



U.K. Marriage Equality Bill Advances

BY Trudy Ring.



The United Kingdom moved a step closer to marriage equality today, with the House of Commons voting 400-175 for a bill extending marriage rights to same-sex couples.

The measure must go through more parliamentary debates and a vote in the House of Lords before becoming law, but the House of Lords is likely to approve it, given the strong support in the House of Commons, the Associated Press reports.

If approved, the law would take effect in 2015, giving same-sex couples access to both civil and religious marriage, as long as the religious body does not object. Also, couples in civil partnerships would be able to convert their union to a marriage.

Marriage equality has the backing of Prime Minister David Cameron, who said before today's House of Commons debate, "I am a strong believer in marriage. It helps people commit to each other, and I think it is right that gay people should be able to get married too. This is, yes, about equality. But it is also about making our society stronger."

In the House of Commons, most of the resistance to the bill came from members of the Conservative Party, even though that is Cameron's party. Conservative lawmaker Roger Gale invoked works of literature in stating his opposition, saying, "Marriage is the union between a man and a woman, has been historically, remains so. It is Alice in Wonderland territory, Orwellian almost, for any government of any political persuasion to seek to come along and try to rewrite the lexicon."

Gay-rights Supporters Present 1.4 Million Signatures at Boy Scouts Headquarters in Irving

By Scott Parks
dallasnews.com

This morning, a group representing gay Boy Scouts and Scout



leaders presented petitions urging the Boy Scouts of America to rescind its ban on gay members.

Those taking part in the presentation of signatures included Will Oliver, a 20-year-old gay Eagle Scout from Duxbury, Mass.; and Eric Andresen, the father of a gay Scout who was denied his Eagle Award.

Oliver said he found Scouting to be a refuge during the teen years when he was coming to terms with his sexual orientation. He did not reveal that he was gay until after he had received his Eagle Award.

He said the Scouts' discriminatory policy forces gay youths to conceal their true identity.

"Tomorrow and the next day, you must do it again and again and again," he said.

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"It is time for this archaic policy to end."

Andresen fought back tears as he talked about his 18-year-old son, Ryan, who completed the requirements to become an Eagle Scout but was denied the honor because of his sexual orientation.

"It hurts so much to witness what Ryan has been through, because he does not deserve it," the father said

Those opposed to the policy gathered outside the Boy Scouts of America national headquarters on Walnut Hill Lane near MacArthur Boulevard in Irving.

No one from the Scouts came out to speak with the demonstrators or to address the issues they raised. One member of the gay-rights group brought the signatures inside the Scouts building and left them there.

The demonstration occurred as the Scouts' Board of Directors is meeting for three days in Irving. The organization said last week that the board would consider a proposal to allow local Scout councils to determine whether to accept gay Scouts and gay leaders.

The board meetings are private. As we noted last week, there is no guarantee that the board will even take up the question of the gay ban, much less act to modify or rescind it.

On Sunday, President Barack Obama told CBS that he supports an end to the ban on gay Scouts.

"My attitude is that gays and lesbians should have access and opportunity the same way everybody else does in every institution and walk of life," he said.

"The Scouts are a great institution that are promoting young people and exposing them to opportunities and leadership that will serve people for the rest of their lives. And I think nobody should be barred from that."

A day earlier, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, an Eagle Scout, said the no-gays policy should not be changed. To do so would be to capitulate to the whims of "popular culture," he said.

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“Hopefully the board will follow their historic position of keeping the Scouts strongly supportive of the values that make Scouting this very important and impactful organization,” the governor said.

“I think most people see absolutely no reason to change the position and neither do I.”

Information about the scholarship process and the application requirements can be found on the PFLAG Omaha website (www.pflag-omaha.org). The application form can be easily printed. Applications are due on April 1, 2013. They should be mailed to PFLAG Omaha Scholarships, Box 390064, Omaha, NE 68139.

Questions should be addressed to info@pflag-omaha.org. Carol Beaty is chairing the scholarship committee this year and can be reached at 403-332-8215. The scholarship recipient will be selected by May 1, 2013 and announced at the May PFLAG meeting.

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The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied high school seniors. We hope to encourage the pursuit of post-secondary education for self-identified LGBT youth and allies. We know that offer-



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The Journey to Equality

“Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law” said President Barack Obama at his second inaugural address.

It seems, to me, that words like gay, lesbian, transgender, queer, and equality are no longer owned by “we” that are. Those words are being used by so many now, openly. My, how the times are changing. We have a President that uses them often, almost making them common place in every household.



I have believed for a long time that equality in this country, particularly in rural and conservative states, would be about “our” integration with main stream society. Involving ourselves and not being segregated. Too many times LGBT communities are segregated enough within their own communities, so how can we expect the greater community to accept us and involve us if we don’t work and play together to begin with.

I believe we are all children of the same universe. I believe it takes a village to raise a child, and I am a 45 year old child! We all need a family to help us along, and the LGBT community probably has that skill set more than any other segment of our nation. For years we have been outcasts from our given families and we have formed our own groups of families.

Today, more than ever, it is time that we call on all of our families (given and chosen) to remember our faces, our love and our light as we vote to elect political officials, create policies and rights (that many others take for granted.)

As other countries add equality measures to their lands, more states in the US prepare to add marriage equality to their states laws. Equality for the LGBT people of this nation is within reach during my lifetime.

I close with a quote from our Nation’s foremost civil rights leader.

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is the time for you to become involved in your community. Your local LGBT organizations need your time, your money and your talents, right now! In the back of each Gayzette you will find a list of many LGBT organizations in both Nebraska and Iowa that need you. Reach out and make a difference in your own life, and your community today.

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Military to Extend Some Benefits to Gay Partners

Leon Panetta's last week as Defense secretary will see the extension of some partner benefits to gay military personnel.

BY Michelle Garcia.



As one of his final acts as secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta is expected to establish more equal benefit rights for gay and lesbian military couples and their families.

According to Outserve-SLDN, Panetta will make the announcement this week, before officially leaving office. The organization has been lobbying the Pentagon and federal government to extend benefits as simple as housing and military ID access to same-sex partners of military personnel since "don't ask, don't tell" was repealed officially in 2011.

The Washington Post reports that Pentagon officials are trying to determine which benefits can be extended to same-sex couples without violating the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, which bars the federal government from recognizing same-sex relationships. An estimated 100 benefits may be extended to partners, spouses, and families. Currently, same-sex partners and spouses are granted minimal rights.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, some of the regulatory changes that Panetta could make include housing, military

identification cards, access to commissaries and exchanges, personnel assignments, legal services, and privilege to refuse to testify against spouses.

“Secretary Panetta established a strong civil rights record long before taking office at the Pentagon, so his unwillingness to extend support and recognition to gay and lesbian service members and their families where it is clearly within his authority to do so has baffled many of us,” said Outserve-SLDN executive director Allyson Robinson. “We are hopeful that he will not take half-measures here; for him to grant anything less than the full extent of benefits available under current law would be an anticlimactic end to an otherwise exemplary record on civil rights.”

Robinson also praised Sen. Chuck Hagel, who is expected to be confirmed as Panetta's replacement, for assuring that he would uphold support for LGBT military families to the extent of the current law.

“Considering DADT was repealed well over a year ago, our families have waited far too long for the Defense Department to extend benefits to same-sex military spouses,” said Stephen Peters, president of the American Military Partner Association. “No military family should suffer because of outdated regulations. For the sake of our families, we hope for substantive action and look forward to hearing from Secretary Panetta on exactly what benefits will be extended.”

Rep. Adam Schiff and 25 other members of Congress urged Panetta to allow same-sex spouses certain benefits, such as military identification cards and access to Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) programs, and to allow access to family programs like deployment support, marriage and family counseling, relocation assistance, and financial management.

“We need to make sure that all military families — including those with same sex partners serving at home or abroad — have access to the very best care, facilities and services possible,” Schiff said in a statement Tuesday.

The Hidden Costs of Affording a New Home

Time and time again we see people blindsided by the true cost of buying their first home. Many people fall into a comfort zone of denial that has them believing that all they will be paying is the monthly principal and interest on the new home. They're quite shocked when they realize that the total cost of owning their own home is a lot more than they thought. Sometimes these costs are so extreme that some buyers have been forced to back out of a deal because they were not realistic about what the final monthly tally might be for their home ownership.

Let's discuss the true costs of affording a home.

Home owners insurance

You can't buy a home unless you have it so get a quote for home owner's insurance in place. This is also sometimes called hazard insurance. It provides you basic liability against people injuring themselves on your property as well as protection against robbery, fire, wind, water, etc. Usually you have to pay

a bit extra for flood insurance.

Mortgage Insurance.

You also might have to fork out for mortgage insurance if your down payment on the home is less than twenty percent (20%) of the total cost. This too can add a couple of hundred dollars more onto what you must pay each month ~ ask your mortgage lender for an estimate of this cost, it varies depending on the size of your loan.

Property Taxes.

Factor in the cost of property taxes. If you are not sure how much this is, ask your gay real estate agent, or check the details of the property brochure for an estimate, but always verify this number with the county assessor's office. Keep in mind this estimate of the property taxes is on the current assessors' value of the home... if you're paying more for the home, your taxes will be adjusted up at some point. Be very sure to assess this properly because taxes can add hundreds of dollars to what might be a sky-high mortgage in the first place.

HOA Fees.

Another “sneaky cost” that you might have to be aware of is home owner's association fees or condo association fees (HOA). This is true if you move into a condominium or subdivision that has common areas - You may have to pay fees to upkeep the lobby, the front gardens, picnic areas, green space, pools, community centers and other items.

Utilities.

Many people who go from renting to ownership also do not realize that they have to pay for their own utilities; water, sewer, gas and electric. Sometimes these utilities can add hundreds of dollars to the monthly costs of maintaining your home. My brother in Minneapolis recently had a 3 month \$950.00 water bill! (In the land of 10,000 lakes) Oh, and don't forget trash.

Maintenance and Repairs.

If you've bought an older house you also have to factor in money for maintenance and repairs. These monthly repairs, often necessary, can add up.

To be safe we advise you to do your homework before you put an offer into a home, your professional gay realtor at GayRealEstate.com is able to help you determine your exact cost when buying a home.

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Author Jeff Hammerberg is the Founding CEO of www.GayRealEstate.com ~ Free Instant Access to the Nation's Top Gay, Lesbian and Gay Friendly Realtors Coast to Coast offering Free Buyers Representation and Free Relocation Assistance.

Adult Star Arpad Miklos Commits Suicide

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By: Daniel Villarreal
Gay PR representative Howard Bragman has just sent out news that gay porn star Arpad Miklos (real name Peter Kozma) was found dead in his apartment Monday evening due to an apparent suicide.

Writer and friend, Randal Lynch broke the news with host Howard Bragman on his show "Gwissues," a Youtube.com show which airs on "Gwist.tv" network.

The porn blog Fleshbot wrote:

The Hungarian-born legend moved to America shortly after being discovered by porn studio Kristen Bjorn while working as a chemist, and pursued a career in the adult industry "on a whim." After moving to America and teaching himself English, the legend appeared in more than 45 adult films and countless other one-off scenes.

"He was a great guy, on top of that, there was a lot more to him than just that surface persona. He was a very active person in the gay community, he gave a lot of money to charities, and was overall a really good guy." Lynch says of his friend. "He



was probably one of the biggest porn stars out there."

House Introduces Immigration Bill For Gay Partners

BY Michelle Garcia.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, backed by dozens of House colleagues, introduced a bill to allow Americans to sponsor their same-sex partners for legal residency in the U.S.

Because the federal government does not recognize the rela-

tionships of same-sex couples, due to the Defense of Marriage Act, Nadler's Uniting American Families Act would grant the same rights to gay couples that heterosexual married couples currently have. The bill comes as Congress debates an overhaul of the country's immigration laws.

Versions of this bill have been introduced in Congress in each session since 2000.

The UAFA would add the term "permanent partner" to the Immigration and Naturalization Act, which currently only applies to married heterosexual couples. A "permanent partner" is described as an adult who is in a committed, intimate relationship with another adult in "which both parties intend a lifelong commitment."

Right now, at least 31 other countries, including Brazil, Denmark, Hungary, and the United Kingdom, allow residents to sponsor partners for legal immigration.



"Today, thousands of committed same-sex couples are needlessly suffering because of unequal treatment under our immigration laws, and this is an outrage," Nadler said in a statement Tuesday. "Our Con-

stitution guarantees that no class of people will be singled out for differential treatment — and LGBT Americans must not be excluded from that guarantee. Moreover, any serious legislative proposal for comprehensive immigration reform absolutely must include gay and lesbian couples and their families."

Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, who is backing the bill, said that enacting UAFA would be striking "down the barriers of discrimination." She added, "As we work toward comprehensive immigration reform, we must ensure that the value of all families is valued, respected, and recognized in the eyes of the law."

Rachel B. Tiven, the executive director of Immigration Equality, said that November's election outcome is a clear indication that Americans would support this bill.

"Voters sent a clear message in November: they support treating everyone — gay and straight, citizen and immigrant — with dignity and respect," Tiven said. "These are true American values. As Congress moves forward on long overdue immigration reform, lawmakers must include UAFA as part of that effort. Our immigration laws must reflect the diversity of our beautiful country and must protect families and family unity."

Gay representative Jared Polis of Colorado said the UAFA would "help reduce family backlogs, grow our economy, and improve the effectiveness of the immigration process. This common-sense legislation is part of the solution to how to fix our broken immigration system."

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Out representatives Mark Takano of California, Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, and David Cicilline of Rhode Island are also cosponsors of the legislation.

Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont is expected to introduce the companion bill in the Senate.

So why not make your goal to have mentally healthy holidays this year?

What could that look like? Here are some suggestions:

Exercise. In San Diego we're so lucky we can be outside all year long. Go for a walk or a jog in Balboa Park or hike at Mission Trails. Hit the gym or go out dancing and break a good sweat. You can't buy anti-depressants as good as the endorphins your body produces when you exercise/dance/run/skate/surf.

Just say "No." Do you hate shopping, malls, crowds and jammed parking lots? Don't do it. Don't let yourself get talked into social events that bum you out. Instead, have a casual lunch or dinner with a friend. If you're invited to an event and don't want to go, graciously say, "Thanks, but I have other plans." No one needs to know that your other plans involve staying home and watching reality TV.

Make stuff. I'm not anywhere close to a Martha Stewart type, but sometimes I find it really fun to make gifts for my nearest and dearest. I've made pots filled with cactus and succulents, CD custom music mixes, tie-dyed clothes...and so can you. With a little creativity and money, you can make some pretty great stuff that means a lot more to people than a gift from a fancy store.

Moderate your alcohol. This time of year may bring up unpleasant emotions, but drinking them away only gives you a temporary escape (and a hangover). You want a nice, healthy escape? Go out dancing at one of the dance clubs in Hillcrest. Limit yourself to a drink or two (max) and lots of water and have a ball, sweating through your clothes. And don't be surprised if you find yourself smiling on the way home.

No anonymous sex. This isn't a good time to hook-up and feel sad and lonely afterwards. Many people try this to avoid feeling lonely. Too bad it doesn't work. Instead, spend time with people who love you. If you're new in town and don't know many people, do things that make you feel good, like going to the movies, getting a massage or taking yourself out to a nice lunch. If you're having great sex with someone you love, well done! If not, focus on things in your life that please you.

Stay home. Don't go anywhere you don't want to go. You're an adult now, it's time to be your own Santa Claus. People may guilt trip you and tell you you're selfish, but why be miserable just to please someone else? If you want to be with family, great! If not, visit them some other time and stay home in our amazing city with some of the best weather in North America.

Think spiritual, not religious. It's great if the religious aspects of this time of year are meaningful to you. If they're not, does this mean that you're left with commercialism as your god instead? Fear not, there's something else: find a spiritual/peaceful/calming component at this time of year. It could be meditation, walking in nature, creating a "vision" board of how you'd like your 2013 to be, or it could just be sitting quietly and reading an inspiring book. Find something centering, grounding and inspiring...the Mall ain't enough.

Volunteer: One way to avoid the intense shopaholicism of this time of year is to focus on giving of yourself, not just your money or your beautifully wrapped gifts. It's invigorating to give your time and energy to others less fortunate (kids, elderly, homeless folks, animals) and bypass the ubiquitous commercial messages.

This time of year can be a time of joy and improved self-care, or bitterness and resentment. Be your own Santa Claus and go for the former. After all, you've been good (enough), right?

Mentally Healthy Holidays

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As a psychotherapist, this is one of the busiest times of year. Why? Because "The Holidays" bring up so many unrealistic expectations for many of us. We get depressed because we compare ourselves, our gifts and our families with what we think other people experience. We all imagine everyone else is having a lot more fun than we are.

But honestly, we have no idea how happy or miserable anyone else is behind their façade. If you could sit in my chair and hear how unhappy most people are at this time of year, you'd stop envying them.

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

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

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB
Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 3620 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

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

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

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 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.

2nd 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, 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, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC-Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Wednesday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Pride Planning Meeting- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

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3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

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.

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GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

The Robber

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'Thought She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!'

Bad News

In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the Mystic delivered grave news:

"There's no easy way to tell you this, so I'll just be blunt. Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken, Laura stared at the woman's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands.

She took a few deep breaths to compose herself and to stop her mind racing. She simply had to know.

She met the Fortune Teller's gaze, steadied her voice and asked, "Will I be acquitted?"

The Job Hunt

A man went into the Job Center in Downtown Denver, and saw a card advertising for a Gynecologist's Assistant. Interested, he went in and asked the clerk for details.

The clerk pulled up the file and read -- "The job entails getting the ladies ready for the gynecologist. You have to help the women out of their underwear, lay them down and carefully wash their private regions, then apply shaving foam and gently shave off the hair, then rub in soothing oils so they're ready for the gynecologist's examination. The annual salary is \$85,000 and you'll have to go to Billings, Montana."

"Good grief, is that where the job is?"

"No sir, that's where the end of the line is right now."

The Facelift

A woman in her forties went to a plastic surgeon for a face-lift.

The surgeon told her about a new procedure called "The KEY", where a small key is placed on the back of a woman's head and can be turned to tighten up her skin to produce the effect of a brand new face lift.

Of course, the woman wanted "The Key"

Over the course of the years, the woman tightened the key and the effects were wonderful -- the woman remained young looking and vibrant.

After fifteen years, the woman returned to the surgeon with two problems. "All these years, everything has been working just fine. I've had to turn the key and I've always loved the results. But now I've developed two annoying problems. First, I have these terrible bags under my eyes and the key won't get rid of them."

The doctor looked at her closely and said, "Those aren't bags, those are your breasts."

She said, "No point asking about the beard then....."

"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming 'Wow! What a ride!!!"

Author unknown

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

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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

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

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

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not 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.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

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

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

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

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

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

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See

www.rainbowpride.org for info

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

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

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

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, 3012 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

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-glbtc.com/>
UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic
 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, **FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia**
Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org
Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - <http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/>
Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>
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Illinois Senate Committee Moves Marriage Bill Forward

A committee moves the bill to the full Senate, expected to vote on it Valentine's Day; it also needs a vote by the House and the governor's signature to become law.

BY Trudy Ring.

Today an Illinois Senate committee approved a marriage equality bill by a vote of 9-5, advancing it to the full Senate, where a vote is expected February 14.

“It should be a very welcome Valentine’s Day gift for the thousands of couples and families that are anxiously awaiting the passage of this bill,” said Rick Garcia, director of the Equal Marriage Illinois Project and senior policy adviser for the Civil Rights Agenda, an Illinois LGBT advocacy group. “The momentum continues to build in Illinois.”

If approved by the full Senate, the bill will go to the House of Representatives, and if passed there, to Gov. Pat Quinn, who has said he will sign it. It would make Illinois the 10th state

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

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DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street 402-344-3103
 Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 402- 346-3549
 Flixx , 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
 Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
 The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
 Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
 Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
 Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
 Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
 Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 3620 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330

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with marriage equality and the second in the Midwest.

Today in the House, Bloomington resident Danielle Cook testified that she and her partner, Suzie Hutton, need the law to “make our lives more complete,” the Chicago Tribune reports. Ministers also testified both for and against the legislation.

A Senate committee had approved a version of the measure last month, just before the legislative session ended, and backers concluded there were not enough supporters in the full Senate to pass it before the session was over. The new legislature, seated shortly thereafter, has a greater number of LGBT rights supporters.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

I THINK I'M GOING TO MISS DOING LAUNDRY.

WHADDYA' MEAN, SIR?

"SIR". YOU SOUTHERN BOYS. SUCH MANNERS.

MAMA TAUGHT ME TO ALWAYS RESPECT MY ELDERLS, BUT...

...WHADDYA' MEAN YOU'RE GONNA' MISS DOIN' YOUR LAUNDRY?

AT THE PLACE I'M SCHEDULED TO MOVE INTO... THE CRESTWOOD HOME FOR THE ELDERLY...

... ALL LAUNDRY IS DONE BY THE STAFF...

...ALL MEALS ARE PREPARED BY THE STAFF...

...ALL ACTIVITIES ARE OVERSEEN BY THE STAFF.

WOW. SOUNDS PRETTY FANCY.

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IT SOUNDS POSITIVELY DREADFUL TO ME.

HAVE YA' ACTUALLY EVER SEEN THIS PLACE?

NO, BUT...MY NIECE HAS SHOWN ME A BROCHURE WITH ALL SORTS OF SANITIZED PHOTOS.

IT'S IN A TOWN CALLED COMMACK.

I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHERE THAT IS.

I THINK THAT'S PRETTY CLOSE BY HERE. TELL YA' WHAT...

...HOW 'BOUT IF I GET THE ADDRESS N' VISITIN' HOURS...

...N' WE CAN TAKE A RIDE OVER N' SEE IT FOR OURSELVES?

YOU'RE VERY KIND, DREW... BUT I'M SURE YOU'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THAN THIS.

HELL, THIS'LL BE LIKE A LITTLE ADVENTURE! AIN'T YA' UP FOR AN ADVENTURE, RUDY?

MY, YOU'RE A RATHER HARD MAN TO SAY NO TO.

N' THAT'S GOTTEN ME INTO TROUBLE MORE TIMES THAN YA' CAN SHAKE A STICK AT...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



CUPID'S HEALTHY HEART

"Go to you bosom: Knock there, and ask your heart what it doth know." That heart of yours doth know that you better take care of it or methinks you will end up dead. That would be no fun for Valentine's Day! There is only one set of footprints in that winter sand but do not despair. I am carrying William Shakespeare with me to bring you some healthy advice to keep your heart ticking well beyond the passionate arrows flying from Cupid's February quiver.

"Words, words, mere words; no matter from the heart." Indeed will you just stop at only words and get nothing accomplished? Your heart depends on nutritious meals to keep it strong and to keep you healthy. The world has heard far too much about your good intentions. Put those words and intentions into action today with fruits, vegetables, and whole wheat grains in your diet.

"Expectation is the root of all heartache." Never expect that you will acquire high blood pressure from the passing of the years. Refuse to expect shortness of breath as a trophy of time. Expect declining wellness with each new candle added to your birthday cake and so it shall be. "But men are men, the best sometimes forget." Always be mindful that you can exercise away those demons of demise. The treadmill and bicycle await your acceptance.

"Who could refrain that had a heart to love and in that heart courage to make love known." Your heart has love for your mother and your father and your daughter and your son. It beats with pleasure knowing you also are loved by your spouse and your sister and your brother and your Uncle John. Be ever courageous and do the right thing. Walk and abandon the car. Inhale life and not nicotine. Stay healthy and show your love for decades to come to those objects of your affection.

"The very instant I saw you did my heart not fly to your service." There are those in your everyday life that need your help. Encourage your significant other to keep losing those extra pounds. Leave motivational notes around the house to keep the fire burning toward that goal weight. "How far that little candle throws its beams. So shines a good deed in a naughty world." Wellness for your loved one may depend upon the mighty munificence of your affable altruism.

"I shall the effect of this good lesson keep as watchman to my heart." Late nights, fast food, beers a plenty, and cigars. Those knaves on negative living endeared you and were the apple of your eye. The heart attack, the diabetes, and the mouth cancer grabbed attention to your unhealthy ways. Learn from your failures and yearn to live well in your second chance on life. "What is past is prologue."

"We know what we are but know not what we may be." We can soar into our later years like a gallant young lover. The greatest gift you can give yourself this Valentine's Day is the gift of healthiness and possibilities. Unlock the potential you are stor-

ing within. "The golden age is before us, not behind us."

This wellness article is brought to you by that guy enamored with Eros. That guy of passion is Ron Blake and he can be found listening to the lovesick lotharios on lovers' lane at ron@myblakefitness.com.



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Flixx 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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Know your status. GET TESTED!

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

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"The Meat Packers"

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Presented by Annie Welty

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