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Obama to Uganda's President: Don't Sign Antigay Law

By Diane Anderson-Minshall



After Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni told lawmakers he was now going to sign the country's draconian Anti-Homosexuality Bill, which would include life imprisonment for some LGBT people in that country, President Obama weighed in with strong concern.

According to Pink News, President Obama released a written statement Sunday admonishing that "enacting this legislation will complicate our valued relationship with Uganda. That is why I am so deeply disappointed that Uganda will shortly enact legislation that would criminalize homosexuality."

He went even further to condemn Museveni's actions.

"The Anti-Homosexuality Bill in Uganda, once law, will be more than an affront and a danger to the gay community in Uganda," he said. "It will be a step backward for all Ugandans and reflect poorly on Uganda's commitment to protecting the human rights of its people. It also will mark a serious setback for all those around the world who share a commitment to freedom, justice and equal rights."

Michigan Governor Wants to Keep Denying Benefits to Same-Sex Couples

By Sunnivie Brydum

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has asked a federal court to allow the state to continue denying domestic-partner benefits to gays and lesbians who work for state and local governments, reports MLive.com.

In a brief filed Friday, Snyder, a Republican, asked U.S. District Judge David Lawson to uphold the state's ban on benefits for same-sex partners of state and municipal employees, hoping to place a stay on Lawson's 2013 ruling that put the law on hold after five same-sex couples sued, claiming it violated their constitutional rights.



Lawson's June ruling determined that Michigan's Public Act 297, which prevents public employers from providing spousal benefits to same-sex partners, likely violated the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution, and issued a temporary injunction ordering the state to stop enforcing the law, according to MLive.

Snyder's motion for summary judgment, filed by Attorney General Bill Schuette, contends that Public Act 297 is a cost-saving measure for the state.

"Public Act 297 is a logical and cohesive part of the effort to reduce costs and to address the fiscal insecurity of local governments that has increased exponentially over the past five years," the state's attorneys wrote in the motion, according to MLive. "It is not singular and does not target same-sex couples."

But Lawson's June injunctive ruling seemed to reject this argument outright, determining that "a desire to save money cannot possibly be sufficiently important to require the court to abstain from deciding the constitutional issues raised by the plaintiffs. If it were, states could effectively insulate themselves from constitutional review by the federal courts of virtually any law by citing budgetary concerns."

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Antigay Russian Journalist Receives Presidential Humanitarian Award

By Ran Aubrey Frazier

The Russian journalist who said gay people's hearts should be burned or buried because they're not fit for transplantation has been selected by President Vladimir Putin to receive an award — for humanitarianism.



Dmitry Kiselyov (pictured at right), appointed by Putin in December to head the government-owned news agency Rossiya Segodnya, was listed as recipient of the Order of Service to the Fatherland in a decree signed by the president Thursday, The Moscow Times reports. The award acknowledges his contributions to the nation's social and economic development and his "services in the humanitarian sphere, strengthening of the rule of law, protection of the rights and interests of citizens, and many years of diligent work."

Last August, in an appearance on a Russian TV program, Kiselyov said the nation's so-called gay propaganda law is insufficient. "I think that just imposing fines on gays for homosexual propaganda among teenagers is not enough," he said. "They should be banned from donating blood, sperm. And their hearts, in case of the automobile accident, should be buried in the ground or burned as unsuitable for the continuation of life."

Kiselyov, who has been the host of Vesti, Russia's most popular news show, was appointed to head Rossiya Segodnya in what many observers saw as Putin's bid to tighten his grip over the media, so as to minimize negative commentary about his presidency and promote a positive image of the nation to a global audience.

Kentucky Couples Sue for In-State Marriage Rights

By Trudy Ring

Shortly after a federal judge ruled that Kentucky should recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions, two gay couples have filed suit calling on the state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex pairs.

The couples Friday filed an "intervening complaint" asking

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U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn to expand on the decision he issued Wednesday, Louisville's Courier-Journal reports. The case in which Heyburn ruled dealt only with recognition of out-of-state marriages, but the couples say the same constitutional argument, equal protection of the laws, applies to the issuance of marriage licenses within the state.

The couples, Timothy Love and Lawrence Ysunza, and Maurice Blanchard and Dominique James, "say they should be allowed to join the earlier lawsuit in the interest of 'judicial economy' and because there are issues common to both cases," the Courier-Journal notes. They are represented by the same attorneys who handled the case for the four couples in the original suit.



"The court was not presented with the particular question whether Kentucky's ban on same-sex marriage is constitutional," Heyburn wrote in his ruling. "However, there is no doubt that Windsor [last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing federal recognition of same-sex marriages] and this court's analysis suggest a possible result to that question." The ruling won't be final until Heyburn works out details of its implementation, and he plans to schedule a hearing on the subject.

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IOC Defends Removal of Trans MP for Rainbow Protest

By Sunnive Brydum

The International Olympic Committee is standing with the Russian officials who removed a group of pro-LGBT demonstrators from the Olympic village Sunday, citing the Olympic Charter's prohibition on political demonstrations in Olympic venues, according to BuzzFeed.



Among those removed was Vladimir Luxuria, a former member of Italy's Parliament, who was walking around the village for two hours Sunday, shouting and carrying signs saying "Gay is OK" and "It's OK to be gay" in English and Russian.

Luxuria, who is also the first openly transgender member of any European parliament, was strolling through the Olympic village in a rainbow dress, scarf, and headpiece when she was reportedly removed by Russian plainclothes police officers. She says she was taken to a local police station by four men — who did not show her an official badge — where she was questioned for several hours and eventually released early Monday morning.

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About GNIT

Is laziness the opposite of love? Is the search for the Self for total nobodies? Watch closely as Peter Gnit, a funny-enough

but so-so specimen of humanity, makes a lifetime of bad decisions, on the search for his True Self, which is disintegrating while he searches. A rollicking and very cautionary tale about, among other things, how the opposite of love is laziness. GNIT is a faithful, unfaithful, and willfully American misreading of Henrik Ibsen's Peer Gynt, a 19th century Norwegian play which is famous for all the wrong reasons, written by Will Eno, who has never been to Norway.

About the playwright Will Eno Will Eno's plays *The Realistic Joneses* (which will premiere on Broadway this spring, following an acclaimed run at Yale Repertory Theater in 2012) and *Title and Deed* were both named in a short list of Best Plays of 2012 in the *New York Times*. His critically acclaimed play *Middletown* (Horton Foote Prize for Promising New American Play, 2010) received its premiere in winter 2010 at the Vineyard Theatre, and was then produced at Steppenwolf Theatre. Eno's internationally heralded play *Thom Pain* (based on nothing) was a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in Drama.

His collection of short plays entitled *Oh, The Humanity* and other exclamations premiered at The Flea Theater in 2007 starring Marisa Tomei and Brian Hutchison. *The Flu Season* received the 2004 Oppenheimer Award for the best debut production in New York by an American playwright. Eno is a Helen Merrill Playwriting Fellow, a Guggenheim Fellow, an Edward F. Albee Foundation Fellow, a Fellow of the Cullman Center at the NY Public Library; Will recently received the PEN/Laura Pels International Foundation for Theatre Award and was awarded the first-ever Marian Seldes/Garson Kanin Fellowship by the Theater Hall of Fame, as well as the Alfred Hodder Fellowship at Princeton. His plays are published by Oberon Books, in London, and by TCG and Playscripts and DPS, in the United States.

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"I was kept to take information, for a couple of hours, and then at last, a person talking English came, saying that I shouldn't show Russian writings about LGBT rights," Luxuria told Russia's Kremlin-backed news outlet RuptlyTV.

The International Olympic Committee today defended Luxuria's removal from the Olympic village, saying she was not detained by officers but rather "peacefully escorted" from the site, according to BuzzFeed. An IOC spokesman told BuzzFeed that officials would have asked anyone demonstrating to "make their case somewhere else."

Luxuria confirmed that she was not mistreated during her detention but also explained that she wanted to send a message to Russian president Vladimir Putin, who last June signed a law banning "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relationships" in areas visible to minors, which has resulted in LGBT Russians and visitors being arrested, beaten, and harassed for displaying rainbow flags or pro-LGBT banners.

"I would say to Mr. Putin that [he] should show modernity," Luxuria told RuptlyTV from the Olympic village. "Not only with these beautiful buildings, but you have to be modern and open in your mind."

Anglican Bishops Bar Priests From Celebrating Same-Sex Marriages

By Michael O'Loughlin

Just days after the head of the Church of England warned its bishops that opposing LGBT rights would paint the church in a bigoted light, the bishops adopted new guidelines saying priests should not bless same-sex unions.



With same-sex marriages set to begin in March in England and Wales, the House of

Bishops drafted new guidelines that warn "blessing should not be provided" to same-sex weddings but suggests that priests "should respond pastorally and sensitively in other ways."

The guidelines, posted on the church's website Saturday, appear to be somewhat at odds with a bishops' report issued last year, which said priests "should be free to mark the formation of a permanent same-sex relationship in a public service," although they would not be obligated to do so. The Saturday posting states that an "informal kind of prayer, at the request of the couple, might be appropriate," with "the assumption that any prayer will be accompanied by pastoral discussion of the church's teaching and their reasons for departing from it."

Individuals married to a person of the same gender will continue to be barred from ordination, and the rules also prohibit "someone in holy orders" from entering a same-sex union.

Last week Justin Welby, archbishop of Canterbury and spiritual head of the world's 77 million Christians in communion with the Anglican Church, warned that opposition to LGBT rights would have a negative impact on how some view the faith.

Speaking to the synod of bishops, Welby noted the "a great fear that our decisions will lead us to the rejection of LGBT people, to irrelevance in a changing society, to behavior that many see akin to racism."

The 58-year-old former oil executive also acknowledged the fears of some church leaders that supporting LGBT people could "lead to the betrayal of our traditions, to the denial of the authority of scripture, to apostasy." Welby called for "a way forward" that will "overcome fear."

The LGB&TI Anglican Coalition said in a statement that it was "appalled" by the new guidelines, "especially in the light of the Archbishop of Canterbury's presidential address in which it was stated that differing views should be accepted in a spirit of 'good disagreement.'" In this document we see no acceptance of disagreement at all, but instead a heavy-handed and legalistic imposition of discipline."

Writing in The Guardian, Rev. Richard Haggis, a gay Anglican priest, said that he and his colleagues "long for the sort of union that could be marked by a public ceremony and decent and proper civil rights."

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Washington to Convert Domestic Partnerships to Marriage

By Diane Anderson-Minshall



Washington state has a surprise for thousands of same-sex domestic partners who have not married or legally dissolved their domestic partnership by the end of June:

according to the Seattle Times, each couple will have their relationships auto-

matically converted to marriage this summer.

Lornet Turnbull reports that the move is "the final piece of the state's same-sex marriage law — a provision about which many couples are apparently unaware and one sure to trigger some uncomfortable conversations. Those being plunged into matrimony will no doubt include couples who simply hadn't given it much thought."

She reports that some couples on the domestic partnership registry may have already broken up and married other people (illegally).

Most however are expected to be couples who are eager to see their romantic partnerships recognized as they marriages they are.

The Secretary of State's Office will alert the approximately 6,500 same-sex couples on the domestic-partnership registry of the pending change in March.

"We know there are scenarios we've not thought of," said Pam Floyd, corporations director in the Secretary of State's Office, which oversees domestic-partnership registrations, told Turnbull. "I'm sure we'll come up against those and will handle them on a case-by-case basis. This is the first time we've had to confront something like this ..."

It's not a new precedent however. Both New Hampshire and Connecticut automatically converted civil unions in marriage after same-sex marriage was

legalized in those states.

Officials say that the conversion won't affect domestic partners who are seniors, same-sex or opposite-sex, as domestic partnerships will remain an option only for them.

According to Turnbull, another state rule, set to take effect next month, "will allow marriage certificates to reflect two dates: the date of the marriage, as well as the legal date of the union, which is the date the couple registered their domestic partnership."



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Even though things are different than they were three or four years ago when it was possible to get your first home if you had a pulse...., it is still possible for responsible, stable individuals to qualify for a loan. Do your homework and find out what programs are available for first time home buyers in your city. Don't choose your lender based upon the lowest interest rate... there are many unscrupulous lenders out there that will quote you a low rate and then bombard you with add-on fees, or even increase your rate at closing. Also, don't give any lender authorization to pull your credit report, until you have chosen them as your lender! If you have multiple lenders with your

information, all running credit... it will lower your credit score and make the final lender wonder why so many lenders were "trying to get you a loan".

Again, any top real estate agent will be able to guide you through this process and prevent new home buyers' mistakes that could cost you dearly.

When applying for your first home loan the lender will require many items like bank statements, W-2s, paycheck stubs, explanations of credit report items and more.

Essentially, the lender wants to know that you have the income and ability to repay your home loan. You need to be patient in this process and give the lender what they are asking for and work with them to understand exactly what format they need it



in. This is another time it is extremely beneficial to ask the advice of those who have gone through the process already. They can let you know what is normal, what may seem a little out of the ordinary, and most importantly give you the reassurance you need.

It is better to start out small so that you remain comfortable - plenty of people mortgage hefty loans without any hope of becoming financially free in their lifetime. Eventually getting your loan paid off should be your top priority, no matter what.

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Author Jeff Hammerberg is the Founding CEO of <http://www.GayRealEstate.com>.

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Robert N Minor, MA, PhD

Robert N. Minor, M.A., Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at the University of Kansas



A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he received the Ph.D. in Religion from the University of Iowa in 1975 and an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Trinity Divinity School in Chicago in 1968.

He is the author of eight books and dozens of articles and chapters in edited volumes. In 2007 he published his newest popular book, *When Religion Is an Addiction*, published by HumanityWorks!, a product of his current research on the study of addictions combined with his background in religious studies theory and method.

He has done research in Europe, South and East Asia, and the Near East. His current research is also in gender studies and the relationships of religion, gender, and sexuality.

Peterson Toscano

Peterson Toscano is a theatrical performance activist using comedy and storytelling to address social justice concerns.



Toscano spent 17 years and over \$30,000 on three continents attempting to change and suppress his same-sex orientation and gender differences.

Since 2003 he has traveled in North America, Europe, and Africa performing in diverse venues and speaking in the media. He writes and perform plays that explore LGBTQ issues, sexism, racism, violence and gender.

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Utah Plaintiffs in Federal Marriage Case Get Engaged

By Michelle Garcia

Two of the plaintiffs in the case that challenged Utah's ban against marriage equality got engaged on Valentine's Day.

Derek Kitchen popped the question at an event on Friday night to his parter Moudi Sbeity.

The law was found unconstitutional in December in a U.S. District Court, and the case is now headed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Along with Kitchen and Sbeity, Karen Archer and Kate Call, with Laurie Wood and Kody Partridge, are the other couples in the lawsuit, being argued by Peggy Tomsic of the Salt Lake City law firm of Magleby & Greenwood, P.C., and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.



Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

GRIEF, SHOCK and SUICIDE

Death is a part of life, yet somehow we all do our best to avoid thinking about it. Even though none of us gets out of this life alive, it sure is tempting to think that, somehow, maybe we won't have to. Illogical? Sure. But it's a way to cope.

And yet, we will all die. Most of us (the lucky ones) will live to a ripe, old age, and yet many of us will experience difficult times (e.g., illness, depression) as we approach death.



How do we cope with death? And how do we cope when death

happens to someone we love? An even harder question is: what do we do when someone we love kills themselves?

A former client of mine, whose adult son killed himself, told me, "I wanted to die too, I never thought I could survive the death of one of my children." How do you work your way through such a deep and profound loss and the grief that inevitably follows?

When someone you love dies, give yourself permission to feel your feelings: anger, grief, shock, guilt, helplessness and/or despair. There's no way around them. You can avoid them for a while, but, eventually, you have to go through them. At a time like this, there are no right or wrong feelings. Feeling sorry for yourself is natural. Grief and regret are normal, healthy responses to death.

When I worked at a local Hospice, almost every family I worked with felt regret when a loved one died. I typically heard, "I wish I had done more/been nicer/loved her more/not yelled at him that time" or some version of that.

When a loved one kills him/herself, rather than admit to helplessness, we often look for somebody to blame. Enlightened people tend to blame themselves; less enlightened people may blame others. Regardless, blaming anyone is useless. It is more helpful to admit we don't know why they did it, we wished we could have stopped it, but it happened and now we are grieving, confused and helpless. An unexpected suicide can shake us to our very core. If it's someone close to us, the pain generated can be almost unimaginable.

When someone close to you dies – suicide or not - it's crucial that you reach out for help; don't deal with this alone. Turn to your partner, loved ones, colleagues and anyone who loves and cares about you. Don't try to tough it out. Admit to those close to you that your heart is broken and ask for help as you put yourself back together.

If there is a Hospice near you, it may offer individual and group bereavement counseling. You can also search on the internet for a psychotherapist who specializes in grief counseling. A therapist or group can help you sort out your losses.

Don't be surprised to find yourself ashamed when you start to feel better. One of my clients told me she felt "awful" when she found her sense of humor returning after the death of her beloved partner. She thought it inappropriate to enjoy her life while she was grieving.

Most of us heal slowly, piece-by-piece, and some days we find more joy and peace than others. To allay your guilt, ask yourself, "What would [name of the deceased] want me to do now?" It is unlikely they would want you to be miserable forever. It's much more likely they would want you to remember them AND move on with your own life, carrying them in your heart, taking the gifts they gave you and giving them to others.

This is the "Other Side" of grief: the deceased lives on through us, in our kindness, compassion, joy and wisdom. You'll never be the same person again, that's for sure. Perhaps you'll find yourself becoming just the kind of person your deceased loved one would be proud of: what a wonderful – yet bittersweet – legacy.

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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-
son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at
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

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

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: [GOg-
lbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOg-
lbt@cfep-ne.org) or see 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, or
find us on Facebook

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

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

3rd Monday

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

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

Groaners

"Lexophile" is a term used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish," or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location.

.. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

.. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

.. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

.. The batteries were given out free of charge.

.. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

.. A will is a dead giveaway.

.. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

.. A boiled egg is hard to beat.

.. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

.. Police were called to a day care center where

a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

.. Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

.. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

.. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

.. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

.. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

.. When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

.. Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

And the cream of the wretched crop:

.. Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.

Cold Winter Ahead

It's late fall and the Indians on a remote reservation in North Dakota asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared. But, being a practical leader, after several days, he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, 'Is the coming winter going to be cold?'

'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold,' the meteorologist at the weather service responded.

So the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later, he called the National Weather Service again. 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?'

'Yes,' the man at National Weather Service again replied, 'it's going to be a very cold winter.'

The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later, the chief called the National Weather Service again. 'Are you

absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?'

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen.'

'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked.

The weatherman replied, 'The Indians are collecting a shitload of firewood !!'

Olives

McQuillan walked into a bar and ordered martini after martini, each time removing the olives and placing them in a jar. When the jar was filled with olives and all the drinks consumed, the Irishman started to leave.

"S'cuse me", said a customer, who was puzzled over what McQuillan had done, "what was that all about?"

"Nothin', said the Irishman, "me wife just sent me out for a jar of olives!"

Where Are You From?

A man stumbles up to the only other patron in a bar and asks if he could buy him a drink.

"Why, of course," comes the reply.

The first man then asks, "Where are you from?"

"I'm from Ireland," replies the second man.

The first man responds: "You don't say, I'm from Ireland too!"

Let's have another round to Ireland. "Of course," says the second.

Curious, the first asks: "Where in Ireland?"

"Dublin," comes the reply.

"I can't believe it, Me too! Let's have another round of drinks to Dublin."

"Of course"

The second man can't help himself so he asks, "What school did you attend?"

"Saint Mary's", replies the first man. "I graduated in '62."

"This is becoming unbelievable!!!" They say in union.

About that time, in comes one of the regulars and sits down at the bar.

"What's up?" he asks the bartender.

"Nothing much," replied the bartender. "The O'Malley twins are drunk again!"

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 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

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: hanegaypride@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

OUTLinc, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outlinc.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, 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 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.tri-city-glb.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Con-

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

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

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic

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

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

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

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

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

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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Study: Antigay Communities Lead to Early LGB Death

By Michelle Garcia



Gay, lesbian, and bisexual people who live in communities with high levels of antigay prejudice are more likely to have a life span that is 12 years shorter than their peers who are not discriminated against.

Researchers at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health identified a way to measure a community's level of discrimination, beginning in 1988. The information was then linked to death rates from the National Death Index, over a 20-year span.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

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

Results showed that 92% of LGB respondents living in low-prejudice communities were still alive. In contrast, only 78% of the LGB respondents living in high-prejudice communities were still alive, according to the study's authors.

The deaths could largely be attributed to suicide, homicide, and cardiovascular diseases in the high-prejudice communities. LGB people were also more prone to commit suicide at a younger average age (37.5) than those in more welcoming communities (55.7). Still, violent deaths are more likely in more homophobic areas, where the homicide rates are at least three times higher.

Meanwhile, a quarter of deaths in high-prejudice areas were attributable to cardiovascular disease.

"Psychosocial stressors are strongly linked to cardiovascular risk, and this kind of stress may represent an indirect pathway through which prejudice contributes to mortality," Mark Hatzenbuehler, PhD said. "Discrimination, prejudice, and social marginalization create several unique demands on stigmatized individuals that are stress-inducing."

According to the researchers, several other factors were taken into account, including household income, education, gender, ethnicity, and age, as well as the average income and education level of residents in the communities where the respondents lived.

"In fact," Hatzenbuehler said, "our results for prejudice were comparable to life expectancy differences that have been observed between individuals with and without a high school education."

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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THE DRESSING ROOM OF THE OLYMPIC ICE ARENA, IMMEDIATELY AFTER MICHAEL'S SHOCKING LONG PROGRAM...

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, MICHAEL?!

THAT CRAZY COSTUME... THE FAKE BLOOD ON THE ICE?!

IT WAS A POLITICAL STATEMENT, TOM. SOMETHING YOU'D NEVER UNDERSTAND...

...BEING THAT YOUR ENTIRE FOCUS IN LIFE IS ON WINNING MEDALS!

WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW! WITH THE WAY THE JUDGES SCORED YOU...

...YOU'LL BE LUCKY TO END UP IN TENTH PLACE!

RIGHT. BUT I'LL PROBABLY WIN FOR "MOST PRESS COVERAGE".

IS THIS ALL SOME KIND OF A JOKE TO YOU?!

NO, TOM... IT'S DEADLY SERIOUS!

THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN RUSSIA IS BEING CRUSHED BY OPPRESSION...

...AND I WASN'T GOING TO COME HERE AND STAY SILENT ABOUT IT!

KYLE DIDN'T KNOW, TOM. RICHARD AND I PURPOSELY DIDN'T GIVE HIM ANY DETAILS...

I'M STILL NOT CLEAR... KYLE, DID YOU KNOW HE WAS PLANNING THIS?

UM...

...SO HE WOULDN'T TRY TO DISSUADE US.

WHO IN THE HELL IS THIS RICHARD PERSON I KEEP HEARING ABOUT?!

MICHAEL ARAKAWA!

YES?

YOU HAVE VIOLATED THE LAWS OF OUR COUNTRY. YOU AND YOUR PARTY WILL COME WITH US IMMEDIATELY.

WAIT, BUT... YOU CAN'T--

YOU DO NOT HAVE A CHOICE.

TO BE CONTINUED!!!

The Vagina Monologues



f: *Vagina Monologues Omaha*

March 14th @ Girls Inc Omaha
2811 N. 45th St. Omaha, NE
Show at 8:00 PM

March 15th @ Sokol Auditorium
2234 S. 13th St. Omaha, NE
Matinee Show at 2:00 PM
Evening Show at 8:00 Pm

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1210 Howard St. Omaha, NE

Tickets in Advance are \$11.00
Tickets at the door are \$15.00

*All proceeds will be donated to the
Women's Center for Advancement*

V-Day Omaha

The Vagina Monologues is coming to Omaha March 14 and 15. All proceeds will be going to V-day and the Women's Center for Advancement here in Omaha as we raise awareness and money to stop violence against women and girls. The show will be March 14 at Girls Inc. Omaha at 8 pm. On Saturday March 15, there will be a matinee show at 2 pm and an evening show at 8 pm at Sokol Auditorium. The cast and community would appreciate all support we can have and reach as many people as possible.

About V-day:

V-Day is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money, and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM), and sex slavery.

All proceeds will be donated to the Women's Center for Advancement, a local non-profit organization. The Women's Center for Advancement's mission is to "help women and their families stay safe...grow strong". Learn more at <http://www.wcaomaha.org/>

Hailed by The New York Times as "funny" and "poignant" and by the Daily News as "intelligent" and "courageous," The Vagina Monologues, which was first performed off-Broadway by Ms. Enslar, dives into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences. Ms. Enslar has performed the play to great acclaim throughout the world - from Zagreb to Santa Barbara, from London to Seattle, from Jerusalem to Oklahoma City.

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1st & 3rd Mondays of each month
8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in)

RESPECT Clinic
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(Located in Baker Square Plaza)

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month
5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in)

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