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## Arizona's Anti-Gay Bill Inspired This State Lawmaker To Come Out

by Samantha Lachman, The Huffington Post

Arizona state Sen. Steve Gallardo (D) announced on Wednesday that he is gay, saying the controversy over Senate Bill 1062 prompted him to go public with his sexuality.

"I am gay, I'm a Latino, I'm a state senator and it's OK," Gallardo said at a press conference, according to the Arizona Republic.

The bill would have allowed individuals and businesses to legally refuse service to anyone based on "religious freedom," effectively allowing discrimination against same-sex couples. Gov. Jan Brewer (R) vetoed the bill last week after criticism and sustained protests both locally and nationally.

Gallardo said debate over the bill caused him to reflect and speak out about his sexuality.

"After I stood up on the floor and argued against 1062, as I've done on many bills before, I sat down and said, 'Wow. This bill affects me. It affects me directly,'" Gallardo said at the press conference, according to the Phoenix New Times.

"Seeing the people out there, protesting. I thought it's time," he added. "It's time to let people know about me. And to send people a message. I'm more interested in letting people who struggle with this know that it's okay."

Gallardo is running for Congress in Arizona's strongly Democratic-leaning 7th Congressional District, which is being vacated by Rep. Ed Pastor (D-Ariz.), who is retiring.

The state lawmaker told reporters that his coming out has nothing to do with his congressional bid.

"I couldn't care less," Gallardo said. "This is about standing up and doing the right thing."



## Fred Phelps, Creator of Westboro Baptist Church, May be Near Death

AP

TOPEKA, Kansas) -- The Rev. Fred Phelps Sr., who founded a Kansas church widely known for its protests at military funerals and anti-gay sentiments, is in a care facility, according to a church spokesman.

Phelps, 84, is being cared for in a Shawnee County facility, Westboro Baptist Church spokesman Steve Drain said Sunday.

"(Fred) is at Midland Hospice House where, as of yesterday (Friday), he is comfortable without the respiratory difficulty that he was having the day before and is unresponsive," Nate Phelps wrote, quoting a message sent to him.

Phelps eventually stopped eating and drinking, and on Sunday, he was near death, son Nate Phelps said in a Facebook posting. The information also is based on an email sent by Nate Phelps to a Topeka Capital-Journal reporter.

"I can tell you that Fred Phelps is having some health problems," Drain said. "He's an old man, and old people get health problems."

Members of the Westboro church, based in Topeka, frequently protest at funerals of soldiers with signs containing messages such as "Thank God for dead soldiers," and "Thank God for 9/11," claiming the deaths are God's punishment for American immorality and tolerance of homosexuality and abortion.

Westboro Baptist, a small group made mostly of Phelps' extended family, inspired a federal law and laws in numerous states limiting picketing at funerals. But in a major free-speech ruling in 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the church and



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its members couldn't be sued for monetary damages for inflicting pain on grieving families under the First Amendment.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil-rights nonprofit group, has called Westboro Baptist Church a hate group.

Nate Phelps, an estranged son of Fred Phelps, told The Associated Press in a phone interview Sunday night that members of Westboro voted Phelps out of the church last summer, apparently "after some kind of falling out."

Nate Phelps, who broke away from the church 37 years ago, said church members became concerned afterward that his father might harm himself and moved him out of the church, where he and his wife had lived for years. Fred Phelps was moved into a house, stopped eating and since has been moved into hospice care, Nate Phelps said.

The estranged son is in contact with other family members who are also estranged from the church and said two of them managed to visit his father earlier this month.

Drain declined comment Sunday on whether Fred Phelps had been voted out of the church. Drain said Westboro Baptist Church doesn't have a designated leader.

Kansas' leading gay-rights group on Sunday urged the gay community to respect the privacy of the "notoriously anti-LGBT" pastor if his health is declining.

Phelps and the members of his church have "harassed" the grieving families of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Kansans and others, Thomas Witt, executive director of Equality Kansas, said in a prepared statement.

But Witt added: "This is our moment as a community to rise above the sorrow, anger, and strife he sowed, and to show the world we are caring and compassionate people who respect the privacy and dignity of all."

Nate Phelps said he has no doubt some people would want to protest his father's funeral but added, "I wish they wouldn't."

## Fred Phelps Was Reportedly Excommunicated From Westboro Baptist Church For Advocating A 'Kinder Approach'

The Huffington Post

Fred Phelps has been excommunicated from Westboro Baptist Church according to his estranged son, Nate Phelps. Pastor



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Fred Phelps founded the church that has become infamous for picketing funerals and their slogan "God Hates Fags."



Though WBC has been tight-lipped about his membership status and the reasons behind his reported banishment, the Topeka Capital-Journal reported that he was thrown out for "advocating a kinder approach between church members."

According to an interview with Nate Phelps, who left the church 37 years ago, Fred Phelps was ejected from the group following a power struggle between a board of male elders and longtime spokeswoman Shirley Phelps-Roper. After the elders defeated Phelps-Roper, Fred Phelps reportedly called for "kinder treatment of fellow church members," a sentiment which was ill-received.

WBC spokesman Steve Drain declined to comment on Phelps, saying "We don't discuss our internal church dealings with anyone."

A media FAQ page set up about Fred Phelps simply said, "Membership issues are private."

Speculation about the funeral arrangements for Phelps may be pointless, as a WBC member previously told The Huffington

Post that WBC does not believe in having funerals or memorials because "We don't worship the dead in this church, so there'd be no public memorial or funeral to picket if any member died."

## God Punishes Gays, Lesbians By Making Them 'Effeminate' Or 'Mannish': Pastor Larry Tomczak

Huffington Post

A conservative Tennessee pastor and media pundit is making headlines after claiming that God is punishing gay men and lesbians by making them "effeminate" or "mannish" in video footage of a sermon.



As Right Wing Watch first reported, Rev. Larry Tomczak suggested that the behavior was an example of "God turning people over to their own desires ... they receive in their own bodies the penalties for their sin."

He added:

I have watched people go into a lifestyle, and all of a sudden they become...a man starts to become very effeminate -- mannerisms, speech. I've seen the reverse, I've seen the same thing with women [who] start becoming mannish. What's going on? They're taking in their bodies a penalty for deviating from God's loving design and plan.

The video comes on the heels of an editorial Tomczak penned for Charisma News. On his website, Tomczak is described as a "Christian leader, author and cultural communicator."

Tomczak, of course, is no stranger to controversy. His book, *The Little Handbook on Loving Correction*, is said to advise parents to use a stick to spank their children.

Last year, Tomczak was sued for allegedly covering up sexual abuse at a Christian school in Gaithersburg, Md., in the 1980s and 1990s, the Religion News Service reported. At the time, Tomczak was also accused of assaulting a woman with plastic and wooden sticks, according to the report.

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# The Hungry Homo

## Feta Steak with Balsamic Reduction

By Lisa Broadway-Savage

If you want to fix a fancy pants gourmet steak, this is the way to do it. Let me warn you: this recipe will stink up your entire house during the vinegar reduction process. In fact, if your grill has a side burner that works (I have yet to find a friggin' grill that does) do the reduction process outside. You could even cook the steaks that way, but we generally use the broiler. Although smelly, the flavor of the Balsamic vinegar with the sugar is not at all vinegar-ey (yeah, I know that's not a word), it is actually sweet with a slight tang.

### Recipe Ingredients:

1.5 cups Balsamic vinegar  
3 T sugar  
2 T Butter/Margarine  
6 (5 oz) filets  
salt and pepper to taste  
2 oz. soft fresh goat cheese  
Fresh basil (optional)

### Directions:

1. Boil vinegar and sugar in small saucepan over medium-high heat until it is reduced to 1/3 cup. Stir regularly (this will take approx. 20 minutes). Melt butter separately in a different pan.
2. Preheat broiler (or grill). Season steaks with salt and pepper and cook to desired doneness
3. When steaks are cooked place cheese on top of steaks and put under broiler until cheese is melted (approx. 1 minute). Optional: put some fresh basil on top of steaks before returning to broiler
4. Combine balsamic reduction and butter and pour over steaks. (Shown with Acorn squash and cauliflower.)



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# Injections Providing Protection Against AIDS in Monkeys

By Donald G. McNeil Jr.

BOSTON — Researchers are reporting that injections of long-lasting AIDS drugs protected monkeys for weeks against infection, a finding that could lead to a major breakthrough in preventing the disease in humans.

Two studies by different laboratory groups each found 100 percent protection in monkeys that got monthly injections of antiretroviral drugs, and there was evidence that a single shot every three months might work just as well.

If the findings can be replicated in humans, they have the potential to overcome a major problem in AIDS prevention: that many people fail to take their antiretroviral pills regularly.

A preliminary human trial is to start late this year, said Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr, an AIDS expert at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, but a larger trial that could lead to a treatment in humans may still be some years away.

It has been known since 2010 that healthy people taking a small daily dose of antiretroviral drugs — a procedure known as pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PreP (pronounced prep) — can achieve better than 90 percent protection against infection.

But in several clinical trials since then in gay men, in intravenous drug users and in couples where one partner is infected, it has been shown that the only participants protected were those who took their pills every day without fail. Many did not.

The failure rate was particularly acute among women in Africa. Although some participants in one PreP study told researchers that they were scared by rumors about side effects, many also said they were afraid to keep the pills in their home because their sexual partner or a neighbor might see them and mistakenly assume they already had the disease.

An intramuscular injection that a woman could get every three months could change all that, several AIDS experts said.

In Africa and elsewhere in the developing world, many women already receive shots of long-lasting birth control hormones like Depo-Provera, preferring them to daily pills, which might anger spouses or boyfriends who find them.

About the injection protocol tested in monkeys, Dr. David Ho, director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at Rockefeller University and an author of one of the studies, said the popularity of Depo-Provera was “a good analogy for how it might work in developing countries.”

In the other study, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, six female monkeys were given monthly injections of GSK744, an experimental drug that is a long-lasting form of an antiretroviral drug already approved for H.I.V. treatment by the Food and Drug Administration.

Six other monkeys got a placebo.

Twice a week, liquid containing human-simian immunodeficiency virus, a hybrid human-monkey version of the virus that causes AIDS, was pumped into their vaginas, simulating sex with an infected monkey.

None of the monkeys protected by GSK744 became infected. All six who got the placebo were infected quickly.

The Rockefeller researchers did a similar experiment with 16 monkeys using the same drug. They got rectal washes of the virus, imitating anal sex.

The results were the same: All the monkeys that got the drug were protected, compared with none of the monkeys that did not get it.

Dr. Ho's team also tested to see how much of the drug had to be in a monkey's blood and tissue to be protective. They found that an amount large enough to protect was “eminently achievable in humans with a quarterly injection,” Dr. Ho said.

The studies were presented here on Tuesday at the annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, called the results “very impressive for something in the animal model.”

Mitchell J. Warren, executive director of AVAC, an organization lobbying for AIDS prevention and treatment, said a long-acting injectable drug “is clearly the place to go because adherence has been the Achilles' heel of PreP.”

But he argued that people at risk of H.I.V. infection would eventually need several options, just as women seeking birth control want to be able to choose among pills and other options.

A similar experimental drug known as TMC278 was tested in monkeys several years ago and also protected them, although the study was not identical to the two released Tuesday.

But little attention was paid then “because people were focused on other things,” Mr. Warren said.

The human trial expected to start later this year will be small, enrolling only 175 people in the United States, South Africa, Malawi and Brazil. Dr. El-Sadr, of Columbia, said the study should take up to three years before a larger trial to see if the injection method works in people as effectively as it does in monkeys.

Human trials take time and require huge numbers of participants, partly because it is unethical to conduct a trial without offering participants all the options approved, including condoms and the pill versions of PreP.

“You know some people are going to say they want them and then will end up not using them,” Mr. Warren said. “But you still have to offer them.”

## Lenten Reflections

Lent is upon us. A time of traditional denial used to bring us closer to the Divine and often done so in forms of food, sometimes meats, sometimes eggs, sometimes fruits and vegetables, sometimes in how often we eat. Let's consider reframing this practice as one where we refrain from something we take for granted, which may be food, and instead of stopping there taking that item and giving to others who lack it no matter what time of year or season we are in.



Not eating meat may be a great spiritual practice but so may buying meat and giving it to someone you know who hungers or to buy foods and give to your local food pantries. A limited denial for ourselves doesn't mean we can't also practice provision for others who are denied the very same things through life circumstances that extend beyond Lent.

So go ahead and stop eating or doing something if you think it will help you appreciate it in your life more but take it one more step and give it to someone who needs it and will appreciate it in the here and now and both persons are impacted by Grace and provision of the loving God we come to faith in

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## Dan Cathy Seeks to put Gay Marriage Flap Behind Chick-fil-A

By Leon Stafford - The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

As the same-sex marriage debate rages, one person says he won't be weighing in on the subject anymore: Dan Cathy, CEO and president of Chick-fil-A.



Almost two years after he made headlines by throwing his support behind traditional marriage and later decried a pair of Supreme Court decisions that favored same-sex unions, Cathy hasn't changed his mind. But he said Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A has no place in the culture wars and regrets making the company a symbol in the marriage debate.

"Every leader goes through different phases of maturity, growth and development and it helps by (recognizing) the mistakes that you make," Cathy said. "And you learn from those mistakes. If not, you're just a fool. I'm thankful that I lived through it and I learned a lot from it."

Cathy talked about the events of the summer of 2012 in a wide-ranging interview that included his thoughts about the company's future and the path he wants to put it on as the newly named CEO. He got the title in November after his father, Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy, stepped aside at age 92.

Still, as Cathy starts the job the company's link to the gay marriage debate lingers. And it still occupies a niche as the only major fast food chain that isn't open on Sunday, owing to the Christian, pro-family convictions of the elder Cathy — something Dan Cathy says he won't change.

Cathy told an online publication in 2012 that he was "guilty as charged" in his religion-based opposition to gay marriage. Same-sex marriage supporters protested at Chick-fil-A locations; thousands who backed Cathy's stance - or at least his right to state it — packed stores, creating lines that snaked out the door.

The company tried to extricate itself from the controversy by repeatedly asserting it does not discriminate against customers or employees on the basis of sexual orientation.

"Probably the elements that were stressful for me most is from our internal staff and from operators and how this may be affecting them," he said. "The bottom line is we have a responsibility here to keep the whole of the organization in mind and it has to take precedence over

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the personal expression and opinion on social issues.”

Many on both sides of the same-sex marriage issue still consider dining at Chick-fil-A a political statement. Others scrutinize the company’s and Cathy’s actions regarding same-sex marriage for evidence of its stance.

Progressive website Think Progress earlier this month reported that Chick-fil-A’s foundations — WinShape Foundation and its namesake Chick-fil-A Foundation — “dramatically” cut donations to groups gay marriage supporters consider anti-gay. WinShape sharply decreased grants overall, and the only group the Chick-fil-A Foundation gave money to that is considered by the gay rights community to be anti-gay is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which received \$25,000.

Meanwhile, Pasadena City College in California recently opposed Chick-fil-A’s plans for a location near campus because of concerns the chain contributes to “anti-gay” groups.

For Cathy, who is in a cutthroat business where no player can afford alienating market segments, the lingering identity is troubling.

“Consumers want to do business with brands that they can interface with, that they can relate with,” Cathy said. “And it’s probably very wise from our standpoint to make sure that we present our brand in a compelling way that the consumer can relate to.”

For Cathy, there is lots to talk about other than gay marriage.

Chick-fil-A, like a lot of fast-food companies, is being forced by an increasingly better-educated consumer to review every aspect of its menu, from calorie counts to genetically modified ingredients to where it gets its chicken. Bowing to changing consumer tastes, it set a goal last month to serve chicken raised without antibiotics at all stores nationwide within five years.

And Burger brands such as McDonald’s are developing more chicken products to capture market share among Americans who see poultry as a healthier alternative.

The company is one of the most successful in the industry, with sales in 2012 of \$4.6 billion. To maintain growth, Chick-fil-A wants to move beyond its Bible Belt base into north-east and midwest cities such as New York, Boston and Chicago.

But land is harder to come by in those areas, which means building some stores without the drive-throughs that account for about 60 percent of sales.

Success in those cities also will determine whether the company takes another stab at going international, Cathy said. Chick-fil-A has shied away from opening stores abroad since closing its locations in South Africa in 2001, but Cathy said he is interested in Europe and Asia in the future.

“If we can’t get a dozen stores in Manhattan profitable, then we have no business going to

London,” Cathy said.

The company will have to be more innovative, Cathy said. He encourages corporate leaders to download an app a day on their smart phones to keep fresh on changing tastes. The company opened an 80,000-square-foot innovation center — across the street from its South Fulton headquarters — as a laboratory for new store design and collaboration with organizations like the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Cathy, 61, himself is a prolific user of social media, which has been a blessing and a curse for the self-professed evangelical. On Twitter, he has congratulated Chick-fil-A employees who pitched in to help those affected by January’s “snowmageddon” and he tweeted a recent picture of himself with former Vice President Dick Cheney.

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But he also mired Chick-fil-A further in the same-sex marriage debate when he tweeted his disappointment last June over the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act and to decline to rule on a court decision that found California's Proposition 8 unconstitutional.

"Sad day for our nation; founding fathers would be ashamed of our gen. to abandon wisdom of the ages re: cornerstone of strong societies," he tweeted in a post that was quickly taken down.

Cathy said he decided to step back from the gay marriage debate after prayer and conversations with co-workers and friends, including Shane Windmeyer, a gay supporter of marriage equality who helped Cathy understand why marriage was important to the gay community.

But while he may not be tweeting his views again any time soon, Cathy made it clear, when asked, that his personal feelings on gay marriage haven't changed.

"I think the time of truths and principles are captured and codified in God's word and I'm just personally committed to that," he said. "I know others feel very different from that and I respect their opinion and I hope that they would be respectful of mine."

Asked his thoughts on legislation proposed in several states, including Georgia, that would allow people of faith to refuse service to some customers because of their religious beliefs — laws that opponents say are designed to allow discrimination against gays — Cathy demurred.

"I think that's a political debate that's going to rage on," he said. "And the wiser thing for us to do is to stay focused on customer service"

(Yup..... He's still a Hater and a Bigot..... Gayzette editor)

## Wyoming Rep. Troy Mader Under Fire For Gay, HIV/AIDS Claims Made In 1987 Book

Wyoming's newest Republican lawmaker is making headlines for claims he made about the gay community and HIV/AIDS in a book he penned over 25 years ago.

The Casper Star-Tribune reports that Rep. Troy Mader is standing by his self-published 1987 book, titled *The Death Sentence of AIDS: Vital Information For You and Your Family's Health and Safety*.

The legislator wrote the book, which is now out-of-print, under the name "T.R. Mader." The Star-Tribune report includes a number of Mader's eyebrow-raising claims from the book.

"Many homosexuals demand the right to kill themselves with the AIDS virus and to kill others by infecting them," he writes on one page, according to the report. "Many homosexuals demand the right to have sexual acts with children of any age, including infants."

Mader, who is described by WyoFile as a "rancher, former sheriff's deputy, writer, and musician," continues:

The spread of AIDS into the general population of the United States is assumed to have come about by: A. Homosexuals who purposely infected women to pass AIDS infection into the straight population. B. Bisexual men who participated in homosexual acts, became infected and then passed it on to wives, lovers, prostitutes and most off-spring



born after infection...

As the Associated Press is reporting, Mader has conceded that much of the research in the book might be a little outdated, but nonetheless has maintained that gays tend to be more promiscuous than heterosexual men.

"If you want to participate in that particular lifestyle, that's your choice," he is quoted by the Star-Tribune as saying in a new interview.

ThinkProgress, meanwhile, also points to notes found on "Freedom's Struggle" website promoting Mader's CD of patriotic music.

"I believe tolerance is characteristic of a person who hasn't any virtue left," Mader, who was appointed to replace the late Rep. Sue Wallis last month, writes on the site. "And don't forget the hypocrisy of this issue: 'Tolerant' people have no tolerance for those of us who dare to say 'Right is right' and 'Wrong is wrong.' If all possible, we're eliminated even from the debate. So much for tolerance."

## Scott Lively Will Be Tried for Fueling Antigay Persecution In Uganda

By Sunnive Brydum

A federal judge ruled Wednesday that a first-of-its-kind persecution case against antigay American evangelist Scott Lively filed by LGBT Ugandans can proceed, according to the Center for Constitutional Rights, which helped Sexual Minorities Uganda file the international lawsuit. Lively had filed a request to dismiss the suit, saying his antigay proselytizing was protected by his First Amendment rights to free speech.



The ruling "is a significant victory for human rights everywhere but most especially for LGBTI Ugandans who are seeking accountability from those orchestrating our persecution," said Frank Mugisha, executive director of SMUG.

The suit seeks to hold Lively responsible for conspiring with religious and government leaders to persecute LGBT people in Uganda, where parliament is still considering the so-called Kill the Gays bill that proposes capital punishment of homosexuality in certain instances.

During opening arguments in January, the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights said Lively's decade-long collaboration with political and religious leaders in Uganda deprived the nation's LGBT people of basic human rights and should therefore be punishable under

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the Alien Tort Statute, which gives "survivors of egregious human rights abuses, wherever committed, the right to sue the perpetrators in the United States," according to the Center for Justice and Accountability.

Although federal judge Michael Ponsor initially expressed doubt that Lively's actions constituted international human rights violations, statements the judge made in court Wednesday seemed to indicate a shift in tone.

"Widespread, systematic persecution of LGBTI people constitutes a crime against humanity that unquestionably violates international norms," said Ponsor, according to a press release from the Center for Constitutional Rights. "The history and current existence of discrimination against LGBTI people is precisely what qualifies them as a distinct targeted group eligible for protection under international law. The fact that a group continues to be vulnerable to widespread, systematic persecution in some parts of the world simply cannot shield one who commits a crime against humanity from liability."

The center notes that Lively has a long history of traveling to international locales to peddle his antigay propaganda. In 2007, Lively toured 50 cities in Russia, proposing some of the strict antigay laws that were recently signed by president Vladimir Putin.

LGBT activists heralded the judge's decision, eager to see the antigay preacher made to testify about his hate speech under oath.

"Activists like Scott Lively have increasingly started to confuse their religious freedom with a license to persecute LGBT people and criminalize homosexuality around the world," said Wayne Besen, executive director of pro-LGBT group Truth Wins Out. "We hope that this case is the beginning of an ongoing effort to hold those who commit anti-LGBT crimes accountable for crimes against humanity. LGBT people should be safe and free from discrimination on every square inch of this planet, and no government has the right to punish and persecute gay people for who they are."

## Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

### WHY ARE GAY RELATIONSHIPS SO HARD?

A client of mine is in his early 20's and experiencing his first gay relationship. He's recently come out and is very happy with his first boyfriend. However, he asked me last week: "Why are gay relationships so hard?" He is shocked how much work a relationship is and asked me for some advice to "make it a little easier". His question inspired this column.

To anyone in their first gay/lesbian/bi/trans relationship, my first comment is: Congratulations! One's first "true love" relationship is memorable, wheth-



er it lasts a few months or decades. It takes a lot of work for two people to be a successful couple...and even more work when that couple is LGBT. In the big picture, heterosexuals have it easier. They draw enormous support - continuously and unconsciously - from existing political and social institutions, religion, and their cultural history. It's all set up for them.

As LGBT people, our attempts to scale the political barrier to same-sex marriage (or legitimization of our commitment) continue to meet with opposition, despite brave leads from many clear-thinking locales. And some aspects of LGBT life are not very "couple-friendly". For many newly out LGBT men and women, life is about getting laid, having fun, going out and making out with attractive men/women. This emphasis on individual self-pleasuring doesn't align well with coupledness. Even if we live in an area where there's a lot of support for LGBT couples, why is it still so hard to be part of a couple?

In a committed LGBT relationship, by allowing your partner to get to know you intimately, you are inviting those less-than-lovely parts of yourself to come out loud and clear. You and he/she are opening a Pandora's Box of "previous unresolved life problems"... you know, the box you buried in the backyard, hoping never to open again. And it is even more challenging for us LGBT couples, because most therapists and psychology books use a heterosexual couple's therapy.

When two men (or two women or a bisexual or trans man or woman) commit to each other, the dynamics aren't the same as the hetero model. I don't have the space here to go into detail, but suffice it to say that we have unique needs, e.g., a male-male couple may have problems with too strong a desire for a variety of sexual outlets and too weak a desire for vulnerability and intimacy. In hetero couples, the male and female stereotypes often play out, e.g. "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus" and that kind of stuff. As LGBTers, we are inventing our own genres of love and making up the rules as we go.

Conflict is vital to the growth of any couple. We try to avoid conflict, but that's impossible. It's more useful to focus on how do you resolve your disagreements and irritations with your partner? How do you talk about them? Or don't you? Can you stand tall (yet flexible) through the tough times, or do you crumble and run away (literally or emotionally)?

Couple-hood is not for sissies. It's for adults who are willing to tolerate discomfort and the messiness of growing together with someone who will inevitably drive you crazy one minute and then incite you to wild kisses the next. We can say, "She's wrong, I'm right" and act like narcissistic little children or we can see our lover as "doing us a favor" by showing us the parts of ourselves that are still screwed up and need work. Being part of a couple is like shining a flashlight on the parts of yourself that are childish or immature. Your partner will know all and see all of you. This is not for the timid or weak.

Sure, gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans relationships are hard... but the possible rewards are pretty amazing. A truly loving relationship helps us to know ourselves, know our partner, and be willing to spend time and energy to help each other grow to become the men and women that we wish to be.

# 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](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)  
[www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Every Sunday

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,**  
ELCA, 3647 Lafayette Ave., Omaha GLBT  
friendly, [www.augustanalutheran.com](http://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](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of  
CHRIST,** info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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-<br/>son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at  
[jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto: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

**NAP HIV TESTING,** 250 South 77th St., by  
appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to  
3:30pm, Walkin 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](mailto: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](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.nap.org) for more info

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS,** meeting at  
5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOg-  
lbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOg-<br/>lbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://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](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org), or  
find us on Facebook

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

**SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN**  
12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship  
Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library  
[info@inclusivelife.org](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on Facebook

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE.** Board of Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC- Omaha, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – see website for more information at [www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

### **NAP HIV TESTING**

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## WHAT AISLE IS THE POLISH SAUSAGE ON?

Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to scream 'racism' these days.

A customer asked, "In what aisle could I find the Polish sausage?"

The clerk asks, "Are you Polish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am. But let me ask you something.

"If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?"

"Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?"

"Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish?"

"Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican?"

"Or if I asked for some Irish whiskey, would you ask if I was Irish?"

The clerk says, "No, I probably wouldn't."

The guy says, "Because I asked for Polish sausage, why did you ask me if I'm Polish?"

The clerk replied, "Because you're in Home Depot."

## Computer Help

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers. I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?'

He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired ,

'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.'

Eric grinned ... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?'

'No,' I replied.

'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'

So I wrote down:

ID10T

I used to like Eric, the little shit head.

## Stimulated

The 6th grade science teacher, Mrs. Parks, asked her class, "Which human body part increases to ten times its size when stimulated?"

No one answered until little Mary stood up, angry, and said, "You should not be asking sixth-graders a question like that!" "I'm going to tell my parents, and they will go and tell the principal, who will then fire you!" With a sneer on her face, she then sat back down.

Mrs. Parks ignored her and asked the question again, "Which body part increases to 10 times its size when stimulated?"

Little Mary's mouth fell open; then she said to those around her, "Boy, is she going to get in big trouble!"

The teacher continued to ignore her and said to the class, "Anybody?"

Finally, Billy stood up, looked around nervously, and said, "The body part that increases 10 times its size when stimulated is the pupil of the eye."

Mrs. Parks said, "Very good, Billy," then turned to Mary and continued, "As for you, young lady, I have three things to say to you. One, you have a dirty mind,

Two, you didn't read your homework, and three, one day you are going to be very, very disappointed."

## Bruce and Jenny

Little Bruce and Jenny are only 10 years old, but they just know that they are in love. One day they decide that they want to get married, so Bruce goes to Jenny's father to ask him for her hand.

Bruce bravely walks up to him and says: "Mr. Smith, me and Jenny are in love and I want to ask you for her hand in marriage."

Thinking that this was just the cutest thing, Mr. Smith replies, "Well, Bruce, you are only 10. Where will you two live?"

Without even taking a moment to think about it, Bruce replies, "In Jenny's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit there nicely."

Still thinking this is just adorable, Mr. Smith says with a huge grin, "Okay then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Jenny."

Again, Bruce instantly replies, "Our allowance. Jenny makes 5 bucks a week and I make 10 bucks a week. That's about 60 bucks a month and that should do us just fine."

By this time Mr. Smith is a little shocked that BRUCE has put so much thought into this. He thinks for a moment trying to come up with something that Bruce won't have an answer to. After a second, Mr. Smith says: "Well, Bruce, it seems like you have got everything all figured out. I just have one more question for you. What will you do if the two of you should have little ones of your own?"

Bruce just shrugs his shoulders and says, "Well, we've been lucky so far..."

Now Mr. Smith doesn't think little Bruce is so adorable anymore.



"Now, young man, since I don't have the anatomy required to perform such acts on you, I presume this call is really for Junior?"

# 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](http://www.CampKindle.org)

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

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

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

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

**First Unitarian Church**, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, [www.firsttuomaha.org](http://www.firsttuomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

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

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

**Front Runners/Walkers**, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (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](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://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](http://www.heartlandpride.org), email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto: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](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life** 402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

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

**North Side Christian Church** 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see [www.NorthSideOmaha.org](http://www.NorthSideOmaha.org)

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

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

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

**OUTLinc**, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, [www.outlinc.org](http://www.outlinc.org), Lincoln NE

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

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

**Second Unitarian Church**, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, [www.2uomaha.org](http://www.2uomaha.org), 402-334-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

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

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

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

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

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

## LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)

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

**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](mailto: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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## She Never Was a Boy

Karen Adams, Founder and facilitator, TransYouth Education and Support of Colorado (TYES)

When our children were small, we had a tradition of going through all the toys in the house shortly before the holidays began. We would put together missing parts; drag in toys hidden in the sandbox from a summer of mistreatment; and wash, clean, purge, toss and donate until the play room sparkled, all in joyous anticipation of Santa's additions. That year, however, things were more intense than usual. Several months earlier, our team of doctors and therapists had determined that our child was transgender, and we were in the process of transitioning to her affirmed gender. As we prepared for our annual purge, she requested that we get rid of the horrible "boy" things that had plagued her all of her young life. That year, she worked with a joyful, fevered intensity as she yanked down every single item in the house that hinted "boy" to her and dropped them with relief into the front room. The room quickly filled with books, clothes and toys that were to be shared with friends and family or donated to charity.



Our first giveaway came on Thanksgiving Day, when the family gathered at our house, including Jason, our 4-year-old great-nephew. Jason's eyes lit up the minute he walked in our house when he saw all the treasures we had laid out for him to peruse. Dinnertime came, and we could barely drag him away from the room long enough for him to eat a few bites before he excused himself and bolted back to his newfound Wonderland. Relaxed and chatting with my niece, glass of wine in my hand, we wandered into the room to watch his joyous play. In the midst of cars, trains and plastic roadways, he had constructed his private

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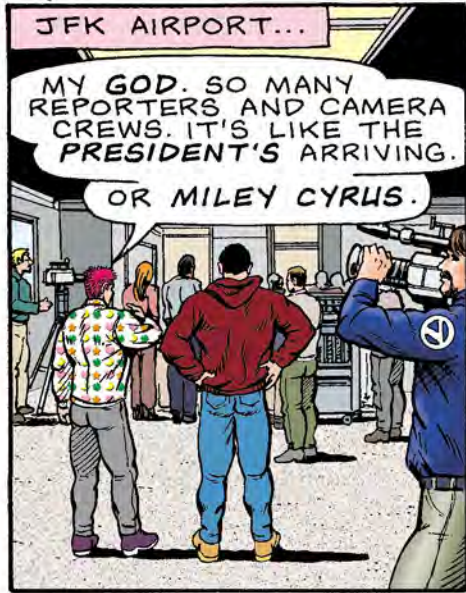
world. For each car that moved, Jason created a new, distinct noise, until they all crashed together in a cacophony of sound. As I watched, an intense realization suddenly hit me. Out of the blue, I burst into tears. I turned to my niece and sniffled, "Oh my God! I never had a boy!" My newly affirmed daughter had never, not once, made car noises or engaged in that type of play. Quickly my mind raced through the catalog of her interests, behaviors and clothing choices, and I saw how many clues I had missed. I saw my new daughter for the first time, through the actions of my nephew.

Nearly seven years later, my 14-year-old daughter is confident and thriving. She has friends, is doing well in school and is fully engaged in developing her performing-arts talents. In a rare moment of quiet last week, we sat down to watch Piers Morgan's second interview with Janet Mock, where he insisted that she had been a man before she became a woman, implying that only her genital surgery made her a man. In unison we screamed at the television, "She never was a man!" My beautiful teenage daughter, with her flowing hair, strong sense of style and love of gossip, has not changed her body; she has changed the world around her to reflect her true identity. We certainly can't speak for the experience of any other transgender person, but if Janet is anything like my daughter, she was always a girl; it's just that no one truly saw her for a very long time.

Note: Looking back on my "aha!" moment, I now know that my daughter's "catalog" was only filled with the expressions of gender. Expression does not equal identity. It wasn't until she was able to tell me she was a girl that we were able to understand what she needed. (For more information on identity and expression, I recommend reading The Social Justice Advocate's Handbook: A Guide to Gender by Sam Killermann.)

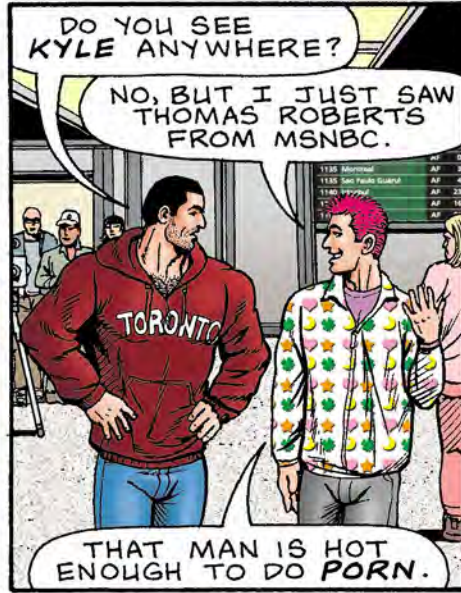
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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



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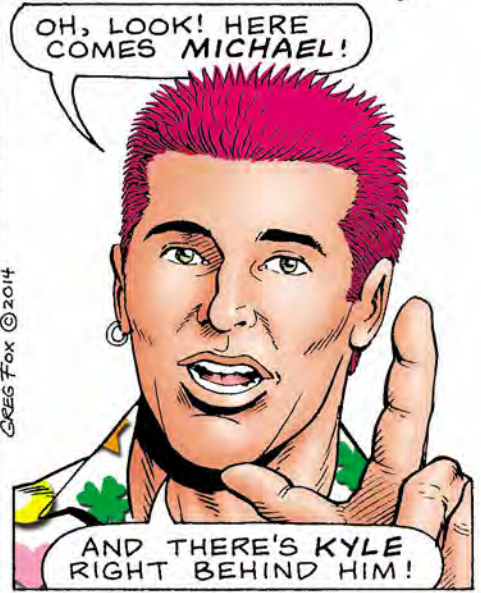
MY GOD. SO MANY REPORTERS AND CAMERA CREWS. IT'S LIKE THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVING. OR MILEY CYRUS.



DO YOU SEE KYLE ANYWHERE?

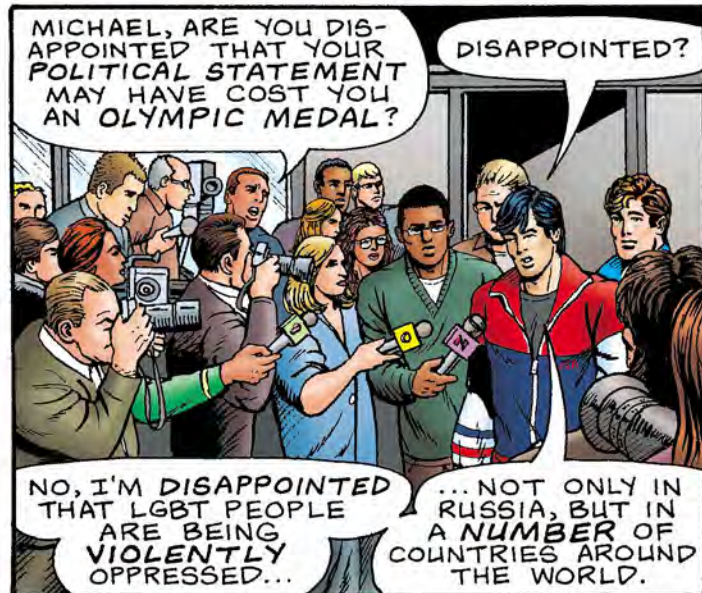
NO, BUT I JUST SAW THOMAS ROBERTS FROM MSNBC.

THAT MAN IS HOT ENOUGH TO DO PORN.



OH, LOOK! HERE COMES MICHAEL!

AND THERE'S KYLE RIGHT BEHIND HIM!



MICHAEL, ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED THAT YOUR POLITICAL STATEMENT MAY HAVE COST YOU AN OLYMPIC MEDAL?

DISAPPOINTED?

NO, I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT LGBT PEOPLE ARE BEING VIOLENTLY OPPRESSED...

...NOT ONLY IN RUSSIA, BUT IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD.



IF MY ACTIONS COULD HELP TO CHANGE THAT...

...THEN THAT'S SOMETHING I'D GIVE UP A THOUSAND GOLD MEDALS FOR.



HOW DOES YOUR COACH TOM KRAFT FEEL ABOUT THIS?

TOM...MAY NOT BE MY COACH ANYMORE.



SHORTLY...

THANK GOD YOU'RE OKAY! I DON'T THINK I'VE SLEPT A FULL NIGHT SINCE YOU'VE BEEN GONE!

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU SHAVED, EITHER.

SORRY, I--

DON'T APOLOGIZE. I LIKE IT!



MICHAEL, WHERE'S TOM KRAFT?

HE SWITCHED PLANES IN LONDON AND TOOK ANOTHER FLIGHT, RICHARD.

HE'S FURIOUS WITH ME FOR WHAT I DID.



UGH. ANOTHER SELF-LOATHING CLOSET CASE.

ACTUALLY, HE'S STRAIGHT, RICHARD.

HONEY, PLEASE. NOT WITH THOSE HIGHLIGHTS...

# 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.

## NAP NEWS

Did you know NAP does more testing than just HIV? Did you know that Douglas County has twice the national average of STD infections, especially among those aged 15-24 years?

A person can come to NAP for a confidential urine test for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, along with getting their HIV test, and receive treatment from a partner clinic, if the urine sample comes back positive for Chlamydia or Gonorrhea. However, NAP does not test for site specific STD's such as oral or anal Chlamydia or Gonorrhea. Don't be alarmed, because if you are a person who may be at risk for these other site specific STD's, there are several locations you can go to for additional or further testing, for example, a Syphilis test. The Douglas County Health STD clinic can offer site specific testing, in addition to the testing that NAP also offers.

Testing is \$10 and includes treatment should your STD test result come back positive for either of the two infections. It's very important to make sure you don't pee 2 hours before testing to make sure you get an accurate test result.

Just so you're in the loop, April is National STD Awareness Month so NAP will be offering FREE STD TESTING during the month of April!

Testing can be done at:

NAP main office 250 South 77th Street  
Wed/Thurs. 1:30-3:30pm by appointment  
Wed/Thurs. 5-8pm by walk in

Flixx Lounge 10th and Pacific  
1st and 3rd Mondays of each month  
8-10pm by walk in

Respect Clinic 50th and Ames  
2nd and 4th Mondays of each month  
5-7pm by walk in

If none of these sites or times works for you please give NAP a call and get a referral to other locations that perform STD tests. Remember, it's your health and you have plenty of opportunities to maintain it.

For more information visit:  
Or call:

[www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org)  
402.552.9260

### 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)  
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RESPECT Clinic: 50th & Ames Ave.  
(Located in Baker Square Plaza)  
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month  
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**Know your status. GET TESTED!**

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

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



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

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

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**SAT 22ND - 7P**

**DUKE & DUCHESS BALL**  
Presented by ICON

**SUN 23RD - 9P**

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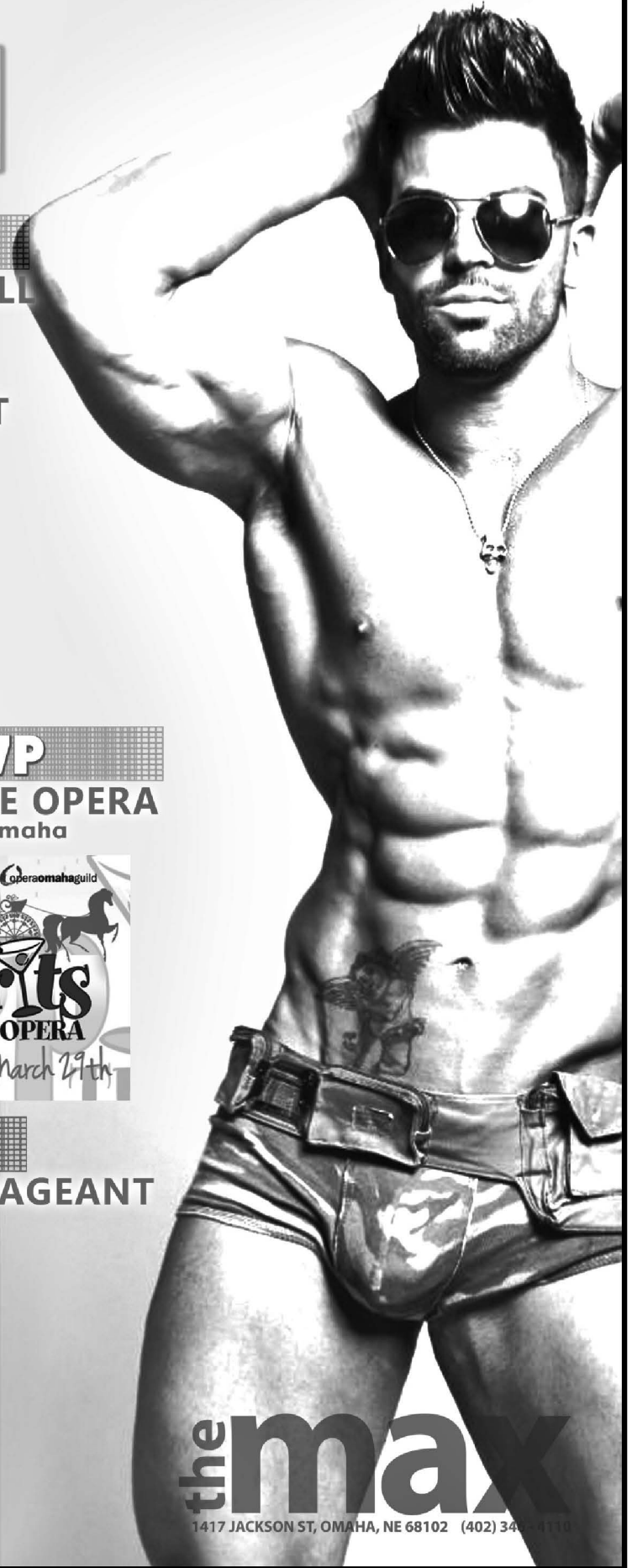
**SAT 29TH - 7P**

**SPIRITS OF THE OPERA**  
Presented by Opera Omaha



**SUN 30TH - 9P**

**CENTRAL PANACHE PAGEANT**  
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