

## SOCHI: Human rights controversy

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A YouTube video by the Australian public television network SBS titled "Russia's Gay Hate" provides a look beyond the fluff and spin of Russia's PR management. In the video, Anzhey Khmitits, a member of the group "Occupy Pedophilia," founded by neo-Nazi Maxim "Tesak" Martsinkevich, says, "We judge gays and pedophiles identically - we see no difference. I don't see those creatures as human. Not at all. They look anthropomorphic, but they are not human."

Here in the States, when fringe religious nuts like Pastor Charles L. Worely make statements about how gays should be put in internment camps with electrified fences, people laugh and write them off as a bigot. In Russia, when government officials like Oleg Betin, mayor of the city of Tambov, or celebrities like Ivan Okhlobystin, actor in the Russian Scrubs clone "Interns," call for confetti or put in ovens, no one bats an eyelid.

The level of brutality and dehumanization aimed at the Russian LGBT community isn't surprising. It's the same old tactic of misdirection and convenient scapegoating that gave Adolf Hitler a pulpit to shout from and it is this same exploitation of hatred and suspicion of a minority group that's allowing Putin to maintain political power and relevance.

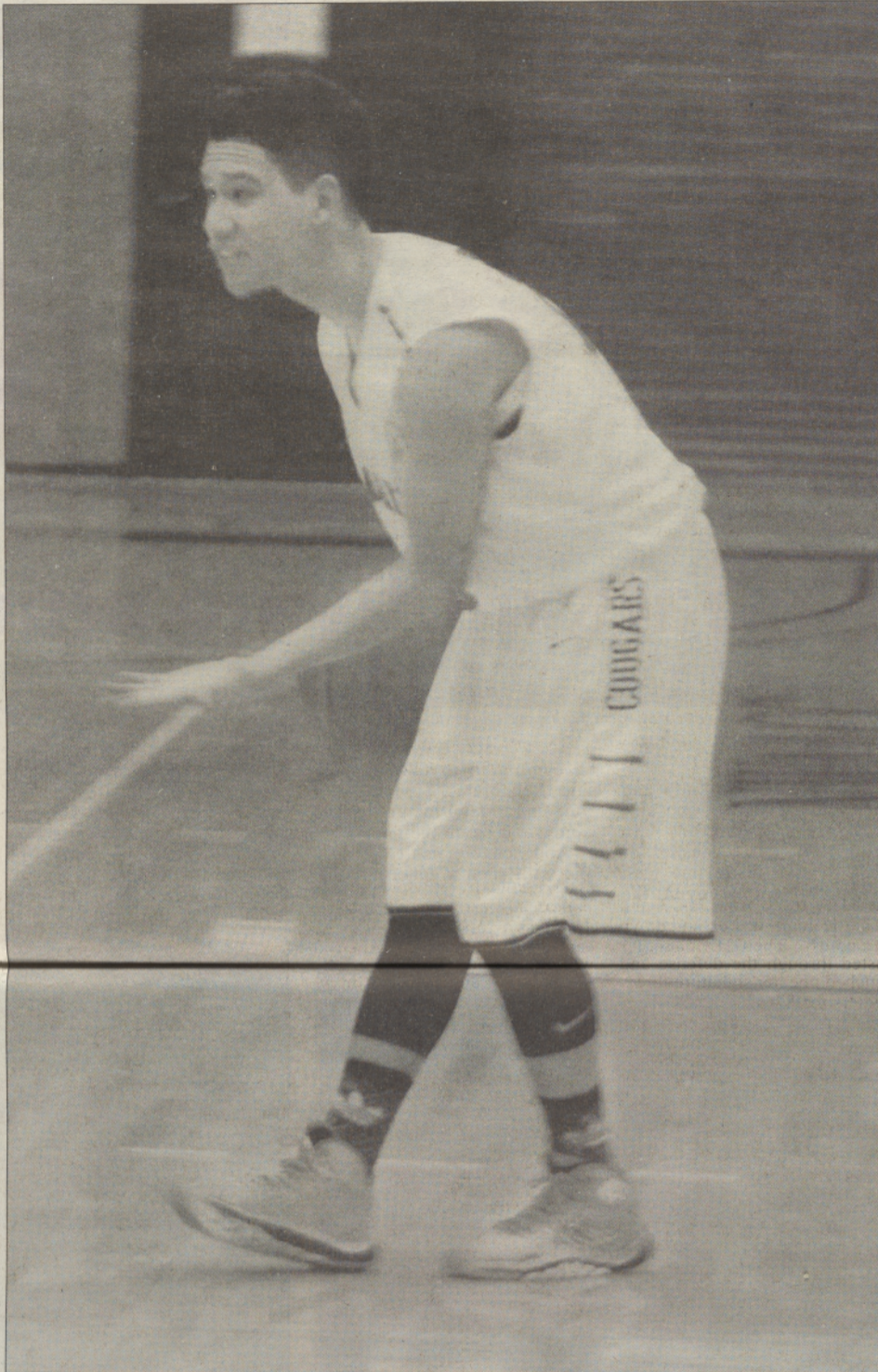
It's this same hate for "the other" that gave popularity to David Bahati, the member of Ugandan Parliament behind that country's "Anti-Homosexuality Bill" often referred to as the "Kill The Gays" bill, due to its original prescription of the death penalty for homosexuality. Bahati casually stated in an interview with Jeff Sharlet, a writer for Harper's Magazine, that he wanted to "kill every last gay person."

Plenty of people out there are of the attitude that "If it isn't happening in America, then it's none of my business." Many also held these isolationist views during WWII while Hitler's Final Solution sought to rid Germany of Jews, Roma (gypsies) and homosexuals.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Those who genuinely care about human dignity and civil rights cannot and should not sit quietly on the sidelines as innocent people are maligned and mistreated.

## COUGARS: Team bounces back from heartbreaking loss to beat Umpqua

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Anthony Russell, freshman point guard, walks up the court against Umpqua Community College. The Cougars won the game 90-68 on Feb. 15. The Cougars have won seven out of eight games, with their only loss being by one point in overtime to Chemeketa Community College.

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Clackamas outplayed Umpqua end-to-end and dominated in scoring, rebounding and assists. The Cougars spread scoring opportunities and had five different players put up double-digit points. Grant Sitton and Brandon Halter led the team with 16 points each. Ezekiel Martin was not far behind, scoring 15 points himself. Team play facilitated scoring as Clackamas players assisted on 20 plays. Eight of nine cougars recorded at least one assist by the end of the game.

Rebounding was a big edge for Clackamas as they collected 14 more boards on defense than their opponents. Mitchell Beckwith came down with 11 rebounds in the game.

Despite the blowout win, the game offered much excitement through flashy plays and impressive scoring. Anthony Russell's ball handling crossed up the Umpqua defenders and cleared paths to the basket and made room for passes. The Riverhawk's Derrick Wattman threw down two big dunks in the second half but the highlight play of the night was Grant Sitton's monster two handed jam that capped off a Clackamas fast break.

Clackamas basketball fans showed up in good numbers to get the most of their team as the season winds down. Fans Paradise Hitchens and Marco Kovacic were pleased with their team's play and were hopeful about their team's chances at the end of the season.

"They didn't let up at all, they just kept scoring," said Hitchens.

Kovacic added: "If we can finish the season like this we'll be looking good in the NWAAC tournament."

The top four teams in each region advance to the NWAACC tournament. But with five teams so close to each other in standings it is tough to pick which one will fall out. Clackamas could still potentially win the South Region with two PCC losses but a number two seed would be the best, most realistic outcome. To clinch the second seed, Clackamas is rooting against SW Oregon in their final two games against Lane and PCC and a Mt. Hood loss against Umpqua.

Most important is for Clackamas to win their final two games against Mt. Hood and Linn-Benton. Any slip up from the 8-4 teams in this final week can easily put them out of the tournament. The Clackamas Cougars play their final home game Wednesday, Feb. 19 in Randall Hall at 7:30 p.m.

## Cougars capture West Region Title



The team celebrate after winning the West Region Title tournament in Rock Springs, WY. The Cougars were led by Cary J. Palmer and Eleazar DeLuca who both took first in their weight class.

Clackamas Community College Wrestling

On Feb. 15 the Clackamas wrestling team went to Wyoming to compete in the Region 18 Championships. The Cougars scored a phenomenal 137.5 points overall.

Head Coach Josh Rhoden was proud of his team's performance at regionals, but said they have to stay competitive for nationals.

"The guys wrestled pretty hard today and had to overcome some adversity to win this conference title," stated Rhoden.

"We have to make some adjustments and get healthy heading into nationals as we could have competed a bit better this weekend," Rhoden stated. "The West Region is the toughest region in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). With our team being ranked No. 1 nationally [and] Northwest College and North Idaho No. 2 and No. 3 nationally, it is almost as if we wrestled a mini national tournament this weekend."

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