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Iowa Pastors Urge Vote on Amendment Barring Gay Marriage

by O. Kay Henderson

The Iowa Family Policy Center and a pastor-led group called "Purpose Ministries" have collected petition signatures from over eight-hundred Iowa pastors, urging Iowa's elected officials to let Iowans vote on a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage.

Iowa Family Policy Center president Chuck Hurley says the petitions will be presented to every statewide candidate in Iowa as well as all of the people who're running for seats in the legislature.

"Whether they see the light, we believe and we hope that they will feel the heat," Hurley says. "And that they will recognize that 'we, the people' as 31 other states peoples have done deserve... a chance to vote on the Iowa Marriage Amendment."



Brad Sherman is pastor of the Solid Rock Christian Church in Coralville and also the leader of "Purpose Ministries."

"To the legislature, we simply say, 'Stop representing the homosexual lobby that's based primarily and funded primarily outside of Iowa and begin to represent the people of Iowa that elected you,'" Sherman says. "'Otherwise, we believe a pink slip's coming your way,' and that's the message we hope to convey with these petitions."

Earlier this year, the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa presented legislators with a letter that had been co-signed by 167 Iowa clergy, urging legislators to oppose attempts to "diminish the marriage rights" of gay couples. The Bishop of Episcopal Churches in Iowa signed the letter, as did ministers who serve on several college campuses, including Wartburg in Waverly and Luther College in Decorah. Unitarian ministers, Protestant pastors and rabbis signed the letter, too. The head of the Iowa Family Policy Center today called some in the Interfaith Alliance group "pseudo" pastors.

"Someone who is a wolf in sheep's clothing would be the scriptural definition," Hurley said during a news conference just

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Nebraska Pride Grand Marshal Announced

With great joy, Rainbow Celebrations announces the 2010 Nebraska Pride Grand Marshal is Don Randolph, "Flowers"!

Don was one of the original founders of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. He served as Emperor I and Emperor 23 and now serves as King Father for ICON. Don was also a member of the original "MEAT PACKERS", a local charity group who raised money for a variety of causes and eventually the Nebraska Aids Project. Don worked at NAP for a number of years and started the first drug assistance program. Don has tirelessly worked in providing a better quality of life for the NAP clients. For over 30 years he has been and continues to be an active community leader and advocate for community causes, especially those affected by AIDS.

We wish to thank and honor also the other grand marshal candidates for 2010. Susie Brenner and Linda Beckstead have been active members of the community for some time. They formed Brenner-Beckstead Ministries 5 years ago and have traveled the country bringing the message of God's love for ALL to communities throughout the country. Active members of MCC Church, Susie is a recording artist releasing her fifth album, while Linda is an award winning teacher and accomplished education writer. Gifted individuals in their own right, as a couple, with their children, they bring an incredible example of love and commitment, perseverance, and faith to this community.

Bill Shafer, whom many know as And More, has been active in raising money for charities in the community. A past Empress of ICON and a past President, he was a leader in the drive to gain 501c3 status for the Imperial Court of Nebraska. He was an influence in the creation of and now the owner of the MR Gay Omaha Pageant. Always offering his assistance for various charitable causes, Bill remains active in the community on stage and behind the scenes to help those in need in this GLBTQQS community.

Rainbow Celebrations would like to thank you all for what you have done and for what you continue to do in sharing your time, talents, and hearts to improve the quality of life for all members of the LGBT community as you continue to join your candle flames to that "One Candle in the Darkness, (which) Ignited Hope!"

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 outside the state capitol. "Someone who would lead their flock astray on issues of moral and particularly spiritual matters and certainly someone who would so directly violate the revealed word of God in all the major faith traditions."

A spokesperson for the Interfaith Alliance says "people of faith" can disagree and Hurley should "retract" his "disrespectful" statement about clergy who've answered God's call to serve. During this morning's news conference Hurley referred to the 800-plus ministers who signed his group's petition as "real" pastors.

"We are at a crisis moment in this state and we will either stand up for good, Godly, family and marriage or we will go the way of other civilizations that have said, 'Oh well,'" Hurley said. "We are here on behalf of 834 pastors who are not willing to say, 'Oh well,' and we applaud them for that."

Hurley also blasted the art teacher at a Des Moines elementary school who showed a video to a fourth grade class which some parents found obscene. "And if that doesn't matter anymore, if we are so callused to the hearts and minds and souls of our young people that we don't care that they are being morally raped in this state, then we'd better hang it up," Hurley said.

What is American?

Royal D. Bush (facebook/omaharoyal)

A topic that can divide the room, spark heated discussion and certainly generate very strong emotions (on either side of the coin) is the "immigration" topics. I am careful not to say the "immigration issue" as I believe there are many dynamic topics that come out of it as a result of creating space and dialog.

Most of us are immigrants to this country (meaning that our ancestors came from foreign lands). I am confused as to the degree of hatred that is spewed from some people about "those" people. I know some people that are Native to America. They represent a very small group that are; true natives! Perhaps it is "us" who really are "those people!"

"All those people want something for nothing"
 I cringe when I hear "those" people. Do we mean Jews, slaves, others that are oppressed? Do we mean just "brown" people, or do we mean anyone of any skin color that is not "white" AND who don't speak "our" English? Do we mean those who are in same sex relationships? And implying that ALL humans who come to America legally or illegally want something for nothing is hard for me to agree with. I know, first hand, that some un-properly documented workers earn a living and pay taxes; working for minimum wage here is a better standard then most come from. Will you work for minimum wage today?

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Presented in conjunction with LGBT Pride Month 2010, the OUT IN FILM series will take place June 3 – July 1. The series presents a variety of artistically innovative films relating in different ways to the LGBT experience, including early, important works by acclaimed directors Ang Lee (**THE WEDDING BANQUET**), Gus Van Sant (**MALA NOCHE**), Pedro Almodóvar (**LAW OF DESIRE**), Lisa Cholodenko (**HIGH ART**), and Wong Kar Wai (**HAPPY TOGETHER**).

Other selections include the groundbreaking 1989 drama **LONGTIME COMPANION** (one of the first feature films to address the AIDS crisis) and historic documentaries **THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK** (an inspiration for the 2008 Oscar-winning film), and **WORD IS OUT**, the first feature-length documentary about lesbian and gay identity in America.

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STOP HATING YOURSELF: THE JOYS OF GETTING OLDER

By Michael Kimmel
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It seems like an epidemic: we're all becoming older and feeling that we're becoming more-and-more invisible. I get a lot of emails from mid-life gay men (and a few women) saying some version of: "I am physically aging much faster than I'd hoped (wrinkles, love handles, receding hairline, expanding belly). Who's going to want me now?" Popular culture calls this a "midlife crisis", but does it have to be a crisis?

Midlife crises shake up our lives for better and for worse, but - surprisingly - the biggest mistake is not having one at all. A midlife crisis is a period of a time of intense growth and dramatic life changes that are exciting and terrifying. The "crisis" usually occurs between our late 30's and early 50's. How do you know you're having a midlife crisis? It's not only about how your looks change; more importantly, it's about realizing that your values have changed. You realize that the values that have guided you for so many years no longer work. Something's gotta give!

Most midlife crises are triggered by introspection, events like a death or a relationship ending, unhappiness with physical aging and/or money or career concerns. For many of us, physical aging hits us - hard - about this time. As one client told me, "What will I do when I'm not young and cute any more?" Unlike celebrities and movie stars, most normal people visibly age. More importantly, we psychologically age. This is also known as becoming "wiser", and it's a good thing. Wisdom, however, has a way of pulling the rug out from under our youthful illusions ("I'm going to be rich and famous," or "Once I find my soul mate, everything will be perfect".) Few of us manage to manifest all the dreams of our 20's and 30's, and when we do, the money or the success or the partner rarely measures up to our idealistic standards.

As enlightened LGBTers, most of us have looked at our own racism and homophobia, but let's look at a more subtle form of discrimination and self-hatred: ageism. Straight and gay media lovingly promote the high-priced anti-aging products of their advertisers. They are unlikely to encourage us to love ourselves just as we are. Instead, we are brainwashed to think we are barely acceptable unless we hide or eliminate our gray hair, receding hairlines, love handles and wrinkled skin. Happy, secure LGBTers won't buy overpriced anti-aging products; but scared and desperate people will...and do. How can we escape the self-hatred of ageism? First off, be willing to identify old parts of yourself that you've suppressed. Those needs and desires can be very important for us as we pour the "foundation" for the second half of our life. Ask your-

self: what do I really care about? What do I want to spend my energy on? We are a generation of LGBTers who (in general) are better educated, healthier and more affluent than our forefathers/mothers. We may live for another 40 or 50 years. But, as one of my 40-something clients recently asked me, "What am I gonna do with all that time?"

I experienced my own midlife crisis when I was 41, a long-term relationship ended and I found myself unhappy in my job and newly single. While it was a time of great potential, it was as scary as hell. As a result of this midlife "crisis", I found a good therapist, quit my job, dated a lot, and went back to college. It was quite an upheaval (I moved from the East Coast to the West Coast with no job, no man and few friends) but I doubt I would have changed my life so dramatically if I wasn't "forced" to.

Some of us, in midlife, go through a period of reckless behavior. If we're in a monogamous relationship we may have affairs or even end a long-term relationship. We may find ourselves drinking more, taking more recreational drugs, shopping and spending money we really don't have and/or charging expensive vacations that will take us years to pay for. All these behaviors are ways of acting out and avoiding reality. They're detours off the path. We can take them, but sooner or later, we have to face the music: we're getting older and our lives have to change. How are we going to handle this?

Instead of acting out like some over aged teenager - kicking and screaming into your 40's and 50's - I suggest that you use this time to make your life even better. Take more healthy risks: try things that make you uncomfortable, like learning a new sport, going to social gatherings and starting conversations (rather than waiting for people to come to you), volunteering or even going back to school to switch careers.

At times like these, lean on your friends and family. These folks can be your rock. As you begin to change your life, you need them more than ever. Ask them for support, call them when you get scared, and hang with them when you need some comfort. It's okay to be scared, but don't wallow in self-pity. When you ask "Who's going to want me now?" the answer needs to be: "I do". If you don't want to be with yourself, who else would want to be with you? Mid-life is the perfect time to start to please yourself by finding out what's missing from your life (self-esteem, excitement, joy, spontaneity, fulfilling sex) and taking steps to have it.

If we are lucky, we get to be older. Because of AIDS, previous generations of our brothers and sisters didn't make it to midlife, so let's be grateful we're still alive and use our 30's, 40's and 50's to learn from past mistakes and set the course for our future: a future based on more than unwrinkled skin...a future based on wisdom and self-acceptance.



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"There is only one language here, speak it or get out"

Perhaps we should send the gift that France gave us back...
"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door." For many years we have self identified and have been known to be a great leader in many fronts, caring for others is no exception. Perhaps if we lived in countries that some are fleeing from, we too would do whatever it would take to make new life. I understand that times have changed, but the need for compassion, caring and love never changes.

"They all want to be tax free, use our welfare, our healthcare and take our jobs."

I want to be tax free too! I am over taxed now. I am taxed when I get paid, when I spend it, and almost every point in between. I believe everyone is entitled to a hand up (not a hand

out), welfare is a short term solution to a short term opportunity. If it becomes anything other than that then we have bigger issues! Health care? Wish I had insurance or the ability to be on my partners insurance, but that isn't legal for "ALL" American's, only some.

When words like all, them, they, those people, etc. are used it automatically puts up my defense shields and I start paying closer attention to what is going on and being said.

I know that our taxes are out of control, what have YOU done specifically to contact your representative to voice your opinion? How have you become a better informed voter? Do you vote? What do you know about the people and topics on your ballot?

I know government spending, healthcare, and many reform issues are important as well. Let's include environmental issues, equal freedoms and rights...what specifically have YOU done to ensure your rights are protected or created or voice heard?

In closing, immigration topics are vast and deep. I do not have all the answers (heck I don't even have some answers!) I do know that the greatest commandment, law, rule, words of wisdom is "love your neighbor as yourself" and certainly "do unto others has you would have done unto you." Those words are easier said then done for some of us. I encourage everyone to remember that most all who will read this are immigrants to this country too!

The USA is the richest country in the world yet we have so

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Rabbit Hole

BLUEBARN Theatre will complete its 21st season with the 2007 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *Rabbit Hole*, which opens June 10th and runs through July 3rd. BLUEBARN's Artistic Director, Susan Clement-Toberer directs David Lindsay-Abaire's award-winning script. *Rabbit Hole* showcases costumes by Jenny Pool, scenic design by Martin Scott Marchitto, lighting design by Carol Wisner, with original music composed by David Murphy. Shows run Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, June 20th and 27th at 6 p.m. There will be a post performance discussion following the show on Sunday June 20th at the KANEKO-UNO Library. Thursday, June 17 will showcase BLUEBARN's *Witching Hour* in lieu of a *Rabbit Hole* performance. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults; and \$20 for students, TAG members, seniors 65+, and groups of 10 or more.

About *Rabbit Hole*

Eight months after the accidental death of their four-year-old son, Becca and Howie are struggling to return to their daily lives. When Becca's younger and perpetually troubled sister Izzy announces that she is pregnant, the couple's differing styles of grieving are

thrown into sharp relief, as Becca's desire to escape the constant reminders of her son clash with Howie's attempts to hang on to details of their little boy's past. Alternately sad and funny, *Rabbit Hole* is a deeply human look at one family's attempts to come to terms with the impossible and emerge stronger than before. *Rabbit Hole* was first produced in 2006 in New York with Cynthia Nixon, Tyne Daly, and John Slattery. The show was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play, and Cynthia Nixon won a Tony as Best Actress.

About the stars of *Rabbit Hole*

UNO Theatre Professor Amy Lane and Matthew Pyle make their BLUEBARN debut in the roles of "Becca" and "Howie." MaryBeth Adams (Faith Healer, Brigit Saint Brigit Theatre Co.) and Jordan Rudningen also make their BLUEBARN debut in the roles of "Nat" and "Jason." Erika Zadina (Always Patsy Cline, Omaha Playhouse) rounds out the cast as "Izzy." Erika was last seen on the BLUEBARN stage in *Seascape*, *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, and *A Piece of My Heart*.

About BLUEBARN Theatre

The BLUEBARN Theatre was established in the late 1980s with graduates from the Professional Theatre Training Conservatory at the State University of New York at Purchase. Seeking to continue the deeply shared artistic aesthetic and practice that they had developed from their conservatory training, while at the same time creating theatre outside the constraints of New York City's commercial market, founding members joined forces with Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts to produce their first play.

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many homeless animals and human beings, is that American? We have many animals and human beings that go to bed hungry, is that American? We have Americans that can't afford medications and choose between medications, food and living expenses, is that American?

With that being said, I realize we are a mighty and proud nation AND we are imperfect. We don't take care of each other as we could or should or can. We do not show respect for others as we require them to show to us.

We all have an idea of what "America" means to us. For some it is freedom, new life, money, safety, free of persecution. For ALL shouldn't it be: "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." What does it mean to you? What are you willing to do to make

it happen?

Tammy Doyle "Disconnects" from Connections

By Danielle B., and Kristian W.

It is time to close yet another chapter in Tammy Doyle's life. A chapter forgone, but not forgotten. Tammy's departure from Connections last week was both a difficult and bittersweet decision. She has turned the reins back over to Kelly Thomas, the founder of Connections.

Tammy began working at Connections as a part-time bartender in January 2007. At that time she was also the owner of "DustBusters Cleaning Services", here in Omaha. Tammy joined forces with Kelly Thomas and became co-owner of Connections bar in August 2008.

Tammy's connection to the bar, brought with it a lot of perseverance, high energy, determination and an abundance of bright ideas. Many of the local gay bars in the community had followed Tammy's lead with the creation of in-house Theme Nights and Theme Parties. Tammy had set aside Fri-



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day nights to host these events, such as her Pink Poker Party, Country Night, Ugly Sweater Party, and Raunchy T-Shirt Night, to mention a few.

20 years ago, as a Chemical Dependency Counselor, Tammy never would have dreamed she would someday be the co-owner of a Lesbian bar and serving drinks. When we asked Tammy about that, she chuckled, and said, "Well, you never know what road your life journey will take you on. It has been quite an experience." She also added, "20 years ago I may have had a lot more stamina for the bar business." Tammy claims, "You just about have to put every part of yourself into the bar to keep it running smoothly. Time, energy and late-night hours." She says pretty much your family becomes your patrons, and your home life suffers.

Tammy is looking forward to having more time to spend with her 15 year old daughter Cassidy, and eventually getting back to a "9 to 5" routine. When asked what she has planned for the future, as far as employment, Tammy plans to start her own business in a couple months. She would not elaborate on that because it is still in the planning stage. She also has thoughts of leaving the Omaha area and seeking a "fresh start."

In conclusion, Tammy makes a statement to the community and patrons of Connections: "I want to thank ALL OF YOU for your support and patronage over the past couple years. I was fortunate to get to know many of you on a more personal level than others, and establish some close friendships. I will always treasure that. I will miss you all!

Please Continue to show your loyalty and support to Connections, "Omaha's One and Only Lesbian Establishment," "The Place Where Women Connect.".... Tammy~"Unplugged."

Al-Anon Again Meeting

We are pleased to announce that the Live and Let Live Gay and Lesbian Al-Anon group, which had been on hiatus for several years, has reformed and is again meeting on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. The meeting is being held at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church located at 851 N 74th Street. The church is located on the corner of 74th & Burt Streets in Omaha.

Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Trans Wheelchair User Wins IML 2010

By Advocate.com Editors

Tyler McCormick took home the title of International Mr. Leather in Chicago Sunday, setting precedent in several ways for the 32-year-old global contest.

A female-to-male transgender man who uses a wheelchair, McCormick, who was Mr. Rio Grande of New Mexico, beat 50 other contestants for the title.

"When I first transitioned, I was told I would never be accepted and that I would never be able to take my shirt off in public," he said during the speaking round of the competition. "Standing here as a strong, confident leatherman is proof to the contrary."

McCormick also urged people to have a sense of humor about life, as he does.

"There's a reason I go by 'Leather Gimp,'" he said in a post-win interview. "You're not going to offend me if you use words that are in your heart, but if you're trying to be [politically correct], then lighten up a little."





Want to Make a Difference?

Volunteer

Volunteers Needed For:
*Administrative
Client Support
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

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

BEER BUST, FREE POOL 8pm, Connections Bar

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 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

AA 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

BEER BUST & FREE POOL 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

COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT

CONNECTIONS 8:00 pm to close, \$2 COORS LIGHTS, \$4 BOMBS with your Student ID. "Fratty Fun till the Evenings Done!"

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 Sa-
loon

LGBT AA 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

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

CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS

KARAOKE & OPEN MIC NIGHT, Alternating Thursdays at 9 pm

Every Friday

AA LIVE & LET LIVE, 7-8pm, Open to men and women, at 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

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

Every Other Friday

BCA 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 Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available
for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit
www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

2nd Thursday

MCCO DISCUSSION GROUP, 7p.m. and
shares a light meal. Normally ends at
9p.m. Spirituality, faith, religion, world issues,
life issues are just some of our topics. Contact
Royal for more information: royalb@mccomaha.org
or 516-2759

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 Leav-
enworth St.

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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

3rd Monday

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

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

3rd Thursday

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 Thursday

MCCO DISCUSSION GROUP, 7p.m.
and shares a light meal. Normally ends at
9p.m. Spirituality, faith, religion, world
issues, life issues are just some of our
topics. Contact Royal for more infor-
mation: royalb@mccomaha.org or 516-
2759

4th Friday

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

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

HYPNOTIST AT THE SENIOR CENTER

It was entertainment night at the Senior Cen-
ter.

Claude the hypnotist exclaimed: "I'm here to
put you into a trance; I intend to hypnotize
each and every member of the audience."

The excitement was almost electric as Claude
withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch
from his coat. "I want you each to keep your
eye on this antique watch. It's a very special
watch. It's been in my family for six genera-
tions"

He began to swing the watch gently back and
forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the
watch, watch the watch, watch the watch. . ."

The crowd became mesmerized as the watch
swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its
polished surface. Hundreds of pairs of eyes
followed the swaying watch, until, suddenly,
it slipped from the hypnotist's fingers and fell
to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces.

"Sh#T!" said the Hypnotist.

It took three days to clean up the Senior Cen-
ter.

Claude was never invited back to entertain.
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More Airline Announcements

A plane was taking off from Kennedy Airport .
After it reached a comfortable cruising alti-
tude, the captain made an announcement over
the intercom, 'Ladies and gentlemen, this is
your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight
Number 293, nonstop from New York to Los
Angeles . The weather ahead is good and,
therefore, we should have a smooth and un-
eventful flight. Now sit back and relax... OH,
MY GOD!' Silence followed, and after a few
minutes, the captain came back on the inter-
com and said, 'Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so
sorry if I scared you earlier. While I was talk-
ing to you, the flight attendant accidentally
spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You
should see the front of my pants!'

A passenger in Coach yelled, 'That's nothing.
You should see the back of mine!'

*No old people, pilots, doctors or bad hypno-
tists were killed or harmed by these jokes. No
airplanes crashed and Kennedy Airport is still
in operation. One antique pocket watch was
destroyed. Hey, no one is perfect. Give the guy
a break. He paid for his mistake!..... editor*

Privates Exposed

An old lady was standing at the railing of
the cruise ship holding her hat tight so
that it would not blow away in the wind.
A gentleman approached her and said,
"Pardon me, madam. I do not intend to be
forward but did you know that your dress
is blowing up in this high wind?"

"Yes, I know," said the lady. "I need both
my hands to hold onto this hat."

"But madam, you must know that you are
not wearing any panties and your privates
are exposed!" said the gentleman in ear-
nest.

The woman looked down, then back up at
the man and replied, "Sir, anything you
see down there is 85 years old. I just
bought this hat yesterday!"

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.firstuuomaha.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.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

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

Nebraska Equality.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

Prairie Bares, male nudist group, no further info available

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.councilbluffspide.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>

Harvey Milk Stamp Campaign

We need your help and support for a very worthy cause. This is to help to urge the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to select a commemorative stamp for Harvey Milk. The International Court Council along with The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Victory have teamed together to make this campaign a success. The hope is to have this stamp introduced on May 22, 2010, Milk's 80th birthday. This cause originated from the Human Relations Commission of San Diego, with a proposal sent from the 51st District Representative Bob Filner, City Council President Kevin Faulconer and Nicole Murray-Ramirez, recommending that Harvey Milk be honored on a U.S. postage stamp. Representative Bob Filner said, "Our country is just beginning to recognize the full significance of his message of hope and equality. It is my hope that a commemorative postage stamp would serve to further remind Americans to honor Harvey Milk by continuing his work – which remains essential and urgent in our community today."



The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee selects up to 25 stamps each year from over 50,000 proposals. It is our hope that we, as a Court Family, can inundate their office with thousands of requests for Harvey Milk Commemorative Stamp. The committee meets in Washington, D.C. four times a year to review these proposals. The committee is comprised of 12 members appointed by the postmaster general. Members of the committee include former vice-presidential second lady Joan Mondale and Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates. Each meeting focuses on proposals from the last meeting. If a proposal meets the committee's criteria for selection, it is researched and presented as its next meeting. Once recommendations are finalized, they are given to the postmaster, who makes the final decision. When the committee receives many suggestions for a particular stamp, it is more likely to be enacted.

So as you can see we need as many letters sent in as possible. I ask that you enlist your family, your friends and colleagues to help with this letter writing campaign. The idea is to bombard the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee with thousands of requests for a Harvey Milk commemorative stamp over the next six to twelve months. Your support of this campaign is needed to increase the success of this campaign. Please see the sample letter and address listed on the International Court website (www.impcourt.org).

Please help with this campaign to honor Harvey Milk with a U.S. Commemorative Stamp. For more information you can join a face book group called "Honor Harvey Milk with a U.S. Postage Stamp. This site is moderated and run by Daniel Drent, Chair of Equality Cincinnati Political Action Committee. Also included on his site is information on how the selection process for commemorative stamps is done in more detail. Thank you so much for your help with this campaign. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your local International Court Council member, Dr. Michael Lyons, at 402-312-7535 or MDLRXX@AOL.COM.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

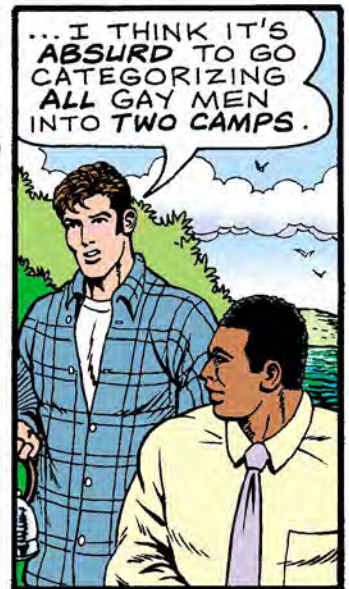
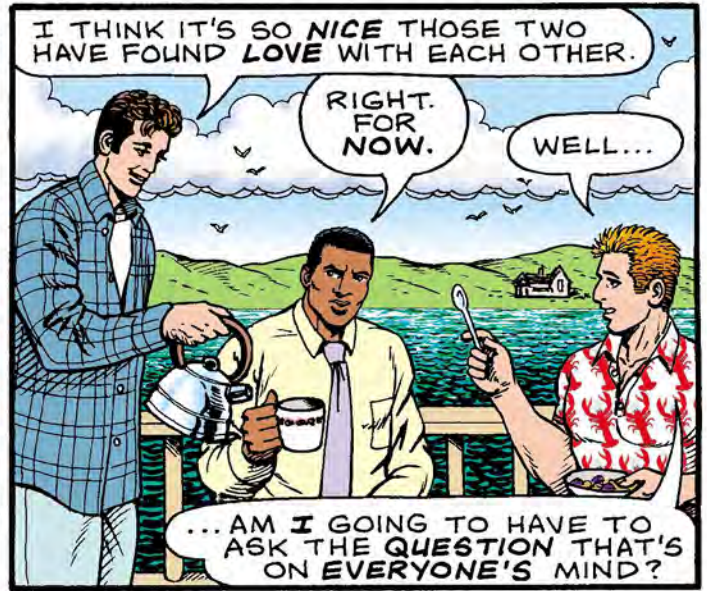
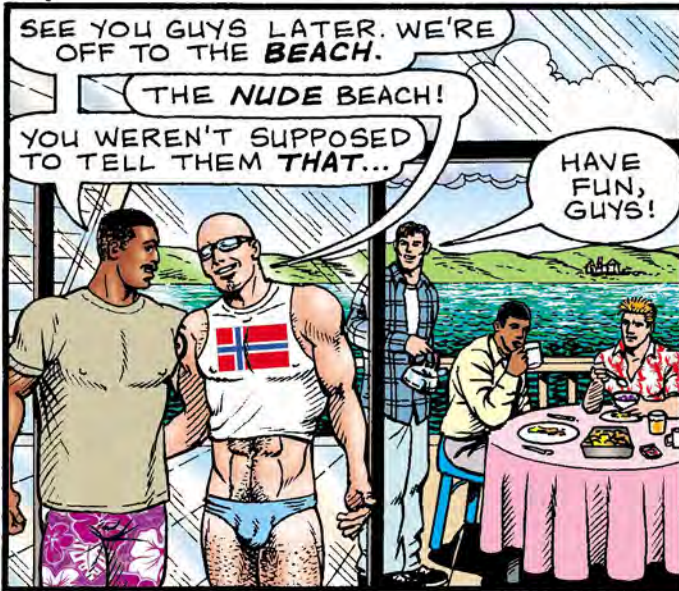
Omaha:

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: news@rainbowoutreach.org



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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Warning! The following column is very sarcastic and may not be suitable for sensitive readers. I present two potential clients that have threatened for months to begin a workout program with me.

Simon is an affable creature who loves watching Diamondbacks and Cardinals games. He enjoys pina coladas and getting caught in the rain. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. The problem is you probably would drown in the flowing waves of his triple X world. Simon tips the scales at an awkward twenty-five stone. That's 350 pounds for all you non-limeys out there. He's six feet tall so yeah that's 99 Luft Balloons Big.

This article is a la carte so I'll feel free to load up Simon's plate with more health impediments. Let's add three packs of Vice-roys per day. Don't forget the four nights per week of all night benders and enough Sauza Gold to paralyze three Mexican towel boys. For good measure I'll throw in the 6,000 calorie per diem at "his expense" account. What advice would I give to Simple Simon?

Dear see-mone,
(enjoy the moment of French)

I would recommend spending \$10,000 on a remodeling project for your home. It would clearly be advantageous to blow your money on a whimsical attempt to make yourself feel better by painting the walls tropical tapioca and adding that new Ethan Allen collection to your living room.

Think of how much excitement will pulse through your damaged vessels as you gaze adoringly upon your newly acquired Waterford Crystal that sparkles like the glint of stupidity in your eyes. You were able to resist the temptation of hiring a qualified personal trainer for twelve months. This trainer would have only robbed you of those extra 150 pounds you have been safeguarding and would have charged you a pittance compared to what you'll spend otherwise. He likely would have saved you from hospitalization and tens of thousands of dollars spent on gastric bypass surgery. It's lucky that you watch HGTV and have a subscription to Martha Stewart Living. Money well spent. Which room beckons next?

Roger is another train wreck of a potential client, also weighs approximately 350 pounds, and similarly rises vertically to six feet. Roger eats like an F350 Ford truck and he waddles like an emperor penguin. He blames his excessive girth on a thyroid problem and has plenty more excuses ready if you don't buy that one. He began his smoking career after watching Sunset Boulevard at age seventeen. He now smokes his Parliaments as elegantly as Gloria Swanson ever did. He has been ready for his close up for nearly 28 years.

Roger works longer hours than an Indonesian schoolboy in a sweatshop. Fortunately for Roger he is earning considerably more money and is in no danger of breaking any nails in his

pristine white collar job. He has a significant stash of money and is well-educated from the University of Arizona.

Roger complains about the rigors of the dating world. He elaborates ad nauseam on the difficulties of finding Mr. Right. He has found glimmers of hope from escorts, massage "specialists", and websites featuring boys who seek Mr. Night. My advice for Roger Rabbit is as follows:

Dear Roger,

Don't worry! The right guy for you is out there. Thank goodness for you that we don't live in a superficial world where you are judged by your looks. Most 23 year old guys with chiseled bodies and dashing good looks will seek out your 45 year old flabby, elephantine physique. Further good news for you is that none of these Adonises will be attracted to your BMW, Versace Suits, or 3,000 square foot wallet that can buy them love. They will simply appreciate your knowledge, bubbly personality, and the ability to pick out the correct port wine to sip with your Dairy Queen Royal Treat of the day.

I would continue to spend your hard earned cash on vacations to places where no one wants to see you with your shirt off. Perhaps love will truly blossom in the midst of a massage or in the throes of professionalism from that elegant escort. I wouldn't bother evacuating your money from the bank for trivial purposes of bettering your health. What need have you for physical training when you are immortal? Heart attacks, diabetes, and high blood pressure always happen to that other guy.

I think (hope) you get the point.

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