



Troy Mayor Still Talking Badly About Gay People

By Michelle Garcia

The mayor of Troy, Mich., who landed in hot water for her antigay comments on Facebook in June, is sparking more controversy at a local high school.

During a discussion at Troy High School about establishing a bullying and suicide prevention forum, Mayor Janice Daniels said she wanted to invite "a panel of psychologists who would testify that homosexuality is a mental disease," student Skye Curtis told the Detroit Free Press. Curtis, 17, is a co-president of the school's Gay-Straight Alliance.



Mayor Janice Daniels

Daniels said she reviewed her statements through her own recording of the meeting and that her comments were misconstrued by Curtis. She declined to replay the tape for the Free Press, but she said she was inferring to the "higher incidence of [overall] disease in the homosexual community."

Curtis said she wanted to invite the mayor to the bullying forum, but after the encounter, she and her co-president, Zach Kilgore, are not so sure.

"We brought up the fact that, if we're trying to have an event about suicide prevention, we shouldn't really be telling kids they have a mental disease," Curtis said. "I don't want my freshmen hearing that."

Amy Koch Gay Apology; Sorry for Ruining Your Marriage

By Kevin Hoffman

The gay and lesbian community of Minnesota has issued a letter of apology to recently resigned Senate Majority Leader Amy Koch for ruining the institution of marriage and causing her to stray from her husband and engage in an "inappropriate relationship."



"On behalf of all gays and lesbians living in Minnesota, I would like to wholeheartedly apologize for our community's successful efforts to threaten your traditional marriage," reads the letter from John Medeiros.

"We apologize that our selfish requests to marry those we love has cheapened and degraded traditional marriage so much that we caused you to stray from your own holy union for something more cheap and tawdry."

The letter comes on the heels of Koch's own apology, in which she expressed her deep regret for "engaging in a relationship with a Senate staffer." Although the letter did not specify the identity of the other participant in the "inappropriate relationship," it is widely rumored to be former communications chief Michael Brodkorb, who lost several positions with the GOP in the wake of the scandal.

Koch, Brodkorb, and their fellow Republicans campaigned this year to put a constitutional amendment on next year's ballot to define marriage as the union between a man and a woman, thus forbidding gay marriage. Sadly, the amendment comes too late to prevent Koch from straying from her own marriage.

**An Open Apology to
Amy Koch on Behalf of
All Gay and Lesbian Minnesotans**

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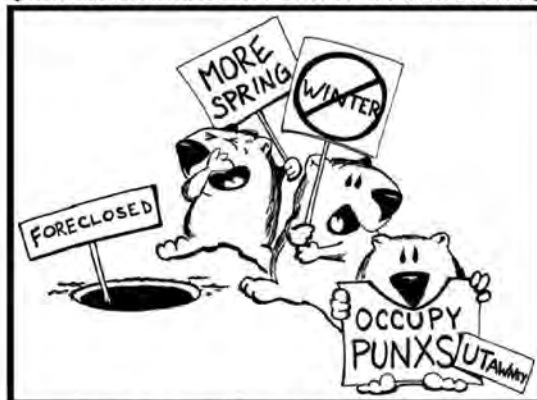
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(Sorry for Ruining Your Marriage, Continued from page 1)

Dear Ms. Koch,

On behalf of all gays and lesbians living in Minnesota, I would like to wholeheartedly apologize for our community's successful efforts to threaten your traditional marriage. We are ashamed of ourselves for causing you to have what the media refers to as an "illicit affair" with your staffer, and we also extend our deepest apologies to him and to his wife. These recent events have made it quite clear that our gay and lesbian tactics have gone too far, affecting even the most respectful of our society.

We apologize that our selfish requests to marry those we love have cheapened and degraded traditional marriage so much that we caused you to stray from your own holy union for something more cheap and tawdry. And we are doubly remorseful in knowing that many will see this as a form of sexual harassment of a subordinate.

It is now clear to us that if we were not so self-focused and myopic, we would have been able to see that the time you wasted diligently writing legislation that would forever seal the definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman, could have been more usefully spent reshaping the legal definition of "adultery."

Forgive us. As you know, we are not church-going people, so we are unable to fully appreciate that "gay marriage" is incompatible with Christian values, despite the fact that those values

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carry a biblical tradition of adultery such as yours. We applaud you for keeping that tradition going.

And finally, shame on us for thinking that marriage is a private affair, and that our marriage would have little impact on anyone's family. We now see that marriage is more than that. It is an agreement with society. We should listen to the Minnesota Family Council when it tells us that marriage is about being public, which explains why marriages are public ceremonies. Never did we realize that it is exactly because of this societal agreement that the entire world is looking at you in shame and disappointment instead of minding its own business.

From the bottom of our hearts, we ask that you please accept our apology.

Thank you,
John Medeiros
Minneapolis

John Medeiros, Amy Koch Gay Apology Author, Answers His Critics

By Kevin Hoffman

Pictured at right, John Medeiros, author of the Amy Koch gay apology letter.

As the author of the open letter of apology to Amy Koch that was printed on the City Pages' blog on December 22, I feel as though there are a few things I need to clarify in light of the comments that have been posted.

First and foremost, my letter is a piece of satire. This means that I am using irony to expose the foibles of others. It is also a piece of sarcasm, which means I am using irony to express my own disdain. I realize there are those on both sides of the political fence that may not understand this, so let me put it another way: I was clearly not speaking for every single member of the GLBT community when I wrote it. While it is true that I've received overwhelming support from the GLBT community since the letter was published, the reality is that I simply did not have enough time to gather the consent of every queer person in Minnesota before sending it. Put another way, satire is important to dialogue.



Second, while it appears that my "apology" is a direct attack to undermine Ms. Koch's own public apology, it was not. In fact, I sent my letter to the City Pages the day before Ms. Koch made her apology; it just happened to be published after hers. My letter was a response to her hypocritical behavior, not a response to her apology.

And third, to those few who have called my letter mean-spirited, I would like to offer a bit of relevant background. In order to craft my letter, I needed to understand the reasons why others believe same-sex marriage threatens traditional marriage.

In my quest for this knowledge, I consulted three very popular conservative websites. I even printed out a brochure of "talking points" for why gays and lesbians should not be allowed to marry. I used the exact same arguments and the exact same language that have been used against the GLBT community since the marriage debate started. If people find the arguments and the language mean-spirited, I ask them to consider where they originated.

Similarly, my letter has also been called (again by a very small few) a kick to someone already down. If we want to use that image, consider the following. Minnesota law already bans same-sex marriage. It also bans recognition of such marriages performed in other states. In this respect, GLBT Minnesotans are already "down." Add to that an unnecessary Constitutional amendment to codify such discrimination, and you've got the "kick" we've been feeling ever since the amendment bill was passed. Such an amendment does nothing but add salt to an already unforgivable wound, so if we want to engage in a (thoughtful) dialogue about who's doing the kicking and who's doing the falling, let's start here. If anything, my letter was an act of self-defense.

And finally, speaking of advancing the dialogue, I, personally, think it is beautiful that this letter has gone viral. Thank you, City Pages, for making these discussions possible. And thank you, Governor Dayton, for calling on the GOP to abandon the Constitutional amendment.

John Medeiros
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Linda Beckstead Assistant to the Moderator

Linda Beckstead has been hired to replace Connie Meadows, who is retiring at the end of this year, and will be Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson's new assistant, starting January 3. She will also serve as the Project Manager for the International Task Force (ITF). Linda comes to us after an award-winning career teaching journalism in high school. She provided leadership to MCC Omaha in marketing, website development, and music ministry, as well as served as moderator on their board of directors. Highlights of her leadership include: co-planning two Heartland Network multi-state conferences; coordinating relief efforts for Spirit of Christ MCC after a tornado devastated a portion of Joplin, Missouri; and preaching at the MCC Region 8 conference in Denver (Colorado) in 2004. Linda and her partner Susie will be relocating from Omaha (Nebraska) to Sarasota. Her new email address will be LindaBeckstead@MCCchurch.net.

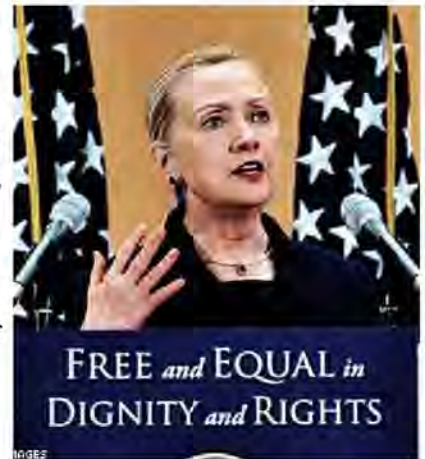


Obama's Global March for Equality Hits Harsh Reality

Secretary Clinton's seminal speech for LGBT rights and the Obama administration's pledge to help secure them come up against a harsh reality abroad.

By Andrew Harmon

Even the most calcified of cynics may have softened while listening to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's December address on LGBT rights to the United Nations in Geneva — a speech that balanced a respectful tone with a systematic dismantling of abhorrent justifications still used to criminalize LGBT people in more than 80 countries.



Clinton conceded American shortcomings on equality (acknowledging that it wasn't until 2003 that the U.S. Supreme Court in *Lawrence v. Texas* held that private, consensual sex between adults was protected under the Fourteenth Amendment), yet she implored the world to adopt baseline standards of individual dignity, moving perhaps, as constitutional law scholar Martha Nussbaum so eloquently wrote in 2010, "from a politics of disgust to a politics of humanity." Following decades of

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evolution in social justice work, from women's rights to battles against apartheid, "we came to learn that no practice or tradition trumps the human rights that belong to all of us," Clinton said. "And this holds true for inflicting violence on LGBT people, criminalizing their status or behavior, expelling them from their families and communities, or tacitly or explicitly accepting their killing."

Whether the goals outlined in the address — and the Obama administration's articulated foreign policy accompanying it — will translate into meaningful action and diplomacy is yet to be seen. An incipient global fund to aid LGBT organizations working in some of the most dangerous locales on earth currently stands at only about \$3 million, though State Department officials hope that other groups will step up and contribute. Less than 24 hours after Clinton's address, Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, moved forward on a bill to criminalize same-sex unions, with the country's minister of information responding, "Some of the things that are considered fundamental rights abroad also can be very offensive to African culture."

The State Department and the White House national security team, which developed the memorandum over several months prior to its December release, have their work cut out for them. "We know the road ahead will not be easy. A great deal of work lies before us," Clinton said. "But many of us have seen firsthand how quickly change can come. In our lifetimes, attitudes toward gay people in many places have been transformed. Many people, including myself, have experienced a deepening of our own convictions on this topic over the years, as we have devoted more thought to it, engaged in dialogues and debates, and established personal and professional relationships with people who are gay."

Former Homecoming King Runs For Office As Woman

ORLANDO, Fla. -- A former football player and homecoming king is running for local office as a woman.

Gina Duncan filed paper-work to run for the Orange County Commission on Monday. Her goal is to become Orange County's first transgender commissioner. Duncan could wind up running against incumbent Ted Edwards in a race that'll generate a lot of attention, even in a Presidential election year.

Gina Duncan says being a transgender woman is a part of who she is. Both she and the incumbent hope the race is about the issues facing the 5th District, and not about the candidates' sexual orientation.

"It's been a challenge and a very interesting life journey," says Gina Duncan. 56-year-old Duncan spent 50 of her years as Gregory Pingston. Once known as a star linebacker in Merritt Island, then a husband. "I was married for 25 years," says Duncan.

Gregory fathered a son and a daughter, before telling his family in 2006 that he was going to undergo surgery to become a woman. "In the transgender world, the decision is one that builds over a period of time. It gets to a point where you need to be your authentic self," says Duncan. Duncan says that's the

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Your Loyal Soldier

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Bill Plotkin and Richard Rohr are two authors who inspire me. Both are leaders in what I call “common sense spirituality” and both write about the psychological concept of the “loyal soldier”



Everyone has a “Loyal Soldier”. He/she is the part of your psyche that—since childhood—has protected you from harm. As adults, however, in order to grow and change, you need to “discharge” your Loyal Soldier from active duty. Plotkin, in his work at the Animas Institute in Durango, Colorado, explains that in post-World War II Japan, many communities realized that many of their returning soldiers were not prepared to re-enter the post-war world. For years their only identity was to be a Loyal Soldier.

As a result, these communities created a ritual: citizens publicly thanked and praised their returning Loyal soldiers for their military service and then the village elders would say something like: “Loyal Soldiers, we thank you and welcome you home. But, the war is over now and we need you to stop fighting and retire your old role. It’s time to be a loving, useful citizen.”

We need to do the same.

Our own Loyal Soldier gets us through the beginnings of our life, protecting us from harm. We need him/her to get our lives off to a good start. Rohr says that at about age 30, most of us need to ask: do I still need my Loyal Soldier to protect me, or is his/her “defense” now doing more harm than good?

Your Loyal Soldier can only take you so far in life. Then, he/she needs to let go. The complexity of our 30s, 40s and beyond are beyond the understanding of our Loyal Soldier’s primitive defenses. For example: your Loyal Soldier will keep people away from you so you don’t get hurt, but, eventually, you need to let people in, knowing that part of being loved is the risk of being hurt.

Loyal Soldiers are neither flexible nor forgiving. Part of any good friendship is screwing up and forgiving the other person or being forgiven yourself. Loyal Soldiers don’t understand about forgiveness, peace, grace, love and other complex emotions. Our Loyal Soldiers are like the training wheels on our first two-wheel bicycles: initially, they help us get up and going, but, eventually, we need to lose the training wheels so we can fly down the street on our own.

Everyone has a Loyal Soldier. Many people never let them go: growing more-and-more rigid and fearful the older they get. To change and grow, we have to let him/her “retire”. It’s tempting to hold onto our Loyal Soldiers so we can keep on doing the same-old, same-old. But, when we are faced with complex life challenges like love, death, suffering and mystery, our Loyal

soldier is likely to revert to primitive coping mechanisms that may have worked when we were 12 or 18, but don’t work anymore.

If you’re open to “discharging” your Loyal Soldier, consider taking these steps:

1. Identify your (primitive) defenses that no longer work. For example, how have your love affairs gone wrong? Your friendships gotten messed up? This is likely your Loyal Soldier at work, protecting you at all costs, but ruining your life.
2. See how your loyal soldier has seen you through some tough times. Your Loyal Soldier is not all bad: there are times when protecting yourself is a great idea. Identify how your Loyal Soldier still may helpful to you.
3. Thank your Loyal Soldier for all his/her protection. This sounds corny, but I mean it literally: “Thanks Loyal Soldier for protecting me all these years, I appreciate it...but...”
4. Tell your loyal soldier that times have changed, you’re a capable adult now and you’ve got more sophisticated defenses at your disposal.

It is unlikely that your Loyal Soldier will easily step down from duty. He/she has been protecting you a long time. It’s more likely that your Loyal Soldier will need to ease his/her way to retirement. He/she is probably only going to drop the gun very slowly. So be patient.

And don’t be surprised that as your Loyal Soldier is less-and-less active, your friendships, love affairs and career start to flow more easily and life becomes easier. Try it and see.

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woman now running to represent the 5th District.

If elected, she'd be Orange County's first transgender commissioner. "While that's a big part of me, and I do acknowledge the potential historic aspects of this election, the most important thing is that I bring a new vision to Orange County," Duncan says.

Current commissioner, and right now Duncan's only opponent, Ted Edwards tells WESH 2 News that he hopes the race will be won or lost based on the issues, and the candidate who can best represent the 190,000 people in the district.

Duncan believes those voters will be open-minded to consider her. "Whether you're female or male, black or white, I think if the country can elect a black president, then it's time for Gina Duncan," says Duncan.

Edwards says the 5th district is diverse: representing areas from Winter Park, to UCF, east to Christmas.

Edwards has been a commissioner off and on for a decade and says he's looking forward to debating Duncan.



Homosexuality a 'Curable Disorder': Israeli Textbook Stirs up Controversy

By Amrutha Gayathri

The mental health curriculum of a number of Israeli academic institutions has stirred up a controversy by retaining a portion in a textbook which states that homosexuality is a "disorder" that should be treated to aid "normal sexual development."

Psychiatry experts, educators and LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) activists have severely criticized the portion about homosexuality in the most recent edition of "Prakim nivharim b'psichiatra" (Select Chapters in Psychiatry) written by Prof. Shmuel Tiano, former director of the Geha Psychiatric Hospital in Petah Tikva, Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported.

The textbook describes "the most accepted approach today" regarding homosexuality and transgender identity among children as a "disorder" that can be cured through therapy, citing the theory of noted American psychiatrist Charles Socarides, who believed that homosexuality can be "altered."

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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

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

OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE, playing Softball every Thursday 6-10pm, at Churchich park (50th and C). Games will be played through August 12th

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

DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT at Connections Bar, theme nights and shows

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

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Every Other Friday

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

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

1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flix 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.

2nd 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 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, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)

Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln
LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

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

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.

The Sugar Bowl

Mrs. Ravioli comes to visit her son, Anthony, for dinner. He lives with a male roommate, Mark.

During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how handsome Anthony's roommate is.

Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and his roommate than met the eye. Reading his mother's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Mark and I are just roommates."

About a week later, Mark came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"

"Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote an email.

Dear Mama,

I'm not saying that you "did" take the sugar bowl from my house; I'm not saying that you "did not" take it. But the fact remains that the sugar bowl has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.

Love, Anthony

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his Mama which read:

Dear son,

I'm not saying that you "do" sleep with Mark and I'm not saying that you "do not" sleep with him. But the fact remains that if he was sleeping in his OWN bed, he would have found the sugar bowl by now.

Love, Mama

Moral to this story: Never lie to your Mama.

"Oh, you hate your job? Why didn't you say so?"

There's a support group for that. It's called EVERYBODY, and they meet at the bar."

--Drew Carey

"The problem with the designated driver program, is that it's not a desirable job. But if you ever get sucked into doing it, have fun with it. At the end of the night, drop them all off at the wrong house."

--Jeff Foxworthy

Testicle Therapy

Two men were playing golf. One teed off and watched in horror as his ball headed directly toward a foursome playing the next hole. The ball hit one of the men. He immediately clasped his hands together at his groin, fell to the ground and proceeded to roll around in agony.

The man rushed down to the man, and immediately began to apologize. "Please allow me to help. I'm a Physical Therapist and I know I could relieve your pain if you'd allow me," he told him.

"Oh, no, I'll be all right. I'll be fine in a few minutes," the man replied.... He was in obvious agony, lying in the fetal position, still clasping his hands there at his groin. At his persistence, however, he finally allowed him to help.

He gently took his hands away and laid them to the side, loosened his pants and put his hands inside. He administered tender and artful massage to the man's privates for several long moments and asked, "How does that feel?" He replied: It feels great, but I still think my thumb's broken!

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

Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/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, 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.firstuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Heartland Pride
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, email: info@heartlandpride.org

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

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

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

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.omahaglbtsportsleague.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
Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUTLinc, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, www.outlinc.org

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, 1719 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.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

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT 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

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

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

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 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflagcornhusker.org/>

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

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

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, 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.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

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspide.org

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

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

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and

Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

(Israeli Textbook Stirs up Controversy, Continued from page 9)

The section, which has been in the curriculum for the past eight years, became a target of gay community criticism after Gidi Rubinstein, a psychotherapist who has gay and bisexual clients, wrote a column in a magazine "Hazman Havarod" criticizing the inclusion of the section in a 2010 reprint, without alteration.

"In its current edition, the chapter on homosexuality not only constitutes a declaration of homophobia, but it educates future therapists and educators to be homophobic," Rubinstein told Haaretz.

The author of the section, Tiano justified it saying that it was a "historical survey," but admitted that "there is a word or two that needs to be proofread."

"In advance of the next edition of the book, I commit to carry out additional proofreading and to change the two or three words that have to be changed in the chapter," Tiano said.

k.d. Lang Dissolves Domestic Partnership with Jamie Price

Crooner k.d. Lang has filed papers to dissolve her domestic partnership with Jamie Price, according to TMZ.

Lang and Price met in 2003 at an event held by a Buddhist teacher, according to an interview with Curve.

Multi-Grammy winner, Lang, a native of Canada, made headlines when she came out of the closet in 1992. Her pioneering coming out continues to be celebrated as Glee's lesbian character Santana recently sang Lang's mega-hit "Constant Craving" in her coming out episode.

An ardent Buddhist, Price, according to Times Quotidian, was a founding member and executive director of Ari Bhod, whose mission it is "to preserve and transmit the priceless legacy of the ancient Tibetan Nyingma lineage tradition."

Lang and Price became domestic partners in California and made their home together in the Los Angeles hills.

Where Can You Find *The Gayzette?*

Omaha:

Connections, 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
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

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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



SO... HOW'D YOU LIKE SPARTACUS, KRISTIAN?
IT WAS... OKAY.



JUST "OKAY"?
I SUPPOSE I AM NOT A BIG FAN OF BARS, RICHARD.



WELL, SPARTACUS IS CERTAINLY A BIG FAN OF YOURS. MY GOODNESS...

...THE BATHROOMS WERE ABUZZ WITH CHATTER ABOUT THE HOT NEW GUY WITH THE GREEN EYES AND THE HONEY-COLORED DREADS.

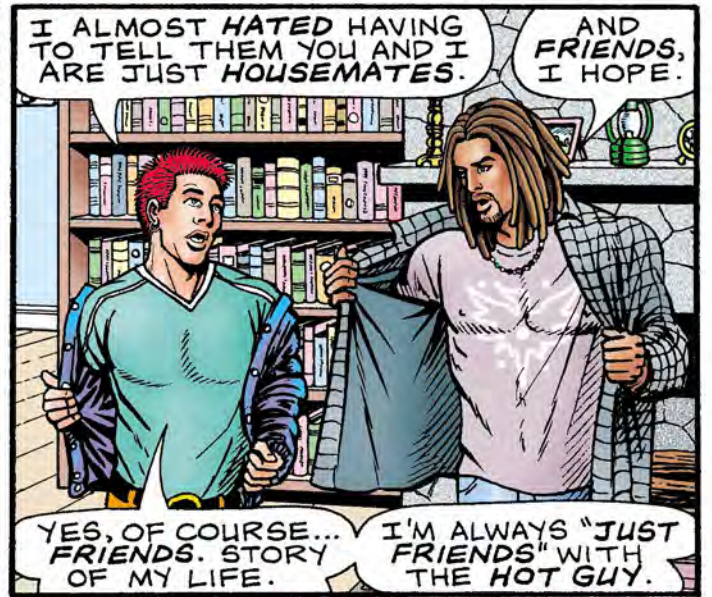


HEHE... I AM SURE YOU ARE EXAGGERATING.



OH, I AM NOT. IN FACT... AFTER WE SLOW-DANCED?

I'VE NEVER FELT THE ICY GLARES OF SO MANY JEALOUS QUEENS BEFORE IN MY LIFE!



I ALMOST HATED HAVING TO TELL THEM YOU AND I ARE JUST HOUSEMATES. AND FRIENDS, I HOPE.

YES, OF COURSE... FRIENDS. STORY OF MY LIFE. I'M ALWAYS "JUST FRIENDS" WITH THE HOT GUY.



ARE YOU REALLY SO UN-AWARE OF YOUR OWN CHARM, RICHARD?
HOW BRIGHT... GOOD-NATURED... CAPTIVATING... AND HANDSOME YOU ARE?



HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING A LOT TONIGHT, KRISTIAN? BECAUSE I DON'T--

STOP. I WILL NOT HEAR YOU DENIGRATE YOURSELF ANY LONGER.

BUT I-- RICHARD...



Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Ron Blake and he can be found in his pit stop at rblake5551@hotmail.com.

I talked with five people over the last week about their fitness goals for the New Year. Each one of these individuals has great plans to change their lives for the better. Each one of these men and women are ready to get moving with their respective changes. Each one of these good folks is full of excitement and energy. Each one of these lads and lasses are likely to fail with achievement of their goals because of one crucial missing ingredient...they didn't write down their goal!

Russell wants to lose fifty pounds of fat that he has been storing in his midsection since the first Gulf War. He has been telling everyone he has met since Halloween that this year will be different from all those other years. He will finally stick to his weight loss plan and be a slimmer and happier man by next Christmas if those good intentions are enough. They aren't! He needs to write down his goal with paper and pen.

Caroline wants to quit smoking. She has attempted this challenge several times before and has failed every time. She isn't getting any younger and she knows all too well that three of her aunts and her father have died from cigarette smoking. She knows that others have been successfully weaned off their filthy tar habits. What more could she do to join those smoke-free ranks? She needs to write down her goal with paper and pen.

Dimitri wants to run a 5K race in less than eighteen minutes this summer. He achieved this feat in high school about fifteen years ago and is ready to feel the exhilaration of the fountain of youth. He knows he needs to change his running regimen. He will need to become more disciplined. He will need to train more frequently. He will need to replace his tattered running shoes. He will need to write down his goal with paper and pen.

Alexi wants to hike up her favorite mountain. It has always been her favorite mountain to look upon, but never to hike upon. Her friends and all the cool kids have been up and down that mountain many times. She has thought about tackling this mountain for years but has never really done more than just wish for it to happen. This just could be the year for her! She will need to write down her goal with paper and pen.

Juan wants to play in that soccer tournament this fall. He hasn't played in many years and he would love to get the old gang together for some great fun. The regional champions advance to the finals round in England. Juan knows it will be a lot of work, but will be well worth the effort. Juan enjoys a challenge almost as much as he likes British boys. He will be halfway across the Atlantic when he writes down his goal with paper and pen.

The likelihood of achieving your goal increases about 80% when you write it down. It is hard to argue against odds like that. Find your goal and write it down. Keep it in a conspicuous location and you're ready for action!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who corners like he's on rails. That ultimate driving experience is



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Flix Lounge: 10th & Pacific St.	1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in)
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RESPECT Clinic 50th & Ames Ave. (Located in Baker Square Plaza)	2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in)
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