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## Advocates Hopeful Rulings Spell Doom for Nebraska Gay Marriage, Civil Unions Ban

By Margery Beck

OMAHA, Neb. — In the wake of recent rulings by federal judges to strike down state bans on same-sex marriage, marriage equality advocates are hoping to strike a similar blow to Nebraska's strict ban that forbids even same-sex civil unions.



"We're very optimistic," said the Rev. Scott Jones, senior minister at First Central Congregational Church in Omaha who married his partner, Michael, four years ago in a religious ceremony in Oklahoma. The couple moved to Omaha and formalized their marriage in Iowa, which allows same-sex marriage.

nebraskaBut the couple has faced a litany of problems trying to live as a married gay couple in Nebraska, including a confusing tax situation forcing them to file separate state tax returns because Nebraska doesn't recognize their marriage.

Now Jones believes the overturning of all gay marriage bans "is inevitable."

"We've already won hearts and minds on this issue," he said.

A federal judge struck down Oklahoma's gay marriage ban Tuesday although the order was put on hold while state and local officials complete an appeal. It was the second time in a month a federal judge has set aside a deeply conservative state's limits on same-sex marriage, after Utah's ban was reversed in December.

Nebraska doesn't recognize same-sex marriages, civil unions, or domestic partnerships, under a constitutional amendment approved by 70 percent of voters in 2000.

The Nebraska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union — on behalf of a group dubbed Citizens for Equal Protection — sued the state in 2003 challenging the ban.

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## Oklahoma Gay Marriage Ban Ruled Unconstitutional By Judge

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday struck down Oklahoma's gay marriage ban, ruling that it violates the U.S. Constitution.



U.S. District Judge Terrence Kern handed down the ruling in a lawsuit filed by two same-sex couples. Kern immediately stayed his ruling pending appeals, meaning gay marriages won't happen in Oklahoma right away.

The gay couples had sued for the right to marry and to have a marriage from another jurisdiction recognized in Oklahoma.

Kern ruled on a constitutional amendment approved by Oklahoma voters in 2004 that says marriage in the state shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman. He said the measure violates the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause by precluding same-sex couples from receiving an Oklahoma marriage license.

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt's office did not immediately have a comment on the ruling.

The Oklahoma ruling comes about a month after a federal judge in Utah overturned that state's ban on same-sex marriage and hundreds of couples got married. The U.S. Supreme Court later intervened and put a halt to the weddings there until the courts sort out the matter.

The Oklahoma judge cited that case in staying his ruling.

Chad Griffin, president of Human Rights Campaign, released the following statement on the ruling:

Judge Kern has come to the conclusion that so many have before him — that the fundamental equality of lesbian and gay couples is guaranteed by the United States Constitution. With last year's historic victories at the Supreme Court guiding the way, it is clear that we are on a path to full and equal citizenship for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans. Equality is not just for the coasts anymore, and today's news from Oklahoma shows that time has come for fairness and dignity to reach every American in all 50 states.

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U.S. District Judge Joseph Bataillon struck down the measure in 2005, ruling it was overly broad and deprived gays and lesbians of participation in the political process, among other things.

But the victory was short-lived. In 2006, a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed Bataillon's ruling, reinstating Nebraska's voter-approved ban.

Its reasoning was the bans in Nebraska and other states "limiting the state-recognized institution of marriage to heterosexual couples are rationally related to legitimate state interests and therefore do not violate the Constitution of the United States."

Since then, there have been no federal challenges filed against the Nebraska law, and the ACLU said Wednesday that it has no plans to challenge the law again.

Ken Upton, an attorney for national civil rights organization Lambda Legal, said he thinks the 8th Circuit's decision might have been different were it made today, citing shifting attitudes toward gay marriage.

"Nebraska's ban is especially restrictive in the sense that it purports to cover so much more than marriage," he said. "It really is one that, I think, if a court were to re-examine it today ... it might get a different view."

State Sen. Brad Ashford of Omaha, who supports same-sex marriage, has said he wants to explore a possible "middle ground" of allowing civil unions, which he believes would receive stronger support from voters.

Excluding Utah and Oklahoma, Nebraska and 26 other states still have constitutional prohibitions on same-sex marriage. Four more – Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wyoming – do not permit it through state laws.

Upton, who sat in on arguments against Nebraska's ban before the 8th Circuit panel in 2006, said those hoping to see Nebraska's ban overturned will find their best hope with the U.S. Supreme Court. He said it "has the appetite to take this issue on ... and resolve this for the country once and for all."

Upton said the country's highest court would likely first hear a challenge regarding Utah's gay marriage ban, which was struck down by a federal judge earlier this month, and could do so this year.

## ACLU Sues for Recognition of Utah's Same-Sex Marriages

By Sunnive Brydum

The national American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Utah filed a lawsuit Tuesday on behalf of four same-sex couples whose marriages have not been recognized by the state of Utah, even though those unions were legal when they were performed.



An estimated 1,360 same-sex couples were married in Utah between December 20 — when a federal judge struck down the state's constitutional ban on performing or recognizing same-sex marriages — and January 6, when the U.S. Supreme Court put the same-sex weddings in Utah on hold pending the state's appeal.

Just two days after the Supreme Court granted a stay, Utah governor Gary Herbert's office announced that his administration, and by extension, the state, would not recognize as valid the same-sex marriages performed during the 17 days they were legal. But last week Utah's Tax Commission announced that it would allow those legally married same-sex couples who wed in Utah or any other marriage equality state to file joint state tax returns.

The ACLU's suit in Utah state court aims to provide clarity for the families whose legal marriage status remains in limbo. Citing the due process clauses of the Utah and U.S. constitutions, attorneys for the ACLU contend that rights cannot be rescinded after they have been granted by a ceremony that's considered legal at the time it took place.

"These couples were legally married under Utah law and their unions must be treated the same as any other Utah marriage," said John Mejia, legal director of the ACLU of Utah, in a statement today. "Even our attorney general said that the marriages were entitled to full recognition by the state at the time they were performed. Regardless of what ultimately happens in the federal challenge to Utah's marriage ban, the marriages that already occurred are valid and must be recognized now."

The new lawsuit is entirely separate from the case that briefly brought marriage equality to Utah, currently pending before the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. The ACLU filed an amicus brief in that federal case, but stressed that today's filing has

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critical importance for thousands of families headed by LGBT Utahns.

"We acted as soon as we could to make sure our family could stay together in case, heaven forbid, something happens to one of us," said Matthew Barraza, a lifelong Uthman who is the adoptive father of Jesse, the son he is raising with his husband Tony Milner. Milner currently is not recognized as their son's parent, and second-parent adoption proceedings have stalled because the state where the family lives won't recognize their marriage, according to the ACLU. "We just want the peace of mind of knowing that whatever happens, Jesse has security of knowing his other parent will take care of and provide for him. Now, because the state refuses to recognize our marriage, this peace of mind is again out of reach."

## Federal Government Will Recognize Utah Same-Sex Marriages, Eric Holder Announces

By Ryan J. Reilly

WASHINGTON -- The federal government will recognize the same-sex marriages that were performed in Utah during a brief window, despite the state government's decision not to do the same, Attorney General Eric Holder announced Friday.

A federal judge in Utah struck down the state's ban on same-sex marriages on Dec. 20, and thousands of couples rushed to get their marriage licenses. But the state of Utah is appealing the decision, and the Supreme Court earlier this week put the ruling on hold until the appeals court has ruled.

The Supreme Court's decision halted the state from performing any additional same-sex unions, but it didn't address the status of those same-sex marriages performed in the interim period. Holder's announcement Friday clarified that those couples will, for now, be afforded the federal benefits married couples receive.

"I am confirming today that, for purposes of federal law, these marriages will be recognized as lawful and considered eligible for all relevant federal benefits on the same terms as other same-sex marriages," Holder said in a video released Friday afternoon.

"These families should not be asked to endure uncertainty regarding their status as the litigation unfolds," he continued. "In the days ahead, we will continue to coordinate across the federal government to ensure the timely provision of every federal benefit to which Utah couples and couples throughout the country are entitled — regardless of whether they are in same-sex or opposite-sex marriages. And we will continue to provide additional information as soon as it becomes available."

## Florida Couples Sue State for Right to Marry

By Michelle Garcia

Six same-sex couples are suing the state of Florida for the right to marry, arguing that their state's constitutional amendment that bars gay and lesbian couples from marrying violates the U.S. Constitution.



The Equality Florida Institute is working with the six couples, who are all from Miami and the surrounding area. The couples are Catherina Pareto and Karla Arguello; Juan Carlos Rodriguez and David Price; Vanessa and Melanie Alenier; Todd and Jeff Delmay; Summer Greene and Pamela Faerber; and Don Price Johnston and Jorge Isaias Diaz.

"Florida is our home, it is where we are raising our child, and where we want to get married," Pareto said in a Tuesday press release from the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "Karla and I wish for our family the same things that other families want. We want to build our lives together, provide a safe and caring home for our child, and share in the responsibilities and protections of marriage."

They are represented by the law firm Carlton Fields Jordan

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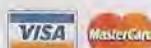
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Burt, attorney Elizabeth F. Schwartz, attorney Mary B. Meeks, and NCLR.

"Courts throughout the country are recognizing that this is an issue of basic dignity and fundamental fairness," said Cristina Alonso, an attorney with Carlton Fields Jordan Burt, in the release. "We look forward to the day when our clients can celebrate and protect their relationships by getting married in their home state in front of family and friends."

Florida Democrats and independents are more supportive of marriage equality than Republicans in the state, and younger voters are more supportive than older ones, notes Florida's Sun Sentinel newspaper.

Former governor Charlie Crist supported the marriage ban as a Republican. Now seeking a return to the office as a Democrat, he apologized earlier this month for his support of the amendment. A primary challenger, state Senate minority leader Nan Rich, has been a longtime supporter of marriage equality.

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## Gay Comedy Series Starring Ian McKellen to Air on PBS

By Patrick Yacco

The British sitcom *Vicious*, which will soon air in the U.S., focuses on the nearly 50-year relationship between two gay men and stars out actors Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi.



Following the success of British imports *Sherlock* and *Down-ton Abbey*, PBS will air *Vicious*, a sitcom focusing on the long-term relationship of two gay senior citizens, according to reports from *Deadline Hollywood*. The program stars out actors Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi and will run for six episodes starting Sunday, July 6. The network announced show as part of its summer schedule at this week's annual Television Critics Association conference.

*Vicious* began airing in the United Kingdom last April. While reviews for the program were mixed, it has already been renewed for a second season, set to air in its home country later this year. In addition to being one of the few sitcoms currently being broadcast that focuses on a gay couple, it was filmed in front of a studio audience.

While *Vicious* marks the first time McKellen and Jacobi have appeared together on-screen, the two were both students at Cambridge University and part of the school's Marlowe Society. The duo performed alongside each other in a production of Shakespeare's *Henry IV*, during which McKellen reportedly developed a crush on Jacobi, which he described as "a passion that was undeclared and unrequited."

## NAP NEWS

Are you HIV Neutral? Do you know how to tell if you are? How do you know if others are or are not? Well the Stigma Project is here to help us figure that out!

According to The Stigma Project's website they are "...a grassroots organization that aims to lower the HIV infection rate and neutralize the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS through education and awareness via social media and advertising. The Stigma Project seeks to create an HIV neutral world, free of judgment and fear by working with both positive and negative individuals from all walks of life, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, race, or background."

What do they tell us in what it means to be HIV neutral? Well, they say "HIV Neutral" is a state of mind, regardless of your status, in which you are informed and aware of the constantly evolving state of HIV/AIDS. Living a "neutral" life

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## Florida School Lifts Suspension on Student Who Appeared in Gay Adult Films

COCOA, Fla. — A Florida school district on Tuesday lifted the suspension of a high school senior who claimed he was kicked out for appearing in gay adult films.

Robert Marucci, 18, said that Cocoa High School principal Stephanie Soliven told him that he was suspended allegedly for his after-school hours work as a performer for the gay adult production company Sean Cody Studios.



Marucci, who said he was making the films to assist with his family's bills, said other students found his work and he became a target for bullies.

On Tuesday, Brevard County School District spokeswoman Michelle Irwin said Tuesday that the school had reached an agreement that would allow Marucci to return to school on Wednesday.

The district denied that Marucci was suspended because of his role in adult films, and said the principal taken a lot of heat because of the incident.

"In this particular case, we had an investigation, which is now complete, and the student is welcomed to come back to talk to Dr. Sullivan about his educational options," said Irwin.

"It's easy to become emotional about a situation when it looks like a student is being targeted for his lifestyle choices, that is not the case here," Irwin said. "We will continue to work with the student and his family to make sure he graduates and moves on with his education."

Irwin said Marucci was never expelled but was told to stay home and issued a referral slip because of "credible allegations" the staff received. That was weeks ago. She would not elaborate on why he was sent home, citing the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act. She said the school conducted an investigation and all allegations had been cleared.

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## Report: LGBT Americans spend \$7.9 billion on cigarettes each year

An estimated 33 percent of Americans who identify as LGBT smoke, spending \$7.9 billion on cigarettes each year, according to data compiled by the Network for LGBT Health Equity.

The data coincides with the release Friday of the U.S. Surgeon General's "Health Consequence of Smoking: 50 Years of Progress" report, that reveals the impact of tobacco is even larger than previously known on health.

With the advent of data from the National Adult Tobacco Survey, the Network for LGBT Health Equity has modeled the estimated money the U.S. LGBT community spends on cigarettes every year. After factoring in LGBT prevalence and smoking rates, the Network reports the LGBT communities spent \$7.9 billion dollars per year on their top health burden, smoking — 65 times as much money as the Funders for LGBTQ Issues report all foundations spend on LGBT funding.

"It's a brutal truth" says the Network's Director, Dr. Scout. "We're spending more on something that kills us than everyone else is spending to help us."

According to Scout, LGBT smoking disparities have been documented with a series of studies over several decades, but the 2012 National Adult Tobacco Survey marked the first time a national surveillance instrument reported LGBT smoking prevalence. In that survey, 32.8 percent of LGBT respondents smoked, versus 19.5 percent of others.

"LGBT people smoke at rates that are 68 percent higher than the general population," notes Scout, "and the 50 years of Surgeon General's reports just show us how effectively lethal tobacco is."

Friday's release of the Surgeon General's 50th anniversary report on smoking also expands the scope of diseases with a direct link to smoking. Whereas people usually associate only lung cancer with smoking, the Surgeon General reports 1 in 3 cancer deaths is caused by smoking.

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## Newly Selected Catholic Cardinal calls Homosexuality a Bodily 'Defect'

MADRID — Spain's newly chosen Catholic cardinal has described homosexuality as a "defect" within ones body, akin to high blood pressure, that can be corrected with treatment.



Most Rev. Fernando Sebastian Aguilar, 84, claimed in an interview with Malaga newspaper *Diario Sur* that "Homosexuality is a deficient way of manifesting sexuality, because sexuality has a structure and an objective which is procreation."

The interview was published Sunday, a week after the Spaniard was named as one of 19 new cardinals chosen by Pope Francis who are to be officially appointed February 22, reports AFP.

"We have a lot of defects in our bodies. I have high blood pressure. Am I going to get angry because they tell me that? It is a defect I have that I have to correct as far as I can," said Sebas-

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fian, who is the archbishop emeritus of the northern city of Pamplona.

"Pointing out a defect to a homosexual is not an offense, it is a help because many cases of homosexuality can be recovered and normalized with adequate treatment. It is not an offense, it is esteem. When someone has a defect, the good friend is the one who tells him."

Spain's main opposition Socialist Party said in a statement Monday that Sebastian's comments "perpetuate the discrimination and violence that exists in many countries" against LGBT people.

## Court: Jurors Can't Be Denied Duty for Their Sexual Orientation

By Michelle Garcia

Lawyers must not discriminate against potential jurors because of their sexual orientation, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday.

The panel overturned a jury verdict in a federal trial challenging the cost of HIV medication, because a potential juror was rejected for service on the case, the Los Angeles Times reports.

Judge Stephen Reinhardt wrote that denying gay and lesbian people the right to serve on a jury is a "deplorable tradition" that deems them "underserving of participation in our nation's most cherished rites and rituals."

"To allow peremptory strikes because of assumptions based on sexual orientation is to revoke this civil responsibility, demeaning the dignity of the individual and threatening the impartiality of the judicial system," Reinhardt wrote.

The trial in question was an antitrust case between GlaxoSmithKline and Abbott Laboratories, both manufacturers of drugs that treat HIV. According to Lambda Legal, which submitted an amicus brief regarding the case, Abbott's attorneys turned away a prospective juror because he is gay. Counsel for GSK objected, stating that a 1986 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, *Batson v. Kentucky*, precluded using peremptory challenges to strike jurors based solely on their sexual orientation.

## Nigeria's Anti-Gay Bill Signed Into Law By President Goodluck Jonathan

By Felix Onuah

ABUJA, Jan 13 (Reuters) - Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan signed a bill on Monday that criminalises same-sex relationships, the presidency said, defying pressure from Western governments to respect gay and lesbian rights.

The bill, which contains penalties of up to 14 years in prison and bans gay marriage, same-sex "amorous relationships" and membership of gay rights groups, was passed by the national assembly last May but Jonathan had delayed signing it into law.

Two similar bills have been proposed since 2006 but failed to make it through parliament.

"Yes, Mr President had signed the bill into law, a statement will be issued on it within the week," presidency spokesman Reuben Abati told Reuters.

As in much of sub-Saharan Africa, anti-gay sentiment and persecution of homosexuals is rife in Nigeria, so the new legislation is likely to be popular. Jonathan is expected to seek reelection in 2015 but is under pressure after several dozen lawmakers and a handful of regional governors defected to the opposition in the past two months.

Under existing Nigerian federal law, sodomy is punishable by jail, but this bill legislates for a much broader crackdown on homosexuals and lesbians, who already live a largely underground existence.

While European countries, most recently France, have moved to offer same-sex couples the same legal rights enjoyed by heterosexuals, many African countries are seeking to tighten laws against homosexuality.

Britain and some other Western countries have threatened to cut aid, a threat that has helped hold back or scupper such legislation in aid-dependent nations like Uganda and Malawi.

But they have little leverage over Nigeria, whose budget is funded by its 2-million-barrel-per-day oil output.

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"Any person who registers, operates or participates in gay clubs, societies and organisations or directly or indirectly makes public show of same-sex amorous relationship in Nigeria commits an offence and shall each be liable on conviction to a term of 10 years in prison."

The news provoked an outpouring of anti-gay invective on Twitter, but there were also some who questioned the priorities of the president, who is commonly referred to by his initials.

"I cannot believe GEJ took time to sign a bill into law jailing people for being gay. I don't have any electricity, dude!" one post read. (Writing by Joe Brock; Editing by Mark Trevelyan)

## Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

### HOW A HOOK-UP CAN OPEN YOUR HEART

What happens when you meet someone through a sexual experience and then discover that there might be more...much more. How do you turn sex into love? Or can you? As a psychotherapist with a practice largely of Gay/Bi/Trans men, I encourage my clients to see a good relationship as a marriage (pun intended) of mind, heart and dick. If any one of these is left out, good luck! When you let your dick lead you into sex with someone, tell the truth about it: the dicks were in charge! And we've all been there. But what happens when what started off as just a sex hook-up becomes more: when your heart and mind start to get involved? Wow! What a great surprise, isn't it?

I think that a lot of us LGBTers really want a long-term relationship, but we settle for sex. We settle for sex because we think that it's easier. In some ways, maybe it is. It may be easier to go from one hookup to another, with little emotional outlay and minimal connection. But, in reality, this is hard on our psyche. By keeping our heart closed, we avoid anything that's really satisfying. By just hooking up, we avoid getting to know someone and miss out on the depth of a real, meaningful connection. And yet, in my office, I hear many men and women say "I just want to keep it light". And, you know, that may be fine. FOR A WHILE. But it's a poor long-term strategy. If you're coming out of a 10-year relationship, then, by all means, keep it light for a while. But if you've had a year or two (or more) of keeping it light, aren't you getting tired of all that meaningless, if amusing, sex?



More than once, I've heard of two people who met up for a hook-up and then wanted to get to know each other better. They were surprised that their hearts connected and that their brains were coming along for the ride too. If this happens to you, and you wonder how a hook-up can open your heart, start by paying attention to yourself. Notice what's going on with you. Look inward: what is your heart saying? Do you hear your heart beating faster? Is your heart saying that there could be deep feelings here? When you think of this man/woman, is your heart happy? Is it singing? No, not in that fake Hollywood movie kind of way, but in a warm, tender, sweet vulnerable way. That's real.

Notice your thoughts. What is your head saying? This can be harder to identify, because our mind can be our best friend or worst enemy. If you are thinking clearly and not coming from fear or scars from past relationships, your mind might be saying, "Hey, you know, there is potential here for more than I expected...he might be a really great guy...why not see what's possible". On the other hand, if you are one of the walking wounded (we all live there part time, like a time-share condo) you might think, "Oh yeah, right, like this hook-up is going to turn into a deep, meaningful relationship. Don't be an idiot, it's just sex. You got your rocks off, move on!" You might even hear both voices inside your head: not unusual. These voices can create internal debates that paralyze us from taking any action. Don't go there.

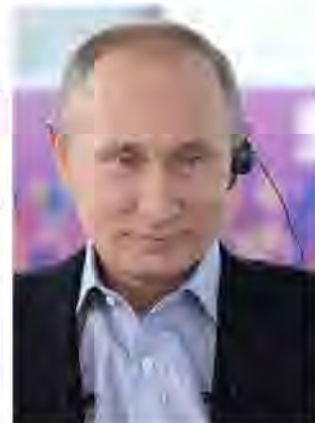
Sometimes, we have a longing for a real relationship - a deep connection - but, at the same time, we're terrified of it. That's actually quite normal. Most of us have ambivalence about opening up our hearts. After all, there's a lot of risk, isn't there? Along with the possibility for great joy comes the potential for heartbreak. And yet...what else is there really? It's all a risk, and we're big, strong men and women and we can take it, even if we get hurt. So, by all means, enjoy your hook-ups (and keep them safe), but be open to the potential for more. You never know when someone you meet for sex turns out to offer you more. Much more. Why not push the envelope and go for it? Your heart may thank you.

## Russian President Putin Links Gays to Pedophiles in Latest Interviews

By LYNN BERRY | Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin has offered new assurances to gay athletes and fans attending the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics next month. Yet he defended Russia's anti-gay law by equating gays with pedophiles and said Russia needs to "cleanse" itself of homosexuality if it wants to increase its birth rate.

Putin's comments in an interview broadcast Sunday with Russian and foreign television stations showed the wide gulf between the



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# GAYZETTE EVENTS

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

**We are closing the Center as  
of December 2nd.**

**The Gayzette will continue to  
be published and our hotline  
and web site will be contin-  
ued.**

**We appreciate the past sup-  
port for the Center but it be-  
came clear that it was time to  
close and become a virtual  
Center. We feel we can ac-  
complish much more for the  
GLBT community in this way.**

**Thanks,  
George Broadway  
Board Chair and Gayzette editor  
Email: [Gayzette@cox.net](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)  
Www.rainbowoutreach.org**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Every Sunday**

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

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

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP,** St.  
Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM,  
email: [EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of  
CHRIST,** info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org)

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

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

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-  
MOUS** 4pm, Augustana Lutheran  
Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark  
639-3055 **HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM  
FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday  
Worship 9:30am and 11:15am & Wednesday  
Worship at 7pm

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

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

**SECOND UNITARIAN,** Sunday morning  
services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, [in-  
fo@2uomaha.org](mailto:info@2uomaha.org), 402-334-0537

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

**WIMMIN'S SHOW,** KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**Every Monday**

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

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

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

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

**Every Tuesday**

**HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE,** meet  
Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session).  
Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [aander-  
son@hastings.edu](mailto:aander-<br/>son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at  
[jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto:jsandeen@hastings.edu) for further information.

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

**Every Wednesday**

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

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK**  
6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball  
field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

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

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

**NAP HIV TESTING,** 250 South 77th St., by  
appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to  
3:30pm, Walkin from 5pm to 8pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 7pm

**WORSHIP SERVICES  
MCC OMAHA,** Bible Study, 7pm

**Every Thursday**

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

**Every Friday**

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

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

**OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB**

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

**Every Saturday**

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

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP**

4-6pm, First United Methodist Church,  
291-6781 [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

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

**1st Thursday**

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

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

**1st Saturday**

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE,** at  
7:00 pm See  
[www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://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](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on Facebook

**2nd Monday**

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

## 2nd Thursday

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

## 2nd Saturday

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

## 3rd Monday

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

## 3rd 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](mailto:ecuomaha@live.com)  
Web: [www.ecuomaha.org](http://www.ecuomaha.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](http://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

## 4th Friday

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

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



## Carnation Milk 65 YEARS AGO

A little old lady from Wisconsin had worked in and around her family dairy farms since she was old enough to walk, with hours of hard work and little compensation.

When canned Carnation Milk became available in grocery stores in approximately the 1940s, she read an advertisement offering \$5,000 for the best slogan. The producers wanted a rhyme beginning with

'Carnation Milk is best of all.'

She thought to herself, I know all about milk and dairy farms. I can do this! She sent in her entry, and several weeks later, a black limo pulled up in front of her house. A man got out and said, 'Carnation LOVED your entry so much, we are here to award you \$2,000 even though we will not be able to use it!'

"Carnation milk is best of all,  
No tits to pull, no hay to haul  
No buckets to wash, no shit to pitch  
Just poke a hole in the son-of-a-bitch."

## An Old Prospector

An old prospector shuffled into town leading an old tired mule. The old man headed straight for the only saloon in town to clear his parched throat. He walked up to the saloon and tied his old mule to the hitch rail.

As he stood there brushing some of the dust from his face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other. The young gunslinger looked at the old man and laughed, saying, 'Hey old man, have you ever danced?'

The old man looked up at the gunslinger and said, 'No, I never did dance, – and just never wanted to.' A crowd had gathered quickly and the gunslinger grinned and said, 'Well, you old fool, you're gonna' dance now,' and started shooting at the old man's feet.

The old prospector in order to not get a toe blown off or his boots perforated was soon hopping around like a flea on a hot skillet and everybody was laughing fit to be tied. When the last bullet had been fired the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon. The old man turned to his pack mule, pulled out a double barreled shotgun, and cocked both hammers back. The loud, audible double clicks carried clearly through the desert air.

The crowd stopped laughing immediately. The young gunslinger heard the sounds, too, and he turned around very slowly. The quiet was almost deafening.

The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old timer and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels. He found it hard to swallow. The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old man's hands.

The old man said, 'Son, did you ever kiss a mule's ass?'

The boy bully swallowed hard and said, 'No. But I've always wanted to.'

## The Holy Land

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on a vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away.

The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her shipped home for \$5000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150."

The man thought about it and told the undertaker he would just have her shipped home.

The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$150?"

The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance...."

## Missing Car

A drunk walks out of a bar with a key in his hand and he is stumbling back and forth.

A cop on the beat sees him and approaches.... "Can I help you sir?"

"Yessh! Ssssomebody ssstole my carrr" the man replies.

The cop asks "Where was your car the last time you saw it?" "It wasss on the end of thisssh key" the man replies.

About that time the cop looks down and sees the man's weiner is hanging out of his fly for all the world to see.

He asks the man "Sir are you aware that you are exposing yourself?"

Momentarily confused, the drunk looks down at his crotch and, without missing a beat, blurts out.....

"I'll be damned ---- My girlfriend's gone, too!!!!!"

# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

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

**Camp Kindle**, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, [www.CampKindle.org](http://www.CampKindle.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**GOglbt Professionals**, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

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

**Heartland Pride** [www.heartlandpride.org](http://www.heartlandpride.org), email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org); meets on the 1st Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life** 402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://www.inclusivelife.org) Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

**Learning to Exchange Power**, no current info available

**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** not currently meeting

**LinOma Bares**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box

24547, Omaha NE 68124

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

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

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

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

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

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.oglbtsports.com](http://www.oglbtsports.com) for more information

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

**Out and About in Nebraska**, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

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

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

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter**, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 3620 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

**Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations** PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See [www.rainbowpride.org](http://www.rainbowpride.org) for info

**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see [www.rcga.org](http://www.rcga.org) or call 402-291-6781

**River City Mixed Bowling** Sundays,

Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pilagcornhusker.org/>

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

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

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

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094

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

**UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, Con-

tact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc

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

## Iowa Based

### Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic

209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia

### Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

### Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT friendly, 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - <http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/>

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

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://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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### **(Russian President Putin Links Gays to Pedophiles , continued from page 9)**

perception of homosexuality in Russia versus the West.

A Russian law passed last year banning “propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations” among minors has caused an international outcry.

Putin refused to answer a question from the BBC on whether he believes that people are born gay or become gay. The Russian law, however, suggests that information about homosexuality can influence a child’s sexual orientation.

The law has contributed to growing animosity toward gays in Russian society, with rights activists reporting a rise in harassment and abuse.

International worries about how gays will be treated in Sochi have been met with assurances from Russian officials and Olympics organizers that there will be no discrimination, and Putin reiterated that stance.

“There are no fears for people with this nontraditional orientation who plan to come to Sochi as guests or participants,” Putin declared in the TV interview.

He said the law was aimed at banning propaganda of homosexuality and pedophilia, suggesting that gays are more likely to abuse children.

Making another favorite argument against homosexuality,

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Putin noted with pride that Russia saw more births than deaths last year for the first time in two decades. Population growth is vital for Russia’s development and “anything that gets in the way of that we should clean up,” he said, using a word usually reserved for military operations.

The law on propaganda has been used to justify barring gay pride rallies on the grounds that children might see them. This has raised the question of how athletes and fans would be treated for any gay-rights protests during the Olympics.

When asked about this by the ABC TV channel, Putin said protests against the law itself would not be considered propaganda.

Putin then hit back, accusing the United States of double standards in its criticism of Russia, pointing to laws that remain on the books in some U.S. states classifying gay sex as a crime. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, ruled in 2003 that such laws were unconstitutional.

Homosexuality was a crime in the entire former Soviet Union, which collapsed in 1991. It was decriminalized in Russia in 1993.

The Sochi Winter Olympics run Feb. 7-23.

# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

SECOND PLACE AT THE U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS?! YOU WERE ROBBED, MICHAEL!

I WATCHED EVERY SKATER ON T.V., AND YOU SHOULD'VE WON!

THANKS, RICHARD, BUT...

...THIS IS ONLY MY FIRST YEAR SKATING AT SENIOR LEVEL. SECOND PLACE IS A PHENOMENAL FINISH!

AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY... THE TOP TWO SKATERS GET TO GO ON TO THE OLYMPICS! SPEAKING OF WHICH...

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...I HOPE YOUR PASSPORT IS IN ORDER, KYLE. BEING THAT YOU'RE MY ASSISTANT COACH NOW... YOU'RE COMING WITH TOM AND ME!

RIGHT. ABOUT THAT...

...I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GO TO RUSSIA WITH YOU AND TOM.

WHAT?!

BELIEVE ME, MICHAEL... THE WINTER OLYMPICS IS MY FAVORITE SPORTING EVENT IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

I NEVER DREAMED I'D GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO ONE... AS AN ASSISTANT FIGURE SKATING COACH!

... BE A PART OF A CELEBRATORY EVENT...

BUT I JUST CAN'T IN GOOD CONSCIENCE...

...IN THE SAME NATION WHERE LGBT PEOPLE ARE BEING TORTURED AND OPPRESSED.

BUT, KYLE... YOU HAVE TO GO!

...YOU WERE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN SPEAKING OUT LOUDEST ABOUT BOYCOTTING THE OLYMPICS!

WAIT... WHAT?! RICHARD...

WHAT'S CHANGED? WHAT ARE YOU TWO PLANNING?

IT'S... PROBABLY SAFER FOR YOU THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

TRUST ME, THOUGH... YOU'LL WANT TO BE THERE FOR IT!

SIGH PLEASE TELL ME I'M NOT GOING TO BE A PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT.

YOU WON'T, KYLE.

YOU JUST MIGHT HAVE A FRONT ROW SEAT FOR ONE, THOUGH...

# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



## GLASS WAS HALF FULL TODAY

I had a pretty good day today! There are so many things that can go wrong and none of them happened to me on this great winter day!

I did not smoke a cigarette today. I still feel the urge to fire up. Nicotine left a lasting impression on me after my Joe Camel college days. I once again successfully bypassed the truculent craving and the dozens of fuming addicts outside of every building I exited.

I did not drink and drive and kill myself or any other person on this day. I maintained great poise and drove my 2011 Nissan Xterra between the lines and properly negotiated rush hour traffic sans alcohol.

I did not take any performance enhancing drugs to improve my teaching and training skills. My students and clients can rest assured that my overactive mouth and my wild gesticulations are all natural.

I did not succumb to anger and fire bullets into asinine motorists. I do not own a gun so that would have been a tall order anyway. However, I displayed excellent equanimity and focused my attention on Rush Limbaugh's daily diatribe instead.

I did not go without my three squares and some tasty snacks today. I love a yummy meal, but I really love three yummy meals even more! Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were right on time and prepared to my liking. They should have been...I prepared them.

No one that I knew died today. I do not yet regularly scan the obituaries, but no one left any messages informing me of Joe Black's arrival to the doors of any of my acquaintances or relatives. My guess therefore is that it was a good day for all that know me.

I did not have any major aches or pains when I went on my daily run today. My breathing, heart rate, and blood pressure were all normal. A fly into my mouth and a few bugs into my eyes were the only blemishes on my six mile journey across the desert landscape this afternoon.

I did not feel the urge to pop a dozen pain killers to get me through the day. I am sure it would have been fairly groovy to watch reruns on the idiot box while flying on Air Vicodin. I'll keep those drugs in hibernation until my high school buddies fly in from Indiana and raid my medicine cabinet.

Today was really just an ordinary day until I looked at it through Pollyanna's glasses. The glass can be half full or it can be half empty.

I soon realized there is a whole other world out there after peering through those rose colored spectacles. I watched the sunset on this awesome day and I realized that somewhere someone was enjoying the magnificence of a glorious sunrise!

This wellness is brought to you by that guy with dreams of being mayor of the happiest place on earth. That guy of Disneyland delight is Ron Blake and he can be found in his magical castle at [myblakefitness.com](http://myblakefitness.com).



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**7PM**  
**WISH UPON  
A STAR**  
Presented by ICON

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SUN

**9PM**  
**BRANDED**  
ft. Chad Michaels  
Presented by  
Nicolette NuVogue

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FRI

**8PM**  
**AMATEUR  
STRIP**  
Hosted by The Max

9  
SUN

**9PM**  
**BLACK  
HEARTS BASH**  
Presented by  
Macy Riley

14  
FRI

**8PM**  
**N.S.A.**  
(Not Single Anymore)  
**SINGLES ONLY EVENT**  
\$3 Shot Specials

16  
SUN

**9PM**  
**LET'S GET  
CRASEY**  
Miss Divine Diva  
Tharin Crase Stepdown

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SAT

**7PM**  
**SNO-BALL:  
RED PARTY**  
Presented by ICON

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**9PM**  
**22 EYES  
OF BLUE**  
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