



Marriage Bill Introduced in Maryland Senate

By Advocate.com Editors

The marriage equality bill was introduced in the Maryland senate Tuesday morning. Debate is scheduled to begin Wednesday on the measure, which has the required 24 votes to pass the chamber.



The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act passed the senate's judicial proceedings committee last Thursday by a vote of 7 to 4. The bill included three amendments, including one on protecting religious institutions that is expected to be the subject of prolonged debate in the full senate this week.

The Wonk Room offers audio of the introduction.

Gov. Martin O'Mally has promised to sign the marriage equality bill, which is expected to pass the house of delegates.

Meador admitted to Berman that "Sonka had posted a blog entry in January saying that it was the patriotic duty of his readers to send a flamboyantly gay couple to the event."

Mark Looy, chief communications officer for the Creation Museum, told Berman promotional materials for the event made it clear it was for heterosexual couples only.



"The message was one of Christian marriage, which the Bible teaches is between a man and a woman," Looy said.

Meadon said the group was attending the event out of curiosity, not to cause a scene. He said to his knowledge neither Sonka nor his male guest are gay and that the two were not refunded the \$71.90 cost for the two tickets they had purchased online.

Creation Museum Bars "Gay" Couples

By Advocate.com Editors

A same-sex "couple" was told they couldn't attend a date night event at the Creation Museum in Kentucky and, according to reports, they weren't even issued a refund for their tickets.

Mark Berman writes for *Opposing Views*: "According to Jonathan Meador, who is a writer for the Louisville-based *LEO Weekly* alternative newspaper, he, his female guest and another man were waiting to enter the event on February 11th. When the other man, Joe Sonka, told security personnel that the date for whom he was waiting was another man, they were told they would not be allowed in.

"Meador and his female date were allowed to attend. 'On the website, there was no mention of sexual orientation,' he said."

Returning Pride TO Pride... Heartland Pride Updates

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We met with a representative of ConAgra this week who has pledge \$1,500 in support for pride! We are most excited for this partnership. They will also be providing snacks for Kids Korner!

Tony Melton has joined our pride board. Tony will be taking the place of Duane Schomer who due to family obligations, was unable to continue. Tony is the Chief Engineer at the new MidTown Hotel, Element! Look for Tony's photo and bio soon! Our board meetings, the 1st Monday of each month at 6pm, will be now held at the Element Hotel (32nd and Dodge)

Rebel Interactive is starting work on our web site. We are most excited to see what they will be able to produce! Our temporary web site is up www.heartlandpride.org It is not too fancy AND it does have most all the information you need! PRIDE GUIDE ADVERTISING and PRIDE VENDOR BOOTH. Sponsor and Parade entry forms will be posted soon!

(Heartland Pride Updates, Continued from page 1)

ganizations." "Rainbow Pride" is the legal name for the two previous organizations known as Rainbow Celebrations and Nebraska Pride. They now produce all activities relating to NCOB (National Coming Out Day.)

If you have not already, please mark your calendar, invite friends and plan to attend our show on Saturday, March 5th 6pm doors, 7pm show. Joe DeSanti has really put some new entertainment together! The Max will be home to this show involving some unique live talent that we have not seen before! AND this will be the night that we will draw for raffle prize winner

for the Diamond Foundation/Heartland Pride "Night with Lady GaGa" tickets!" We will have some pre show sales \$2 each buys a chance to win two tickets to see Lady GaGa, dinner for two at Dixie Quicks and a hotel stay at the Double-Tree downtown.



Heartland Pride

Two areas of pride that are growing are Kids Korner (Thanks to our Sponsor Cox Communications!) We are VERY excited about the programming that is being done. Bring your children 12pm-4pm for some great activities. In addition, the Nebraska Human Society is heading up our Pet Zone! We are working with one of Omaha's favorite landscapers to bring in sod and other accessories to help soften the area for our pets!

Harrah's continues to work very hard at securing entertainment for the CBCA and CFEP Pride Night at Harrah's. We look forward to sharing the headliners name and concert date as soon as it has been set.

Our board meeting is the first Monday of each month. Our Operations

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For up-to-date information on pride, tune in to our FaceBook Page: Heartland Pride

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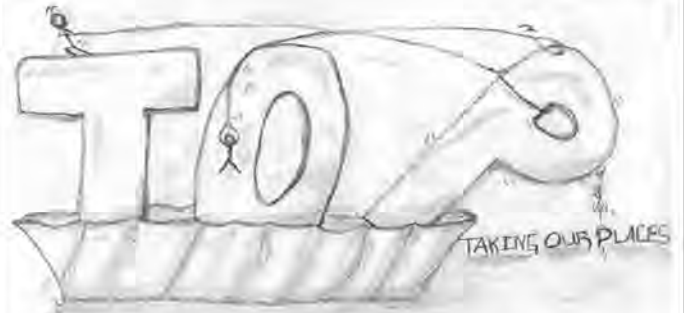
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Phelps' Daughter Admits She Was Abused

By Advocate.com Editors

Shirley Phelps-Roper admitted in an interview Monday that her father, the head of the Westboro Baptist Church, physically abused her and her siblings as a way to indoctrinate them to church dogma.

Phelps-Roper appeared on The David Pakman Show, talking about the group Anonymous, which is attempting to take down the online operations of the Westboro Baptist Church. During that interview, Pakman asked Phelps-Roper about claims made by her estranged brother Nathan Phelps, who said he and his siblings were abused as children.

According to a press release from the show, posted by Pam's House Blend, Phelps-Roper said hitting children was part of "teaching children exactly like their creator told them to do it."



GOglbt Update

GOglbt will be holding their next meeting on March 3rd from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (3105 North 93rd Street - parking available on the west side of the building).

Please join the Friends of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland for an interactive educational event about sexual health. Dr Tina Flores (UNMC) and Lisa Schulze (Health Educator for PP Heartland) will talk briefly on prevention of STIs and pregnancy in all communities, the importance of taking care of your sexual health, and their own professional observations and insights as sexperts in the field! .

This is about you!! The format is audience driven so please come with questions. Wondering about that female condom? How to talk with your partner about safer sex? How do I get over being embarrassed? We strive to create a safe space to discuss these critical issues. It's not just public health, it's YOUR health.

This will be an informational presentation as well as a candid and enjoyable discussion about keeping sex safe and your body/mind healthy! You will also have a chance to win prizes as well as learn more about the efforts of the Friends of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland! For more information, go to GOglbt.org.

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Life Without Pills

Michael Kimmel
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Many of my clients – at some point – consider anti-depressants. You know anti-depressants: they're those pretty little pills that make ugly, weepy people into happy, beautiful people who run through fields of flowers (at least on TV commercials). It sounds too good to be true, and often, it is.



Anti-depressants are very helpful for lots of people, but they are not the end-all for depression. I'm not a doctor, and yet I've seen that for many of my clients, they don't work so well, or there are side effects (weight gain, nausea, dry mouth, headaches, sexual dysfunction) that make them not worth the trouble. When you want to feel less depressed, medication is only ONE alternative. To feel better without taking pills, try these "Anti-Depression Lifestyle" suggestions:

- Do some kind of exercise every day; at least 20 minutes every day. It needn't be the gym, but it needs to be something strenuous enough to get an endorphin lift: these "natural" anti-depressants are better than anything money can buy.
- Do not isolate. This is important: even if initially you don't enjoy it, force yourself to be around people. Slowly increase your social contacts and you'll be less self-obsessed and won't feel so alone in your sadness.
- Force yourself to say hello to at least 3 people a day. Practice being approachable and pleasant-looking. This may sound obvious, but many people look unapproachable and aren't aware of it. If you feel really brave, you could even practice flirting a little bit!
- Avoid alcohol or recreational drugs. Alcohol is a depressant and you know where that takes you, and the aftermath of recreational drugs is often intense sadness and loneliness.
- No anonymous sex. This is not the time to put yourself out there and risk rejection or have sex that leaves you feeling empty and lonely.
- Get out in nature, be around trees, flowers and plants...or the ocean, or the desert. Let Mother Nature work her soothing magic on you...plus you can check out all those good-looking men and women in jogging/hiking shorts.
- Spend time around animals, if you like them (and if you don't, I feel sorry for you). If you have animals, this is the time to let them comfort you. Even goldfish are good listeners...you can imagine what they'd say! Animals are proven depression lifters. No animals of your own? Volunteer to walk a friend's dog or hang out with friends who have pets...petting a sweet dog or an adorable cat can be more effective than any anti-depressant.
- Watch what you eat and drink. If you're tempted to eat junk food, (1) get yourself out of the house and eat at a

healthy place or (2) buy some healthy food and make a nice, simple meal for yourself. A junk food diet contributes to depression (especially the highs and lows of large amounts of sugar and caffeine), so feed yourself healthy stuff and you'll feel less depressed.

- Make yourself get dressed and leave the house, even on non-work days. Stay in bed if you're tired, but not if you're sad. My rule of thumb is: it's okay to stay in bed for the morning, but not for the whole day.
- If you're depressed, let yourself have a good cry whenever you can. It's cathartic, and you're likely to feel better after. Keeping strong emotions inside is not good for your mind or body.

Sometimes, depression or anxiety is too much for us. If you have suicidal feelings, pay attention to them. Do not ignore them. This is a sign that you need professional help. Call your doctor, therapist or go to the nearest hospital emergency room if you experience suicidal feelings. Get professional help! Don't try to do it alone. Get professional help.

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Delaware: New Group Eyes Civil Unions

By Michelle Garcia

Delaware Legislative Hall Delaware's new-

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This event will be held in the social hall at MCC-Omaha, 819

ly formed gay rights group has hit the ground running, launching a public push to legalize civil unions for the state's gay and lesbian couples.

Equality Delaware's first meeting, attended by about 120 people, resulted in the unveiling Thursday of the campaign to get civil unions. State Rep. Melanie George and Sen. David Sokola have signed on to be the lead sponsors of the bill, which they said will



likely be filed in mid-March, according to the News Journal (Wilmington, Del.).

According to the group, about 700 Delaware couples would enter a civil union within the first few years the law takes effect.

In addition to granting gay and lesbian couples the same rights as married couples have in the state, the civil union law would also rescind current policies that fine and imprison same-sex couples who fraudulently present themselves as married couples. It would also establish religious freedom protections for clergy, and ensure that same-sex marriages from other states be recognized in Delaware.

Equality Delaware president Lisa Goodman told the News Journal that there is enough support to legalize civil unions, but full-on marriage equality would probably be an unsuccessful battle.

Gay Art Controversy in Washington State

By Advocate.com Editors

A tiny gallery in Vashon, Wash., has been forced to remove art that the building's owners found objectionable because of its gay content.

The Two Wall Gallery is located within a building owned by Louise Rice, her husband Ray Rice, and daughter, Wendy Rice. The gallery, really two walls in a hallway of a retail building, operates rent-free, and the owners say it's their discretion as to

what art is appropriate to be shown. The Rices objected to the work of two artists, one being Greg Davila, who had photographs of semi-nude gay couples.

"The entire homosexual content was part of it," Ray Rice told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "We have a right to critique what goes on in the building. They can do whatever they want to do, but Louise didn't think it was appropriate to show the homosexuals doing their thing in the building, and that's her prerogative."

The Rices made it clear they don't want curator Jack Strubbe, who is gay, organizing any more shows in their gallery. In the meantime, all the works that were taken down are being shown at a store across the street from the Two Wall gallery.

Olympian Pushes Tourism to Help N.Z.

By Michelle Garcia

In the aftermath of the earthquake that rocked New Zealand, openly gay Olympian Blake Skjellerup is urging people around the world to come to his country as a way to help it find its financial footing.

"For those who want to help," the speed skater wrote on Facebook, "save your pennies and make that trip to New Zealand you have always wanted to do in a year from now. Christchurch is truly an amazing city. Today is its darkest day and my



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Rosie and Tracy Break Up

Rosie O'Donnell and her girlfriend Tracy Kachtick-Anders have parted ways after one year of dating, but their families remain close.

By Advocate.com Editors

Rosie O'Donnell and her girlfriend Tracy Kachtick-Anders, known for combining their 10 children into the "Gay-dy Bunch," have split after a year of dating.

The Huffington Post reported on the recent breakup, citing a report in the New York Post's Page Six.

"This would be the second split in three years for O'Donnell, who broke up with longtime partner Kelli Carpenter, with whom she has four children, in 2007 -- though the breakup wasn't made public til November, 2009," reports HuffPo.

Kachtick-Anders, an artist and LGBT adoption rights advocate, has six children, and O'Donnell jokingly referred to their combined family as "the Gay-dy Bunch."

According to the Post, an O'Donnell source said the ex-couple

never lived under the same roof with all their children, but the still see each other frequently and the children are very close.



AUTISTIC LICENSE

SNAP! Productions is pleased to announce the mounting of a production of the nationally renown **AUTISTIC LICENSE**, by Stacey Dinner-Levin.

Opening March 3rd and running through March 27, 2011, the play chronicles the struggles of a family dealing with a special needs child.

Autistic License is the autobiographical account of one family's journey to raise a son with autism. From the time that her child is diagnosed at age three, "Mom" leads us through the challenges and milestones of living with autism. An omnipresent interviewer acts not so much as a guide, but rather a sounding board, as she moves along this uncharted path. We learn from her experiences, the impact this disability has on her marriage, and family, while witnessing first hand the best and the worst of people who encounter her son in the outside world. As a result of living with disability, not only does she come to a greater understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness of her child; but also gains greater depth as individuals.

"Autistic License is a docudrama, a true-to-life play that takes audiences on the rollercoaster ride of raising a child with autism. It's a sometimes exhausting, sometimes exhilarating, frequently terrifying trip that informs, enlightens and entertains. Dinner-Levin knows her material cold and delivers it with unflinching honesty." ~Pioneer Press

M. Michele Phillips will direct this revealing, passionate and funny play with the help of a brilliant cast that includes SNAP! veterans Echelle Childers, Michal Simpson, Matt Allen, Jerry Evert, David Mainelli, Therese Rennels and Gina Wagner. SNAP! is also thrilled to welcome back after a ten year absence, the very talented Patricia Lilyhorn Martin.

The Autistic License production staff is just as stellar as the cast - Jessica Brumm-Larson (Stage Manager/Understudy), Brian Callaghan (Asst. Director/Lights/Sound), Tom Lowe (Producer), Liz Heim (Costume Design), Mark Cramer (Light/Sound Design), Connie Fowler (Properties Design) and Adam Nathan (Set Design).

Buy your tickets now for this uniquely entertaining show. Autistic License will run from March 3 - 27, 2011 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, March 27th show will start at 2:00 pm. There will be a Tag Nite Out/Preview performance on Thursday, March 3, 2011. There will also be a special signed performance for the hearing impaired on March 13.

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ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, 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, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT 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

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

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00pm, Thursday and Friday Walk-In from 5pm to 9pm, & at the Respect Clinic walk-in from 5:30pm to 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday
CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS
 Club Passion Party

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON 7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

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

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

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

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

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

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

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

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

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

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

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

Every Other Friday
CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at Broadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB) starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

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 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 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

1st Monday

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

1st Wednesday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.us for meeting schedules etc.

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 Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

TOP TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 6 to 9pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)

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

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS

6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Sunday

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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

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

Last Kiss

A tough looking biker was riding his Harley when he sees a girl about to jump off a bridge so he stops. "What are you doing?" he asks.

"I'm going to commit a suicide," she says.

While he did not want to appear insensitive, he didn't want to miss an opportunity so he asked "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a kiss?"

She does. A long, deep, passionate kiss. The kind we all really love.

After she's finished, the biker says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had. That's a real talent you are wasting. You could be famous.

Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl!"

A Woman goes to the Doctor all Black and Blue ...

Doctor: "What happened?"

Woman: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every time my husband comes home drunk on beer he beats me to a pulp."

Doctor: "I have a real good medicine for that. When your husband comes home drunk on beer, just take a glass of sweet tea and start swishing it in your mouth but don't swallow.

Just keep swishing and swishing until he goes to bed in his beer stupor."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.

Woman: "Doctor, that was a brilliant idea. Every time my husband came home drunk on beer, I swished with sweet tea. I swished and swished ,and he didn't touch me!"

Doctor: "You see how much keeping your mouth shut helps?"

Lucy's uhhh... "portrait" was eventually unframed. She beat the hell out of Charlie. Good thing they were already at the hospital. The doctor had a great story to tell at the next medical convention! The bridge girl decided to use her talents and got a job in the adult film industry and made a pile of money. The biker jumped off the bridge to his death... dumb biker... it was only a kiss! The black and blue woman is black and blue no more... but she lost all of her teeth from all that sweet acidic tea. I guess it beats being black and blue

Wet Paint!

Charlie's wife, Lucy, had been after him for several weeks to paint the seat on their toilet. Finally, he got around to doing it while Lucy was out.

After finishing, he left to take care of another matter before she returned.

She came in and undressed to take a shower. Before getting in the shower, she sat on the toilet. As she tried to stand up, she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the toilet seat. About that time, Charlie got home and realized her predicament. They both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever. Finally, in desperation, Charlie undid the toilet seat bolts.

Lucy wrapped a sheet around herself and Charlie drove her to the hospital emergency room.

The ER Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her. Try to get a mental picture of this..

Lucy tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before."

The Doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen lots of them. I just never saw one mounted and framed."

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,
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

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

Diamond Foundation, making a difference
through music and education, call 877-87-
DIAMOND/www.diamond-foundation.org

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

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

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

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Street, 402-345-3039,
www.firstuuomaha.org, GLBT Wel-
coming 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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see
www.hgra.us 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 3rd
Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center,
www.icon.impcourt.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 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship
at 7pm

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anony-
mous, 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 appoint-
ment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20
minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

NebraskaEquality.org, Find out every-
thing 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 Bud-
dhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-
9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT
inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Lar-
imore Ave., Contemporary service Satur-
day night at 5:30pm

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

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

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League,
See www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org for
more information

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026
Social/Support Organization for African
American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website:
www.travel.to/outabout
Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

**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**
Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064
291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-
omaha.org](http://www.pflag-
omaha.org), email 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

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

River City Gender Alliance, for info see
www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

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

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

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

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE
68108 www.snapproductions.com

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

TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Satur-
days at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Oma-
ha, 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 un-
lqsa@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, Lin-
coln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian
Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimber-
ly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: [http://
pflag.ineb.org/](http://pflag.ineb.org/)

**Planned Parenthood, F2M and Question-
ing 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 in-
clusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in
Lincoln
info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094
TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska.

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

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org
Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspide.org
Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

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

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2011.

The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made on the SNAP! Productions' website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00 general admission, \$12 for Students, Seniors and TAG Members. Special Thursday Night Pricing is \$10 for all tickets. Any questions about tickets call 402-341-2757.

5 Real Estate Tips for LGBT Homeowners Who Want a Faster Sale in 2011

LGBT home sellers should understand that it is still a buyer's market and that the average time it takes to sell a home is more indicative of a bear market than it is of a bullish one. With that in mind, LGBT homeowners who hope to sell in 2011 are encouraged to be proactive about marketing their properties while avoiding common pitfalls. Otherwise homes may languish on the market without attracting even a nibble. That can be really demoralizing and frustrating for sellers who are already somewhat impatient due to the tough challenges that the real estate market has presented over these past few years.

Here are five expert tips to help LGBT home sellers in 2011:

#1

Start Planning Now

Many homeowners wait until they have hired a Realtor to start strategizing about how to market their homes, but those who plan ahead will also come out ahead in the end. During the frigid month of February, for example, it may be too soon for buyers to start shopping for houses. But it is an ideal time to begin prepping a home for a faster springtime sale. Do minor repairs, add cosmetic paint to interior surfaces, update fixtures and appliances, or just focus on getting rid of clutter and packing up items that can be stowed away to make rooms and closets look tidier and larger.

#2

Pricing is the Name of the Game

Once it is time to list the home, price it right the first time instead of engaging in too much wishful fishing around for an unreasonably high offer. Today's buyers are pragmatic and they crunch the numbers before they even go out to see property. So homeowners who hope to set a high price and then later lower it if they do not get enough buyer interest run the risk of losing valuable time as other competing homes sell because they are more sensibly priced. Keep in mind that the pool of qualified buyers who can get their mortgage loans approved in this economy is limited, while the inventory of wonderful homes at great prices is huge. Don't leave money on the table by offering a home too cheaply, but don't price it so high that it gets priced right out of the market.

#3

Convert Lookers into Buyers

In a real estate market with fewer buyers, it is important to

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, 1414 South 13th St.	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th 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: Gayzette@cox.net

make every viewing count. If the home does not look its very best the first time a potential buyer makes an appointment and comes to tour it, they will not return again and they certainly won't make an offer. Coordinate every showing with the Realtor to ensure that before the buyer steps onto the property the curb appeal is alluring, the home is clean, and any excess clutter is gone or stored away so that the square footage of the house is not disguised but emphasized. Open the curtains and blinds, turn on a few lights, take the pets to the park, and feel confident that the buyer will see the home in its most attractive and marketable condition.

#4

Don't Hurry Up Just to Wait Around

But it is also important to have Realtors screen buyers carefully ahead of time, to make sure they have strong financial support to make a purchase. Jumping at the first good offer that a buyer makes may be exciting, but it also means that the home will have a sale pending. That status typically discourages other potential buyers from looking. If the home is held up by a pending transaction that later falls apart because the buyer did not qualify for a mortgage, precious time is lost. This is especially true in springtime when home sales are more robust than at other times of year. By the time a LGBT seller realizes that the buyer isn't qualified it may be too late to take advantage of the busiest selling season of 2011.

#5

Concede a Battle to Win the War

Don't blow a great opportunity to complete a sale because of minor squabbles or conflicting personalities. It is better to concede a minor negotiation of terms and conditions in order to close the sale than it is to win an argument by sacrificing the entire transaction. To ensure smoother negotiations, home sellers should only work with listing agents with whom they communicate exceptionally well and feel a natural rapport. LGBT sellers often find those qualities easier by shopping for Realtors who are actively supportive of the LGBT community.

Without a doubt, 2011 is the best time in years for LGBT homeowners to successfully market their property. Follow these tips and it is possible to not only attract qualified buyers but also enjoy a quicker sale – with potentially higher profits – while overcoming many of the aggravating hurdles faced by other sellers.

To find real estate professionals devoted to serving the LGBT community, visit www.GayRealEstate.com, or call toll free 1-888-420-MOVE (6683). The site is home to the largest online network of LGBT Realtors in the world.

Rahm Emanuel Wins Chicago Mayor Race

By Advocate.com Editors

Rahm Emanuel has been elected the new mayor of Chicago in a landslide victory.

The former White House Chief of Staff has nearly 55 percent of the vote with 88 percent of precincts reporting. Former Board

of Education President Gery Chico is in second place with 24 percent, City Clerk Miguel del Valle has nine percent and long time civil rights advocate Carol Moseley Braun is in fourth with eight percent of the vote.

Longtime LGBT ally Richard Daley decided not to seek reelection in September.

Emanuel, a former congressman from Illinois, stepped down as White House chief of staff last year to prepare his run. He has been endorsed by Equality Illinois PAC and the Human Rights Campaign.

ChicagoPride.com reported Tuesday morning: "Emanuel, who received the endorsement of over 200 LGBT community leaders and advocates including openly gay state Rep. Greg Harris (D-Chicago) and state Rep. Deborah Mell (D-Chicago), has approached 50 percent in opinion polls but his numbers have since dropped in recent polling."



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



ALL SET TO SEE "ROLE/PLAY"?

ACTUALLY, BREYER... MY MOTHER JUST CALLED.



UH-OH.

SHE NEEDS ME TO TAKE HER TO HER DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

SHE'S NOT GREAT AT DRIVING IN THE SNOW.



I'LL DRIVE.

DON'T BE SILLY. THERE'S NO REASON WE SHOULD BOTH MISS THE MOVIE.

ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU ALREADY BOUGHT TICKETS TO THE MATINEE SHOW.



I'LL GET RICHARD TO GO IN MY PLACE.

HE LOVES ROB WILLIAMS' FILMS.



RICHARD?!

YES. I THINK HE COULD USE SOME COMPANY.

HE'S SEEMED SO... DISTANT LATELY.



UM...

...I CAN'T GO TO THE MOVIES WITH RICHARD, KYLE.

WHY NOT?

I'D RATHER NOT SAY.



HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'D REALLY RATHER NOT GO INTO IT.

BREYER... TELL ME.



ALL RIGHT. RICHARD... MADE A MOVE ON ME.

WHAT? OH, BREYER...

...HAHAHA... YOU KNOW RICHARD. HE'S ALWAYS JOKING AROUND. YOU CAN'T TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY!



HE RAMMED HIS TONGUE DOWN MY THROAT... HE PRACTICALLY TORE OFF MY T-SHIRT AND MY BOXERS... AND HE WAS BEGGING ME TO HAVE A SECRET ONE-NIGHT STAND WITH HIM.

IT WAS NO JOKE.

I... SEE.



OKAY... I'M DRIVING US TO YOUR MOM'S DOCTOR APPOINTMENT. I DON'T WANT YOU BEHIND THE WHEEL AFTER GETTING THAT NEWS.

I'M FINE. I... MIGHT NEED TO BREAK SOMETHING, THOUGH.

UH, YEAH... I'M DEFINITELY DRIVING...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



There are moments in life that stop you in your tracks and make you think what it is all about. It could be the death of your good friend, the loss of a job, a home foreclosure, or a separation from your partner of all those many years. These are the moments that can make you a stronger and healthier person...if you allow it.

Your body is under constant attack from viruses and germs. Your body also has an amazing ability to ward off these evil foes and keep you safe and healthy. You must do the same with the omnipresent barrage of negative news and situations that surround your life.

You can't ignore the bad news that occurs. Your body does not ignore the lurking masses that are on a seek and destroy mission. Your white blood cells find these irksome invaders and eliminate them. However, these cells remember the details of these marauding monsters so that they are better equipped to handle any subsequent invasions.

You can do the same with all the bad moments that occur in your life. You should never ignore the sad and difficult situations that dot your landscape. Face these occurrences and be ready to analyze them so you are better able to handle similar future attacks to your well being.

Look to others to assist you in your times on need when dealing with these moments of mayhem. Your white blood cells don't fight off the bad guys on their own. They have the support of the circulatory system, the brain, the lymph nodes, and many other parts of the body. You would be wise to accept the assistance of others in your dark and daunting moments.

Your friends and family can provide the perfect synergy to get through those times of trouble and struggle. Use these people as a means to minimizing the potential pain that could destroy your health. Encouragement, empathy, and support are what you will need to walk through your fires with fortitude.

Stay focused on the moments of mirth from your past. Look upon the happy memories of your deceased friend. Look upon the skills you learned from your lost job. Look upon the celebrations and excitement that once filled the rooms of your foreclosed home with happiness. Keep your emphasis on the positive side of days gone by to help you stay healthy and happy for today and tomorrow.

Also look around and see what you have currently. You are alive and with that aliveness come great things. You can see the sky, the mountains, the river, and the trees. You can feel the cool wind, the warmth of the sun, and the passionate kiss. You can hear the crashing waves, the rustling leaves, and the dolce symphony of birds. There is still plenty to enjoy even in those difficult times.

Death, destruction, diabolism, and decay are all a part of our lives. Use these moments as a time to make you stronger and healthier. Your other option is to let those difficulties crush your spirit and steal your sunshine. There is a light at the end of your tunnel...keep walking toward it!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who enjoys his pizza crust crispy. That crunchy connoisseur of a guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at rblake5551@hotmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for LGBT Cigarette Smoking Survey

If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender and smoke cigarettes, please participate in a national and anonymous survey study on reasons for adult LGBT tobacco use. The purpose of the study is to better understand ways of being, thinking, and feeling that influence adult LGBT cigarette smoking.

The study is being conducted by Dr. Darrell Greene and Dr. Paula Britton, through John Carroll University and the JCU Education and Allied Studies Department.

Benefit to you as a participant involves contributing to our understanding of the causes of cigarette use in our communities, and your knowledge of helping counselors help LGBT smokers. The study will take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. If interested, please go to the following survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LGBTCigaretteSmokingSurvey>



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