



Mayors Take Stand Against Their States' Anti-Gay Policies

By Lydia O'Connor, The Huffington Post



City leaders from several states with gay marriage bans took a stand for marriage equality Monday at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Dallas, when they signed a resolution calling on the Supreme Court to end marriage discrimination nationwide.

Despite their states' bans on same-sex marriage, mayors from Arizona, Texas, Ohio, Colorado, Missouri and Georgia were instrumental in the resolution's passage. Among the signers were Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, Houston Mayor Annise D. Parker and Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed.

"The United States Conference of Mayors reaffirms its support of the freedom to marry for same-sex couples and urges the federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, to speedily bring national resolution by ruling in favor of the freedom to marry nationwide," their statement reads.

The resolution was also signed by Kevin Faulconer, the Republican mayor of San Diego who serves as a chairman of Mayors for the Freedom to Marry.

Freedom to Marry President Evan Wolfson applauded the resolution in a press release from his same-sex marriage advocacy group.

"From small towns to big cities, America's mayors know that including gay couples in the freedom to marry does nothing but strengthen families and communities for all," he said. "The U.S. Conference of Mayors has made it clear that it's time for the federal appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court to follow the lead of numerous states and a wave of over 20 federal and state courts and bring an end to marriage discrimination nation-

wide. A year after the Supreme Court demolished the arguments propping up marriage discrimination, it's time for the Court to finish the job and rule in favor of the freedom to marry once and for all."

Starbucks Raises Gay Pride Flag Over Seattle Headquarters

Starbucks marked the 40th anniversary of Seattle Pride by raising an enormous 800 square foot rainbow flag over its headquarters in the Evergreen State.



On hand to witness the raising of the flag on June 23 was Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, who has long been an outspoken advocate for same-sex marriage and other lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Rights.

"We are thrilled that Starbucks is showing their support for the LGBT community in this very big, very public way," Adam McRoberts, Communications Director for Seattle Pride, said in an email statement. "The flag flying over their headquarters will welcome thousands of visitors coming to Seattle to celebrate Pride this week and is a testament to the support Starbucks has shown the LGBT community over the years."

The Seattle-based international coffee giant has been subjected to conservative criticism for its support of the LGBT causes. Earlier this year, the Americans for Truth about Homosexuality's Peter LaBarbera fired off at Starbucks in a blog post, saying that his Mother's Day was ruined after viewing a new ad for the Teavana Oprah Chai Latte which featured "snuggling Starbucks lesbians" in what he described as "an alphabetic homoerotic embrace."

In 2012, the National Organization for Marriage (NOM) launched an international "Dump Starbucks" campaign after Starbucks joined a then-growing list of major corporations by publicly endorsing same-sex marriage legislation in Washington state.

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Gay US Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney is Now a Married Man

By Greg Hernandez

US Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney and longtime partner Randy Florke got married over the weekend in New York.

Although they are technically newlyweds, the couple has been together for more than 21 years and have three children.

The couple exchanged vows at the Church of St. Mary-in-the-Highlands in Cold Spring, New York, according to CBS New York.



It was on Christmas Day that Maloney, 47, and Florke, 51, got engaged as a present to their kids. They had previously vowed to wait to get married when marriage equality had reached every state in the US.

Same-sex marriage is currently legal in 19 US states plus the District of Columbia.

Maloney has represented New York's 18th congressional district since 2013 - the first openly gay person from the state in congress. He is only one of two members of the House of Representatives with a same-sex partner.

The lawmaker served in the Clinton administration as senior West Wing adviser and White House Staff Secretary then was the First Deputy Secretary to New York Governors Eliot Spitzer and David Paterson.

25 Retired Republicans Back Gay Marriage for Michigan

By Andrew Potts

Michigan's Republican Attorney General may have a harder time appealing a court decision to strike down his state's ban on same-sex marriage after 25 retired lawmakers and leading figures from his own party joined the case in support of marriage equality.

Attorney General Bill Shuette is trying to reverse a federal district court decision legalizing same-sex marriage in the his, but the group of retired Republicans has now filed a 'friend of the court' or amicus brief in which they present a 40 page rebuttal to arguments commonly used to argue against same-sex marriage.

Further more they argue that supporting same-sex marriage is consistent with their values as Republicans and the spirit of the US Constitution.

The group of Republicans includes both members of the feder-



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al and Michigan state Houses of Representatives, senior party officials, strategists and staffers, with standouts including former state House speaker Rick Johnson and former majority floor leader of the state House Christopher Ward.

In their amicus brief the Republicans argue that there is 'no legitimate, fact based justification for different legal treatment of committed relationships between same-sex couples,' and that, 'social science does not support' any of the issues cited by the State of Michigan in opposing same-sex couples from being able to marry.

'This court should protect the fundamental right of civil marriage by ensuring that it is available to same-sex couples,' the brief reads.

The brief goes on to state that the court striking down Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage would not be an example of 'judicial activism,' but merely part of the court's duty to 'set aside laws that overstep the limits imposed by the Constitution.'

A federal appeals court for the Sixth Circuit announced earlier this week that it will hear challenges to marriage bans in all four states that it covers simultaneously – deciding the issue for Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee all together.

More Faith Groups Join Federal Suit to Overturn N.C. Same-Sex Marriage Ban

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and the Alliance of Baptists are joining as plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit challenging North Carolina's ban on same-sex marriage.

The United Church of Christ filed the lawsuit in April, challenging North Carolina's state ban on same sex marriage, claiming the ban is a violation of freedom of religion.



The suit is believed to be the nation's first faith-based challenge to same-sex marriage bans.

Now, more clergy members are joining the suit, saying they'd like to perform same-sex marriage ceremonies in their congregations, but that they can't because of the "unjust law."

As it stands, North Carolina law makes it illegal for rabbis, priests, ministers and other religious officials to solemnize the marriage of same-sex couples on an equal basis with opposite sex couples without fear of criminal prosecution and civil penalty.

"This precludes rabbis from participating in one of the fundamental aspects of our Jewish religious traditions with respect to a specific segment of their congregations and communities," said Rabbi Steven Fox, Chief Executive of the CCAR, in a statement.

"Depriving rabbis of the freedom to conduct same-sex marriage ceremonies in North Carolina stigmatizes our religious beliefs and relegates many of our congregants and community members to second-class status," he said.

With more than 2,000 rabbis in the U.S., Canada and beyond, the CCAR is the largest Jewish rabbinic movement in North America and represents an estimated 1.5 million Jews worldwide.

The Alliance of Baptists began in 1987 and is composed of male and female laity and clergy, people of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, theological beliefs and ministry practices.

"By the joining the lawsuit in North Carolina, we are living deeply into our Christian values and offering a clear, Baptist voice for justice and religious liberty," Alliance President Mike Castle said in a statement.

Additional plaintiffs include local clergy from other faith traditions and same-sex couples in Charlotte, Asheville, Concord and Huntersville, reports the Charlotte Observer.

The case is General Synod of the United Church of Christ vs. Cooper. It is one of four federal lawsuits challenging North Carolina's constitutional ban, which was approved by voters in 2012.

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The BLUEBARN Theatre to Break Ground on New Facility

The BLUEBARN Theatre will break ground on Monday June 23rd on its new facility to be built at the corner of 10th and Pacific Streets, in the center of Omaha's historic Old Market South and Dahlman Park neighborhoods.

The first stand-alone theater to be built in Omaha in a generation, the design brings a unique, flexible, indoor/outdoor performance space unlike any other to the city of Omaha and the surrounding region. The 13,000 square foot, single-story facility is designed by Jeffrey Day and the architectural firm Min | Day, along with theatre design consultant Joshua Dachs of New York-based Fisher Dachs Associates, and is being built by Kiewit Building Group. The theater will include art installations by four local and regional artists: Chris Kemp, Michael Morgan, Daniel Toberer, and James Woodfill.

The building site at 10th and Pacific will contain three separate but integrated components: The BLUEBARN Theatre, Box Car 10 (a three-story property housing condominiums and a street-level restaurant) and Green in the City (a new public park which will be owned and maintained by Blue Barn). The BLUEBARN Theatre and Box Car 10 have both been designed by Jeff Day, enabling a cohesive look between the two buildings. The Green in the City landscape design, by Kansas City-based firm El Dorado, was selected through a national design competition managed by Omaha By Design.

BLUEBARN launched a \$7 million Capital Campaign in 2012, chaired by Nancy Mammel and Kate Noble Weitz, to raise funds for the \$5 million building project plus \$2 million in endowment and increased operating support. To date, 60% of the total campaign goal has been raised. The theater will be completed in May 2015, and Campaign fundraising will continue throughout construction and beyond.

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Betty Crocker Sponsors Twin Cities Festival, Donates Wedding Cakes

By James Nichols, The Huffington Post

Well isn't this sweet!

Betty Crocker is once again making moves to show their support for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community and same-sex couples.



For the second year in a row, the company will act as an official sponsor for Twin Cities festival, aka Minneapolis Pride. Betty Crocker will also ask Pride attendees what "home" means to them and share their responses with the "#HomemakerPride" hashtag. Those responses will be used to create a mural at the Betty Crocker Pride booth.

The company also announced this week that they will donate wedding cakes to a number of same-sex couples getting married during Pride on Saturday, June 28 in Minneapolis' Loring Park.

"Pride is a way for us to really bring our brand purpose to life by celebrating all families," Pertec Spencer, marketing manager for Betty Crocker, said in a statement. "Not only will we be able to continue the great work we did last year, we'll be able to gain deeper insights into today's modern homemaker as part of our national survey."

Jason Hanna And Joe Riggs, Texas Gay Fathers, Denied Legal Parenthood Of Twin Sons

By Michelangelo Signorile

It's heartbreaking to think that a state has erased the parents of children and put a family in legal jeopardy, simply because of discrimination against gay and lesbian couples. But that's what happened to a gay couple in Texas after what they described as the "magical" birth of their twin boys.

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Jason Hanna and Joe Riggs are the proud fathers of Lucas and Ethan, who were born in April, after they'd connected with a surrogate mom, CharLynn.



Each of the men is a biological father to one of the babies. But, because Texas has a ban on gay marriage (it was ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge last February, but the decision was stayed pending appeal), and because a judge can use his or her own discretion in these cases, neither of the men is currently on the birth certificates of either of the boys, nor have they been able to co-adopt each other's biological child.

Only the surrogate mother — who has no biological relationship to the boys, since embryos were transferred to her — is on the birth certificates. In essence, the men are not legally defined as the parents of their own children. And though they have DNA tests for proof, they're worried, particularly if something were to happen to one of them while the other still has

not been able to co-adopt the other's biological child.

"As of right now in Texas two men cannot be on the birth certificate," Jason Hanna explained in an interview with me on SiriusXM Progress. "So our attorney followed the letter of the law. We petitioned the court. We had DNA testing there [in court] and petitioned the judge to ultimately remove the surrogate mother from the birth certificate, who has no biological ties to the boys. We would like each biological dad to be placed on the birth certificate of our own son, and then ultimately proceed to the second-parent adoption. The entire petition was denied."

Jason Hanna and Joe Riggs met four years ago and knew they wanted to be together and raise children, so they saved their money, knowing it would be a costly process. They married last July in Washington DC, where gay marriage is legal, and then went back to Dallas to celebrate their wedding with family and friends in August. They found a surrogate mom, and this past April the twins were born.

"We were sworn in and ultimately the judge was saying that with the information she had in front of her, under Texas law she couldn't grant it," Riggs said of their appearance in court last week. "I was shocked. We had a ton of questions as we walked away from that courtroom."

It was particularly jarring to Hanna and Riggs because other gay couples in Texas,

including friends of theirs, have successfully completed this process. The couple's lawyer has offered them several options on bringing the petition back, changing the paperwork and the process. But there's no question that if their marriage was legally recognized they would not be having this problem at all.

"In order to grant a second-parent adoption [automatically under current law], it has to be between two married people," Jason explained. "And so, considering we're not legally married in the eyes of Texas, they don't have to grant that second-parent adoption because they don't recognize our marriage... It's up to the judge's discretion on whether or not to grant it."

Hanna and Riggs worry, as they wait for the next step, because they're in a scary legal limbo.

"Without [co-adoption], if something happened to either me or Joe we don't have any legal recourse to keep the other's biological child," Hanna said. "The state could come in and separate these two brothers... We want to reiterate how important it is for a state to recognize each family, whether it's same-sex or opposite-sex, and really to ensure everyone has equal protection from the state."

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Six South Dakota Couples Sue, Seeking to Overturn State's Ban on Gay Marriage

By Greg Hernandez, GaystarNews

Six same-sex couples filed a federal lawsuit on Thursday, 22 May, seeking to end South Dakota's ban on gay marriage. The plaintiffs include a couple who were denied a marriage license in South Dakota this week and five couples who got married in other states but live in South Dakota and want the state to recognize their unions.



The lawsuit, filed in US District Court in Sioux Falls, leaves neighboring North Dakota as the only state with a gay marriage ban that is not being legally challenged.

It comes on the same week that successful court cases in Oregon and Pennsylvania resulted in same-sex marriage becoming legal in those states.

Cases are pending in 30 states while gay marriage is now legal in 19 states plus the District of Columbia.

The Associated Press reports that South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said he is obligated by law to defend the ban which was passed by voters in 1996.

Porn Producer: PrEP Drugs Like Truvada Help Porn Performers, But They Don't Replace Condoms

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has officially encouraged the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medications as a method of HIV prevention, but that doesn't mean drugs like Truvada will change the role of condoms in the making of pornography.

Peter Acworth, the founder and CEO of porn site Kink.com, joined HuffPost Live's Ricky Camilleri on May 16 to share his take on the necessity of condoms. Though he is excited by the results of Truvada, he doesn't have plans to lift his policy that all actors on Kink.com must wear condoms in their scenes.

"If someone shows up at our door and says, 'I'm on Truvada, I don't need to use condoms,' we've only got their word to take for it, so we wouldn't feel comfortable relaxing our condom-mandatory policy," he said. "I don't see this as a replacement. The highest-risk people, I think, should be using condoms and taking PrEP."

Still, Acworth believes PrEP's benefits are important to the industry.

He added that porn actors' personal sex lives are not monitored like their professional performances, meaning intimate encounters outside of work are often more dangerous than what happens on set. That means Truvada can keep outside infections from infiltrating the workplace, Acworth said.

"There have been occasional people test positive, and there's been moratoriums that have taken place, so we've stopped shooting, we've retested the performer pool and we've determined that those infections happened off set," he said. "So the other exciting thing about Truvada is that it could potentially protect performers during their off-set interactions at home, which no bill, no law is going to change what people do in their own time."

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Are You Full Blown Gay Yet?

BY Eliel Cruz

“Are you full blown gay yet?”



My friend, who I hadn't seen in years, asked me this question in no less than five minutes into our reunion. I was looking forward to catching up on everything that's happened, but the question was a punch in the gut. I was no longer excited to see her. Our transition from teenage years to young adults hadn't changed her misconceptions on bisexuality. Like her misconceptions, my identity hadn't changed.

She isn't alone in her thinking. There are many straight and gay people who really don't know what it's like to be a bisexual person in a "hetero or homo" world. Bisexual people's identities are usually forgotten, ignored, or simply erased for the more palpable binary.

I've been out as bi for about 10 years. I knew what I was before I even knew there was a term for it. Growing up I only heard gay or straight and I actually believed you had to choose between your attractions. But my attractions never changed. I didn't have to choose. My sexuality is just wonderfully fluid.

The thing is, many people see bisexuality as transitory. For

them, it's a pit stop to gayville or as some like to say, "bi now, gay later." And yes, that's true for some people.

Coming out is a hard thing to do when you are raised in a society that expects you to function in heteronormative boxes. When you come out, you're telling the world their assumption of your heterosexuality is false. For some, coming out as bi is a step toward acceptance of your queer identity.

It's really not only for your family and friends, but also for yourself to grab onto what little hope you have that maybe one day you can actually fall in love and marry someone of the opposite sex. Though for these people, eventually they come out as lesbian or gay and their friends and family see their bisexuality as some sort of "phase." They even believe that bisexuality may in fact only be a term used for those trying to brace the impact of coming out. Here's the problem—my sexuality isn't a phase.

Coming out is difficult and if you need to use bisexuality as a transition, go ahead. I would rather you come out as bisexual than live closeted and deal with your queer identity alone. But for the rest, we must realize that while some people use bisexuality as a stepping stone to coming out, for most of us, it's not a pit stop — it's our destination.

It's somewhat ironic that gay and lesbian people say the same thing to bisexual people that they heard when they came out. How many times did people hear from their parents it's "just a phase" or "you'll grow out of it." It's extremely patronizing and eliminates your right to self-identify. And there are a lot of us that self-identify as bi. According a 2007 survey in which 768 self-identified lesbian, gays, and bisexuals participated, approximately half of LGB people identified as bisexual. That's a lot of people to be going through a "phase."

It's really not a phase then, but why do so many gays and lesbians make fun of it?

I think a lot has to do with the fact many just don't understand it. Just like straight people don't understand gays and lesbians, they can't relate to something they're not personally experiencing. But if we keep creating new standards for sexuality, and heck even gender, we're only limiting the fluidity of it. Because whether you understand it or not, we exist and we're part of the community.

The entire assumption that someone's sexuality is a phase is essentially saying that no matter how a person chooses to identify on a spectrum, they haven't fully arrived. It's that the assumed end destination of being gay or lesbian is the goal and that until we've reached that goal, we have yet to achieve our queer identity. That understanding is linear and limiting and it's invalidating of a legitimate sexuality. Fluid sexualities are not "lesser" than those who choose to identify in the binary. They're just fluid and complex with a larger capability for love.

My friend eventually apologized and just rolled her eyes as I chided her for being so careless with my sexuality. Just like she didn't want me to mistake her Hispanic heritage, I didn't want her to mistake my sexual identity. We still talk. Last time I saw her I asked her "Are you still full blown Ecuadorian?"

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NCLR Looks to Ban 'Ex-Gay' Therapy Nationwide

By Sunnivie Brydum

After helping California and New Jersey successfully pass legislation to outlaw the use of so-called ex-gay therapy on minors, the National Center for Lesbian Rights is taking on the practice nationwide in a new campaign.



#BornPerfect: The Campaign to End Conversion Therapy (<http://www.nclrights.org/bornperfect/>) hopes to hammer the final nail into the coffin of the outdated, debunked practice of "reparative therapy," also known as "sexual orientation change therapy," which attempts to turn gay people straight. The practice has been discredited by every major psychiatric, medical, and mental health organization in the country, with the American Psychological Association — and several other prominent health groups — denouncing the practice as harmful, and likely to increase dangerous behavior, including suicidal ideation.

The new campaign involves working with activists, organizers, lawmakers, and citizens to enact legislation in all 50 states outlawing the use of "reparative therapy" on minors by licensed therapists and counselors within the next five years. NCLR hopes to accomplish this by providing state legislators and LGBT leaders with comprehensive resources to build local campaigns against the discredited practice, then continuing to work closely with lawmakers and advocates as they draft legislation and testifying in support of such bills in state legislatures. The legal group is already in touch with a number of LGBT adults who were subjected to such treatment as children and can speak directly to the harm it caused them.

"By 16, I had lost everything," said Ryan Kendall, a Colorado native who is now 31 and a recent graduate of Columbia University with plans to attend law school. "My family and my

faith had rejected me, and the damaging messages of conversion therapy, coupled with this rejection, drove me to the brink of suicide. I am lucky that I survived, but I will never be able to recover the years I lost to feeling worthless and suicidal because a therapist convinced my family that being gay is a mental illness and that who I am is shameful and wrong. These practices are child abuse, pure and simple."

Kendall and other "ex-gay" survivors have worked closely with NCLR and other LGBT groups to support legislative efforts to ban the discredited therapy in several states — with legislation introduced this year in Minnesota, New York, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington State, Washington D.C., and Wisconsin. At press time, none of those bills had passed their state's full legislature — some died in committee, while others were not brought to a vote before the end of the legislative term. Find a comprehensive list of the status of legislative efforts in each state at NCLR's website (<http://www.nclrights.org/bornperfect/>).

In 2012, California became the first state to prohibit licensed therapists from engaging in efforts to change the sexual orientation of minors, with New Jersey enacting a similar law the following year. Both laws were challenged and subsequently upheld in federal court.

Radio Hosts Fired for Transphobic Segment

By Joe Morgan, GaystarNews

Two New York radio hosts were fired for making transphobic comments during their show, it was announced today (22 May). Kimberly and Beck, the hosts of 'The Breakfast Buzz' on 98.9 The Buzz, described trans people as 'nutjobs' in a disturbing, offensive segment broadcast yesterday.

The hosts were responding to the city of Rochester's decision to offer transgender health benefits to employees. In the segment, they play Aerosmith's 'Dude Looks Like A Lady' and repeatedly misgender trans people. Following the hateful comments made, LGBTI people responded in anger.

An Empire State Pride Agenda spokesman said: 'Not only did

the hosts conflate sexual orientation and gender identity and make the ill-informed leap from medically-necessary care to elective surgery, they also degraded LGBT identities more generally, including the outrageous contention that transgender people are “nut jobs”. They note providing transgender New Yorkers with medically necessary health care is a cost-saving measure. “Taxpayers will likely see savings related to mental health, suicide attempts, HIV, substance abuse and other costs that occur when transgender people cannot get their transition-related health care needs met.”

As the outrage grew, the radio station announced they would be suspending the pair. Kimberly then said in a tweet, (her account since deleted, responding to the controversy, She said: ‘Freedom of Speech includes the freedom to offend others. You aren’t granted a right to not be offended in this life #getoverit #ROC’

And now, the radio station has fired the radio show hosts. A spokesperson for Entercom Rochester said: ‘This morning Entercom fired Kimberly and Beck effective immediately. ‘Their hateful comments against the transgender community do not represent our station or our company. ‘We deeply apologize to the transgender community, the community of Rochester, and anyone else who was offended by their hateful comments. ‘We are proud of our past work on behalf of the local LGBT community and we remain committed to that partnership.’

Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

Lift Others as You Climb

Advertising urges us to see aging as a failure. This is where role models and mentoring come in. When I was a young gay man, I saw very few older LGBT men or women who had lives that looked appealing. I’m sure they were out there, I just didn’t see them or know them.

A client gave me the phrase: “Lift others as you climb”. It struck a chord in me. After all, helping others as you grow and move up the ladders of success and happiness is a benefit to both you and the recipient of your largess.

If we all move up together – and don’t leave anyone behind – what a major win for our community. If we move up ourselves and use it as an opportunity to feel superior to others who haven’t had our gifts, talents or good luck, we are sabotaging our community and making ourselves feel better at someone else’s expense. This is what insecure people do: they live out some version of “I’m so great and you’re a loser.”



Who’s the loser then?

This sounds easy, but it’s not. How often have you been able to rejoice in someone else’s good fortune? Or do you secretly look for some flaw in them that you can focus on. For example, “Well, yeah, he does have a good relationship, but he’s not too bright.” Or “She is very successful, but she’s such a bitch.”

Another way to lift others as you climb is to be a mentor to others. A mentor is someone that helps, supports, and gives guidance to another person. It can be an older person mentoring someone younger or when a more experienced person teaches, helps, and gives advice to a less experienced person.

A mentor has moved beyond preoccupation with self to foster the growth of the person being mentored. This relationship is good not only for the receiver, but for the giver. The mentor benefits in many ways: it is good for your self-esteem to help someone else. It is very good for us older LGBTers to feel connected and appreciated by younger LGBTers.

If you want to feel alive and worthwhile, giving something back to your community is a great way to do so. Many people, as they age, become more rigid. They make their worlds smaller and smaller, so they can feel in control. This is a perfect set-up for an unhappy, bitter old age. Don’t go there.

Aging well requires expanding your world, not contracting it. One of the best parts of getting older is getting wiser. Sharing your wisdom is a path to a happy elder-hood. After all: what good is wisdom if you keep it to yourself? Don’t you wish someone had mentored you when you were young, confused and trying so hard to figure out how the LGBT world operates?

Mentoring relationships can provide valuable support to young people. Mentors can help guide younger LGBTers through the difficult developmental stages that accompany the transition into LGBT adulthood.

Traditionally, mentoring was mostly about offering career guidance. But let’s take it further: mentors in our community can also serve as role models for leadership, interpersonal and problem-solving skills.

Mentoring is not using the illusion of helping to find a hot, younger boyfriend/girlfriend or to get into someone’s pants. When mentors have these kinds of intentions, it makes it harder for anyone wanting to be a legitimate mentor to be trusted. If you want a younger partner, be clear on that. That’s not mentoring. Elders of the community: be clear about your intentions and honest with young people on what you expect from them. Don’t drag mentoring into the dirt: keep it clean, honest and real.

Who do you want to be when you turn 50, 60 or 70? Bitter and cynical elders don’t get that way by accident. A lifetime of envying other people and tearing down others who are successful is the path to an unhappy old(er) age.

Lifting as you climb is a great remedy to this: as you become older, wiser, wealthier and more successful, you reach out a hand to others to help them follow you on the path.

Don’t you wish someone had done this for you?

GAYZETTE EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center**
(mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

**We are closing the Center as
of December 2nd.**

**The Gayzette will continue to
be published and our hotline
and web site will be contin-
ued.**

**We appreciate the past sup-
port for the Center but it be-
came clear that it was time to
close and become a virtual
Center. We feel we can ac-
complish much more for the
GLBT community in this way.**

**Thanks,
George Broadway
Board Chair and Gayzette editor
Email: Gayzette@cox.net
Www.rainbowoutreach.org**

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:
AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ELCA, 3647 Lafayette Ave., Omaha GLBT
friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-
house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional
Worship at 11am

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, 9:30
a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m.
"traditional service"

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-
MOUS** 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 17th Street
in Lincoln, NE.

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

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anony-
mous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819
South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-
8552

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

SECOND UNITARIAN, Sunday morning
services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, [in-
fo@2uomaha.org](mailto:info@2uomaha.org), 402-334-0537

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

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

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

Every Tuesday
HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet
Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session).
Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [aander-
son@hastings.edu](mailto:aander-
son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at
jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

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

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

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

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

**NAMI LGBTIQ CONNECTIONS PEER-
SUPPORT MEETING**
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Lasting Hope Recovery Center –
North Annex Conference Room, Recovery sup-
port group for people living with mental health
challenges. Call NAMI Nebraska at
402-345-8101 for more information.

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday
FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to
10pm at Flinx 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

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

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

3rd Monday

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

3rd Sunday

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM
is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet
at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs
— see website for more information at
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

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

Catholic Dog

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish coun-
tryside with only a pet dog for compa-
ny..

One day the dog died, and Muldoon
went to the parish priest and asked,
'Father, my dog is dead... Could ya' be
saying' a mass for the poor creature?'

Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not;
we cannot have services for an animal
in the church.... But there are some
Baptists down the lane, and there's no
tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll
do something for the creature.'

Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Fa-
ther. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to
donate to them for the service?'

Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet
Mary, Mother of Jesus!'

Why didn't ya tell me the dog was
Catholic?

Brothel Trip

An elderly man goes into a brothel and
tells the madam he would like a young
girl for the night. Surprised, she looks
at the ancient man and asks how old he
is.

'I'm 90 years old,' he says.

'90!' replies the woman. 'Don't you real-
ize you've had it?'

'Oh, sorry,' says the old man. 'How
much do I owe you?'

Walmart Greeter

Two hours into my first day of work as
a Wal-Mart greeter, an ugly woman
came in with her two kids. Hearing her
swear at them, I said, 'Good morning,
welcome to Wal-Mart. Nice kids, are
they twins?'

The mom answered, 'Hell no, they ain't
twins. The oldest one's 9, and the other
one's 7. Why would you think they're
twins? Are you blind or stupid?'

I replied, 'I'm not blind or stupid. I just
couldn't believe someone slept with you
twice. Have a good day, and thank you
for shopping at Wal-Mart.'

My supervisor said I probably wasn't
cut out for this line of work!

Stress Reliever

Girl: 'When we get married, I want
to share all your worries, troubles and
lighten your burden.'

Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling,
but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well that's because we aren't
married yet.'

Good Manors

Son: 'Mom, when I was on the bus
with Dad this morning, he told me to
give up my seat to a lady.'

Mom: 'Well, you have done the right
thing.'

Son: 'But Mom, I was sitting on dad-
dy's lap.'

Little Larry

A new teacher was trying to make use
of her psychology courses. She started
her class by saying, 'Everyone who
thinks they're stupid, stand up!' After
a few seconds, Little Larry stood up.
The teacher said, 'Do you think you're
stupid, Larry?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate
to see you standing there all by your-
self!'

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Larry watched, fascinated, as his
mother smoothed cold cream on her
face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?'
he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,'
said his mother, who then began re-
moving the cream with a tissue.
'What's the matter, asked Larry
'Giving up?'

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The math teacher saw that Larry was-
n't paying attention in class. She
called on him and said, 'Larry! What
are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Larry
quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN
and the Cartoon Network!'

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Larry's kindergarten class was on a
field trip to their local police station
where they saw pictures tacked to a
bulletin board of the 10 most wanted
criminals. One of the youngsters
pointed to a picture and asked if it
really was the photo of a wanted per-
son. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The
detectives want very badly to capture
him.' Larry asked, "Why didn't you
keep him when you took his picture?"

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Little Larry attended a horse auction
with his father. He watched as his
father moved from horse to horse,
running his hands up and down the
horse's legs and rump, and chest. Af-
ter a few minutes, Larry asked, 'Dad,
why are you doing that?' His father
replied, 'Because when I'm buying
horses, I have to make sure that they
are healthy and in good shape before I
buy. Larry, looking worried, said,
'Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to
buy Mom ..'

'OLD' IS WHEN...

Your friends compliment you on your
new alligator shoes and you're bare-
foot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles
out of your face.

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firsttuomaha.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 Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, 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., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

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

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: hanegaypride@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 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537, LGBTQ 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, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000

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

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 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, Con-

tact 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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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 402- 346-3549
Flixx , 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
Side Door Lounge, 3530 Leavenworth 402-504-3444

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

The Hungry Homo

Baked Veggie Casserole

Veg out tonight with this egg and vegetable casserole that makes for a mouthwatering main meal or scrumptious side dish. When you are looking for a way to integrate more veggies into your recipe repertoire, look no further than this all-in-one dish.

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 large green bell pepper, finely chopped
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Ground cumin to taste
- 1 (15 oz.) can lima beans, drained
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 4 eggs
- 1 tbspr. butter, cut into pieces

Methods/Steps:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in onion, and cook 5 minutes, until tender. Stir in garlic, green bell pepper, and tomatoes and then season with salt, pepper and cumin. Reduce heat, and simmer 15 to 20 minutes.

Mix beans into the onion mixture. Stirring occasionally, cook 10 minutes. Toss in parsley, and transfer to a medium baking

dish. Break eggs over the top, dot with butter, and season with salt and pepper.

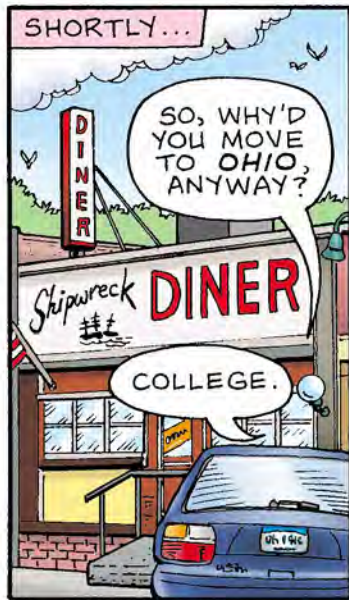
Bake 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven, until the eggs are cooked through.

Additional Tips:

PREP TIME 15 Min
COOK TIME 45 Min
READY IN 1 Hr
Makes 4 servings



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



Brunei Law To Allow Death By Stoning For Gay Sex

by James Nichols. The Huffington Post

The United Nations has responded to the nation of Brunei, a sovereign state in southeast Asia, where officials are reportedly set to roll out a new penal code including death by stoning as punishment for same-sex acts.

Other offenses referenced in the revision of capital punishment regulations reportedly include "rape, adultery, sodomy, extra-marital sexual relations for Muslims, insulting any verses of the Quran and Hadith, blasphemy, declaring oneself a prophet or non-Muslim, and murder."

The revised penal code was slated to go into effect April 22, according to Gay Asia News and other media outlets.

"Application of the death penalty for such a broad range of offenses contravenes international law," Rupert Colville, spokesperson for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said in a statement. "We urge the Government to delay the entry into force of the revised penal code and to conduct a comprehensive review ensuring its compliance with international human rights standards," he told a news conference in Geneva.

Brunei has reportedly not carried out any executions since 1957.

Brunei is the latest in a series of countries to pass anti-gay laws that could result in extreme punishments for those engaging in same-sex acts.

In February, Uganda's president signed a bill that calls for first-time offenders of same-sex acts to be sentenced to 14 years in jail, and "repeat offenders" could receive life in prison.

Additionally, Nigeria has a similar anti-gay law that makes same-sex relationships illegal and sets penalties of same-sex acts at up to 14 years in prison.

Free HIV testing



226 S 9th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
402.261.6756



Testing at Karma is available the 2nd & 4th Monday
of each month
8:00 to 10:00 pm

provided by Nebraska AIDS Project



Call 402-552-9260 with any questions or for more information.

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

NAP:
77th & Dodge St.
Wednesday
1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only)
5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in)
Thursday
1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only)
5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in)



Flixx Lounge:
10th & Pacific St.
1st & 3rd Mondays of each month
8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in)

RESPECT Clinic
50th & Ames Ave.
(Located in Baker Square Plaza)
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month
5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in)

Know your status. GET TESTED!

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



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

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

www.nap.org
402-552-9260

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