

The GayZette



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Brüno's Boffo at Box Office

By Michelle Garcia

Sacha Baron Cohen's controversial comedy Brüno raked in \$30.4 million at the box office during its opening weekend, even after a drop-off in ticket sales on Saturday.

The movie, starring Cohen as an over-the-top, flamboyant gay fashionista, beat out animated feature Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs -- now in its second week of release -- as the number 1 grossing film this weekend.



Brüno has received a great deal of flack over its risqué content, which critics say pushes the boundaries of homophobia. The film is Cohen's follow-up to the 2006 film Borat, based on another character he developed for his U.K. series Da Ali G Show.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's incoming president Jarrett Barrios said in a statement on Friday, the film's opening day, that Brüno's message can further fan the flames of hate and violent attacks against LGBT people.

"In many parts of the United States, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people live life in harm's way," Barrios said. "We are among the most frequently targeted for hate crimes -- including physical attacks, verbal assaults, and destruction of our property."

Barrios added that the film is built around stereotypes and situations that do more to mock gay people and families rather than portray them in a realistic or positive light.

"It's unfortunate that Brüno ultimately misses the mark, particularly when there are still far too few positive images of gay people in major studio films. Some members of our community will not be offended by this film. Others, like those of us at GLAAD, find it frustrating and discouraging to be confronted

with a movie that wants to increase America's discomfort with homophobia, but which for much of America, seems likely to decrease its comfort with gay people."

Out magazine's editor in chief, Aaron Hicklin, however, had a contrasting view. In an interview with CNN, Hicklin said that the film puts homophobia under the spotlight in a humorous, powerful way.

Neil Patrick Harris to Host Emmys

By Neal Broverman

After hitting a home run hosting the Tonys, Neil Patrick Harris has snagged another high-profile job: hosting September's Emmy Awards.

Harris has been nominated twice for his portrayal of womanizer Barney Stinson on CBS's *How I Met Your Mother*, and was given high marks for his hosting job at the Tonys in June, so it seemed a good bet that Harris would nail down this latest gig.

"After having had such a hoot hosting the Tonys, I was thrilled to get the call about the prime-time Emmys," Harris said in a CBS press release. "I'm looking forward to the challenge of the show -- adding my own voice to it, while honoring the nominees and the entire year in television. But which voice to choose? I'm torn between gangsta, foppish Brit, and robot. Really proud of my robot. We'll see what happens on the night."

The Emmys will air on CBS on September 20.



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10 Commitments for Work & Home & Play!

Royal D. Bush
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I have written and said, many times, that life is like a checking account. You get out what you put in. Garbage in... garbage out! Coming out as a gay man was much easier for me than to talk about my walk with God, faith, hope and my journey. I was more scared to tell someone I loved God then I was to say I love men.

Billy Joel said it best when he sung "Just the Way You Are", anyone, without exception, reading this needs to know that you are loved. Period. Despite what anyone may tell you or that you may hear or read, you are beautiful, you are worthy and you are loved JUST they way you are.

1. Give it your best shot!
Before you ask your family or friends to "give", you should be ready to give of yourself to them and everything you do. 100% of what we do IS attitude.

2. Choose joy
Develop the habit of interpreting things as positive instead of negative. Research has shown that it alters the neural pathways in your brain, you CAN rewire your brain! Your brain will find it easier to interpret things as positive.

3. Do what it takes!
I don't do windows! You may not, but someone may need you to. It is easy to quote JFK and say life isn't fair. But that does not encompass the point. Some people like to clean house, some don't. Some like to jog, some don't. Some like to fly, some don't. And there are some that can't. What can we do daily, weekly, or monthly to contribute to helping those that can not?

4. Clean it up!
Admit that you are not perfect! You have, you do and you will make mistakes at work, in life, with friends and with family members. What is important is that you clean it up when you make a mistake. Learn from what happened, acknowledge with those affected and move on!

5. Convey Expectations!
Mean what you say and say what you mean!!! Communicate in an open manner. Use words that make it clear and comforting to others to understand.

6. Celebrate the Unsung Hero's
Many times people are unsung hero's. Achievements no matter how grand or how unheard of are still worthy of praise and recognition. How do you feel when someone give you praise? Pay it forward! A note, an email, a word... They all go a long way!

7. Say good bye to self doubt
What if I was richer? What if I was better looking? What if I had a better job? What if I was smarter? What if I was taller?

What if I was younger? What if you used that time and energy and tell yourself you ARE smart. You ARE rich. You are worthy. You are beautiful. You are the author of your own life journey!

8. If you're happy and you know it... Clap your hands. If you care and you know it... SHOW IT! Let someone know how you feel about them. Let a family member know you care. Give a stranger encouraging words. A smile and the word Hello go a long way in a world where most of them time we only get a text message or short email!

9. If you don't have anything nice to say... Or do, or contribute then don't. Criticism when not constructive is destructive. Act with good intentions and assume that others will do the same with and for you.

10. SHARE
Everyone has something to share, what do you have? Is it money? Is it time? Is it a talent? Is it... No matter how much, giving and sharing something is important. Give onto others as you would have them give onto you. To the world you may only be one person. But to one person you may be the world!

And So Began NE Pride 2009

It was a dark and stormy night.....and the tents were in the river, AGAIN! So began Nebraska Pride 2009.

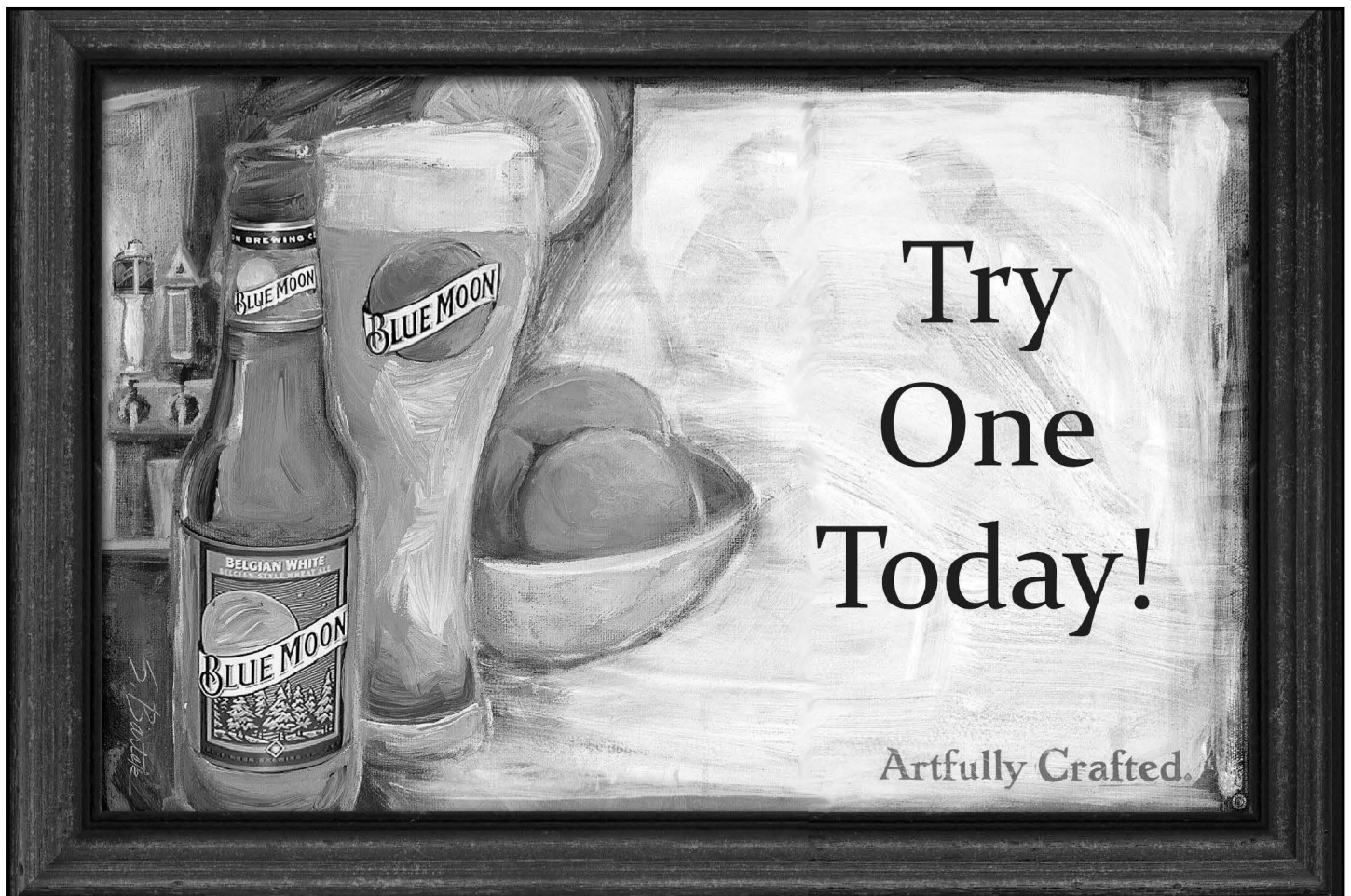
After a beautiful Thursday and finally a feeling of being ahead of the

game, Nebraska's weather slapped us again. But the rain ended, the sun came out and a few phone calls later, the rainbow came out in the form of a band of volunteers headed by Pastor Tom and MCC Church! Were it not for the Church and the long list of friends, Pride 2009 could have been way behind.

By 9am Friday morning, an energetic group descended on Lewis and Clark landing, and began sorting the broken pieces and twisted ropes, and cleaning up the mess. Karla and Sharon brought doughnuts and coffee, and the tents began to take shape again. Pride would rise again!

Many positive things came out of this year's celebration. The diversity of music, the variety of artistic expression, the spectators cheering along the parade route, and the number of children and young couples pushing strollers....all a tribute to the many faces of PRIDE...but this one moment, this one shining example of togetherness and hope, MCC Church, Stella, Kenny, Glenn, and many others...all there helping to bring order to the twisted chaos, all knowing that they would be there all day and into the night.....

That, ladies and gentlemen is Friendship. That is true selfless love and commitment to a dream. That is PRIDE!



Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

Often clients ask me, "Should I stay with my partner or should I go?" This is obviously not a question I can answer for them, so I help them look at the big picture - their expectations, the reality of their relationship, their old patterns - to help them make their decision. Many people feel bored in their relationships and wonder if someone else would be a much better partner. Some people decide to try and "have it both ways" and have an affair. An affair can feel so exciting: your lover seems to have all the qualities that your (boring, predictable) partner doesn't. You feel understood in a way your partner never could. This, dear readers, is characteristic of an affair. It is full of excitement, newness and illusions. While we enjoy the excitement and newness, it is the illusions that spell trouble for us. We imagine that this new, wonderful person will lead us into a whole new life, but it's the rare affair that blossoms into a happy long-term relationship. Affairs usually end badly: the illusions eventually bite the dust and we see that the person we're cheating with has plenty of problems and annoying habits. Once we wise up, we may wonder why we're giving up someone we really know for someone we barely know at all.

I'm not advocating that you stay in a boring, stagnant relationship. Some times a different person meets unmet needs and you are really ready to change your life. But, in all honesty, this is NOT the case for most of us. For most of us, it's US that



needs to change. This is such a drag, isn't it? Wouldn't it be great if our partner would do all the changing and we could just lie back in our La-Z-Boy recliner and enjoy how wonderful they are now that they've gotten rid of all those annoying habits? Ah...if only it worked that way.

It doesn't. If we want to have better relationships, we need to work on ourselves first. Couples counseling can be great, but only if BOTH people are willing to change. Change is uncomfortable, scary hard work. Many people aren't willing to go there, so they keep repeating the same scenarios over-and-over, regardless of who they pick as partners. If this is you: wake up! It's you who is the problem, not your partners. If you have a common pattern in relationships, it's all about you, not them. Changing partners probably won't make a damn bit of difference. Oh sure, at the beginning things might look rosy with your new lover, but give it time and the same old you will start to emerge. Big surprise.

If you're unhappy with your relationship, I recommend you consider several options:

- Talk about it with your partner. If he/she is willing to change, you have the potential for your relationship to deepen and become really amazing. You may find couple's counseling to be useful, or a workshop for couples, or some other way to get new information and skills to improve your relationship.
- If your partner isn't willing to change, focus on changing yourself (perhaps in individual psychotherapy) and see if your partner will eventually "follow along".
- Sometimes a trial separation is a good reality check for a couple in trouble: it gives both parties a chance to see if they miss each other, what they had together, and can serve as a good motivator for discussions about "how can we be happy together again?"



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For more info contact: shellyHGRA@wmconnect.com or go to our website www.hgra.net and look under "calendar". Double click on the date and you will find more details.

You may be clear that what's best for you is to end the relationship. If so, do it with as much kindness, grace and honesty as possible. Love isn't like a light bulb, you can't just turn it on and off with a switch. If you've loved this man or woman, you still probably do. Leaving is rarely the easy, breezy panacea we hope it will be. It's usually fraught with lots of sadness, anger and uncertainty, e.g., "Did I give it my best shot?" "Did we try everything we could to stay together?" "Did I give up too easily?"

If you do end your relationship, I strongly recommend that you be on your own for a while. Do not jump right into another relationship, even if it appears immediately on your doorstep. After a relationship ends, it usually takes a few months for your internal voices to calm down and for you to see clearly where you're at and what you really want next. Jumping right into another relationship usually has a poor outcome. Yeah, you may be lonely for a while, but you need to figure out who you are now and what you want in terms of your next relationship. I define a good relationship as one where you and your partner help each other to become the men or women that you truly want to be. Whether you stay or go, let that be your guide.



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Australian Senator Introduces Gay Marriage Bill

By Herald Sun

SAME-SEX couples will be allowed to marry if a Bill introduced in the Federal Parliament is passed.

Greens senator Sarah Hanson-Young introduced her private member's Bill, proposing to grant gay couples equal marriage rights, into the Upper House on Wednesday.

The Bill seeks to remove all discrimination based on sexuality and gender from the Marriage Act.

It will also allow same-sex marriages legalized abroad to be recognized in Australia.

Senator Hanson-Young tabled a petition of more than 30,000 signatures supporting gay marriage rights, saying: "The Rudd Government can no longer hide behind the lame excuse of the community not being ready for same-sex marriages in Australia."

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CAN WE TALK SUPPORT GROUP

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DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

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DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT at Connections Bar, theme nights and shows

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm-9PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40th Same day results

NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marv's Ave.,** Same day results

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY, 6 to 7:30PM, Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

Every Saturday

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

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar

GET YOUR GROOVE ON WITH DJ VON, 9pm, Connections

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm,
Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

1st Thursday

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT
AND DISCUSSION GROUP** 7 to 8:30pm,
Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of
the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for loca-
tion and information.

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-
TION**, Meeting days and times may vary,
call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.net
for meeting schedules etc.

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

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lin-
coln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a
seat up until the day before

TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm at
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leaven-
worth St.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Meth-
odist Church

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER
L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks,
Lincoln NE

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING
(glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discus-
sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow
Outreach GLBT Community Center,
www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

**PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,
NE)**, Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Con-
gregational United Church of Christ, 7th and
Marian St., 7PM, email to
jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961
or 402.460.8696

3rd Thursday

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT
AND DISCUSSION GROUP**
7- 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln on the third
Thursday of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476
9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A

Street, Lincoln NE

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm,
Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln
COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church,
6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLOWER OF HOPE Transgender
Group, Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of
each month at the Rainbow Outreach
GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.,
Omaha NE. from 6PM to 9:30PM

3rd Sunday

TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm
at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719
Leavenworth St.

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—
OMAHA**
Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month

NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM,
WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

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Redneck Bumper Stickers

1. You let your 14-year-old daughter smoke at the dinner table.....in front of her kids.
2. The Blue Book value of your truck goes up and down depending on how much gas is in it.
3. You've been married three times and still have the same in-laws.
4. You think a woman who is out of your league bowls on a different night.
5. You wonder how service stations keep their rest-rooms so clean.
6. Someone in your family died right after saying, 'Hey, guys, watch this.'
7. You think Dom Perignon is a Mafia leader.
8. Your wife's hairdo was once ruined by a ceiling fan.
9. Your junior prom offered day care.
10. You think the last words of the Star-Spangled Banner are 'Gentlemen, start your engines. '
11. You lit a match in the bathroom and your house exploded right off its wheels.
12. The Halloween pumpkin on your porch has more teeth than your spouse.
13. You have to go outside to get something from the fridge.
14. One of your kids was born on a pool table.
15. You need one more hole punched in your card to get a freebie at the House of Tattoos.
16. You can't get married to your sweetheart because there's a law against it.
17. You think loading the dishwasher means getting your wife drunk.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



HEY, NJORD...THERE'S AN ARTICLE ON YOU IN **NEWSDAY**. PAGE 5.

OH, ISS THERE?



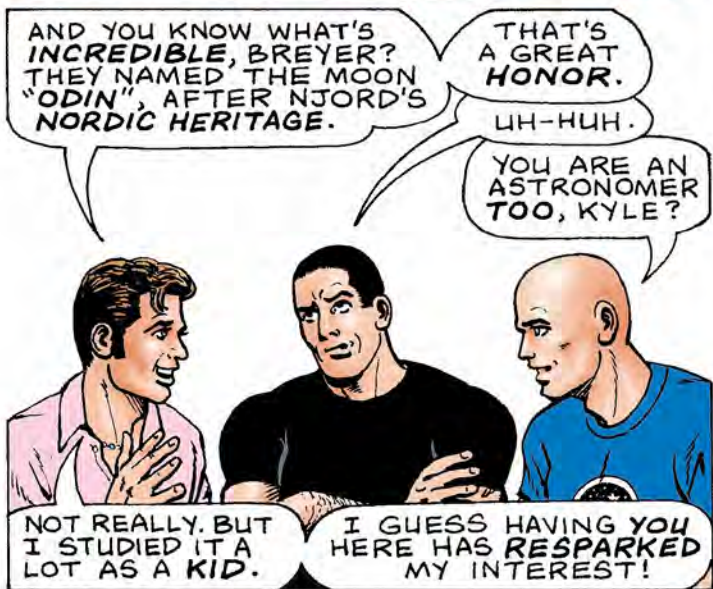
YEAH. "ASTRONOMY'S WUNDERKIND COMES TO LONG ISLAND".

"WUNDERKIND"? THEY MAKE ME SOUND LIKE A CHILD. I AM IN MY TWENTIES.



I THINK THEY'RE REFERRING TO ALL OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU MADE AT A YOUNG AGE, NJORD.

AFTER ALL, YOU DISCOVERED A MOON OF URANUS AT ONLY 14!



AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S INCREDIBLE, BREYER? THEY NAMED THE MOON "ODIN", AFTER NJORD'S NORDIC HERITAGE.

THAT'S A GREAT HONOR.

UH-HUH.

YOU ARE AN ASTRONOMER TOO, KYLE?

NOT REALLY. BUT I STUDIED IT A LOT AS A KID.

I GUESS HAVING YOU HERE HAS RESPAKED MY INTEREST!



I HAF TO GO NOW... BUT, PERHAPS YOU TWO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE ASTRO-LAB SOMETIME?

AS MY SPECIAL GUESTS?



WOW... THAT'D BE AWESOME! WOULDN'T IT, BREYER?

RIGHT. WHATEVER.

SEE YOU LATER.

SEE YOU, NJORD.



BREYER... WHAT'S WRONG?

NOTHING. IT'S JUST...

...YOU NEVER SHOWED AS MUCH INTEREST IN MY METEOROLOGY AS YOU ARE IN HIS ASTRONOMY.



OH, BREYER... THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE I WAS AN ASTRONOMY NUT AS A KID. I NEVER KNEW MUCH ABOUT METEOROLOGY.

BUT I'M WILLING TO LEARN.

REALLY?



ABSOLUTELY. WHAT'S MY FIRST LESSON?

YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES FOR THAT.

TO LEARN METEOROLOGY?

I PREFER A "HANDS-ON" APPROACH.

LATER FOR THIS...



Omaha GLBT Sports



By Chris Orr

Omaha GLBT Sports Kickball 2009 Tournament & Fundraiser will be Saturday July 18th. The tournament will be played at NP Dodge Park at the baseball/softball complex. The first rolled ball is set to be kicked at 11 a.m. and the tournament should conclude before or around 3 p.m. The tournament is single elimination and 7 teams are scheduled to play. The proceeds of Kickball will go to Rainbow Outreach Center.

Flag Football registration is still open but closes on Friday July 24th at 5 p.m. The flag football games will be played at Churchich Park 50th & C street Thursday nights August 6th to October 15th and games are played 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. depending on how many teams total. The teams will be coed (upon availability) made up of 7 people. You can register as a group of 4 or less (individual) to then be combined with others to make teams. The cost of flag football is \$20 per player. All information and registration is online at www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org (also see advertisement in Gayzette).

The July 2nd games was a great night to start the July 4th weekend. The first game of the evening was scheduled to be between Broadway Joe's and Blue Frenzy. Allen F. had hit a solo home run for the Broadway Joe's team. Hillary R. of Blue Frenzy had a long reach to catch a pop fly off of 3rd base. The next game had Red Rockets (ConAgra sponsor) playing Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies. Sara Y. from BBNL had a nice infield pop fly catch off of 2nd base and was very excited to make the play. Jeff K., Red Rockets, had made a pop fly catch out in center left field and attempted to make it a double play when zipping the ball into 2nd basemen Aaron C. The last game of the evening had Connections and Swing4it. Clarissa L. made a full run pop fly catch out in right center field and covered a lot of ground to get to it. Charla C. from Swing4it covered her 2nd base all night and made an infield pop fly catch right off the bag. The attendance between the players and spectators for the evening was 100 people.

The July 9th games had a threat of being rained out but it passed off to the North and another great night of softball was played. Game 1 of the night had Connections playing the Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies. Tracy C. of Connections made a tremendous catch out in center field. Rob W. of BBNL snagged up a grounder to tag out a runner advancing to 3rd base, which he was defending. The middle game of the evening had Blue Frenzy and Swing4it playing. From Swing4it, Curt J. pitched for the night and stopped a zipped ball heading for his knees to then send it to first base for the out. Blue Frenzy's Rob P. hit a single home run. The final game of the night had Broadway Joe's and Red Rockets. The Red Rockets' Pat S. who played 1st base for the evening caught an infield pop fly right off of his base for the 3rd out in that inning. Broadway Joe's Allen F. had a repeat of a single solo home run but later in the game had hit a grand slam for the team. The attendance between players and spectators for the evening was 120 people.

The league would like to thank the following: Pride concession workers – Johnnie R. & Becky. Umpire – Wendy F. Photography – Jim Kueffner Photography. Score Keeper – Spring. To all our spectators who come to watch and enjoy the

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave	991-6470
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)	435-8764
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)	475-2269

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games. The final softball game of the season will be Thursday July 16th. We play 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. at Churchich Park 50th and “C” Street. Free admission for spectators. Pride will be selling concessions (pop, water, chips, candy, hot dogs, polish dogs) at the games and money from concessions goes toward Pride 2010.

July 2nd

Broadway Joe’s	4 VS.	Blue Frenzy	3
Red Rockets	4 VS.	Ball Blokes ‘N’ Lassies	3
Swing4it	8 VS.	Connections	5

July 9th

Connections	9 VS.	Ball Blokes ‘N’ Lassies	1
Blue Frenzy	12 VS.	Swing4it	1
Broadway Joe’s	15 VS.	Red Rockets	4



S.F. Penguin Couple Calls It Quits

After six years together, the San Francisco Zoo’s famed gay penguin couple Harry and Pepper have called it quits -- and according to The San Francisco Examiner, a woman came between them.



Harry and Pepper made headlines when they adopted an egg laid by another penguin. Zookeepers allowed the penguin pair to incubate the egg last year.

“Of all the parents that year, they were the best,” zookeeper Anthony Brown told the Examiner. “They took very good care of their chick.”

Then along came Linda, whose longtime mate Fig passed away earlier this year. Things got so heated, Pepper had to be placed in a separate exhibit while Harry and Linda nested.

Brown said in July and August, during molting season, “we see couples getting shaken up. It’ll be interesting to see if Harry spends any of that time with Pepper.”

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



For those of you who have been reading my column regularly, you know that I have been going through a separation from my partner of five years. It has caused me much grief and sadness and has been affecting my health too. I do my best to make it through and have uncovered four words that have helped me most recently... "It's not my fault!"

Over the last two years, my partner started drinking and driving frequently, began drinking more regularly, became verbally aggressive while intoxicated, cheated on me with another guy, made rude and unprovoked comments about my beloved Catholic mother, and mixed prescription drugs with alcohol for fun.

I asked myself often, "What have I done wrong for this to happen?"

I have been told recently from professional help that, "It's not my fault!"

I became concerned over this behavior and objected to the recklessness of it. My partner began resenting me for objecting to his carefree and drunken ways. Any normal problems that we had became intensified because of the alcohol.

I thought there was something that I had been doing to cause him to drink more. I have now realized that, "It's not my fault!"

I helped him get out of his clothes and into the bed on numerous occasions after he had a bender with the bottle of Jack. I would often think that maybe I could get him to just not take that last shot of alcohol each time he would drink. Surely I was to blame for that last ounce of Yagermeister that always seemed to put him over the edge each time.

I began to think I had failed him and not help him keep it under control. I now realize, "It's not my fault!"

My sister and brother-in-law became less tolerant of my partner's growing alcohol problem. They saw the drinking as something that could destroy not only my partner but me as well if I clung on to him. My partner began resenting them for their objectionable ways toward him. I thought I could play the peacemaker between the two parties but I only failed in my efforts.

I know now that, "It's not my fault!"

My partner had a little too much alcohol one night and decided to show his affection for a cute young lad on a nightclub dance floor. He kissed this lad, groped him, and put his hands down the lad's pants as the world watched. I intervened and was met with a few shoves from my partner. He proceeded to engage in this activity and I walked away not knowing what I had done wrong.

"It's not my fault!"

There are many more alcohol related stories that caused me

much pain. I should have been able to do more and I have failed him so much. I am strong and I can't make him strong. What is wrong with me that I can't do this?

There is and was nothing I did wrong. I can't control someone and their alcohol intake and especially their actions. I still cry at times and wish it was not this way but my health and fitness will improve if I continue to know that "It's not my fault!"

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who has lost much but knows he has much to gain still. This guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at www.myblakefitness.com.

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**Omaha GLBT Sports
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7 p.m. – 10 p.m. No admission fee for
spectators. Bring the dog, bring the kids.
Concessions put on by Pride. Concessions go
toward Pride and its goals.

I Spy....



Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. I'll be expressing views or sometimes giving a heads up on persons, places, or things that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons, etc.)

If you are a political or pop culture junkie, you are **not** having a boring summer! The two even intertwine in some cases.

We have some crazy ass righteous ones and elected officials who are just whoring it up out there. Did they take some cues from Larry Craig and just apply it to a heterosexual situation?

If you remember the Spitzer episode, it gave a new cocktail a name, Client #9.

Sanford and sins gave a new phrase to an affair, "hiking on the Appalachian."

And Ensign is, well, he doesn't have one yet for his tromp around; he should after having his mom and dad pay for his activities, for a grown man.

The comic relief that just keeps on giving is back, but did it really ever go away? Sarah Palin and her resignation tour is hitting the circuit. If you like fishing, you can listen to her interviews and fish for a reason for resignation.

What about Levi!? He has seemed to be getting pretty for something. They gave him a haircut and buffed him up. For many guys, do they really need to speak?

I hope Palin's resignation doesn't put Tina Fey out of another comic gig though. Remember the Christmas in July ads for Nebraska Furniture Mart. This is kind of that present.

On the pop culture side of things we have Michael Jackson. Everything MJ is getting milked till the udder is dry. It is sad to see an entertainer of such caliber go early. The bio of him is quite interesting to say the least but there were many things that weren't brought to light about him until after he had died. The many positive attributes about him actually took place off the stage which not many people pay attention to unless it was a legal scandal/battle.

With this and the political hoopla going on, take a look at the foundation of those in the news. Take some time, think about what you read there and then read or see now. Some of what will be brought to light is appalling and some of it is astonishing.

Any gripes, comments, or having something checked out? Email me orrthumper83@yahoo.com



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10pm

SATURDAY JULY 25TH

"A NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS"

Presented by
Miss HGRA Jazmine
6pm Door - 7pm Show

SUNDAY JULY 26TH

Pride Idol Erik's
Victory Show
10pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND

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9pm

SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH

ICON's Investiture
6pm Door - 7pm Show

