

# The GayZette



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## Washington D.C. Ban on Gay Marriage Denied

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By Christopher Mangum

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Opponents of same-sex marriage wanted to ask voters whether "only marriage between a man and woman" should be recognized in the city. The elections board says putting a measure to ban gay marriage on the ballot would conflict with the city's Human Rights Act.

Board chairman Errol R. Arthur said in a statement that the "laws of the District of Columbia preclude us from allowing this initiative to move forward," reports the Associated Press.

Currently, the city council is considering a measure that would let same-sex couples marry, and it's expected to pass.

## Federal Marriage Suit Continues

Gay married couples suing the government over the law that denies federal recognition to same-sex unions said Tuesday there is "no legitimate or plausible" reason for having a federal definition of marriage that excludes gay couples.

By Christopher Mangum

Gay married couples suing the government over the Defense of Marriage Act, which denies federal recognition to same-sex unions, said Tuesday there is "no legitimate or plausible" reason for having a federal definition of marriage that excludes gay couples.

The lawsuit was brought by seven gay couples and three widowers, all of whom were married in Massachusetts after it be-

came the first state in the country to legalize gay marriage in 2004.

In court documents filed Tuesday, the group claims DOMA violates the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause since it denies them access to federal benefits such as pensions, health insurance, and the ability to file joint tax based on their sexuality.

The U.S. Department of Justice wants the case dismissed.

In a court filing in September, Justice Department officials acknowledged that the Obama administration thinks DOMA is discriminatory and should be repealed, but said the department has an obligation to defend federal laws when they are challenged in court.

The Justice Department also argued that there is no fundamental right to marriage-based federal benefits.

"DOMA marks a stark, and unique, departure from the respect and recognition the federal government has long afforded to State marital status determinations," lawyers for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders argued in a written response to the Department of Justice's motion to dismiss the lawsuit, reports the Associated Press.

It would take a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court or an act of Congress to strike down DOMA.

A bill to repeal the law was introduced in the U.S. House in September by representatives Jerrold Nadler, Tammy Baldwin, and Jared Polis, but it has little chance of making it to a vote this year.



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Martin Scott Marchitto, and lighting design by Carol Wisner. Shows run Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, November 29, December 6th and 13th at 6 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults; and \$20 for students, TAG members, seniors 65+, and groups of 10 or more.

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## Thank You

I want to thank everyone that helped make my 41st birthday a huge success. We raised \$444.00 for Nebraska Pride thank you all. Having been a past Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska and Nebraska Pride Chair, Pride is not cheap or free. This is the 25th Anniversary of Nebraska Pride. I want to personal thank everyone that came to the show on November 14th. Without you this wouldn't be possible again THANK YOU. I want to thank the executive board of Rainbow Celebration's for all of your love and support. I want to thank Kyle and Jeremiah the owners of Flixx Show Bar, Chandler the Show Director, Jerret and the entire bar staff down there, Mick DJ supreme. Also my MC's for the night Buffy aka Bruce, and my Famous Heinous Thomas I love you both. To all of you that preformed THANK YOU THANK YOU. Miss Gay Pride Nebraska Reinn Skye you are now a goddaughter to Miss Aphelia Butts, I will be your Fairy Drag Mother. Mrs. Gay Pride Nebraska Susan Davis THANK YOU, you have always been and will be a good friend. Ryan, Yosi, and James my three sons, Thank You I love you all. Tellea my other Fairy Drag Daughter Thank you so much. Jason Thank You for doing the Rose it's one of my favorite songs. Matt thank you and Joe Mr. Max thanks for getting me his music. Raven what can say to you we have been thru so much THANK YOU. Holly Day as always you are a class act I am honored to call you friend and Empress. Dan & Corrie thank you for putting the food together and being there for me. I really couldn't have done it these past several years without you. I LOVE YOU both! Ok now for my best gal pal Stella what can I say to

you, you are the best always there for me thank you isn't enough, I Love You Girl. Now I saved the best for last, my drag momma and daddy. Bob & Madeline thank you for performing, and most important doing the set with me, and the three floral arrangements. You two are the best, I love you guys. Ok now I want to shout out to some special people that were in the audience. The gals for WOW Cuts and Styles Dawn & Ann thank you for coming. Frank and Chris thank you for the teddy bear also. Heather form work thank you for being there. Thank You FB Glenn for being there. My sister in law Heather it is always great to have family there to support us.

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Grand Duke 24 Paul of the Imperial Court of Nebraska would like to thank everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner at The MAX on November 7. He was able to raise \$230 for ICON's Food 4 Thought, a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project.

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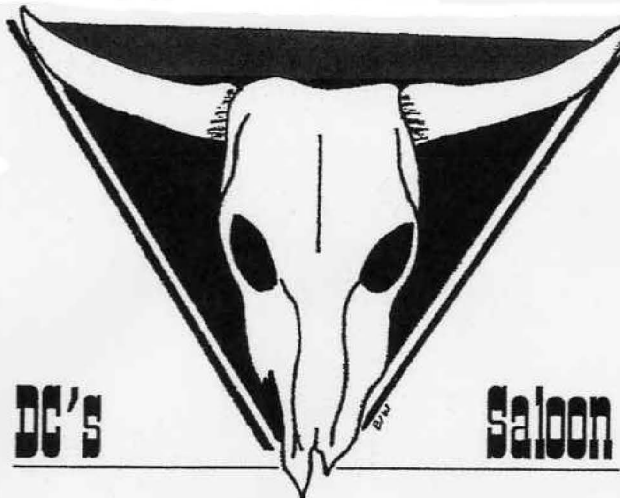
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## “DO I DRINK TOO MUCH?”

Michael Kimmel  
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When I first meet a new client, one of the questions I ask him/her is “how much do you drink?” Over the years, I have gotten some pretty amazing answers. Some of the more memorable ones include, “Just enough until I black out so I can sleep” and “Not very much, just a bottle of wine or two every night with dinner.” For many people, alcohol, like sex, is a topic that makes us a little nervous. We wonder how much we should drink, how much other people drink... and what if a licensed psychotherapist like me thinks you drink too much, what then?

It’s not my place to decide who should drink how much and how often. My job is to help my clients become the men and women they want to be. For some people, alcohol gets in the way. It’s an obstacle, not a pleasure. While I am not a licensed substance abuse counselor, I have worked with many clients who question whether they are drinking too much. It is a fine line between freely enjoying alcohol (you can take it or leave it) and depending on it (using it to get you through a tough day/week/life). Most of us, myself included, enjoy a drink occasionally: it relaxes us, takes the edge off a rough day, helps us be less socially anxious or shy. Many people can enjoy the occasional pleasurable effects of alcohol without becoming hooked or suffering significant negative consequences. Some people can’t. While they are often called “alcoholics”, the more accurate psychological terms would be “alcohol dependent” or “alcohol abusing”.

People who are dependent upon or abuse alcohol cannot have a casual relationship with booze; they “need” alcohol to function. Is this you? Can you function just fine without alcohol? Do you need a drink (or two or three) to make it through the day? To get through a social situation? To cope with a difficult relationship? If so, you may have a form of alcohol dependence. Does the alcohol control you, or vice-versa? Alcohol dependence can be identified by an increasing need for larger amounts over time. If it’s hard for you to quit or cut down your booze intake, you may have an alcohol dependence. But don’t freak out, keep reading.

If you have a dependant or abusive relationship with alcohol, the booze is typically interfering with your daily activities, e.g., making it hard to get to work and do your job or getting along with friends. You may not be dependent on alcohol, but booze could still be a problem for you, even if it’s not severe enough for you to be considered an “alcoholic”. If you were my client, I’d have some questions for you:

- Do you ever binge drink?
- Do you ever drink until you pass out?

- Do you ever drink to avoid feeling sad/angry/lonely?
- Have you ever driven your car while intoxicated?
- Do you drink alone on a regular basis?
- How much would your life change if alcohol suddenly disappeared off the face of the earth?

You may have some degree of alcohol dependence if you try to impose limits on yourself but can’t stick to them. For example: you go out clubbing with your friends and resolve to drink only two drinks, three drinks max, and three hours later you’ve had eight drinks and wonder how you got there, cursing your lack of self-control. Maybe what started out a few years’ ago as fun and experimentation has now become a necessity. Your tolerance for alcohol may have increased so much that what three drinks used to do for you now requires eight drinks.

If you wonder if you drink too much, look at your motivations for why you drink. I had a client ask me, “I’m only 21, isn’t it normal to drink a lot?” I encouraged him to dump the word “normal” and substitute “healthy” or “smart” and answer his own question. While younger people may drink more, that doesn’t mean it’s a good idea.

Dear Reader, today, why not take a good honest look at your drinking and ask yourself the above questions. If you are concerned about how much you drink, you can get more information about alcoholism and alcohol dependence/abuse on-line or from a 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous group (for locations near you, Google “Alcoholics Anonymous”) to help you decide if it’s time to modify your booze consumption. No one – including me - can tell you if you drink too much, but if alcohol just isn’t working for you, tell yourself the truth and get some help. Now is the time.

## Gay Tourists Abandon The Vega Strip?

MGM and Harrahs have spent years marketing to gay consumers -- and both companies fear gay tourism to Vegas will plummet if Gov. Jim Gibbons makes good on his promise to veto the state’s domestic-partner benefits bill.

By Neal Broverman and Ross von Metzke

For years, Harrah’s Entertainment, MGM Mirage, and a number of other Nevada companies have courted gay and lesbian tourists -- but if Nevada governor Jim Gibbons sticks to his promise to veto a domestic-partner benefits bill that is making its way to his desk, will Silver State tourism suffer the loss of the almighty gay dollar?

On Tuesday, Harrah’s Entertainment senior vice president Jan



Jones wrote an impassioned letter to state lawmakers that stressed the importance of gay tourism to Nevada's economy. The letter urged that gay tourists could abandon Nevada's casinos, clubs, and restaurants in droves if the legislation fails.

"Our state cannot afford to lose any more revenue to other destinations because of a reputation as a place which is not socially or politically the right place to do business or to vacation," Jones stated in the letter, dated Tuesday.

"Most of the legislators have answered," Jones told The Advocate on Wednesday. "Some have said 'We're with you,' and some have said, 'Nice to hear from you.' We just believe we have to keep the pressure up. There's no reason not to support it, it doesn't mandate employers provide certain benefits."

Harrah's -- which owns casinos on the Strip including Caesars Palace, Bally's, the Flamingo, and Paris, and the popular Strip-adjacent Rio -- is one of Nevada's largest employers, and the company provides health care benefits to partners of its employees.

The Nevada legislature already passed the domestic-partnership bill, which would give committed unmarried couples -- both gay and straight -- the same rights and responsibilities as heterosexual married couples. The bill specifies that domestic partnerships, or civil unions, are not the same as marriages as defined in the Nevada constitution.

But Gibbons has vowed to veto the bill, with his communications director saying the governor believes the bill is not necessary because any couple already can secure rights pertaining to wills, inheritance, and hospital decisions by executing private

contracts. Jones says this is a basically a lie; gay couples would have to personally execute dozens of contracts, at their own expense, to accomplish what this bill automatically would.

"This should be a very simple vote," Jones said. "It's the right thing to do. It allows people to preserve their rights and their family's rights."

MGM Mirage's senior vice president of public affairs Alan Feldman said Jones' letter is "completely consistent with what Harrah's and what Jan would do." MGM Mirage, which has also offered domestic-partner benefits to all of its employees for many years, is preparing for a potential veto by the governor, but Feldman said he hopes that eventually "cooler heads will prevail."

"It is a challenge," he said. "We make a very real, concerted effort on a lot of these issues, and to have the sense that you're fighting against your own state is very frustrating."

Jones says if the governor does vote the bill it could have a longterm impact.

"I don't think the governor is thinking at all... I think there's going to be longterm ramifications for many of the governor's decisions."

In opposing the DP bill, Gibbons has also stated that he doesn't want to get involved in residents' personal lives, although he supported the state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in 2002. To this, Jones says, "How does [the DP bill] get into people's private lives? It allows them to have a private life. If he

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really believes that than he should be an ardent supporter."

Jones knows LGBT tourists have funneled millions, if not billions, into Nevada's economy.

"These are customers who we actively recruited, that we've spent millions on convincing them Las Vegas should be their city of choice for vacations... How can we say to them, 'We want your business, but we don't care about your rights?'"

There's no organized boycott of Nevada as of yet, and the bill may pass through a legislative override of the veto. But if enough votes aren't found, gay tourists could take their money away from Las Vegas and Reno.

"Las Vegas is the number two gay destination in the country" after New York, Thomas Brock of Community Marketing Inc. told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "It would be very dangerous for the state to send out a signal like that. If you don't want to take care of your own citizens, why should we support you?"

## Happy Holly Gayz

From the River City Mixed Chorus, comes a brand new venture: a concert by The River's Edge! The River's Edge is a group of individuals from the Chorus, who have been doing outreach performances in the community for the past two years. And now it's their turn to be in the spotlight, and present a concert that is part of the River City Mixed Chorus' 2009-2010 concert season. Happy Holly Gayz will be performed by River's Edge one night only, December 11th at Dietz Memorial United Methodist Church, 1423 S. 10th St. The concert starts at 7:00pm, and will feature a wide variety of songs for the season: traditional and non traditional holiday music, as well as some very funny selections, even a Jewish holiday song! A show that will make you laugh and touch your heart.

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## Catholic Church Talks Abuse, Gay Marriage

By Christopher Mangum

The Catholic Church renounced the myth that gay priests abuse children more than straight priests, while still affirming that marriage should be defined as a union between one man and one woman at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting in Baltimore on Tuesday.

A preliminary report commissioned by America's Roman Catholic Bishops released on Tuesday finds no evidence that gay priests are more likely to abuse children.

Researcher Margaret Smith of John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York said the study so far has found no connection between being gay and an increased likelihood of abuse, reports the Associated Press.

Questions about any link had been raised widely in the church because most of the known victims were boys.

Gay advocates and many experts on child sex abuse have long held that there is no link.

The ongoing study is looking at what led to the clergy sex abuse crisis. The final report is expected at the end of next year. Also during the meeting, the nation's bishops reiterated that the Catholic Church will continue to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman and assert that sex is meant for procreation.

In a pastoral letter on the issue, the AP reports, the bishops claim that redefining marriage to allow same-sex unions would damage the common good and would ignore the proper role of husbands and wives.

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**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

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**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM  
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**HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP** 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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**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 [ander-son@hastings.edu](mailto:ander-son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at [jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto: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 Saloon

**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**

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

**NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results,

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS** 10:00 pm to midnight, at Connections, Reverse Happy Hour and Karaoke with Amber at 9 pm

**Every Friday**

**AA LIVE & LET LIVE**, 8:15pm, 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

**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. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results

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



## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION**, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for meeting schedules etc.

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, at 7:00 pm . See [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**  
[L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com) 2pm; DC's Saloon

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://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](mailto:jsandeen@inebraska.com) or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.  
**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-

coln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**

## Turkey Humor

Q. What did the mama turkey say to her naughty son?

A. If your papa could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!

Q. Why can't you take a turkey to church?

A. Because they use such FOWL language

Q. What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus?

A. Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving

Q. Why do turkeys go "gobble, gobble"?

A. Because they haven't learned good table manners.

Q. How can you send a turkey through the post office?

A. Bird Class Mail

Q. What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A. He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

## It's in the Math

What Makes 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 103%?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:  
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S  
T U V W X Y Z

is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%

and

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%

And,

B-U-L-L-S-H-I-T

2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 = 103%

AND, look how far ass kissing will take you.

A-S-S-K-I-S-S-I-N-G

1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7 = 118%

So, one can conclude with mathematical certainty, that While Hard work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Bullshit and Ass Kissing that will put you over the top.

## Painting the Porch

A blonde teenager, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy-woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch," he said, "How much will you charge me?"

Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How about \$50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint brushes and everything she would need was in the garage. The man's wife, hearing the conversation said to her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?"

He responded, "That's a bit cynical, isn't it?"

The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes we've been getting by email lately.." Later that day, the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

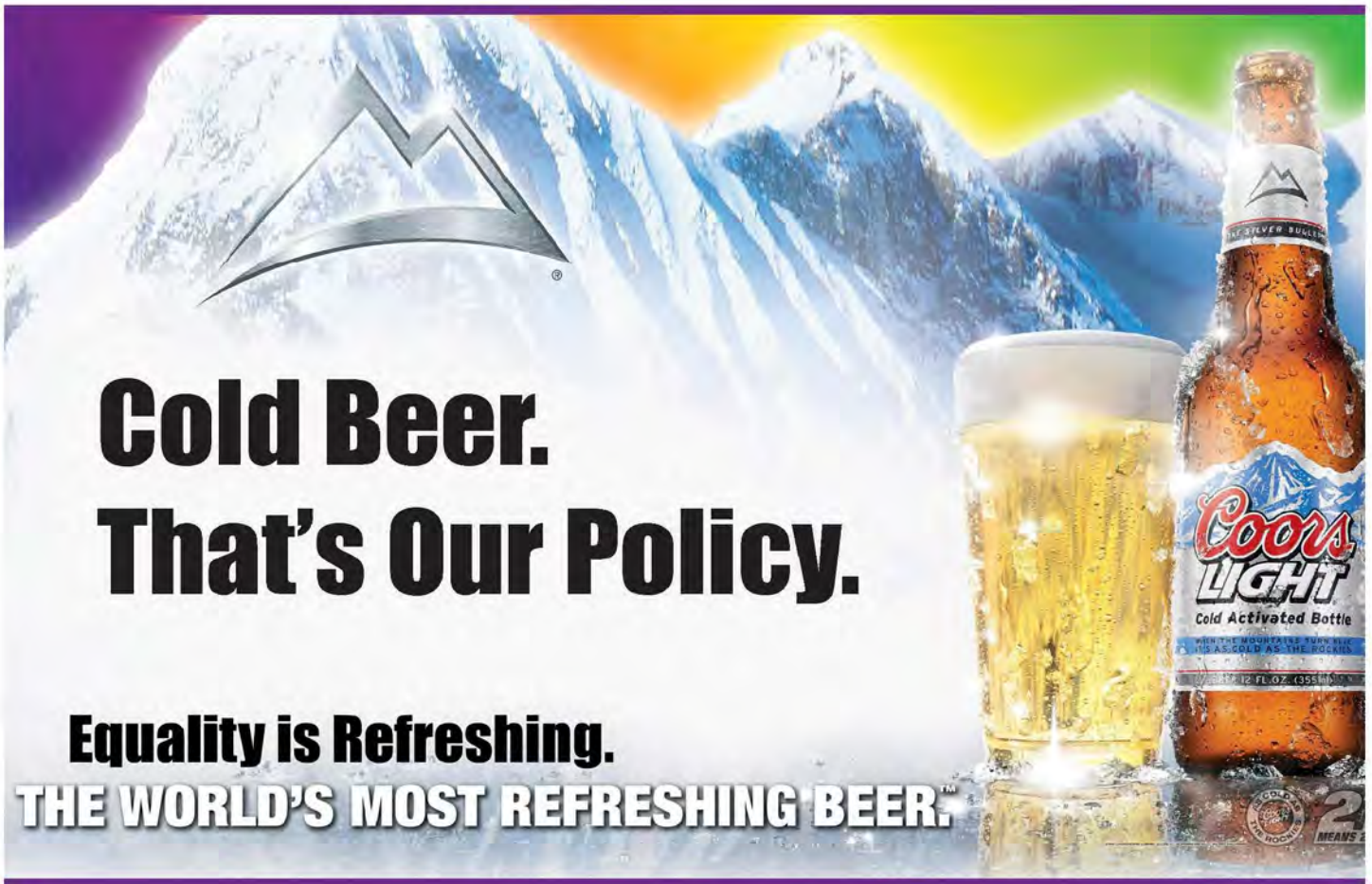
"You're finished already?" the startled husband asked.

"Yes, the blonde replied, and I even had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50.00 and handed it to her along with a \$10.00 tip.

"And by the way, "the blonde added, "it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus!"





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## Omaha GLBT Sports League

by Matt Ziegler

In its third week, our current sport Volleyball has been a great success. We have had 120 registrations, and ended up with 18 teams of six to seven players. There is a good mix of players of all skill levels, and we've had a wonderful feedback. There are a lot of new faces, and a refreshing level of excitement fills the arena as we take it over.



I would like to encourage members of our community to come out and enjoy the games. You can relax in the bleachers, or if you would like to play, you can fill in as a substitute. Additionally, you can still register and be added to a team. We do still have a few teams that would like to pick up an extra player. Games are played every Sunday (except for holidays) at Westroads Volleyball Center, (1212 N 102nd Ct.) from 6PM to 9PM.

The board would like to thank Allen F. and Tom B. for their

efforts in organizing Volleyball and their efforts to keep the games running smoothly. We've even had a few games start early, so don't be late! Allen and Tom have done a fantastic job, not only with Volleyball, but also as members of our board. We would also like to thank Elite Volleyball and the Westroads Volleyball Center for leasing us the space and being supportive of our growth over the years.





# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox





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](http://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>



## Nebraska AIDS Project Goes Silver

Night of a Thousand Stars is Omaha's premier special event. It brings together thousands of individuals all in support of the important work of the Nebraska AIDS Project. As Honorary Chair of this year's Night of a Thousand Stars Committee, I would like you to consider becoming a STARS Sponsor.

This year we celebrate the seventeenth annual Night of a Thousand Stars, to be held Saturday, December 5 at 9 p.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center. This Gala event is the culmination of more than 100 parties held at the homes of Nebraska AIDS Project supporters throughout Nebraska and southwest Iowa. At the conclusion of these wonderful gatherings more than 1,000 guests will assemble at Holland Performing Arts Center to continue the festivities. The theme this year is Night of a Thousand Silver Stars Honoring 25 Years of Nebraska AIDS Project, promises a festive evening filled with mystery, magic and glamour. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, cash bar available and entertainment will be provided by the band Session 7, back by popular demand. A silent auction featuring local artists will be featured.

Nebraska AIDS Project was founded in 1984 and serves all of Nebraska, Eastern Wyoming and Southwest Iowa. As Nebraska's only community based AIDS service organization, our work is vital. With more than 24 years' experience in HIV prevention and support services, Nebraska AIDS Project is recognized as a leader in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the Midwest. All funds from this event will allow Nebraska AIDS Project to continue this vital work and life-saving support for the hundreds of men, women and children affected by HIV and AIDS as well as providing STD testing in our area.

Through the years of caring support from corporations, individual contributors and dedicated volunteers, Nebraska AIDS Project has remained the major provider of educational programs, test sites and direct services for clients and their families coping with HIV and AIDS.

## Stella Dallas Presents: I'll Be Home For Christmas

## 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, 1422 South 13th St 342-7343  
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th 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](mailto:news@rainbowoutreach.org)

Friday December 4th at The Max

Once again it's that time of year when Jack Frost comes nipping at your nose. The Max plays host once again to what has become a tradition. The 5th Annual Christmas Show hosted by Stella Dallas

In the past the recipients of the shows monies went to the MCC Church Omaha, Camp Kindle, Toys for Tots and other organizations.

This years benefactors are the Nebraska AIDS Project and the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC-Omaha).

Also during the evening will be the official lighting of the Christmas trees in the Max. The shows have always been entertaining and funny and this show promises to be the same. The goal this year is \$3000 dollars and Stellas Elves are out selling raffle tickets for this great event. Tickets are \$1.00 each and you need not be present to win.

The main prize for the raffle is a \$400 art print from Gingers Hang-ups. Second prize is a nights stay in the Doubletree Hotel with paid parking. Third prize is \$100 in cash.

Please help support this great cause this Holiday Season.

Show Information:  
5:00 pm cocktails and food  
6:30 pm show time  
\$3 cover

Bring a friend and start the Holiday Season by giving to the



Community that we all call Family and Home!

Thanks,  
Stella Dallas

## ITS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

Royal D. Bush (facebook/omaharoyal)

There is probably no greater time, than during the season of these up and coming holidays that we as humans are a bit more reflective, appreciative, and full of joy. It would be interesting to view life through a globe to see what it would be like if we carried these behaviors with us throughout the year.

It is also a time of year when I start reflecting what I accomplished this year. I think about life, my "family" and the world I am a part of. The words that come to me are peace, love, hope, faith, friendship, and joy.

I imagine life for all that is more peaceful. War in the Middle East, in Africa, in all other countries would be no more. The street wars, gang wars and wars of hatred here in the United States would be no more. The continued hatred based on skin color or religious beliefs would be no more. Peace would be recognized as the standard and universal language of life.

I imagine life for all that is complete with love. Love would be at the beginning and the ending and every moment in between. Love would be the never ending knot that despite rough or tough times would be the one thing remaining that could not be changed. Love would be recognized as the standard and the universal purpose of life.

I imagine life for all that is complete with hope. Hope that each day we will wake up, after all it is a day that is not promised! Hope for a world without hate. Hope for a world without greed for power and money. Hope for a world for all to be safe secure and healthy. Hope for a world that keeps us free from hurt harm and danger. Hope would be recognized as the standard and universal language of positive thought.

I imagine life for all that is complete with faith. It is said that the opposite of faith is certainty and certainly life with no faith is no life at all. Faith in what each person believes to be true, right and good. Faith that is based on values and principles that is important to each person. Variations of faith are as vast as the largest library. Faith would be recognized as the standard and universal beginning of each human's life journey.

I imagine life for all that is complete with friendship. Deep, loving and honored friendships that are based on: right relationship, authentic values, beliefs and love for one another. Friendship that is not here today and gone tomorrow because of a weakness or complication. But strong and sturdy that can withstand the test and elements of time. Friendship would be recognized as the standard and universal language of community.

I imagine life for all that is complete with joy. Joy in the friend whom you just prayed with. Joy in the eyes of the family member whom you just spent time with. Joy in your eyes as you watch something grow. Joy in the eyes of those whom watch you weave peace, love, hope, faith, friendship in to a rope that

you continue to share with others when they need that lift up.

Can you imagine? Do you imagine? What do we do? What can we do? What will we do? When will we do it?

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## Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Halloween is over but that's just the start of Rossini's William Tell Overture and all the weight-gaining chaos that is forthcoming. Your waistline is on manifest destiny mode and could conquer even the mightiest of your belts if something isn't done soon. The holiday season has a way with adding excessive baggage to men, women, children, and even the family dog. I'm no veterinarian so I'll stick to what I know...helping humans stay fit in this joyous last quarter of the culinary year.

Be prepared to tackle Thanksgiving as your first big test. No one wants to insult grandma or Aunt Bertha by not eating as much turkey and fixins as they possibly can. Those matriarchs spend plenty of time preparing their autumnal piece de resistance and expect you to show your love and appreciation. Don't go overboard! Keep the eating in moderation and show your love through a kiss on the cheek or by giving a pretty rose in a vase.

Then gather up your will power for all those happy holiday parties. There's the bowling league party, the office soiree, the homeowners association fete, and the Rotary Club gala. Whatever the name and whatever the location there is certain to be enough food to feed the military's 3rd Brigade from Camp Pendleton. Pace yourself and leave something for your stomach's imagination.

Find time to talk a lot. If you're talking it's probably not likely you'll be eating says Miss Manners. People have a tendency to start eating from the horn of plenty when they are nervous at a social function. Do yourself a favor and sidle up to some strange faces and strike up some new friendships. It will increase your networking skills and decrease the likelihood of weight gain.

Go easy on the booze! A couple of martinis never hurt anyone. Three martinis and six beers usually have a way with packing on the pounds and often lead to more gluttonous behavior. Reputations and dignity can also feel the ignominious sting from overindulgence which can dictate that lamp shades are a fashion accessory in the social setting.

Set your limits before reaching the festive destination. Only eat at determined intervals or avoid particular foods. Decide when enough is enough and hold firm to your plan. Don't get distracted by all the high pressure tactics of the cheese, meat, and chocolate platters. Resistance isn't futile!

Don't think that you need to attend every holiday party that you're invited to. You should only RSVP a handful of functions if you'd like to make it through to 2010 with your sanity and a respectable weight. Make decisions about when you are available and what is most important for you to attend. Commit to a party a week and enjoy the moderation of the great season!

People don't plan to fail. They fail to plan. You have the great gift right now of being able to plan out your holiday party calendar. It is exciting to know that you hold all the power in de-

terminating if there will be weight gain during the countdown to the ball drop in Times Square. Plan to succeed!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who is still himself when divided by one. That charming quotient is Ron Blake and he can be found dividing his time at [www.myblakefitness.com](http://www.myblakefitness.com).



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**SATURDAY NOV 21ST**

Mister Max MI Sebastian's  
"FEAST"  
10pm



**SUNDAY NOV 22ND**

Macy Riley Presents:  
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Proud Horizons Youth  
Group Benefit  
10pm

**SUNDAY NOV 29TH**

Miss Merry Christmas  
Pageant  
9pm

**FRIDAY DEC 4TH**

Stella's Annual  
Lighting of the Trees  
"I'll Be Home For Christmas"  
5pm Door - 6:30pm Show

**SATURDAY DEC 5TH**

Crystal DeLight & Dan Knobbe's  
Annual 1000 Stars Benefit Dinner  
& Show 6pm

**SUNDAY DEC 6TH**

Shannon's  
"UNDER THE MISTLETOE"  
Benefit  
10pm

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