

The GayZette



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Omaha Man Says 'There's Nothing to Fix



It took years for Michael Pack to truly understand that his strong religious faith doesn't conflict with his gay sexual orientation. "I am not broken," he said in a front-page Living Section story in Saturday's Omaha World-Herald. "There's nothing to fix."

Pack, 31, of Omaha, will speak during an ecumenical worship service at 7 p.m. this Friday at 1st Central Congregational Church, 36th and Harney Sts. "The service will counter the harmful notion that people can and should change their God-given same-sex orientation," said Michael Gordon, Citizens for Equal Protection executive director.

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MCC-Omaha Prepares for May 6 2007 Installation

On Sunday May 6 2007, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will be celebrating a day of thanksgiving and worship. This special occasion will be the Installation of Rev. Thomas Emmett, III as Senior Pastor of MCC-Omaha. Special worship services by Rev. Ken Pilot, presiding.

Following worship service there will be an installation luncheon, beginning at 1pm in the Social Hall. After the luncheon everyone is invited to an Installation Concert, featuring several entertainers from our community and MCC-Omaha's own PRAISE BAND. Everyone is invited to attend this special day for MCC-Omaha and the community.

If anyone wants to send cards or letters of congratulations they may mail them or drop them off at 819 S. 22 Street, Omaha NE 68108.

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Omaha Area Youth Summit Soars

Straight allies and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) participants made the 1st Omaha Area Youth Leadership Summit a spectacular success.

Hosted by the GLBT Center and GLSEN Omaha, energetic students and advisors from area high schools and middle schools gathered at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for a day of workshops, networking, and community building (see pictures).

In the morning, participants attended a workshop presented by GLSEN Omaha Youth Board member Sarah Barnett about strengthening and building Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) in area schools. After lunch participants heard keynote speaker Amy Miller, ACLU Nebraska's Legal Director, discuss the rights of GLBT and Allied youth.

A resource panel of individuals from a variety of GLBT-allied organizations provided youth with an opportunity to learn about each group's mission and services as well as to ask questions and talk one-on-one. Panelists included representatives from the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN Omaha), Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON), National Center for Transgender Equality, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and

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Ask Your Life Coach

By Annette van de Kamp and Jeremy Wright

Corey from Minneapolis writes: My bf is usually the one who initiates sex. The few times I've tried to do it he claims he is busy. With a little warm up it is fun of course, but my bf is getting pissed that I'm never hard when we start. I've tried explaining to him that I'm not an ever-hard teenager anymore, but he still takes it personally. Is there a way to negotiate this?

Annette: Okay... what does he want? A meaningful relationship with a loving partner that is based on more than sex, or a stand-by hooker? I suggest you tell him your side and then together make a plan; however, he needs to realize that, since he is part of the problem, he needs to be part of the solution.

Jeremy: I know if I tell you to "talk it out" I'm probably living in happy-fantasy-unicorn land. So I won't. My sense is that you tried to initiate sex on a couple of occasions, but gave up too soon. Don't stop trying- get a new strategy. How can you put him in the mood? And, if you're really not in the mood, don't feel you always need to be "ready" for him, either. Tell him you have a headache. Intimacy should be a two-way street.

Anonymous writes: I accidentally outed my sister in front of our parents. To be honest, I thought they already kind of knew, but it turned out they didn't, and the proverbial shit hit the fan. Now my parents are disappointed in my sister, my sister is angry with them, and everybody is mad at me for rocking the boat. I know I was wrong to open my big mouth, and I have to repair this. What are some things I can tell my family to open up a positive discussion?

Annette: Wow, you really stepped in it, didn't you? However, you admit you made a mistake; there's nothing you can say to force people to forgive you. The way I see it, your sister has a

right to be angry and hurt, your parents are another matter entirely. Make up with your sister. Apologize again and again, tell her you love her, and want to be there for her. Do whatever it takes. Grovel if you must. She'll eventually come to the realization that she needs you in her corner when dealing with your parents.

Jeremy: The first step: join the Peace Corps. Leave the country. While you're away, be honest with yourself about how "accidental" the slip really was. If it was truly accidental, then your sister will probably see that and get over it with time. But, if it was really on purpose, you owe your sister a lot more than an apology. And, believe me, she already knows which is the truth. Do you?

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Pastor Tom has a love for houseplants. If anyone would like to provide or send some plants, please feel free to do so.

This is a very exciting time for MCC-Omaha as the church prepares for its' 34th year of service.

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Focus on the Family and Exodus International will sponsor a "Love Won Out" event, which promotes the controversial idea that "individuals don't have to be gay." The all-day event will be Saturday at Trinity Church Interdenominational in West Omaha.

To read The World-Herald's interview of Michael Pack, go to: www.omaha.com

Find the story by typing "Michael Pack" in the 7-day archive line.

Pack's story is accompanied by the story of a Lincoln man who had homosexual relationships as a young adult and has been married to his wife for 29 years. "We don't mind the Lincoln man's story being told too," Gordon said, adding: "Michael Pack is a remarkable young man who has struggled to find self-worth and self-acceptance. His story is typical of many in the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender community.

"In the 27 years I've lived in Omaha," Gordon said, "I've gotten to know countless same-sex couples in successful, long-term, committed relationships."

Pack and Gordon are scheduled to appear on the Todd and Tyler Z-92 radio show at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Eleven pastors and other leaders of Omaha churches are expected to take part in Friday's worship service. River City Mixed Chorus and the 1st United Methodist Church choir will perform. A reception will follow. You can park across 36th Street from the church.

Another response event, Bowling for Gandhi, will start at noon Saturday at Maplewood Lanes, 101st and Maple Sts. This is a benefit tournament. Everyone is welcome to bowl. All proceeds above costs will go into a college scholarship fund for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and ally youth. A \$15 entry fee covers three lines of bowling and shoe rental. You can register online at: <http://www.bowlingforgandhi.com>

A letter-writing campaign has started. If you have been harmed by fundamentalist, anti-gay religion, you are invited to write about that experience. The letters will be delivered to Trinity Church's leaders. Give your letter to your pastor or mail it by April 15 to: Rev. Thomas Emmett, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha NE 68108.

The theme of the response events is Got God? Got Love! Planners include Citizens for Equal Protection, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Omaha and Lincoln chap-

ters), River City Gender Alliance and Metropolitan Community Church.

For more information, contact Michael Gordon, executive director, Citizens for Equal Protection: 714-3810; michael@cfep-ne.org

Or former Nebraska State Sen. Shelley Kiel, 558-4957; shelleykiel@cox.net

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Gays (PFLAG Omaha), Planned Parenthood of Nebraska & Council Bluffs, Proud Horizons Youth Group, Rainbow Celebrations, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, River City Gender Alliance, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

In the afternoon, participants attended a workshop presented by Ms. Barnett and Ingrid Olson of GLSEN Omaha on the four major Days of Action (National Coming Out Day, Ally Week, National Transgender Day of Remembrance, Day of Silence).

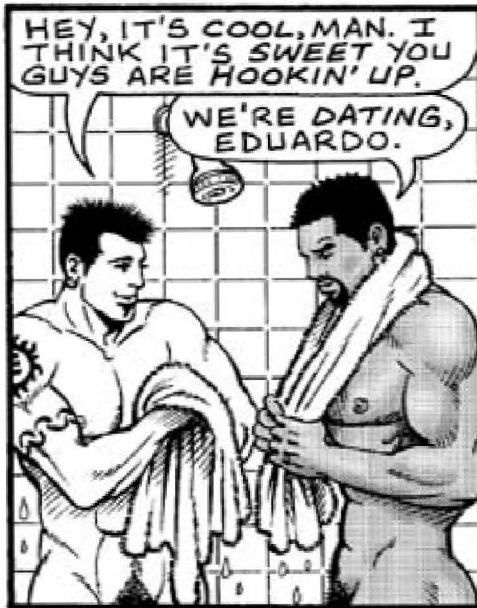
They also attended a workshop on Healthy Relationships presented by Jean Rollin of Planned Parenthood of Nebraska & Council Bluffs, who noted that despite media portrayals to the contrary, 97% of what Planned Parenthood does deals with the health and well being of individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive and indicates the Omaha Area Youth Leadership Summit will return next year. Thank you to all the individuals who so generously shared and continue to share their time and knowledge to help improve the lives of GLBT and Allied Youth in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa.

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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



SO, MATT...
...YOU N' BRAD HUH? PRETTY HOT.
I SEE RICHARD'S BEEN SPREADING THE NEWS.

HEY, IT'S COOL, MAN. I THINK IT'S SWEET YOU GUYS ARE HOOKIN' UP.
WE'RE DATING, EDUARDO.

I'M NOT SURE WHERE IT'S GOING, BUT... FOR RIGHT NOW...
...WE'RE TAKING IT SLOW.

BY "SLOW" YOU MEAN... ONLY HAVIN' SEX ON THE LIVING ROOM COUCH?

LOOK, EDUARDO... BRAD AND I...
...OUR FIRST DATE GOT A LITTLE OUT OF CONTROL. BUT WE'VE TAKEN A STEP BACK.

OH, YEAH? SO, LIKE... ONLY ORAL SEX FOR THE NEXT FEW DATES?

AND WHY AM I EVEN EXPLAINING THIS TO YOU?

UGH...

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ONLY NO SEX FOR THE NEXT FEW DATES!

THIS IS NOBODY'S BUSINESS BUT BRAD'S AND MINE.

O.K., MAN. WHATEVER. I JUST THINK IT'S GREAT YOU GOT BRAD'S MIND OFF OF JEFF OLSEN.

YEAH, THE GUY WHO BRAD'S HAD A HUGE CRUSH ON FOR--
OH. HE DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT THAT, HUH?

YOU KNOW, I'M JUST GONNA SHUT UP NOW N' FINISH DRYIN OFF... BEFORE I SAY SOMETHIN' STUPID.

UM... "BEFORE"?!!

JEFF OLSEN? YOU MEAN... THAT RED-HAIRED GUY WHO WAS AT THE FIRE ISLAND PICNIC LAST SUMMER?

NO. HE DIDN'T.



PRIDE ON THE PRAIRIE

Mark your calendars June 8th 9th & 10th Nebraska Pride is back. Nebraska Pride is always looking for help & volunteers. We need people all day Friday June 8th to help set up and help with The Night of Pride event. All day Saturday we need help with the parade the vendors, the festival & tear down. If you would like to help you can sign up two ways on line at www.rainbowcelebrations.org or there are post cards out & about at the local business (IE the Rainbow Out Reach Center, The Reading Grounds, and most of the bars to name a few). You will receive a free volunteer t-shirt, a volunteer good bag at the volunteer appreciation party.

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Then, one day, a surprise visit from Stephen's Midwestern parents threatens to blow the boys' big secret. The secret? Not that Stephen and Danny are gay - Stephen's parents know all about that. What they don't know is that their son and his boyfriend are hit men for the Mafia!

Greg Lauren and Christopher Gartin star as the disarmingly charming Stephen and Danny. Joining "the boys" are veteran cast members Tony Lo Bianco, Tovah Feldshuh, Beth Fowler, Edward Hibbert, Meshach Taylor and Anna Maria Alberghetti. The film was produced by Linda Moran (award-winning producer of "L.I.E."), directed by Kristen Coury (in her feature-film debut) and written by Joseph Triebwasser (named one of Variety's Ten Screenwriters to Watch on the basis of his script for "Friends and Family").

We'll see you at the GLBT Center Tuesday, April 17!

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support our mission. It requires the desire to get involved with a social group that yearns to create the healthiest, finest, and secure gay community possible. We do this by keeping ourselves safe and through peer influence, keeping our friends safe. It is important that we discuss with each other the importance of practicing safe sex.

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If interested in finding out more of what MPower of Omaha can do for you and what you can do to help our community, call Gary at (402) 552-9260 x122.

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**“Sharing Ideas-Building Bridges”
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It's that time again – time to register for the Third Annual Nebraska GLBT SUMMIT!

You know ...the GLBT SUMMIT at Eugene T. Mahoney State Park ... where we “Share Ideas, Build Bridges” ... and EAT GREAT FOOD!!!

This year, we have grown so much that we have our own Lodge for the SUMMIT! Our new location will be at the SAPP RIVERVIEW LODGE that overlooks the Platte River, which is very close to the Observation Tower! Great scenery!

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and we will be serving a Continental Breakfast from 7:30-9:00 a.m.

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Looking for a Few Good Men

MPower of Omaha is going full force at becoming one of the most social, positive and beneficial organizations in our gay community. The group will continue to be “out and about” trying to educate, encourage, and promote safer sex practices among gay and bisexual men.

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The Heartland Roundup's mission is to provide a forum for alcohol and drug dependent individuals. Events throughout the weekend include speakers, workshops, meetings, social hours a raffle and a silent auction. A banquet, followed by our keynote speaker, Don N. of Los Angeles, California will take place Saturday evening, as well as entertainment and a Candlelight meeting.

The cost for the Roundup before April 7th is \$20.00 for Registration only, \$45.00 for Registration and Banquet. After April 7th the cost is \$25.00 for Registration only, \$50.00 for Registration and Banquet. Scholarships of limited availability can be obtained in advance. Registration information may be obtained by visiting our website at www.heartlandroundup.org

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Heartland Roundup follows the AA Guidelines for Conferences as established by the GSO, and is sponsored by members of the Omaha gay and lesbian AA and Al-Anon community. All AA & Al-Anon members are welcome.

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Sundays	2:00PM - 8:00PM
Mondays	6:30PM - 9:30PM
Tuesdays	6:30PM - 9:00PM
Thursdays	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Fridays	5:30PM - 10:00PM
Saturdays	4:00PM - 6:00PM

* Closed Most Major Holidays.

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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.

SATURDAY APRIL 14TH

BOWLING FOR GANDHI, Noon-5 pm
Maplewood Lanes, 101st and Maple St., See www.bowlingforgandhi.com

MONDAY APRIL 16TH

HASTINGS COLLEGE, is bringing Davis Mallory, from Denver Real World, to campus to speak about being gay and Christian

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18TH

DAY OF SILENCE, Hastings College Campus, special chapel service at 10AM, Breaking the Silence at 8PM in the chapel

SATURDAY APRIL 21ST

GLBT PROM, 8 pm DoubleTree Hotel, 16th and Dodge - entire community is invited! Contact MCC Omaha for more info

FRIDAY APRIL 27TH TO 29TH

20TH ANNUAL HEARTLAND ROUNDUP, On Life's Terms. For more info, contact Heartland RoundUp Association, PO Box 6035 Omaha NE 68106-0035 or at www.heartlandroundup.org

SATURDAY MAY 5TH

NEBRASKA GLBT SUMMIT, at Mahoney State Park, Sapp Riverview Lodge, Ashland NE, 7:30am to 4:30pm, cookout from 4:30pm to 9pm, Continental breakfast and light lunch provided, call 402.398.3027 for info or email migromaha@hotmail.com or call 402.483.6183 / email optimi24@windstream.net, more info later

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DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Sunday Worship: 11am

NA-RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-4648

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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St. Info call Mark 639-3055

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

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK Call

Cheryl at 474-1937, 11:30am-4pm

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes;

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

A A RAINBOW RECOVERY, an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

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 RE-HEARSALS, 6:45PM-9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

Every Tuesday

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

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

7PM, serving gay, bi and questioning men in the Omaha area, at MCC Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTING, 1:30-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in one week

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Every Thursday
DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7-9pm, DC's Saloon

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7- 8:30pm,

Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476-9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln

HIV TESTING 7- 9pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

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KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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Every Friday

AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING, 7pm, open to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

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

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 5PM to 9PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONYMOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Kirk at(402) 403-0277

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HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

READING GROUNDS GAYME NIGHT, Music, laughter & board games. 23yrs. Old & up, 40th & Farnam St., 502-2008

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

OLDER ADULT DROP-IN, 4 TO 6PM, at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., for older adults age 50+, single or partnered, Free

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

4-6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

CENTER MOVIE FAN NIGHT

7:30pm, Free movie at Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth St. Popcorn and beverages provided. Everyone is invited.

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.

1st Friday

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE

8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

No Current RCGA Information Available

1st Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

CENTER LIBRARY FAIRIES, 8PM. Bookworms become butterflies. Stretch your wings helping the Center library. No experience necessary to volunteer. Drop-in to the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE, 7PM at the GLBT Center,

1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit RainbowOutreach.org

2nd Wednesday

ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

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 (gltb film shown at 7pm followed by

discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm,

Doubletree Hotel Downtown, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL, Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., Hastings NE, 7PM, email jsandeen@hastings.edu or pat@datacc.net

3rd Tuesday

CENTER MOVIE FAN NIGHT 7:30pm,

Free movie at Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth St. Popcorn and beverages provided. Everyone is invited.

VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN, at the GLBT

Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend an hour or two volunteering at the Center - 6:30PM or 7:30PM, your choice, whenever it fits your schedule. No special skills or ongoing commitment required. VolunQueers have fun and make a difference.

3rd Thursday

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7- 8:30pm,

Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN

6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm,

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

3rd Saturday

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN

6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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 Wednesday of each month

READING GROUNDS NAKED WORDS

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT, The Reading Grounds, 40th & Farnam St., 7:00 PM

LAST Sunday of each month

REAL FAMILIES Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

Third Annual Tom Mahony Pride Prom

Proud Horizons, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG Omaha), Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN Omaha) and the metropolitan Omaha Gay Straight Alliances eagerly announce the 2007 Tom Mahony Pride Prom for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth and their straight allies ages 13-23.

The Pride Prom will be held Saturday, May 19 from 7-11 p.m. in Cary Hall at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The dance will have a DJ, photographer, uniformed security officers and refreshments. The theme selected for this year's dance is *Mystical Forest*. Admission is \$5.00 per person, payable at the door.

Pride Prom planners are expecting over 200 youth this year. To help make the prom a success, the prom committee needs the community's financial support. Please make checks payable to Proud Horizons. Donations may be sent to Proud Horizons, 15409 Shirley St. Omaha, NE 68144.

As part of PFLAG Omaha, Proud Horizons is a 501(c)3 organization and donations to the prom are tax deductible in accordance with applicable IRS regulations.

All groups and individuals will be given recognition at the prom for their donations. If you wish to remain an anonymous donor, please let us know.

Proud Horizons is a youth support group for LGBT youth and their allies and provides a safe space for youth to discuss life's issues with their peers and to create a social network. Proud Horizons is sponsored by PFLAG Omaha. For more information about Proud Horizons visit their Web site: www.proudhorizons.com or e-mail proudhorizons@yahoo.com.

For more information about the Pride Prom, please contact Carrie Spencer or Suzy Adams at 402-880-8073 or e-mail proudhorizons@yahoo.com.

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Attention: Omaha Area GLBT Homeowners in Trouble! There is a Solution!



Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE

Many Omaha area gay and lesbian homeowners who have had trouble with credit cards and so on have found that there is *one* place in Omaha where they can be treated with respect.

No "better than you" attitude, no "b.s.", no guilt just for being gay or lesbian.

At last, finding financial help doesn't have to be like a "coming out" at Thanksgiving dinner with everyone pointing fingers, and finding fault.

Mindy Hahne, of Service First Solutions in Omaha's Midtown area works at a GLBT friendly outfit that *specializes* in helping Omaha area GLBT homeowners in need.

Hahne says she takes great pride in being gay and lesbian friendly. And treating the folks she helps like family.

"A lot of people in the GLBT community don't realize that even *without* gay marriage, or civil unions, there are already several equal protections in place for gay and lesbians as real property owners! Maybe because *no one else* wants to tell you about them!" Mindy says.

"Being gay or lesbian doesn't have to be a barrier to equal treatment anymore!" Hahne says.

Hahne has helped many gays and lesbians over the years, many personal friends.

"I am the one person in town that *specializes* in helping gay and lesbian folks with debt consolidation, cash out, credit repair and so on!" Hahne says.

"These are good people with damaged credit reports and/or hard to prove income! Not through any fault of their own! I *specialize* in helping the gay and lesbian community get a *fair shake* from the financial industry!" Hahne says.

Hahne says she has a lot of connections to Wall Street money, "I have personal relationships with investors *nationwide*, even *internationally*! Fair-minded people who want to fund loans for people with *past* credit problems!" she says.

"Many of them have a social conscience! And they take pride in helping gay and lesbians in particular! Just like I do! They use my *proprietary* system as their own little bit of *'social activism*!" Hahne says.

These investors are people who buy "pools" of mortgages of 50 million dollars at a whack! 50 million bucks! It's taken me 5 long years and it's been *really* hard to find these "fat cats"! People who are "like-minded" about what I do for the Omaha gay and lesbian community!" Mindy says.

"Not only is it *illegal* to discriminate against the GLBT community, it's just plain *wrong*!" Hahne says. "The self-limiting perceptions held by some in the community are just as much of a problem as the crooked people who perpetrate the discriminatory practices themselves!" she says.

Hahne says, "It's my *personal mission* to change the mindsets! And to *liberate everyone* from the restraints!"

"I grew up in a house where we didn't have much money! And my parents understood just how money *really* works even less! Nowadays, it's a lot of fun for me to help people get control over their money and their lives!" Mindy says.

Mindy Hahne can be reached at 934.9248. "I'm *really busy*, so those who don't get a live answer from me need to leave a detailed message and then give me at least 24 business hours to return the call!" Or to learn more, you can call 800-223-6724...option 1...then ext 8619. Just listen in to the free-recorded message. www.GLBTHomeLoanInsider.com

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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake
Certified Personal Trainer



Q: Why was the baby ant so confused?
A: Because all of his uncles were ants.

So this isn't exactly side-splitting humor. Laughter is the best medicine though. You know that and you have heard that often. Laughter certainly can enhance your day and can most definitely make you a healthier person.

Laughter can help you sleep better. It can ease your anxiety and bolster your immune system. It can even strengthen your muscles and tighten your abdominals. Laughter can also keep you around on this earth a lot longer. Funny guys like George Burns and Bob Hope lived long enough to kiss the century mark. There's something about that joke-infused material.

There are plenty of amusing little things you can do to get you laughing. You can grab the comic section of the daily newspaper and see what *Funky Winkerbean* or *the Lockhorns* are up to today. That seems like plenty more fun than checking which of your high school classmates made column two of the obituaries.

Go see a stand-up comedian or two. Find the local comedy club and get there early so you can have that front row seat so the comic can poke fun at you. Make certain you wear some hideous outfit so you can add fodder to the comedian's arsenal. Will Rogers once said, "Everything's funny as long as it's happening to someone else." It's OK to be that someone else. Just don't turn into that tough guy who gets pissed off at the comic for making insulting remarks at you. Remember, you're there to laugh...even if it is at yourself.

Make it a Blockbuster night. John Candy, the Marx Brothers, and Jim Carrey make nice humorous additions to your Saturday nights. My recent favorite comedy is *Little Miss Sunshine*. Brigham Young's faithful servants won't find much humor in the profanity-laced language of Alan Arkin's character in this movie. It made me laugh. Find your favorite and gregariously guffaw.

Clean the house, prepare the hors d'oeuvres, and get ready for game night! A game of charades should get the laughs rolling. There's nothing more hysterical than watching your friend act out the title words to some movie after he's quaffed four stiff gin and tonics. After a couple of hours of your best Marcel Marceau routines, dust off Twister and prove the inverse relationship between balance and alcohol intake. This comedy of errors nightcap should fill you with plenty of laughter.

There are always the memories of those youthful indiscretions that can get you a chuckle or two. Call up the old college pals and relive the time when you jumped off the Alpha Beta Chi fraternity house on a dare. Its crazy how funny a bro-

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Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M.
Location: First United Methodist Church
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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson	346-4110
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street	502-2008
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

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

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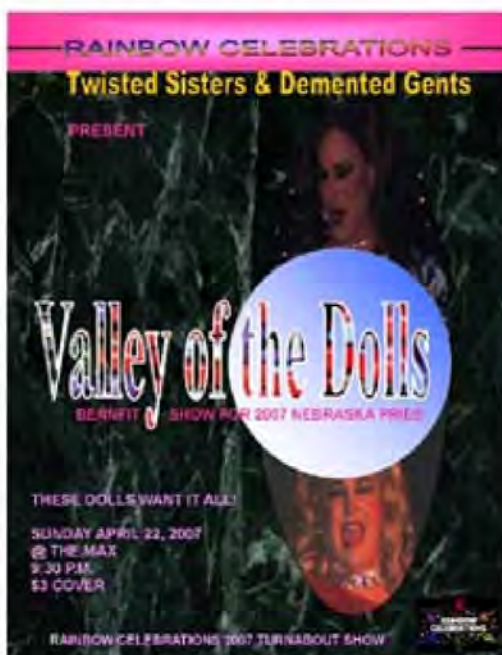
ken arm, a concussion, and two broken teeth can seem after 15 years of time has gone by. Oh what was I thinking anyway!

I love to laugh and so should you. Turn that frown upside down. You've got some funny business to attend to. Knock, Knock! Who's there? Take it from here my friend!

Ron Blake is a funny little guy who tries to help people stay fit. He can be reached at blake.fitness@yahoo.com or 480-241-5651.

Pride Turnabout Event

Ladies & Gentlemen It's that time again for Pride turnabout. The Executive board of rainbow celebrations, and your 2007 Pride committee & friends will be swapping rolls again. Come see the twisted sisters & demented gents in Valley of the Dolls, scheduled to appear. Johnnie AKA Aphelia Butts, Fanta Cee as Nick, Dan as Amanda Love, and many more. It will happen at The Max on April 22, 2007 at 9:30 P.M.



(GLBT Summit, Continued from page 8)

The Morning Session of the SUMMIT will begin at 9:00 a.m., where you will be introduced to the vendors, share in a fun icebreaker and learn more about our community.

OF COURSE, we will break for LUNCH at Noon!!! When Michael Gordon is in charge ... we always EAT! It is rumored he sets two alarm clocks to *not miss a meal!*

This year, we will provide a Light Lunch on-site and if the weather is nice, you may dine outside on the Deck! Pick up your own trash ... or Tim Hopkins will get cranky!

The Afternoon Session of the SUMMIT will resume at 1:30 p.m. offering a Guest Speaker and more discussion on the state of GLBT affairs, both locally and nationally, ending at 4:30 p.m. We will also have time to connect with business owners and other community organizations/groups.

And, in the evening, we want you to stay for a Cookout on the Deck from 4:30-9:00 p.m.! We will socialize, eat good food and have a good time!

Registration cost is only \$15.00, which includes cost for the facilities, all meals and other related expenses.

If you are interested in sponsoring a vendor table, costs are \$35-3ft, \$55-6ft, which includes one(1) paid registration. We really would appreciate an RSVP as soon as possible, preferably no later than April 27, 2007. Tim and Michael want to make sure to have enough food and refreshments for everyone who wishes to attend!

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact SUMMIT Co-Chairs:

Tim Hopkins - Lincoln	402.483.6183
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Hope to hear from you soon!



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"Miss Trina Tabloid's Movie Reviews"

Hello! Remember Me? I'm Miss Trina Tabloid and I get to watch several movies a day. I have an MVP membership with Hollywood Video and I also use Netflix. I watch 30-40 movies a month. So I thought why not do a movie review for The Gayzette.

This is my rating system:

- One Snap**
- Two Snaps**
- Three Snaps**
- Four Snaps**
- Four Snaps in a Z Formation**



The Delta - Not Rated - 1 hr. 25 min. - 1996 - Netflix

Director Ira Sachs takes a page from documentary books to create a realistic, melancholic film about a teenager, Lincoln Bloom (Shayne Gray), struggling with his sexuality. On the outside, he keeps it "straight," but he slowly embraces his true identity when he meets Minh (Thang Chan), a sweet Vietnamese boy, embarking on a relationship that will change their lives for good. Soon, however, they must face a homophobic world.

Interesting film. Both main actors are cute, chicken even! Dark slow moving film, with a wow of an ending. Not the best acting. Worth a look if you have the time, even if just for the two main characters.

2 Snaps

I'll Sleep When I'm Dead - Rated R - 1 hr. 42 min. - 2003 - Netflix

In this arresting film directed by Mike Hodges, retirement isn't in the cards for mobster Will Graham (Clive Owen), who's just settling into a quiet life in the country when he hears that his brother (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers) has met a brutal end. There's nothing left for him to do but seek vengeance, even if it destroys his chances at peace and freedom. Co-stars Charlotte Rampling and Malcolm McDowell.

Good film. Clive Owen and Jonathan Rhys-Meyers yummy! Good plot line, acting was excellent. Really cool cars, did I tell you I like cars of any type? Why I drive a van I'll never know. Wasn't a cliff hanger type thing but worth the time.

3 Snaps

Northfork - Rated PG-13 - 1 Hr. 43 Min. - 2003 - Netflix

Acclaimed filmmakers Michael and Mark Polish deliver another movie mining the drama of America's changing fortunes. It's 1955, and the town of Northfork, Mont., is about to disappear off the map, the victim of a newly constructed dam. Six men are charged with clearing Northfork of its last hangers-on: a couple, a man who owns an ark and a nearly comatose orphan. Stars Peter Coyote, Anthony Edwards, Darryl Hannah, Duel Farnes and Nick Nolte.

Good film, interesting cast, very well acted. The one son is cute; don't know who he is but hello son! Dark, barren and it makes you think, would you leave the only house you know? The eccentric family? Is interesting. The little boy did a good job acting.

4 Snaps

Trina's Pick:

Flags Of Our Fathers - Rated R - 2 Hrs. 12 Min. - From my mothers video cabinet

From director Clint Eastwood comes this riveting World War II drama that recounts the story of six soldiers instantly immortalized when they were photographed raising the American flag atop Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi. Based on the book of the same name, the film reconstructs the events that preceded and followed the snapshot that came to symbolize the U.S. troops' triumph and America's indestructible spirit. Ryan Phillippe and Barry Pepper star.

Great background on the chosen six, and how the military can spin any story to fit what they need it to mean. I don't necessarily agree with the way they portrayed the Native American in the film, but it had great cinematography and special effects. I can't wait till I see Letters From Iwo Jima. Most of the main characters were hotties! Well worth your time.

4 Snaps in a Z formation!

If you have a movie I haven't seen or comments about my reviews drop me an email to: bradybunch1970@hotmail.com



SUNDAY APRIL 15TH

**"VOGUE"
ICON'S Closet Ball
9pm**

SUNDAY APRIL 22ND

**"VALLEY OF THE DOLLS"
NE Pride Turnabout Show
Presented by:
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9:30pm**

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