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Antigay Politician Announces Run for Bachmann's Seat

Tom Emmer has views as staunchly anti-LGBT as Michele Bachmann's.

By Trudy Ring

Rep. Michele Bachmann is leaving Congress, but she may be replaced by someone equally antigay.

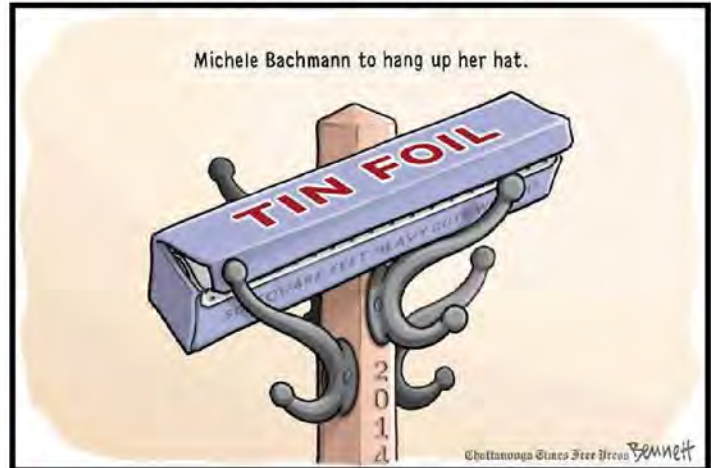


The first Republican to announce he'll seek the seat she's vacating in the suburbs of Minneapolis-St. Paul is Tom Emmer, a former state representative and failed gubernatorial candidate with some virulently antigay views.

Emmer last month wrote an op-ed for a right-wing website in which he claimed Minnesota's marriage equality law amounted to discrimination against those who disagree with it.

He also has been connected with a homophobic ministry. And when he ran for governor in 2010, **Target and Best Buy** came in for criticism from LGBT consumers and allies because they donated to a political action committee supporting Emmer.

(Perhaps Michele can loan him her roll of tin foil.....editor)



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The Hungry Homo

Black Bean and Corn Salsa

By Lisa Broadway-Savage

I must have a theme going – side dishes that don't require "cooking". We have affectionately named this salsa "crack dip" because of our inability to stop eating it. We usually make a double batch of it the night before a potluck – if we make a single batch, it will be gone before we leave the house.

Recipe Ingredients:

1 can black beans (Rinsed and drained)
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1 c chopped red pepper

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1/2 c chopped red onion

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1 tsp ground cumin

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Tortilla chips

Directions:

1. Combine non veggie ingredients and mix well
2. Add veggies and toss to coat
3. Chill for at least 2 hours and serve with chips
4. Enjoy!!



MCCO Food Pantry News

We have successfully changed over to handing out pantries ONLY on Wednesdays. It's been going on for a month now and our clients haven't had too many complaints.

One day a week seems to be working out great for all the volunteers. Ellen, Cheryl, Tiffany, and I usually start out the shift each week at 12:30. Then Edie, Tiffany, and sometimes Merry finish the shift, staying until 4pm. Shar and Jim take turns doing the paperwork.

In April we started announcing what stores had certain food items on sale, on Facebook and Twitter. Well Dan Matthew Emperor of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, saw our Facebook page and immediately put a challenge out to other ICON members to give food or money to our pantry! Within a few days we received almost \$600 cash and another \$300 in food items! Our new freezer was full of meat and the shelves were pretty full of non-perishable items! ICON has always been there to help us out with fundraising; they have been good friends to MCC-O.



Community Meals

We just completed our 2nd community meal in conjunction with Neighbors United, at First Baptist Church. Tom D. prepared another scrumptious meal of chicken & pasta with mixed vegetables, bread from Panera, and already prepared desserts from the Food Bank. We served 151 meals with the help of Kimana, Anna, & Buddy, along with our adult volunteers and members of Neighbors United. We arrive around 9 am and by the time we cleanup we usually leave around 1:30 or 2:00. Our next meal is August 31, with our last meal of 2013 on November 16.

Recovering Catholics

Blessings and Happy Pride!

Recently I had an extended family member tell me at a gathering that he was about as Anti-(Roman) Catholic as they could come, that in fact he was a Recovering Catholic. He shared with me that he was raised (Roman) Catholic, attended Catholic schooling and then one day read the Bible and essentially came to great disagreement with what he was reading and what was being preached to him. Over the years I've heard a lot of people share with me that they were Recovering Catholics and each of their stories behind the use of this term were deeply concerning points of personal and spiritual discomfort and/or pain that led them away from their Church of origin.



What strikes me about this term is that collectively it is used by many but there is no seemingly shared definition of what it means to be a Recovering Catholic. Once the varied individual

stories of why a person has left the (Roman) Catholic Church are shared the remaining stories of what it means to be a Recovering Catholic are just as individual and varied.

My experience is that a Recovering Catholic has either stepped away from Organized Religion (sometimes into a self expressed Personal Spirituality) or they join another, more affirming Faith that meets their particular needs. These choices do not reflect all choices of course but they are the two most common ones that are shared with me and these choices are ones that each person should have the freedom to pursue.

What I am interested in is if one is a Recovering Catholic (or Recovering of any other faith) what does the term Recovering "mean" to a person? Do they mean Recovering in the sense of how AA uses the term whereby one is always drawn or addicted to something that one must always be vigilant against so one doesn't relapse? Are they Recovering in the sense that attempting even a little to reconnect to it is dangerous to them and those around them? Are they abstinent from participating in any worship group because of the pain the Church of origin may have caused? If so, do have they sought personal or professional help to work through the pains or have they come to terms with that loss and moved on comfortably?

On the other hand are they a Recovering Catholic in the sense of how one recovers from unexpected tragedy, economic loss, or sudden health complications? In this sense does Recovering "mean" for them that their Church of origin failed them, let them down so to speak, but that they still have a yearning for it

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in their life and want to start the Recovery process of reengaging? Have they considered looking into faith groups that align more with what they seek in a spiritual community? Are they reconciling the unfortunate Truth that no one gathering of people can be everything, at all times, to each other and that sometimes we, as families, do let each other down? Have they looked at what they valued about their Church of origin, what they didn't, and given it or another community a chance to lift their spirit and share in faith?

This Pride Month is a great time to take Pride in who we are, as whole persons, and to be ok with ourselves and others who may want to seek a community where we can talk about spiritual matters, share in meaningful rituals, worship together and be a part of something bigger than ourselves that helps us and others in ways we find aligning with who we are in our diversities and with the gifts that come with them.

We at the Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha wish you a joyous Pride and encourage seekers to talk with yourself and others about your spiritual needs and to ask around for what may already be in front of you, waiting with open hands, loving hearts and generous spirits.

Peace to you and yours,

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Reid Looks to Take up ENDA 'soon' in Pride Statement

By Chris Johnson

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said in a statement commemorating June as Pride month that he looks forward to taking up the long-sought Employment Non-Discrimination Act "soon" in the Senate.

Reid expressed interest in ENDA on Monday while reflecting on state law in Nevada, which prohibits job bias on the basis of both sexual orientation and gender identity.

"Finally, while Nevada has taken steps to ensure that individuals cannot be fired simply because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, in many states, no such protections exist," Reid said. "I look forward to taking up the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) soon, to prohibit such job discrimi-



nation across the nation."

Advocates have been pushing for a Senate vote on ENDA. Senate Health, Education Labor & Pensions Chair Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) has pledged to move the bill out of committee this year, and a mark-up is expected in the summer.

Also in his statement, Reid reflected on the addition of transgender protections to the state's hate crimes statute and the Nevada Assembly's approval of an amendment to repeal the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in the state.

The Democratic leader also takes note of the pending lawsuit before the Supreme Court targeting the Defense of Marriage Act and says he hopes that DOMA is struck down when the Supreme Court hands down its ruling sometime this month.

"Our nation is made stronger by its diversity," Reid concludes. "I remain committed to ensuring that all Americans are treated equally, regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other irrelevant factor."

Speaking with reporters in May, Reid revealed that he has a lesbian niece and believes her employment "shouldn't be affected" by her sexual orientation. At the time, he said there's "a chance" the bill would come to the Senate floor this year.

Pat Robertson: Boy Scouts 'Torn Up' For Gay Kids Who Want To 'Do Sex' With Each Other

The Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) controversial decision to admit openly gay youths isn't sitting too well with Pat Robertson.

On "The 700 Club," the conservative televangelist said the Boy Scouts's ruling "boggles the mind," according to Right Wing Watch.

Blaming Hollywood and the "liberal media" for promoting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights, Robertson added, "It breaks your heart to see the Boy Scouts...torn up

in order to accommodate a few kids that want to do sex with each other."

Of course, it isn't the first time Robertson has decried the possibility of openly gay Boy Scouts. Earlier this year, he wondered aloud if permitting gay Scouts to join the BSA would also open the door to "predators" and "pedophiles."



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Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

Beautifully Bisexual

Recently, at a social gathering, a fabulous woman came up to me and said, "So, you, Mr. Psychologist... why don't you ever write anything about us bisexuals? Your columns always neglect us." So, here, to address her request, is a column about being "beautifully bisexual."



A while back I had a client who described herself as "a happily-married woman with a young child, a great job, loving husband and terrific friends." "There's only one problem", she said, "I think I'm bisexual, and I don't know what to do about it". She told me that she was comfortable having sexual feelings for other women, but asked, "As a married woman, what do I do with my sexual feelings for other women?" She thought that having a good sex life with her husband would replace all her feelings for women. But, after several years of marriage, she found herself fantasizing about sex with other women and feeling attracted to other women at work, church, etc.

After hearing her story, I congratulated her (not what she expected) and told her: "You may be on the edge of a great discovery. You are learning about a new part of yourself. Your awareness of who you are and who you are attracted to is expanding". I recommended that she avoid jumping to any quick conclusions or putting herself into any kind of box, be it "bisexual", "straight but confused", "lesbian in denial", etc. Sexuality is – for many people – a fluid process. People's sexual preferences and orientations may expand and shift over a lifetime.

An example of this sexual "fluidity" appeared several years ago, when writer/publisher Louise Hay spoke about what she observed as a shift in sexuality for many retirement-aged women. Ms. Hay saw a trend: "elder women" (her term) who chose other women as partners after long-term heterosexual marriages. She said that some elder women found other women more accepting of elder women's changing bodies and more interested in intimacy that wasn't so orgasm-focused.

In my psychotherapy practice, many of my bisexual clients felt that they had to make drastic changes when they "came out" as bisexual. Instead of stressing herself out so much, I encouraged my client to ask herself: Why put so much pressure on myself? Rather than feel I have to fundamentally change who I am, why not see this as an expansion of my identity: perhaps I'm a woman who is attracted not only to men, but also to women.

And if you're married, like my client, how does that fit into the picture? Some of my married bisexual clients wait until THEY

are clear on who they are and what they want BEFORE sharing their new awareness with their husband/wife. If you're just coming out to yourself as bisexual, this may not be the best time to talk with your husband/wife about it. If you can wait a while until you're calm and clear, you may be in a better place to help him/her deal with any fear, upset, insecurities, etc. Some clients have asked me if they should tell their children that they are bisexual. If your child is young, this may be a moot point. Young children just want to know that their life is secure and that mommy and daddy love them and will continue to love, comfort and provide for them. They are rarely interested in what mommy and daddy do in bed, or with whom.

Bisexuality is a button-pushing topic in many parts of the LGBT community. I encourage my clients to get support from other bisexual women and men. Look for any local bisexual support/discussion groups that meet on a regular basis and/or connect with other bisexual folks on Internet bisexual discussion groups, bulletin boards and web sites. Above all: don't isolate! Make connections with others in similar situations.

If you are coming out as bisexual, I invite you to look at your emerging bisexuality as something new and wonderful to explore and be curious about, rather than as a "problem" to solved. Why not enjoy the exploration, rather than panic and think that you have to radically change your life right away? Get support from the bisexual community and discover who you really are...then, when you feel it's time, you can consider if, when and how to share this with other people in your life.

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The BSA's removal of sexual orientation as youth membership criterion has angered a number of other conservative lawmakers and pundits. Gov. Rick Perry (R-Texas) said he was "greatly disappointed" by the decision, while the American Family Association's Bryan Fischer has suggested the presence of gay Scouts will create "sexual tension" on troop camping trips.

(Pat Robertson needs some of Michele's tin foil as well...editor)

Effort to Stop Attorney use of Gay 'Panic' Defense Advances

The American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section has taken up a resolution to protect victims of so called gay and trans "panic" legal defenses. The resolution supports the LGBT community by no longer allowing defense attorneys to use victims' identities or their sexual orientation against them in court.



Matthew Shepard

"This resolution puts an end to a longstanding injustice in our legal system and gives a voice to countless lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender victims of violence, a voice we never hear because they are no longer here to speak for themselves," said D'Arcy Kemptz, executive director of the National LGBT Bar Association.

Gay and trans "panic" defense tactics ask a jury to find that a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity is to blame for the defendant's excessively violent reaction. The perpetrator, according to the association, claims that the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity not only explain – but excuse – his or her loss of self-control and subsequent assault of an LGBT individual. By fully or partially acquitting the perpetrators of crimes against LGBT victims, these defenses imply that LGBT lives are worth less than others, said the LGBT bar.

The two men who nearly 15 years ago murdered Matthew Shepard, a 21 year old college student in Wyoming, tried to use a panic defense.

The LGBT bar said the defense is still being used today, most recently in connection with the February murder of Mississippi mayoral candidate Marco McMillian. McMillian was the state's first openly gay candidate for office. Lawrence Reed, the man who admitted to killing McMillian, has made comments to the press indicating that he might use the gay panic defense to mitigate the charges against him.

"We have been fighting against gay and trans panic defenses

for more than 15 years," said Kemptz. "We must protect the LGBT community by refusing to allow defendants to use a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity to justify their heinous crimes."

The National LGBT Bar Association developed the resolution, calling for jury instruction and providing for training for judges, attorneys and juries geared toward supporting victims by minimizing the use of the gay and trans "panic" legal defenses.

The ABA House of Delegates must pass the resolution at the 2013 ABA Annual Meeting in August for the recommendations to become official ABA policy.

Gay Marriage in California: U.S. Supreme Court's clock ticking to Decide Proposition 8

By Howard Mintz

Whatever the U.S. Supreme Court decides in the coming days or weeks on gay marriage, the outcome for same-sex couples in California is unlikely to be as simple or swift as a routine walk down the aisle.



In fact, with a litany of legal scenarios possible, about the only certainty in the U.S. Supreme Court is this: Even a dramatic win for gay marriage rights will not produce June weddings for California's gay and lesbian couples because so many technical legal hurdles will remain.

Gay marriage is on the clock in the Supreme Court, which will decide by the end of this month -- perhaps as soon as Monday -- the fate of California's Proposition 8, the state's 2008 voter-approved ban on same-sex nuptials.

The court will also decide the legality of the 1996 federal ban on same-sex marriage benefits by the end of this term. But for California, the anticipation surrounds the long-simmering battle in the nation's largest state over gay marriage rights.

"It's like sleeping with one eye open," said Kristin Perry, a Berkeley woman who, along with partner Sandy Stier, is at the center of the Supreme Court challenge to Proposition 8.

Even county clerks across the Bay Area are prepared for a summer rush of same-sex couples if the Supreme Court ruling legalizes gay marriage statewide. Theresa Rabe, San Mateo County's deputy clerk-recorder, said her office has extra staffing plans if marriage license requests surge.

"We're ready, whatever way the ruling goes," added Regina Alcomendras, Santa Clara County's clerk-recorder.

Much has to happen to reach that point, however, and any U.S. Supreme Court ruling typically has at least a 25-day aftermath before it becomes final -- which even in the most straightforward outcome would not allow gay marriages to resume in California until sometime in July.

But there are about as many twists and turns in what the Supreme Court could do as there can be in a marriage. Among the possibilities:

The Supreme Court could issue a historic, sweeping ruling striking down Proposition 8, finding any such state ban unconstitutional. This would end the legal debate nationwide, and it could be just a matter of weeks before same-sex marriages could occur in California.

The court could uphold a 2012 federal appeals court ruling that, on narrow grounds, found Proposition 8 unconstitutional. Or the justices could decide they never should have taken up the case, leaving the appeals court decision intact. Either action would clear the path for same-sex marriages in California only.

The court can uphold Proposition 8, ruling that it is a state's right to define its marriage laws. This would surely thrust the issue back into the political arena, where gay marriage supporters would ask the state's voters to overturn the ban.

Finally, the court could muddle the immediate future of gay marriage in California by deciding that Proposition 8 backers never had a legal right, or "standing," to defend the law in lieu of the governor and attorney general, who consider it unconstitutional. This outcome, in short, would send the case back to a federal judge's 2010 ruling finding Proposition 8 unconstitutional.

The latter outcome, which has been considered a strong possibility since the Supreme Court heard arguments in March, has generated the most debate.

The crux of that debate is whether former Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker's original ruling invalidating Proposition 8 would have statewide effect, or whether it would be confined to the two couples who sued to block the law and their two counties, Alameda and Los Angeles.

Because Walker's injunction covered state officials, Gov. Jerry Brown and Attorney General Kamala Harris are widely expected to argue that clerks across the state can no longer enforce Proposition 8. But Proposition 8 backers, and some legal scholars, say there are serious questions about that interpretation, saying a single federal judge may not have such broad authority.

Andrew Pugno, counsel for ProtectMarriage.com, Proposition 8's sponsors, says there will be further fights, some in the state courts, over the issue if the Supreme Court decides the case on standing grounds.

"There will be a dogfight over what we have to do with Judge Walker's decision," promised John Eastman, a Chapman University law professor who earlier in the case unsuccessfully

tried to contest Walker's ruling on behalf of Imperial County.

Lawyers for the couples say Walker's ruling clearly blocks the state from denying marriage licenses to same-sex couples. And many legal scholars agree.

"The ... injunction keeps the governor, the AG (attorney general), the registrar of records, from enforcing Proposition 8," said Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of UC Irvine's law school. "They cannot disobey this injunction, and they would not want to."

In the meantime, everyone waits, starting Monday morning, when the Supreme Court is next scheduled to release rulings. With so much uncertainty, even Perry and Stier have decided to plan "something very intimate" for a wedding because the Supreme Court has made planning a larger ceremony difficult. "We think about it all the time," Perry said this week. "It's getting so close now. Mondays in June are now all possible days."

IGBO's Annual Bowling Tournament to come to Omaha

In May of 2015, Omaha will be the host city for the International Gay Bowling Organization's (IGBO's) annual bowling tournament and general membership meetings.

This week long event starting the 19th and going through the 25th will bring in around 700 – 900 bowlers from around the world and will be a great event for our community.

In May, James Fuller, Jim Kaup, Steve Gregg and Joe Reed, representatives from Omaha's annual Ice Bowl bowling tournament, along with Jeanie Belitz Jr., proprietor of Maplewood Lanes, traveled to Tampa, Florida to present the bid package to IGBO's 130 Board members and delegates. The presentation was an overwhelming success, with Omaha voted in as the host city, beating out Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mark Rath, with the Omaha Convention and Visitor's Bureau, who helped prepare the presentation, is very excited that Omaha was chosen as the host city. He will be working with the committee to get the city involved as they move forward.

The Ice Bowl board and committee have already been working on the planning, naming Maplewood Lanes and West Lanes, as the host bowling alleys. They have also chosen the Hilton Downtown as their host hotel.

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Russia Passes Gay Gag Bill

By Dan Littauer

The lower house of Russia's parliament (State Duma) has overwhelmingly passed a bill that bans so-called 'propaganda' of homosexuality.



The State Duma voted 434-0 with one abstention on today (11 June) to approve ban imposing hefty fines for holding gay pride rallies or providing information about LGBT issues to minors.

The bill now needs, as a formality, to be approved by Russia's appointed upper house and signed into law by President Vladimir Putin, but this is expected to follow by the end of the this month.

The Russian LGBT Network stated the final version of the bill used the ambiguous term 'propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations', instead of 'propaganda of homosexuality'.

It also defined propaganda ambiguously as a 'distorted image of equality of traditional and non-traditional sexual relationships.'

The adoption of this law by Russia would mean any person or organization mentioning sexual relationships considered as 'non-traditional' will be fined.

The law will endanger allows suspension of any organization's activity and a fine up to 1 million rubles (US\$ 30,790 €23,215) which, in practice, means LGBT organizations will find it impossible to operate.

Individuals breaching the law will carry a fine of up to 5,000 rubles (US\$166 €124).

Foreigners will be punished more severely than Russian citizens, up to 15 days of imprisonment followed by deportation.

More than two dozen protesters were attacked by anti-gay activists and then detained by police, hours before the State Duma approved the Kremlin-backed legislation, reported the Associated Press.

Gay rights activist Nikolai Alekseev and other protesters rallied outside the State Duma of what they describe as a 'barbaric law'.

'The State Duma is following a trend of the government trying to appeal to the illiterate, who are very homophobic,' Alekseev told Gay Star News.

'Russia is isolating itself by criminalizing homosexual relations. We have seen the tip of the iceberg.'

He added: 'It cannot get worse. People are getting killed because they are gay. No one really cares in the government.'

Alekseev further stated that this law is an incitement to genocide against LGBT people in Russia and he will apply against Putin and authors of this bill this week to the International Court Tribunal at the Hague, Holland.

The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association of Europe (ILGA-Europe) slammed the move, stating: 'ILGA-Europe appeals to international and European institutions not only to condemn this law, but to consider meaningful actions again Russia demanding to repeal this law and to stop state-sponsored homophobia in the country.'

Martin K.I. Christensen, Co-Chair of ILGA-Europe's Executive Board, said: 'This is a very sad day for the Russian LGBT community and for Russian democracy.'

Today the Russian Parliament cemented its homophobic law at the federal level. Despite strong condemnation by virtually all international and European institutions and human rights organizations, ...the Russian Duma demonstrated that homophobia is an official state policy.'

Gabi Calleja, Co-Chair of ILGA-Europe's Executive Board, continued: 'We are deeply concerned by the negative impact of this law. Homophobic rhetoric which accompanied the adoption of this law at the regional and federal level for the last few years already significantly contributed toward a climate of hatred and physical violence against LGBT people which recently resulted in a number of murders.'

Your Community...

By Royal Bush

During the month of June many cities and communities will celebrate LGBT pride by hosting parades, concerts, festivals, dances and other celebrations. President Obama declared June LGBT Pride Month.

What does PRIDE mean to you? How do you celebrate PRIDE? Do you attend PRIDE events? I have asked these questions often and for many years and the answers always vary.

I look back at what PRIDE was for me when I first came out in the late eighties in Omaha, and what it has become over the years, one thing is for sure. People come! Today, for me, I think of pride as means to promote inclusivity with our allies and the greater community. Allow them to interact and see the churches, the businesses, the organizations, and the professionals that are LGBT and allies.

If we expect change, especially in this state, we MUST build relationships with our allies. We MUST come out of the closet.

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We MUST have open conversations with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We MUST be the face and name to images that are used to oppress, divide and discriminate against LGBT people.

Keeping connected with your community is more than a like or follow on a social media site. It is more than just going to a drag show or local benefit. It is rolling up your sleeves and helping, volunteering, getting in the middle of it all. You can be part of the change that you seek for this community. You can make a difference.

About the writer...

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LIFE RITUALS: Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Naming Ceremonies, Hospital Visits
COACHING: Premarital, Relationship and Grief
SHARING: Chapel Room, Daily Blogs, and Weekly Podcast
AROMATHERAPY: Essential Oils and Blends, Natural Home Products, Nutrition, Skin Care
ASSESSMENTS: Zyto Compass Assessment,
CLASSES: Meditation, Relationship, and Aromatherapy.

(402) 575-7006 3622 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105
www.inclusivelife.org

Prince Harry Saved Fellow Soldier From Antigay Attack

Gay British Lance Corporal James Wharton said his fellow soldier, Prince Harry, came to his defense when six other soldiers verbally harassed him and threatened to beat him.

Wharton went to Harry, who was his tank commander, to report the 2008 incident, according to the Daily Mail. Harry confronted the other soldiers and then reported the incident to a senior officer.

"I told him, 'I think I'm going to be murdered by the infantry.' I climbed into the turret and talked Harry through exactly what had happened," Wharton wrote. "He had a complete look of bewilderment on his face. I couldn't stop the tears from welling up in my eyes. He said, 'Right, I'm going to sort this shit out once and for all.' He climbed out of the tank and I poked my



head out of the turret a few moments later to see him having a go."

Wharton's new book, *Out In The Army*, chronicles his life in the military, as well as details of his camaraderie with Prince Harry.

Church of England Officially Gives up Fight Against Same-Sex Marriage Bill

The Church of England has said that it accepts that there is a clear majority in Parliament to introduce same-sex marriage and that it will therefore end its opposition to changing the law.

Rt Revd Tim Stevens, the Bishop of Leicester, who convenes the Church of England bishops in the House of Lords said that their role is to "join with other Members in the task of considering how this legislation can be put into better shape."

Yesterday, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rt Revd Justin Welby and other bishops in the House of Lords voted in favour of Lord Dear's failed 'fatal' amendment, that could have killed the progress of the Marriage (Same sex couples) bill into law.

On Monday, the Archbishop said that many faith groups, including the Church of England were "hesitant" about the bill, and that the bill would mean that marriage is "abolished, redefined and recreated".

Justin Welby went on to say that he "regretted the necessity of having to deal with the possibility of a division, at this stage, on a Bill passed by a free vote [in the House of Commons]."

He then "expressed sadness and sorrow for the considerable failure," that the Church had "not served the LGBT communities, in the way it should."

Despite saying he supported equality, and condemning the use of homophobic language as "shocking", Justin Welby then went on to say that he would not support the bill, because, he said the bill "weakens what exists, and replaces it with a less good option that is neither equal nor effective."

The Rt Rev David Walker, named today as the new Bishop of Manchester said that he would not have voted against same-sex marriage.

In a statement on behalf of the bishops in the House of Lords, the Bishop of Leicester said: "Both Houses of Parliament have now expressed a clear view by large majorities on the principle that there should be legislation to enable same-sex marriages to take place in England and Wales. It is now the duty and responsibility of the Bishops who sit in the House of Lords to recognise the implications of this decision and to join with other Members in the task of considering how this legislation can be put into better shape.

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center
3620 Leavenworth, Omaha**
(mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays	12:00PM - 8:00PM
Sundays	12:00PM - 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 9:30am and 11:15am & 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, 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 aanderson@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 (402-804-8720)

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 3:30pm, Walk-in from 5pm to 8pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

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

GLBT CENTER MOVIE NIGHT, 8PM, for all ages. Every Friday, excluding major holidays, 3620 Leavenworth Street, snacks, water and soda's provided for free.

Every Saturday

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

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

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

Every Other Friday

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday

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

1st Thursday

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

for info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

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, Country-
side Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street
Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Saturday

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

3rd Monday

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

3rd Saturday

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,
6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.
YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-
coln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220, 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

A Good Marine

Terrorists boarded a flight out of London.
One took a window seat and the other sat
next to him in the middle seat.

Just before take-off, a Royal Marine sat
down in the aisle seat.

After take-off the Marine kicked his
shoes off, wiggled his toes and was set-
tling in when the Arab in the window seat
said 'I need to get up and get a Coke.'

'Don't get up,' said the Marine 'I'm in the
aisle seat, I'll get it for you.'

As soon as he left one of the Arabs
picked up the Marine's shoe and spat in it.
When the Marine returned with the Coke,
the other Arab said, 'That looks good. I'd
really like one too.' Again, the Marine
obligingly went to fetch it.

While he was gone the other Arab picked
up the Marine's other shoe and spat in it.
When the Marine returned they all sat
back and enjoyed the flight.

As the plane was landing the Marine
slipped his feet into his shoes and knew
immediately what had happened. He
leaned over and asked his Arab
neighbors, 'Why does it have to be this
way?'

'How long must this go on? This fighting
between our nations? This hatred? This
animosity? This spitting in shoes and
pissing in Cokes?'

Health Advice

A Doctor was addressing a large audience
in Tampa.

'The material we put into our stomachs is
enough to have killed most of us sitting
here, years ago.

Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode
your stomach lining. Chinese food is
loaded with MSG.

High fat diets can be disastrous, and none
of us realizes the long-term harm caused
by the germs in our drinking water. How-
ever, there is one thing that is the most
dangerous of all and we all have eaten, or
will eat it.

Can anyone here tell me what food it is that
causes the most grief and suffering for years
after eating it?'

After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old
man in the front row raised his hand, and
softly said, 'Wedding Cake.'

Ladies Night

The other day, my friends and I went to a
"Ladies Night Club." One of the girls wanted
to impress the rest of us, so she pulled out a
\$10 bill. When the male dancer came over to
us, my friend licked the \$10 bill and stuck it to
his butt cheek!

Not to be outdone, another friend pulls out a
\$20 bill. She calls the guy back over, licks the
\$20 bill and sticks it to his other butt cheek.

In another attempt to impress the rest of us,
my third friend pulls out a \$50 bill and calls
the guy over and licks the bill. I am worried
about where things are going, but fortunately
she just stuck it to one of his butt cheeks again.

My relief was short-lived. Seeing the way
things are headed, the guy gyrates over to me!
Now everyone's attention is focused on me
and the guy is egging me on to top the \$50.
My brain was churning as I reached for my
wallet. What could I do?

Then the female marketer in me took over! I
got out my ATM card, swiped it down the
crack of his ass, grabbed the \$80 bucks and
went home.

GOOD QUESTIONS

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all
the way to the back of the store to get their
prescriptions while healthy people can buy
cigarettes at the front?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers,
large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then
chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of
dollars in our driveways and put our useless
junk in the garage?

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our
skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their
mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic
Wins Lottery'?

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.firstuuomaha.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: 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, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6:30pm, 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 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr. 3620 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.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781

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

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

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

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://pflagcornhusker.org/>

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

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.tricity-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 concerns of many in the Church, and in the other denominations and faiths, about the wisdom of such a move have been expressed clearly and consistently in the Parliamentary debate. For the Bishops the issue now is not primarily one of protections and exemptions for people of faith, important though it is to get that right, not least where teaching in schools and freedom of speech are concerned.

“The Bill now requires improvement in a number of other key respects, including in its approach to the question of fidelity in marriage and the rights of children. If this Bill is to become law, it is crucial that marriage as newly defined is equipped to carry within it as many as possible of the virtues of the understanding of marriage it will replace. Our focus during Committee and Report stages in the coming weeks and months will be to address those points in a spirit of constructive engagement.”

PinkNews publisher and Out4Marriage co-founder, Benjamin Cohen said: “It is an interesting development that the bishops in the House of Lords are recognizing that both Houses of Parliament have voted by large majorities in favor of same-sex marriage. We await with interest the amendments the bishops propose or support. It is imperative that amendments do not reduce the equality of same-sex couples.”

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

- DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street 402-344-3103
- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 402- 346-3549
- Flixx , 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
- Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
- The Max. 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
- Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
- Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
- Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
- Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 3620 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330

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

Quakers, Unitarians, the Metropolitan Church, Reform and Liberal Judaism all support same-sex marriage. The Chief Rabbi, Lord

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AH...RIGHT ON TIME, KYLE.



THEY'RE HOT OUT OF THE DRYER.

MMM...JUST HOW I LIKE 'EM!

AND THERE'S HOT PANCAKES WAITING FOR YOU BOTH UPSTAIRS AFTER YOU DRY OFF.



'FRAID I GOTTA' SKIP OUT ON BREAKFAST TODAY, KYLE. GOT ME AN EARLY MORNING MEETING.

IN FACT... I BETTER GET UPSTAIRS, GET DRESSED, N' HIT THE ROAD OR I'LL BE LATE.



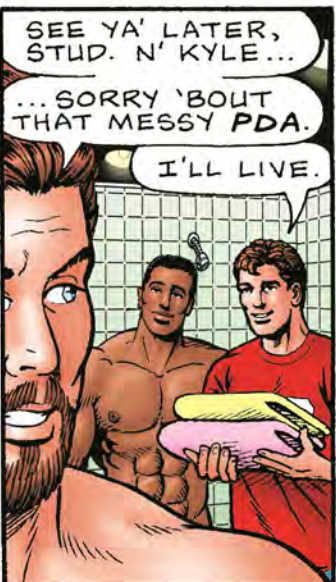
OH, DREW... BEFORE YOU RUN OFF...

... I JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO THE ADVERTISING AWARDS DINNER NEXT MONTH?

WOULDN'T MISS IT, LANCE.

GOOD. I... JUST NEEDED TO KNOW. TO RESERVE OUR TICKETS.

UH-HUH. N' ONE OTHER THING 'FORE I SKEE-DADDLE...



SEE YA' LATER, STUD. N' KYLE...

... SORRY 'BOUT THAT MESSY PDA.

I'LL LIVE.



ALL RIGHT. SAY IT.

SAY WHAT?

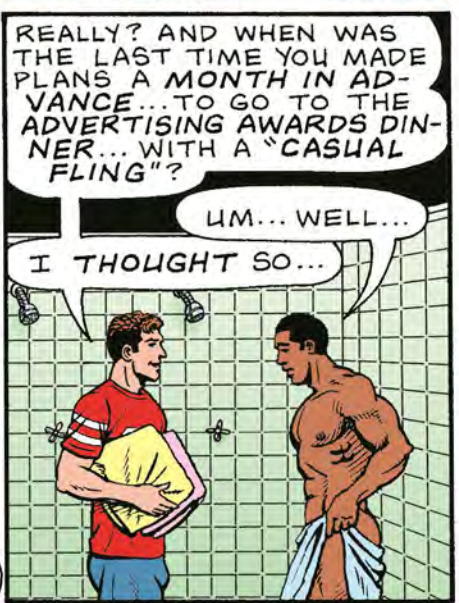
WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE JUST BURSTING TO SAY.



WELL...IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE "NO-STRINGS-ATTACHED" LANCE POWERS MAY ACTUALLY BE IN A RELATIONSHIP!

DON'T OVERESTIMATE IT, KYLE.

WHAT DREW AND I ARE HAVING IS MORE OF A...CASUAL FLING.



REALLY? AND WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU MADE PLANS A MONTH IN ADVANCE... TO GO TO THE ADVERTISING AWARDS DINNER... WITH A "CASUAL FLING"?

UM... WELL...

I THOUGHT SO...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



DINNER WITH PROUD FRIENDS

It's that Pride time of the year and I'm taking six of my greatest gay and lesbian friends out for dinner. I've booked a seven top at my favorite haunt for the soiree. These six celebrities should make everyone in the LGBT community proud to say they're one of us.

Seated at the head of the table will be the den mother I never had when I was a kid. Gertrude Stein is tough as flannel as she keeps me in line with the likes of Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Pablo Picasso, and James Joyce in her Parisian apartment. She'll probably tell us all what a lost generation we are today with our technology and gadgets. Some sweet sweet sweet sweet tea should relax her.

I told Michelangelo to be on time for appetizers at 7PM. He's been spending a lot of time painting someone's ceiling and he tends to lose track of time. He says it's the chance of a lifetime and he was commissioned by someone big from the Church. If they only knew they had a gay boy stroking his brush in the house of the Lord. The confessional is the second fresco on the left.

Don't be afraid of my third guest for the festivities. It's Virginia Woolf and she's bringing her latest book for me to read. She's happily married even though she seems to be living the Vita loca with a woman on the side. I think this woman could be the muse for all her amazing success as a writer.

If I need any help calculating the tip I'll call on the greatest economist of this last century to help me do the math. John Maynard Keynes agreed to dinner if it was free. This guy knows where all the great sales are for Prada, Coach, and Dior. A gay man and his vast disposable income are soon parted... unless it's within the house of Keynes. Maybe I'll convince him to buy a round for everyone. Laffer out loud!

I'm simply bananas about Ms. Josephine Baker joining us for the three courses of gastronomical gayness. This gal can act and sing and dance whether it's in the Big Apple or it's in her adopted country of France. She's friends with Princess Grace and Jackie Onassis and she's performed in front of Sophia Loren, Diana Ross, and Liza Minnelli. She is indeed the cat's meow!

I hear America singing their praises for my friend and poet Walt Whitman. I look forward to leaving to the day what belongs to the day. Mr. Whitman is my noiseless patient friend until we sit down for our feast this evening. O Captain! My captain! The day is nearly done. O the bleeding drops of red

wine that shall fill our glasses tonight.

There are plenty of great achievers in our community that should make us all beam with pride. Tonight should be epic fun for me and my pals around the dinner table. Here's hoping you have an epic Pride this year with all your great friends!

This article of perpetual pride is brought to you by that guy with his napkin neatly folded on his lap. That guy of dinner table etiquette is Ron Blake and he can be found with his elbows off the table at myblakefitness.com.

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talking to someone and turn
around to walk away, I hear
them whisper, "What an Ass!"**

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