# The GayZette



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#### **Dining Out for Life**

Nearly 60 Restaurants to Participate in Nebraska AIDS Project's Dining Out for Life, April 8

Annual Event Raises Funds for HIV and AIDS Services, Awareness and Prevention

For the seventh consecutive year, Nebraska AIDS Project and restaurants in Lincoln and Omaha are teaming up to provide communities with an opportunity to help in the fight to eliminate HIV and AIDS. Nearly 60 restaurants have pledged 25 percent or more of their sales for designated meals on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 to Nebraska AIDS Project. Dining Out for Life is a national event held in more than 50 cities throughout the United States that raises more than \$2 million annually.

Hundreds of restaurant patrons will gather to support the important services that Nebraska AIDS Project provides local communities. Ambassadors at each of the participating restaurants will be available to answer questions about Nebraska AIDS Project, hand out red ribbons and accept additional donations from diners.

"Last year, Dining Out for Life included 50 restaurants in Nebraska and raised more than \$42,000 to benefit men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS in Nebraska, eastern Wyoming and southwest Iowa," said Sharon Renter, Executive Director of Nebraska AIDS Project. "With the generous support of corporate sponsors and Nebraska restaurants, Nebraska AIDS Project hopes to raise \$50,000 this year to fund education and prevention programs and benefit those affected by HIV and AIDS throughout the state."

In Omaha, Passport and Omaha Prime restaurants have generously offered to kick off the 2008 Dining Out for Life season with a special offer. During the months of March and April, when patrons mention Nebraska AIDS Project while making reservations at either restaurant, a percentage of their party's

total bill will be donated to Nebraska AIDS
Project. Passport Restaurant can be contacted at (402) 344-3200, and
Omaha Prime can be reached at (402) 341-7040.



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# Rainbow Celebrations Sponsors of Nebraska Pride to Hand Out \$4500

Rainbow Celebrations is proud to announce its annual charitable giving campaign to 9 local charities. This is also our launch event of Nebraska Pride 2008, where we announce our Logo for Nebraska Pride 2008 and our Parade Grand Marshall.

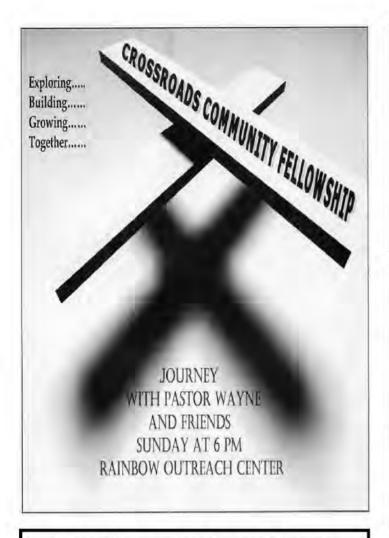
The following charities will be at our event to accept their donations each of the following will receive \$500. Nebraska AIDS Project, ACLU Nebraska, Children's Hospital, Citizens For Equal Protection, Metropolitan Community Church Omaha, Nebraska Human Society, Rainbow Out Reach Center, Omaha Police Department Volunteer Victims Emergency Fund. Also receiving donations but not available to attend is The Susan G. Komen Foundation. The event will be held at: Vincenzo's Old Market Omaha, 1207 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68102

#### The AA Heartland Roundup

......will be held the weekend of April 18, 19, and 20, at the Regency Lodge Hotel. The Heartland Roundup is sponsored by members of the Omaha Gay and Lesbian AA and Al-Anon community. Any AA and Al-Anon members, as well as any interested parties are welcome to attend. All meetings and workshops are open and are non-smoking. The Heartland Roundup's mission is to provide a forum for alcohol and drug dependent individuals. Events throughout the weekend include speakers, workshops, meetings, social hours a raffle and a silent auction. A banquet, followed by our keynote speaker, Rick W. of New York will take place Saturday evening, as well as entertainment, karaoke, and a Candlelight meeting. The cost for the Roundup before April 5th is \$20.00 for Registration only. \$45.00 for Registration and Banquet. After April 5th the cost is \$25.00 for Registration only, \$50.00 for Registration and Banquet. Scholarships of limited availability can be obtained in

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Founded in 1984, Nebraska AIDS Project is one of the few statewide AIDS agencies in the country. With offices in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, Scottsbluff and Norfolk, Nebraska AIDS Project serves the state of Nebraska, eastern Wyoming and southwest Iowa. With 23 years' experience in HIV prevention and support services Nebraska AIDS Project is recognized as a leader in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the Midwest. All funds from Dining Out for Life will allow Nebraska AIDS Project to continue this vital work and life saving support for thousands of men, women and children in Nebraska, southwestern Iowa and eastern Wyoming affected by HIV/AIDS.

For more information, contact Mary Kenny at (402) 552-9260 ext 139 or e-mail maryk@nap.org. For a list of participating restaurants please visit www.nap.org or www.diningoutforlife.com.

#### "Pride Knows No Borders"

"We are all tied together in a single garment of destiny...(as my husband stated), I can never be what I ought to be, until you are allowed to be what you ought to be....I've always felt that homophobic attitudes and policies were unjust and unworthy of a free society and must be opposed by all Americans who believe in Democracy..." Coretta Scott King

This statement from a 1998 speech illustrates the importance of the acceptance of the diversity among humanity. Mrs. King became a soldier for the rights of all human beings, believing in the personal worth of all as children of God. This thought is echoed in "Pride Knows No Borders", the theme of Nebraska Pride 2008.

The word "pride" has many connotations. In a religious sense it is negative, meaning arrogance, hubris or vanity. It is this dark side of pride that harbors envy and jealousy, this dark side that led Lucifer to attempt the overthrow of Heaven.

Pride can have a positive side as well. When "PRIDE" refers to a strong sense of self-respect, a refusal to be humiliated as well as joy in the accomplishments of oneself, a person or a group you identify with, then "Pride" can offer hope to the GLBTQ community.... It is this vision of "hope" within Pride that led me to become involved.

It is seven years this month since I took those first faltering steps into a world I knew little about. I was raised on a farm, grew up with a strong Catholic background and a commitment to helping people. I went to college, became a teacher, married

and fathered three children. I did what I was expected to do. I did what I believed I was meant to do. But a gnawing feeling inside me that had been there as long as I could remember, kept me from ever letting go, from ever exposing the real me. I was happy for the most part, but a part of me remained closed off, hidden, forced behind a locked door of my heart, there to remain forever. Or so I thought.

In the midst of 18 years of marriage, things were out of control. The two oldest children were teenagers, raised in the chaos of a youngest brother with life threatening asthma and epilepsy. Weekly trips to the emergency room, skyrocketing medical bills, and countless times staring death in the face as he looked hungrily at the life of my child, my marriage ceased. We became no husband and wife, but desperate caretakers of this precious child. For two years, through three brain surgeries, fights with the schools, and walls of anger, confusion, and bitterness being built brick by vicious brick, the marriage collapsed. In deep depression, loneliness, and fear, I moved out.

That first year was tough. I was outed countless times to everyone I knew. It resulted in the loss of my career since I was employed by the Catholic Church. I lost my home, my children, my career, and my 20 year marriage in a three month span. I felt betrayed by the church that I had faithfully served for my entire life. I was about to turn 45, and only now coming out as a gay man. It took me most of that first year to look at myself in the mirror and finally say, "I am gay".

Were it not for a few selfless people who took me under their wing and protected me and looked after me those first couple of years, I would not have survived. They helped me find myself. They helped me find my-self worth. They helped me find my "GAY PRIDE".

That is what this is all about. It is about accepting the diversity within our community and the accepting the diversity of expression. There were a lot of firsts in those early years. I learned much, but still have much to learn. Though I don't understand all the expressions of self in our GLBTQ society, I have come to respect those differences, and love those individuals. I have true friends among the gay men, the lesbians, the transgendered, the drag queens and drag kings. I have friends among their parents and families. I have straight friends who have come to a new understanding and respect of who we are as a people because I live open and honestly. I guess teaching is in my blood.

Though there are aspects of our GLBTQ community I may not understand. There are people in our community I may not agree with. But all of them are my brothers and sisters. All of them have their own stories to tell. All of them deserve to be loved. Together, we can be a source of hope and welcome to those yet to find themselves, to those still hidden in the closets of their hearts and families. Yes, Nebraska Pride can be and should be a celebration of support and a celebration of hope....

In this space, over the next few months, I shall attempt to weave a vision of Pride as I believe it should be as it becomes just one thread in the complex fabric of a people we are to become. First and foremost we are people, members of the family of humanity. The fact that we are part of the GLBTQ community should not and must not define us, it is simply one aspect of a group of humans also created in the image and likeness of

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# Reflect, Réjoice, Celebrate Easter with MCC Omaha



### Journey to the Cross

Services each night at 7:00 p.m. with Scripture, Prayer, and Music. March 18, "Passover to Betrayal" March 19, "Arrest to Judgment" March 20, "The Road to Calvary"

# Good Friday Service

March 21: Service at 7:30 p.m. with Music, Images, and Meditation.

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# Easter Sunday

March 23: 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service Continental breakfast will be served following the service.

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Services

These services will include our dynamic Praise Band, contemporary music and an inspirational sermon by Postor Tom.

An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 11:00 service.



# Reflections With Pastor Tom

#### **Inner Peace**

Being Reborn

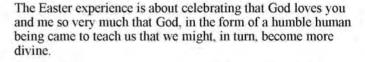
As a Christian I believe that when we die we continue to live. We will continue to live in a way that is both familiar and yet radically different. To experience resurrection means to let go of how we see the world and embrace how God sees the world. I believe that we will all experience this when we die. I also believe that, if we choose (and practice), we can, in a way, be resurrected in this life.

urrected in this life.

1,750 years ago, a great Christian thinker named Valentinus

(who was expelled from the church by right-wing bishops for his free-thinking) once said: "Why wait until you die to be resurrected? Resurrect in this life." This is wisdom. We can resurrect in our own lives today.

Everything we want: peace, fullness, meaning, purpose and delight is already here. It is not something that will come someday. It's not out there. The completeness we seek has always been here. Let go of selfishness and the illusion of control, accept things as they are, stand up against injustice, have faith and you will be in the process of resurrection.



Imagine if everyone (or even most people) acted as if they were already in heaven. Imagine that we acted as if we had been resurrected. Imagine if we lived our very best life today. If we did that—and we can—heaven and earth will be very, very close. This is what is meant in the perfect prayer, the Lord's prayer, when we say: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Think about it. Make it happen. Be reborn.

May God Bless & Keep You . . . Pastor Tom pastortom@mccomaha.org

Next Issue: Courage

Pastor Tom Emmett is licensed and credentialed with the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). MCC was the first church to fully include all people. Tom holds a Masters Degree in European history from the University of Colorado and a Masters of Divinity from the Iliff School of Theology. He is currently learning Spanish and studying the cello. You may contact Pastor Tom by telephone at 345-2563 or electronically at pastortom@mccomaha.org

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#### MCC-OMAHA WILL HOST SECOND PROM

Mark your calendars for a FUN! experience. MCC-Omaha is holding its Second Annual Prom on April 5, 2008, at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel, 1616 Dodge St., from 8pm to 12pm. Last year over 140 people attended, and according to the feedback we've received, this prom should be even bigger!



Prime yourself for a semiformal event complete with decorations, dancing, light hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, raffles, photographer, and cash bar. Bring a party, bring a friend, bring yourself, but mostly plan on a good time! This is an inclusive party—all ages welcome. Tickets are \$15.00 apiece, or \$25.00 for two people.

This prom is a fund raiser for building improvements. The MCC-Omaha church at 819 S. 22 St. is a beautiful and historic building, but maintenance and needed renovations continue to make fund raising a necessity. While having a fun time, you can contribute to a worthy cause.

This year's theme is "Dancing in the Moonlight!" Talk to some of the people who attended last year. They'll tell you the place

was rockin'! You don't need a date, but to take advantage of the cheaper ticket prices, you might want to team up with a friend. This will be a great way to celebrate the arrival of spring, shake off the winter doldrums. Bring out your most glamorous outfit or your most comfortable and let's dance!

A limited amount of working scholarships will be available. Please see Pastor Tom for details

available. Please see Pastor Tom for details at 345-2563. For information on how you can help or for ticket information, call Susie Brenner at 578-7291 or Cheryl Arends at 341-6565.





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("Pride Knows No Borders" story, Continued from page 4)
God and worthy of our constitutional right of the pursuit of happiness.....

Dan Knobbe President Executive Board Rainbow Celebrations

#### Members of Nebraska and Iowa Bind Together for Equality

By Nicole Higginbotham

The Council Bluffs Civil Rights Commission sponsored a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender educational panel at the Council Bluffs Library on Thursday to prepare for March 10, where the city of Council Bluffs will decide whether or not to expand civil rights to all GLBT people.

According to the flyer on the city of Council Bluffs web site (www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/home.asp), "In March of this year, the Council Bluffs Civil Rights Commission will be forwarding ordinances to the Council Bluffs City Council for their consid-

eration. These ordinances would identify 'sexual orientation' and 'gender identity' as protected classes in the City of Council Bluffs. These amendments would keep the Council Bluffs Municipal Code consistent with the Code of Iowa,



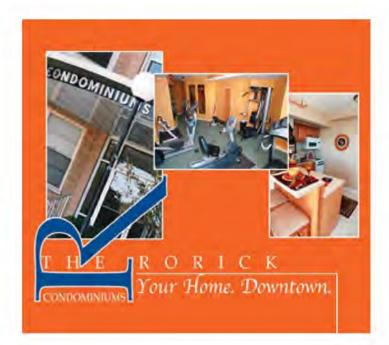
which was amended last year in a similar fashion."

This means that GLBT people would not be fired from work for being gay, thrown out of a restaurant or their apartments because of their sexual orientation or gender identity and would legally be protected from harassment and discrimination. The panel on Thursday was designed as a tool to teach members of the Council Bluffs, Omaha and Lincoln areas about the GLBT rights that are currently restricted in the Council Bluffs area.

The members of the panel included Mike Yowell, Council Bluffs Community Alliance member; Connie Gronstal, Iowa Civil Rights Commission and wife to Mike Gronstal; Ron Dimmig, Executive Director of Student Services for the Council Bluffs Community Schools, Bob Keefer, Presbyterian Minister; Ejay Jack, graduate student at UNO; and Theresa Barron-McKeagney, Director of the School of Social Work at UNO. Anna Barron, professor of journalism at Iowa Western and niece of Barron-McKeagney hosted this event as sponsor of the IWCC GLASS organization, their gay, lesbian and straight alliance.

Barron said that Tori Christie, Dean of Enrollment Services at IWCC and member of the Council Bluffs Civil Rights Commission approached her and asked if her organization would be willing to host the event for one of their community service works.

"She came in and asked about maybe then doing a service pro-



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ject, because the clubs have to do a community service type service requirement in order to get funding," said Barron. Barron immediately agreed to take up this position and went to the local colleges, universities and GLBT civil rights organizations for assistance.

Barron-McKeagney said that changing the Council Bluffs civil rights code will "hopefully have a positive impact" on similar changes in the Nebraska civil rights code.

Students came from all over. Students from Metropolitan Community College, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln were all present along with members from the areas surrounding Council Bluffs.

Sandy Vopalka, founding director of Equality Iowa and aging director of One Iowa said, "I think that the Thursday meeting could be a good tool of education. Their civil rights laws need to be stronger than the Iowa civil rights code."

The final vote on expanding GLBT protection in the Council Bluffs civil rights code will be decided on March 10. "It's pretty much inevitable that it's going to happen," says Vopalka.



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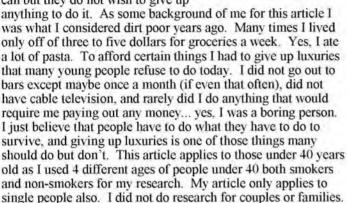
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#### Do You Have Health Insurance?

Before I begin, just to let people know, I do not intend by this article to say that everyone can afford health insurance just that many who say they can't actually can. They can but they do not wish to give up



This began out of an argument with friends of mine over how they claim they are so poor they're unable to afford heath insurance. The results show otherwise. It merely took a little looking into, and with the internet it's not hard to look into. What I found out was that if you are a smoker and smoke a pack a day just by quitting smoking you'll save an average of 23% on health insurance and that the money spent on cigarettes a month easily affords you decent insurance. The average cost of health insurance I found for smokers was \$122.96 and for nonsmokers \$94.75 with a decent policy ranging \$72.00 to \$116.00. This may seem like a lot but if you are a non-smoker you'll be paying closer to \$72.00, but if you are a smoker you are probably already dishing out that amount on cigarettes a month. I used an average pack of cigarettes at \$2.50, but statistically speaking in Omaha the average cost of a pack is \$4.09, I also assumed a pack a day. So is it affordable? Yes, for smokers. All they would have to do is quit and use the money used to buy cigarettes to buy a policy.

For non-smokers you have to cut corners somewhere else, and most the people I know complaining about not being able to afford insurance are people I meet at bars. So why not give up a day or two a week of going out? I spend, on average, just over \$20.00 every time I go out to a bar. Assuming that is an average of what people spend, and I know some that spend way more than that, all one would have to do is cut back on going out a day or two and use the money saved to buy themselves health insurance. It's that simple. You'd probably still have money to go out every week or even buy alcohol and have friends over at your home. It's cheaper that way anyhow. You just won't be going out as often. You could also cancel cable television. In Omaha you can get the major stations with just an antenna. The amount spent on cable could nearly afford you a policy. Depending on what package you bought from your cable provider you might even have enough with some left

My point is simple. Don't complain you can't afford things when you have luxuries such as cigarettes, cable, and/or go out often. You can afford it. You just don't like the cost, but does that matter? Sometimes you have to do what you have to do to survive. Meanwhile if health insurance isn't offered at your job you can look for a job that offers it or stay where you are and wait for pay raises and you can get back some of your luxuries at a later date. Don't put your lack of self-control and maturity onto someone else and make them pay for your insurance. Just because someone is wealthy doesn't mean they have to buy you things... that borderlines communism. Do your best to not be a burden on others. Work hard and live a good life while doing what is necessary to survive for yourself. If you need health insurance buy it. Most of the time the complainers I hear can afford it.

If you need help with this, e-mail me and I'll e-mail back how I found cheap decent policies. The internet is a great tool. If you already have insurance for something else such as your car contact your agent that's what I did. His company's policies were too high for me, but he pointed me to someone who sold affordable policies for those who need it. Most of the friends I have who made the argument also have said that they will not give up going out or change their way of life to afford it and that's a shame.

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The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP Confidential, meeting at the MCCO Church, 819 S. 22nd St, call 345-2563 for meeting times, all women are welcome

**Every Tuesday** 

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

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UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTING, 1:30pm to 4 pm walk-in NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in 20 minutes, call 402-552-9260 for info

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 2147 South 15th. 402-476-7000

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm DC's

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

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7—8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476-9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lin-

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KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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

Every Friday

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

North 40th Street

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

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to

10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

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

**HIV TESTING** 5-7PM 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

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

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

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-MOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 11am to 12pm, meeting at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

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

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm, 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,
Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of
the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

<u>GLBT PROFESSIONALS</u>, meeting at 6PM. Email at: omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net

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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE,** 7pm,
MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday
LEARNING TO EXCHANGE
POWER L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's
Saloon
2nd Sunday
INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks,
Lincoln NE

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

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

**3rd Tuesday IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of Governors meeting, 7:15pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC, Lincoln NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day results, 200 South 18th Street

3rd Thursday
GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT
AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7-

8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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Leavenworth St.

4th Tuesday
PFLAG-CORNHUSKER
6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.
Unitarian Church,

**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.

# Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

#### !!! New 2008 Tax Code !!!

The only thing that the American government has not taxed yet is the male penis. This is due to the fact that 69% of the time it is hanging around unemployed, 10% of the time it is hard up, 20% of the time it is pissed off and 1% of the time it is in the hole. On top of that, it has two dependents and they are both nuts!

HOWEVER, effective April 1st, 2008, the penis will now be taxed according to size:

The tax brackets are as follows:

 10" - 12" Luxury Tax
 \$300.00

 8" - 10" Pole Tax
 \$250.00

 5" - 8" Privilege Tax
 \$150.00

 3" - 5" Nuisance Tax
 \$30.00

Males exceeding 12" must file capital gains.

Anyone under 3" is eligible for a tax refund.

PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR AN EXTENSION!

Did you know that you can see the entire **GAYZETTE** on our web site? Go to:

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

# **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
- Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Diamond Foundation, GLBT Scholar ships, Mentoring and Leadership, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see www.diamond-foundation.org
- **Family Foundations** Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856
- First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming
- First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org
- First 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
- Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,
- http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\_abcsoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org
- GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.net for information
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838,Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, www.icon.impcourt.org
- Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle
- **Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting
- LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124
- Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,
- Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website:www.mccomaha.org Sunday

- Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm
- NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC
  -Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info
- Nebraska Equality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community
- Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com
- Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive
- The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com
- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ OmahaBiMarriedMen
- Omaha NE Gay Pride WebPage http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net
- Omaha GLBT Professionals, Contact omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net for more info.
- Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org for more information
- Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over
- Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout
- Email: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com
  OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists
  for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church,
  3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039,
  www.ouut.org
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website:www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass
- Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email\_proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- **Prairie Bares**, nudist group, no further info available, ask Dino A. or David F.
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330
- Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see www.rainbowcelebrations.org
- River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box

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- Omaha, NE 68104, for info call 402.813.1842 or Email: info@rivercitygenderalliance.org
- River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- Harrison (402) 731-5706 **River City Mixed Chorus,** Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- **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
- WomenSpace, no current info is available

#### LINCOLN BASED

- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, Pat Tetreault, Ph.D. Sexuality Education Coordinator University Health Center Health ED Dept. 402.472.7447 for info see http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay & Bi Men's Discussion & Support Group, Tim, P.O. Box 6341, Lincoln 68506-0341 483-6183
- Lesbian, Bisexual and QuestioningWomen's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- **Nebraska AIDS Project,** 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000
- Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: http://pflag.ineb.org/
- Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094 Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or email: http:// www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html
- TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu
- Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St.,

Lincoln 68508; 434-3494, Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

#### **Iowa Based**

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.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

# Want to surprise yourself this spring?

Discover that Presbyterians can be fun.

Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church – 1023 N. 40th, Omaha

Sunday services 10 a.m. Special Bell Choir Easter Sunday

Rainbow Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Fridays.

(Now reading Jesus, the Bible & Homosexuality by Jack Rogers.)

Call the church at 551-5207 or Cleve Evans at 733-1360 or 557-7524 for more information.

### Community Announcements

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If you have a life event, birth, death, adoption, anniversary, wedding, graduation, memorial or other special announcement that you would like to see in the Gayzette, send it to Gayzette@cox.net and we'll be happy to publish it here for



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Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M. Location: First United Methodist Church 7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska Web Site: www.pflag-omaha.org

P.O. Box 390064 Omaha, NE 68139-0064 HELPLINE (402) 291-67681

MCC Omaha Second Annual Prom

Dancing in the



8 pm - Midnight

Downtown Doubletree Hotel

Stay at the Doubletree; ask for the MCC Omaha Prom Discount.
Rooms are available for a limited time.

Semi-formal \$15/person; \$25/two
Singles and Couples Welcome

Dancing, Raffle, Light Hors D'oeuvres, Photographer, Cash Bar, Silent Auction

For tickets call the church office: 345-2563

Proceeds benefit the MCC Omaha Building Improvement Fund.

#### **Fitness Corner**

By Ron Blake Certified Personal Trainer

How difficult is it to be positive about life? Another suicide bomber strikes a market-place in Iraq. Three indicted on child pornography charges. Four die in a drinking and driving accident. One million foreclosures expected this year, Enough already! We live

in a sea of troubled waters. It is time to steer your ship toward the peacefulness of positivity. I want you to grab a paper and pen and write every positive thought you can conjure up in the next ten minutes. Then check back and see how our lists compare. My ten minutes starts now.

Walking a dog in the park. Buying popsicles from the ice cream truck. Taking a long hot shower. Sitting around a fire pit on a cool spring night. Watching Sunset Boulevard. Finding a five dollar bill in that jacket in the closet. Your favorite song from 1988. Wheel of fortune. Washing your car. Wrapping yourself in a warm towel from the dryer. Chocolate nuggets from Hershey. Arizona sunsets. The smell of a baby after a bath. Tax rebates. Eight hours of sleep. Plush carpeting. Air conditioning in July. Zero percent interest. Thank you cards. Twenty-four hour stores. Police and fire protection. Shrek and donkey Rock Hudson and Doris Day. Photo albums. Mystery novels on a rainy Sunday afternoon. Hummingbirds outside the kitchen window.

There are many positive thoughts just floating around. Don't let the negative aspects of life block out your rays of sunshine. This positive exercise is just as important as those physical exercises in the gym. Your health is very dependent on your frame of mind. When dark clouds are gathering next time, grab that paper and pen and spend ten minutes in the warmth of the positive realm of the world.

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who knows that there must be a Roy G. Biv living next to someone in some neighborhood. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be found at the end of the rainbow at www.goblakefitness.com.

#### I Spy.....

Hello reader, my name is Chris Orr and I'll be writing about person, places, or anything that needs to be discussed more about or mentioned at all. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of owners, staff, persons mentioned....etc.



I take a college course called computer accounting. There is a function called accounting behind the screens. This function lets you know what's going on when you are not supposed to see what is really happening. Here is what it may look like if we applied that function to everyday life. We would finally know why the media pampers to Obama so much. Yes they want him to win, that's clear, but relating him to the Kennedys so much? Is it because they want him shot or want him corrupt? Well Mr. slum landlord please enlighten us. The Omaha World Herald would just have a new section called devoted to the new stadium. Yes they want one because they maybe upset still that the "Omaha Convention Center" was called Owest instead of after the Herald. Let's destroy some of the Owest property to build something else and name it after the Herald. If was a forgone conclusion that with this bias board. the stadium could be going to go through with it's plans. Doesn't some political official need a legacy to remember him by? What could be revealed more though is that at the same time of CWS is a little league tournament that brings in over one hundred and fifty teams and my question is .... is how much new money, not recycled, does that bring in along with how many hotel rooms or attendance is taken? All the info is not being released, this is a common case of while something is going on here there is really something happening over there. I'll be quiet about this now because what fun would it be to let the whole cat out of the bag? Not that I have anymore information its just that some of the readers don't like my opinion when I talk about these types of subjects.

It's a new season of some things around town. The Omaha GLBT Sports league has a new season of softball starting soon and registration has begun. Pride Idol has kicked off and is enriching the community. Drag disputes are being posted on myspace. If you need something entertaining to read, I suggest that. I know something we need a new season of, fundraising that doesn't revolve around two elements. I am going to attempt this this spring and summer so I hope you are there to support.

If you find yourself scratching you head on where to eat, I suggest Gerda's Bakery on 51st and Leavenworth. Seating is limited but it is worth the wait. I got excited when bread is served. It was just refreshing to have the non typical restaurant bread served to you. I had their chicken entrée. It was freshly breaded, baked, and served with homemade mashed potatoes and mixed veges. Even soup or salad is a tough decision here. Holy smokes readers, it was so good I took a dinner to go! What I also took home was some baked goods. After speaking with the owner, she offered me about a dozen different baked good to take home.

Websites of the bi-week: www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org // www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com // www.rainbowoutreach.org // www.tshirthell.com

# Omaha GLBT Sports



# 2008

SIGN UP NOW!!!!! Go to our website to register online!!!! It's that easy!!!

Softball sign ups available NOW!! Create a team of 10-14 players. Or sign up as an individual, A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE!! Cost will be \$30 a player. Season starts with the Games will be played at Churchich Park(3712 N 50th St, Omaha, NE) on Tuesdays and Thursays, games starting @ 7pm.

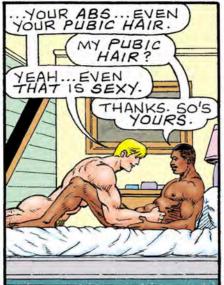
One hour or 7 inning games will be played.

Sign up on our link, or email us at committe@yahoo.com for more information.

#### WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTSLEAGUE.ORG

# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox







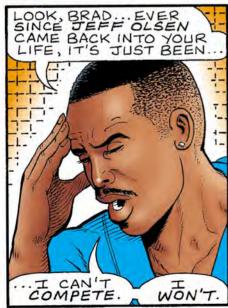
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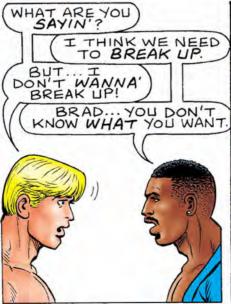














Website - www.kylecomics.com

E-Mail - KylesBnB@aol.com

#### **Omaha GLBT Sports**

By Chris Orr

The volleyball season has ended for Omaha GLBT Sports league. This season's champions is the brown team, Salt & Pepper. The runner up team this season is the blue team, Blue Aces. The championship game was a best two out of three with one of the two games with one of the games scoring past twenty one. Big thanks to the ten teams that participated and all who had helped by showing support one way or another. It's you the community, that makes the sports league offered programs excel.

The dodgeball tournament fundraiser was a huge success. Eleven teams were entered with some team sponsors from U.S. Bank, Mpower, and The Reader. The rest of the teams were made out of a pool of individual people. After reviewing how much interest there was and how well the sport went, it's clear this will be back for another fundraising event or possibly that dodgeball might have it's own season. Everyone did a fantastic job that got involved.

The vote is over and the sports logo is final. To view the Omaha GLBT Sports logo, go to our new website WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTSLEAGUE.ORG. This will be the league's website from now on and forever. The new website has pictures, online registration, and all other important information regarding the sports league. Again check out WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTSLEAGUE.ORG.

SOFTBALL SEASON is here and registrations have begun! Grab friends or other softball minded people with experience or none at all and create teams of ten to sixteen people. Individuals and smaller groups will be combined with other individuals and smaller groups to create teams. The cost for softball will only be \$30 per player this season. Online registration will be the only way to register unless you attend our one non online registration day. Please go to

WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTSLEAGUE.ORG for further info. Games will be on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting at 7:00 p.m. at Churchich Park on 50th & "C" Streets. Season begins April 22nd! go to

WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTSLEAGUE.ORG for all information! This will be the league's third softball season and some new things will be added. The new things are LIGHTS, RESTROOMS, CONCESSIONS, & a SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD.





#### **HGRA COMING EVENTS**

#### **HGRA Invades the Bluffs**

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be hosting a wine & cheese tasting at Broadway Joe's in Council Bluffs on Saturday March 22nd. We will be there from 5pm till approximately 9pm, no cover, but donations will be appreciated.

#### HGRA to Serve Up Corned Beef & Cabbage at Connections

We will start off our show at Connections on Friday March 14th at 8 pm with food by Southern Belle Catering. While your dinner is settling the show will begin at 9pm. Come see Ms Aretha Spanklin', Miss Trina Tabloid, and Mr. Pete Canfield, along with several of their special guests.

On Monday March 17th we will have some more food from the Emerald Isle at Connections from 5 pm till approximately 9pm.

#### Wear Your Western Duds to Flixx & Chixx

Members of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be at Flixx and Chixx on Saturday March 29th to Meet & Greet. So put on your Cowboy hat and boots and join us that evening in

saying "howdy" to the Flixx & Chixx crowd.



#### SUNDAY MARCH 1611H

Not So Gay States Pageant 9pm

#### SUNDAY MARCH 23RD

Mr & Miss Max "Eggs-travaganza" Easter show 10pm

#### SUNDAY MARCH 30TH

Miss Fire & Brimstone Joyce Simone's Show 10pm

#### SATURDAY MARCH 22ND

"Hands across the Border."
Project Tijuana
6pm Appetizers
7pm Show
\$5 Cover

#### SATURDAY MARCH 2911H

Mama Barry's "It's A Fairy Tale... No It's Real Life" 6pm Doors Open 7pm Show

#### FRIDAY APRIL 411H

#### MEN'S NIGHT

AMATEUR STRIP CONTEST
\$100 CASH PRIZE
7PM
UNDERWEAR PARTY
9PM



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