

# The GayZette



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## D.C. Council Votes Yes On Marriage Equality

By Advocate.com Editors

The D.C. council held its final vote Tuesday on a marriage equality bill, passing it by a wide margin. Mayor Adrian Fenty has pledged to sign the bill, which will go into effect this spring.

The bill passed the council by a vote of 11-2, identical to the vote in November. After Fenty signs the bill, it will have to withstand a 30-day congressional review period.



"I have been making laws on behalf of the citizens of this city for 12 years, and until now, have never been a fully enfranchised citizen," council member David Catania, the lead sponsor of this bill, said during today's vote. He thanked several colleagues and gay rights activists who helped him get this bill passed.

Council member Kwame R. Brown also made a passionate speech in support of the bill, pointing out that he has a mother who disagrees with him on the issue — and said as much in *The Washington Post*. He said this vote is for the "unborn—future generations who will benefit.

Council member and former Washington mayor Marion Barry ran down his longtime support of LGBT rights before casting a no vote on the marriage bill, saying, "I'm not voting not against the LGBT community, I'm voting no against this particular act."

Barry says he supports domestic partnerships and will continue to stand behind LGBT citizens, but says it was a difficult

"decision of conscience" that led him to disagree.

Barry commended Catania twice during the vote and even acknowledged that this must be "a proud moment" for him.

Council member Yvette Alexander also voted no on the bill, but she thanked Catania and the LGBT community for continuing to stand with her despite this "difficult" decision. "We all have to be tolerant ... and we need to be open to some of the changes," Alexander said, before reaffirming her no vote.

In recent days, "the only suspense... has been about whether the council would consider amendments the bill to try to assuage some of the concerns the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington has raise about the proposal," reported the *Post*. "Under the bill, church officials are already exempt from having to participate in same-sex wedding ceremonies or celebrations. But if gay couples are allowed to marry, church officials worry Catholic Charities would be forced to extend spousal benefits and adoption services to same-sex couples."

## Houston Elects First Openly Gay Mayor

Houston, Texas (CNN) -- Annise Parker made history Saturday as Houston's first openly gay mayor.

Parker, who served five years as city controller, beat former city attorney Gene Locke with 53.6 percent of the vote in a runoff election.

Both are Democrats who faced off for the second time because neither emerged with more than 50 percent of the vote in the November 3 election.

Parker's election also makes her the second woman to become mayor of Houston. Other cities such as Providence, Rhode Island, and Portland, Oregon, have picked openly gay mayors. Houston is the fourth-largest U.S. city.

Parker's victory is also remarkable because a few years ago,



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Houston rejected a referendum to offer benefits to same-sex partners of city workers. Also, the city sits in a state where gay marriage is against the law.

"Houston is a multiracial, multicultural, international city. And I think my election will send a message to the world that Houston is a city that might surprise a lot of folks," Parker said before the runoff.

Parker, 53, has never shied away from, nor made an issue of, her sexual orientation. She has been with her partner for 19 years and they have two adopted children.

She was elected to the city council and then spent the past five years as city controller. She ran for mayor on a platform of fiscal conservatism.

"I have always stood up for the fact that I am gay. It's part of the resume that I bring to the table, but it's just a piece of the package," she said.

After the mayoral race entered a runoff, conservatives and anti-gay activists mounted an intense campaign against Parker. Houston residents received flyers in the mail that highlighted Parker's support from gay groups and her relationship with her partner.

"There's a certain segment of Houston, there's a certain segment of society that has problems with the issues around sexual orientation," Parker said. "But the citizens of Houston have elected me six consecutive times to public office. They know me, they trust me.

"I think it's a small and shrinking minority of Houstonians who have that attitude and I look forward to it as being mayor of all of Houston," she said.

Turnout was light Saturday. Only 16.4 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots, according to the results from Harris County, Texas, where Houston is located. Locke received 46.4 percent of the vote.

Parker will take office in January, replacing Bill White who could not run because of term limits.

CNN's Ed Lavender and Don Lemon contributed to this report.

## Gay Protections Pass in Utah County

By Christopher Mangum

With an 8-0 vote, the Salt Lake County council Tuesday gave preliminary approval to legislation that would protect individuals from being fired or being turned away from housing on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

"It seems to be noncontroversial," said Democratic council chairman Joe Hatch (pictured) on the expedited vote, reports The Salt Lake Tribune.


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es did draw criticism from the Sutherland Institute, a Utah-based conservative think tank. The new ordinances make exceptions for religious institutions, small businesses, and landlords with few units, but the group also wants exceptions for religious individuals who object to hiring or housing someone

because of a person's sexual orientation.

"If a gay employee or gay tenant can unilaterally invoke the protections of these ordinances, unconditionally, isn't it only fair and reasonable that a person of faith should be allowed to unilaterally invoke the same laws' protections, unconditionally, just as that person's church is allowed to do?" said Sutherland president Paul Mero in a press release on the group's website.

The ordinances will apply to approximately 170,000 people. After Tuesday's vote, the



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county council must formally approve the measures in January before they can become law.

## Brown Pushes Europe On Gay Rights

By Julie Bolcer

British prime minister Gordon Brown is pushing for his country's same-sex civil partnerships to be recognized throughout Europe, including in Eastern Europe, where LGBT rights such as marriage and adoption continue to face significant opposition.

Brown, leader of the Labour Party, spoke with journalist Johann Hari in an interview for *Attitude*, a U.K. gay magazine.

According to the BBC, which reported on the *Attitude* interview, Brown said he wants countries across the European Union to recognize Britain's civil partnerships.

"I'm fighting to get all the countries in Europe to recognize civil partnerships carried out in Britain," said Brown.

"We want countries where that hasn't been



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the case — especially in Eastern Europe — to recognize them. We're negotiating agreements with France and then with Spain," said Brown.

"Of course it will be tough, and will take many years, but that has never ever been a good reason not to fight," he said.

According to the BBC, Brown rejected calls to cut British aid to Uganda, the African country where a bill is pending that could impose the death penalty on gay people. Brown said that "the point about aid is that it saves lives."

## Uganda Criticized Over Anti-Gay Proposals

London, England (CNN) -- Protesters called on the worldwide community to take action against Uganda Thursday as the African nation considers stricter laws against homosexuality.

They compared Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni to some of the world's most notorious dictators.

"In the last five years we have seen Idi Amin return to Uganda and his name is Yoweri Museveni," Ugandan human rights

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# Falling vs. Standing In Love

Michael Kimmel  
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I love working with LGBT couples: they come to me, wanting to improve their communications, work out problems between them and deepen their love. In couples' therapy, one of the most helpful things I do is to help the couple examine their definition of love. Specifically, we look at the difference between "Falling in Love" and what I call "Standing in Love".



Doesn't everyone want to "Fall in love"? It comes from all those Hollywood movies we've seen, where everything just comes together and – no matter what hell the two people have been through – in the end everything just falls into place as the two lovebirds kiss and fall into each other's arms.

Yeah, right. That's just how it happens, isn't it?

Illusions of how love works create a lot of suffering, whether we're single or partnered. "Falling in love" implies that we're passive and helpless. I don't think this paradigm works well for

anyone. Over time, if we stay in this passive place, we usually get resentful and frustrated. And we wonder why our "love" doesn't feel good anymore. "What happened to our love"? I hear over-and-over again from unhappy couples.

I think we need a new way to conceptualize love. The old Hollywood way doesn't really work, and it gives us crazy expectations that no man or woman could ever meet. This old idea about love sets our relationships up to fail. Let's look at what I call "standing in love". It takes guts, strength and a lot of impulse control to "stand in love". This concept of love emphasizes that we need to be active in sustaining love. It just doesn't "happen"; to make it work, we have to take a stand.

Ugh, I can hear you say. It sounds like a lot of work. Well, yeah, it does take work. But you don't need to be a martyr about it. Most relationships, initially, go along quite nicely. But almost everyone hits a wall that I call "when the glitter wears off". This is the period when you begin to see your partner for who he or she really is. That façade of the first few months begins to wear away and you see this person as they really are: wonderful at times and pretty awful at other times. And, guess what? They begin to see you this way too. Many people bail at this phase, and wonder why their relationships never last more than 2 or 3 months. They don't have the willingness to hang in past the "glitter" stage; they want everything all pretty and romantic and easy. Who doesn't? Unfortunately, this isn't real life...no matter how wonderful your partner is.

Some of my single clients are confused about the difference between romance and love. They date a lot, meet some great people, but soon discover that they don't really know what they

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want. They want romance but settle for sex and then they ask me, "why can't I find true love?" I encourage my clients to question the role of sex in finding a partner. Rather than fall into bed with someone by default, why not think it out ahead of time? If you want "love" or "romance", it helps to get clear on what that means to you - and what role sex plays in the picture - before you go out and meet someone. A lot of hook-ups could have been more "romantic" and likely to lead to "love" if our libidos were not in total charge and our mind and heart were encouraged to participate more in the process of getting to know someone.

When you're in a relationship, don't give up and let your love collapse "when the glitter wears off", e.g., you discover that he has bad breath in the morning or that she snores and you can't sleep. This is when your "fall" into romance is over: you can "stand" in love and see your flaws, your lover's flaws and work them through together...or you can bail. The next time you're tempted to talk about "falling in love", consider "standing in love" instead. Take a pro-active role in creating love in your life by getting clear on what you want from a partner and not settling for less. You have nothing to lose but your passivity.

campaigner Michael Senyonjo told CNN.

"He... is bringing in a bill in an attempt to criminalize being gay," the activist said.

"That is not right. We cannot allow fascism to return to Uganda. He should leave power and go because he is not taking the country anywhere but to disaster," he added.

Under proposed new laws currently being considered by the Ugandan parliament, those who test positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, could face the death penalty.



In addition, those convicted of having gay sex would be sentenced to life in prison, while anyone found guilty of engaging in homosexual relations on more than one occasion would be executed. The proposals could become law before the end of the year.

Museveni has not publicly stated his support for the bill.

Homosexuality is already illegal in Uganda under laws passed in the colonial era, but the new legislation is intended to provide prosecutors with more power.

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**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST**, info at: www.firstcentral.org

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

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am services

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette 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 17<sup>th</sup> Street

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**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9am and 11am & 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 714-8552

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**SECOND UNITARIAN**, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

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

**1st Thursday**  
**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

**1st Friday**  
**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

**1st Saturday**  
**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION**, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for meeting schedules etc.

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

**1st Sunday**  
**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

**2nd Thursday**  
**PFLAG—OMAHA**, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist Church

**2nd Saturday**  
**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**  
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**2nd Sunday**  
**INTEGRITY** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE  
**OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING** (glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

**3rd Monday**  
**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE.**, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)  
**PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)**, Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to [jsandeen@inebraska.com](mailto:jsandeen@inebraska.com) or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

**3rd Thursday**  
**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

**3rd Sunday**  
**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

**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—OMAHA**  
Not currently meeting.

**Last Saturday of the Month**

**NAP HIV TESTING**, 11AM-3PM, WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

**Email Your Event to:**  
**GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

**See, I have open space here for your Event! Send it to me!**

### **Sarah Palin's Senior Health Care Solution**

So you're a senior citizen and the government says no health care for you, what do you do?

Our plan gives anyone 65 years or older a gun and 4 bullets. You are allowed to shoot 2 senators and 2 representatives. Of Course, this means you will be sent to prison.

There you will get 3 meals a day, a roof over your head, and all the health care you need! New teeth, no problem. Need glasses, great. New hip, knees, kidney, lungs, heart? All covered.

And who will be paying for all of this? The same government that just told you that you are too old for health care. Plus, because you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay any income taxes anymore.

IS THIS A GREAT COUNTRY OR WHAT?!

### **C'mon, Please.....**

Husband: Oh, come on.  
Wife: Leave me alone!  
Husband: It won't take long.  
Wife: I won't be able to sleep afterwards.  
Husband: I can't sleep without it.  
Wife: Why do you think of things like this in the middle of the night?  
Husband: Because I'm Hot.  
Wife: You get hot at the strangest times.

Husband: If you love me I wouldn't have to beg you.  
Wife: If you love me you'd be more considerate.  
Husband: You don't love me anymore.  
Wife: Yes I do, but let's forget it for tonight.  
Husband: Please...come on  
Wife: Alright, I'll do it.  
Husband: What's the matter? Need a flashlight?  
Wife: I can't find it.  
Husband: Oh, for heaven's sake, feel for it!  
Wife: There! Are you satisfied?  
Husband: Oh, yes.  
Wife: Is it up far enough?  
Husband: Oh, that's good.  
Wife: Now go to sleep, and from now on when you want the window open, do it yourself.

### **You Gotta Love Oklahoma Girls!**

A girl from Oklahoma and a girl from the east coast were seated side by side on an airplane.

The girl from Oklahoma, being friendly and all, said, "So, where y'all from?"

The east coast girl said, "From a place where they know better than to use a preposition at the end of a sentence."

The girl from Oklahoma sat quietly for a few moments and then replied: "So, where y'all from, bitch?"

### **Midlife Crisis...**

Married 25 years, took a look at my wife one day and said, "Honey, 25 years ago, we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10 inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25 year old blonde.

Now, we have a nice house, nice car, big bed and plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 50 year old woman. It seems to me that you are not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 25 year old blonde, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed.....

# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup), Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

**Camp Kindle**, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, [www.CampKindle.org](http://www.CampKindle.org)

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

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

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

**First Central Congregational Church UCC**, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

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

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming

**Flat Water Bears**, (group disbanded)

**Front Runners/Walkers**, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

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

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for information

**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 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com); Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting

**LinOma Bares**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](http://mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, 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**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info

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

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

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

**Northside Christian Church** 5555 Larimore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contemporary service at 11:00am

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

**Omaha Bi Married Men** Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>

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

**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact [omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for more info.

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

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org), meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

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

**Prairie Bares**, male nudist group, no further info available

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

**Rainbow Celebrations**, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

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

**River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

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

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

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

**WomenSpace**, no current info is available

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

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

## LINCOLN BASED

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

**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact [unlqsa@yahoo.com](mailto:unlqsa@yahoo.com) for info

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

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

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000

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

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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

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

**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: [ptetreaultl@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreaultl@unl.edu) / [www.unl.edu/cglbtc](http://www.unl.edu/cglbtc)  
**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,  
**Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880

## Iowa Based

### **Council Bluffs Community Alliance**

[www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)

### **Council Bluffs Pride**, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.org)

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

**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site**: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

## Nationally Based

### **Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and**

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

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

## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### **Omaha:**

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

### **Lincoln:**

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)	435-8764
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)	475-2269

**Would you like to have the Gayzette at your  
Place of business? Email your request to:  
[news@rainbowoutreach.org](mailto:news@rainbowoutreach.org)**

*(Uganda Anti-Gay Proposals, Continued from page 13)*

## N.Y. Gov. Paterson to Extend Trans Protections

By Julie Bolcer

Less than two weeks after a stunning defeat for marriage equality in the New York state senate, Gov. David Paterson plans to issue an executive order that would extend antidiscrimination protections to transgender state employees.

The New York Times City Room blog reported Tuesday morning on the executive order, which Paterson is expected to announce at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center in Manhattan Wednesday morning.

"The order, which the governor plans to sign on Wednesday, represents the broadest protections ever extended to transgender public employees in New York State," reports the Times. "A number of cities throughout the state, including Buffalo, Albany, Rochester and New York City, already prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity or gender expression."

The executive order, which represents the limits of the governor's authority to provide trans protections, only covers state employees who work under the executive branch.

More comprehensive legislation to outlaw discrimination based on gender identity and expression, called the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act, has passed the state assembly but awaits action in the state senate.

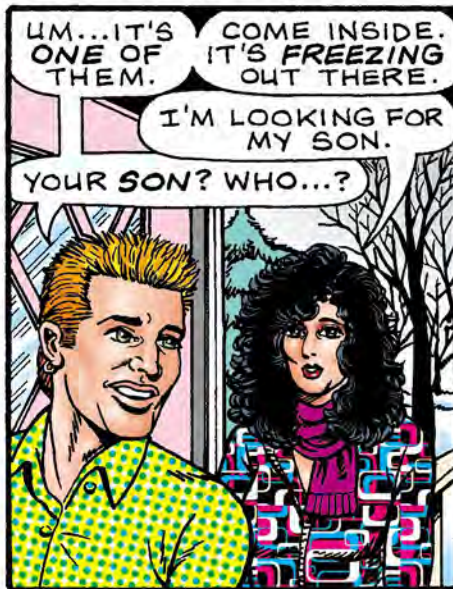


**N.Y. Gov. David Paterson**

# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



OH, MY GOODNESS... THE EIGHTIES ARE IN TOWN.  
CAN I HELP YOU?  
IS THIS THE GAY BED & BREAKFAST?



UM... IT'S ONE OF THEM.  
COME INSIDE. IT'S FREEZING OUT THERE.  
I'M LOOKING FOR MY SON.  
YOUR SON? WHO...?



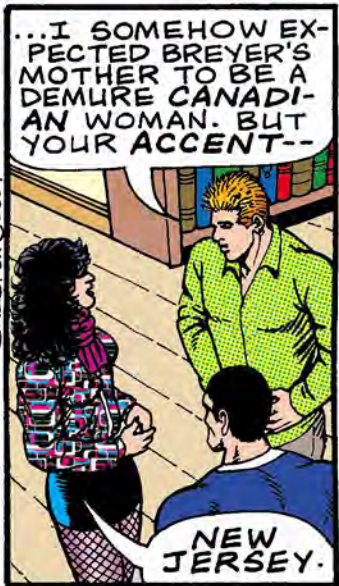
GLORIA.  
OH MY GAWD! BREYER!!! MY BABY!!!



LOOK AT YOU... SO TALL... HANDSOME!  
WHAT HAS IT BEEN, NOW? FIVE, SIX YEARS SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU?  
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.  
"SOMETHING LIKE THAT". SO SERIOUS! JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER!



I'M NOTHING LIKE MY FATHER.  
SO, GLORIA...  
... I'M RICHARD, BY THE WAY...



... I SOMEHOW EXPECTED BREYER'S MOTHER TO BE A DEMURE CANADIAN WOMAN. BUT YOUR ACCENT--  
NEW JERSEY.



I FOLLOWED THE DEAD UP TO TORONTO IN THE SEVENTIES... FELL IN LOVE WITH A DRAFT DODGER NAMED PETE.  
IT DIDN'T WORK OUT. BUT THEN I MET BREYER'S FATHER... TALL, SEXY CANADIAN GOYEM. BREYER SHOWED UP A YEAR LATER!



DON'T LEAVE OUT THE PART WHERE YOU TOOK OFF WHEN I WAS FIVE... AND LEFT ME TO BE RAISED BY A VIOLENT DRUNK.  
OH, BREYER... I'M SURE RICHARD DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT. NOW, WHERE'S THE BATHROOM? I HAVE TO PEE. BAD.



YOU KNOW, NICK AND HIS MOTHER RECONCILED A FEW WEEKS AGO. MAYBE YOU AND GLORIA WILL, TOO.  
MAYBE YOU SHOULD MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, RICHARD.  
AS IF THAT'S AN OPTION...

## Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



You need to be alive if you want to go to work, get married, take your dog to the groomer, or play on your bowling team. That seems like a common sense thing to say and it is. However, into my office walked "Excuse #217" yesterday and common sense never came with him. Let's call him E217 for the sake of this article.

E217 came to me because he is 150 pounds overweight and wants a change. He was so excited about losing all the fat and had images of what he'd look like all those many pounds lighter. He just couldn't fathom how he'd find the time to accomplish the daunting task.

I mentioned that he could get up early and train with me. His retort was that he rises early each day for conference calls with the London office. Apparently Nigel is unforgiving with absenteeism for these half hour sessions. E217 then heads off for his day at work and therefore a post-conference call workout session appears futile.

My next suggestion involved a lunch hour workout routine. E217 slapped the handcuffs upon this idea almost as suddenly as it was spoken by me. He eloquently explained the numerous client lunches that he hosted during the midday hours. He informed me that he had landed many important contracts through this means and wasn't likely to walk away from this lucrative lunch hour routine.

I scratched my head and suggestions #1 and #2 from my list. With limited fanfare but enthusiasm I presented my third option of training in the evenings. E217 was quick to point out his enrollment status as a part-time student in the MPA program at the state university. Two classes and six credit hours equate to four weeknights of sitting through soporific lectures on statistics and global economics.

E217 headed me off at the pass with my next proposals for working out. He stated his desire to be with his significant other on Saturdays for meaningful leisure time. He wanted some time to be with the love of his life. Sundays were identified as belonging to studying for those business courses and Sunday evenings were scheduled as sacred time for the bowling team. E217 was a seven year veteran of the "Alley Cats" and wasn't eager to relinquish this social tradition.

I was forced into the corner and came out clawing! E217 had told me at the outset he wanted candor and a harsh reality of getting the workout training done. I did my best to honor his request.

I gave E217 a brochure for the local funeral home and urged him to make an appointment for pre-planning. I told him that he very likely would not be around to finish his schooling or to continue adding contracts at work or to roll a 220 at the lanes on Sunday evenings.

Nothing else matters if you aren't around to be here for it. Nothing is as important as your health. It is the foundation for

everything. It is that simple but yet I will get Excuse #218 in my office later this week and he will have the same song and dance. Do yourself a favor and use common sense. Without YOU the rest just doesn't mean a thing!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who wishes you all a Happy Holiday Season! This festive guy is Ron Blake and you can send your glad tidings to [www.myblakefitness.com](http://www.myblakefitness.com).

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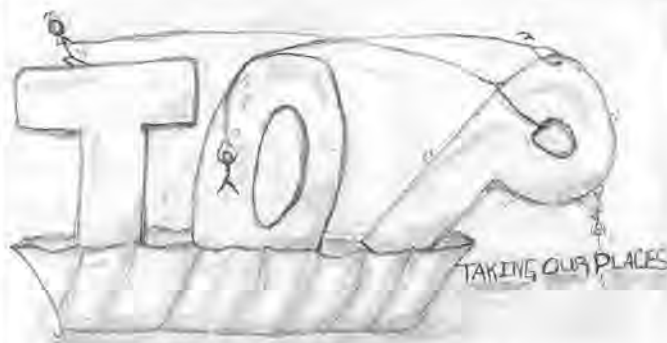
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## Taking Our Places

Trans People Education and Support Organization

**Come as you are! We do not discriminate against anyone!**

T.O.P. is an organization dealing with trans issues and the community. Fun, exciting, educational and new ideas at every meeting. Come join us as friends, allies and those who support trans issues. Be a part of a growing community organization in educating the public.

First Meeting on the second Saturday of every month, starting January 9th, from 6PM to 9PM, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

Contact [Posha\\_Towers@yahoo.com](mailto:Posha_Towers@yahoo.com)  
or [Jodi\\_p07@yahoo.com](mailto:Jodi_p07@yahoo.com)

**SATURDAY 19TH**

**Madeline Feinstein's Annual  
"An Evening In Imperial Russia"  
6pm Door - 6:30pm Show**

**SUNDAY 20TH**

**The Annual Miss, Mr &  
Mister Max Christmas Show  
10pm**

**SUNDAY 27TH**

**NE Pride 2010 Benefit  
10pm**

**THURSDAY 31ST**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY  
Starts at 9pm**

