



The Omaha City Council Approves LGBT Ordinance

By: Crystal Browning-Prince

On March 13, 2012, the city council approved a long lasting need in the city of Omaha. The ordinance allows the LGBT population throughout



the city, protection from discrimination in the workforce. The vote was approved 4-3. The council members that approved that showed their loyalty were Festersen, Gray, Germandt and Jerram. Those opposed were Mulligan, Stothert, and Thompson.

Councilman Ben Gray introduced this ordinance for the second time on March 8, 2012. The first time was in 2010 and the council was not ready for the advancement at that time as they were today. In 2010 the negative vote spread a nationwide alliance across the internet. The outcry on the web was astonishing and couldn't be over looked by mainstream media.

In today's victory Thompson told KETV channel 7 news that "Not all people who are against this are bigots." He went on to say that "Sexual orientation should be protected by law. I'm willing to pass an ordinance that says that." While he states he is a supporter of the LGBT community during forums and other social events he didn't show his support today.

KETV issued Mayor Jim Suttle's statement today stating that: "I applaud the City Council for their actions today and I look forward to signing this ordinance into law," Suttle said. "Omaha is a city that welcomes diversity, embraces fresh ideas and is open for business to everyone."

Denmark is Ready to Legalize Gay Marriage

By: Michael Matson

In a press conference held Tuesday, Denmark's Prime Minister Helle Thoring-Schmidt (right) said the government is finalizing a bill that will legalize gay marriage on June 15th. The legislation also allows individual priests to refuse to perform ceremonies for same-sex couples.



"It's an important message for a country such as Denmark to send," said Thoring-Schmidt. "We respect every citizen's choice but we also respect priests' choices, too. It will be up to each priest whether he or she will perform gay marriages, but the government gives all members of the church the right to get married in church, whether they want to marry a person of the opposite or same sex."

In 1989, Denmark became the first nation to legalize same-sex unions. The passage of legislation allowing gay couples to marry will make Denmark the 11th country to do so. Though the Danish parliament previously rejected several same-sex marriage bills, the new legislation containing the priest compromise is expected to pass.

Same-sex marriages are currently performed in Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, and parts of the United States and Mexico.



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DUNKERTON, Iowa (AP) — The principal of an Iowa secondary school that allowed members of a Christian rock band to espouse their anti-gay, anti-abortion views while showing students images of fetuses that had apparently been aborted is resigning, the district superintendent said.

Mike Cooper, who oversees grades 7-12 at the school in Dunkerton, will tender his resignation Monday and remain on the job through the end of the school year, Dunkerton Superintendent Jim Stanton told the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier for a story published Tuesday.

Cooper declined to comment to the newspaper Tuesday about his pending departure, and he did not immediately respond Wednesday to a phone message left at his office by The Associated Press.

Stanton said Cooper's decision is not related to Cooper's recommendation that the district invite the band Junkyard Prophet (at right) to perform at last week's assembly, and said the plan had been "in the works" for nearly a month.

"He simply wants to be a superintendent," Stanton said, acknowledging that the timing of the announcement suggested there might be more to it.

Several students and parents said they were puzzled at why the band was invited to the school in Dunkerton, which is 70 miles northwest of Iowa City. The band is affiliated with a Minnesota group, You Can Run But You Cannot Hide, that describes itself as a Christian ministry and that states its extremely conservative views on social issues on its website. The Southern Poverty Law Center classifies it as a hate group. Students said the March 8 assembly kicked off with a performance by the band and discussion about how some music can negatively influence young people. They said the group then tried to impress upon students that homosexuality, sex and abortion are wrong, displaying images of aborted fetuses on a screen above the stage.



Jennifer Littlefield told the La Crosse Tribune, of Wisconsin, that her daughter Alivia, who is a junior at the school, called her crying so hard after the assembly that she could barely understand her.

"They told my daughter, the girls, that they were going to have mud on their wedding dresses if they weren't virgins," said Littlefield, who also said she didn't appreciate what she described as gay bashing.

"They told these kids that anyone who was gay was going to die at the age of 42. It just blows me away that no one stopped this," she said.

Stanton apologized to students last week and said he shocked by the group's message, which he says contradicts the message of tolerance and acceptance that the district stresses.

At a special board meeting Tuesday night, Stanton outlined a plan for the district to deal with the fallout from the assembly and prevent similar problems in the future, including providing counseling for students and faculty members who request it, bolstering the district's diversity curriculum, notifying parents before future assemblies and vetting future performers more thoroughly.

Some parents said the changes weren't enough and they called on Stanton to resign as well.

"The kids are suffering over this deal and, Mr. Stanton, you signed the checks," Tim Westergreen said. "I respectfully ask for your resignation."

Stanton said he does not plan to quit, and several school board members, including its president, Alen Nagel, said they had no interest in seeing Stanton resign.

If My Credit has some Dings, Can I Get a Home Loan?

So you want to know if you can still qualify for a home loan even if your credit has some dings. The answer to this question, unfortunately, is not black and white.

It really depends on a number of factors. Namely, what type of dings, how recent they are, and what the excuse or reason was for the derogatory credit.

It is definitely possible to obtain a mortgage loan despite having a few minor scrapes on your credit report. For a lot of people, the dings are so old that they either are no longer factored into ones credit score, or the mortgage lender discounts them all together because they are no longer valid.

As I mentioned before, what type of negative credit resides on your report plays a key role in qualifying for a mortgage.

Some things weigh more than others and some things take much longer to fall off than others. If you have something large, such as a bankruptcy, short sale, or foreclosure in your recent credit history you may want to rule out the idea of getting a

mortgage loan. Most lenders look for these things to be at least two years removed from recent history. To completely fall off your credit report they can take anywhere from seven to ten years, and even this is dependent on whether or not the bankruptcy has been dismissed and whether the short sale and / or foreclosure has been paid and reported or remains unpaid. Other large items include judgments or liens which also take years to fall off depending on if they have been paid. These are looked at as highly negative and sometime unlenable.

Other items, such as late payments on revolving credit (credit card and signature lines of credit) and secured credit (auto, boat, or motorcycle loans) weigh much less; unless of course they have been turned over to collections, which happens generally when you are over 120 days late. These, unless they are a few years removed, weigh heavily as well.

In the end, however, it is really going to be up to the mortgage lender and the new guidelines they are required to follow on whether or not they are able/willing to accept said dings.

Lenders providing mortgage loans not backed by the government have their own requirements and each has their own level of leniency.

You will find that just because you might be denied with one lender for a particular credit issue, another may have no problem at all assisting you in purchasing a home! Good luck and do not give up.

Progressive Clergy: Get Perkins Off MSNBC

By Trudy Ring

Gay Episcopal bishop Gene Robinson and other clergy members are calling on MSNBC to cease giving airtime to Tony Perkins, head of the antigay Family Research Council.

"FRC has been designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center for using dishonest, incendiary rhetoric about gay and lesbian Americans," notes a press release from the online action network Faithful America, "but MSNBC has continued offering a friendly venue for Perkins, neither informing their viewers of FRC's status nor including any rebuttal from progressive religious leaders. Perkins has appeared on MSNBC more often this year than on any other cable news network." The clergy group will hold a press conference at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Rockefeller Center in New York City, the building where MSNBC is headquartered, then deliver petitions bearing 20,000 signatures from Faithful America members. "The delegation will remind MSNBC that the hateful views of Perkins and the Family Research Council aren't reflective of the faith community and demand that the network stop inviting him on the air to represent the views of Christians and other people of faith," says the press release.

Gene Robinson

Tony Perkins

Joining Robinson will be four New York clergy members: the Reverend Jacqui Lewis, senior minister of Middle Collegiate Church; the Reverend Michael Ellick, minister of Judson Memorial Church; the Reverend Chloe Breyer, executive director

of the Interfaith Center of New York; and the Reverend Earl Kooperkamp, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Clay Aiken Speaks Out Against Same-Sex Marriage Ban

By Jeremy Kinser



Entertainer Clay Aiken is speaking out against North Carolina's proposed Amendment One, which will ban same-sex marriage, saying it will hurt children by potentially taking away their health care.

Aiken, who came out publicly as gay in 2008 and lives in North Carolina with his three-year-old son, says the Amendment goes too far in defining a family and would create a constitutional amendment defining marriage as being between one man and one woman.

"No matter what we might want a family to look like we can't put something like this into our state constitution, a document that's supposed to protect our rights," Aiken says.

"It will take away protection from kids who right now may have health care because one of their parents has health care at work," he adds.

The North Carolina Same-Sex Marriage Amendment will appear on the May 8, 2012 ballot.

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Dutch Catholic Authorities Al- leged to Have Treated Gays With Castration



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Reports have emerged that in the 1950s, Dutch Roman Catholic authorities approved the surgical castration of young men to "cure" them of homosexuality, including the late Henk Heithuis (pictured), who had accused priests of sexual abuse.

By Trudy Ring

Reports have emerged that in the 1950s, Dutch Roman Catholic authorities approved the surgical castration of at least 10 boys and young men to "cure" them of homosexuality. The Netherlands newspaper NRC Handelsblad has identified one of them, a youth named Henk Heithuis, who in 1956 told police he had suffered sexual abuse perpetrated by priests in a church-run group home.

Henk Heithuis

Then 20 years old, he was castrated "as a treatment for homosexuality and also as a punishment for those who accused clergy of sexual abuse," according to an English-language report in London's Telegraph. He died two years later in an automobile accident.

Joep Dohmen, the journalist who wrote the NRC Handelsblad article, said he has identified at least nine other cases of castration ordered by the Catholic church. "These cases are anonymous and can no longer be traced," the Telegraph quoted him as saying. "There will be many more. But the question is whether those boys, now old men, will want to tell their story."

A church-appointed commission investigating sexual abuse by Catholic clergy since 1945 received information about

Heithuis's castration from an acquaintance of his, prominent sculptor Cornelius Rogge, but did not look into the case further, citing a lack of leads, and did not include it in its official report, published three months ago. Members of the Dutch parliament now want that body to launch an inquiry, and some observers, alleging silence on the matter was politically motivated, do as well. Writes Radio Netherlands Worldwide reporter Robert Chesal: "There must now be an impartial inquiry whose integrity is beyond doubt. Only parliament can fulfill this role."



Parents Angered After School Board Fires Lesbian Principal

By: Michelle Garcia

Parents were in an uproar Thursday night, as the Paradise Valley, Ariz., school district voted to unanimously fire a lesbian high school principal.

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WHAT IS NORMAL?

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Recently, I was shocked to hear a new client tell me, “I don’t want to be gay, I want to be normal.” I have heard other clients say things like: “Gay men are such a mess, I just want a normal guy” and “Where are all the healthy, normal women in this town?”

What is “normal” anyway? Here are some possible definitions I found on various Internet sites:

Standard, usual, expected, regular, common, typical and conventional

As you read these definitions, don’t they sound incredibly boring? They sure do to me.

You might be surprised to know that, in general, psychology doesn’t put a lot of value in the concept of “normal”. It’s an awfully vague idea, you see. What is more useful is the concept of “healthy”. Psychological growth – the business I’m in – is all about finding YOUR OWN idea of healthy and happy.

My idea of “normal” probably isn’t the same as yours. Indeed, how could it be? I grew up on a farm in Ohio; you probably didn’t. My parents were conservative, Republican atheists; yours may not have been. I never lived in a place with more than one stop light until I was in college, you may be a San Diego or LA native.

Since our ideas of “normal” come largely from our experience, the idea of “normal” is really a story we tell ourselves of how we think life should be. And, often, that story brings us nothing but unhappiness.

If our life doesn’t appear to match up with the culture’s idea of happiness, then it’s tempting to think that we’re doing something wrong, and wrong = abnormal. Let’s get beyond simplistic ideas like right and wrong and instead ask more useful questions like, “Is this working for me?” and “Is my life, lover, home, job or social life bringing me what I want?” I think these are much more useful questions than wondering if we are “normal” or not.

And, really folks, do you want to be typical, average or “the usual”? Where is the creativity, the individualism, the fun in that? If you aspire to be some kind of LGBT “clone”, I’d bet it’s because you’re afraid to be yourself. You probably think no one would like or love you if they really knew you. The sad thing is that if you try to get people to like you, they never see the real you and may not like the façade you put on to try and appear “normal”. See how messed up that cycle is?

Fear is normal’s best friend. Confidence is its opposite. Fear tells us to fit in, don’t make waves, make other people happy. Confidence inspires us to be uniquely ourselves, even if others

don’t like it.

Goethe said, “You get no points for consistency.” I think he’s saying that as life changes and gives us new information, consistency isn’t always the best approach. Change and flexibility, while difficult and uncomfortable, are the norm. Oops, I mean, are helpful.

Often, when we come out of our closets, we have a fixed idea of what “normal” should be, and it’s usually chock full of stereotypes. Many people don’t want to come out of their closets because they’re afraid that they’ll never be “normal” if they’re LGBT. All the requirements for “straight-acting” men on Internet dating/sex sites are a continuing sign that ideas of “normal” for all too many of us remain rooted in heterosexist culture.

Holding onto someone else’s ideas of “normal” usually brings us only unhappiness. And honestly, few of us will ever measure up to straight or LGBT culture’s ideas of “normal”. And if we do, we won’t measure up for long, because they change. One year normal looks this way, and next year it looks another. This can be crazy-making if you try to change yourself to follow the norms.

Instead, let’s move beyond ideas of conforming to the conventions of being average, standard, predictable, common or conventional. As LGBT people, we have a long and glorious history of breaking the molds and inventing new ways of living and loving. Let’s not settle for “normal”. We can do so much better than that.



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Earlier this month, Cynthia Davis was told her contract would not be renewed because administrators had a problem with "her leadership ability and style," according to the Arizona Republic. However, several parents expressed their praise for Davis, including Shelly Hickerson, the parent of a former student and a member of the group that decided to hire Davis.

Hickerson wrote a letter to school administrators, claiming that a board member had expressed concern about Davis's "lifestyle."

The Paradise Valley Unified School District voted 5-0 not to renew Cynthia Davis's contract at a meeting that ended with an angry outburst from parents, students, and fellow educators.

Governing-board president Sue Skidmore told the Republic that Davis was let go because of a personnel issue, and would not comment on the full reason as to why her contract was not renewed.

After the board meeting, Davis told the Republic that she has always separated her private life from her career, and that the only way a school board member would have known that she was a lesbian was if someone else disclosed her sexual orientation.

"I never wanted to believe that this



could be the issue but I guess I was wrong," she said. "I don't like this. People should be judged on who they are as a person, not their orientation. This has nothing to do with the job I have done as a principal."

First Lady Stresses Importance of Supreme Court on Marriage Equality

By Neal Broverman

Michelle Obama is reminding voters that their choice for president will affect the fate of marriage equality, since the president makes appointments to the Supreme Court.

The first lady campaigned for her husband Monday in New York City. At a TriBeCa fund-raiser hosted by Robert DeNiro and his wife, Mrs. Obama stressed the importance of the next four years for the Supreme Court. "Let us not forget what [the Supreme Court's] decisions — the impact those decisions will have on our lives for decades to come — on our privacy and security, on whether we can speak freely, worship openly, and, yes, love whomever we choose."

MetroWeekly reports that Mrs. Obama's words were greeted with applause. The first lady made a similar statement at a fund-raiser earlier in the day in Chelsea: "Let's not forget the impact [the Supreme Court's] decisions will have on our children's lives for decades to come — on their privacy and security; on whether they can speak freely, worship openly, and love whomever they choose."

The first lady's communications director is Kristina Schake, a founding board member for the American Foundation for Equal Rights, which spearheaded the successful federal challenge to California's Prop. 8. AFER board president and incoming HRC president Chad Griffin, with a male date, sat next to the Obamas at a recent state dinner.



HELL AND BACK AGAIN

The Oscar-nominated documentary HELL AND BACK AGAIN (dir. Danfung Dennis, 2011) will be the subject of a special screening and panel discussion next month as part of a collaboration between Film Streams and Metropolitan Community College's Military and Veteran Support Services department.

On Wednesday, April 4 at 7pm, the two groups will present a one-time screening of the critically acclaimed film, which explores both the extraordinary drama of war and the difficult transition back to civilian life that many soldiers experience. Following the film will be a panel discussion moderated by Bonnie Bessler, Nebraska Transition Assistance Advisor.

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

Every Saturday

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

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

Every Other Friday

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

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

1st Wednesday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE, at 7:00
pm . See www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship
Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library
info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG—OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Country-
side Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street
Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm –
6:30pm, A progressive community in the Cath-
olic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary
Phone: 402.953.7656
Email: ecuomaha@live.com
Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

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

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,

NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Con-
gregational 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

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3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,
6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.
YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-

coln, ages 13 to 18, FFE: 475-3220. 3-
5:30 pm

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

The Perfect Husband

Several men are in the locker room of a
golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings
and a man engages the hands free speaker
-function and begins to talk. Everyone
else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello."

WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at
the club?"

MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I am at the mall now and
found this beautiful leather coat. It's only
\$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that
much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mer-
cedes dealership and saw the new 2012
models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$90,000."

MAN: "OK, but for that price, I want it
with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more
thingthe house I wanted last year is
back on the market. They're asking
\$950,000."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give
them an offer of \$900,000. They will
probably take it. If not, we can go the
extra 50 thousand. It is really a pretty
good price."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you
so much!!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the
locker room are staring at him in astonish-
ment, mouths agape.... Then he smiles and
asks: "Anyone know who this phone belongs
to?"

The Power of Beer

A man is waiting for his wife to give birth.
The doctor comes in and informs the dad that
his son was born without torso, arms or legs.
The son is just a head! But the dad loves his
son and raises him as well as he can, with
love and compassion.

After 18 years, the son is now old enough for
his first drink. Dad takes him to the bar, tear-
fully tells the son he is proud of him and or-
ders up the biggest, strongest drink for his
boy. With all the bar patrons looking on
curiously and the bartender shaking his head in
disbelief, the boy takes his first sip of alcohol.

Swoooosh! Plop!! A torso pops out! The bar is
dead silent; then bursts into whoops of joy.

The father, shocked, begs his son to drink
again. The patrons chant "Take another
drink!"

The bartender continues to shake his head in
dismay. Swoooosh! Plip! Plop!! Two arms
pop out.

The bar goes wild. The father, crying and
wailing, begs his son to drink again. The pa-
trons chant, "Take another drink! Take another
drink!!" The bartender ignores the whole affair
and goes back to polishing glasses, shaking
his head, clearly unimpressed by the amazing
scenes.

By now the boy is getting tipsy, but with his
new hands he reaches down, grabs his drink
and guzzles the last of it. Plop! Plip!! Two legs
pop out. The bar is in chaos.

The father falls to his knees and tearfully
thanks God.

The boy stands up on his new legs and stum-
bles to the left then staggers to the right
through the front door, into the street, where a
truck runs over him and kills him instantly.
The bar falls silent.

The father moans in grief. The bartender sighs
and says, "He should've quit while
he was a head!"

CONGRATULATIONS OMAHA!

THE NEW CITY ORDINANCE PROTECTING LGBT PEOPLE FROM DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS IS GROUNDBREAKING. OMAHA NOW JOINS 162 CITIES AND COUNTIES IN THE COUNTRY THAT SUPPORT FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY FOR THEIR CITIZENS.

This ordinance would not have passed without the work of **Equal Omaha** and **Citizens for Equal Protection**, leaders like **Mayor Jim Suttle** and **Councilman Ben Gray**, supportive local businesses, and the thousands of residents who wrote, called and met with city council members in support of fairness.

The Human Rights Campaign is proud to have been a part of this fight and is proud to be part of the incredible community of Omaha.



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

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>

*(First Lady Stresses Importance of Supreme Court on Marriage
Equality, Continued from page 9)*

Panelists will include Matt Stevens, Student Veterans of America Chapter President, Metropolitan Community College; Paul Greenwell, At Ease Program Therapist, Lutheran Family Services; and Donna Higgins, OIF/OEF Case Manager, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

More information about the event can also be found, and advance tickets purchased, at http://filmstreams.org/filmstreams_calendar.aspx?ID=889.

Where Can You Find *The Gayzette*?

Omaha:

Door 19, 1901 Leavenworth	402-933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	402-344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway	402-346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St.	402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	402-449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	402-341-0330

Would you like to have the *Gayzette* at your
Place of business? Email your request to:
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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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LANCE? SHOULDN'T DAVE BE WITH YOU? I THOUGHT YOU GUYS CARPOOLED TODAY.

DAVE HAD TO FLY OUT TO VANCOUVER, NICK.

VANCOUVER? HE HAD A CLIENT EMERGENCY.

DIDN'T YOU CHECK YOUR CELL? I BELIEVE HE LEFT YOU SEVERAL MESSAGES.

GEEZ. NO, I... ...I HATE THIS DAMN THING.

DAVE'S ALWAYS TELLIN' ME I NEED TO CHECK IT MORE OFTEN.

WELL, NOW I FEEL LIKE A TOTAL MORON.

I'M ASSUMING BY THE FLOWERS, YOU WERE GOING TO MAKE SOME GRAND ROMANTIC GESTURE?

I WAS GONNA' ASK HIM TO MARRY ME.

OH, REALLY? WHY NOT FLY OUT TO VANCOUVER AND SURPRISE HIM? I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD BE ROMANTIC.

RIGHT. I LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD, LANCE.

I CAN'T AFFORD SOMETHIN' CRAZY LIKE THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'?

BUYING A FIRST CLASS TICKET FOR YOU. IT'S ON ME.

WHA... WHY ARE YOU DOIN' THIS, LANCE?!

BECAUSE I'VE GOT ENOUGH FREQUENT FLYER MILES BUILT UP TO FLY TO THE KUIPER BELT AND BACK.

AND BECAUSE I'M NOT THE COLD-HEARTED WOLVERINE EVERYONE THINKS I AM.

I... CAN'T ACCEPT THIS.

OF COURSE YOU CAN.

NOW, GET MOVING. YOUR FLIGHT LEAVES FROM JFK IN TWO HOURS.

LANCE... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK--

JUST GO. AND BUY A DOZEN RED ROSES WHEN YOU LAND IN VANCOUVER.

I DOUBT THOSE SUPER-MARKET WEEDS WILL SURVIVE THE FLIGHT...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



TODAY DID NOT EXIST YESTERDAY

The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and, if they can't find them, make them. The great Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw has been inspiring many folks to enhance their lives with his famous quote. Today's successes were yesterday's circumstances that did not exist. Your life always improves when you just believe in the circumstances you want ...and then use that to achieve. Learn from the circumstances that were made by others.

There was a time when black people couldn't use the same restrooms as white people. There was a time it was against the law for black people to sit at the front of the bus with white people. There was a time that black children and white children were forbidden to go to school with each other. Civil rights leaders didn't see the circumstances they wanted so they made them. I have been to the mountaintop!

There was a time that mail took months to get from point A to point B. Someone scratched his head one day and decided that mail should reach its destination much quicker than that. The pony express and happier postal patrons was the circumstance that was made. Benjamin Franklin would have been proud!

Once upon a time, baseball games were only played in the daytime. Fans would gather in stadiums and enjoy a couple of hours of hot dogs, cracker jacks, and their favorite players circling the bases under the summer sun. Someone thought it might be wise to put lights in the ball parks so that extra-inning games could continue into the dark. This circumstance that was made is called night baseball. Quite a bright idea!

It used to be you would get hot and sweat a lot in the Phoenix area back in the 1940s, and there was no escape from the heat unless you were in the water. There were ceiling fans and there were some shade trees for some relief. Someone then had a wonderful epiphany and exclaimed, "Let there be air conditioning!" Those few hundred thousand residents of 1948 have swelled their ranks to over four million desert denizens today. Thankfully somebody made the circumstance he wanted and life is cool!

Some guy up in Spokane, Washington was single and available for love when he walked into a coffee shop one rainy autumn day a few years ago. He had always watched a beautiful young woman order a cappuccino and the sit at the same table to read her horoscope every morning. He decided to introduce himself to her that particular day in October. The rest as they say is history. He made the circumstance he wanted...happen. Virgos and Pisces really do get along!

Today can be that yesterday that you will point to for the rest of your life. This can be the day you decide to find that circumstance you want, although it doesn't exist. Today is the day you started to make it happen! What a day this will be known as!

This health and wellness article is brought to you by that guy who will tell no lies if he is asked no questions. That guy of creative candor is Ron Blake and he can be reached at myblake-fitness.com.



Want to Make a Difference?

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Flix 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)

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