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Victoria Jackson Defends Glee Slam

By Advocate.com Editors

Former Saturday Night Live star turned conservative activist Victoria Jackson appeared on Showbiz Tonight to defend her opinion that the kiss between Glee characters Kurt and Blaine was "sickening."

Last week Jackson slammed the kiss in a column for World-NetDaily, where she said Glee "made a mockery of Christians." On Monday she appealed to religion once again when asked to clarify her position.

The Huffington Post reports that Jackson said, "Well, it doesn't matter what I think. What matters is what the Bible says. And I'm really concerned about our country because immorality is, well, let's see: Secular humanism rules the airwaves, and it's stealing the innocence away from this whole generation of children. My daughter is a teenager and I can't find any show that she can watch."

Asked whether she is homophobic, Jackson replied, "That's a cute little buzzword of the liberal agenda. Basically, the Bible says that homosexuality is a sin."

As the segment closed, Jackson said that she has gay friends.

Raised in Miami, Florida--Victoria Jackson came from a home that was religious, encouraged learning musical instruments, and demanded that she learn gymnastics. And her parents had no TV for many years. Her father was a gymnastics teacher, so she performed gymnastics from 5-18. In high school, she was a cheerleader and homecoming queen. She received a gymnastics scholarship to college, but only attended 1 year at Auburn.



April 3rd Celebration For Marriage Equality

By Mike Yowell, President Council Bluffs Community Alliance

The year 2011 is the year of the ally. As such, the CBCA is doing two things to celebrate the two-year anniversary of marriage equality in Iowa. First, we will hold our annual CBCA meeting on Sunday, April 3rd at 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (22 Dillman in Council Bluffs). We will hold elections for two of the five CBCA board positions. We will also have wedding cake. Please bring all your family and friends to celebrate. Children are welcome. There will be no pot luck after this meeting.

Then, at 6 p.m. we will leave the meeting and head to the Riverside Grill in Council Bluffs (just north of Harrah's). There will be a fund raiser starting at 6:30 p.m. for the Pottawattamie County Democrats. Guest host will be Senator Mike Gronstal, our biggest ally in state government. Senator Gronstal will be up for re-election in 2012, and heavily funded, out-of-state, anti-gay interest groups such as National Organization for Marriage, will be pouring millions of dollars into Council Bluffs to defeat him.

Senator Gronstal is the majority leader of the Iowa Senate and he is the one person who has been preventing the legislature from passing an amendment to the Iowa constitution that would ban marriage equality. It is imperative that we support the Pottawattamie County Democratic Party so we can keep him in the senate.

This is equally important to both Iowans and Nebraskans, especially those Nebraskans who were married in Iowa but live in Nebraska. If Nebraska is to ever get marriage equality, we need to first keep it in Iowa.

Donations from \$10 and up are requested at the fund raiser (\$25 and up would be even better). You can either attend the fund raiser (there will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar), you can leave your donation with a CBCA board member at the annual meeting or you can mail a check to the CBCA and we will deliver it for you at the fund raiser.

Please consider donating to keep marriage equality. Make your check out to The Pottawattamie County Democratic Party. If you mail the check, you can send it to the attention of Mike Yowell, 1326 Oak Park Road, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

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Hope to see everyone at one of the fish fry's.

United in Pride... Heartland Pride Updates

As we continue to build Pride 2011 events, we are pleased to announce our newest Sponsor: Premier-Midwest Beverage Company. We are working on firming up several other sponsors in the next few weeks! We are pleased to work with the staff at Premier-Midwest. They will help make United in Pride 2011 even better!

During our many meet and greets a question that is common, and prudent, is who is at the helm of taking care of the money for Heartland Pride.

If you visit is on the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/heartlandpride) and select our photo book, you will see a tab labeled Board Members. There you will see photos and bios of each of the members of the board for Heartland Pride. This information is also listed on our web site, www.heartlandpride.org!

Tony Melton is our treasurer. We are most happy to have Tony a part of our board. In addition to a long career in the hospitality industry, he has enjoyed serving on other boards throughout his life. Tony currently serves as the Chief Engineer of Omaha's newest hotel property, The Element (A LEED certified hotel!) Tony and Wes (his partner of 28 years) share a home in Elkhorn.

In addition to have a treasurer of Heartland Pride, the founding group thought it to be necessary to insure we had a co-treasurer to assist to insuring the records are maintained, filed, and made available to the community we serve! Mark Aartun serves as co-treasurer of Heartland Pride. Mark is CEO of both Mop and

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Since the day of conception of Heartland Pride, each person has been very vocal about the importance of transparency, integrity, and accountability with regards to all aspects of the activities of this board.

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Gingrich Group Gave to Effort Against Iowa Justices

Written by
TOM WITOSKY and JENS MANUEL KROGSTAD

A group connected to former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich contributed \$125,000 to a Mississippi nonprofit organization that financed much of the effort to remove three members of the Iowa Supreme Court, the Gingrich group's director confirmed Tuesday.

Rick Tyler, chairman of Renewing American Leadership, said his group's fundraising arm - ReAL Action - provided the money in a general purpose grant last year to AFA Action Inc., a nonprofit arm of the American Family Association, which bills itself as a conservative pro-family organization.

Sending money from one nonprofit advocacy organization to another appears to be legal, according to campaign finance experts.

Tyler's confirmation of the grant comes as Gingrich is considering running for the Republican Party's nomination for president in 2012. If he seeks the nomination, he likely will court social conservatives, a key voting bloc in the Iowa caucuses. The caucuses are expected to lead off the presidential nominating process.

The three ousted justices had participated in the court's unanimous decision that legalized same-sex marriage in Iowa. The retention election drew unprecedented national attention and expenditures - a total of nearly \$1.3 million.

Tyler's confirmation sheds additional light on the source of some of the out-of-state money that poured in to finance the fight.

The grant from ReAL Action to AFA Action was first reported Tuesday by the Associated Press.

Both ReAL Action and AFA Action have filed as social welfare organizations under Section 501(c)(4), of the IRS Code, which allows them to engage in political activity as long as it is not

their primary purpose.

Social welfare advocacy organizations also can keep contributors' names and addresses confidential and accept unlimited amounts of money from individuals and corporations.

Outside groups, including American Family Association through its campaign arm, Iowa For Freedom, and in-state groups spent about \$850,000 in the campaign to oust the justices, Iowa campaign records show.

More than half of the money came from outside of Iowa, from groups such as National Organization for Marriage, the Family Research Council, the Campaign for Working Families and Citizens United.

Fair Courts for US, a group headed by former Gov. Robert Ray, reported spending nearly \$424,000 in support of retaining the justices, according to campaign finance reports.

Mark McCormick, a former Iowa Supreme Court justice, said he thinks the groups "believe they complied with the letter of the law." He said that Iowa For Freedom, a group headed by social conservative leader Bob Vander Plaats, was told by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board that it did not have to disclose the names of individual donors.

"It's up to others to say whether they think that's a good idea or bad idea that we don't know who the individual donors are," said McCormick, a Des Moines Democrat who helped lead an unsuccessful effort to retain the three justices.

The group Justice Not Politics, which campaigned in favor of keeping the justices, issued a statement calling on American Family Association and Vander Plaats to disclose all donors.

"If Newt Gingrich was so proud to help inject politics into Iowa's courts, why did he go to great lengths to keep the contributions a secret?" the statement asked.

Tyler, a longtime spokesman for Gingrich, also acknowledged that his group contributed \$25,000 to the Iowa Christian Alliance, now known as the Iowa Faith & Freedom Coalition. He said there were no strings attached to how either group would spend the money.

"These were general-purpose grants that our organization makes to various groups," Tyler said. "We leave up to the groups receiving the money to determine how they would spend the money."

Tyler said Gingrich raised the money from donors who had expressed an interest in providing money to remove the three justices. But there was no connection to Gingrich's potential presidential ambitions, Tyler said.

Asked why his group didn't spend the money directly on the retention election, Tyler said the group's lawyers expressed concerns that the spending could violate the group's nonprofit status, which requires that it remain somewhat aloof from electoral politics.

Federal law requires that groups like ReAL Action spend less than 50 percent of their funds on political advocacy.

Tyler said he was acknowledging the contributions because



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they would be listed on the group's 2010 tax return, to be filed by May 15. He declined to identify who donated the money.

Officials for AFA Action in Tupelo, Miss., could not be reached for comment. Steve Scheffler, director of Iowa Faith & Freedom Coalition and a member of the Republican National Committee, could not be reached for comment.

A review of Iowa campaign contributions made by the coalition during the 2010 election disclosed no expenditure in the judicial retention election.

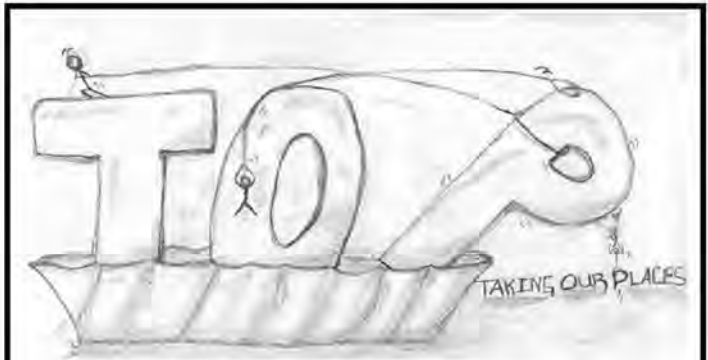
Tyler also declined to say whether the money given to both groups had come from sources inside or outside of Iowa. He said out-of-state money spent on an Iowa judicial retention race was appropriate "because of the impact judicial decisions can have on other states."

"You can't have one state allowing same-sex marriage without it having an impact on other states," Tyler said. "There are a many issues of that type that folks throughout the country are concerned about."

Pole Dancing for Jesus

By Advocate.com Editors

A Houston-area fitness instructor is teaching a class where
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Crystal Deans teaches the class, which utilizes “upbeat contemporary Christian music” and is for women only, reports MyFox-Houston. Deans says she hopes to take the stigma away from pole dancing. Locals have shown their displeasure with the class by thumping their bibles on the front door of her fitness center.

Trans Lawsuit Challenges NYC Surgery Requirement

By Julie Bolcer

The Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed the first lawsuit challenging New York City’s requirement that transgender people undergo surgery before they can be issued birth certificates with corrected sex designations.

In separate suits filed in New York State supreme court, three transgender plaintiffs charge the city of New York and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with enforcing an arbitrary requirement that subjects them to harassment and discrimination in violation of the city’s human rights law. The complaints, which are expected to be consolidated and heard together, represent the first suit of its kind in the country to challenge such a requirement.



“A birth certificate is a fundamental form of identification,” said Noah Lewis, staff attorney at the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, in a news release. “By refusing to give transgender people accurate birth certificates that reflect who they are, the city subjects transgender people to harassment and discrimination in areas like employment where ID is essential to proving eligibility to work.”

The plaintiffs, all from New York, are Sam Berkley, a transgender man, and two transgender women, Joann Prinzivalli and Patricia Harrington. Each sought a corrected birth certificate and submitted medical documentation, but because they had not undergone the specific surgical procedures required by the city, they were denied updated and accurate birth certificates.

Lewis told The Advocate that part of the problem is lack of transparency from the city about the surgical requirements. Other birth certificate applicants, like people who report a clerical

error, receive clear guidelines.

“They don’t write down what exactly is required before you submit your application,” said Lewis, adding that the organization has fielded many complaints about the issue. “Based on reports given to us by people who have tried to change this, we believe it is vaginoplasty and phalloplasty.”

However, most transgender applicants have not undergone the extensive procedures because of financial constraints or medical inappropriateness. Prinzivalli said the surgery was not possible in her case.

“This policy is unfair to me and to other transgender people who just want ID that matches who we are,” she said in the news release.

The suit will be announced in a press conference in lower Manhattan late Tuesday morning. Lewis said they hope for a response from the city by June.



Why We Love Our Pets

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If you want to see something amazing, Google: "gay people and their pets". There are hundreds of photos and short essays on why we love our animals so...and I don't just mean dogs and cats, there are horses, ferrets, tortoises...you name it!

Why are we so in love with our pets? If you are not a pet lover, this article may make you gag. But, if so, think about it: what's not to like about pets? The most popular pets are dogs and cats, some of us have fish and birds and some of us have horses, snakes, lizards, newts and more. In general, pets are loyal, playful, friendly (depends on the pet you choose) and they're good listeners...they DO "get" our emotions and often respond (anatomy permitting).

Pets give us great opportunities to practice love. People are harder to love, I think. We're so unpredictable and moody, we're not always glad to see you when you come home, especially if you're late and didn't call. Pets don't care if you're late or you look like hell or you want to vent about your awful boss. They love you as you are, listen to your (boring) stories and may even nuzzle against you if you shed a few tears over a date that didn't work out or a lousy job interview.

Pets are great ways to get out of the house and be out in nature: dogs, cats, horses and many other animals like to be outside... and encourage us to join them.

Pets help us to be social. Many psychological studies confirm that single people living alone typically have better mental health if they have a pet. When I worked as a therapist at a local Hospice, we had some lovely people who brought in "love dogs" for everyone to pet. I have seen research that shows that petting animals lowers our blood pressure. We also allowed people to bring their cats into their Hospice rooms because research showed that people who have their animals around them heal faster. Need more reasons to appreciate pets?

If you're shy but want to meet more people, you might consider getting a dog. Walking a dog is a great way to meet people. Dogs are very attractive to people who like dogs (most of us?) and make conversations easy to start and maintain (just focus on the dog, not how nervous you are talking to that cute guy/girl). Friendly dogs are like magnets...and the dogs usually like the attention too.

Pets let us experience being responsible for another being. It's a good way to stretch yourself and see what you're ready for. A low maintenance pet (like fish) may be a good start. A big ole dog who needs space and wants to be walked and petted and paid attention to is another level of commitment. Pets can't tell us they need to go to the doctor (not in spoken English, anyway), so we have to pay attention to them and learn their cues and body language.

For some of us, our pets are a crucial part of our life, and any potential partner would have to be okay with that. An example of this is the website www.PetPeopleMeet.com. As they say in their ad, "Meet single pet owners. Free to join. 1000s of pictures of Beautiful Single Pet Owners." I checked it out and they had both opposite- and same-sex match-ups. A website like this exists because - for many of us - a potential partner would have to love our pet as much as they love us. We and our pet(s) are a package deal!

And what about pets as substitute children? Is it true that, as stereotypes about us LGBT folks go, that our pets are substitutes for "real" children? I think this is stereotype isn't about our sexual orientation as much it is about personal preferences. Many straight people prefer pets over kids...and many LGBT folks have both kids and pets, so let's not buy into that stereotype. In my biased opinion, pets are not substitutes for anything; they are enough just being their wonderful selves. Children are a whole other phenomenon. Not better, just different. At least, this is what my cat tells me...

GOglbt – the Greater Omaha GLBT Network—Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 7th at Joslyn Museum (2200 Dodge Street) from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. For more information, visit www.GOglbt.org.

U.S. Introducing Gay Rights Doc at U.N.

By Michelle Garcia

The Obama administration is expected to introduce a declaration to the United Nations calling for better treatment and protections for LGBT people internationally.

The declaration, which will be announced Tuesday at the Human Rights Council in Geneva, has the support of more than 80 countries, according to the Associated Press. The document demands that countries end persecution of gay people and asks the U.N. to review how governments treat their gay citizens.

Suzanne Nossel, deputy assistant secretary of state for international organizations, said the statement is a strong message to countries that persecute their citizens for being gay, having same-sex relationships, or demonstrating activism for gay rights.

"We are very concerned that individuals continue to be killed, arrested, and harassed around the world because of their sexual orientation or gender identity," she said.

The move represents a break from the Bush administration, which declined to support a 2008 document penned by the French government similar to the one being proposed next week. Russia, China, several Islamic countries, and the Vatican

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were among some of the other opposing nations. The U.S.'s argument against the document was that it could infringe on the rights of individual states to legislate issues like marriage equality.

The new resolution now has support from Thailand, Rwanda, El Salvador, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic, which did not support the 2008 document.

Homosexuality is still punishable as a crime in at least 85 countries, including Afghanistan, Iran, Sudan, and Ghana.



Woman Attacks Girlfriend's Boy Toy

By Advocate.com Editors

Amanda Lynn Stockstell A woman in Iowa City, Iowa was arrested and charged for assaulting a man when she came home to find him in bed with her girlfriend.

Amanda Lynn Stockstell, 36, came home Friday to see her girlfriend having sex with the unidentified man. According to KCRG News, Stockstell demanded that the man leave. When he refused, she reportedly grabbed a baseball bat and hit the man three times with it.

Stockstell was charged with assault while displaying a dangerous weapon, and could face up to two years in prison.



3rd Gay Man Murdered in Edinburgh

By Advocate.com Editors

A retired university lecturer who was found stabbed to death Saturday morning is the third gay man murdered in a month in Edinburgh, says the U.K.'s Daily Record.

Police found Roger Gray's body in the hallway of his apartment. He had been stabbed repeatedly, and the killer had turned on the gas and lit a candle in the hopes of covering up the crime.

Gray, who friends say had a long-term partner, was very well liked. A spokeswoman from his former school said, "He was a long-standing, much-valued colleague who contributed greatly to the university and his students. He will be greatly missed."

His death follows the violent deaths of John Carter, 44, and another man whom police haven't publicly named, both of whom were found dead February 27.

The chief executive of Gay Men's Health says there is fear that gay men are being targeted. "People will be worried," the Daily Record quotes Bruce Fraser as saying. "Whether they are linked or not is irrelevant because the incidents create a climate of fear, given the reality is that hate crimes are a fact of life for many gay and bisexual men."

Hate Prompts Action on Pennsylvania Campus

By Advocate.com Editors

Antigay slurs written on dormitory doors at Meadville, Pa.'s Allegheny College — twice in one week — have prompted hundreds of students to march across campus to call attention to homophobia.

Marches, led by a campus group called Queers 'n Allies, happened last week, with students standing outside in near freezing temperatures. Allegheny College president James Mullen says an investigation into the crimes is ongoing.

"To be honest, I would like to see the perpetrator of these incidents identified," political science professor Sharon Wesoky told the Allegheny Campus. "Not to have



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them publicly shamed ... but for people to know there's repercussions for things like this."

Obama, Rouseff Pledge More LGBT Protections

By Advocate.com Editors

Brazilian President Dilma Rouseff During an official state visit, President Barack Obama and Brazil's President Dilma Rouseff (pictured) announced the Organization of American States will establish a "special rapporteur" to promote and protect the rights of LGBT people.

The presidents pledged to work together toward "advancing democracy, human rights and freedoms for all people bilaterally," according to a statement obtained by Metro Weekly. Obama and Rouseff also agreed the OAS should be working to ensure free and fair elections, and strengthening the United Nations Human Rights Council.



The OAS was established, in its earliest form, as a union of member states in North and South America, more than a century ago to ensure peace, solidarity, and justice in the Western Hemisphere.

Chick-fil-A's \$1 Million Antigay History

By Advocate.com Editors

Despite Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy's insistence that he is not antigay and his company has "no agenda against anyone," Equality Matters has tracked more than \$1 million in donations from Chick-fil-A's charitable division to antigay organizations, including some that promote and fund "ex-gay" and "reparative" therapies.

The company has given more than \$600,000 to the National Christian Foundation between 2003 and 2008. The National Christian Foundation provides grants to nonprofits including Focus on the Family and the Family Research Council. From 2003 to 2008, Chick-fil-A also donated money to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Alliance Defense Fund, and Campus Crusade for Christ.

In January, Chick-fil-A came under fire for donating meals to a Pennsylvania-based "traditional marriage" event. Cathy responded with a statement: "In recent weeks, we have been accused of being anti-gay. We have no agenda against anyone.

While my family and I believe in the Biblical definition of marriage, we love and respect anyone who disagrees."

Civil Unions Bill Introduced in Delaware

By Advocate.com Editors

With the support of Gov. Jack Markell, a bill was introduced in the Delaware state senate Tuesday that would legalize civil unions.

The bill would restrict civil unions to gay and lesbian couples, but those who sign up would have the same rights and obligations as married heterosexual couples. Employers would also be required to recognize workers who are in civil unions by extending benefits to their partners.

"A hundred years ago, women were not treated the same way as men, and we fought hard to correct those wrongs," Rep. Melanie George told a crowd gathered at the legislative mall.

"Fifty years ago, blacks were not given the same rights as whites, and we fought to correct that."



George said a marriage equality bill might not pass in Delaware, so supportive legislators chose to aim for a civil union law to avoid religious entanglements, according to WDEL News.

Gay Weddings Boost D.C. Business

By Advocate.com Editors

Many florists, DJs, and wedding planners in the Washington, D.C., area have seen their business boom since the advent of same-sex marriage in the district last year.

The nonprofit Williams Institute estimated the capital region could see \$52.2 million in new revenue thanks to the gay weddings. Though no one is tracking numbers to know if that estimate is accurate, many entrepreneurs tell The Washington Post that business has never been better.

"Many couples bring those that are closest to them, especially

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
 (mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays 4:00PM - 11:00PM
 Sundays 4:00PM - 6:00PM
 Thursdays 7:30PM - 9:00PM
 Fridays 6:00PM - 11:00PM

***Closed Most Major Holidays**
(402) 341-0330
www.rainbowoutreach.org

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM
 FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS, 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 ander-son@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

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

2nd Saturday

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

3rd Monday

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

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)

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

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house.. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

Can I Ride in Your Boat?

Bob walks into a bar and sees Mike sitting at the end of the bar with a great big smile on his face. Bob says, 'Mike, what are you so happy for?'

'Well Bob, I gotta tell ya.. Yesterday I was out waxin' my boat, just waxin' my boat, and a redhead came up to me.. Tits out to here, Bob. Tits out to here! She says, 'Can I have a ride in your boat?' I said 'Sure you can have a ride in my boat.' So I took her way out, Bob. I turned off the key and I said 'It's either screw or swim! She couldn't swim, Bob. She couldn't swim!'

The next day Bob walks into a bar and sees Mike sitting at the end of the bar with a even bigger smile on his face. Bob says, 'What are you happy about today Mike?' 'Well Bob.... I gotta tell ya... Yesterday I was out waxin' my boat, just waxin' my boat and a BEAUTIFUL blond came up to me...tits out to here, Bob. Tits out to here! She said 'Can I have a ride in your boat?' I told her 'Sure you can have a ride in my boat.' So I took her way out, Bob. Way out much further than the last one. I turned off the key and I said, 'It's either screw or swim!' She couldn't swim, Bob! She couldn't swim!'

A couple days pass and Bob walks into a bar and sees Mike cryin over a beer.

Bob says, 'Mike, what are you so sad for?' 'Well Bob, I gotta tell ya Yesterday I was out waxin' my boat, just waxin' my boat, and the most desirable brunette came up to me...tits WAY out to here, Bob. Tits WAY out to here. She says, 'Can I have a ride in your boat?' So I said, 'Sure you can have a ride in my boat. So I took her way out, Bob, way WAY out... Much further than the last two I turned off the key, and looked at her tits and said 'It's either screw or swim!' She pulled down her pants and she had a pecker, BOB! She had this great BIG pecker! And I can't swim BOB! I can't swim!'

Sleeping with Bob

The guys were all at a deer camp. No one wanted to room with Bob, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Bob and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!"

He said, "Bob snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing, hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!"

He said, "Man, that Bob shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night."

The third night was Fred's turn. Fred was a tanned, older cowboy, a man's man.

The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

"Good morning!" he said. They couldn't believe it. They said, "Man, what happened?"

He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bob into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him good night... Bob sat up and watched me all night."

Fix the Lawn Mower

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.us for information

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org
Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org
Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

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

Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

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

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

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

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

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

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

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

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

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

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

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

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

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267.

Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

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

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

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

TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln
info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/

cglbtc

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspide.org

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

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and

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

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

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when they're from out of town." Washington hotelier Sandra Gartrell tells the Post. "This has been a great added revenue source."

West Virginia House Blocking Antidiscrimination Bill

By Advocate.com Editors

Advocates of stalled antidiscrimination legislation in West Virginia say the state house of delegates is the primary obstacle.

The measure, which would add protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment and housing, has passed the senate twice since 2008 but died in the house. This year, senate president Jeff Kessler did not even push for the proposal due to opposition in the house, reports Charleston's Sunday Gazette-Mail.

House speaker Rick Thompson, a candidate for governor in this year's special election, has declined to discuss the proposal and said only that there are not enough votes to pass the proposal in the house.

"After making several requests to interview Thompson about the issue, the Gazette received a statement from Thompson's office," reported the newspaper. "In the statement, Thompson said that House leaders have polled delegates many times on the issue, 'and there is not sufficient support in the House at this time to pass legislation that adds sexual orientation to the state's anti-discrimination statute.'"

On the other hand, Democrats in the house have blocked recent Republican attempts to hold a statewide referendum to ban marriage equality. Democrats hold a 65-35 majority in the West Virginia house and a 28-6 majority in senate.



SOURCE: WVMETRONEWS.COM

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

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

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

China: Gay Erotica Writers Arrested

By Advocate.com Editors

Thirty-two Chinese women are being detained for writing fictional gay sex stories for a pornography website based in Zhengzhou, the capital of Henan province.

The writers as well as the site's owner were detained Monday on charges of spreading obscene materials, according to Shanghai Daily. Police said the site had published 80,000 fictional stories, and 1,500 were deemed illegally obscene. The site, which was not identified in the report, has 600,000 registered users.

The 28-year-old owner, only identified by her last name, Wang, said the stories were written mostly by women in their 20s, who were paid about \$15 per published piece.

Daniel Radcliffe to be Honored by Trevor Project

By Advocate.com Editors

Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe will be honored by the Trevor Project for his work with the organization to prevent LGBTQ youth suicides.

The Associated Press reports that Radcliffe will receive the Hero Award from the Trevor Project in New York City in June. The award recognizes someone who has served as an inspiration to LGBTQ youths and increased understanding of the community. Past recipients have included Nathan Lane, Dustin Lance Black and Vanessa Williams.

Since 2009, Radcliffe has appeared in public service announcements and made public statements in support of the Trevor Project.

"The people that are doing the heroic things are the people answering phones 24 hours a day in the Trevor call centers," Radcliffe said in an interview with the AP. "I think that out of everything that I've done so far in my career, I think this is absolutely one of the most important, if not the most important, thing that I'm associated with."

Radcliffe is currently appearing in the Broadway revival of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.



Gay Marriage Ban Defended by Calif. County Clerk

By Advocate.com Editors

When Chuck Storey ran for county clerk-recorder last year in California's Imperial County, he vowed to clean up an office he claimed had been plagued by inefficiency. He probably wasn't expecting to end up the lone spokesman in support of the state's

gay marriage ban.

The 57-year-old real estate agent, a widower and father of three, pledged to run a tight ship in administering government documents such as property deeds, birth certificates, and marriage licenses. "Imperial County needs a businessman," he said during his campaign. And after less than two months in office, Storey has made headlines by requesting that the ninth U.S. circuit court of appeals allow him to be the primary defendant in a lawsuit to uphold Proposition 8 if the conservative groups that sponsored the measure are removed.

While voters in Imperial County were strong in their support of Prop. 8 in 2008, many locals say they were ready to let the issue fade away and are not pleased with Storey's representation of the region. "I'm a little disappointed that he would open up this can of worms for us," said Aaron Popejoy, president of the El Centro Chamber of Commerce.

"It's one of those huge red flags that draw the wrong kind of attention to our community. We need to be a little more warm and welcoming."

"We can't think of one bit of good to come out of this effort in retrospect," read a recent editorial in the Imperial Valley Press. "It was a waste of time, energy and was damaging to the county's reputation. And it's happening again thanks to one self-aggrandizing man."



Storey declined to grant interviews, but wrote in his court filing that he felt conflicted over whether he should follow U.S. district judge Vaughn Walker's ruling that the measure was unconstitutional or obey voters' 2008 wishes. He felt Walker's decision "would create significant confusion for me and other Imperial County deputy clerks and officials in the performance of our legal duties regarding marriage."

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

WOULD IT CAUSE A SCANDAL IF I WENT COMMANDO TODAY, KYLE?

I'M AFRAID I'M FRESH OUT OF CLEAN UNDERWEAR.

I THINK THE WORLD WILL SURVIVE, PRICE.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO WEAR SOME PANTS, THOUGH.

OF COURSE, KYLE. EVENTUALLY.

OH, MY GOODNESS... HOW ARE YOU DOING? I HEARD ABOUT WHAT... TRANSPIRED BETWEEN YOU AND RICHARD!

I'VE BEEN BETTER.

TO HAVE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND MAKE A MOVE ON YOUR BOYFRIEND? I JUST...

... COULDN'T HAVE HIM LIVING IN THIS HOUSE ANYMORE.

I DON'T BLAME YOU AT ALL.

THE NERVE OF THAT LITTLE ANT!

YOU'RE WELL RID OF HIM.

YEAH. I GUESS.

KYLE, I HATE TO BOTHER YOU WITH THIS RIGHT NOW, BUT...

THIS WILL CONSOLIDATE YOUR ACCOUNTS... AND GET YOU EARNING AN EVEN HIGHER INTEREST RATE!

... I DO HAVE SOME FORMS I NEED YOU TO SIGN.

GREG FOX © 2011

WELL, PRICE... YOU HAVEN'T STEERED ME WRONG SO FAR! MY BANK STATEMENTS HAVE NEVER LOOKED SO HEALTHY!

GOSH... THERE ARE A LOT OF FORMS HERE TO SIGN!

I KNOW. AN ANNOYING FORMALITY. THERE, ONE MORE, AND WE'RE ALL DONE!

THANKS, PRICE. IT'S NICE TO HAVE A FRIEND I CAN TRUST... WHO'S LOOKING OUT FOR MY BEST INTERESTS.

DON'T MENTION IT, KYLE.

MY, THAT WAS EASY.

I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO DISTRACT HIM WITH MY FAKE "NO CLEAN UNDERWEAR" STORY...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who fancies martinis as dry as his humor. That two olives guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at rblake5551@hotmail.com.

When will you find the time for exercise? It just might not be possible. There simply are often too many other obligations that interfere with the scheduling of physical activity. I have the honor of showing you the many and varied obstructions to your health and wellness.

The car needs to have frequent maintenance because of its nostalgic age. You also like to keep the shine on that '88 Honda Accord. That beseeches weekly washes and waxes at the downtown detailer's destination. Between the oil changes, the timing belt replacement, the purchase of new tires, and the cleaning appointments there isn't the time for a workout program.

The laundry needs to be done. You change clothes several times each day and that usually means there will be plenty of Tide on your hands. Starching and ironing the shirts for work completes the itinerary for the post dinner party. A load of colors, a load of whites, and an upright ironing board each day doesn't leave much time for the gym.

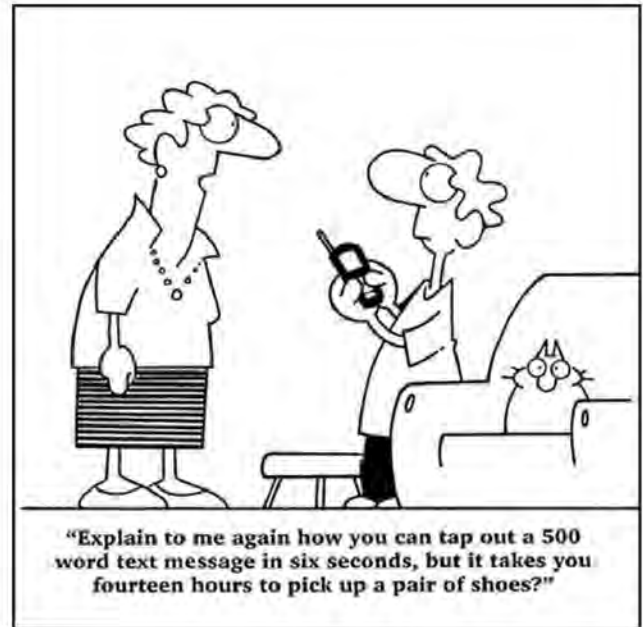
The HOA is so lucky to have your skill and expertise guide them through sticky situations as you proudly wear the crown of President. This executive position requires time and commitment from you. Excessive dog barking, unkempt yards, and anachronistic Christmas lights fill your docket most days of the week. Jumping jacks and pushups get squeezed out of the way.

To become partner in the law firm someday you need to show a great work ethic and a little moxie. The 9 to 5 regular routine won't get you that corner office with the breathtaking views. You're going to need to get familiar with the evening janitor to make this a possibility. Late to bed and early to rise isn't all that conducive to fitness training.

You've been a freelance writer since your college newspaper days and you're that close to getting your first book published. Some nights are spent with a bottle of Chilean Cabernet and writers block, but others are spent with a fine Cuban and a dozen pages of your best work ever. Either way, you must keep plodding forward with Hemingway hope. Running and walking aren't likely with this schedule.

The parents aren't as spry as they used to be...and you're reminded of that every day when they wake up in your 4th bedroom. Dad just wasn't able to drive to the grocery store anymore and mom wasn't able to negotiate those steep stairs in your childhood home. You wear the hats of caretaker, cook, chauffeur, and medical assistant. Pilates and yoga didn't have a prayer when father and mother crossed over your threshold last year.

It was a pleasure and honor to introduce you to some of the nominees for best excuse of the year. Any form of exercise seems impossible and insurmountable with crosses to bear such as these. You can "bow before Zod" and continue to give in to these unrelenting excuses or you can take flight with a cape of hope and determination flapping in the winds of change you create. Every sunrise gives you the opportunity of a lifetime!



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