

Federal Judge Rules for Marriage Equality in Arkansas

By Michelle Garcia

A federal judge today ruled to overturn Arkansas's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, the same decision a state-level court made in a separate case.

U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker ruled that the 2004 ban violated the U.S. Constitution, "precluding same-sex couples from exercising their fundamental right to marry in Arkansas, by not recognizing valid same-sex marriages from other states, and by discriminating on the basis of gender." Baker's ruling has been put on hold, however, as the state will likely take the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, the Associated Press reports.



Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, a Democrat leaving office in January after reaching term limits, argued that marriage was not a constitutional right. He has said he personally supports marriage equality but was duty-bound to defend the voter-approved initiative.

The ban is facing a separate challenge, in which Pulaski County Circuit Judge Chris Piazza invalidated the prohibition on same-sex marriage in May. Piazza did not place a hold on his ruling, though it was published after county clerks' offices had closed for the weekend. There was a week-long window of time when 541 same-sex couples in Arkansas got married before a stay was issued by the state Supreme Court. An appeal of Piazza's decision is pending before the high court.

"It has been over forty years since Mildred Loving was given the right to marry the person of her choice," Piazza wrote in his decision earlier this year. "The hatred and fears have long since vanished and she and her husband lived full lives together; so it will be for the same-sex couples. It is time to let that beacon of freedom shine brighter on all our brothers and sisters. We will be stronger for it."

Mississippi Marriage Ban Struck Down



By Trudy Ring

A federal judge today struck down Mississippi's ban on same-sex marriage but put his decision on hold for 14 days, meaning gay and lesbian couples can't marry yet and giving the state time to appeal.

"Mississippi continues to change in ways its people could not anticipate even 10 years ago," U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves wrote in his ruling, ordering the state to cease enforcing the ban. "Allowing same-sex couples to marry, however, presents no harm to anyone. At the very least, it has the potential to support families and provide stability for children."

The state is "widely expected" to ask the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to block Reeves's order immediately and also to appeal his decision to that court, reports The Clarion-Ledger of Jackson, Miss.

The Campaign for Southern Equality brought the suit in October on behalf of two same-sex couples, and Roberta Kaplan is lead counsel in the case. Kaplan is the attorney who handled lesbian widow Edie Windsor's case against the

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The River City Mixed Chorus is in its 31st season and includes 73 singers. RCMC is one of the longest-running Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally (GLBTA) Mixed Chorus in the United States. It is under the direction of Dr. A. Barron Breland. "I am excited about this concert because it explores the lighter side of the holidays," says Breland.

"With all of the stress of gifts, parties, cooking, et cetera that goes into the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations, it's nice to focus on the good stuff: family and laughs."



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federal Defense of Marriage Act and scored a victory in the Supreme Court last year. She and an attorney for the state argued the Arkansas case November 12.

"We're thrilled that Judge Reeves understood and appreciated and took such great care and time to explain why gay people have the same rights under the Constitution as everyone else," Kaplan told The Clarion-Ledger. His decision, she said, "is going to stand as truly as a landmark opinion in this area."

She will be ready to argue in the appellate court, she added. "We will win this one in the Fifth Circuit too," she told the paper.

In January the Fifth Circuit will hear appeals in marriage cases from Texas and Louisiana. In Texas the district court's decision was for marriage equality; in Louisiana, against.

The Mississippi ruling comes the same day that another federal judge struck down a marriage ban in a neighboring Southern state, Arkansas. That decision is likely to be appealed in its federal circuit, the Eighth.

Arizona Lesbian Couple Says "I Do" After 57 Years Together!

The women were plaintiffs in the fight against Arizona's marriage ban.

By: Tracy E. Gilchrist

After 57 years as a couple Karen Bailey and Nelda Majors were married at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix on Sunday, they're official union made possible via the recent spate of states' legalizing marriage equality, according to AZFamily.com.



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(Arizona Lesbian Couple Marry, Continued from previous page)

Hundreds turned out for the wedding of the women who were integral to the fight for equality in Arizona having filed suit in the U.S. District Court against Arizona's marriage ban.

At their wedding their officiate proclaimed, "They feel that 56 and a half years together is a long engagement, but today they now have 1,134 federal laws on their side to protect their relationship," according to AZFamily.

Bailey and Majors met while living in the same dorm at Sam Houston University in Huntsville, Texas, in 1957, and have since raised two daughters.

Congrats to the happy couple! Here's to 57 more years together!

Seven Couples Sue Over Nebraska's Gay Marriage Ban

OMAHA -- When Susan and Sally adopted their first daughter in 2001, Sally watched from a bench in the courtroom gallery, unable to join her wife at the front table.



"I had to be closeted," Sally Waters recalled.

Susan and Sally soon packed up their things and fled the Nebraska cold for California, which was "warmer in every sense," Sally said Saturday. They figured Nebraska's year-old ban on same-sex marriage would last a decade, 15 years at most.

Now they just hope Sally can outlive it.

In June, four years after the couple returned to Nebraska, Sally, 58, was diagnosed with stage IV metastatic breast cancer. It is terminal.

Because the marriage they made official in California six years ago isn't recognized here, Sally's death certificate will list her as single. Susan, 53, will have to pay an 18 percent inheritance tax on their shared property, including their house in Millard, instead of the 1 percent tax reserved for married couples. Susan won't be eligible for Social Security survivor benefits, and she'll face a big tax hit from Sally's 401(k).

They haven't calculated exactly how much that will cost, Sally said, but added, "I would imagine it would be quite a bit of money."

Susan and Sally Waters are the lead plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Omaha that challenges Nebraska's statewide ban on same-sex marriage, which was added to the state's Constitution after voters overwhelmingly approved it in 2000.

ACLU of Nebraska, which organized the lawsuit, was "bombarded" by Nebraskans wanting to participate in the suit, said Amy Miller, the group's legal director. The team of attorneys settled on seven couples as plaintiffs.

Six of the couples are legally married in other states. Four have children. One has been together for three decades; another nearly that long. They include a therapist, a lawyer, a CPA, a doctor, four consultants, a disabled veteran and an advocate for families with disabled children.

"(They) seek nothing more and nothing less than the freedom to marry who they love, and to be granted the dignity that full marriage recognition provides," ACLU of Nebraska Executive Director Danielle Conrad said in a news release introducing the plaintiffs.

The advocacy group is hoping to end what it started in 2003



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when it was part of the nation's first lawsuit challenging a statewide ban on same-sex marriage. With Monday's filing, Nebraska is the latest — and perhaps final — state to jump into the fray.

This lawsuit comes on the heels of a decision by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold marriage bans in four other states: Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky. But before that, appeals courts had overwhelmingly sided with advocates for same-sex marriage.

"The only other loss was ours in 2006," Miller said.

That's when the 8th Circuit appellate court decided against the state ACLU and Citizens for Equal Protection in their suit challenging Nebraska's same-sex marriage ban.

Doug Peterson, the state's attorney general-elect, cited that ruling and the 6th Circuit decision last week in arguing that enough precedent exists to defend Nebraska's ban.

But Miller said Nebraska's previous case was different, a more nuanced legal argument.

"When we sued over the DOMA back in 2003, we were not arguing: 'Please allow marriage today, judge.'" This time, Miller said, "We're back and we are asking for marriage licenses."

And strong signals from the nation's high court indicate they will be successful, she said.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down the core of the Defense of Marriage Act last year, ordering the federal government to recognize same-sex marriages conducted legally in states. Since that ruling, the court has declined to reconsider appellate decisions that overturned state bans on same-sex marriage.

"By the U.S. Supreme Court not taking those marriage cases that were on their way up, that was the court saying marriage equality shall stand in those states," Miller said.

Sally and Susan Waters always assumed Nebraska's ban on gay marriage would crumble, eroded by the public's changing views on the issue or toppled by the courts.

When they moved east, they were shocked by how well they were treated, Sally Waters said.

"(Now,) I'm not experiencing Nebraska as anything but tolerant and welcoming to our family."

"The coolness is in the law, not the people," said Susan.

They have two daughters — Ella, 13, and Jade, 10 — and are legal guardians for 18-year-old Kayla.

To their church in Omaha, they've been married more than 15 years, since they held a religious ceremony in 1998. To the state of California, they've been married since 2008, when they made their union official during a brief window of legalized same-sex marriage there.

"We just keep getting married as long as we can," Susan said.

Bil Roby and Greg Tubach — the only unmarried plaintiffs in the Nebraska lawsuit — could have a wedding in another state. They don't want to.

"We live in Nebraska," Greg said last week. "We love Nebraska, and that's what we're waiting for."

They met 28 years ago while playing pool at Panic, a bar near downtown Lincoln. Greg, who had been living with his parents, moved in with Bil the next day.

"We opened our checking account within the first week," Bil said.

Greg is executive editor at CliffsNotes — he's the guy who picks the books on which study guides will be written — and Bil is a supervisor at the state Department of Labor.

They were the last couple to join the ACLU lawsuit. And they're talking about marriage now, which they didn't think would be possible during their lifetimes.

One wants a big wedding. The other wants a courtroom ceremony, just two grooms and a judge.

"We're a boring couple," Greg says. "We are not a poster couple. There's nothing special about us."

"I think there is," Bil chimes in.

Then they agree: "We are just everybody."



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Other plaintiffs in the ACLU lawsuit:

* Crystal Von Kampen, 35, and Carla Morris-Von Kampen, 40, of Norfolk. Crystal is an Iraq War veteran who enlisted in the Navy before 9/11 and was discharged in 2008. She married Carla, who has two adult children, in Iowa last year.

Nebraska denied them a VA home loan because their marriage is not recognized here, and Carla's daughter cannot receive the tuition benefit usually available for children of disabled veterans.

* Nick Kramer, 42, and Jason Cadek, 37, of Omaha. They married in Iowa last year. They have raised their 3-year-old daughter, Alice, since she was an infant, but Jason has no legal ties to her in Nebraska.

* Tom Maddox, 57, and Randy Clark, 61, of San Diego. Tom is originally from Lincoln, and the two own apartment complexes and storage facilities here. They file a joint federal tax return but must file their Nebraska tax forms as single individuals.

* Jessica and Kathleen Kallstrom-Schreckengost, 33 and 29, of Omaha. They married four years ago in Massachusetts. They have a 9-month-old daughter and would like more children.

* Marj Plumb, 55, and Tracy Weitz, 49, of Omaha. Like Susan and Sally Waters, they married in California in 2008, but that marriage has no legal standing in Nebraska.

Hollywood Chick-Fil-A Holds Fundraiser For LGBT Youth

By James Nichols, The Huffington Post

Well, this is something that we never thought we'd see...



A Chick-fil-A franchise based in Hollywood, California made a surprising move last week when the business held a fundraiser to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth. The initiative reportedly benefited Campus Pride, one of the leading national LGBT nonprofits committed to making college campuses safe for LGBT youth.

The percentage of sales at the Nov. 22 fundraiser donated to Campus Pride were reportedly unspecified, but went towards raising money for an anonymous \$10,000 matching grant.

"We're not going to turn away anyone who wants to be an ally and help us fundraise," Campus Pride Director Shane Windmeyer said in a statement. "Activism is dirty work. It's work

that some people don't always agree on the journey or the past and today we were just trying to be positive, to move forward and to do things that are common ground issues."

Chick-fil-A was at the epicenter of a media firestorm in 2012 after the fast food chain's CEO, Dan Cathy, stated in a 2012 interview that he was "guilty as charged" when it came to his company's reported support of "traditional" understandings of family and the "Biblical family unit."

In the two years since those comments were made, public backlash has been explosive, including same-sex kiss-ins and other boycotts.

Over the past year, Cathy has reportedly attempted to soften his stance towards the queer community.

Supreme Court Now Has 5 Chances to Rule on Marriage Bans

By Sunnivie Brydum

The U.S. Supreme Court will have at least five marriage equality cases to consider taking up this session, after lawyers representing the same-sex couples in Louisiana filed a brief seeking review from the nation's high court on Thursday, reports BuzzFeed.



The Louisiana case, known as *Robicheaux v. Caldwell*, was the first since the Supreme Court's landmark decision striking down the federal Defense of Marriage Act that saw a federal judge uphold a state's ban same-sex marriage.

In September, U.S. District Court Judge Martin Feldman became the first federal judge to determine that a state's ban on same-sex marriage did not violate the U.S. Constitution since the Supreme Court's June 2013 decision in *Windsor v. U.S.*

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Earlier this month, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals followed Feldman's lead, upholding marriage bans in Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

Attorneys representing the same-sex couples in the Louisiana case have already appealed Feldman's decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which has scheduled a January hearing for marriage-related cases out of Louisiana and Texas, where a district judge struck down the Lone Star State's prohibition on same-sex marriage.

But BuzzFeed's legal editor Chris Geidner notes that the attorneys in the Robicheaux case have taken the unusual step of petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court for review before the lower court of appeals has issued a decision.

Geidner explains that Thursday's request for review, or "petition for a writ of certiorari before judgment, is a rare procedural move that parties can take to try to bypass the appeals court and get immediate review by the Supreme Court."

In addition to the case out of Louisiana, same-sex couples in the four cases recently decided by the Sixth Circuit have also asked the Supreme Court to reconsider that circuit court's ruling, which upheld bans on marriage equality in Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

All of the cases currently seeking a writ of certiorari from the nation's high court saw lower courts uphold state bans on same-sex marriage — a complete reversal from the seven cases out of five states that the Supreme Court in October declined to review, letting pro-equality rulings stand and helping to bring the freedom to marry to a total of 35 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

New Suicide Hotline Dedicated to Trans People Now Open for Calls

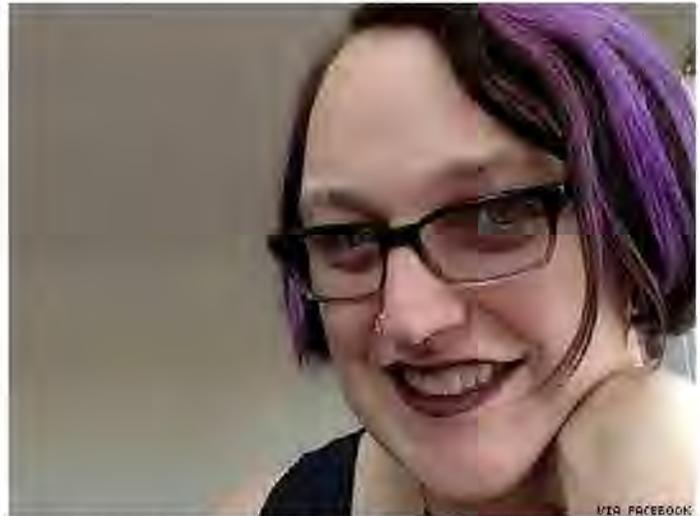
By Mitch Kellaway

Trans Lifeline, the first U.S. suicide hotline dedicated to transgender people, began taking calls this month, reports Time.

Created by a San Francisco group led by trans software developer Greta Martela, Trans Lifeline is entirely staffed by trans-identified volunteers. Its founders hope that the "by trans people, for trans people" approach will help address the staggering overrepresentation of trans people within suicide rate statistics.

Trans people are nearly 10 times as likely as cisgender (nontrans) people to attempt suicide, with 41 percent of U.S. trans people reporting an attempt to commit suicide, as compared to a 4.6 national average, according to a 2011 report by the National Center for Transgender Equality and the National LGBTQ Task Force. Trans Lifeline's founders hope that with more trans-specific suicide prevention tactics, this number could possibly be reduced.

The hotline's concept was influenced, in part, by Martela's own story. When the 44-year-old mother came out last year as a



trans woman, she was faced with increasing anxiety and panic attacks that ultimately led to her calling a suicide hotline, she tells Time.

But, she says, the man on the other end of the line "had no idea how to deal with a trans woman." He went silent and simply told her to go to a hospital. Once Martela reached the hospital, she says she had to once again inform the staff about what it means to be trans.

Martela hopes that with Trans Lifeline, other trans people in crisis will no longer have to explain themselves to a hotline worker who simply doesn't understand them. "There are a ton of suicide hotlines. There's no shortage of them," she explains to Time. "But it's really difficult to get a person who isn't trans to understand what it's like to be trans."

Right now, Trans Lifeline is awaiting its application for non-profit status and operates with a small budget. Calls are forwarded by a computer program to volunteers own phones' wherever they are located. Callers can see which volunteers are available at any given time by logging onto Trans Lifeline's website.

Trans Lifeline can be reached at 877-565-8860. For LGBT youth (ages 24 and younger) contemplating suicide, the Trevor Project Lifeline can be reached at 1-866-7386. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 can also be reached 24 hours a day by people of all ages and identities.

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Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

How To Be (And Have) A Good Friend

How To Be (And Have) A Good Friend In this world of Scruff, Grindr, Mister and all the other social/hookup apps, sex seems to be an awfully high priority. Sometimes, I wonder if the art of friendship is getting lost. After all, if we can't enjoy each other's company and be good to each other, sex isn't going to be very good, no matter how hot the person we're with.



To me, friendship is the foundation for all other relationships. How can you have a spouse, lover or partner that you're not friends with? Without friendship, no relationship has much of a chance of a long-term run. You may be infatuated with someone you meet – "I'm drowning in lust", as one client told me – but that alone isn't going to keep you together. You need friendship.

Surprisingly, some of us aren't very good at it. What can we do about that? Luckily, friendship is a skill, and can be learned.

In my observation, women seem to be better at it than men. As men, many of us – unfortunately – have been trained to "suck it up" and "pull yourself up by your bootstraps". We are encouraged to hide our feelings for other people and put on a tough (often blank) face so that no one sees our vulnerability.

Growing up on a farm in Ohio, my brother and I were encouraged not to appear open or vulnerable in a way that my sisters were allowed to be. As a result, my sisters had better and more well-developed friendships. Not a big surprise, is it? We were set up that way.

For many successful LGBTers, competition trumps friendship. We think we need to "look out for number one" and "don't trust anyone". This may make us lots of money (and enemies) but leave us isolated, alone and lonely.

You know "lonely", right? One of the things I hear most often in my psychotherapy office is clients telling me how lonely they are. These clients are often very women and men who are respected, admired... and alone. They didn't learn how to be a good friend. The good news: it's never too late.

Cultural constructs about "independence" and "self-sufficiency" keep many of us from being good friends. We think we're needy or clingy if we ask for help. I love psychologist Brené Brown's work on vulnerability. Check out her TED talks.

Many of us are lousy friends because we're afraid of getting hurt by being vulnerable and "open" to other people. Some of us have been badly burned by people we trusted who screwed us over and left us lying by the side of the road, vowing to "never be so stupid again."

This is understandable, but a poor life strategy.

If you live and love, you're bound to get hurt. To me, the object isn't to avoid getting hurt: that's impossible. A smarter strategy would be to learn how to cope with disappointment and betrayal. We all pick the wrong person at one time or another. What do we do about it?

We go to our friends and cry on their shoulders.

The benefits of friendship are obvious: kindness, compassion, brother/sisterhood, emotional support, laughter, companionship...the list is endless.

Friendship is an art and, for most of us, it takes time and experience to learn how to be a good friend and to get to the point where we attract people to us who have the potential to be really good friends.

How do we get there? Consider these qualities of a good friend. How would you rate yourself?

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Generous with their time, energy and affection

Honest and kind – love you enough to tell you the truth, gently

Protective – look out for you, stick up for you, have your back

Respectful – respect you as a person, even when they don't like what you may say or do

Vulnerable and open – let you in, show you they're not so perfect

Friendship is a lifelong skill set that's never static: we can cultivate friends until our very last breath. And if we're smart, we will.



Having satisfied their curiosity, the three friends went their separate ways, and never discussed "making a turducken" again.

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639-3055 **HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM
FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the
NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street
in Lincoln, NE.

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday
Worship 9:30am and 11:15am & Wednesday
Worship at 7pm

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anony-
mous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819
South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-
8552

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE,
3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

SECOND UNITARIAN, Sunday morning
services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, [in-
fo@2uomaha.org](mailto:info@2uomaha.org), 402-334-0537

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,
3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and
Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP
HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S.
15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-
476-3144

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anony-
mous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm,
MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

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

Every Tuesday

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

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-
PORT 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 (402-804-8720)

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by
appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to
3:30pm, Walkin from 5pm to 8pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

NAP HIV TESTING 250 So. 77th., by
appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and
Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

Every Friday

LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting,
8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women,
at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851
North 74th Street

LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON, a group
focused on support and recovery for the
friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to
8pm at the 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 info email
outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30pm,
Open to men and women, 219 North 48th
Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to
10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also
available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or
142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN
12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship
Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library
info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING
Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm
—50th & Ames Ave.

2nd Thursday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at
D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-
8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or
find us on Facebook

PFLAG- OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Coun-
tryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific
Street Omaha, Nebraska

3rd Monday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE. Board of Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC-Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Sunday

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs – see website for more information at www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—50th & Ames Ave.

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

Name Your Willy

A cowboy walks into a bar and two steps in, he realizes it's a gay bar. "What the heck," he says to himself, "I really want a drink." When the gay waiter approaches, he says to the cowboy, "What's the name of your willy?"

The cowboy says, "Look, I'm not into any of that. All I want is a drink."

The gay waiter says, "I'm sorry but I can't serve you until you tell me the name of your willy. Mine for instance is called NIKE, for the slogan 'Just Do It.' That guy down at the end of the bar calls his SNICKERS, because 'It really Satisfies.'"

The cowboy looks dumbfounded, so the bartender tells him he will give him a second to think it over. So the cowboy asks the man sitting to his left who is sipping on a beer, "Hey bud, what's the name of yours?"

The man looks back and says with a smile, "TIMEX."

The thirsty cowboy asks, "Why Timex?"

The fella proudly replies, "'Cause it takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'!"

A little shaken, the cowboy turns to two fella's on his right, who happen to be sharing a fruity Margarita and says, "So, what do you guys call yours?"

The first man turns to him and proudly ex-

claims, "FORD, because "Quality is Job One" " Then he adds, "Have you driven a Ford lately?"

The guy next to him then says, "I call mine CHEVY.....Like a Rock!" And gives a wink!

Even more shaken, the Cowboy has to think for a moment before he comes up with a name for his manhood. Finally, he turns to the bartender and exclaims, "The name of my willy is SECRET. Now give me a beer."

The bartender begins to pour the cowboy a beer, but with a puzzled look asks, "Why Secret?"

The cowboy says, "Because it's "STRONG ENOUGH FOR A MAN, BUT MADE FOR A WOMAN!!"

What Religion Are We

Three little boys were concerned because they couldn't get anyone to play with them. They decided it was because they had not been baptized and didn't go to Sunday School. So they went to the nearest church. Only the janitor was there.

One little boy said, "We need to be baptized because no one will come out and play with us. Will you baptize us?"

"Sure," said the janitor.

He took them into the bathroom and dunked their little heads in the toilet bowl, one at a time. Then he said, "You are now baptized!"

" When they got outside, one of them asked, "What religion do you think we are?"

The oldest one said, "We're not Kathlick,because they pour the water on you." "We're not Babtis,because they dunk all of you in the water." "We're not Methdiss,because they just sprinkle water on you."

The littlest one said, "Didn't you smell that water!"

They all joined in asking, "Yeah! What do you think that means?"

"I think it means we're Pisscopailians."

The Elevator

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, "What is this Father?"

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything

like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out.

The father said quietly to his son... "Go get your mother."

Job in India

Mujibar was trying to get a job in India.

The Personnel Manager said, "Mujibar, you have passed all the tests, except one. Unless you pass it you cannot qualify for this job."

Mujibar said, "I am ready."

The manager said, "Make a sentence using the words Yellow, Pink and Green."

Mujibar thought for a few minutes and said, "Mister Manager, I am ready."

The manager said, "Go ahead."

Mujibar said, "The telephone goes green.... green.... green.... and I pink it up, and say, "Yellow, this is Mujibar."

Mujibar now works as a technician for a call centre.....

No doubt you have spoken to him.

Lost Cigarettes

A carpet layer had just finished installing carpet for a lady. He stepped out for a smoke, only to realize he'd lost his cigarettes.

In the middle of the room, under the carpet, was a bump.

"No sense pulling up the entire floor for one pack of smokes," he said to himself. He proceeded to get out his hammer and flattened the hump.

As he was cleaning up, the lady came in. "Here," she said, handing him his pack of cigarettes. "I found them in the hallway."

"Now," she said, "if only I could find my parakeet."

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firsttuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

GOglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbtDemocrats.wordpress.com> - contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also <http://ProgressiveOasis.com>

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 1st Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org
Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box

24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org
Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

NAMI - Community Mental Health Support for the LGBTIQ community
415 South 25th Ave, Omaha, NE 402-345-8101 or 877-463-6264

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout
Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.co

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING
Website: www.rcmc.org

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

LINCOLN BASED

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652
<http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000

OUTLinc, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outlinc.org, Lincoln NE

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflagcornhusker.org/>

Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln
info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic
209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, **FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia**

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspide.org

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - <http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/>

Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.iowaequality.org>

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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The Hungry Homo

Baked Chicken in Yogurt Sauce

With just three ingredients, this recipe isn't just simple...it's simply delicious. Get back to the basics with this piquant chicken dish. Your dinner guests are certain to flock to the dinner table.

Makes 4 servings

Ingredients

8 chicken thighs
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups plain yogurt
1 cup onions, chopped into 1/8-inch dice

Methods/steps

Remove any excess fat from the chicken. Put the chicken in a medium non-metallic bowl with the yogurt and diced onions. Add 1/2 tsp. salt and mix well. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place the chicken pieces in a metal baking pan, making sure the pieces are separated and well covered with yogurt and onions. Bake for 40 minutes. Then broil the chicken, with the pan set at the greatest distance from heat, until onions are somewhat blackened. Be careful not to let them burn completely. This will take 4 to 5 minutes. Sprinkle with 1/2 tsp. salt.

Additional Tips
Ready in 1 hour



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 712-256-4140
Flixx , 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
Rodeo Saloon & BBQ 164 W Broadway 712-256-0510
Side Door Lounge, 3530 Leavenworth 402-504-3444

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: Gayzette@cox.net

Heart Healthy Mushroom & Herbs Stuffing

All stuffing is not created equal, especially this gourmet mushroom and herb stuffing. This is a tasty, tempting treat of a side dish.

Makes 4 servings

Ingredients

Vegetable oil spray
1 tbsp. butter, unsalted
1/4 cup chopped onions
1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
2 cups bread crumbs
1/2 tsp. thyme
1/2 tsp. basil
1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Methods/steps

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray a 1 1/2-quart casserole with vegetable oil spray. Melt butter in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add onions and mushrooms and sauté about 5 minutes, or until soft. In a medium bowl, combine onion-mushroom mixture, breadcrumbs, thyme, basil and black pepper. Add chicken broth and mix well. Place in prepared casserole and bake uncovered 30 minutes.

Additional Tips
Ready in 45 min



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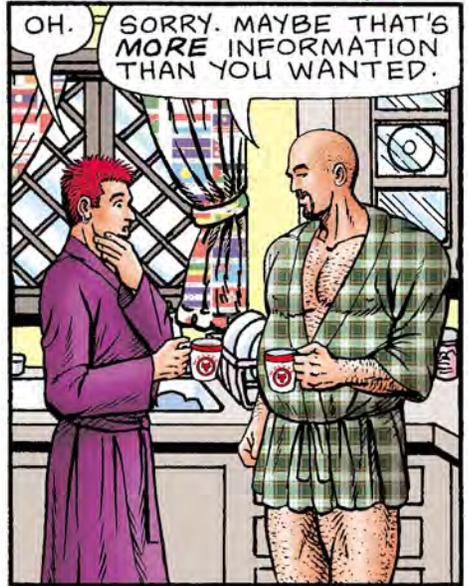
YOU GOT HOME RATHER LATE LAST NIGHT, JAKE. DID YOU HAVE A NICE EVENING?

"NICE"? NOT EXACTLY.



JUST ANOTHER MEANINGLESS SEX HOOK-UP...

...WITH SOME 22-YEAR OLD KID WITH A DADDY FETISH I MET ON CRAIG'S LIST.

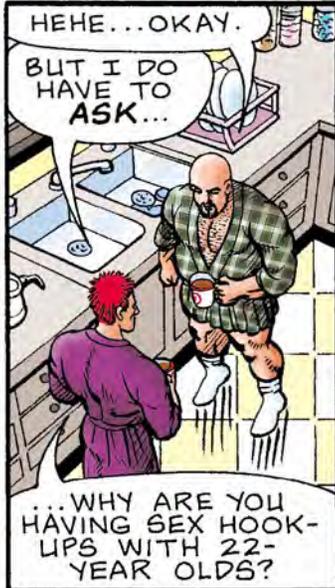


OH. SORRY. MAYBE THAT'S MORE INFORMATION THAN YOU WANTED.



SUGAR BEAR... IT'S NEVER TOO MUCH INFORMATION FOR ME.

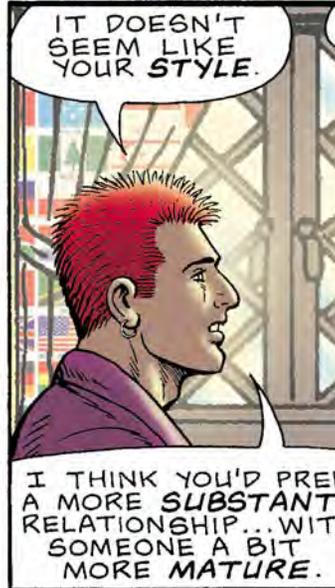
AND IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SHOCKING ME? NOT POSSIBLE.



HEHE...OKAY.

BUT I DO HAVE TO ASK...

...WHY ARE YOU HAVING SEX HOOK-UPS WITH 22-YEAR OLDS?



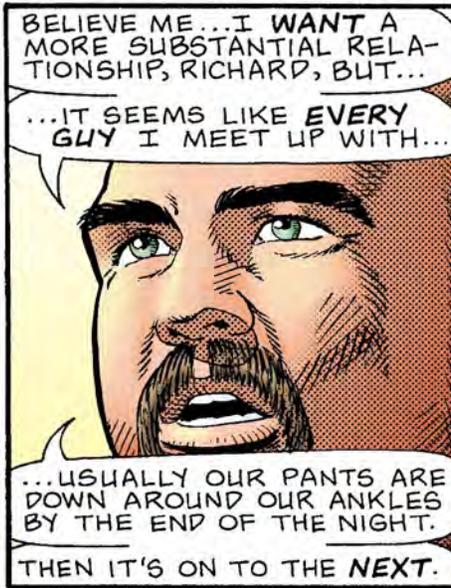
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOUR STYLE.

I THINK YOU'D PREFER A MORE SUBSTANTIAL RELATIONSHIP...WITH SOMEONE A BIT MORE MATURE.



REALLY? WHAT DO YOU THINK MY "STYLE" IS?

HOW ABOUT DATING INSTEAD OF SEX HOOK-UPS?



BELIEVE ME...I WANT A MORE SUBSTANTIAL RELATIONSHIP, RICHARD, BUT...

...IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY GUY I MEET UP WITH...

...USUALLY OUR PANTS ARE DOWN AROUND OUR ANKLES BY THE END OF THE NIGHT.

THEN IT'S ON TO THE NEXT.



I'M AFRAID AT MY AGE... YOU TAKE WHAT YOU CAN GET.

NONSENSE.

A NICE MIDWESTERN BEAR LIKE YOU? I CAN THINK OF TWENTY MEN I COULD SET YOU UP WITH.



OKAY. DO IT.

REALLY? YOU'D LET ME PLAY YENTA FOR YOU?

OOH...THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN!

RIGHT. I JUST HOPE IT IS FOR ME...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake
Certified Personal Trainer



THE GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS FITNESS

The ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future are coming soon to a dream near you! Their visits will take a look at the health and fitness of you. I can just make out the shadow of someone approaching now through the haze and flickering lights. Let's greet this first spirit of the holiday haunting!

It is indeed the ghost of Christmas past. It is time to explore what you have done to get your body where it is at today. There is always room for improvement. Constructive criticism is fantastic if you can graciously accept it and use it to make the necessary changes for betterment. Those who don't look at their past and review it are likely to repeat it.

If you have lived an exemplary life of health and fitness then you are more than happy to repeat the saga of your finely tuned years. If you have yawed from the course of purity then you might want to take note of the errors of your ways from bygone months. Look at the common miscreants of health such as smoking, excessive drinking, unprotected sex, and overindulgence of fast or slow food. Simply take note of all these and carry them with you now. The ghost of Christmas present is coming hither.

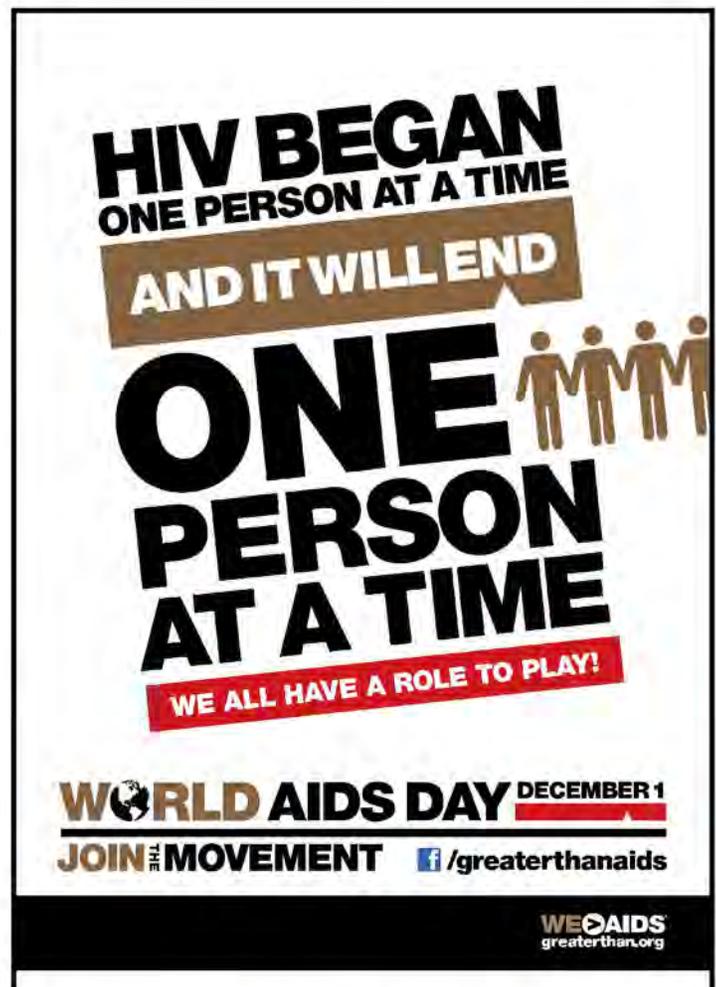
The second spirit of our holiday review is standing akimbo and would like to observe you as you are right at this moment. Will he see you as overweight, wheezing, wrinkled, aching, sad, and uncertain about the future. Perhaps he will see a lean mean fighting machine. You will need to write your own screenplay for this segment.

You are a moment in time at the present. It is only a snapshot. Where has your past brought you? Take a look in the mirror and ask yourself if you are happy as the person you see. Is that person in the looking glass a visage of healthiness that will allow for many more days of life? Jot down some notes while perusing the museum of YOU with your ghostly docent. Now be prepared as you are squired from the second apparition to our third ghost of Christmas.

This leg of our trip is scary and exciting. It is the unknown and is what can cause plenty of trepidation for even the best of our planners and shakers. Our third ghostly guide makes it clear that the future is what you make of it. He cues up "Que Sera Sera" from Doris Day and gets you in the mood. "Whatever will be, will be. The future's not ours to see." Ghost #3 knows you can't control the future, but you can certainly influence the outcomes by what you do today.

If you continue your ways; whatever they might be, then you are likely to reap the results of those ways. Begin planting healthy and happy seeds today and give them plenty of water, sunshine, and fertilizer along your journey. The third ghost wishes you a fond farewell and leaves you to ruminate on your life and where you will head next. I asked my mother, what will I be; Will I be pretty, will I be rich; Here's what she said to me....

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who wants a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas. That guy is Ron Blake and he could also use some safety goggles. Send donations to myblakefitness.com.



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AND IT WILL END
ONE PERSON AT A TIME
WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY!

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**250 South 77th Street, Suite A
Omaha, NE 68114**
(Located behind McDonald's at 77th & Dodge Street)

www.nap.org
402-552-9260

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