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RCMC Board of Directors Appoints New Artistic Director

he River City Mixed Chorus (RCMC) Board of Directors announced this week that it has appointed its new Artistic Director, Dr. A. Barron Breland.



Dr. Breland is scheduled to begin his new role of Artistic Director after RCMC's "Our Family Tree" concert on January 22 and 23, 2011. Current Interim Artistic Director, Wayne Moore, will direct the January concert jointly with Dr. Breland. Dr. Breland's first official performance will be directing the summer concert, "American Pie", on June 11 and 12, 2011.

"We are pleased to have found such a talented and versatile Artistic Director for RCMC", says Board President Travis Wilcox. "We are looking forward to the fresh vision and direction Dr. Breland will bring to our already talented and dedicated group of performers."

Dr. Breland holds a Doctorate in Choral Conducting from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, and degrees in Music Theory and Choral Conducting from the University of Georgia and Indiana University. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Music at Creighton University and brings with him a diverse background in many different fields of music, including the piano and saxophone.

About RCMC: RCMC - River City Mixed Chorus - Omaha's GLBTA Chorus, believes in their mission: to build community and enrich the lives of their members and audiences through their passion for music. RCMC's concerts are ASL interpreted and are held in handicap accessible performance spaces. RCMC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization funded through membership dues, contributions from individuals, program advertising and grants. For more information on RCMC, visit www.rcmc.org.

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Iowa Supreme Court Judges Booted

By Michelle Garcia

All three Iowa supreme court justices who ruled in favor of legalizing marriage equality for gay and lesbian couples have been voted out of office.



Groups including the National Organization for Marriage, the Family Research Council, and the American Family Association launched a successful \$1 million campaign against the justices.

The campaign was led by Bob Vander Plaats of Iowa for Freedom. Vander Plaats originally ran for governor of Iowa on the

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Friday November 19th at 9PM Pride Benefit Show DC's is The Place To Be For Fun!! (Iowa Supreme Court Judges Booted,...., Continued from page 1) platform of eliminating marriage equality, but lost the primary.

An average of 54% of the electorate decided not to retain Supreme Court Chief Justice Marsha Ternus and associate justices Michael J. Streit and David L. Baker according to the Iowa Independent.

The seats can be reappointed by current Governor Chet Culver or incoming Governor Terry Branstad when his term begins in 2011, according to WHO News.

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2010 Best Of Gay Omaha Awards Show Ballots

The ballots are out and it's time for you to vote! Starting Monday, November 1st until Monday, November 15th, ballots for the public vote of the 2010 Best of Gay Omaha Awards will be out so you can cast your vote. Ballot boxes will be available at The MAX and Flixx Lounge.

For those of you who were unable to attend the 2010 Best of Gay Omaha Nominee Show, here is the list of categories and nominees:

Best NewComer: Sashae SaMoore, Sadie, Bubbles, Tharin Chrase

Best Bartender: JD, Nick, Courtney, Vicki

Best Male Performer: DeJay, Joe DeSanti, Josiah, Mark Ledbetter

Best Live Vocalist: DeJay, Jeff Peck, Susie Brenner, Mark Ledbetter

Best EmCee: Derrick, Thomas, Teagan, Domonique Divamore

Best Drag Performer: Anna Roxia, Faleasha Savage, Macy Riley, Fanta Cee

Rising Star: Regina Putana, Tharin Chrase, Nicolette NuVogue, Dr. Gay

Best Talent Performance: Anna Roxia – Miss Max, Marti Gras – Miss DC's Saloon, Joe DeSanti – Mr. Max, Sashae SaMoore – Miss Gay Omaha

Entertainer of the Year: Domonique Divamore, Joyce Symone, Anna Roxia, DeJay

Again this year, each nominee will be watched over the next few weeks by an independent panel of judges who will each cast a vote for their favorites in each category. The remaining vote will be cast by members of the community.

Make sure to mark your calendar and see who the winners are at the 2010 Best of Gay Omaha Awards Show on Sunday, November 21st starting at 10:00PM at The MAX.

True Colors

By Community Chaplain Royal Bush Facebook: Inclusive Life

Yay, nay, nay, yay, yay, obstain. That is how the votes were tallied for City of Omaha Councilmen Ben Gray's proposed ordinance to prevent discrimination city wide based on Sexual Orientation, Gender Expression and Gender Identity. It failed. Cyndi Lauper sings "You with the sad eyes don't be discouraged oh I realize it's hard to take courage in a world full of people you can lose sight of it all. And the darkness inside you can make you feel so small." For those who were there and for those of us who watched the council meeting on TV we heard some hurtful words. We watch person after person (some proclaiming to be people of God) attack our lives, us as people for simply loving, breathing and existing.

Jean and Franklin said that they are concerned that passing this ordinance would have unwanted affects on local businesses. The question we may have is, what business or business owner would take profit or joy in discriminating against the GLBT community?

Franklin said he may need 5 more years to think about it and process it all as he is a part of the "ing" group (the third group affected. (Pro GLBT, Anti Glbt and the ones who are leanING, listenING, waitING, etc.) We didn't have 5 more years to wait for slavery to end, for women to get voting rights, for blacks to have full civil rights, and we should not have to wait five more years to show our true colors.

Many of our families, friends, co-workers and neighbors think that we already have protection. We need to educate them all, each other and let them know that Hate is not a Nebraska value! I lived in Omaha most of my life. Since coming out in the mid 80's I proudly volunteer and promote social justice. I can say with a clear conscious that I have not seen this GLBT commu-



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nity ever fully disturbed about something, so passionate about something, on fire to the point that EVERY SINGLE gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and allies wakes up, stands up, shouts loud, long and proud...

I have never seen the sleeping giant woke. I have never seen our community stand together, putting most all of our eggs in one basket and move forward making change, not being held hostage by lies, deception and hate from those who live here and those whom they bring in.

There is a color in the rainbow flag that probably resonates with each person who is reading this. I hope you own that color. I hope you show that color. I hope that we don't wait another 5 years to help make Omaha, to help make Nebraska a place to live for all regardless of what color they choose.

What say you Nebraska? Are you ok living as a 2nd class citizen or are you ready to demand what is right? It is time to show are True Colors?

Cicilline Becomes Fourth Gay Rep

By Kerry Eleveld

David Cicilline will become the fourth openly gay member of the House of Representatives, joining Tammy Baldwin, Barney Frank, and Jared Polis in the 112th congressional session.



The 49-year-old mayor of Providence, R.I., survived a last-minute attack on his sexual orientation in the form of a flier reading, "Alert!!! Before you vote for U.S. Congress, you should know that ... John Loughlin is a husband and father and believes in traditional family values. ... Cicilline is an openly gay man who supports same sex marriage."

Chuck Wolfe, president and CEO of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, welcomed the news.

"Mayor Cicilline will be a strong advocate for all Rhode Islanders, but he will also be an authentic voice for the millions of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans who long for the day when we will be treated equally under law," said Wolfe. "We are enormously proud of him and grateful to Rhode Island voters."

Cicilline won the Democratic nomination in September after collecting 37% of the vote to edge out two opponents. At the time, political observers assumed that winning the Democratic primary in a true blue state like Rhode Island would make his ascension to Congress a lock. But in recent weeks analysts began to worry that a red wave could potentially overtake even solid Democratic candidates.

No Legal Marijuana in California

By Advocate.com Editors

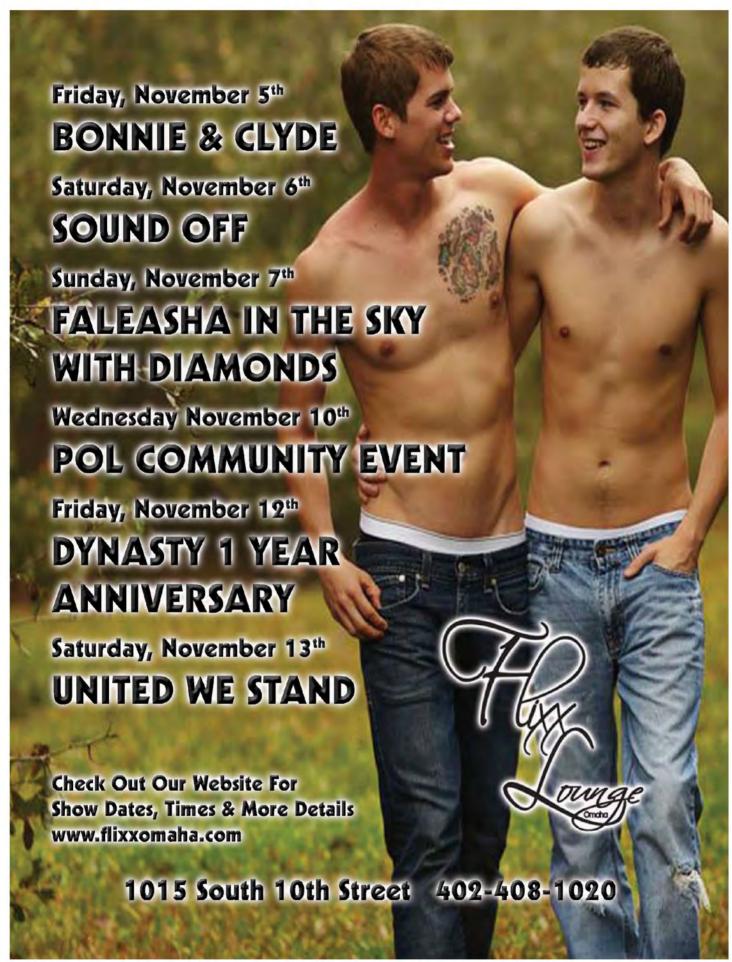
California voters look to have rejected Prop. 19, an effort to legalize marijuana and allow local governments to tax the sale of the drug.

Few issues have received as much attention around the state, though relatively little money was spent on the campaign. The measure was opposed by law enforcement groups and elected officials from both political parties.



If Prop. 19 has been passed in California, U.S. Atty. Gen. Eric

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Holder said the Obama administration would "vigorously enforce" federal drug laws against Californians who grow or sell marijuana for recreational use.

Gay Mayor for Lexington Kentucky

By Andrew Harmon

As Kentucky voters ushered in a major senate victory for the Tea Party on Tuesday night, the state's second-largest city also elected its first openly gay mayor.

In a heated race, Lexington vice mayor Jim Gray declared victory over incumbent mayor Jim Newberry with a 6 -point margin, first reported by the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Although Gray's sexual orientation was reportedly a hotbutton issue on local talk radio shows in recent days, the mayor-elect told The Advocate that boilerplate economic concerns were the



overriding focus in the election.

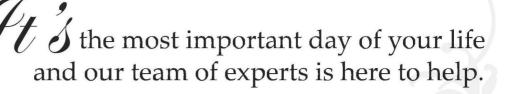
"This campaign was about pocketbook issues. Sexual orientation was not on the radar," said Gray, CEO of a family construction company headquartered in Lexington for 28 years.

Of his mayoral election, Gray added that he hoped his election "will illustrate that this is a city that is welcoming to everyone."

In the Kentucky senate race, Rand Paul declared victory early in the evening over Democratic challenger Jack Conway. Paul has previously asserted that "don't ask, don't tell" has "worked relatively well" and suggested that the 1964 Civil Rights Act was overly broad and should not apply to private businesses.

Gray declined to comment on Paul's stance on LGBT issues, saying that, "As the mayor of Lexington, I will work closely with the senator to do what's best for the state."

Gray received support from the Victory Fund, whose president and CEO, Chuck Wolfe, called the election "a tremendous victory for Lexington, for Kentucky's LGBT community, and for fairness."



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Gays Reassess After GOP Gains

As Republicans reclaimed the House and gained seats in the Senate, LGBT advocates radically reconsidered what advances might be possible for equality in the next Congress.

By Kerry Eleveld

Democrats and progressive LGBT advocates were in for a long night Tuesday when news organizations began predicting around 9 p.m. Eastern that Republicans would take control of the House.

The wave of red, fueled by independents who gave President Barack Obama only a 32% approval rating, according to an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll on the eve of the election, meant the formula for equality gains would change considerably over the course of the next two years.

"This is going to be a real test of the leadership of the gay community," said Christopher Barron, chairman of the Board of GOProud, a conservative gay group. "This will be a test of whether partisanship will come first or if there will be a recognition that the leadership is actually interested in delivering for their constituency."

Advocates on both sides of the aisle almost uniformly agreed that the large agenda items such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, Defense of Marriage Act repeal, and passing domestic partner benefits for government employees would be nonstarters in the 112th Congress. But most also agreed that "don't ask, don't tell" repeal might still garner bipartisan sup-

port.

Barron said new opportunities to work with the Republican majority in the House would not be "sexy" but might be promising nonetheless, as he ticked through a list that included reworking Social Security, encouraging health insurance competition, and altering the tax code.

As Republicans revisit taxes and the federal deficit, Barron saw an opportunity for LGBT activists to push for optional personal savings accounts that move toward privatizing Social Security. From his perspective, this would help level the playing field for LGBT Americans, who are currently locked into a Social Security system that does not allow them to pass their survivor benefits along to their partners.

"You'd be able to take a portion of your Social Security tax dollars and put it into a personal savings account that you could leave to your partner or really anyone that you wanted to — something you're barred from doing today," Barron said.

He also said that LGBT groups could support opening up competition among insurers across state lines so that, no matter where you live in the country, people could purchase plans from insurance companies that provide domestic-partner coverage.

R. Clarke Cooper, executive director of the Log Cabin Republicans, said he could see a stand-alone tax equity bill that would equalize tax treatment for same-sex couples drawing support from GOP members who have not traditionally supported

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GETTING ALONG WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

No matter how wonderful your life is, it's impossible to avoid difficult people. These unpleasant folks may be your neighbors, coworkers, family, clients, boss or even your partner. Regardless of who they are, how are you going to get along with them? You can't just blow

them off and run away (they have a way of finding you). You need to find ways to make peace with them, no matter how stupid, obnoxious or unpleasant they are. Here are some ways to start:

Know Yourself: Take some time and figure out what kind of people drive you "crazy", e.g., who in your life can really push your buttons? These pain-in-the-ass people (I call them "PITAs") are your triggers. When you notice one of your PITAs is triggering you, what can you do? How can you avoid being a "victim" of someone else's lousy unhappiness?

Watch Your Body: Most of us feel stress/tension/worry when we're around our PITAs. Notice what happens to your body when you're around them. Where does the stress and tension show up? Imagine that you're talking with your least favorite person in the world: notice what's going on in your body. Where do you feel physical sensations? Many of us, when we're around difficult people, feel our shoulders and necks get rigid. Often we "stuff" our anger/frustration in our stomach. Some of us lock our jaws or tighten up our eyes. We all have our own ways of how our bodies react to the PITAs in our life. We can use this to change how we habitually respond to them.

PITAs at Work: Our private lives are usually easier to control, but what about our work life? At work, we're often stuck dealing with difficult people, whether they're customers, coworkers or supervisors. While you're at work, what can you do to help yourself handle your PITAs more easily?

Get some physical exercise before you come to work, during breaks or at lunch. Hit the gym on the way to work, take a walk around the building during a break or go for a brisk stroll at lunch.

After a challenging day at work, when you get home, do something fun and/or relaxing, e.g., play with your pets or your kids, do a little yoga, meditation, prayer, hang out in nature, listen to music you like, enjoy some gardening or reading.

While at work, limit your caffeine and sugar intake and you'll have fewer emotional ups and downs. When not at work, limit alcohol: it messes up deep sleep patterns so that - the next day - your PITAs can easily irritate you.

At lunchtime, notice what foods make you sleepy or groggy and which ones leave you alert and energized when you're back at your desk. Before you leave for work, eat something for breakfast. It's not good to go to work on an empty stomach: you're more likely to be moody and let a difficult person get to you. All day long: drink lots of water: it gets electrolytes to your brain and helps you think more clearly: a good skill to have when dealing with your PITAs.

Watch your Self-Talk: What do you tell yourself when someone obnoxious starts to piss you off? Imagine a situation where you've been insulted by a difficult client. Got it? Now try these 3 steps to change your self-talk:

Notice what you're thinking ("All my clients are morons".)

Stop thinking that thought (think "Delete" or "Erase")

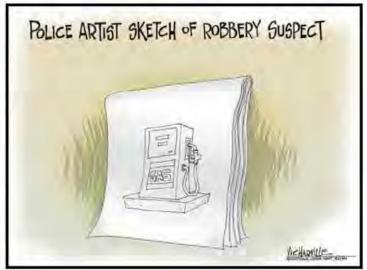
 Substitute another thought in the same vein that is positive or at least neutral ("I can handle a few difficult clients". Or "Most of my clients are good people. This too will pass.")

Your Ideal Relaxation Place (IRP): Here's a secret weapon in the war against the PITAs: Close your eyes and visualize the most peaceful place you've ever been. What it was like? Really experience it with all your senses; feel as if you're really there. This place – your Ideal Relaxation Place (IRP) – is your secret weapon against difficult people. Your IRP is always there when you need it, because it's all in your mind. You can go there any time you need to escape from those evil PITAs. If you have 10 seconds, you can go there quickly. If you have 20-30 seconds, even better.

Problems with sleeping: If you don't sleep well, you're more vulnerable to people pushing your buttons. Here are some suggestions for getting a good night's sleep: Avoid intense exercise or eating within 3 hours of sleep time. Don't watch the news or read newspapers at this time either: you don't want to take those "death, doom & disaster" thoughts to sleep with you. If you're physically tense, a hot bath with Epson salts helps your muscles relax.

Take good care of yourself: We really do have a choice in how we respond to difficult people; we're not helpless little victims. Knowing yourself and taking good care of yourself minimizes how much your PITAs will be able to push your buttons and piss you off. By watching how your body reacts to difficult people and being aware of the food and drink you put in it, you'll have more control over what you used to think were "automatic" or "gut" reactions to all those annoying people in your life. Try the IRP visualization when someone annoys you and do your best to minimize negative self-talk.

Aim for improvement, not perfection: No one's perfect: we all lose it now and then. Don't beat yourself up if you get irritated at one of your PITAs. Instead, forgive yourself, apologize (if necessary) and get back on track. Eventually, fewer and fewer people will be able to drive you "crazy" and those pain-in-the-ass people will start to leave you alone because they'll no longer get a reaction out of you. They'll start to bother other people instead, and you'll no longer feel like a "victim" of anyone else's lousy mood/day/life. Some people call this "happiness". Check it out.





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"We've had initial positive feedback from a number of Republican members of Congress who have never had their name associated with anything that could be seen as an equality measure," Cooper said.

Cooper added that he believed "don't ask, don't tell" repeal could get new life once the pressure of election is over and the Pentagon's working group study is released in early December.

"A number of Republican senators have said that they wanted to have the review process completed before being openly supportive of repeal," he said, "It would look really horrible to have all those things lined up and to miss the opportunity to be on the right side of history." But overall, because the election centered around jobs and economy, Denis Dison of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund anticipated that many LGBT Americans would be in for a surprise.

"I think a lot of people will wake up on Wednesday morning and say, 'Oh, my God, we're going to be in the desert for a little while," said Dison, director of communications.

Dison said it was tactically brilliant for the Tea Party movement and Republicans to steer clear of social-issue discussions such as gay rights and abortion because many of their candidates trend so far to the right of the nation as a whole.

"I think there will be a rude awakening at some point," Dison said. "I understand that people are so fed up with unemployment and joblessness, but a lot of candidates will have been

elected that do not reflect mainstream American values when it come to LGBT equality."

Progressive groups said they would turn their attention from legislation to initiatives that can be achieved at the federal agency level.

"Federal policy changes will be one of the few ways that we can exact change for LGBT people at federal level," said Fred Sainz, director of communications for the Human Rights Campaign. Sainz said that could include "close to 100 different policy changes" that are "completely the purview of the president," most of which don't require an executive order.

In health care, for instance, as the Department of Health and Human Services implements regulations for the newly passed Affordable Care Act, Sainz said HRC will push for state health insurance exchanges to make coverage available to same-sex partners and their children; for the new health disparity and data collection efforts to include sexual orientation and gender identity; and for the benefits package offered by insurance plans to cover gender transition treatments.

Sainz added that he was concerned about having to combat some "insidious" antigay attacks from conservatives.

"The new form of homophobia may not be as blatant at the Federal Marriage Amendment," he said of the 2004 and 2006 efforts to amend the U.S. Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. "It will be more like McCain saying he's not opposed to 'don't ask, don't tell' but he wants hearings on the Pentagon study." Richard Socarides, who was working in the Clinton White House during the 1994 election when Democrats took a big hit in the midterms, said he didn't see the night so much in ideo-



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logical terms.

"I think people too often make the mistake of looking to previous administrations for lessons in how to deal with present-day problems," he said, adding that the '94 comparison wasn't particularly instructive to him.

"The voters sent several messages tonight, but one is clearly that they are tired of the highly politicized partisan battles that go on nonstop in Washington," he said. "The important thing for Obama to do now is to say, 'I got the message loud and clear, and I'm ready to work with others in governing."

Socarides said the Democrats' "big strategic mistake" on

LGBT issues was failing to push through DADT repeal and maybe even ENDA in 2009 while they were taking an entire year to shepherd health care reform.

But from a broader perspective, he added that White House insiders had been too insular, even with people in their own party.

"If you were not part of the Chicago group and there from the beginning, they weren't really interested in your ideas; it didn't matter what party you were from," he said.

But he said the LGBT movement also had some takeaways from the last two years.

"We have to press our enemies and press our friends harder," he said, "and also we all need to work together. This snarky infighting that goes on amongst our side just does not do us any good."



New Yorkers Hail Cuomo Win

By Julie Bolcer

While LGBT New Yorkers anxiously awaited state senate election results, leaders and activists celebrated the gubernatorial win of Andrew Cuomo, who called his victory a repudiation of divisive politics.

"They thought that they could take our diversity and make it a weakness, but they can't," said Cuomo in his victory speech to Democrats gathered in Midtown Manhattan. As he often did throughout the campaign, he did not mention his chief opponent, Republican Carl Paladino, by name.

"Yes, we are gay and we are straight," he continued. "But we are one state because we are New York."

Cuomo, the projected winner over Republican Carl Paladino, has pledged to make marriage equality a pillar of his reform-minded program for New York. Last week, his running mate, lieutenant governor candidate Robert Duffy, said that a Cuomo administration would approach the bill without hesitation.

The marriage equality bill failed by a 38-24 margin in the state senate last year. As 11 p.m. approached on Tuesday, it remained unclear whether Democrats would be able to maintain and expand their slim 32-30 majority in the chamber, generally considered to be the best scenario for the future of the marriage equality bill in 2011. However, last month Republican leader Dean Skelos said he would recommend that the bill be brought to the floor for an up or down vote should his party win back the majority they held for four decades until 2008.

At the state Democratic Party's election night celebration at the Sheratron New York Hotel and Towers in Midtown Manhattan, where rainbow flags were interspersed with Cuomo-Duffy campaign signs in the ballroom, gay leaders and activists responded with enthusiasm to the news of the Cuomo win.

"It's really exciting," said New York city council speaker Christine Quinn. "To have a governor who not just supports marriage equality but says he is going to sign a marriage equality bill sends a message to the legislators that they need to get the job done and get it done soon."

The Cuomo victory encompassed all sections of the state except for the

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

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 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 9am and 11am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

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

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm. Maplewood Lanes, starting again after Labor Day

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

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 Anonymous, 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 aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at isandeen@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

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm, at DC's Sa-

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W. Faidley, 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 4:00pm, Thursday and Friday Walk-In from 5pm to 9pm, & at the Respect Clinic walk-in from 5:30pm to 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS Club Passion Party

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

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

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE, playing Softball every Thursday 6-10pm, at Churchich park (50th and C). Games will be played through August 12th

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 information call 402-384-8014

DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT at Connections Bar, theme nights and shows

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

Every Saturday

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

DIXIE AFTER DARK, Enjoy Breakfast at Dixie Quicks Restaurant, 12AM to 4AM, every Saturday night, 1915 Leavenworth St., Proceeds benefit local GLBT organizations

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

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

Every Other Friday

CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at

Broadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB) starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Wednesday

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: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-

TION, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.us for meeting schedules etc.

RIVER CITY GENDER LLIANCE, at 7:00 pm . See www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

2nd Thursday

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

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

TOP TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 6 to 9pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,

NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to

jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A,

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

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

LEO - LÉATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA. Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

AN ATHEIST IN THE WOODS

An atheist was walking through the woods.

'What majestic trees!' 'What powerful rivers!' 'What beautiful animals!' He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him.

He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder & saw that the bear was closing in on him.

He looked over his shoulder again, & the bear was even closer.

He tripped & fell on the ground.

He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw & raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant moment, the Atheist cried out: 'Oh my God!'

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.....

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky.

You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident.' 'Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?' 'Am I to count you as a believer?'

The atheist looked directly into the light, and said: 'It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?

'Very well', said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head & spoke:

'Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen.'

Repairs

An Amish woman was pulled over by a cop. "Ma'am," said the cop, "I'm not going to ticket you, but I do have to issue you a warning. You have a broken reflector on your buggy."

"Oh, I'll let my husband, Jacob, know as soon as I get home," responded the Amish lady.

"That's fine. Another thing, ma'am. I don't like the way that one rein loops across the horse's back and around one of his testicles. I consider that animal abuse. Have your husband take care of that right away!", instructed the cop.

Later that day, the lady is at home telling her husband about her encounter with the cop.

"Well, dear, what exactly did he say?" asked Jacob.

"He said the reflector is broken," replied the

"I can fix that in two minutes. What else?", wondered Jacob.

"I'm not sure, Jacob... something about the emergency brake ... "

No bears, God, little old ladies or their husbands, cops nor horses were harmed by these jokes. A buggy got it's reflector fixed, the cop went home to a nice dinner with his family and the bear.... Well, he ate well that day too.

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcsoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/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 Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstuuomaha.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

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.us 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 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, www.icon.impcourt.org

Inclusive Life Čare & Service Group 105 S. 49th Street Omaha 68132 Spiritual-Interfaith-Secular Care & Service for all Individuals, Couples and Families www.inclusivelife.org 402-516-8475

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 70m

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 GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

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., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

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 Web Page 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: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 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.pflagomaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org, meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

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

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT 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

TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

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 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

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

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

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

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:// pflag.ineb.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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.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 Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

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

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

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway Council Bluffs IA Connections, 1901 Leavenworth 933-3033 DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street 344-3103 Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth 346-3549 Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 408-1020 The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 346-4110 Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 342-7343 Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 552-9260 Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703 Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center. 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 341-0330

Lincoln:

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

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

(New Yorkers Hail Cuomo Win, Continued from page 13)

rural upstate, which Paladino, a businessman from Buffalo, won. Activists greeted the Cuomo win as repudiation of the Republican's highly publicized antigay remarks last month to ultra-Orthodox Jewish leaders in Brooklyn.

"New Yorkers and particularly LGBT New Yorkers made a resounding statement that we reject the hate that has been spewed throughout this election," said Jeffrey Campagna, the founder of The Power.

Meanwhile, strategists looked ahead to results in the senate races, with confidence enhanced by the Cuomo win.

Brian Ellner, the senior strategist for the HRC Campaign for New York Marriage, welcomed Cuomo as "a strong pro-equality governor-elect who pledged to deliver marriage equality."

SNAP! Productions Presents Valley Of The Dolls

Valley Of The Dolls, the nation's most startling and hotly discussed 1960's best-seller, is now on stage at SNAP! Productions with every shock and sensation intact.

Valley of the Dolls was an instant success when it was first published in 1966. Since then it has sold more than 30 million copies. It went from best selling book to a cinematic blockbuster and now... a comedic parody of cult proportions. Yes, SNAP! Productions brings Jacqueline Susann's Valley of the Dolls to the stage with all the sexcapades, tantrums, defeats, triumphs, wig flushing and pill popping you remember from the original.

The story spans a 20-year period of three young hopefuls - naive New Englander Anne Welles, aspiring singer/actress Neely O'Hara, and buxom beauty Jennifer North - who meet and become friends while they try mightily to conquer Broadway and Hollywood. As friends - and enemies - they learn the hard way that fame, fortune, beauty and stardom don't always equal happiness. Neither do massive amounts of prescription drugs.

Buy your tickets now for this trashy 60's pill poppin' parody. Valley Of The Dolls will run from November 12 – December 12, 2010 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, December 12th show will start at 2:00 pm. There will be no performance on Thanksgiving. Saturday, December 13th will be a Private Party. There will be a TNO/ Preview performance on Thursday, November 11, 2010. There will also be a special signed performance for the hearing impaired on November 21, 2010.

The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made on the SNAP! Productions' website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$20.00 per person for all performances. Special Thursday Night Pricing does not apply for this production. Any questions about tickets call 402-341-2757.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

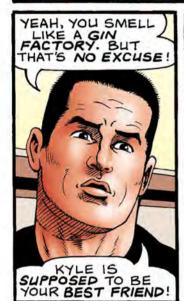
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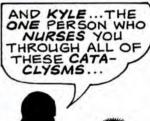
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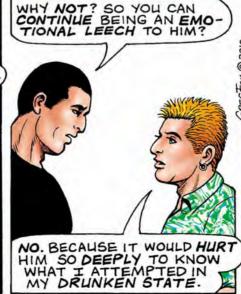














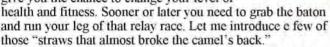
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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake

There are moments in your life that can serve as great catalysts for action. They can but they often don't. Life is all too eager to give you the chance to change your level of



You walked into the office holiday party and began chewing the fat with all your favorite colleagues. You grabbed a plate of food and found a seat with all your friends at one of the tables in the ballroom. It was the perfect setting for a great time. Then it happened; your chair cracked and you tumbled to the floor. Everyone was staring at you. Your friends helped you to your feet. The damage was done. You were mortified and you knew that everyone was keenly aware that you were 100 pounds overweight. That chair wouldn't have crumbled had you been a respectable weight. You swore you would begin a fitness program the next day and lose all that excess baggage. It should have been that last straw, but it wasn't.

You were enjoying beers with all the classmates from the class of 1990. It's was a long time since the ole gang got together to wax nostalgic. A game of basketball became the focal piece of the afternoon at the park on that summer Saturday in June. Ten minutes into the game you were feeling winded and dizzy. You requested a break and there were no objections to a timeout for a few pulls off of those cans of Bud Light. However, you were finished for the day. Your buddies continued to play while you watched from the lawn chair. You fully intended to quit smoking after that weekend. It should have been the last straw, but it wasn't.

It was the grand opening of the new boutique hotel in downtown. It was the big kickoff party to the summer too. The boys spent plenty of time and money finding the perfect swimsuits for the new season of water sports. It proved to be a wild time. It looked like a cover shoot for Model Magazine. You didn't dare to even take off your shirt that day. You informed the boys of some lame excuse so you weren't chastised too badly for keeping your body covered that day. You were simply too embarrassed to show off your physique that lacked any tone. You even made an appointment for the following week with a fitness counselor to discuss a program. You never made that appointment. It should have been the last straw, but it wasn't. Over and over this scenario repeats itself in towns and hamlets across this great land. These moments are all too willing to serve as stepping stones to improvements in our health and fitness. Howard Beale came upon his straw that broke the camel's back in the mid 1970s. It's your turn to exclaim "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who votes nay to any more political ads. That guy is Ron Blake and he approves this article. You can cast you vote for Ron at rblake5551@hotmail.com.



ICON Food for Thought Benefit Show

The leaves are changing and the holidays are approaching quicker than ever. It is once again time for the Imperial Court of Nebraska to host it's annual Food 4 Thought show to benefit the clients of Nebraska Aids Project.

We cordially invite you to join us in beautiful downtown Omaha for this joyous gathering of friends and family Sunday, November 14th, 2010 at The MAX. The show will begin at 9:00 pm. A bake sale will start at Happy Hour (4 pm) and continue throughout the night. We also will have raffles and auctions throughout the evening.

If you are unable to join us for the evening, we neourage donations through our website, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org, under the events tab.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you Holiday Cheer, Emperor XXX Of All Nebraska Chippy and Empress XXX Of All Nebraska Wendy Dey



Omaha, NE 68114

NOVEMBER @ THE MAX

FRIDAY NOV 5TH - 7pm

MEN'S NIGHT AMATEUR STRIP CONTEST \$1000 CASH PRIZE

SUNDAY NOV 1TH - 10pm

The Roast of Anna Roxia

SUNDAY NOV 14TH - 9pm

ICON's Annual Food4Thought

SUNDAY NOV 21ST - 9pm

Best of Gay Omaha Show & Awards
Presented by Lana Caine

SUNDAY NOV 28TH - 9pm

Miss Merry Christmas Pageant



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