



Legalize Trans Campaign Launches

By Advocate.com Editors

A new public education campaign, Legalize Trans, has launched with the goal of drawing increased attention to



transgender people and their issues.

The campaign, created by activists Asher Kolieboi and Brian Murphy, is selling T-shirts, buttons, and other merchandise bearing the message "Legalize Trans," a response to what they see as a lack of trans inclusion in American Apparel's Legalize Gay campaign and in the gay rights movement generally, says Kolieboi, who earlier this year was co-director of the Soulforce Q Equality Ride and one of the young activists featured in The Advocate's Forty Under 40 issue.

In addition to raising visibility, merchandise sales are intended to generate funds for trans people's gender-transition costs, Kolieboi says. He is funding his own transition in this manner, and other trans-focused organizations and individuals can become Legalize Trans affiliates and sell the goods to raise money for medical expenses and trans activism.

In the near future Legalize Trans will add a blog and resource page to its website to help people "navigate the legal, medical, and social parts of transition," Kolieboi tells The Advocate. Find out more about Legalize Trans and its efforts at <http://www.legalizetrans.com>.

Council Tucky

Hersh Rodasky,
Council Bluffs Community Alliance

When my husband and daughter asked if we could move to Council Bluffs I flatly said, "No!" We had moved to a country home in Iowa after the passing of Bad 416 in Nebraska. My husband commuted to west Omaha 50 miles a day, and that included taking our daughter to school in Omaha every day. I worked in Council Bluffs and commuted 34 miles six and sometimes seven days a week.

Gas prices continued to rise and one of the winters was relentless. Then, one wintery evening we drove home in a blizzard from our daughter's high school play and I think it was the first time we prayed out loud as a family. We made it home safely but it was so frightening that I decided to reconsider moving into town.

I loved the country (we lived in the beautiful Loess Hills) and the view of the Missouri River Valley was spectacular. We saw deer every day as well as wild turkeys, fox and, in the spring and the fall, thousands of geese migrating.

We decided to start looking for a house closer to the metro area on the Iowa side of the Missouri River. I demanded something "country" and our daughter would settle for anywhere that "pizza could be delivered." My husband just wanted to be closer to civilization.

My family literally blindfolded me and drove me to a home that was located in timber and was on a dead end road.

It was still in the hills with a view of the south end of the Eppley

Airfield. Deer and other wildlife were abundant. To my shock, we were in the middle of Council Bluffs.

What were our options? I would be less than 10 minutes from work and 10 minutes from our daughter's college. My husband

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thought he would enjoy the shorter commute to his west Omaha work. Our property taxes would be much lower than in Omaha. Sales taxes would be lower. We would be less than 10 minutes from any store. There were no traffic jams. We were 10 minutes from downtown Omaha. And, we all loved the house!

We purchased the home and, on the day we moved in, our neighbors down the road (we couldn't see their house because of the foliage) stopped by with a bottle of wine to welcome us. OMG! We were moving to Council Tucky! On our first evening in town we drove around Council Bluffs and discovered something extraordinary. There were clean streets, a growing downtown, public art, a beautiful town square with an incredible fountain, and friendly people who waved and said, "Hello." And, we also had a gay bar.

Then, in 2007, Iowa became the 7th state to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. In 2008, the Council Bluffs City Council added sexual orientation and gender identity to its list of protected classes. That same year, the Mayor of Council Bluffs, with unanimous approval of the City Council, appointed me as the first "out" gay man to a city commission, the Civil Rights Commission. On April 3, 2009 Iowa state approved marriage equality. And we became legally married that year.

So, the next time I hear someone say, "Council Tucky," I'll love my city even more and I will choose it any day over Omaha!ha!ha!ha!ha!ha!ha!ha!

Annual LGBTQA History Month Dinner

The Eighth Annual LGBTQA History Month Dinner is October 21, 2010, 6 pm at Embassy Suites in Lincoln, NE!

There will be a pre-dinner social from 5 - 6 pm, sponsored by OUTLine and UNL's LGBTQA Alumni Group.

This year's keynote speaker is Jewelle Gomez, poet and author, who received the Lambda Literary Award for her latest book, *The Gilda Stories*.

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Condos versus Houses: Critical Legal Insight for Every LGBT Condo Buyer

Many LGBT buyers mistakenly and understandably assume that the purchase of a condo is no different from buying a typical single family home. But the fact is that condominium ownership has its own exclusive set of rules that are quite different from those that apply to traditional houses.

The laws of ownership are not exactly the same and neither is the totality of the physical assets and amenities that are fully transferred to the buyer. That's why it is crucial that LGBT consumers familiarize themselves with the special characteristics of condominium ownership before they enter into a contract to buy a condo. Even those who have plenty of experience buying and selling "regular" dwellings will need to understand how condominiums are uniquely different – not just in the way they look but also in the way that condo contracts work.

The most important thing to grasp is that the term "condominium" does not refer to a style of architecture. Although most condos do have a similar apartment type of look – with units arranged so that they open into an interior hallway and basic floor plans and designs that resemble one another – the term "condo" really refers to a legal definition. Many LGBT buyers don't make that distinction, but it is an important one that impacts the overall ownership experience. The truth is that almost any kind of structure, from an office building to a cluster of townhouses, may be sold as condominiums as long as the legal framework for condos exists.

Just as hybrid vehicles run on a combination of gas and electric power, the legal format of the condo is a clever blend or hybrid of individual and communal ownership. The owner of a condo owns the unit where they live, but they also share other amenities and features with everyone else who is also a member of the condo ownership group or homeowner's association.

An owner may own their balcony, for example, and the rooms inside their condo. But they don't individually own the roof above their unit, the hallway outside, or the parking lot. Those features are owned in partnership with the rest of the condo residents. Each owner, in other words, claims a share of many common features that might include the outside landscape, the swimming pool, the central air conditioning system, the plumbing infrastructure, the condo management office, the sidewalks outside each condo, and the building's elevator.

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own unit, they have to get permission to make any changes to the shared property. If common property needs to be repaired or replaced they also have to shoulder their fair share of financial responsibility to make that happen. Many condo owner associations also prohibit the renting or leasing of individual condos, for example, so persons who buy a condo and then decide to lease it may be penalized. That kind of rule helps to ensure a more stable community of neighbors. But whether that is interpreted as a drawback or a positive benefit will depend upon the point of view of each individual resident, so before buying it is necessary to carefully study all of those rules and regulations.

Once upon a time that list of rules would normally be only a few pages long, but these days it is more common to get an entire computer CD full of legal jargon explaining the rights and obligations of each owner. This includes the bylaws of the ownership association and it should also show a detailed accounting of money that is set aside or spent from the accumulated monthly condo maintenance fees.

Check the bylaws and notes from meetings to find out, for instance, if any major repairs have been done or if there are any disputes with contractors. If the roof is in bad shape, the paint is peeling, and the landscape is a mess but there is not enough money in the condo association account to remedy those problems, that's a red flag. But when the maintenance fund is flush with cash and the condo project is in immaculate condition, that's a great sign of sustainable value.

The best way to wisely invest in a condo is to do so with the expert guidance of a building inspector and a real estate attorney. Hire those who specialize in condos, though, because the scope of the inspections and the legality of ownership restrictions for condos are different when compared to all other types of real estate. They can explain everything and answer any questions that arise so that the buyer knows exactly what they are purchasing and can enjoy a stress-free closing and a happy condo ownership experience. It is also strongly recommended that LGBT buyers work with LGBT real estate agents because they will better understand the unique needs and concerns of the LGBT buyer.

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Legends Ball September 26

Hosted By Chandler Chubbs

Every year I host My Annual Legends Ball at The Max. It is a huge event I do every year.

I am Excited to announce this years Special Guests- Miss All American Goddess 2010 Candi Stratton and Miss E.O.Y.08 Danyel Vasquez!! I have had both of them here in the past and they are two true Legends! Candi has capture Miss Gay Universe 2006 and Miss All American Goddess 2010. She has traveled all over the

world and done many shows and impersonates CHER like no other can! So trust me you want to see her!

Danyel Vasquez is a Past Miss Entertainer of the Year in 08 and she has also traveled to many locations and won several titles. She impersonates PRINCE!!

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Also performing with them are some of Omaha's and Lincoln's Best- Miss Max Anna Roxia, Miss Erica Joy, Miss Ashley Simone, Miss Ammie Zahn, Miss Max I Muffy Rosenburg, Miss Q Jessica Bower, Miss Legends 2009/10 Domonique Divamoore, Miss Josayln Summers, Miss Tharin Crase and one incredible man, Mr. Max 19, Sean.

Emcees for the Evening are Joe and Holly. So please come down and experience the annual Legends Ball at The Max with me on Sept. 26th at 10pm. \$5.00 cover. See you there! Chandler Chubbs

Have You Seen The Tooth Fairy?

Sept 18 at 10pm, Flixx Show Lounge

For those of you who don't know the story, I was involved in a situation a few months back. In that incident I came to defend a friend from a male who was getting physical with a female friend of mine.

And so I stepped in as I would to defend any of my friends and as a result I lost a tooth. Now I have one temporarily splinted in. I am sad to say the police officer said there was nothing they could do, and wouldn't let me press assault charges.

So I am holding a benefit to help me raise money to get some teeth replaced. Many of you know I have no insurance.

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Cultivating a Sense of Humor

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Perhaps only God Himself is more important than humor. Seriously.

Psychological research has found that when people list the qualities they desire in a partner, a good sense of humor consistently shows up near the top. For some of us, a good sense of humor is more important than physical appearance or socioeconomic status. Why? Perhaps life is so hard that a humorless partner is too much to bear. When the road gets rough, it's great to have a partner you can laugh with at all the absurdities along the way.

University of Oregon psychologist Robert L. Weiss studies humor in relationships and has found that the more a person likes his/her partner's sense of humor, the more satisfied he/she will be in the relationship. People who laugh together feel more positive toward each other and are more likely to give each other the benefit of the doubt, says author Polly Shulman in *Psychology Today*.

Humor can defuse tense situations and change the mood from serious and heavy to lighter and more balanced. A good sense of humor is a tangible asset ...but can it be cultivated? If you're pretty humorless, are you doomed to be this way forever? Luckily, no. A sense of humor can be developed just like any other personality trait. This is great news, particularly for those of us who have been told, at some point or another, "You have no sense of humor" or asked, "Where's your sense of humor?" A sense of humor can be cultivated, and this column will help you get started.

"Why bother?" you may be asking yourself, especially if it takes a lot of work. Ironically, having a good sense of humor is serious business. Humor is no silly little thing; it's part of your life force, right up there with breathing and eating. Just for a moment. Imagine that you are (temporarily) having trouble breathing. It has been proven that telling a joke to hospital patients who suffer from asthma or respiratory problems helps them breathe more easily. Humor lowers panicky feelings that contribute to poor breathing. In fact, a well-developed sense of humor has been linked to improved all-around physical and mental health in study-after-study: it strengthens immune systems, lowers blood pressure, reduces stress on the organs and muscles, etc.

On a personality level, many of us highly value a good sense of humor. We seek it out in others and are proud to claim it in ourselves. If someone has a great sense of humor, isn't it likely that he/she is happy, confident and has a good perspective on life? Look at Ellen DeGeneres. The basic message in her humor is: we're all alike, we find the same things funny and we're all in this together.

Take a few minutes and get in touch with your own sense of humor (or lack of it) and ask yourself:



- When was the last time you laughed? I mean REAL-
LY laughed: a loud, spontaneous, big belly laugh?
- Make a list of things that you find funny. It can be a person, a TV show, movie or comedian, a comic strip...it doesn't matter, write down a few things that you find funny.
- Can you laugh at yourself? When was the last time you did something "weird" and were able to laugh at yourself? If it's difficult for you to answer these questions, I urge you to spend some time cultivating your sense of humor. Not only is it good for your health, it also makes you more attractive. People who can laugh at themselves tell the world that they love themselves enough that they don't have to pretend to be perfect... that it's okay to fall on your ass now and then, grin sheepishly, get up and move on.

Humor is innately anti-perfectionistic. Unlike perfectionists, people with a well-developed sense of humor know they're all totally human, will inevitably screw up something important and appear vulnerable when they do. Humor is a form of kindness to yourself and everyone around you. Research shows that people with a well developed sense of humor live longer, much happier lives. They're more pleasant to be around because they're less demanding of others. They make better parents, bosses, friends and partners. This may sound impossible for you perfectionists reading this. Perfectionists and other people who are hard on themselves won't see the humor in their mistakes, instead, they berate themselves for not doing everything perfectly. But perfectionism is a learned characteristic and can be unlearned.

Wherever you are in your life, you can improve your self of humor: it's not a fixed quality. Start small: be willing to laugh at little things that you find funny. It can be something you do or something someone else does. Watch funny movies or videos. Ask people to tell you jokes and try telling a few jokes on your own. Like any skill, it takes practice. Don't give up after one or two tries and say, "I can't do it." Persist and experiment. After all, it's not brain surgery: have some fun with it!





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Midterms: Gay Rights Take Back Seat

By Advocate.com Editors

Health care, the federal deficit, energy use, and jobs are dominating the agendas of both Republicans and Democrats in key battleground elections this November.

Only 7% of Democrats and 21% of Republicans address gay rights on their campaign websites, according to The New York Times' Five Thirty Eight blog. The report covers the 33 congressional districts the Times labeled as tossup districts.



Five Thirty Eight blogger Nate Silver adds that while gay marriage may be too controversial for some Democrats, those candidates may instead elect to highlight their support of repealing "don't ask, don't tell," a widely agreed-upon stance.

The Ice Bowl Bowling Tournament

The Ice Bowl committee is gearing up for the next Bowling Tournament to held the weekend of February 25 – 27th. This year's tournament will be held at the fabulous Maplewood Lanes on 101st and Maple Streets. Ice Bowl is an annual GLBT bowling tournament that has been in existence for around 20 years. We have anywhere from 250 to 300+ bowlers from around US, Canada and a couple of times from around the world.

Last years tournament was a great success, which the committee was able to give \$1100 back to the community. Grants were given to MCC Food Pantry, Susan G. Komen Foundation and Nebraska Aids Project. This was only possible, because of the community that helped us throughout the year through our fundraising events and the large attendance to the tournament. We are doing something new this year by starting an "Ice Bowl Best Ball Golf tournament" this year. If successful, we would like to have this event annually. This can be successful with your help. Since it is "Best Ball", you will all shoot your next shot off of the closest shot to the next hole, shot by one of your teammates. In essence, you really don't need to be a great golfer because, you are playing as a team and not individually. We would love to have you golf, but if you are not able to or too scared to, you can also participate by donating a prize for our raffle.

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Tea Partyers Up In Arms

By Advocate.com Editors

A Montana Tea Party leader has been removed from his position, the result of an antigay Facebook post he had made earlier this summer, the Associated Press reports.

Tim Ravndal, the now-former president of the Big Sky Tea Party Association, was dismissed by the group's board of directors after a July 23 post in which he voiced his opposition to marriage equality.

In a likely reference to the 1998 Matthew Shepard murder in neighboring Wyoming, another Facebook user wrote on the post, "I think fruits are decorative. Hang up where they can be seen and appreciated. Call Wyoming for display instructions."

Ravndal replied, "Where can I get that Wyoming printed instruction manual?" Jim Walker, chairman of the Tea Party chapter, said in a state-



ment, "We continually make it known that we will not tolerate bigoted dialogue, behavior or messages at our functions, our meetings or within our ranks."

But there's also dissension in said ranks. Kristi Allen-Gailushas, secretary for the local Tea Party group, resigned in protest Tuesday, the Helena Independent Record reports. "They didn't even listen to Tim and what he had to say," Allen-Gailushas told the newspaper. "They were just worried about the [Montana] Human Rights Network and the ACLU and what they were going to say."

In a Facebook post, Allen-Gailushas fired a further shot across the bow: "The Gay community wants a war. ... they've got one!!"

Bulgarian Bishop's Antigay Awards

By Advocate.com Editors

Plovdiv Bishop Nikolay (pictured) of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church on Monday awarded an antigay local mayor and prosecutor for defending "the sanctity of marriage, family, and statehood."

Sofia News Agency reports that Nikolay bestowed high honors to both men for their support of an ordinance that would ban displays of sexuality in public in the city of Pazardzhik, located



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"There is something called public morality," Nikolay said at the award ceremony. "The society is not obliged to watch how somebody is sticking into its eyes their own travesty, and to watch how somebody is destroying the souls of our children, and pours poison into the very idea about the sanctity of the bond between a man and a woman that forms a family."



First In-Flight Same-sex Wedding Planned

Advocate.com Editors

Swedish airline SAS plans to host the first same-sex wedding ever to be held in the air, with a ceremony scheduled for December on a flight from Stockholm to New York.

According to the New York Daily News, the airline is still looking for a couple that would be married in Swedish territory, where same-sex marriage is legal. The winners will be selected by online vote.

"Besides getting a free flight, the couple will receive three nights at the W Hotel in New York and a honeymoon in Los Angeles," reported the Daily News. "The couple will forgo packets of peanuts for a special wedding buffet during the flight."



Gay Successor to Chicago Mayor?

By Advocate.com Editors

Mayor Richard M. Daley and wife Maggie Richard M. Daley (pictured), Chicago's mayor since 1989, surprised the city by announcing Tuesday he won't seek reelection in 2011 — and political observers say the Windy City's first openly gay alderman is a potential successor.

Daley, 68, made his announcement at a brief press conference, saying, "This is a personal decision, no more, no less," and that it's time for both him and the city to move on, the Chicago Tribune reports. Daley, a Democrat and son of longtime



mayor Richard J. Daley, has been reelected easily in every race since taking office, but his popularity has declined recently due to the city's budget problems and a surge in crime, the paper noted. On the personal side, his wife, Maggie, is suffering from cancer.

Daley has had a generally good relationship with Chicago's large gay population. In 2006 he was inducted into the city's Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a "Friend of the Community." His administration's achievements include establishing Chicago's Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues and Office of LGBT Health; instituting domestic-partner benefits for city employees; and adding gender identity to the municipal human rights ordinance. He has voiced personal support for marriage equality.

Restaurateur Tom Tunney, the first and only openly gay Chicago city council member, is reportedly among those interested in the mayor's office. Tunney said last spring that he would consider a run, but only if Daley retired. Other potential contenders, according to the Tribune, include President Obama's chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel; Cook County sheriff Tom Dart; outgoing county assessor James Houlihan; former Chicago inspector general David Hoffman; and several other aldermen.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
 (mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays	4:00PM - 11:00PM
Sundays	call before coming by
Thursdays	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Fridays	6:00PM - 11:00PM

***Closed Most Major Holidays**
(402) 341-0330
www.rainbowoutreach.org

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

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

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

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, starting again after Labor Day

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

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

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

Every Tuesday
HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at anderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK
 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00pm, Thursday and Friday Walk-In from 5pm to 9pm, & at the Respect Clinic walk-in from 5:30pm to 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday
CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS
 Club Passion Party

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON
 7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

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

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE, playing Softball every Thursday 6-10pm, at Churchich park (50th and C). Games will be played through August 12th

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 information call 402-384-8014

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, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

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

DIXIE AFTER DARK, Enjoy Breakfast at Dixie Quicks Restaurant, 12AM to 4AM, every Saturday night, 1915 Leavenworth St., Proceeds benefit local GLBT organizations

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

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

Every Other Friday

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday
WORSHIP SERVICES:
AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

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

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM
 FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at Broadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB) starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Wednesday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

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

TOP TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 6 to 9pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

2nd Sunday

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING (glt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

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

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational 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

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

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

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

The economy is so bad that:

I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

I ordered a burger at McDonald's and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"

CEO's are now playing miniature golf.

If the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you call them and ask if they meant you or them.

Hot Wheels and Matchbox car stocks are trading higher than GM.

McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce.

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico .

Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.

Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.

The Mafia is laying off judges.

Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

Congress says they are looking into this

Bernard Madoff scandal. Oh Great!! The guy who made \$50 Billion disappear is being investigated by the people who made \$1.5 Trillion disappear!

And, finally...

I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Lifeline. I got a call center in Pakistan , and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.

There was a Dublin painter

named Paddy the Painter who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the parish priest decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of the Church.

Paddy put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine...

Well, Paddy was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Paddy clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the grave-stones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Paddy was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried:

"Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke... "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

DISNEYLAND

Two excited blondes were going to Disneyland . They were driving on the Interstate when they saw a sign that said Disneyland LEFT. They started crying, turned around and went home.

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup,
Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/www.diamond-foundation.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.firstuomaha.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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.us for information

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 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, www.icon.impcourt.org

Inclusive Life Care & Service Group 105 S. 49th Street Omaha 68132
Spiritual-Interfaith-Secular Care & Service for all Individuals, Couples and Families www.inclusivelife.org 402-516-8475

Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, 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 9am and 11am, 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 GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

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., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

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

Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

Omaha GLBT Professionals, Contact omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net for more info.

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org 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

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 Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org, meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

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

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

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

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT 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

TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

WomenSpace, no current info is available

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

<http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000

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

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflag.ineb.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
Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094
TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>
UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org
Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.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>

This guy had what he thought was the best tattoo in the world....



Until he went to prison...

Where Can You Find *The Gayzette*?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
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
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
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

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

Gay Pride Parade Planned for Serbia

Advocate.com Editors

Following threats of violence that canceled last year's gay pride parade, organizers in Serbia will try again next month.

According to the Associated Press, the march planned for October 10 in Belgrade would be the first in nearly a decade. Marchers plan to use the slogan, "Let's Walk Together."

"Gays and lesbians often face harassment and pressure in predominantly conservative Serbia," reported the AP. "Extremists broke up the Balkan nation's first gay pride march in 2001 and beat up several participants. No gay pride marches have been held since then."

Last year, a gay pride parade in Serbia was canceled because police said they could not guarantee security.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

YOU MUST BE BRAD.

WHO'S ASKIN'?

PRICE KINGSBURY. I MOVED IN WHILE YOU WERE OFF TRAVELLING WITH YOUR BASEBALL TEAM.

KYLE'S SPOKEN RATHER HIGHLY OF YOU, BRAD. HE ALSO TOLD ME... IN ADDITION TO YOUR **BASEBALL CAREER**...

... YOU'RE THE **HANDYMAN** HERE AT THE B&B?

THAT'S RIGHT.

AND FOR THAT, HE GIVES YOU A **BREAK** ON YOUR **RENT**?

UH... YEAH...

WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO **DISCUSS** WITH YOU. BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, YOUR **BASEBALL CAREER** KEEPS YOU ON THE ROAD QUITE A BIT, YES?

FOR PART OF THE YEAR. SO?

THE THING IS, WHILE YOU'RE AWAY, YOU'RE NOT FULFILLING YOUR **HANDYMAN OBLIGATIONS**.

SO YOU REALLY DON'T **DESERVE** A **BREAK** ON YOUR **RENT YEAR ROUND**, DO YOU?

WHY THE **HELL** IS THIS ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS?

BECAUSE I'M NOW KYLE'S **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**. I'M TRYING TO HELP HIM CUT **COSTS** AROUND HERE.

I'M GOING TO RUN SOME **NUMBERS**...

... AND COME UP WITH A **NEW RENTAL FEE** FOR YOU, BASED ON YOUR **ACTUAL JOB PERFORMANCE**.

I'D ALSO LIKE YOU TO LOG WHATEVER WORK YOU DO IN THIS **NOTEBOOK**... SO I CAN **KEEP TABS** ON YOU.

OH, AND ONE OTHER THING... I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO SUPPLY ME WITH **RECEIPTS** FOR ANY **SUPPLIES** YOU PURCHASE. OTHERWISE...

... THE **EXPENSES** WILL COME OUT OF YOUR **POCKET**. IS THAT **CLEAR**?

YEAH. **CRYSTAL**.

BY THE WAY... I WAS CAPTAIN OF THE **LACROSSE TEAM** AT DARTMOUTH. PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TOSS A **LACROSSE BALL** AROUND SOMETIME? I HAVE AN **EXTRA LACROSSE STICK**.

I DUNNO', PRICE... YOU MAY NOT **LIKE** WHERE THAT **LACROSSE STICK ENDS UP**...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Attitude determines your altitude. Are you a sparkle of sunshine or a demon of darkness? The way you view your life or the way you live your life can and does affect your health and happiness.

Do you remember that animated series back in the day called The Adventures of Gulliver? There was this Lilliputian character named Glum whose outlook on life resembled two slit wrists and an overdose of sleeping pills. His favorite line to utter was, "We're doomed and we'll never make it!" Not exactly the kind of guy you'd expect to get nominated for Optimist Club President.

You can't very well have a defeatist attitude and expect to be successful in life. Success does not have to equate to loads of money but it sure would help. You need to walk into any situation in life and expect the best to happen. You need to truly believe this and make others believe it too. Five out of five dentists prefer happy patients to grumpy patients.

You are who and what you surround yourself with. Hang around those bitter old queens without boyfriends and you'll soon be dealt a hand in their game of Old Maid. Misery loves company!

Wake up each day and know that something great will happen. Cheer up your compatriots at work with a cracker barrel and "aw shucks" demeanor. Take it one step further and give out candy or flowers to these cohorts once in awhile. Be certain to give one of these treats to that curmudgeon in the international division. You will likely receive a dumbfounded look and a nervously stuttered expression of gratitude. They'll soon melt faster than that green-faced hag in The Wizard of Oz.

Don't just wait for things to happen to you. Make it happen. Get that college degree and get that better paying job. Get that better paying job and get that South Pacific island vacation package. Get that South Pacific island vacation package and get that hot guy on the beach to notice you. Get that hot guy on the beach to come back and live with you in your new home that you purchased from your great paying job. Get the point? Good! Make it happen!

When you're happy and you know it clap your hands! That happiness and hopefulness will lead your body to a healthier level. You gain confidence. Your creativity begins to flow. You sleep better. Your sex life will be pubescently fun again!

Look at your current state of affairs. Is it all that you thought it would be and all you want it to be? It feels bleak and hopeless? Take my aforementioned advice and exclaim those memorable words from George Bailey in that quintessential uplifting denouement from It's a Wonderful Life: "I want to live again! I want to live again!"

Ron Blake is a funny little guy who tries to help people stay fit. He can be reached at www.myblakefitness.com.

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Dinner Served

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5 P.M. – 9 P.M.

Call for Bakery &

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5180 Leavenworth St. Phone: 402-553-6774



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Needed For:
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Special Events**

Nebraska AIDS Project is currently looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in our community. Call Kyle today to find out how you can help.

Phone: 402-552-9260
E-mail: kyleb@nap.org

250 South 77th St
Suite A
Omaha, NE 68114

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