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Chelsea Manning Found Guilty of Prison Rule Violations, Gets Restrictions

By Trudy Ring

Chelsea Manning was found guilty today on four charges of breaking prison rules and will receive 21 days of restrictions on recreation as punishment, but she has been spared the harshest penalty: indefinite isolation.

She is serving a 35-year sentence in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for providing government documents to WikiLeaks, and was brought before a review board.



She tweeted the result this afternoon:

I was found guilty of all 4 charges @ today's board; I am receiving 21 days of restrictions on recreation--no gym, library or outdoors.
— Chelsea Manning (@xychelsea) August 18, 2015

Manning was accused of brushing food onto the floor during meal time, disrespect of an officer, "medicine misuse" for possessing a tube of expired toothpaste, and possessing prohibited reading material, including the Vanity Fair issue featuring Caitlyn Jenner and copies of The Advocate and Out magazines. The maximum sentence on the charges was indefinite solitary confinement.

She had campaigned for today's hearing before an administrative board to be open to the public, but officials denied the request. She was represented by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Antigay Discrimination Bill Endorsed by Republican National Committee

By Dawn Ennis

A controversial bill aimed at undercutting the landmark Obergefell v. Hodges decision by the Supreme Court last June 26th, apparently now has the full support of the GOP's brain trust and piggy bank.

The Republican National Committee approved a resolution Monday that in essence endorses discrimination against people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. The text of the resolution claims it aims to "protect the rights of believers to equal treatment by the government of The United States of America," according to the Patriot Post.



Although that website says in endorsing the First Amendment Defense Act, "the GOP is trying to ensure every American can live at peace in a pluralistic society," the liberal-leaning ThinkProgress points out that the bill would prevent the federal government from acting against businesses and nonprofits that discriminate against same-sex couples. This would mean that government workers could refuse to perform their duties, and businesses and organizations — including those that operate with support of taxpayer money — would be free to discriminate.

The American Civil Liberties Union has called the bill "a Pandora's Box of taxpayer-funded discrimination against same-sex couples and their children," notes the Washington Blade.

Gregory T. Angelo, executive director of the Log Cabin Republicans, told The Advocate the report in ThinkProgress is an attempt to take the spotlight away from a positive move by the RNC earlier this month to reject a pair of resolutions, one calling on sex education classes to teach "the harmful physical aspects" of homosexuality and another urging states

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to pass laws that attempt to nullify marriage equality. "Clearly folks on the left are trying to diminish the bold stand against antigay bigotry the RNC took at its most recent meeting," he said. "What happened in Cleveland was a major step forward for the GOP."

Ellen Barrosse, RNC chair of the Conservative Steering Committee, told the conservative website The Daily Signal that neither the RNC resolution nor this bill have anything to do with discrimination but are instead "an attempt, for those of us who are people of faith, to protect religious organizations."

The RNC resolution specifically references multiple cases in which private business owners have faced legal consequences for refusing to serve to same-sex couples, in violation of non-discrimination laws. It also mentions several individuals who faced public scrutiny for their antigay views, suggesting that all of these people are victims of "intensifying hatred and intolerance."

ThinkProgress wrote that "by allying with these individuals and resolving that their actions need to be 'protected' by 'equal treatment by the government,' the RNC has directly endorsed discrimination against the LGBT community."

President Obama Appoints First Transgender Woman of Color to White House Post

By Bil Browning

President Obama has appointed Raffi Freedman-Gurspan to serve as an Outreach and Recruitment Director in the Presidential Personnel Office. Formerly the Racial and Economic Justice Initiative Policy Advisor at the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE), Freedman-Gurspan starts her new job at the White House today.

While transgender persons have worked in civil service positions and in various federal agencies or been appointed to presidential commissions and boards previously, Freedman-Gurspan is the first openly transgender appointee to work inside 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

"Raffi Freedman-Gurspan demonstrates the kind of leadership this Administration champions." Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Obama, told The Advocate. "Her commitment to bettering the lives of transgender Americans, particularly transgender people of color and those in poverty, reflects the values of this Administration."

Mara Keisling, Executive Director of NCTE, praised Freedman-Gurspan in a statement emailed to The Advocate. "President Obama has long said

he wants his Administration to look like the American people," Keisling said. "That the first transgender appointee is a transgender woman of color is itself significant. And that the first White House transgender appointee is of a friend is inspiring to me and to countless others who have been touched by Raffi's advocacy."


"Raffi's decade of experience brings important qualities to this historic appointment. She has been a vital part of NCTE focusing on the experiences of transgender people of color and those living in poverty. Her work included advocacy on issues such as improving the conditions for transgender prisoners, addressing biased policing against transgender communities, limiting the use of detention for undocumented transgender immigrants, and finding solutions to address violence against transgender women of color."

Freedman-Gurspan's appointment also drew praise from other racial and economic justice advocates and leaders.

Aisha Moodie-Mills, president of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund and Institute, celebrated the appointment for its histori-

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cal merit. "Our government works best when it reflects the reality of who we are as Americans," she said. "For the first time in history, a transgender American will serve the president as a member of the White House staff. We're celebrating because this is an important milestone for the transgender community, but we're also thrilled that Raffi Freedman-Gurspan, an incredibly smart, talented, and committed professional, will now be working for the American people."

"Raffi Freedman-Gurspan understands how policy affects real people," Marcia D. Greenberger, Co-President of the National Women's Law Center said in an emailed statement. "It's of great importance that Freedman-Gurspan will bring her impressive track record and experience in advocating for social and economic justice to her new position in the White House. Her deep commitment in advocating for those most in need and without a voice in our society will be a tremendous asset to the White House and to the country as a whole."

Freedman-Gurspan was also the first transgender woman to work in the Massachusetts state house where she was instrumental in passing the state's Transgender Equal Rights Law.

Carl Sciortino Jr., Executive Director of the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, also chimed in on the appointment, reflecting on Freedman-Gurspan's history in the Bay State.

"Raffi is a role model," he said. "I am proud to see her continue to lead by example, as she takes her voice and her passion to the White House. Her hiring is a symbol of progress for the transgender community, but without a doubt I know it will be her skill and hard work that will benefit many."

Prior to this, Dylan Orr was the president's first openly trans appointee. He was named special assistant in the Labor Department's Office of Disability Employment Policy in 2009. He now works in Seattle city government.

Amanda Simpson was the first transgender woman so honored, appointed to the Commerce Department in 2010. She now works as the Executive Director at the U.S. Army Office of Energy Initiatives.

And this past June, Shannon Price Minter, a trans man and legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, was appointed to President Obama's Commission on White House Fellowships.

Transgender Woman to Be Real Housewives of Atlanta's First Trans Cast Member

By Raffy Ermac

Ever since the premiere of I Am Cait, the reality television landscape has become much more inclusive and representative of trans people, and now Bravo's Housewives franchise has joined the fray.



The Real Housewives of Atlanta has cast its first transgender cast member, social media personality Amiyah Scott, making her the show's first ever trans star and the first ever trans woman to be featured in all of Bravo's seven Housewives franchises, reports Vibe Magazine.

Although she has yet to officially comment, reports say Scott has already been seen filming scenes for the show's upcoming eighth season. Scott fills a casting void left behind when original Atlanta Housewife and vocal LGBT supporter NeNe Leakes announced she was leaving the show earlier this year.

Scott is best known for being an Atlanta socialite, and she has more than 800,000 combined followers from both her Twitter and Instagram accounts.

Biblical Basis for Stoning of Gays, Says Tennessee Minister

By Trudy Ring

Add Pastor Ben Bailey of the Central Church of Christ in McMinnville, Tenn., to the list of those endorsing stoning for gay people, or at least seeing a biblical basis for it.

In his sermon last Sunday, video of which was shared by Raw Story, Bailey denounced people who seek churches that have

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“relaxed and liberal views.” They want “things like women preaching, women leading in service, where homosexuals and gay marriage were accepted openly,” he said. But that’s not God’s way, he added.

“He has a definite standard and it is not the liberal mindset that we see today,” Bailey said. “This book [the Bible] does not condone things like women preaching. ... God does not approve of homosexuality or gay marriage.” The Bible considers homosexuality “vile, unnatural, and deserving of a penalty,” he said, and “an abomination that under the Old Testament deserved stoning.”

The Churches of Christ are autonomous congregations united by common beliefs, chief of which is a literal view of the Bible. As for similarly named denominations, the United Church of Christ has long been LGBT-affirming, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has taken LGBT-friendly stances in recent years.



Judge Strikes Down Nebraska's Ban on Gay Foster Parents

By Joe Duggan and Paul Hammel / World-Herald bureau

LINCOLN — Lisa and Janet Blakey want to share their home with children who don’t have one.

That’s why the Lincoln women joined a lawsuit challenging a Nebraska policy that banned same-sex couples from providing foster care or adopting state wards. On Wednesday, a state judge struck down the policy as unconstitutional.



“Kids should not have to worry about where they lay their heads at night, whether they have enough to eat. Kids should not have to worry about having a home that’s a safe home,” Lisa Blakey said, calling the ruling a victory for children in crisis.

The ban dates to 1995, but the state Department of Health and Human Services quietly stopped enforcing it in 2012. Nonetheless, same-sex couples still had to undergo additional layers of scrutiny and approval not required of married heterosexual applicants to obtain foster care licenses.

Lancaster County District Judge John Colborn, citing the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in favor of same-sex marriage, said Nebraska’s policy violates the Constitution’s equal protection and due process guarantees. In addition, the judge ordered the state to apply the same licensing procedures and standards to all foster care applicants, regardless of sexual orientation or marital status.

“Defendants have not argued, nor have they identified, any legitimate government interest to justify treating gay and lesbian couples differently than heterosexual individuals and heterosexual couples in this review process,” the judge said in his 11-page ruling.

Attorney General Doug Peterson, who defended the state in the lawsuit, did not plan to issue a statement about the decision Wednesday night, said Suzanne Gage, his spokeswoman.

But Al Riskowski, executive director of the Nebraska Family Alliance, said he was concerned that the ruling went too far and argued that HHS should retain the ability to give priority to opposite-sex couples when placing foster children. He said research shows that such environments produce the best outcomes for kids.

“A woman can never be a dad and two men can never be a mom to a child,” he said. “That’s not to say single parents can’t be good parents and children won’t do fine in a homosexual household, but children do best in a home with a mom and a dad.”

The 1995 policy prevented unmarried, unrelated couples who lived together from becoming foster parents or adopting state wards. It applied to homosexual couples, unmarried heterosexual couples and platonic roommates.

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In 2012, HHS began allowing some same-sex couples to become foster parents without officially rescinding the 1995 ban. In fact, the department left the policy statement on its website until earlier this year.

The judge said a state agency cannot adopt a new procedure without rescinding a previous policy that is "wholly inconsistent" with the new rule. In addition, he noted that there was widespread confusion, including among HHS staff members, about the department's policies.

The new review procedures also weren't the same for same-sex couples as they were for other foster care applicants. Heterosexual individuals or married couples undergo two levels of review, while unmarried, unrelated heterosexual applicants and convicted felons required four tiers of review. Lesbian or gay individuals or couples had to pass a fifth level of scrutiny by the department's director of children and family services.

Since the new procedures were adopted in 2012, the department has approved placements with 15 gay or lesbian foster parents.

An official with ACLU of Nebraska said the ruling affirms Nebraska's motto of "Equality before the Law."

"This is a special victory for thousands of children in Nebraska who now have more options to find loving and stable homes," said Danielle Conrad, the ACLU's executive director.

The lawsuit was filed by three same-sex couple who had sought to become foster parents in Nebraska. One couple had been in a committed relationship for 30 years and had adopted five children through the foster care system in California, where

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they previously resided.

Lisa and Janet Blakey have been together for 10 years and married for two. Lisa Blakey said it was important to proceed with the lawsuit to ensure that all foster care applicants are treated equally.

"I can't understand why we would have to go through a higher level of scrutiny than a criminal," she said. "I am not a criminal. My wife is not a criminal."

Very soon, they hope, they will be foster parents.

"We've wanted to share our home with kids for years," she said. "Now we finally get that opportunity."

Chicago Researcher Among Recipients of Transgender Health Grant

by Matt Simonette

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced, on Aug. 14, that it has awarded \$5.7 million for a five-year study that will evaluate the long-term outcomes of medical treatment for transgender youth. Among the co-investigators in the study is Dr. Robert Garofalo, division chief of Adolescent Medicine at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University School of Medicine.

"This is one of the proudest moment of my academic career, and probably my medical career as well," said Garofalo. "This is the first study of its kind, and it really only comes after two years of very hard, diligent and collaborative work to get this award."

According to a statement, the goal of researchers is to uncover evidence-based information on the physiological and psychosocial impact, as well as safety, of hormone blockers and cross-sex hormone use amongst transgender youth. Garofalo's co-investigators include Johanna Olson of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California; Stephen Rosenthal of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in San Francisco; and Norman Spack of Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. The study will take place at four academic medical centers with dedicated transgender youth clinics.

Garofalo, who gave additional credit to the Tawani Foundation for its financial support on transgender health issues, added that the study came at the "perfect time" and can potentially expand the scope of transgender health issues.

"There's been an explosion of awareness in transgender health, both in the medical field and in the media, as well as in academic circles," he said. "For too long, transgender health issues have been seen singularly through the prism of HIV."

The study begins enrollment in fall 2015 and will include 280 transgender youth. Participants will be individuals seeking medical intervention to align their physical bodies with their gender identity and alleviate gender dysphoria and its associat-

ed negative effects, including anxiety, depression and substance abuse.

STUDY: Half of UK's Young Adults Not '100 Percent Heterosexual'

By Bil Browning

A stunning survey by YouGov UK has found that 23 percent of British people surveyed do not consider themselves exclusively heterosexual. As many as 49 percent of adults aged 18-24 described themselves as "not 100 percent heterosexual," indicating bisexuality is more common among younger adults, who enjoy more sexual fluidity.



The survey used a modified Kinsey scale to measure sexuality by asking participants to place themselves on a range between "exclusively heterosexual" and "exclusively homosexual." Kinsey's groundbreaking study of human sexuality found that 10 percent of males were "more or less exclusively homosexual for at least three years between the ages of 16 and 55." The British survey found that four percent of total respondents identified as "completely homosexual."

Younger adults tend to be more willing to experiment with members of the same-sex than older adults, according to the survey. Six percent of young adults classified themselves as completely homosexual, but 43 percent identified as neither exclusively homosexual or heterosexual.

While most of respondents still identified as heterosexual or homosexual, the scale numbered between zero (completely heterosexual) and six (completely homosexual) allows for subjects to be more specific about their sexuality and indicate that they have had experiences or attractions outside of their declared identity.

"Clearly, these figures are not measures of active bisexuality - overall, 89 percent of the population describes themselves as heterosexual - but putting yourself at level one allows for the possibility of homosexual feelings and experiences," researchers wrote. "More than anything, it indicates an increasingly open minded approach to sexuality."

"In a further set of questions asking if respondents could conceivably be attracted to, have sex with or have a relationship with someone of the same sex (if the right person came along at the right time), level ones were at least 35 percent more likely to say they could than level zeroes."

According to the research, the closer heterosexual identified respondents rated themselves closer to a three (completely bisexual), the chance that they have had a sexual experience

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Anna Popova, head of the health care watchdog group Rospotrebnadzor proposed mandatory testing at a youth forum called Terra Scientia. Popova also said she would support genetic and hepatitis testing for potential parents as well.

Supporters said that such testing would help combat the HIV epidemic in Russia, which has the highest HIV infection rate in Europe.

"It's a reasonable proposal and should be supported," Nikolai Gerasimenko first deputy chairman of the committee told Interfax, according to The Moscow Times. "The number of HIV-positive people is growing and it is becoming a serious problem. I think our top public health official [Popova] is absolutely right."

Vadim Pokrovsky, head of the Federal AIDS Centre, said he supported couples getting tested before marriage but only if it was voluntary, and raised concerns about privacy and disclosure.

"For example, who should be informed of the results? The future wife, the bride? How would she react? Most likely the marriage would fall apart," he said in an interview with Business FM radio.

LGBT advocates also worry about the implications, as well, since the country is at the height of an antigay crackdown.

News of the testing comes in the wake of a proposed ban on foreign-made condoms earlier this month, while Russia faces a number of HIV-related problems. The cost of HIV treatment have spiked as Russia faces a falling ruble and a shortage of medication.

In addition, rates of infection have doubled in the past five years, which Pokrovsky blamed on conservative approaches to fighting HIV by promoting traditional values.

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 with a member of the opposite sex increased. The survey found 23 percent of those at level one have had a sexual encounter with a member of the opposite sex, while 52 percent of people at level two have had such an experience.

Russia May Implement Mandatory HIV Testing

Suggestion proposes mandatory testing for couples getting married to combat infection rates.

BY KATIE PEOPLES

A suggestion to impose mandatory HIV testing on couples getting married received support from Russia's State Duma health committee last week, ac-

Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

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Cheaters

Dear Michael:

I never thought it would happen to me, but here I am, in a relationship with a cheater. I didn't know he was sleeping with other guys, but I started to notice too many things that were weird and he then started being extra nice to me in a way that made me wonder what the hell was going on.

Anyway, I found out; confronted him and he admitted it. The problem is: what do I do now? Do I forgive him? How can I trust him again? He swears he won't do it again, but can I believe him?

I'm tempted to leave him but he's begging me not to. He said he'll even go to counseling (which is a big step for him). What should I do?

Boyfriend's a cheater

Dear BAC:

You ask good questions. Cheating can end a relationship or – surprisingly – can make it a lot better. Let me explain:

You wonder: how can you trust him again? For most of us, it takes time; you can't rush it. He will have to realize this and not pressure you to "get over it". You don't say how long you've been together, but, if it's taken you years to build up trust, it may take a while to restore that trust if a whole lot of deception has gone down.

Counseling can help. It's a good sign that he's willing to do it, it shows that he doesn't want to give up on your relationship and that he's willing to change. What I've noticed in counseling couples dealing with infidelity is that if BOTH parties involved want to work it out, they almost always do.

If you and your boyfriend are willing to look at what conditions brought about his cheating, you could both learn a lot about yourselves and each other. In fact, many couples



I work with – when cheating is the issue that brings them in to see me – end up CLOSER than they were before. Why? Because they are pushed (by the cheating) to take a good look at their relationship and see the mountains of small resentments that they've been avoiding.

In the short run, however, talking about cheating is pretty damned uncomfortable. This is why couples' counseling can be really helpful: it's not easy talking about this stuff, and most of us aren't willing to squirm that much unless we get some professional assistance.

In the short run, it can really suck to hear why your boyfriend cheated on you. But, in the long run, you sure can learn a lot about him and yourself. Maybe you had no idea that he felt neglected or unappreciated. Maybe you took him for granted and just assumed he'd always be there.

Every cheater imagines that they aren't getting some need (s) met and that they "deserve" to feel loved and desired in the way they want. Your boyfriend may have needs that he's never told you about. Maybe he wants more of you emotionally. Maybe he felt that your sex life was kinda dead or dull.

I'm not saying this to rationalize his behavior; I am saying that if you are both willing to understand why he did what he did, your relationship can become even stronger as a result.

And what about the old adage: "Once a cheater, always a cheater"? It is my experience as a psychotherapist that any habitual or compulsive behavior can be changed if the person wants to change and is willing to do the work to do so.

Cheating is an alarm clock. It tells you both that something's off, something's wrong, something's missing. Often, we have these nagging little voices that tell us: "pay attention; something's wrong", but we don't want to listen to them so we ignore them.

Until the alarm clock gets bigger and louder and we can't ignore it anymore.

No one can tell you to stay or go. No one knows your relationship and what the two of you have when no one else is around. So don't take anyone else's advice unless it aligns with your own. Only you know if this man is worth working it out for or if you're better off dumping his ass and moving on.

Cheating is an intense wake-up call. It gives you information that you probably don't want to hear, but need to. It can be an opportunity to work out all the shit you've both been avoiding... or not.

It's all up to you. You hold all the cards. Play them wisely.

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

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SECOND UNITARIAN, Sunday morning services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, 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 Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

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

Every Tuesday

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563—Bible Study at 7pm

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 (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. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 4:00-6:00pm Coffee with the Boys at Howlin' Hounds Café,

712 South 16th St. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Many of the guys go out for dinner afterwards. Everyone welcome to attend.

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

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

Every Saturday

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

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 9am—11am Coffee with the Boys at Paradise Café, Regency Court. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Good food and good coffee too. Everyone welcome to attend.

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Sunday

Soka Gakkai International (SGI-USA),

Lay Buddhist organization based on Nichiren Buddhism, World Peace Prayer the First Sun day of each month, 10am-11:30am, LGBTQIA Friendly, 1021 N 46th Street, Omaha, NE 68132, call 402-558-6148

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

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

2nd Sunday

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, Monthly Meeting, Abrahams Library, 5111 North 90th St, Stop by our monthly get-together to hear about the great upcoming events, and spend time with good friends. 3pm to 4:30pm. Snacks and beverages provided. Everyone Welcome !!

3rd Monday

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

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

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

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**

24 Hours to Live

Paul returned from a doctor's visit one day and told his wife Alma that the doctor said he only had 24 hours to live.

Wiping away her tears, he asked her to make love with him. Of course she agreed and they made passionate love.

Six hours later, Paul went to her again, and said, "Honey, now I only have 18 hours left to live. Maybe we could make love again?" Alma agrees and again they make love.

Later, Paul is getting into bed when he realized he now had only eight hours of life left. He touched Alma's shoulder and said, "Honey? Please? Just one more time before I die." She agreed, then afterward she rolled over and fell asleep.

Paul, however, heard the clock ticking in his head, and he tossed and turned until he was down to only four more hours. He tapped his wife on the shoulder to wake her up. "Honey, I only have four hours left! Could we...?"

His wife sat up abruptly, turned to him and said, "Listen Paul, I have to get up in the morning. You don't."

The Fence

The husband leans over and asks his wife, "Do you remember the first time we had sex together over fifty years ago? We went behind this very tavern where you leaned against the back fence and I made love to you."

"Yes," she says, "I remember it well."

"OK," he says, "How about taking a stroll around there again and we can do it for old time's sake?"

"Oh Charlie, you old devil. That sounds like a crazy, but very good idea!"

There's a police officer sitting in the next booth listening to all this, and having a chuckle to himself. He thinks, "I've got to see these two old-timers having sex against a fence. I'll just keep an eye on them so there's no trouble." So he follows them.

They walk haltingly along, leaning on each other for support, aided by walking sticks. Finally they get to the back of the tavern and make their way to the fence.

The old lady lifts her skirt and the old man drops his trousers. As she leans against the fence, the old man moves in.

Suddenly they erupt into the most furious sex that the watching policeman has ever seen, and it goes on for about 20 minutes. Finally, they both collapse panting on the

ground.

The policeman is amazed. He thinks he has learned something about life that he didn't know. He goes over to help them up, and ask them what their secret is.

As the couple catches their breaths he says to them, "Excuse me, but that was something else. You must've had a fantastic sex life together. Is there some sort of secret to this?"

"Yep," the old man says. "Fifty years ago that wasn't an electric fence."

Peaches

A very cranky old woman was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. She gave everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer who took her away. She complained and criticized everything and everyone throughout the process.

When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked her what she had stolen from the store.

The lady defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches."

The judge then asked why she had done it.

She replied, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store."

The judge asked how many peaches were in the can.

She replied in a nasty tone, "Nine! But why do you care about that?"

The judge answered patiently, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach."

As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long-suffering husband raised his hand slowly and asked if he might speak.

The judge said, "Yes sir, what do you have to add?"

The husband said meekly, "Your Honor, she also stole a can of peas."

Kids Are Quick

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbtDemocrats.wordpress.com> - contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also <http://ProgressiveOasis.com>

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, provides a welcoming and supportive environment to

mature gay and bi men and their fans to encourage participation in fun, cultural, educational or social activities. Email PrimeTimersEvents@gmail.com for more information & schedule. Also on Facebook as Metro Omaha Prime Timers Also see the Events list on page 10

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am

NAMI - Community Mental Health Support for the LGBTIQ community 415 South 25th Ave, Omaha, NE 402-345-8101 or 877-463-6264

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., HIV testing and counseling

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

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

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

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

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

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information

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

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

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

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 4pm to 6pm, for info: email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

River City Gender Alliance, PO Box 284, Boys Town, NE 68010, email president@rcga.co or call 402-541-5792, web site www.rcga.co

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

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267,

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

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

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

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

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

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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>

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000

Nebraska Trans* Community This group is for individuals that identify with a nontraditional masculine or feminine sense of self (MtF, FtM and anywhere in between) and their Partners. Contact info can be found at : NebraskaTransCommunity.com

OUTInc, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outinc.org, Lincoln NE

PFLAG Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflagcornhusker.org/>

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

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 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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The Hungry Homo

Egg-cellent Breakfast Casserole

Make this casserole the night before and then just pop it in the oven in the morning.

Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground pork sausage
- 1 lb. bacon
- 4 cups milk
- 8 eggs
- 12 slices white bread, crusts trimmed
- 2 tbsp. butter, softened
- 3 small onion, chopped
- 6 slices processed American cheese, shredded

Methods/Steps

Place sausage and bacon in two large, deep skillets. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.

Butter one side of six slices of the bread. Placed slices butter side up in the bottom of a 9x13 in. baking pan.

In a large bowl, stir together cooked sausage and bacon with onion and cheese. Place half of his mixture on top of buttered bread. Then add another six slices of bread (no butter). Add remaining meat/cheese mixture. Beat together milk and eggs; pour over top of casserole. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight.

The next morning: preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Bake, covered, in preheated oven for 45 to 60 minutes.

Additional Tips

- PREP TIME 45 Min
- COOK TIME 45 Min
- READY IN 14 Hrs 50 Min



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 712-256-4140
- Flixx , 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
- Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
- The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
- Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
- Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
- Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
- Rodeo Saloon & BBQ 164 W Broadway 712-256-0510

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

Easy Hot Wings

Ingredients:

- 5 lb. frozen wings
- 1/2 lb. of butter, melted
- 32 oz. bottle hot sauce

Methods/Steps

Dump a 5 lb. bag of frozen wings into a big pan (like a roaster or lasagna pan), add butter and a entire bottle of hot sauce. Bake at 375 degrees for about 1 1/2 hours or until golden brown. Serve with chunky blue cheese dressing.



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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HOW PROUD YOUR MOTHER MUST BE.

VERY FUNNY, LANCE. NOW, PLEASE... JUST CHECK OFF ON THIS LIST WHETHER YOU'LL BE GOING.

AND YOU HAD BOTH BETTER BE GOING!

HEY... HOW COME PRICE ISN'T ON THE LIST?

UM... BECAUSE HE'S PRICE.

HE AIN'T THAT BAD, RICHARD.

PLEASE. HE'S THE ANTI-CHRIST.

DRESSED IN LACOSTE WITH A KENTUCKY ACCENT.

MAYBE IF YOU GUYS DIDN'T HARRASS HIM SO MUCH...

... YOU'D SEE HE'S ACTUALLY A NICE GUY.

HOW HAVE I EVER HARRASSED HIM?

DIDN'T YOU THROW A WEDDING CAKE IN HIS FACE?

YOU... YOU ACTUALLY THINK I INSTIGATED THAT RIDICULOUS MÊLÉE?

WELL, YOU SURE DIDN'T RUN AWAY FROM IT.

LOOK, GUYS... ALL I'M SAYIN' IS, THIS PUMPKIN PICKIN' TRIP IS FOR THE WHOLE HOUSE.

N' PRICE LIVES HERE... LIKE IT OR NOT. HE'S PART OF THIS HOUSE.

SO... PUT HIM ON THE LIST... OR YOU CAN CROSS ME OFF.

ANYWAY, I GOTTA' GO GET READY FOR BASEBALL PRACTICE. LATER.

OH, I DO NOT LIKE THIS AT ALL.

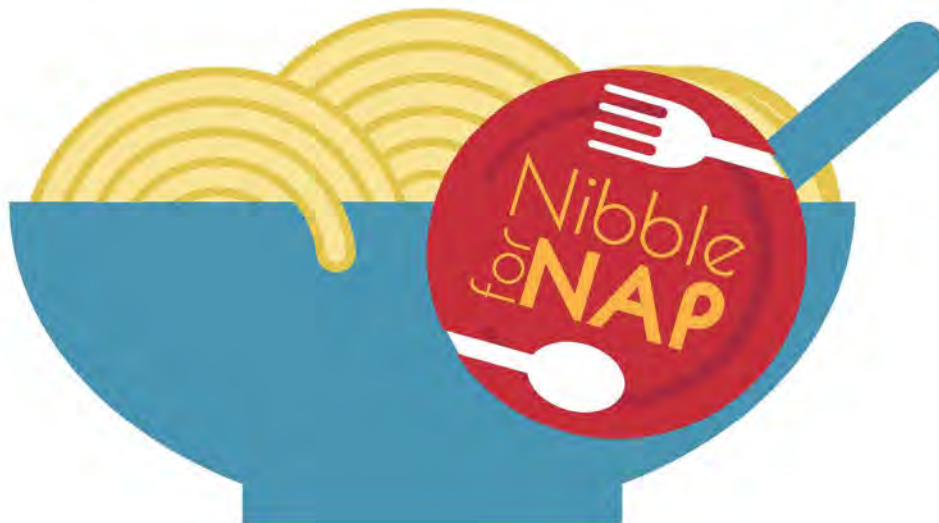
NEITHER DO I. AND THINGS MUST BE REALLY BAD IF WE'RE SO EASILY AGREEING ON SOMETHING.

I AGREE. I MEAN...

...OH, MY, THIS IS DISTURBING...

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month join us for dinner at a participating restaurant! A portion of the proceeds from each restaurant comes back to NAP!

More info at www.nap.org



Angry Marriage Rally Touches Down in Melbourne

By Neal Broverman

Many Australians are angry that the conservative prime minister and his so-called Liberal Party killed a marriage equality bill and are now pushing a voter referendum on the matter. Thousands took to the streets of Melbourne, Australia's second-most populous city, on Saturday to air their grievances.



Labor politicians like Bill Shorten told the crowd that if they were in power Australia would have marriage equality.

"This week Mr. Abbott and his right-wing Liberals broke the heart of the nation," Shorten said, according to The Age. "They are holding Australia back. It should not be the case that people are treated as a second-class citizen merely because of who they love... Why is Mr Abbott so stuck in the past that he's worried about who someone else marries? Get a life!"

Another politician at the rally, Greens MP Adam Bandt, said that Abbott's delaying tactics on marriage have "signed this government's death warrant."



"With so many dangerous nuts in the world, I figured, what's one more?"



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