

The GayZette



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Al Franken Wins, But Coleman Prolongs the Fight



Just hours after comic-turned-politician Al Franken was declared the victor in the Minnesota race for the U.S. Senate, incumbent Norm Coleman said he will challenge the outcome of a 62-day recount. The state canvassing board certified Franken as the winner by 225 votes out of 3 million counted on Monday.

However, Minnesota law prohibits a final certification since the Coleman camp declared it will challenge the result, seeking to add ballots to the recount. Also under state law, the results cannot be verified for at least one more week. "This process isn't at the end; it is now just at the beginning," said Coleman's attorney Tony Trimble, according to The Washington Post.

Senate majority leader Harry Reid said there would be no special plans to have Franken sworn in on Tuesday, when the 111th session of Congress formally begins. With Franken seated, Democrats would be one short of the 60-seat filibuster-proof majority the party has had its eyes on throughout the election cycle. (Advocate.com)

Marriage Equality Lobby Day in Des Moines Feb. 10

Marriage Equality Lobby Day in Des Moines is February 10, 2009.

One Iowa, a statewide LGBT equality group, will provide training followed by visits to representatives and senators at the state capitol building. For more information visit www.oneiowa.org and if you cannot attend, please still contact your state representative and state senator telling them about your support for marriage equality. Visit www.iowaequality.org to learn how to contact your elected officials.



(O)maha (W)edding (H)ate

By Chris Orr

Peter Hamel and Marc Volenec on September 23rd, 2008 married at the San Diego Courthouse. They decided to do what every newly wedded couple does, send their wedding announcement and picture to the local newspaper. Unfortunately the local newspaper is the Omaha World-Herald.

The Herald has a mission and values statement like any other business. According to www.owh.com the following is read on the newspaper's website, "To be the news and information provider of choice for individuals and businesses in the Midlands. For our customers, we will: Be a courageous, independent newspaper that educates readers and serves as a center for public policy debate. Truth, accuracy, clarity, fairness and timeliness are our objectives. Listen carefully to understand our customers' needs and expectations. Take immediate action to remedy our mistakes." For the record, Volenec has been a subscriber of the paper for 12 years. Hamel is also an 18 year employee of the paper. What happened to Hamel and Volenec next wouldn't surprise many GLBT community members.

An advertising manager for the Herald replied back to Volenec that the Omaha World Herald would not print announcements of same-sex marriages because they (OWH) didn't want to offend other subscribers or advertisers. Nebraska obviously doesn't rejoice and recognize same-sex marriage, but the two men thought the paper wouldn't exclude the announcement of a legal marriage in California. Here is another quote from the newspaper's public relations; given by Joel Long to Bryan Cohen of The Reader, who first broke the story. "As a business decision, the Omaha World-Herald does not print same-sex marriage announcements. We decided we're not going to do it." He then states how the company's choice is not based on Nebraska banning gay marriage. No? The GLBT population will be the judge of that.

The picture of the married couple was posted on Omaha.com. It just doesn't equal a full out traditional announce-



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(Omaha Wedding Hate , story Continued from page 1)

ment though. The traditional announcement for the print edition was denied for the readers and for Hamel and Volenec to see and enjoy with the rest of the Omaha community which includes friends and family.

At this time, Volenec has contacted Citizens for Equal Protection. Others though, want to contact a big paper shredder. Some want to have a protest at the OWH building.

Omaha Gay Village (www.myspace.com/omahagayvillage) is trying to get the ball rolling with that idea. The group posted a myspace bulleting with the headline "Bigotry on display at Omaha World-Herald." The group gave an initial link to the story in The Reader. Omaha Gay Village was urging people to spread the horrible news by following the link and reposting the link. Village is crying foul like many others and has the idea that "its time for a boycott and some protests." On www.google.com, there are three other publications that printed Hamel & Volenec's story.

I contacted for a comment to Joel Long of The Omaha World-Herald on January 23rd and left a message.

HGRA Members Compete in World Gay Rodeo Finals

The 2008 IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals were held in Denver, Colorado on the weekend of October 11-12. The top 20 performers in each event during the 2008 IGRA rodeo season were

invited to the Finals Rodeo. HGRA was well represented by three of our members.

HGRA Cowgirl of the Year, Slick, was invited to Finals to compete in Chute dogging. She placed 6th on Day 1 of competition and 8th place on Day 2, for a combined 4th place overall placing. Slick received another award at Finals when she was named the International Gay Rodeo Rookie of the Year!

T.W. Dooley was invited to Finals to compete in Steer Decorating and placed 6th on both days of competition, for a 7th place overall placing.

HGRA Cowboy of the Year, Roger P., finished an outstanding IGRA year by earning invitations to Finals to compete in barrel racing, pole bending, steer decorating, goat dressing, and wild drag. Roger placed 5th on the second day of goat dressing competition.

The 2009 IGRA rodeo season starts with the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix, AZ. HGRA is excited to bring back the Heartland Regional Rodeo to Omaha and Springfield, Nebraska June 26-28, 2009! Check our website (hgira.net) for information and updates on the rodeo!

LET'S RODEO!

Council Bluffs Mayor at CBCA Meeting Feb. 17

The next Council Bluffs Community Alliance meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 6:00 PM at Community of Christ, 116 West Kaneshville in Council Bluffs. Everyone who supports equality is invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Council Bluffs Mayor Tom Hanafan who will discuss the state of the city.



This date was scheduled - a Tuesday instead of the typical CBCA Sunday afternoon meeting time - because it is more difficult to have the mayor attend on weekends. There will not be the usual potluck at this meeting; however, light refreshments will be served.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with MCC and HGRA

Saturday February 14th HGRA will be serving up dinner and a show at the church. Tracey will be cooking Skillet Lasagna, a veggie, garlic bread, and dessert at 6:00 pm in the church Social Hall. Then we will all move upstairs for a show at 7:30 pm. Jazmine,

Miss HGRA 2009 will be joined by all the 2008 royalty, Pete Trina Tabloid, and Aretha Spanklin. Some of the performers will be Susie Brenner, the Praise Band, and more of your favorites.

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

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Battle Over Gay Marriage Shifts to Maine

By Jason Szep

BOSTON (Reuters) - A Maine lawmaker introduced a bill on Tuesday to legalize same-sex marriage, but it looks set to face tough opposition and bring a rancorous fight over the definition of marriage to the rugged eastern state.



The legislation proposed by Democratic state Sen. Dennis Damonck would make the state the nation's third to allow same-sex marriage. It seeks to redefine marriage as the legal union of two people rather than between a man and a woman.

"Today I have submitted an act to end discrimination in civil marriage and to affirm religious freedom," he told a news conference in the state capital Augusta.

As he spoke, Republican Rep. John Tardy was drafting legislation to enshrine the definition of marriage as one man and one woman into the state constitution. "The language is being worked on now," his spokesman said.

The looming fight in Maine, a rural state of 1.3 million people with a Democratic-controlled legislature, underlines a concerted push for same-sex marriage recognition in New England's six states by gay and lesbian advocates -- a bid that would effectively create a regional niche for gay marriage.

In November, Connecticut became the second U.S. state to allow legal same-sex weddings after Massachusetts' top court ruled in 2003 that a ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional, paving the way for same-sex marriages the following year.

On Friday, New Hampshire Rep. Jim Splaine signed off on legislation proposing same-sex marriage in that state, which borders both Maine and Massachusetts. He said he expected the bill to come up for a public hearing in two or three weeks.

Five of New England's six states already offer same-sex couples some form of legal recognition, with New Hampshire and Vermont permitting same-sex civil unions that grant many of the same rights as married couples but lack the full legal protections of marriage.

"I think it is important to make our civil unions have full marriage equality with the word 'marriage' so that it is clear that we do not discriminate and that we welcome same-gendered couples," Splaine told Reuters in an interview.

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, a group of lawyers who led the legal fight for same-sex marriage in Massachusetts and Connecticut, said on Tuesday similar legislation was being drafted in Rhode Island and Vermont.

The group has set a target of bringing same-sex marriage to all six New England states by 2012.

Some economists say carving out an economic niche for gay and lesbian weddings -- and the spending that comes with them -- makes sense at a time same-sex marriage has stalled in California and a recession is deepening.

M.V. Lee Badgett, an economist at the University of Massachusetts' Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies, led a study released in July that said over the next three years about 32,200 same-sex couples would travel from other states to marry in Massachusetts.

That would translate into 330 jobs and a \$111 million boost to the state's economy, the study projects.

Craig Ends Legal Fight Over Bathroom Incident

Former Idaho senator Larry Craig, busted for cruising for sex in a men's bathroom at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport in 2007, has ended his legal fight over the matter. An attorney for the Republican announced today that Craig will not appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court to void his conviction for disorderly conduct, the Associated Press reports.



Though he pleaded guilty and paid a fine for the incident, Craig has sought to have his record cleared, most recently at a state appeals court, which declined to rule in his favor. Thursday was the last day the senator could petition the state supreme court to hear his case, but his attorney, Tom Kelly, told the AP that the court was unlikely to do so, and therefore, Craig will not push on. That means the senator has exhausted his legal options.

Craig, who's consistently denied that he's gay, did not run for reelection last year. (Advocate.com)

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Flixx Addition To "show" A New Side

By Chris Orr

The Omaha community is getting a cabaret and show bar. It will be in place where Chixx was, which is right beside Flixx on 10th and Pacific Street. I sat down with Johnnie Richards to give me details about what is going to come from the Flixx Cabaret and Show Bar.

First though, what happened to Chixx? What type of disappointment came from Chixx closing? "Rick (Clark, owner) was disappointed it wasn't making enough money to support itself. Having felt that this was another venue; there have been people in the community wanting a cabaret and show bar. I mean this will be a place where somebody will want to come in and play the piano or something or the RCMC (River City Mixed Chorus) wants to put on something, a little fundraiser, they will have a space."

Did the public know Chixx was going to close for good? "I don't think so. Rick looked at numbers and decided after another dismal weekend to close. It's not a new idea for a cabaret and show bar. It's been in the works for three years" Johnnie tells me.

Where is the Chixx staff going, are they still going to be around or are they gone? Johnnie quickly replies "I do not know, I am not with part of the staffing."

So who are the owners, managers? Rick Clark (Flixx Lounge) is the owner. Steve Kohler (Stella Dallas) and I (Johnnie Richards, aka Aphelia Butts) are the show directors."

What does the cab and show bar consist of? Is there a theme? "It's just a cabaret and show bar. It's another place for people to hold fundraising events at. They have gone through an extensive remodel. They put in a big huge sink and a new sound system, lighting, and he's put in an eating area if you want to serve any food. You have a place to set it up and it won't take up any floor space. You won't have to put up any tables; there is a nice little counter area. Pretty much structurally it's all the same. I don't want to give too much away" as Johnnie grins with ending the sentence.

So it may be something more than a typical drag show we see at two other places? "Yes, its cabaret. There's a lot of room for live music here as well." Could we see live bands of different genres? "There could be."

What about spoken word, poetry, stage? "There's not, I mean staging would be hard, there's not a certain good front of the stage, it's an open stage. I mean you wouldn't be able to put on a big production but you can do a one act play. That would be something that's possible."

When do you expect the cab and show bar to be at its prime? "Well the grand opening is Feb 14th. We have a lot of bookings already. We really hope to get it up to speed right away. We really want it to take off. I know the last Friday, Flixx will have the wet boxer contest, after that will be dancing till close. Flixx will also have its Bingo on the show bar side. Someone could have a show before the contest if they wanted and book it" Johnnie points out.

For another quick point out, the opening will have a show performance from Christine O'Leary on February 14th. It is a fundraiser for the Gay American Heroes Foundation. What response to you expect from patrons, performers? "Well Stella and I are tasked to book high end quality shows. The show bar will be open Thursday - Saturday night if there is a show booked. We want to try and have a show booked all three

nights there for the community to do their fundraising in this venue."

Is there free booking? Johnnie shakes his head yes. "It is free booking. We have a list of show rules. But the problem is because the bar isn't open all week, Rick has to hire a D.J. and bartender. If the show is cancelled excluding weather related problems, we would require the organization to pay something for those peoples salaries."

What type of conflicts will come from these shows towards Max and DC's shows? "No conflicts really arising. We are giving time and a place where other locations don't" Johnnie assures.

As for shows, what do we expect for cover charges? Will shows be benefits, profits? "Cover charges are up to the organization. I assume by nature no more than \$5. Unless a major headliner comes in, I'm thinking long term plans. Benefits only, no profits."

Where do you think some of the audience is going to come from when they hear about a cabaret and show bar? They going to be curious to come down and see if it's the same ole show or something that's going to keep them there? Johnnie pauses for a minute. "I would like to see people from all across the community, including those who don't necessarily come down for the week to week show. So it will be nice with a Friday or Saturday night show when they can be later in the evening and people can come and enjoy them and the night out."

Where is some of the entertainment, performers going to come from? I mean we have a lot of them in Omaha and every weekend and we see them over and over and some do come from abroad, but some of those keep coming back again and again, so where are we going to keep getting these performers? "Well we hope to draw people from Des Moines and Kansas City up. Kansas City has its own version of HGRA. But they can come up and do a show or Imperial Court of Nebraska or Iowa Aids Project. I mean there are tons of organizations out there and performers we haven't seen. The show is to have a full dress rehearsal before they go on and it can't be the same ole same ole. It has to be high class and high caliber."

What if there's a group like we NJoy and others at The Q or a new group started and they wanted to do a revue show say every third Saturday or something, a drag show or a cabaret group? "As long as the dates open, they can book it. We haven't really gotten into a house troupe for that type of booking. We haven't really discussed that or thought about it I guess. Its set up for organizations to have shows, it's not for profit for a performance troupe. It's more of a fundraising venue."

Will there be pageantry with this club, Mr or Miss Flixx? "Never know, at this time no though. I've learned never to say never" as Johnnie chuckles out that sentence.

What type of clique or clientele is the cab and show bar trying to capture? "Not really call it a clique but people who enjoy theatre and give them a place where organizations can make money."

Omaha and other larger cities have seen many clubs go, why will this one stay? "Because we are going to bring top quality entertainment in there (cabaret and show bar)" Johnnie gives a point blank look while answering.

Some clubs close because of abuse of liquor license, drug trafficking and/or become police targets. Will this bar be avoided of those? "Yes. It's a show bar; people come to enjoy the show. It's being in a theatre with no sitting at the bar. There are round tables on the upper and lower levels and tables along the rail."

Why does the community need another venue? "It's not a need, it's a want. People want to see a show late or early on Friday Saturday night."

The information given for Flixx Cabaret and Show Bar at this time is: For bookings call Steve Kohler 305 – 5577 or email flixxshowbar@yahoo.com Check Gayzette for shows and updates. Website is to be determined later on.

Portland Gay Mayor Sam Adams Sworn In

Though he was elected to replace outgoing mayor Tom Potter back in May, Portland, Ore.'s gay mayor Sam Adams was finally sworn in at 12:01 a.m. on New Year's Day. The Oregonian reports that about 40 people were there to witness the ceremony, including his partner, Peter Zuckerman.



Though Adams's sexuality never became a factor in the race, before it officially began, he was the subject of a smear campaign from a would-be rival, gay real estate developer Bob Ball.

Ball attempted to link Adams to an encounter with an underage intern -- an attempt that failed.

Portland is now the largest city in the United States with an openly gay mayor.

"This is a testament to how fair-minded Portlanders are that it wasn't an issue. I spend my time on the basic issues of life," Adams told the Associated Press. "A part of that includes equal rights, but that's not even close to a majority of the time. My passions for public service includes promoting social justice, equality for all, but it obviously also includes finding good jobs for people, which is also part of my family's background of not being able to always have economic security. Being gay is part of me, so is being Irish-American, so is being from a small Oregon town." (Advocate.com)

Catholic Church in San Francisco Vandalized Over Prop. 8

A Catholic church in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood was vandalized with anti-Proposition 8 graffiti Sunday morning, even though the church is largely pro-gay. The Most Holy Redeemer church was defaced with black swastikas and impassioned messages, including one directed at San Francisco archbishop George Niederauer, who prominently supported Prop. 8, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.



The archbishop's last name was scrawled along the side of the church with the question "Where is the love?" the paper reports. But Niederauer aside, the Most Holy Redeemer is well known as a gay-friendly church, having participated in the city's gay pride parade in years past, according to the Chronicle. Church offi-

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cials have said that most of its parishioners opposed Prop. 8, which outlawed same-sex marriage in California via a constitutional amendment.

The paper reports that most of the graffiti was washed off on Monday and that the affected areas will be painted over Tuesday. Local police are investigating the incident as a hate crime, but no suspects have been identified. (Advocate.com)

Bob Barr: Repeal DOMA

The law that prevents the federal government from acknowledging same-sex marriages and partnerships should be repealed, former Libertarian presidential candidate Bob Barr wrote in the Los Angeles Times Monday.

Barr introduced the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 when he was a Republican representative from Georgia's seventh district. He wrote in the Times opinion piece that he and President-elect Barack Obama now have the same stance on the issue -- that the law be repealed.



"DOMA was indeed designed to thwart the then-nascent move in a few state courts and legislatures to afford partial or full recognition to same-sex couples," he wrote of a court case then pending in Hawaii, *Baehr v. Lewin*. He also said that the language of the bill was a compromise, since it has staved off a constitutional amendment banning marriage equality while preventing federal recognition of same-sex marriage.

After wrestling with the issue, Barr wrote, it seems as though DOMA is not working as planned. Instead, federal powers must be reduced across the board, allowing each state to decide whether instituting same-sex marriage is right for it, he said.

On the campaign trail for the Libertarian ticket in May, Barr announced that he opposed DOMA.

"The Defense of Marriage Act insofar has provided the federal government a club to club down rights of law-abiding American citizens, has been abused, misused, and should be repealed, and I will work to repeal it," he said at his party's convention.

Barr was first elected to Congress in 1994, serving four terms representing a district north of Atlanta. He also played a key role in President Bill Clinton's impeachment hearings. He was defeated in 2002 after district lines were redrawn, forcing him to run against John Linder, a popular fellow Republican. (Advocate.com)

Gay HIV-Positive Man Named to South Africa's High Court

South Africa has appointed a gay HIV-positive man to the country's highest court, reports South African newspaper *The Star*.



President Kgalema Motlanthe named vocal AIDS activist Edwin Cameron to the post on New Year's Eve.

Zackie Achmat, one of the world's best-known AIDS activists, called the appointment "one of the best New Year's presents ever," according to *The Star*. He added that the move "comes at a time when the Constitutional Court needs judges who will continue its legacy of independence and rigor."

Though Judge Cameron has been hailed as "one of South Africa's new heroes" by Nelson Mandela, he was grilled rigorously about his activist roots by the Judicial Service Commission, which nonetheless recommended his appointment unanimously. He previously served on South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeal.

Cameron was the first judge in South Africa to disclose his HIV-positive status. He told the BBC that he had been inspired to reveal his status following the death of a woman who was stoned and stabbed for admitting she was HIV-positive during a radio interview.

"I thought that if this woman, without any protection, living in a township, not behind a palisade like I do in my middle-class suburb in Joburg, not with the income of a judge, not with the constitutional protection ... I thought that I should speak out," he said. (Advocate.com)

Saudi Arabia Reportedly Beheads Two Gay Men

A pair of gay men may have been beheaded by the Saudi Arabian Interior Ministry last month, according to French magazine *Têtu*. The men, from Riyadh, were accused of raping another man, according to a translation of the report by activist and blogger Michael Petrelis.

Saudi police have been on a crusade to find and persecute gays, similar to campaigns in Iran, Gambia, and others to eradicate gay populations. Hundreds of men who have been suspected of being gay have reportedly been abducted by police since March 2008. Last summer 55 men were arrested at a gay dance party by the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, a moral police force. (Michelle Garcia, Advocate.com)

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(mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

WALK-IN HOURS

Sundays	4:00PM - 6:00PM
Tuesdays	closed temporarily
Thursdays	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Fridays	6:00PM - 11:00PM

***Closed Most Major Holidays
(402) 341-0330
www.rainbowoutreach.org**

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.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH
HGRA BOARD MEETING, 3PM, DC's
Saloon in the basement**

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

**WORSHIP SERVICES:
AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,**
ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT
friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP, Meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Fellowship starts at 6PM, services begin at 6:30PM, Everyone Welcome!

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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, 11am services

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

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

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40
10am service

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 714-8552

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

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS, 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 anderson@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

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 DC's

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 1:30pm to 4 pm by appt. ONLY, 139 S. 40 St., same day results, call 402-552-9260 for info

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

**WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA,** Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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

Every Friday

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

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

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

CAN WE TALK SUPPORT GROUP
Open to everyone, every Friday 6:30pm to 8pm, MCCO, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm-9PM walk-in,
NAP, 139 S. 40th Same day results

NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marys Ave.,** Same day results

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

Every Saturday

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st 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 loca-
tion and information.

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday OR Sunday

**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-
TION**, Meeting days and times may vary,
call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.net
for meeting schedules etc.

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lin-
coln 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 Leaven-
worth St.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Meth-
odist 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 SCREENING

(gltb film shown at 7pm followed by discus-
sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow
Outreach GLBT Community Center,
www.imperialcourtofinebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)

Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Con-
gregational 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

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT
AND DISCUSSION GROUP**

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

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm,

Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church,
6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

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

3rd Sunday

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

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 Saturday of the Month

NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM,
WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

**Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

**See, I have open space
Here for your
Event! Send it to me!**

What To Do About Those Damned Squirrels!

There were five country churches in a
small TEXAS town.

The Presbyterian
Church, the Bap-
tist Church, the
Methodist
Church, the
Catholic Church
and the Jewish
Synagogue.



Each church and
the Synagogue were all being overrun
with pesky squirrels.

One day, the Presbyterian Church called a
meeting to decide what to do about the
squirrels.

After much prayer and consideration they
determined that the squirrels were predes-
tined to be there and they shouldn't inter-
fere with God's divine will.

In The BAPTIST CHURCH the squirrels
had taken up habitation in the baptistery.
The deacons met and decided to put a
cover on the baptistery and drown the
squirrels in it. The squirrels escaped
somehow and there were twice as many
there the next week.

The Methodist Church got together and
decided that they were not in a position to
harm any of God's creation. So, they hu-
manely trapped the Squirrels and set them
free a few miles outside of town. Three
days later, the squirrels were back.

But -- The Catholic Church came up with
the best and most effective solution.
They baptized the squirrels and registered
them as members of the church. Now they
only see them on Christmas and Easter

Not much was heard about the Jewish
Synagogue, but they took one squirrel and
had a short service with him called
"circumcision", and they haven't seen a
squirrel on the property since.



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

HELLO? MR. RAWLINGS?! ANY REASON WHY YOU'RE CALLING ME AT 6:00 A.M. ON A SATURDAY MORNING?

I'M YOUR BOSS, LANCE. I DON'T NEED A REASON. HAVE YOU SEEN THIS AD CAMPAIGN FOR BXF WIRELESS?

OF COURSE. IT'S SPECTACULAR. EVERYONE IN THE INDUSTRY IS TALKING ABOUT IT.

AND WHY ISN'T OUR FIRM PRODUCING AD CAMPAIGNS LIKE THIS?

TO BE TOTALLY FRANK, SIR...IF YOU WANT OUR FIRM TO PRODUCE ADS LIKE THAT...

...YOU NEED TO HIRE A WORLD CLASS IN-HOUSE CREATIVE DIRECTOR.

PRECISELY. WHICH IS WHY I'VE SET UP AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CREATOR OF THIS AD CAMPAIGN...

...MORGAN ST. CLOUD.

YOU...YOU'RE ACTUALLY INTERVIEWING MORGAN ST. CLOUD...TO WORK AT OUR FIRM?!!

NO, LANCE... YOU ARE.

ME ?!!

I WANT YOU TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW. YOU'RE MY BEST SALES-PERSON... AND RIGHT NOW...

... I NEED YOU TO SELL THIS JOB POSITION.

I DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MORGAN ST. CLOUD WORKING FOR ME. DO WHATEVER IT TAKES!

ST. CLOUD'S PLANE ARRIVES AT JFK IN THREE HOURS. BRITISH AIRWAYS, FLIGHT 23.

CALL ME WHEN YOU'VE SECURED THE DEAL.

RIGHT.

THERE ARE BRAN MUFFINS ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER. HELP YOURSELF.

BRAN MUFFINS? WHY WOULD I WANT A BRAN MUFFIN NOW?

FOR THE ROAD. YOU NEED TO LEAVE. I HAVE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.

YOU'RE TOSSING ME OUT? LIKE I'M A CHEAP TRICK?! AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HAPPY WITH A BRAN MUFFIN ?!!

WELL... ..YES, ACTUALLY.

WHAT FLAVOR ARE THEY?

AS IF I KNOW...

TO BE CONTINUED...

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup,
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 How-
ard 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 or see
www.diamond-foundation.org
Family Foundations Therapy for individu-
als, 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
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 6PM.
Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or
see www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org for info
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 3rd
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
Low 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 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship
at 7pm
NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anony-
mous, 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 mi-
nute results Call 402-552-9255 info
NebraskaEquality.org, Find out every-
thing 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 Bud-
dhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-
9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT
inclusive
Northside Christian Church 5555 Lar-
imore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contem-
porary service at 11:00am
The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-
traditional 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: 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 2nd
Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass
Proud Horizons Youth Group,
Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or
email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
Prairie Bares, male nudist group, no

further info available
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, Oma-
ha, 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 4083
Omaha, NE 68104, for info call 402.813.1842
or Email: info@rivercitygenderalliance.org
River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sun-
days, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma
Harrison (402) 731-5706
River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267.
Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Web-
site: 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, Oma-
ha, 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 un-
lqsa@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, Lin-
coln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian
Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimber-
ly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website:
<http://pflag.ineb.org/>
Planned Parenthood, F2M and Question-
ing 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-glbtc.com/>
 UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
 Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
 Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs 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>

Omaha GLBT Sports

by Chris Orr

Volleyball is down to its final four games of the season starting February 1st. You can come see us Sundays at 6 p.m. at Westroads Club (1212 North 102nd St.). The league has registration open for its dodgeball fundraiser. It's a one day event on March 14th at Christie Heights Gym (37th & "Q"). The cost is \$10 per player or \$5 per student. Create teams of 5 or come as an individual or group and be combined into a team of 5. The money from player fees and free will donation for spectators at the door will go to Rainbow Outreach Center. You can register online at www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org January 26th - March 10th 5 p.m.



The Black team had finally lost a set, one out of three, on the 18th. They no longer have a perfect record. They were defeated by the Brown team who did this on the third set. All three sets were close and offense and defense between the two was outstanding. Brown was playing with 5 players and Black was playing with 7 players.

Yellow played Green on the 25th. This match was an entertaining one as many slap shots to get the ball over the net were whaling hits. One green player just couldn't have any team mates look at her serve and scolded them when they did. Yellow has some miscommunication one who was going to get the ball and it appeared as if it was wrestling on the floor. The first set went into overtime by a couple points.

January 18th

Black	21	21	17	VS.	Brown	16	17	21
Orange	21	21	21	VS.	Yellow	17	18	8
Gray	18	17	11	VS.	Red	21	21	21
Louie M's	21	21	16	VS.	Purple	18	11	21
Green	21	21	21	VS.	Blue	11	13	16
Dixie Quicks	21	21	21	VS.	Chix	19	17	18
Flixx	7	13	12	VS.	White	21	21	21

January 25th

Red	21	14	12	VS.	Black	18	21	21
Yellow	23	21	14	VS.	Green	21	19	21

Community Announcements

Post your announcement here!

It's FREE!

Send it to gazette@cox.net

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.)

Purple	23	23	12	VS.	Orange	21	25	21
Chixx	21	21	22	VS.	Louie M's	16	16	20
Brown	14	21	16	VS.	White	21	12	21
Blue	0	0	0	VS.	Gray	21	21	21
Dixie Quicks	21	19	9	VS.	Flixx	11	21	21

write a script and produce the antihomophobia video. Tatchell said his wish list of participating soccer stars includes David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo.

"We're pressing the FA to get this video broadcast on TV and at matches on the giant stadium screens," Tatchell said. "We also want the FA to put it on YouTube and distribute copies to every school in the country."

The pressure for the association to do something about homophobia heated up last year after player Sol Campbell -- rumored by some to be gay -- was subjected to a torrent of homophobic abuse at games. And player Ashley Cole was repeatedly tormented by gay-baiters at games throughout 2006. (Neal Broverman, Advocate.com)

Lawsuits Filed Over Bush Rule on Health Care Workers

(CNN) -- Seven states and two organizations have sued the Bush administration in an attempt to block a federal regulation that would further protect health care workers who refuse to perform abortions or other medical procedures because of religious or moral reasons. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal filed a lawsuit Thursday on behalf of his state, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Rhode Island.



British Soccer Stars to Blast Homophobia

Hoping to battle antigay sentiment in the world's most popular sport, the governing body of British soccer has agreed to fund a video featuring high-profile players blasting homophobia.

"After years of lobbying, the Football Association has agreed to approach top footballers to make an MTV-style video against homophobia," said Peter Tatchell of the gay rights group Out-Rage! Tatchell and his group have been pushing the association to take measures against homophobia among European soccer fans.

The association is now searching for an advertising agency to

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

- Connections, 1901 Leavenworth 933-3033
- DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street 344-3103
- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth 346-3549
- Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 408-1020
- Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave 991-6470
- The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 346-4110
- Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
- Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703
- Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St 342-7343
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St 552-9260
- Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 341-0330

Lincoln:

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

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

The RedNeck Sexual IQ Test

Blumenthal said the regulation would put women's health care at risk and would undercut state contraception laws.

"On its way out, the Bush administration has left a ticking legal time bomb set to explode literally the day of the inaugural and blow apart vital constitutional rights and women's health care," Blumenthal said in a statement. "Women's health may be endangered -- needlessly and unlawfully -- if this rule is allowed to stand."

He said the regulation "intentionally shrouds" abortion in "new and unnecessary ambiguity," encouraging individuals to define it and to "deny virtually all forms of contraceptions, even emergency contraception to rape victims."

The Planned Parenthood Federation of America and American Civil Liberties Union, which was acting on behalf of the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association, also filed separate suits Thursday.

The Department of Health and Human Services said the regulation would allow the federal government to withhold federal funds for state and local governments, health plans and health care facilities that do not follow existing federal laws that ban discrimination against doctors and other health workers who refuse to participate in procedures such as sterilizations or abortions or to make referrals for such procedures.

"We have not had an opportunity to review the lawsuits and we will respond to the court on any pending litigation," department spokeswoman Rebecca Ayers said in an e-mail. "The department followed appropriate procedures to put the regulation in place and the regulation is fully supported by law."

The department promulgated the rule last month.

"Doctors and other health care providers should not be forced to choose between good professional standing and violating their conscience," Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said in a statement then. "This rule protects the right of medical providers to care for their patients in accord with their conscience."

The department has said that it believes the public and health care providers are unaware of the federal anti-discrimination laws.

"Many health care providers routinely face pressure to change their medical practice -- often in direct opposition to their personal convictions," said the department's assistant secretary of health, Adm. Joxel Garcia, in a statement in December.

"During my practice as an OB-GYN, I witnessed this firsthand. Health care providers shouldn't have to check their consciences at the hospital door. Fortunately, Congress enacted several laws to that end, but too many are unaware these protections exist."

- 1) A condom is a large apartment complex.
True or False
- 2) Spread Eagle is an extinct bird.
True or False
- 3) Vagina is a medical term used to describe a Heart Attack.
True or False
- 4) A menstrual cycle has three wheels.
True or False
- 5) A G-string is part of a fiddle.
True or False
- 6) Anus is a Latin term for yearly.
True or False
- 7) Testicles are found on an Octopus.
True or False
- 8) Asphalt describes rectal problems.
True or False
- 9) Masturbate is used to catch large fish.
True or False
- 10) Fetus is a character on Gunsmoke.
True or False
- 11) An umbilical cord is part of a parachute.
True or False
- 12) A pubic hair is a wild rabbit.
True or False
- 13) An orgasm is a person who accompanies a church choir.
True or False
- 14) A diaphragm is a drawing in geometry.
True or False
- 15) An erection is when Japanese people vote.
True or False
- 16) A lesbian is a person from the Middle East.
True or False
- 17) Pornography is the business of making records.
True or False
- 18) Genitals are people of non-Jewish origin.
True or False

Fitness Corner

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



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other. Wallflowers do come in all shapes and sizes and have different agendas from person to person. Wallflowers can be fresh and cute. Think of this as the newly young single gay male you see around. He is nervous and wary of others after hearing some of the shit that goes on in gay world. Others are in a stand and model phase to boost their ego to cover for something that they lack. Some of the wallflowers are maintained and always pruned. I could be talking about the thirty something male who just minds his own business and doesn't get caught up in all the drama and keeps himself with his own goals, trying to get ahead in the world. The ugly wallflowers can take to two different walls. A few are obvious to see and don't give a care in the world about what happens to them or others; they also let everyone know about it too. Hiding wallflowers are in the dark and lurk like a poisonous vine that will grab your ass or crotch as you walk thru the dark to the dance floor. A few of these stalk and are very hard to get rid of. Either way you look at any of these types, they all have a thing in common. They are just something there that you look at. They take no action to benefit you or others that are around them. If you try to pick one off, you could be greatly satisfied or greatly horrified. If you pick a wallflower though, you may cause it to come off its desolate place and make it human again.

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UNDERWEAR NIGHT 9PM

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ICON's SnoBall
6pm Doors Open
7pm show

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No Sappy Love Songs Here!
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DAY DINNER
6pm

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