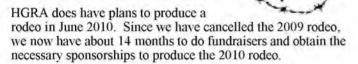
# The GayZette



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#### **HGRA Cancels 2009 Rodeo**

Regrettably, HGRA has decided to cancel the rodeo scheduled for June 2009. We the members of HGRA are disappointed, as most of you, but logic dictates that we be responsible. Due to the economy, we haven't been able to obtain the sizeable sponsorships we would need to meet our goals toward our expense budget.



Since the economy is doing so poorly and money being tight, we have devised a plan that will allow individuals, businesses and other organizations to purchase a sponsorship package and pay over the next 12 months. The funds will be maintained in an escrow account and if for some reason the rodeo in 2010 doesn't happen, the monies will be refunded. Our sponsorship and advertising packages should be available in about four weeks. If anyone is interested in making an advance purchase, please contact me at CharleyHGRA@cox.net or any of the HGRA Board members.

#### A Win for Lance Black Is a Win for Marriage

With his Oscar night acceptance speech for Milk, Dustin Lance Black didn't just honor the legacy of Harvey Milk. He made

him proud, and on the subject of marriage equality, he made it personal.

By Ross von Metzke In the days following the passage of California's anti-gay marriage measure, Prop. 8, gavs and lesbians took to the



streets to fight back. Some were angry. Some were hurt. All felt somehow empowered to make their voices heard. And yet everyone seemed to offer up the same frustrations. Despite millions of dollars poured into both sides of the marriage battle, no one

THE MAX the night we

crowned our new Miss Max, then you should know that Chanel is our new shinning star at The Max. Her live singing. amazing dancing and wonderful stage presence started long before she hit the stage at The

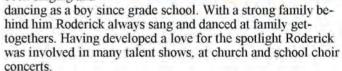
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It was in High school at Northwest that everything changed for Roderick. Having been involved with theater in school he was introduced to the Broadway musical 'RENT'. This moment changed his life because the character 'Angel' was the first time he knew that singing and dancing could also be something you could do in drag.

Not wanting to be a drag queen, yet. Roderick attended Iowa Western Community College as a music and theater major. After his first year he auditioned for The American Music and Dramatic Academy in Manhattan, NY and was accepted. Shortly after that he also auditioned for an entertainment agency based in Columbus, OH called American Entertainment Productions. He got the job and left for NY.

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Meet Miss Max 25 Chanel



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#### HGRA Hosts Indoor Rodeo and Chili Tasting Contest at DC's Saloon

Saturday April 25, 2009 at 2:00 pm we will host another Indoor Rodeo. For those of you not familiar with this type rodeo, let me explain. The events will be: barrel racing, pole bending, Wild Drag Race, and roping. Entry fee will be \$5 per contestant and we are looking for teams of 4 contestants. Four friends could enter, four church members, or four bowlers. If you can't get a team, just show up and we will partner you with 3 others. HGRA will have a team of four members, and DC's will have four employees and/ or customers. And we are trying to get other bars to send a team. Hopefully we will get some people from Sidekicks in K.C., or members of the Missouri Gay Rodeo Association.

We will supply the "horses" and tackle for the events. A tricycle will be the horse for pole bending and flag racing; a bouncy ball will be the horse for barrel racing, a rope and rocking horse for roping. We will also supply the wig, high heels, and clothes for the Wild Drag Race!

We are asking different people to bring in a crock-pot filled with their special brand of chili. It can be hot, it can be mild, my particular chili contains pasta! Metropolitan Community Church has already offered to make a pot of chili. We will charge everyone \$1.00 for a cup of chili, and you can get a fresh cup to go back and sample as many different chilis' as you like. But no repeats, just new samples. When we deter-

mine which chili is best liked, we will ask that cook if they would like to put their recipe in our upcoming cookbook.

For more info contact me: shelleyhgra@wmconnect.com or go to our website www.hgra.net and look under "calendar" when you get to April click on the 25th and more info will be displayed.

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Only after Susan's parents arrived was I able to see her. Thankfully, they were caring people who accepted our relationship. The doctors predicted that Susan would not make it through the night. She died within the next hour. All that time had been wasted as I sat in that dark waiting room. She had been slowly dying alone, when I should have been holding her hand and couldn't."

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(Miss Max 25, Chanel, Continued from page 1)

Working for the company for five years Roderick traveled all over the United States performing in amusement park variety shows and on national tours. It wasn't until recently the world of drag became part of his life.

Last year at The Miss Max 24 Pageant, Chanel was born with the help of Fanta Cee and Joyce Simone. Although she didn't leave with the title, Chanel was in great demand still performing at The Max in many shows and at the Q as an 'NJoy show cast member.

Winning the title of Miss Max 25. Chanel wants to thank her 'NJoy sisters Faleasha Savage and Anna Roxia for their help. Chanel is ready to represent not only The Max but the entire gay metropolitan community for this year and many more to come.

My apologies go out to Christopher Tucker, who has been waiting patiently for my bio to introduce Chanel to the rest of the community. It has just been so hectic since winning the title of Miss Max 25 that I repeatedly forgot to send this to him.

The Max wishes to congratulate Chanel and thank every contestant and performer for making Miss Max 25 a night that we will not forget and making it a night for the record books!

Congratulations
Miss Max 25!

(Lance Black Wins Oscar, Continued from page 1) had stepped up to the podium and emerged as this fight's Harvey Milk.

We had leaders -- Lorri Jean knows how to move a crowd to action, the lawyers for Lambda Legal surely deserved our respect and gratitude, and the millions of grassroots organizers managed to get out the youth vote like we've seldom seen before. But there was no clear-cut leader. No one carrying the torch and saying, "Follow me. This way to victory."

When Dustin Lance Black took to the stage Sunday night to accept the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay for Milk, he did more for the advancement of equal rights than the millions of dollars pumped into the No on 8 campaign. He reached more people than any phone bank could ever hope to. He had 30 seconds -- a minute, max -- to drive a simple point home. Gay people are worthy of equal rights.

In the heat of that moment, his first Oscar win, no one would have thought twice if his speech had dissolved into a rambling chain of incoherent thanks -- grasping at straws to be certain he got to everyone on his list. But centered and collected, with just enough emotion on his face to make it real, Black did something on Sunday night that groups full of media-savvy political strategists were never able to accomplish during the No on 8 campaign.

He made it personal.

He talked about his childhood, growing up Mormon. He talked about his mother, who, despite disapproving looks and pressure from the outside world, loved him for who he is. He talked about Harvey Milk, his hero, his lifesaver who showed him that with love and determination, anything is possible -- even, one day, marriage.

And then he paid it forward. He spoke directly to those kids out there who, like him growing up, need someone to look to -someone to let them know it's all going to be OK one day.

#### HGRA Hits The Road! Stopping in a city near you!

Attention all cowboys and cowgirls, Saddle up and join us on this Tour into Iowa and Nebraska! Join Miss HGRA and other Royalty as we raise money to help bring the Gay Rodeo To Omaha and fill the MCC Food Pantry. Iowa events will help the Iowa Imperial Court and the rodeo.

For more info contact ShelleyHGRA@wmconnect.com or go to our website www.hgra.net. We are still adding locations and dates; we are trying to set a date for Sioux Falls, S.D.

We start at:

Blazing Saddle 416 E. 5th Street, Des Moines, IA 515-246-1299 Feb 28, 2009

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Flixx Cabaret 1015 S. 10th Street, Omaha, NE 402-344-3103 March 28, 2009

Kings & Queens Tap 304 W 4th St Waterloo, IA April 11, 2009

Panic Bar 200 S. 18th Street, Lincoln, NE 402-435-8764 April 25, 2009

DC's Saloon 610 S. 14th, Omaha, NE 402-344-3103 April 26th, 2009

Hope to see va'll there!

#### HGRA General Membership Meeting in Des Moines

We will be holding our February meeting in Des Moines at the Blazing Saddle on the 28th at 4 pm. We will be in the dance bar side. Please join us if you are interested in joining the rodeo or would just like to find out what we have been up to.



#### Meditation: Slow it Down

By Chris Orr

This is the third and final part of: Do you know the faces of this John? John Valentine practices meditation and uses it in his life and well being. The interview enlightens his experience and teachings with meditation.

What is your experience with meditation? "I began meditation practice in 1984 in NYC. My first meditation teacher happened to be my voice teacher. He exposed me to the modern American mystic Joel Goldsmith whose writings I began to earnestly study, along with mystical writings from the Buddhist, Hindu, Sufi, Jain and New Age traditions. It was the beginning of my love of wisdom and mystical studies that endures today. Meditation once begun and stabilized becomes a lifelong practice and an infinite unfolding. I began by doing seated meditation on a chair for 5 minutes a day. In the beginning that five minutes felt like a long time since I had never intimately examined the workings of my own mind. My mind seemed to be a wild horse running off in all directions and I could not imagine how I could ever quiet it by sitting and focusing on my breath. But I kept showing up day after day, year after year and now can look back with humor at all of my misunderstandings about the process. It is an awakening process that can only be discovered alone on one's own chair or cushion. I always say the most important thing about practicing meditation is to show up. Just show up, sit down and be present with what is going on in each moment riding on the breath. Thoughts are like clouds, they appear out of the luminous empty field, pass by and return to that empty field. It is like that with our emotions, sense perceptions, bodies and all perceptions of the mind. So it is funny that we cling to these perceptions and call it reality. Shakyamuni Buddha (the historical Buddha) summed up practice by saying, "Nothing is to be clung to as, I, Me or Mine." We discover what sticks to us and what the ego mind fiercely clings to when we practice. It is not about perfection. It is about discovering your true essence in the luminous ground of pure presence unfettered by desire. It sounds like this would make life meaningless. Actually the opposite occurs. Life takes on profound meaning and purpose in the surrender of the false self. Mystics and meditators down through the ages have displayed world shattering energy that changes the world in dramatic ways. Think of Buddha, Lao Tzu, Shantideva, Ghandi, The Dalai Lama, Joan Of Arc, St. Francis, Eckhart Tolle, Aurobindo, etc. Awakening unleashes one's full potential, one's full spectrum humanity. Meditation derived from where? "Meditation has been practiced since antiquity both within and outside of religious traditions. It is the Perennial Philosophy as Aldous Huxley called it in his book by the same name."

John gives detailed tips on how to have a successful meditation. "Surrender Dorothy" is one of the greatest teachings of the last century. Let go of trying to be somewhere or get some result. We are trained to compete, to acquire, to search. Reality is right in your breath and under your feet. Let go and let it be. How can you know yourself when you are buried by baggage and the conditioned mind? In the beginning I thought, "my god, I'm a zombie." When you see through to the truth of being you will have a divine smile and sense of lightness and humor. Pay attention to your posture. Learn from an experienced and compassionate teacher. Study the wisdom of great teachers of the past and present. Remember you are responsible for your own enlightenment. Every moment is an awakened moment. You

cannot know when or how you will die so practice like your hair is on fire!"

Stress can cause illnesses and meditation can help fight off stress and illnesses, so it's a two for one. "Most illness pathways begin with imbalances caused by stress. Meditation in any of its many forms, Zazen, Vipassana, Tonglen, T'ai Chi Chih, etc, has been shown over thousands of years of reportage to lead to peace, balance, and a sense of well being. Meditation lowers blood pressure, reduces pain sensations, and releases a flood of health producing chemicals in the body. Studies of centenarians reveal that longevity is directly affected by meditative pathways. As the Zen saying goes: The whole world is medicine, what is the illness?"

What should a person avoid before or while meditating? "Meditate in silence at a time of day when you will not be interrupted. 20 minutes twice a day works for many people or 20 minutes in the morning alone. Do not sit on a full stomach. Let go of a judgmental attitude toward your experience. Using a timer can be helpful to stay on one's schedule."

The sounds effects and incenses of a massage is kind of a myth. John explains and clarifies. "There is no need to create elaborate ritual around your meditation such as OM-ing or the use of incense. However, if those things deepen the experience and add a sense of reverence to your meditation space then have at it. Again, one's sincerity is the key aspect that will lead one deeper and deeper in the practice. Let the natural strengthening of insight guide your practice. Remember that every time you meditate you are deepening and expanding in the infinite realm of spirit."

What are some easier methods and complex methods of meditation? "Simply let your body be like a mountain, rooted and serene. Let your breath be like the wind, free and unobstructed.

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Personally meditation has changed you how? "After surrender, the release of trying to get somewhere other than right here in one's own body-mind, one awakens to the fact that there is no difference between meditation mind and daily life experience. Dualistic thinking is replaced by permanently abiding in the presence of the clear luminous light of reality. This awakening occurs for most people slowly over time and for others it occurs like a clap of thunder. I got the thunder clap after a near death experience. It then took a decade of practice to learn to abide in the awakening that occurred so dramatically and suddenly in my life. This awakening whether sudden or slow is the greatest gift of human life as it leads one to the truth of one's being and the continual surrender of the self poisons of greed, anger and delusion. As the venerable teacher Thich Naht Hahn says, "We are here to awaken from the illusion of our separate-

ness."Meditation changed me personally by removing the veils and grounding me in reality."

#### Luke A. Lotta Organizing

By Chris Orr

Shannon Sillman is a woman who has had the same types of experiences as many of us has had. She grew up in a small town, graduated from high school, took a break and then went to a community college. She was just a few classes and clinicals from a Human Services degree when it struck her, discrimination. Southeast Community College then told her that she would not receive her degree because she dressed like a boy and then she was asked by the college to write a paper on how being a lesbian would affect her as a human services worker. Shannon replied "that unless you ask everyone how their sexuality affects their job then that is discrimination." While at SCC, Shannon worked hard in the Kaleidoscope Alliance to bring speakers to SCC and have group meetings. She later transferred to UNL. While at UNL she joined the Queer Student Alliance and does many activities with them. "The group that started it for me. I feel like UNL allowed me to come into my own. The biggest issue I've had has been from fellow students, when I would advertise my events on Blackboard by sending invites to classmates." Sometimes the responses are not pleasant and people pressure her to stop advertising this way. Participating in the alliance has pointed her to a new cause, drag and drag show fundraising/organizing. Shannon is giving others a chance to start their own path, just like UNL

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#### **GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS**

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SATURDAY MARCH 14TH HGRA BOARD MEETING, 5PM, DC's Saloon in the basement

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH
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SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
THE COMMUNITY SINGS, 7pm, Flixx
Show Bar, a benefit for River City Mixed
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SUNDAY APRIL 26TH
INDOOR RODEO, DC's Saloon, Miss
HGRA 2009, Jazmine will be hosting, chili
feed for contestants, We need teams of 4
people and each team will have to compete in
the indoor versions of: The Wild Drag Race,
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**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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

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

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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

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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

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jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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10 9:30pm, Connections Bar

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

Every Friday

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON
7-9pm, DC's Saloon

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

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

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. Marys Ave., Same day results

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY, 6 to 7:30PM, Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

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Open to men and women, 219 North 48th

Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

**DJ MUSIC AND DANCING** 10PM, Connections Bar

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

#### **MONTHLY EVENTS**

1st Tuesday LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

1st Thursday
GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT
AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7 to 8:30pm,
Masting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays

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

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday OR Sunday 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.

1st Sunday

**GAY GUYŚ 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, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday <u>LEARNING TO EXCHANGE</u> <u>POWER</u> L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

<u>INTEGRITY</u> 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREEN-ING (glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday
IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of
Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community

Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL
(HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd
Mondays at First Congregational United
Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St.,
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3rd Thursday
GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT
AND DISCUSSION GROUP

7–8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln on the third Thursday of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE

<u>LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS</u> 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

3rd Saturday FLOWER OF HOPE Group, Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Omaha NE. from 6PM to 9:30PM

3rd Sunday TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS— OMAHA

Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM,

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#### The Black Bra

I had lunch with 2 of my unmarried friends. One is engaged, the other is a mistress, and of course I have been married for 20+ years.

We were chatting about our relationships and decided to amaze our partners by wearing a black leather bra, stiletto heels and a mask over our eyes. We agreed to meet in a few days to exchange notes.

Here's how it all went.

My engaged friend:

The other night when my boyfriend came over he found me with a black leather bodice, tall stilettos and a mask. He saw me and said, 'You are the woman of my dreams. I love you' and we made love all night long.

The mistress:

Me too! The other night I met my lover at his office and I was wearing the leather bodice and heels under a raincoat and the mask over my eyes. When I opened the raincoat he didn't say a word, but we had wild sex all night.

Then I shared my story:

When my husband came home I was wearing the leather bodice, black stockings, stilettos and a mask over my eyes. As soon as he came in the door and saw me he said.

'What's for dinner, Batman?"

(Luke A. Lotta, Continued from page 10)

Queer Student Alliance and the Q has done for her.

How long have you been hosting and putting these shows together, when are the shows? "I hadn't really thought of doing drag or organizing drag show/fundraisers until October 11, 2006. It was National Coming Out Day and several of people in the QSA group had thought about doing drag. Michael Percival the co-owner/show director of the Q gave me a Wednesday night and some contact info for some local performers. The initial response tended to be who are you and why are you calling me. Thank goodness that is not an issue anymore. Since then I have done a fundraiser or show on the 4th Wednesday of every month for nearly 2 and a 1/2 years! I also was fortunate to help organize the first drag ball to ever be held on UNL's campus. Who knew that jumping thru so many hoops could be so fun! Some local performers donated some items to be raffled off for additional fundraising monies. That event was covered by the Daily Nebraskan twice.

Shannon explains about show creativity, pressure, and giving others a chance. "I have to constantly be creative. But the most pressure probably comes from wanting to give everyone that is interested in drag a chance and people either love me or hate me for it later. I used to have what they called the marathon of shows. I usually had 12 people in every show. That was crazy! I have since refined my skills and try to keep it at 10 performers or 20 numbers tops. Someone recently referred to me as a gateway for new performers, especially drag kings. Am I a gateway drag? I know that it wasn't easy for me to start out so I understand the need that people have towards performing and getting a chance to do that. Again, some people love that I give so many new people a chance and others for various reasons are opposed to it. I feel like there's nothing wrong with a little healthy competition and if they hadn't started somewhere too, then where would they be today?

You have a stage personality, Luke A Lotta, briefly describe him to us. "For those that know me I am typically soft spoken and most of the times morbidly shy. The thought of public speaking or performing in front of lots of people made me horribly nauseous. Who knew that those lights would be so hot. It's like you're on fire! I used to not even perform in several of my shows because I was so nervous. A week or so before the show I was trying to come up with a drag name. Someone said that you can use that name of the 1st street you lived on and the name of your first pet. It would have been something Ebony. That didn't work out for me. Then I was outside one day and someone told the joke. What do you call a lesbian Dinosaur? Lick A Lotta Puss and from that day on, Luke A. Lotta was born. I tend to do one naughty and one nice song at each show but I seem to come out of my shell during the naughty ones" she laughs.

Shannon shares her details of picking the charity/ organization for the month and what the fundraiser does for the charity/organization. "I want to do fundraisers for all GLBTQ and Allied community members because I try to be all inclusive. I tend to do more for student groups though it seems. Maybe because I know what it is like to be passionate and believe in something and how funding helps you reach a much broader group of people. It has been 50/50 on whether or not I have been asked by a group or I have chosen a group to do a fundraiser for. There have also been 3 individuals with medical related expenses that I have done fundraisers for. All 3 of them were people that made a difference in our community." Shannon on monies raised. "It really varies as far as who the group is for and how much we raise thru raffle prizes, I ask the performers to donate half of their tips because I don't believe in asking them to give up all of them. I think that any contribution that our community gives to any of the causes makes a difference. The shows I organize tend to bring in a diverse group of people and that also helps the groups or individuals become recognized and people can learn about groups and community events and organizations that they haven't heard of or had the courage to seek out and be a part of something that peeks their interest level. That in itself is way more profitable than any amount of money you can raise."

Is there one charity/organization you haven't been able to do a show for but are anxiously wanting to? "I happen to be looking forward to doing a show next month called, "Show Us Your "O" Face! A FUNdraiser for the Omaha GLBT sports group. Cause we all know that all work and no play makes gays unhappy. The advertising and poster idea is turning out to be rather fun as well. So I'm super excited!"

Shannon does her shows on the 4th Wednesday of the month and relates to how difficult it can be. "It does prove to be more difficult simply because it is in the middle of the week and it falls between Bingo and strip night at the Q so sometimes people don't want to be there for 4 to 6 days of the week if they like to attend the weekend events too. The upside of doing this for over 2 years besides helping people and groups is that the 4th Wednesday of the month is recognized by most people as my show night and they come to support anything that I am supporting. Not many people do shows on Wednesdays and a can sometimes bring in crowds that are comparable to a weekend show."

For most of the shows, they are in Lincoln, where have you done these in Omaha? "As I mentioned above I have done the monthly 4th Wednesday shows at the Q (226 South 9th, Lincoln) and at least a couple at the Panic (18th & N, Lincoln). So far I have done two shows at Connections (19th and Leavenworth, Omaha) and have another one booked there for Friday, May 15th. One was a fundraiser for Faleasha Savage (Savage Nationals) to go to a national competition and the other was last year for National Coming Out and my 2 year anniversary of doing shows (Taste the Rainbow) that was kinda fun to promote cause I handed out rainbow Twizzlers and Skittles with the flyers."

What do you find most rewarding about what you are doing with these shows? "I enjoy all the people that I meet and the knowledge I gain from learning about the groups I do fundraisers for. It's also really cool to see new performers enjoy what they are doing and to see them come into their own."

## Kyle's Bed & BREAKFAST by Greg Fox



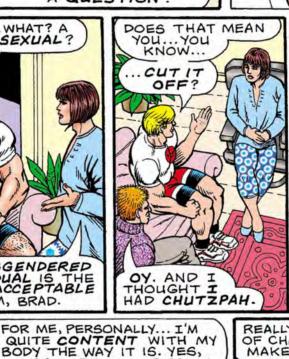




















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#### **Omaha GLBT Sports**

by Chris Orr

The volleyball season is over for 2008-2009. We had more than 90 participants and 14 teams. Thank you to all who participated and hope the experience was a fun one. Thank you to our spectators who come out to enjoy watching us play and to our spon-



sors: Flixx, Chixx, Dixie Quicks, Louie M's Burger Lust for team sponsorship. See you all next year! The volleyball teams also had a banquet dinner to celebrate the end of the season.

Dodgeball will be played on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at Christie Heights Gym 37<sup>th</sup> & "Q" Street from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. The player registration fees and donations from spectator's admission will go to the Rainbow Outreach Center. If you have nothing to do that afternoon, this is the place to be!

Softball registration will be open and to register, go online at <a href="www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org">www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org</a>. Softball will be played on Thursday nights this season from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with games lasting one hour and the last game starting at 9 p.m. if needed. Games will be played at Churchich Park 50<sup>th</sup> & "C" Street. The cost per player will be \$30. The season will run April 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup> and players should be able to attend most games. You can create a team (10 – 13 people), register individually, or register as a group. Individuals and groups will mesh into teams. Any questions can be emailed to <a href="mailto:Omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com">Omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com</a>. Otherwise ask us or register online at <a href="www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org">www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org</a>.

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www.rainbowoutreach.org
And click on the Publications link.
George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

#### Sears or Playboy May Get Gay CEO

By Rhiza Dizon

Procter & Gamble top boss Susan Arnold announced her departure from the company on Monday, March 9, putting her in the running for several Fortune 500 CEO positions. She is poised to become the first openly gay CEO of a major U.S. public company, The Wall Street Journal reported.

Currently Procter & Gamble's top female officer, Arnold will step down from her position and serve in a special assignment until September. Having previously served as president of P&G's global business units, she assumed global responsibility for P&G's personal beauty business in 1999. She was the first woman to reach a president-level position in the company.

Arnold also serves as a board member for the Walt Disney Company, McDonald's, Catalyst, and Save the Children.

As of 2008, Arnold was ranked number 7 in Fortune 500's 50 most powerful women (just ahead of Oprah), and was named one of Wall Street Journal's 50 Women to Watch in 2004 and 2005.

She is expected to draw interest from consumer-oriented companies currently seeking CEOs, including Sears Holdings Corp. and Playboy, according to the Journal.

#### Vermont Mental Health Experts Endorse Same-Sex Marriage

By Julie Bolcer

Leading mental health and human services organizations came out for marriage equality in Vermont on Monday, citing professional studies that show legalizing gay marriage helps the children of same-sex couples.

"We felt it was important for us to set the record straight about the scholarly literature in our field, and we have lots of different families and the best thing to do for all children is to support parents the best way we can," Jackie Weinstein of the University of Vermont's Human Development and Families Studies program told WCAX-TV in Burlington.

A same-sex marriage bill is currently under consideration in the Vermont legislature. The bill was introduced in February and has garnered 59 sponsors -- all Democrats -- in the house. In 2000, Vermont became the first state to pass civil unions legislation.

The mental health and human services organizations will testify in support of same-sex marriage next week, when the senate judiciary committee holds a week of hearings and testimony on the bill.

Members of the group include the Vermont Psychological Association, the Vermont Psychiatric Association, the Vermont Association of Mental Health Counselors, and the Vermont chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

# Documentary on Closeted Politicians Premieres at Tribeca

By Julie Bolcer

Outrage, a documentary by Kirby Dick that exposes closeted gay and lesbian politicians who actively campaign against gay rights, will have its world premiere at the 2009 Tribeca Film Festival.

Released by Magnolia Pictures, Outrage is described in promotional materials as "a searing indictment of the hypocrisy of closeted politicians who actively campaign against the LGBT community they covertly belong to."

Dick, 52, most recently directed This Film Is Not Yet Rated, about the Motion Picture Association of America's rating system. His 2005 documentary Twist of Faith, about Catholic Church complicity in hiding sexual abuse by priests, was nominated for an Academy Award.

Outrage is one of 12 selections in the high-profile World Documentary Feature Competition, announced yesterday along with selections in the Discovery and World Narrative competitions. The Tribeca Film Festival, now in its eighth year, will run from April 22 to May 3 in New York City.

## 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 Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave 991-6470 1417 Jackson St. The Max. 346-4110 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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#### **Fitness Corner**

It's 5PM and the tie gets loosened and the ideas start pouring out faster than the bartender's beverage gun. Alcohol certainly acts as catalyst for the brainstorming exercises. The five great things that come from a fantastic happy hour and several half-price drinks will be my gift to you this week.



Everyone is going to run the NewYork City Marathon this fall. They have all been wanting to do it for years and Oprah showed them that anyone could do it. What fun it will be to finish amid a sea of exhausted but satisfied participants. The sights will include the Empire State Building, Lady Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the shimmering waterfronts of the Big Apple.

Everyone is going to get that body ready for summer. How thrilling it will be to doff the shirt before entering the class reunion horseshoes competition this year. Just imagine the envy and rubbernecking that your classmates will display as you show that linebacker physique from those gridiron glory days. Further imagine the wolf whistles that will balance out the visual part of your show.

Everyone is going to end their forever and a day smoking habit starting the next morning. The thought of cutting in half each and every remaining cigarette in that carton brings anticipation that is usually reserved for the Super Bowl or the birthday of Jesus. How rewarding will it be to banish those nefarious, noxious, nicotine ne'er-do-wells from your daily routine. Of course everyone gets worked into an excited lather over this idea while each sucking on their respective cigarettes.

Everyone is going to swear off drinking for the next two weeks. They are going to dry out and give their bodies a rest from the ravages of the demon juice. Some go so far as to announce their intentions on becoming Mormon and ending it all. The others declare their intentions to be less noble but still worthy of a certificate of participation. The only one not dancing in the street over this blasphemy is the barkeep.

Everyone is going to go back to school and get that degree. They all know the intertwined importance of a great mind and body and proudly proclaim their estimated date of graduation. Congratulations are in order for this latest edict of encouragement. It is uplifting to hear how those degrees will bring more money, more advancement opportunities, and more fodder to add to the resume.

Everyone is going to stumble away from that happy hour with the lofty aspirations that often accompany three jumbo margaritas. It's great to get that spark of excitement about your health and fitness. Don't let a comfortable pillow, eight hours of siesta, and a sober mind extinguish the smoldering ambitions. Breathe life into your fire and make good on that barroom bravado. Behold the power of action!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who has been solving the world's problems one bar at a time. This itinerant diplomat is Ron Blake and he can be reached between detentes at blake.fitness@yahoo.com.

#### 'Gay Tax' Imposed on Photographer Annie Leibovitz

By Shannon Connolly

Since the death of her partner, Susan Sontag, in 2004, Annie Leibovitz has been suffering the consequences of not having had the legal protections of a marriage.

Much of Sontag's property was left to the renowned portrait photographer who is now paying a large inheritance tax, called the "gay tax" by After Ellen.

According to federal law, when one partner in a married couple passes away, the widowed partner does not have to pay taxes on the property they inherit. Leibovitz does not benefit from those protections since her partnership was not legally recognized.

The Human Rights Campaign lists the more than 1,000 federal benefits enjoyed by married couples, many of which are health and money-related. Gay couples have, at best, state-level benefits depending on where they live.

#### Dodge LGBT History, Face Prosecution

The parents of at least 30 students who were yanked out of school for a week of LGBT history lessons at a primary school in the United Kingdom are facing prosecution.

Students at the George Tomlinson Primary School in East London's Leytonstone were absent without leave for a week of instruction on gay history -- including a special adaptation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet retitled Romeo and Julian and a lesson about gay penguins Roy and Silo.

The Waltham Forest Council is treating the incident as a mass truancy and threatening to prosecute, saying parents could be brought to court, fined, and forced to sign parenting contracts.

Many of the parents said the history month was at odds with their religious beliefs. Some say they notified the school of their intent to keep their children home. Some say they were told it was their only option if they didn't want their kids to attend the school lessons.

#### I Spy.....



Hello there reader.

My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. I'll be expressing views or sometimes giving a heads up on persons, places, or things that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons, etc.)

We have been hearing some entertaining news about people or listening to figure heads lately, some are kind of scary. How about a quick recap?

Bill Maher's Religulous documentary has been released on DVD. I highly recommend it for those who want to see and hear some talking points that are hilarious and scary about almighty God.

Ann Coulter, because Sarah Palin didn't grace us at CPAC, wasn't even invited to CPAC but attended and spoke anyway. Coulter spoke to young Republican activists and answered a Catholic University student's question about ethical or moral dilemma. Her answer, "There was one time I had a shot at Clinton. I thought 'Ann, that's not going to help your career" in regards to killing President Clinton. Oh Ann, video killed the radio star. Rush Limbaugh was also there and bounced on the stage; he literally moved the stage and an earthquake registered on the Richter Scale for the Washington D.C. area. What a feat!

Octoplet mother Nadya Suleman thought she lost one of her kids last October and called 911. During the call she said "I'm going crazy" and "I'm going to kill myself". Only a few minutes later the "missing" child returned with the nanny.

Yeah she may go crazy and say she is going to kill herself when one out of the then 6 children goes missing, but she can keep track of 14 and stay A-Okay if say one or maybe two are out of sight and out of mind. The farming industry has advanced in technology and you don't need don't have a huge family for the farm these days. Oh wait, she is on the crazy farm!

Rihanna and Chris Brown are the new Bobby and Whitney. If the fresh half battered legal drama couple continue on, we will be entertained for years, as the news points out. Michael Jackson is going back on tour. The "This Is It" tour, because I'm thinking this is it, after the last show then surgical perfection for Jackson.

Oh, not to out-do the Safe Haven "your-going-to-Nebraska-for-Misbehavin" travesty a while back before it was corrected, they are at it again! This time abortion is the subject. If you ever drive rural Nebraska look for the signs of Anti-abortion tied into Jesus propaganda. Alright, so now to really grind this into people's heads, especially mother's, they are proposing one option to be law, requiring the mother to see an ultra sound of the baby before it's aborted. Of course, the mother may look away. I am surprised they didn't put a time limit of how long the mother had to look at or look away from the ultra sound. But, this won't affect anyone at all because Nebraska has such a fine and dandy mental health care system. There are laws very similar to this in 9 other states in the country.

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