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Inside the Gay Married Man's Mind

With nationwide angst still roiling over gay marriage and the continuing bashing of gay people by conservatives, is it any surprise that so-called "Brokeback" marriages are alive and well?

The demand for support groups and sexual outlets for gay, married men is burgeoning— just check out the plethora of internet chat rooms and support groups—and recent studies reinforce the fact that many, many gay men are or have been married to women.

A recent New York Times story reports that Gary J. Gates, a demographer at the Williams Institute, a research group that studies gay issues at U.C.L.A., found that the percentage of gay men who had ever been married could be as high as 38 percent—or as low as 9 percent—depending on whether respondents were asked their sexual orientation, whom they had sex with or whom they found attractive.

The Times also reported that of the 27 million American men currently married, 1.6 percent, or 436,000, identify themselves as gay or bisexual. Of the 75 million men who have ever been married, 1.8 percent, or 1.3 million, identify themselves that way. But, in both cases, when the men are asked if they have ever had sex with men, not what they consider their sexual orientation, the number of men who have ever been married doubles.

Clearly, a lot of gay men ultimately decide to embark on "traditional" marriage. But what exactly makes such men abandon the safe haven of heterosexual marriage and the status quo and come out for good?

For some, merely seeing or hearing other people's stories can be the impetus for change. One such person is Ted (to protect his privacy, he asked that his real name not be used), a 40-something gay man from New York City who had been married for more than 20 years. One night, while alone in a hotel on a business trip, he saw a documentary about a gay family that changed his life.

"It really inspired me," says Ted, who's now separated from his wife and slowly starting to explore life as a single gay man. "I

just realized that my marriage wasn't fair, not to me, my kids or my wife. I just wanted to finally be honest, and not face the same lies day after day."

The extensive Times feature said that though many gay married men consider themselves to be devoted husbands and conscientious fathers, what typically brings them to the point of crisis in their 40's, 50's and even 60's is their first emotional connection with another man.

Clinical psychologist Glen Heiss of New York City says social shifts are finally allowing such men to make more than random sexual connections.

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Night of Heroes

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Night of Heroes is a benefit for the Youth Program of the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth (PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108), 402-341-0330 glbcenter@rainbowoutreach.org. Donations are tax-deductible. The 2007 Night of Heroes is hosted by Mr. DC's Saloon, Jan Holloway.

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“Some of these guys never dreamed that a committed relationship with another man could ever really exist, so they just did what they were ‘told’ to do,” he says. But Heiss says that weariness—as in Ted’s story—can eventually lead these men to change their lives.

“Some just get fatigued with the deceptive and unsatisfying nature of such an arrangement,” says Heiss. “As we age, we tend to see more clearly what really matters to us, and for most people, what really matters is feeling authentic, honest, integrated in the person that we show to the world.”

As loathe as many gay men are to get older, a feeling of confidence tends to mature along with our bodies, says Heiss. “In some of these cases, then, people may choose to risk the disapproval of others that they couldn’t risk facing when they were younger.”

Some men, however, simply choose another option: Stay married, enjoy the comfort of wife and family, and have sex with men on the side, a route taken by many. Cole Porter did it in the 1930s and so did New Jersey’s former governor for many years until he left his wife—and his office—in 2004. McGreevey has spent the last year writing an upcoming memoir, “The Confession,” and recently, with his new partner, Mark O’Donnell, 42, moved into a Georgian mansion in Plainfield, N.J.

But Heiss warns that this option comes with a price—the loss, to use the words of self-help gurus like Dr. Phil—of your au-

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Mr. Iowa Leather Contest 2007

It is with great excitement that Bob "Mongo" Eikleberry (owner) and Bryan "Stinky" Smith (manager) of The Blazing Saddle in Des Moines, Iowa announce the Mr. Iowa Leather Contest scheduled for the weekend of February 9th & 10th, 2007. This year's theme will be Filthy Leather Love... Only in Iowa!

For the first time in the 15 years that The Saddle has been producing the contest will the current reigning International Mr. Leather titleholder be present as the head judge. Bo Ladashevskia, IML '06, from Montreal Canada comments, "I am so excited to be coming to Des Moines as I have tried my best to make stops at cities where an IML has never been and I've never been to Des Moines either."

Also lined up for the judging panel is: David Katzenberg of Chicago, IL, Executive Committee Member & Volunteer Coordinator for the IML '07 contest, and the incoming Vice President of the Chicago Hellfire Club; Mike Clayton of Des Moines, IA, Mr. Iowa Leather 2006; Pastor Peg of the MCC Church of Des Moines, IA; and John Hostetter of Des Moines, IA.

For the third year in a row, Phil Nickerson, Northern California Leatherboy 04, will be Master of Ceremonies. "I am delighted that such a distinguished panel of judges are on the docket for this year's contest. Mongo, Stinky, and I have worked hard to plan for a great weekend for our special guest judges, the contestants, and the audience!" said Phil Nickerson, "The Leathermen of Iowa are in for a real treat!"

The weekend kicks off Friday evening at 8PM with a Meet and Greet social hour for judges, contestants, and anyone else who would like to take part. Following the Meet & Greet will be a The Greasy Jockstrap

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Contest & Fundraiser. This will be a take off of the infamous Greasy Jockstrap party held at The Powerhouse Bar in San Francisco each year produced by Tom Brad-dock, using motor oil, Vaseline, and Crisco to determine the best kind of lubricant. This contest will be open to all those NOT participating as a contestant in the Mr. Iowa Leather Contest. Prizes and raffles will be passed out!

Saturday kicks off the competition, in which the winner of the Mr. Iowa Leather 2007 contest will be sponsored by The Blazing Saddle to compete at the International Mr. Leather 2007 contest in Chicago, IL over Memorial Day Weekend. Contestants will be judged in the following categories: Interview, Formal/Uniform Leather, Speech, and last but not least, the jockstrap category. At the stroke of midnight, the winner will be announced!

The Cornhousers Leather & Levi Club of Des Moines, Iowa will host the beverage benefit (beer-bust) the following Sunday afternoon at 2PM at The Saddle.

All fundraising proceeds from the weekend will equally benefit the All Iowa AIDS

Benefit (which benefits all AIDS Service Organizations across the state of Iowa) and the Leather Archives and Museum of Chicago, IL.

The Holiday Inn Downtown Des Moines will be the host hotel. For additional information and/or contestant information go to www.theblazingsaddle.com or email blazsaddle@aol.com.

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thentic self. "The more we are cut off from who we really are, the less able we are to really be who we are and to share that self with others," says Heiss. "There are definite challenges that come with pursuing real intimacy, but that closeness offers a wide variety of benefits as well.

"Ultimately, it all comes down to the conflict between integration and fragmentation, between being known and loved for who you really are versus being known and loved as an image of someone you are not."

Nebraska Pride 2007 Meeting Dates

Rainbow Celebrations Pride Committee planning dates for the rest of the month are 1/13 and 1/27. Meetings are held at RC offices 1105 Howard St. 7:00 PM.

RC has two openings for PR Chairman and Special Events Chairman. If you feel you can help us please contact Nate Tedrow RC President for details of the positions at nate@rainbowcelebrations.org.

Nebraska pride 2007 kick off party is scheduled for Saturday February 3rd location and time to be announced.

If you would like to be apart of Nebraska Pride 2007 Please contact us or attend our next meeting.

Nate Tedrow
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866-NE-PRIDE (402.212.6302 Omaha)

Nebraska Pride Kick Off Party

Come join Rainbow Celebrations and your Nebraska Pride Committee at the Nebraska Pride Kick Off Party Febuary 3 2007 at The Max Cocktails & hors d oeuvres at 5:30 P.M. Show and program start at 6:30 P.M. We will be announcing the Theme and Logo as well as Grand Marshall Nominations. Voting for Grand Marshall voting will start then. Please come join for a night of fun and entertainment.

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Senior 50+ Group Meeting

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A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next get together is on Saturday, **January 20th**, from 7 until 10PM.

If you're 50 or older, or like to socialize with your older peers, share your experiences and viewpoints, then this group is for you. Not into the bar scene? Then stop in for a visit, enjoy some great conversation, and make some new friends. The event is free and open to everyone.

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My Freedom Linked to Others -- Including Gays

By Leonard Pitts Jr.
MiamiHerald.com



This is for a reader who demands to know why I write about gay issues. His conclusion is that I must secretly be gay myself.

Actually, he doesn't express himself quite that civilly. To the contrary, his e-mails -- which, until recently, were arriving at the rate of about one a week -- evince a juvenility that would embarrass a reasonably intelligent fifth grader. The most recent one, for example, carried a salutation reading, "Hi Mrs. Pitts."

We're talking about the kind of thing for which delete buttons were invented. So you may wonder why I bring it to your attention, especially since acknowledging a person like this only encourages him. It's simple, actually: He raises an interesting question that deserves an answer.

PROBABLY A GUY

If from that you conclude (or fear) you're about to read a stirring defense of my manly male masculinity, no. The guy is free to believe what he wishes; I really don't care. And here, let me digress to confess that, though I refer to him using masculine pronouns, I actually don't know if he's a he because his notes have been anonymous. Still, I assume it's a guy because the level of sexual insecurity the e-mails suggest strikes me as -- boy, am I going to get in trouble for this -- rather guy-specific.

Anyway, to get back to the point, I'm not here to argue sexuality. I just find myself intrigued by the idea that if you're not gay, you shouldn't care about gay rights.

The most concise answer I can give is cribbed from what a white kid said some 40 or so years ago, as white college students were risking their lives to travel south and register black people to vote. Somebody asked why. He said he acted from an understanding that his freedom was bound up with the freedom of every other man.

I know it sounds cornier than Kellogg's, but that's pretty much how I feel.

GAYS KNOW ABOUT BIAS

I know also that some folks are touchy about anything seeming to equate the black civil rights movement with the gay one. And no, gay people were not kidnapped from Gay Land and sold into slavery, nor lynched by the thousands. On the other hand, they do know something about housing discrimination, they do know job discrimination, they do know murder for the sin of existence, they do know the denial of civil rights and they do know what it is like to be used as scapegoat and boogeyman by demagogues and political opportunists.

They know enough of what I know that I can't ignore it. See, I have yet to learn how to segregate my moral concerns. It seems to me if I abhor intolerance, discrimination and hatred when they affect people who look like me, I must also abhor them when they affect people who do not. For that matter, I must abhor them even when they benefit me. Otherwise, what I claim as moral authority is really just self-interest in disguise.

Among the things we seem to have lost in the years since that white kid made his stand is the ability, the imagination, the willingness, to put ourselves into the skin of those who are not like us. I find it telling that Vice President Dick Cheney hews to the hard conservative line on virtually every social issue, except gay marriage. It is, of course, no coincidence that Cheney has a daughter who is a lesbian. Which tells me his position is based not on principle but, rather, on loving his daughter.

RULE NO. 1

It is a fine thing to love your daughter. I would argue, however, that it is also a fine thing and in some ways, a finer thing, to love your neighbor's daughter, no matter her sexual orientation, religion, race, creed or economic status -- and to want her freedom as eagerly as you want your own.

I believe in moral coherence. And Rule No. 1 is, you cannot assert your own humanity, then turn right around and deny someone else's.

If that makes me gay, fine. As my anonymous correspondent ably demonstrates, there are worse things to be.

Second Parent Adoption Bill

I've got exciting news I hope to get out to Omaha PFLAG members. We've prepared a second-parent adoption bill that would allow people to adopt children, regardless of their marital status. This fixes the statutory hole that the Nebraska Supreme Court held in the case "In Re Luke" meant that same sex parents couldn't adopt each other's children because only married couples could jointly adopt.

At present time, we have one senator, Lowen Kruse of Omaha, who is willing to sponsor the bill. We'd like to see other senators sign onto the bill as well to give it additional precedence, but so far no other senators are willing to do that. If every member of PFLAG would contact their senator and tell them they want to see support for the bill (which is NOT yet introduced as we hope for another sponsor or two), that would be immensely helpful. Time is currently of the essence: the bill will be introduced next week, so the request to senators should be something like this:

"I understand Senator Kruse is introducing a bill to allow two people to jointly adopt children, regardless of the parents' marital status. As your constituent, I strongly encourage you to sign on as a co-sponsor of this bill because it's very important to allow all children to have the protection of two legal parents. If you are not able to sign on as a co-sponsor, I still wish to know if you will support the bill as it advances."

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Members of PFLAG can locate their senators' phone number or email address at www.nebraskalegislature.gov

Even if no other senators sign on as co-sponsors, we at least have Senator Kruse's commitment to bring it forward, and that means a public hearing will be scheduled for public testimony. That would be another point at which we'd hope Real Families would either attend the hearing or send letters to describe how important it is to have two legal parents.

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UK's Wedded Gay Priests Gripe Anglicans

More than 50 gay and lesbian priests from the Church of England have been "married" under the Civil Partnership Act, causing the church's conservatives to vocally oppose their actions, the Times of London reported Sunday.

Traditionalists and evangelicals have said that they will force an open debate on homosexuality at next month's General Synod.

A pro-gay organization within the Church of England reported

that at least 51 priests are now in legally recognized same-sex partnerships. The director of the group, Colin Coward, told the Times that "civil partnerships have helped to increase the stability of same-sex relationships and reduced the social exclusion to which lesbian and gay people are often subjected."

The Church of England's stance on the issue has been muddled by the Church of England Council of Bishops. In 2005, it was agreed that clergy could enter civil partnerships as long as they informed their supervising bishops that they would refrain from romping on their partner.

This decision, as well as the lack of strictness in the implementation of the rule, has led to criticism. Quite how the "no sex" rule could be implemented is unclear.

Dr. Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is also likely to face criticism from primates of the Anglican Communion at a meeting set to take place in Tanzania in February, according to the Times.

The summit was called to mend splits caused by the elevation of the Rev. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, who became the first openly gay bishop in the Anglican Communion in 2003. (Advocate and Stewart Who?, Gay.com U.K.)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FRIDAY JANUARY 26TH
VERONICA TORRACA SINGS.
7-9PM, at the Reading Grounds, 502-2008, www.readinggrounds.com, free

SUNDAY JANUARY 28TH
HELP A KID IN LOVE. Christopher Miller, 3PM, at the Reading Grounds, 502-2008, www.readinggrounds.com, free

TUESDAY JANUARY 30TH
2007 PRIDE COMMITTEE. 7PM, at the CFEP/RC Office, 1105 Howard St, Suite 2, everyone welcome to attend

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH
2007 PRIDE COMMITTEE. 7PM, at the CFEP/RC Office, 1105 Howard St, Suite 2, everyone welcome to attend

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THURSDAY MARCH 8TH
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Every Sunday

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Outreach GLBT Community Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Fellowship starts at 6PM, services begin at 6:30PM, Everyone Welcome!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

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

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Every Monday

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

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

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

Every Tuesday
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP. meeting at 7:30pm at The Reading Grounds, Rev. Wayne Moore is the facilitator

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.

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP. 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday
AA FOURTH DIMENSION. 7pm. Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

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UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA. 7pm

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Every Thursday
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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.

HIV TESTING 7-9 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th Results available in one week

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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Every Friday

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

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

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

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

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Every Saturday

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Friday

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

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

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE
No Current RCGA Information Available

1st Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

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

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE, 7PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit RainbowOutreach.org

2nd 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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING (glbt film shown at 7:00pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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

3rd Tuesday

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

3rd Thursday

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

3rd Friday

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA Not currently meeting.

LAST Wednesday of each month

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

LAST Sunday of each month

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(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)*

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

I'VE FACED A LOT OF SCARY STUFF AS AN EMT. BUT NONE OF THAT IS AS FRIGHTENING AS...
 ... MEETING UP IN PERSON WITH SOMEBODY FROM AN ONLINE PERSONAL AD.

GOOD THING I ORDERED DECAF. LORD KNOWS, I DON'T NEED CAFFEINE.

I PURPOSELY PICKED A STARBUCKS A FEW TOWNS AWAY... SO I DON'T RUN INTO ANYONE I KNOW

A LITTLE WEIRD THAT WE DIDN'T EXCHANGE PICS YET, BUT... HE SEEMED SHY ABOUT--

OH, NO. BRAD. WHAT THE HECK IS HE DOING HERE?

MATT?
 BRAD! WHAT A... SURPRISE! I WAS JUST...
 ... I'M HERE WAITING FOR A FRIEND FROM... WORK.

MIND IF I SIT WITH YOU 'TIL HE GETS HERE?
 UH...ACTUALLY, I'M...UM--
 IS THERE A PROBLEM?
 NO. OF COURSE NOT. HAVE A SEAT.

THIS IS KINDA' NUTS, BUT...
 ... I'M HERE TO MEET SOME GUY I MET ONLINE.
 YOU...?
 I KNOW. PRETTY STUPID, HUH?

IT JUST AIN'T EASY FOR ME TO MEET GUYS. I'M IN THE CLOSET ALMOST EVERYWHERE OUTSIDE THE B&B.

I FIGURED I'D GIVE THIS ONLINE THING A WHIRL.

MATT? YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY?
 HAHHA... NO, BRAD. IT'S JUST...
 ... BELIEVE IT OR NOT... I'M THE GUY YOU'RE HERE TO MEET!
 YOU ARE? BUT... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

THE GUY I'M MEETIN' IS A SOUTHERN GUY.
 RIGHT. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN ATLANTA.
 REALLY? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
 GUESS THERE'S A LOT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT EACH OTHER.

WELL...YOUR ONLINE PROFILE FILLED IN SOME BLANKS. "VERSATILE", HUH?
 OH, UH...YEAH.
 THAT'S COOL. I WISH I WAS. THAT'D HELP ME IN BASEBALL... TO BE ABLE TO HIT RIGHT-HANDED AND LEFT-HANDED.
 UM... THAT ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT "VERSATILE" MEANS, BRAD...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



There isn't anything like death that can make you think about the finer points of life. My path recently was detoured by the early passing of one of my former acolytes. His name is, was, and always will be Joe Trimmel. I was his cross country and track coach for two years back in the Hoosier state.

I began my recollections of happier days on the 1500 mile plane trip back to the Midwest last week. It was 1998 and I had just begun building a team of young men that pledged to run and run a lot. I assembled a gallimaufry of two Mormons, a prep, a turtle, a sports fan, a practical joker, a gear head, a jarhead, an all-star athlete, a music lover, and many others. Not exactly the Breakfast Club but it worked for northern Indiana. Then I entered into the equation this skinny, pubescent, bespectacled, transfer student wearing a tie-dye T-shirt. His name was Joe.

I implored the team to be kind to this young and svelte Jerry Garcia. The team obliged and it wasn't long before this kid was acting just like every other kid. He ran all summer preparing for the upcoming season. He turned out to be a great runner too. High school coaches tend to get excited when they see a quality athlete emerge in their freshman year and I was certainly no exception in my delight of this newfound acquisition.

We had scads of fun and just a skosh of monkeyshine thrown in for good measure that summer vacation. There were the cartoons and breakfasts each weekday after our morning runs. I needed something to bribe the kids to show up to run at 6AM every day and Bugs Bunny and the Lucky Charms leprechaun seemed to do the trick. Joe did his best to be alert and affable for this sunrise session and he contributed cereal to our food reserves.

Joe acclimated very well to the new school year in his new hometown. He met loads of friends through his running colleagues. His running prowess earned him many accolades on the daily school announcements and he soon became a household name. As the season progressed, our team had dinners on the eve of the cross country meets. Each parent took turns hosting these spaghetti nights throughout those several months. It was quite fun unless you were the one hosting that gaggle of fifteen hungry and energetic teenage boys. I'm sure that Joe's parents agreed with me on that note.

The memories are what keep a person alive forever. I took Joe and his running mates to the County Fair after a practice. Joe and the boys ate too much and rode on the Tilt-A-Whirl one time too many. It was a journey home that was fraught with much nausea and frequent stops.

There was a report of some hooligan that ran through a McDon-
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alds naked and looked strikingly similar to a Joe Trimmel. The report on this sophomoric prank was sketchy at best because of the Halloween mask.

I still picture Joe rolling around the floor in twelve hundred one dollar bills after our big fundraiser that season. He unbundled the cash and was happily throwing money in the air. It was fun to watch him so carefree.

The stories of Joe and the team continued on from that memorable season. I was able to reflect more fully on these and many more anecdotes when I arrived back in Indiana the day we said goodbye to Joe. I shared these moments with my former athletes who have now become my close friends. I was excited to see most of Joe's teammates and his teammates' family members attend Joe's final celebration. That once quiet little boy who showed up for cross country practice years earlier was now the reason that scores of us came together to see him cross the finish line one last time. Thanks for a great race Joe!

Ron Blake is a Certified Personal Fitness Trainer and Owner of Blake Fitness in Phoenix. He can be reached at 480-241-5651 or on the web at www.blakefitness.com.

Two good buddies from Wisconsin are sittin' in a boat on Dead Lake, fishing and suckin' down beer, when all of a sudden Sam says, "I think I'm going to divorce my wife. She hasn't spoken to me in over six months."

John sips his beer and says, "You better think it over. Women like that are hard to find."



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OUTside Looking In

How Typical

Opinion by:
Michael McManus

"Why is it that, as a culture, we are more comfortable seeing two men holding guns than holding hands?" ~Ernest Gaines

I'm your typical guy. I like being outdoors, watching football, going to bars and I always surround myself with beautiful ladies.

To most I seem like any other beer-chugging heterosexual man, but I forgot to mention one small thing-I'm gay.

Yes, fair reader, you heard me right, I am a guy who likes guys. Now before my confession causes a flaming frenzy amongst all you heterosexuals, allow me the opportunity to explain myself.

I may be a typical guy, but I assure you I am no typical "gay" guy. You won't find me strutting my stuff down the local parade covered in rainbow accessories, nor will you find me in the next drag show performing a dance routine to "It's Raining Men." I would like to think of myself as the "atypical gay man."

So what does an "atypical gay man" have to say that you haven't already heard? In this column I am looking forward to giving the reader a feel of what it's like walking around in the shoes of a homosexual. It's a straight world out there folks, and it's not always easy for the "gays" (as grandma likes to call us) to cope. I will also attempt to break down the negative stereotypes that surround individuals living the homosexual lifestyle. It may be hard to believe, but not all gay men wear makeup nor do all lesbians have hairy legs.

On a more serious note, I am far from a gay activist, but I do want the world to understand that homosexuality is a reality and it's something that isn't just going to go away. I am part of the bigger picture, whether I want to be or not, and I feel the need to defend this different form of love that's not normal to most, but definitely real.

So there you go. A column about an atypical gay guy, in none other than your local school newspaper-times have definitely changed. Make sure to check out my next column to see my opinion and thoughts on homosexuality and the Bible (dun dun dun).

E-mail any questions or comments to mmcmanus@mail.unomaha.edu.

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