

The GayZette



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GROCERY GIVEAWAY SERVES 900+

MCC-Omaha in conjunction with the Nebraska Food Bank gave away 12 pallets of groceries Friday, May 22, including over 400 hams, sixty boxes of frozen meat, a pallet of potato skins, two pallets of mixed snacks, corn on the cob, Panera Bread, water, soda, etc. Over 275 households in need received the free groceries. People began lining up at 2PM for the give-

away, which was scheduled to start at 5PM. At 4:25 when the line reached from the back of the church to the street in front of the church, the 29 MCC volunteers who came to



help with the giveaway starting filling the boxes and bags that people had brought with them. For the next 2 1/2 hours the line didn't seem to get any smaller as friends told their neighbors and neighbors called family members. The 275 households who received free food totaled over 900 individuals in their families.

MCC-Omaha would like to thank the following groups for their help in making this a successful event: Rainbow Celebrations--for the use of their tables, The Gayzette--for stuffing flyers in the

previous issue, The Nebraska Food Bank--who supplied the food for only \$0.03 per pound, the many



people who financially support our food pantry throughout the year either as individuals or as part of a group: River City Bowlers, Imperial Court of Nebraska, ICEBOWL, Presbyterian Church of the Master, Lord of Love Lutheran Church, Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, and more. This wonderful event was made possible by your generous giving. Thank you! And, of course, we want to thank those community members who came out to help: Stella Dallas (Steve Koeller) and Leo--- along with the 27 MCCers! Thank you all!

Proclamations or Progress?

By Lane Hudson
After more than five months of no action on his agenda for the LGBT community, expectations are high for Obama in the month of June -- Pride month. But will he deliver?



After more than five months of no action on his agenda for the LGBT community, expectations are high for President Obama in the month of June. Pride month, rumor has it, is when the White House will unveil a "major announcement." How major and by whose standard remains to be seen.

One of the special celebrations this year will be the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, which gave birth to our modern social movement. For me, however, and you must forgive my pessimism, instead of celebrating, I am still wondering why life and limb were risked for so little progress over those 40 years.

My perspective on this is as a Gen X'er, so I understand when many of those who came before me gasp with horror when I suggest that little progress has been made. After all, going from being harassed in our bars to hosting political candidates in our bars who desperately seek our votes and our money qualifies as great progress. Even during the span of my political consciousness I have seen much improvement in public perception and respect from the political establishment.

But for too long that respect has been limited. While most Republicans have used the LGBT community as a lightning rod for electoral gain over the past two decades, most Democrats have responded in kind

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with acquiescence. In the Congress, that is still very much the case. Even the easy lift of hate-crimes legislation seems insurmountable for Harry Reid's Senate and a Democratic caucus busting at the seams with 59 members. Although polling shows the legislation supported by an overwhelming majority of the public, Senator Reid can't wrangle the necessary votes for passage of a stand-alone bill.

There is one Democrat who shed the usual pattern of candidates beyond any before him. Tears came to my eyes when he took the oath of office as president of the United States because I knew that everything was about to change. Throughout the campaign candidate Obama promised to be a fierce advocate for the LGBT community, and the political climate of the nation was ripe for major progress.

Obama quickly appointed LGB people (no T's) to positions in the government in unprecedented numbers. However, including hate-crimes legislation passing the House, there has been no progress on achieving civil rights for the LGBT community beyond progress that hadn't already been achieved.

So, we stand at a moment where expectations are high -- and Obama's administration has set this as a time when he will surprise us. Let's hope their beginning effort is just that -- only a beginning. On June 1 the White House issued its LGBT Pride Month Proclamation. While some laud it, I don't. It's nothing we haven't heard before. More important, it is without substance. Proclamations aren't legislation and don't do anything to achieve full civil rights.

What is forthcoming, I have no idea. Over the past two months we've seen amazing progress on the state level in marriage equality, with more to come. Yet, on the federal level, it's not only been zilch, but the White House keeps stumbling over itself on our issues. Nearly ever person at the Pentagon has flubbed "don't ask, don't tell" -- from the secretary to a junior press guy. The White House press secretary is

increasingly pummeled with questions on our issues and he has yet to deliver an answer that reflects honesty, transparency, and candidness.

Many in our community have asked others to give President Obama time to get in office and get settled before we hold him accountable for his promises. Some have also suggested that the economic crisis and the wars should take precedence over our civil rights.

Excuses for waiting are running out.

What the White House does this month will set the tone for whether Barack Obama's administration will be one of proclamations or progress. While I have been consistently pushing him and his administration to do what every one of us knows is right, I remain inspired by his message and philosophy. Yet, I need reason to believe that he will be the fierce advocate he has claimed to be. Now is the time to show it.

Spirit of Pride

40 years is a long time, a lifetime for some; but change can take many lifetimes before what once was considered impossible, becomes possible. On a typical night 40 years ago, what began as a typical raid on a New York City bar, and the typical harassments by police, as they cuffed and loaded the typical gay patrons, something, anything but typical happened. This time, the police met resistance. Was it a drag queen, a butch lesbian, a street hustler or a combination, no one knows for sure, but cat calls and epithets were shouted. Rocks and bottles were thrown. The police retreated inside the Stonewall Inn and barricaded the doors. Someone tore off a parking meter and used it as a battering ram. A fire was set. Police called for backup. The crowd grew. The riot police arrived. As they pushed through the crowd, Roman Legion style, the crowd reformed behind them. The Stonewall

riots had begun. The Gay Rights Movement was born. The same courage that gave birth to the Gay Rights Movement is the element that has kept the movement going and has brought that movement to the four corners of the earth. Right here in the Midwest, it is that same courage that has led to the right to marry for same sex couples in Iowa. It is that same courage that gives us our local heroes. A true hero is measured not by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart.

And Nebraska does have HEART. Rainbow Celebrations Executive Board/Nebraska Pride wishes to recognize this year's Spirit of Pride recipient, a man of deep commitment to the GLBT community, a mentor, teacher, publisher and friend. Rainbow Celebrations Executive Board and Nebraska Pride salutes George Broadway!

"To become a recognized center of value and pride for our community as a thoughtful resource offering knowledge and as a dynamic gathering place"...is the vision of the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, and George Broadway is its Captain and Chairman of the Board. A nominee for 2009 Nebraska Pride Grand Marshal, George has guided, protected, and breathed life into the Center and its principle publication, the Gayzette.

Since 1997, the center has provided a flagship for the GLBT community in the Omaha Metro. It is the single collective headquarters for this community, its information, a library, activities center, meeting space, a true safe haven for the diversity that is the GLBT community.

George has been there through thick and thin, sometimes with his own funds to keep the vision and hope alive. With the regular twice monthly publication of the Gayzette, the community has a voice and a means for connection and communication. Without the Outreach Center and the Gayzette, this community would not have the strong core that keeps us in touch. Those still questioning would not get the answers they need. Without George and this center and publication, the information vital to this communities' continued life, would not be there. George Broadway has been the heart, quietly keeping this Nebraska GLBT community alive and active.

It is because of his HEART, that Nebraska Pride and the Rainbow Celebrations Executive Board congratulates George Broadway as a

model and hero among us, one who continues to teach us about commitment, responsibility, and true love of this GLBT community. George carries his Pride, today, tomorrow and forever. George truly lives the SPIRIT OF PRIDE!

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

MCC-Omaha is sponsoring a church garage sale on Friday, June 12, from 8AM-6PM and Saturday, June 13 from 8AM-3PM. DeWayne Greim, better known as DW to his church family, will be hosting the event. DW stated that getting to his place was easy but he will have signs posted for those of us who are directionally challenged. The church garage sale will take place at 3701 Jones Street. DW said to be sure to tell you that his place is "just one block north of Leavenworth," and while he has just started collecting for the church garage sale, he does anticipate a large and varied selection of items. Of course, there will be books, furniture, kitchen items, collectibles, antiques, movies, DVD's, clothes, and a whole lot more! See you at 3701 Jones!

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About REEFER MADNESS – THE MUSICAL

Reefer Madness – the Musical is inspired by the notorious 1936 anti-marijuana propaganda film, *Reefer Madness*. The show is a tongue-in-cheek raucous musical comedy about clean-cut kids who fall into a twisted, hilarious downward spiral of reefer, sex and mayhem.

Reefer Madness – the Musical showcases the talents of some of Omaha's finest theatre veterans, as well as some of Omaha's brightest young newcomers. UNO student, Paul Hanson, and Jenn Witt (COMPANY, Omaha Playhouse) will play the star-crossed lovers "Jimmy" and "Mary." Iowa Western Community College theatre instructor, Martin Scott Marchitto, who has designed sets for BLUEBARN's *The Goat* or *Who is Sylvia?* and *Wit*, makes his Omaha stage debut in the role of the "Lecturer." The musical's villains are all made up of some of Omaha's most celebrated theatre veterans including: Theresa Sindelar (Bat Boy, Matt & Ben, Omaha Playhouse), Ryan Pivonka (TICK!TICK!BOOM!, Stages of Omaha), Bailey Carlson (Urinetown, Omaha Playhouse), and Ben Beck (Wit, BLUEBARN Theatre). Rounding out the cast is Krystal Kelly, Nora Shelton, Courtney

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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



HEY, KYLE... YOU UP THERE?

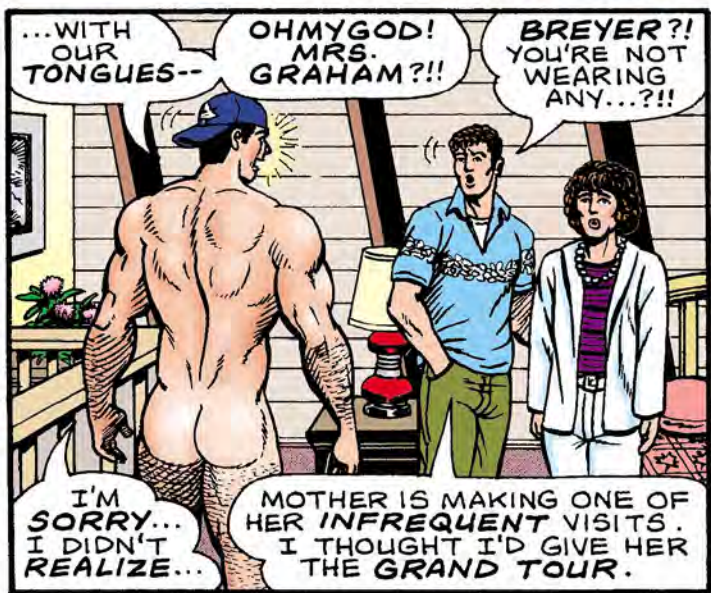
BREYER? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE SO EARLY?



SLOW DAY AT WORK. I GOT THE AFTERNOON OFF. I WAS THINKING MAYBE...



...WE COULD SPEND THE NEXT FEW HOURS...
...EXPLORING EACH OTHER'S BODIES IN INTIMATE DETAIL...



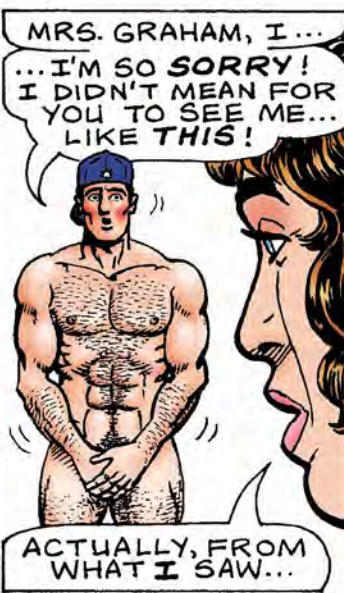
...WITH OUR TONGUES--

OHMYGOD! MRS. GRAHAM?!!

BREYER?! YOU'RE NOT WEARING ANY...?!!

I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T REALIZE...

MOTHER IS MAKING ONE OF HER INFREQUENT VISITS. I THOUGHT I'D GIVE HER THE GRAND TOUR.



MRS. GRAHAM, I...
...I'M SO SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO SEE ME... LIKE THIS!

ACTUALLY, FROM WHAT I SAW...



...THERE WASN'T MUCH TO BE OFFENDED BY.

I'M GOING DOWNSTAIRS NOW... TO HAVE THAT CUP OF TEA YOU PROMISED ME, KYLE.



DID SHE JUST INSULT ME FOR HAVING A SHORT PENIS?

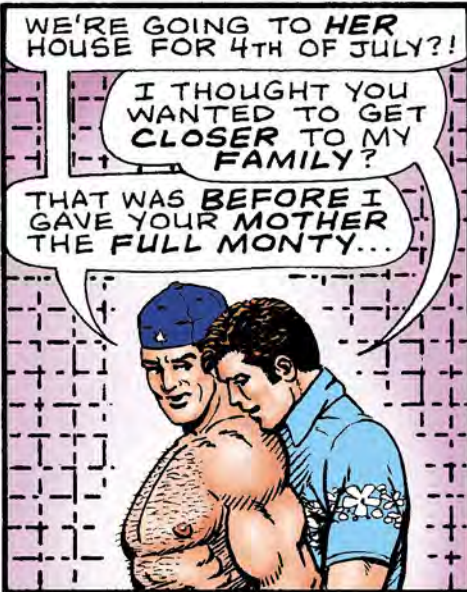
I'M SURE THAT ISN'T WHAT SHE MEANT.

YEAH, RIGHT... THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT SHE MEANT.



OH, KYLE? TELL BREYER IF HE'S COMING OVER FOR 4TH OF JULY, GENTLEMEN DON'T WEAR HATS IN THE HOUSE.

THEY DO WEAR CLOTHES, THOUGH.



WE'RE GOING TO HER HOUSE FOR 4TH OF JULY?!

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO GET CLOSER TO MY FAMILY?

THAT WAS BEFORE I GAVE YOUR MOTHER THE FULL MONTY...

GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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

WALK-IN HOURS

Sundays 4:00PM - 6:00PM
 Tuesdays closed temporarily
 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.

JUNE 19TH THRU 21ST
NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION, in Omaha, more details coming soon. Also see <http://www.NebraskaPride.com> for more info

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

BEER BUST, FREE POOL AND WII, 8pm, Connections Bar

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP, Meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Fellowship starts at 6PM, services begin at 6:30PM, Everyone Welcome!

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, 11am

services

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, 2PM to 4PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St 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.

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY 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,

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

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

Every Tuesday

BEER BUST, FREE POOL AND WII 8:00 pm, at Connections

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aander-son@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

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

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

GUYZ NITE 8:00 pm to 1pm, at Connections, \$2.50 domestics and \$2.50 wells

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 1:30pm to 4 pm by appt. ONLY, 139 S. 40 St., same day results, call 402-552-9260 for info

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

THIRSTY THURSDAYS 10:00 pm to midnight, at Connections, Reverse Happy Hour and FREE Jukebox

Every Friday

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

CAN WE TALK SUPPORT GROUP Open to everyone, every Friday 6:30pm to 8pm, MCCO, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7-9pm, DC's Saloon

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. Marys 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 location and information.

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 6PM.
Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or see
www.omahaglbtprofessionals.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.net for meeting schedules etc.

RIVER CITY GENDER LLIANCE, at 7:00 pm . Email info@rcga.us or president@rcga.us

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lincoln 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 Leavenworth St.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist 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
(gibt 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

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.

Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET

See, I have open space here for your Event! Send it to me!

Why Parents Drink

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he saw an Envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow that was addressed to 'Dad.'

With the worst premonition he opened the envelope with trembling hands and read the letter.

Dear Dad:

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mom and you.

I have been finding real passion with Stacy and she is so nice. But I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercing, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than I am. But it's not only the passion...Dad she's pregnant.

Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people that live nearby for cocaine and ecstasy.

In the meantime we will pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Stacy can get better. She deserves it.

Don't worry Dad. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I'm sure that we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your grandchildren.

Love, Your Son John

PS. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house.

I Just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than a Report card that's in my center desk drawer.

Call me when it's safe to come home.

A Tale of Two Couples

By Chris Orr

A dark cloud has been lifted for gay and lesbian couples from the help of the Iowa Supreme Court. For those wondering, what was it like to get married in Iowa the first week of legal same-sex marriage; here are two couples that will share their story. Mike Yowell and Hersh Rodasky give a brief background of themselves seeking a marriage license. "My spouse and I, since we are now married, of 28 years wanted to get married so we could have the legal protections that straight couples have. We applied for the license on Monday (April 27th) and had to wait three days before we could actually have the ceremony, due to Iowa law, (April 30th)."



The other couple is David Jones and Thomas Clark. They give a brief background of their relationship. "We met in the summer of 1996 at the Rainbow Outreach Center in Omaha at a fundraiser. After a year of dating, we cohabitated in the Omaha metro area and remained ever since. Thomas is from here and David moved from Wichita, Kansas."

What was it like on day one when couples started turning in their marriage licenses, the atmosphere? Mike and Hersh reply "in the early morning, it was polite and civil. By the afternoon, though, the employees had seen that there was nothing to fear from GLBT people and the atmosphere was very warm. We developed a very good relationship with the people in the courthouse." Was there literally a line? "Not really. There was a steady flow of applicants but no lines. There seemed to be more female couples than male couples" seeking marriage licenses. They were impressed with the same-sex couple turnout. "Pottawattamie County had 42 same-sex marriage applications from April 27th to April 29th. Of the 42, 24 were from out-of-state, most from Nebraska. That speaks volumes to me."

So it was quiet and peaceful inside the courthouse, how about outside the courthouse? Mike and Hersh comment "there were a few (protesters) on Monday, April 27th. They were out front praying. On Thursday, April 30th there were a group of about 12 Neo-Nazi protesters. They were peaceful and there was no violence...but the sight of Nazi's gave reason for pause. The courthouse employees on Thursday were much happier to see us than the Nazi's. We had to pick up our license on Thursday due to the three day waiting period."

David and Thomas share their thoughts about what was going through their mind about the Neo-Nazis and walking up the courthouse steps. "They didn't deter us or any of our wedding party. I was given a prior notice that there would be protesters so I alerted all our party to use the back entrance of the courthouse if they wanted. Our strong willed family and friends wouldn't be intimidated by these intolerant homophobes and we all entered through the main entrance where we gathered between the front door and the protesters to wait till all family and friends arrived safely with a show of force. We outnumbered the freaks. As David and I walked past the protesters we stopped and

kissed in front of them and this silenced them momentarily." At any point did you feel that you wanted to say go home your fight is over? "No need, you could see it was obvious who won that day."

What was the wedding like at the courthouse? What events took place after the ceremony? David and Thomas share some details. "Judge Mark Eveloff presided over our ceremony that was attended by more than 30 family and friends. David's two sisters drove up from Wichita, Kansas the day before, much to David's surprise. I kept my mouth shut and it was worth it, he was speechless, but only for a brief moment. About 50 guests including family, friends, and neighbors attended a casual yet elegant luncheon at our residence in Council Bluffs. Then following the luncheon we went to the Max where Steven Knox and Rita Mohr organized a super awesome reception with white linens, big gay cake, and all the fun wedding reception type of stuff. It was very touching for them to do this for us for we told everyone we was going to have a reception later this summer and our friends wanted to do something for us now and we were so honored and touched by this gesture. A couple hundred family, friends, and work friends joined us for an afternoon of good food, cocktails, and fun activities facilitated by our friend Mark the DJ at the Max." What does this slip of paper mean to you now? "This paper is a symbol of our commitment to each other as well as a legal document protecting us as a family."

Since David and Thomas had resided in Nebraska prior to their move to Iowa awhile ago, this was asked. If you were a Nebraska resident, would running over here and getting married in Iowa be the same as being a resident of Iowa in your opinion? "That depends on if the state of Nebraska recognizes a same sex marriage from another state such as in Washington D.C. where they just voted to honor same sex relationships from other states. If it isn't recognized then it is legally useless."

The GLBT community knows the outcome of California with same-sex marriage. Mike and Hersh respond about backlash here in Iowa and at the courthouse. "None at the court house, although conservative politicians, radical religious groups and the Nazis have banded together to try to overturn the decision. I've read about it in the press. The backlash will get more pronounced in the fall and in January when the legislature is in session."

David and Thomas have their two cents worth about the situation that happened California happening here in Iowa and if it was a reason to go get married in the first week of legal same-sex marriage. "Yes, we waited the three days and were the first to marry in Pottawattamie County Courthouse that Thursday. Yes this is a concern. It was sad to see a state that has always been in the fore front of social progression take a step in the wrong direction. Iowa has always been a socially progressive state. For example, Iowa was one of the first to allow multiracial marriage and women the right to own property. The state motto says our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain. We have two years before this issue can be challenged in the legislation and brought to a vote for the people so we have time to show Iowans the positive implications of same sex marriage. We need to be active in political campaigns of those who support us and always maintain a positive image in our neighborhoods. Take a page from Harvey Milk, we need to stand up and be counted. Come out and let everyone know you are gay/lesbian and proud. People tend to vote in favor of an issue if it affects someone they know."

So what will happen of these two couples? What are they going to do now after being hitched? Mike and Hersh have been key people in getting the Council Bluffs Community Alliance going and growing. They have been very active in the group and having the group is out in the community more often and joining forces with other GLBT organizations to help keep marriage equality in Iowa.

"Getting the ruling from the Iowa State Supreme Court was the easy part. The hard part will be keeping the equal rights now that we have them. That's why it's important to support One Iowa. One Iowa is the only state-wide organization fighting to keep marriage equality. Equality does not come cheaply. I encourage everyone in the Omaha metro area to donate generously to One Iowa. They are found on the Internet. One mistake that was made in California was that only a small percentage of gays and lesbians contributed to the "No on Prop 8 Campaign". One Iowa needs as many donors as possible to help fight the backlash." With being part of the Council Bluffs Community Alliance and being interviewed by the local media when gay marriage in Iowa freshly became legal, what impression did you want to make? "That marriage equality was about protection all Iowa families and all Iowa children, including the families and children of gays and lesbians."

David and Thomas are doing similar things. "From here we become more active in our communities and neighborhoods to spread a positive image of same sex relationships. We used our connections to spread the word that yes the guys next door are a couple who we know and respect, who deserve the same rights that we all have come to cherish."

As of May 29th, Pottawattamie County Courthouse has received 82 marriage license applications and was approved.

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

Council Bluffs Community Alliance www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.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 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 6PM. Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or see www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org for info

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.net 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

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

Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,

Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website:

www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

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 every Sunday at 6pm, MCC -Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 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

Northside Christian Church 5555Larimore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contemporary service at 11:00am

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 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

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

Prairie Bares, male nudist group, no further info available

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

Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

River City Gender Alliance, for info Email: info@rcga.us

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

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

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 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>



Congratulations On your Marriage!

The Owners of Wonderful World Foods were married on April 30th in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Pictured are (left) Gregory Keefe, and (right) Daniel J. Bogue. Also attending was their friend Jennifer F. (center). Congratulations from the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center and **The Gayzette!**

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
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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
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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

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Omaha GLBT Sports

By Chris Orr

It is summer time and that means the sports league is busy bringing fun, exciting, and entertaining events to the community! The league will have its softball games until July 16th. Here are some other events with the league. June 18th the sports league is hitting off Pride by having a home run derby. Come and see the men and women hit balls out of the park in-between the first and second games of the evening. Maybe you want to hit too? Home Run Derby is open to all and begins at 7:45 P.M. and the winner of the men's class and women's class receives a paid fee certificate to participate in one of their favorite Omaha GLBT Sports program. To enter, email us at Omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com to receive rules/regulations and turn in entry by June 11th. The league will be participating in Pride events June 20th, feel free to stop by our booth to receive more information or get merchandise on all things Omaha GLBT Sports. The league will also have the dunk tank for your pleasure. On a Saturday towards the end of July will be the first annual kickball tournament. Registration along with more details and information will be released soon. Flag football registration will begin soon. The season will be played on Thursdays August 6th thru October 15th at Churchich Park 50th & C street with games beginning at 7 p.m. Registration, details, and additional information will be released soon. Watch for these



updates on our website www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org.

The May 21st games had some windy weather to contend with but games turned out just fine. The Red Rockets (ConAgra sponsor) were matched up with Swing4it. From Red Rockets, Doug D. playing third base at the time caught a foul infield pop to make the out. Short stop Matt Z. and third basemen Chris H. collided when they both tried to catch an infield pop which they missed but Matt Z. recovered the ball and got it to second base for the out. Swing4it's Sofy M., playing second base for the night, backed out to shallow right field to catch a pop fly and put the batter out. Connections had played Blue Frenzy for the evening. From Connections, Tracy S. didn't have to move a step from her spot playing third base to have an infield pop slowly find its way to her glove. From Blue Frenzy, Dane S. caught a low infield fly with some heat on it at short stop. The last game of the evening had Broadway Joe's and Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies on the field. Juan C. playing for Broadway Joe's, is a first year player to softball and had made contact with the ball while at bat to get it past second base and safely for him to get onto first base. Many of the Broadway Joe's players had hit some high pop flies but didn't get the distance on them due to the wind. From the Ball Blokes, Frank N. had made great ground backing up and running up to snag some of those pop flies hit by Joe's players. Attendance for the evening between players and spectators was 130.

The May 28th weather was pleasant for the games. First game of the night was between Blue Frenzy and Broadway Joe's. Blue Frenzy's Rob P. caught a zipped infield fly with ease and later made another out by scooping up the ball and jogging it to third base. Broadway Joe's Phillip M. played short stop and had a great double play when catching an infield fly and immediately throwing it to first basewoman Bo B. The game after had Red Rockets and Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies playing. The Ball Bloke's catcher, James S., saved a run scored by tagging out a Red Rocket player trying to come home. Jon M. from Red Rockets playing rover for the evening had recovered a shallow outfield hit to throw it in to second base and get the out. The nightcap game had Connections against Swing4it. Third basewoman Jamie F. from Connections defended her bag to get the out and toppled over the runner sliding into the bag. Roselle L., first basewoman, had caught a fielded ball but had it drop from her glove and rolled away. She attempted to retrieve it quickly by stretching out across the dirt and asking the ball to roll back. From Swing4it, Elizabeth O. defended home by tagging Connections Matt H. who tried sliding in to score. Short stop Wes S. attempted a double play by catching an infield fly then throwing it with speed to first basewoman Jen C. who had caught the ball but Connections Brenda W. slid back to the bag and was safe. The attendance for the evening between spectators and players was 130.

The league would like to thank the following: Pride concession worker Johnnie R. Scorekeepers - Robin R. and Cole C. Umpire - Wendy F. Photography - J. Kueffner Photography. To all our spectators who come to watch and enjoy our games. You can come and watch the softball games every Thursday until July 16th. We play 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Churchich Park 50th & "C" Street. Free admission for spectators. Pride will be selling concessions (pop, water, chips, candy, occasionally bringing grill for hot dogs, polish dogs) at the games and money from concessions goes toward Pride 09.

May 21st

Swing4it	3	VS. Red Rockets	10
Connections	3	VS. Blue Frenzy	10
Broadway Joe's	15	VS. Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies	4

May 28th

Broadway Joes	3	VS. Blue Frenzy	12
Red Rockets	18	VS. Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies	1
Connections	0	VS. Swing4it	10



Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Remember that Meatloaf song back in the day when he talked about what he wouldn't do for love? Well my writing has nothing to do with love but everything to do with what I won't do when I go for that run today? I will leave all that unhealthy stuff at the door as I head into my fitness zone.

It will be hard to nosh on that bag of Doritos while maintaining a running speed of eight miles per hour. I'm certain I could do it but how would I wipe all that orange cheesiness off my hands and face when I'm done with my snack attack. Better save that bag of munchies for some other time and some other person!

The task to play Grand Theft Auto could be daunting as I negotiate the streets in my quest to complete a six mile run. I would need focused attention in the living room to properly play the game that all children should be exposed to by third grade. I could just run on Van Buren in central Phoenix and see all the whores and thieves anyway. Who needs the sofa and the DVD!

All smokers love the great outdoors and a run outside would be a natural fit to fire up a square while on my route. I want to actually attempt this and put it on a YouTube video and see how viral my attempt at contradictions can become. Yes, I fancy that cigarette smoking and running can be done but it sure as heck wouldn't be the smartest thing I would attempt on that given day! I have done some stupid things though!

Drinking and driving are not a fantastic mix and neither is a run and run combination. The dehydrating effects of the alcohol and the punishing rays of the desert sun are two excellent factors for my reconsideration of this dynamic duo while jogging. Put the Jamaican blend back on the top shelf and lace up the New Balances!

I could manage a way to text message and talk on my blue tooth during numerous miles of running across the cactus laden landscape. But is anything sacred anymore? What happened to getting away from it all and relaxing to the sounds of not hearing the pecking of a tiny keyboard and those voices of friends that inquire about my intentions of the day. The Blackberry could use some down time anyway!

I am not going to be able to watch a rerun of the Love Boat if I am running around the streets. I can only guess as to the shenanigans that Gopher, Doc, Isaac, Vicki, and Julie get into before Captain Stubing puts an end to it all. Thank goodness for TIVO and the ability to watch this nonsense at some other time.

When the day is over, it is much more of an accomplishment to announce to the world that you completed a four mile run. There aren't too many newspaper stories written about some guy who ate a candy bar, watched several Three's Company episodes, jostled his joystick with his video games, and finished a pack of Marlboro Lights all by himself. You might just find one about that guy who went out and finished third in his age group at a local running race. Get out there and write your own newspaper story!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who has been known to rub his xiphoid process when nervous. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be found at his website of www.myblakefitness.com.

SNAP! Productions

..... to mount the Omaha Premiere of *The Secret of the Old Queen: A Hardy Boys Musical Adventure*

This is the perfect summer fare for any person who grew up reading "The Hardy Boys" mystery series or for those of you who are looking to spend two hours groaning with laughter as a good caper hilariously unfolds. Paul Boesing, currently residing in Omaha, and his writing partner, Timothy Cope, have crafted a delightful musical romp in which the only mystery those accomplished American teen sleuths, Frank and Joe Hardy, can't seem to solve is that of their own sexual identity. After a rash of burglaries against some of Bayport's elite unmarried gentlemen "of certain mature age", Frank and Joe are hired by wealthy philanthropist Cornelius Digby to guard "The Macedonia Cigar", a piece of artwork the gentlemen recluse donated to the Bayport Institute of Art. When "The Greek Butt" (as it is affectionately named) is stolen Frank and Joe, along with their best chum Chet Morton and their steady gals Iola Morton and Callie Shaw, embark on an adventure that takes them from the worldly Mrs. Carstairs' costume shop all the way to Ghost Island and Dead Man's Cave! *The Secret of the Old Queen: A Hardy Boys Musical Adventure* will run from May 28 - June 21, 2009 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, June 21st show will start at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time.

Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! Productions website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. Groups of 5 or more need to pay in advance. The performances on June 4, 11 and 18 will have our New Thursday Special Pricing of only \$10.00.



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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.)

Oh my goodness the weather must be bringing out the crazies. If you haven't been paying attention, about everyone is speaking like Steve King, Michelle Bachman, and other fore-front crazy speaking people.

The Gitmo political charade is getting more interesting by the minute. There has been such great brainwashing done that citizens are now getting ready to start purchasing their own maximum security defense against the terrorists because you know; they will be released in our country. YouTube Harry Reid on this and it makes your head spin. Rush Limbaugh, that's it, he is just crazy, period, no need for discussion.

What is this crazy talk about reverse discrimination against the white male? Judge Sotomayor's words pierced the ears of the political machine, white males, because remember back then, the white male didn't discriminate against anyone in his Christian ways. There is no such thing as fact checking because we haven't been taught to do that since we were in the eighth grade nor our parents lead us to do so. I would take her over the white male today because our white male leaders got us into the cluster fuck today. I loved the description of global warming from Senator Dumbass about carbon dioxide and Coke, the drink. There is a riff of gays who don't support gay marriage

and bad mouth it and wish for it to come to an end. They say why support it, we are a bad community. Yeah, we are a bad community compared to the straight polygamists, heterosexual swingers, and other gay deviant but can be equally found in straight world behaviors. These gays, right, wrong, or indifferent then I guess shouldn't be allowed to marry, but you know, they have to find someone to marry first!

If you step away from the scene there are actual gays out there with kids and lives that contribute to society and just want to function in life without discriminatory barriers by law and have full equal recognition under the law as straight counterparts. Married with kids gays are rarely seen all year until GLBT Prides because they grew up, moved on, and wanted to have their own life instead of talking about others every weekend at the gay scene. Don't even argue with separate but equal because that didn't work before, that trial balloon has sailed and failed.

I have gone crazy myself in the war against deer. They are ugly, useless, and overpopulating the area. They have eaten down about half of what I planted. Some sprays work and some don't. An Iraq vet friend of mine suggested getting land mines along the property line. At the time I was pissed, it sounded like a really great idea. I instead resulted to a paintball gun. It is quite entertaining. I once had a co-worker of mine who worked in a hospital's psych ward unit. She would tell me about how calm it was there during the winter because of the cold weather but once it started warming up the place would fill because the crazies were out roaming around.

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

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