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars!

Andy said. We've got to give it back.

Sally said, Finders keepers. She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?

Sally said, No.

Andy said, She's lying. She hid it up in the attic.

Sally said, Don't believe him, he's getting Senile.

The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said: Tell us the story from the beginning.

Andy said, Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday ...

The first police officer turned to his partner and said. We're outta here!

#### Mother's Milk

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was, 'Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk.' The question was worth 70 points or none at all.

One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages.

However, he wrote:

- 1) It is perfect formula for the child.
- It provides immunity against several diseases.
- 3) It is always the right temperature.
- 4) It is inexpensive.
- 5) It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.
- It is always available as needed.

And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote:

It comes in two attractive containers and it's high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it.

He got an A.

# **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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources
GOglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM.
Email at: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6:30pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life

402-575-7006 <a href="www.inclusivelife.org">www.inclusivelife.org</a>
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 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

Nebraska Equality.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 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

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

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongpl@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, Maple

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, LGBTO 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

#### 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 for info

402/472-2597.

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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, openess, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tricity-glbt.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.lowaEquality.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

# Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.



Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.

## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

#### Omaha:

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,
3620 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

Free anonymous or confidential rapid HIV testing. Chlamydia & Gonorrhea testing also available for \$10.00

NAP:

Wednesday

77th & Dodge St.

1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only)

5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in)

Thursday

1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only)

5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in)

Flixx Lounge:

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month

10th & Pacific St.

8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in)

RESPECT Clinic

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month

50th & Ames Ave. (Located in Baker Square Plaza)

5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in)

Know your status. GET TESTED!

Call 402-552-9260 to schedule an appointment or with any questions.

www.nap.org



250 South 77th Street, Suite A Omaha, NE 68114

(Located behind McDonald's at 77th & Dodge Street)

www.nap.org

402-552-9260

## Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox







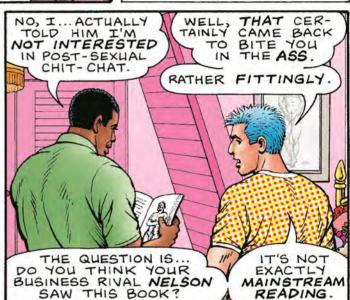


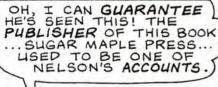






DO YOU EVER BOTHER TO TALK TO DREW ABOUT HIS PAST?







THAT'S TOO MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE. NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE!

NELSON WAS FURIOUS AT ME FOR WINNING AN ACCOUNT AWAY FROM HIM. WHEN HE SAW DREW WAS MY DATE AT THE AWARDS DINNER ..



.. HE REALIZED HE HAD A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO SCREW WITH ME! BY ACCUS-ING ME OF HIRING AN ESCORT!



I NEED TO SET THIS

Website - www.kylecomics.com

E-Mail - KylesBnB@aol.com

ATROCIOUS.

# NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Friday, October 11th, 2013 4-6pm ConAgra Park Plaza, 10th & Farnam St. Omaha, NE

Friday, October 11th is National Coming Out Day, and we want to see our LGBTQ+ and allied community members out on the town!

Come down to the ConAgra Park Plaza in the Old Market from 4-6pm on October 11th to:

-learn about our countless **local LGBTQ+** and allied groups

-get your photo taken as you jump through a **hand-painted closet door** 

-snag some love from our Free Queer Hug Station

-and receive a rainbow pin that will get you awesome deals throughout the Old Market all weekend long! You'll also be able to experience the groundbreaking **We Are Here** public art installation that profiles young members of our community.

This event is free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible.

Feel free to contact **Drew** at the **Queer Nebraska Youth Networks** with questions, comments, or ideas for this event: **theqnyn@gmail.com**.

Keep an eye on our public event page for updates about participating community groups, businesses, and more! [http://on.fb.me/16fwc2a]

