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United in Pride 2011 PRIDE NEWS!

WOW! With each passing week we get closer to coming together to celebrate PRIDE in the metro! Our team has been VERY busy working on insuring it will be a great event!

REMINDER!!! Pride Festival will NOT be at the Lewis and Clark landing this year! It will be behind Flixx at 10th & Pacific in front of the Old Burlington Train Station! The parade route will begin at ConAgra (10th and Farnam) and travel South on 10th to Pacific Street!

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We still need volunteers and those to help coordinate activities! Please visit www.heartlandpride.org to learn more, volunteer or donate!

Bush Lawyer to Defend DOMA

By Andrew Harmon and Michelle Garcia

UPDATE: House Republicans have recruited former solicitor general Paul Clement to represent the government in federal cases challenging the Defense of Marriage Act.

Described by colleagues as a formidable attorney, Clement served as solicitor general under President George W. Bush from 2005 to 2008. He is now a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of King and Spalding, where he focuses on appellate cases, constitutional litigation, and strategic counseling.



"He's one of the top five lawyers in town," said a Washington appellate attorney who has worked both with and against Clement in litigation. "If you put up a list of candidates for this [case], it's not at all a surprise that he was chosen. He's well liked — left, right, and center. One thing he's known for is arguing before [the U.S. Supreme Court] without notes."

House Republicans, who weeks ago announced their intention to defend DOMA in court after Atty. Gen. Eric Holder said the Obama administration's Justice Department would no longer do so, have a Monday deadline to intervene in Windsor v. United States of America in U.S. district court for the southern district of New York.

In that case, plaintiff Edie Windsor sued after the federal government refused to recognize her marriage to Thea Spyer, who died in 2009. As a result of DOMA, Windsor was forced to pay estate tax — a six-figure bill she would have been exempt from were her marriage recognized.

According to his firm's website, Clement has argued more than 50 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2005 he was appointed U.S. solicitor general, replacing Theodore Olson, who is now the co-lead attorney in the case challenging Proposition 8, the California ballot initiative that stripped gay couples of the right to marry.

While the Obama administration has come under fire by conservatives for its February decision to no longer defend DOMA

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in federal court, Clement during his SG tenure himself declined to defend a federal law — one prohibiting mass transit agencies that receive federal funds from permitting ads on buses and subways supporting medical marijuana in 2004, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

Clement is also working with attorney David Boies, Olson's co-lead counsel in the Prop. 8 case, on an unrelated matter concerning the NFL's labor dispute, which has caused a lockout of players in the league. A Boies spokeswoman did not respond to requests for comment.

Chad Griffin from Americans For Equal Rights, which is heading up the Prop. 8 challenge with Olson and Boies, said Monday that defending the law would place Clement "on the wrong side of history."

He added, "There is no question that DOMA discriminates against gay and lesbian Americans. It is un-American to deprive a group of citizens of their fundamental constitutional right to marry, and causes irreparable harm to them and their families. I believe that just like the attorneys and elected officials who fought in the 1960s against the Lovings' right to marry in Virginia, Mr. Clement will find himself on the wrong side of history in defending DOMA."

In March a majority of the five-member House Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group — Boehner, Majority Leader Eric Cantor, and Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy — voted to authorize the House general counsel to intervene in multiple federal lawsuits against DOMA as well as retain outside attorneys.

"Had the BLAG not taken this action, the constitutionality of the law would have been determined by a unilateral action of the President," Speaker Boehner wrote to House minority leader Nancy Pelosi on Monday.

Responding to news that Clement had signed a contract for the DOMA litigation, Pelosi wrote in response, "I would like to know when the contract with Mr. Clement was signed, and why a copy was not provided to Democrats on the Committee."

"The House of Representatives need not enter into this lengthy and costly litigation," Pelosi wrote to Boehner. "[A Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group] determination against House involvement in the litigation — which was the position of Democratic Whip [Steny] Hoyer and me — would not have allowed the constitutionality of the law to 'have been determined by a unilateral action of the President.' As you know, only the courts can determine the constitutionality of a statute passed by the Congress."

A graduate of Georgetown and Cambridge universities as well as Harvard Law School, Clement clerked for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. court of appeals for the D.C. circuit and for Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court.

HEARTLAND PRIDE ANNOUNCES GRAND MARSHALS FOR 2011 PRIDE PARADE

Heartland Pride (Omaha, NE & Council Bluffs, IA) announces Pride Players has been selected as 2011's Grand Marshal's and Susan Davis as Grand Marshal in Memoriam for the "United In Pride" Parade and Festival June 25th.

Omaha, NE (www.heartlandpride.org) April 13, 2010 – Pride Players is an ensemble of high school students who spend six weeks each year exploring the issues that face gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight allied teens. The group uses its research to improvise, write and then perform a collection of original skits, parodies, poetry and monologues. Under the leadership of Brian Guehring of the Rose Performing Arts for Children and Families, Pride Players has provoked thought, help promote tolerance and equality and most importantly delivers youth generated programming that is both effective and endearing. They represent the future of what is possible in the GLBTQ and Allies community. Pride Players won a 2006 Human and Civil Rights Award from the National Education Association.

"Before there was Glee there were the Pride Players! An Omaha theater troupe made up of youth in Omaha out to make a difference for GLBT youth and help educate the community. When we looked at what it means to be a Grand Marshal we

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realized the Pride Players fit the bill and it was decided unanimously by the board to recognize them for their unstoppable and unique support of the GLBT community." said Beth Rigatuso, 2011 Pride Chair.

In addition long time community volunteer, activist and Pride title holder Susan Davis has been named Grand Marshal in Memoriam. "Susan was very dedicated to making life better whenever and however she could. She made a difference" said Royal Bush, President of Heartland Pride.

Heartland Pride is a non-profit service organization within the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Queer Identified Communities and Allies of Greater Nebraska and Western Iowa. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment, inspiring equality, celebrating diversity's, while acknowledging the contributions of our community. We honor those who came before us and give thanks to our allies.

"United in Pride Parade and Festival to be held on 10th Street in Downtown Omaha from ConAgra to the Flixx Pride Festival Grounds on 10th and Pacific starting at 11AM on June 25th, 2011. More information is available at www.heartlandpride.org

Omaha Storm Chasers Presents Diversity Night

Just a reminder that May 23, 2011 will be Diversity Night at Werner Park. Game time is 635pm. Tickets can be purchased at the ballpark. If any organization has any questions contact Andrea Stava 402 734-2550.

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Hope to see some organizations at the ballpark.

Majority Backs Marriage Equality

By Michelle Garcia

More than half of Americans say that marriages of gay and lesbian couples should be legally valid, according to a new CNN/Opinion Research poll released Tuesday.

While there are gender and generation gaps, 51% of Americans overall favor legalizing same-sex marriage. According to CNN, 60% of Americans under age 50 support marriage equality. Additionally, 57% of women favor marriage equality, while 54% of men oppose it. Nearly the same proportion of whites and nonwhites polled (52% and 51%, respectively) support marriage equality.

The poll comes out a month after a Washington Post/ABC News poll found that 53% of Americans also favor same-sex couples' right to marry. The majority support marks a double-

digit shift from five years ago in the same poll, when 36% supported marriage equality.



Facebook Deletes Gay Kiss Picture

By Advocate.com Editors

The Dangerous Minds Facebook page was set up to promote a "gay kiss-in" demonstration in London to protest the pub. The page used a photo of two men kissing to promote the event. According to NYULocal.com, the photo was quickly removed and the following e-mail was sent to administrators of the Facebook page: "Shares that contain nudity, or any kind of graphic or sexually suggestive content, are not permitted on Facebook."

The decision to remove the photo has prompted scores of people to post their own pictures of same-sex couples kissing in protest — dozens in the last few hours alone.



UPDATED: A photo of two men kissing that was posted on a Facebook page protesting a London pub's decision to eject a same-sex couple for kissing has been removed by the social networking site, an error, according to a rep for the company.

"The photo in question does not violate our Statement of Rights and Responsibilities and was removed in error," the statement, obtained by America Blog, says. We apologize for the inconvenience"

Will and Kate for Marriage Equality?

By Advocate.com Editors

London-based gay activist Peter Tatchell is hoping Britain's Prince William and his fiancée, Kate Middleton, come out publicly for same-sex marriage.

"The royal couple are lucky. They have the option to get married. Gay couples don't have this option. They are barred by law from marriage," Tatchell said in a statement. "We urge Kate and William to support marriage equality: the right of same-sex couples to get married. Their support would mean a lot. They take for granted the right to marry. Marriage is something that many lesbian and gay couples want but cannot have."

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According to Tatchell, over 60% of Britons voiced support for marriage equality in a 2009 poll.



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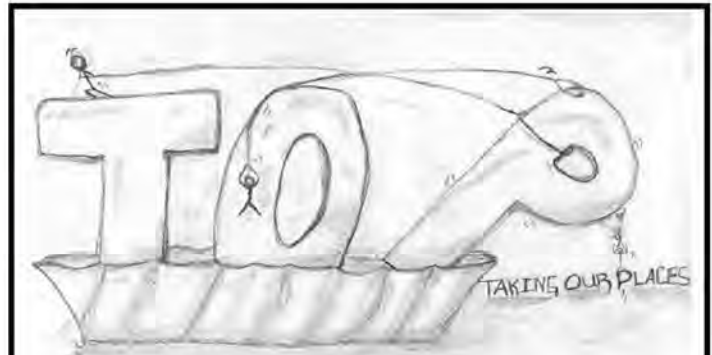
By Advocate.com Editors

A bill to protect transgender people from job discrimination, introduced by Las Vegas politician Paul Aizley (pictured), cleared Nevada's general assembly on Monday.

The legislation passed 29-13, with 26 Democrats and three Republicans supporting it. The bill will move on to the senate, where passage looks possible, according to supporters. Republican governor Brian Sandoval has not indicated whether he would sign the bill into law.

Nevada politicians have also introduced a bill that would ban transgender discrimination in housing and public accommodations and one that would increase sentences for those who commit hate crimes against transgender people. There are an estimated 25,000 transgender people in Nevada.

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Gay Stableboy Sexually Harassed Female Manager

By Advocate.com Editors

A West Yorkshire, England, woman whose complaints of sexual harassment were initially discounted because her tormentor was gay has been awarded £12,300 in damages.

“Gay men love boobs and bums” is what a gay male stable groom purportedly told his female livery yard manager as he groped her breasts. According to a complaint filed by Louise Smith, the inappropriate behavior that occurred on the job at St. Ives Equestrian Centre in Bingley also included the man flashing his genitals and simulating sex acts with her.

A story published on the U.K. Daily Mail Online reports that Smith’s complaints were dismissed as lies by her employers because of the accused man’s sexuality and that Smith was eventually subject to a disciplinary hearing and then fired for what she claimed was a trumped-up charge.

“Managing a livery yard was my dream job and I enjoyed the job I was employed to do,” Smith said. “However, I felt totally unsupported throughout my employment.”

Smith brought her claims to an industrial tribunal in Leeds, who ultimately upheld her claims of harassment and unfair dismissal and awarded her former employers to pay £12,300 in damages.

While delivering the verdict, tribunal chairman Jonathan Whitaker said, “The fact that the groom is a homosexual should not make the allegations of sexual harassment less likely to be true.”

Illinois County OK's Diversity Training

By Advocate.com Editors

The Schuyler County board in west-central Illinois has agreed to mandate diversity training for all county department heads, employees, and board members in response to the sheriff’s posting of a homophobic slur on Facebook.

The board approved the training unanimously at its meeting last Thursday after hearing testimony from Anthony Martinez, executive director of the Civil Rights Agenda, an Illinois LGBT group, which included excerpts from a letter written by Sue Hyde, a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force official who grew up in Beardstown, Ill., in Cass County, adjacent to Schuyler.

Both decried Schuyler County sheriff Don Schieferdecker’s (pictured) Facebook comment, posted in March, referring to a coworker as a “little fag Jew boy.” Schieferdecker claimed the comment was made in jest, and he apologized for it and said he had no animus toward gays or Jews.

Martinez, whose group has called for Schieferdecker’s resigna-

tion, said the sheriff’s Facebook posting is the type of cyber-bullying that has driven some gay teens to suicide. “This is a very sensitive time in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community,” he said. “Last September the community experienced nine suicides of lesbian and gay children or those who were perceived to be lesbian or gay due to bullying and cyber-bullying. The tragedy of these suicides brought to light the rampant discrimination and bullying of gay and lesbian people. This is what Sheriff Schieferdecker has done. How many children heard his comments?”

Martinez praised the county board for “their swift action and sensitivity to this matter,” adding, “This is an amazing achievement for civil rights in Illinois. To have all of the employees of the entire county going through diversity training, especially in a rural county such as this, will help to create change in every community throughout Schuyler.”

He said the Civil Rights Agenda will work with county personnel to assure that the training is properly implemented, and the group will continue to seek Schieferdecker’s resignation. It is petitioning for his resignation at <http://tinyurl.com/antigaysheriff>.

Volleyball Team Fined for Antigay Fans

By Michelle Garcia

Fans supporting Volei Futuro player Michael (right)

A volleyball team in Brazil has been fined because its fans chanted homophobic taunts during a match against another team that included a gay player.

Cruzeiro will have to pay \$30,000 after its April 2 game against Volei Futuro, according to the Associated Press. People in the stands, including at one point nearly all 3,000 spectators at the Contagem gymnasium, chanted a homophobic slur at a Volei Futuro player known as Michael.

The incident prompted him to come out as gay, which was followed by a rush of support by his teammates and Volei Futuro’s fans. At a playoff game where his teammates wore pink shirts while warming up and support personnel wore rainbow-colored jerseys in solidarity with Michael. Fans clapped pink thunder sticks in support of Michael as Volei Futuro won a five-set match.

HOW AND WHEN TO CRY

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Many of us have grown up with the messages that crying is shameful and a sign of weakness. Whether we are gay/bi/trans men who were told to “just suck it up” or tough-as-nails women who long ago decided: “I’ll never let anyone see me cry again”, most of us got the message that strong people rarely cry and only sissies and fragile people do.

This is bullshit.

Sadness is an emotion natural to us all. The ability or inability to EXPRESS sadness is a learned behavior, and can be unlearned.

Many people don’t even know what emotions they’re feeling. Somehow, there is a “disconnect” between what we feel and our ability to recognize what we feel. A lot of this stuff comes from our childhood; we’re “programmed” from birth on what to do with our emotions. If our emotions were validated and mirrored back to us, we realize it’s okay to feel them. However, if our emotions were invalidated and we were encouraged NOT to feel them, then we internalize emotional repression. Over time, this gets “hard wired” in our brains so we don’t even have to think about repressing our emotions...we just do it subconsciously.

I went to a workshop recently and the speaker said that in his experience, women need to learn to express their anger and men need to learn to express their grief. While this workshop was predominantly for heterosexual men, I think the speaker has a point. Many of my female clients cry when they are angry, while many of my male clients get angry when they’re actually sad. Good mental health means being able to responsibly express both anger and sadness, regardless of gender.

For some people, crying feels like giving in...like surrender. Most of us feel better after a “good cry”: our bodies are more relaxed and our tension and stress levels go way down. It is also true, however, that crying may open the door to feeling more emotionally, and sometimes that is not what we want. Let me give you a simple exercise to help you control how much you “feel” at any given moment in time: when you want to feel more, breathe deeply. When you want to feel less, breathe as shallowly as you can. Your breathing strongly affects your ability to feel your emotions. Try it.

One way to get in touch with your feelings (e.g., sadness, anger, grief) is to notice where in your body you feel them. For example, let’s say your sadness is in your chest. You could pay attention to it, and see what the sensation is like. Does it feel like tightness, a burning sensation, numbness? Just notice what’s going on in your body.

If you want to cry, but find it difficult, notice if your tears are right below the surface, pushing at the backs of your eyes. Let your eyes relax; don’t force the tears (it doesn’t work). If you were told as a kid, “don’t cry...suck it up”, you may need to be patient with your tears. By starting to notice them and the physical sensations that accompany them, you’re giving your tears more and more “permission” to come out. It takes a while to undo all the “brainwashing” from our childhood. Go easy on yourself and the tears WILL come!

I’ve had clients, who were afraid to cry, tell me, “Once I start crying, I won’t be able to stop.” This is just a fear: believe me, you’ll stop. But you may need to cry quite a bit before that happens. If you’ve dammed up your tears up for a long time, you’ve got quite a backlog there! They may come out over time or over the course of a few days. Let them out!

If you’re new to crying (isn’t that a funny phrase?), let the tears come out in private, in a safe, relaxed place. You may want to start off alone, or with a trusted friend or lover there to comfort you. Or, like some of us, you can practice in the dark of a movie theatre or watching a video at home. Crying is like any other feeling, the more comfortable you get with expressing it, the easier it is to do so.

This summer, if it feels right to you: why not let yourself cry? Your body (and mind) will thank you.

SLEEP IN & JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT MCC

Effective May 1, MCC Omaha will have new Sunday Worship times. The early service will begin at 9:30 AM. The second service will begin at 11:15 AM. Fellowship Time is between the two services from 10:30-11AM. Sunday school for children and youth will continue on alternating Sundays with the youth meeting the first and third Sundays of the month and the children, ages 4-11 meeting on the second and fourth Sundays.



Both Worship Services feature LifeSong, the praise band, and the MCC Praise Singers. MCC Omaha (Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha) is pastored by Tom Emmett and Melissa Smithee and is located at 819 S. 22nd St. We also have a 30 minute traditional mid-week service, ReCharge, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. We invite you to join us this week!

Hawaii Trans Protections Almost Here

By Advocate.com Editors

The Hawaii house of representatives overwhelmingly passed legislation Tuesday that would make workplace discrimination against transgender people illegal.

The house passed the protections with a 45-4 vote, reports the Washington Blade. The senate has already passed matching legislation; the bill now heads to Democratic governor Neil Abercrombie, who has vowed to sign it. Hawaii already has protections for transgender people in housing and accommodations. In related news, Nevada's general assembly passed protections for transgender workers on Monday.

Proposition 8 Opponents Want Trial Video Released

By Advocate.com Editors

The American Foundation for Equal Rights, which is sponsoring the federal case against Proposition 8, filed a motion Friday calling for the "full and unedited release" of trial footage from the case, *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*.



Accompanied by the city and county of San Francisco and soon to be joined by the Media Coalition, AFER filed the brief in response to efforts by Prop. 8 proponents to conceal trial footage. Opponents have accused Judge Vaughn Walker of breaking the law by showing a brief clip from the trial during a speech in February. Last year the Supreme Court ruled that trial could not be televised.

"Why should the public be denied the opportunity to see and hear what happened in a public trial in a public courtroom in a case involving the constitutional rights of millions of people?" asked AFER attorney Theodore J. Boutrous Jr. in a news release. He added, "The proponents of Prop. 8 have repeatedly attempted to obscure and distort the facts of this trial because they simply have no case and they seem desperately anxious to prevent the American public from seeing the facts for themselves."

AFER board president Chad Griffin said, "Prop. 8 supporters waged a very public and very negative multimillion-dollar campaign to block gay and lesbian couples from marrying. If they

truly believe in the campaign they waged, Prop. 8 supporters should stand by their defense of Prop. 8 in federal court instead of trying to hide behind ridiculous claims that they are the victims and are fearful of harassment or persecution. The only victims here are the millions of people whose basic and fundamental rights the supporters of Prop. 8 tried to deny."

An excerpt from the brief said, "Proponents have not remotely overcome the exacting burdens imposed by the First Amendment and the common law as prerequisites for throwing a blanket over a true, accurate and unedited record of a widely publicized public trial of an exceedingly important constitutional issue affecting millions of Americans."

Manning to Leave Maximum Security Cell

By Michelle Garcia

Army Pfc. Bradley Manning, who is suspected of disclosing classified government information to WikiLeaks, is being relocated from Quantico, Va., to Fort Leavenworth in Kansas.

Army officials speaking anonymously with the Associated Press said the Pentagon will officially announce the move on Wednesday.

Manning, who is gay, has been held in a single-occupancy cell at a Marine base in Quantico under maximum security. According to reports, he is stripped down nightly and forced to wear a suicide-proof smock to sleep each night.

The change in quarters comes after several, including Amnesty International, former State Department official P.J. Crowley, and U.N. torture investigator Juan Mendez, have spoken out against the conditions in which Manning is being held.

Malaysia Sends 66 Boy to Antigay Camp

By Advocate.com Editors



Authorities in Malaysia have sent 66 boys identified by teachers as "effeminate" to a camp that aims to teach them about masculine behavior and discourage them from becoming gay, according to the Associated Press.

Officially billed as a "self development course," the boys are ages 13 to 17, the state's education director, Razali Daud, confirmed in a statement. Gay sex is illegal in Malaysia.

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The camp is meant "to guide them back to the right path in life before they reach a point of no return," Razali told the AP. "Such effeminate behavior is unnatural and will affect their studies and their future."

The boys will attend religious and motivational classes in addition to receiving physical guidance.

Torn Apart by DOMA

By Julie Bolcer

The Courage Campaign and All Out have launched a joint emergency petition to ask Homeland Security secretary Janet Napolitano to stop the deportations that tear apart gay binational couples such as Josh Vandiver and Henry Velandia, who are featured in the campaign.

The "Torn Apart" campaign draws attention to the plight of 36,000 binational couples who live with the threat of deportation because of the Defense of Marriage Act, which the Obama administration said in February it would no longer defend. While immigration officials have not yet made any policy changes that would spare binational couples, Secretary Napolitano has the legal authority to stop the deportations.

In the video Josh and Henry explain that although they were married in Connecticut, Josh's petition for Henry's citizenship was rejected in February, which would not have been the outcome for a nongay married couple. Henry faces a deportation hearing on May 6 that could send him to Venezuela unless, barring a policy change, a barrage of petitions can convince Secretary Napolitano to act.

"Please act now and declare a moratorium on these family-destroying deportations caused by the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), until the current legal battle over national marriage equality is resolved," says the petition, which can be found at All Out and the Courage Campaign.

"Josh and Henry, and the thousands of other families like theirs, don't deserve to be split apart," it says.



Brewer Backs Anti-Gay Adoption Bill

By Michelle Garcia

Arizona governor Jan Brewer signed a bill Monday mandating

that married heterosexual couples be given priority consideration when agencies are placing children for adoption or foster care.

Brewer signed the bill despite 500 postcards being sent to her office, from supporters of Equality Arizona asking her to veto the bill.

Tom Mann, board chairman for Equality Arizona, criticized the governor in a statement Monday.

"The governor's action today is harmful to children in foster care and group homes who are seeking a permanent home and the support of a loving, caring family," Mann said. "SB 1188 takes the focus off of what's in the best interest of a child when adoption decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis, according to what's in a child's best interest. Each case is unique. For example, adoption authorities may have the choice between placing a child with a beloved single aunt — or complete strangers. The only consideration should be determining what's in the best interest of the child."



GAYZETTE EVENTS

Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
 (mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays	4:00PM - 11:00PM
Sundays	4:00PM - 6:00PM
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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

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, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 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 9:30am and 11:15am & 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 MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

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 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, at DC's Saloon

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
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 info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

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

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 Monday
HEARTLAND PRIDE, meeting 1st Monday of each month at Element Hotel, Omaha.

Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or PO Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68106

1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flix 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 info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

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

2nd Saturday

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

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

NEW TEST FOR ALZHEIMERS

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University . Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.

The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is fart cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down.

The Bus Driver

George was sitting at his local bar one day, complaining to the bartender about the fact that he had just lost his job and didn't know what he was going to do. The bartender said " see that guy sitting at the end of the bar? He just quit his job driving the special education bus for the town and if you hurry to the town garage maybe they'll hire you ."

George went right to the garage and met the foreman, Pete, who hired him on the spot and asked him to start right away. He gave him a map of his route and took him to the bus he was going to drive.

The first thing George noticed was that the bus looked just like the old Sesame Street bus they used on the TV show. Climbing in, he started it and left to start his new job.

At the first house he came to there was a fat little girl waiting to be picked up. As she climbed on the bus she said " Hi, new driver, my name is Patty ."

George thought that was a little strange, but he remembered that he was driving the special education bus so all he said was " Hi, Patty, please have a seat on the bus ."

At the next stop was another fat little girl, and as she got on the bus she said " Hi, new driver, my name is Patty ." Weird, thought George, but all he said was " Hi, Patty, please take a seat "

At the next stop a little boy was waiting, and as he climbed on the bus he said " Hi, new driver. My name is Ross, but my mommy says I'm special and she calls me special Ross. You can call me special Ross, too. " Again, all George said was for Ross to take a seat.

At the next stop was another little boy and as he got on the bus he said " Hi, driver, my name is Lester, but all my friends call me Lester G. " George was feeling pretty creepy at this point but all he said was for Lester G. to take a seat.

As he was driving towards the school he suddenly noticed a terrible smell. Pulling over beside the road, he walked down the aisle and there was Lester G. with his shoes and socks off, picking at the

corns on his toes. That was enough for George, and realizing that the job wasn't for him he turned the bus around and drove it right back to the garage.

He parked the bus and started to walk away. As he was walking Pete came running after him yelling "

What happened? "

George stopped and said " I'm sorry but I have to quit. I just can't take it. "

" What do you mean, you can't take it, " said Pete. "What's wrong? "

"Two obese Patty's, Special Ross, and Lester G picking bunions on a Sesame Street bus" said George.

WHY ARE YOU GROANING?????????

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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.firstuomaha.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
GOglbt 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

Heartland Pride
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, email: info@heartlandpride.org

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, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info
NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

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

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

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

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

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

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.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

OUTline, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, www.outline.org

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 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 Pride/Rainbow Celebrations
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

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

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays,

Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

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

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, 3012 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

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://pflagcornhusker.org/>

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094
TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska,

web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>
UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs 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>

Forget About Gay Marriage in Hungary

By Advocate.com Editors

Hungary has a new constitution — and it makes it clear that same-sex marriage is not an option.



Lawmakers in the Eastern European country today passed the new constitution, which was supported by conservative prime minister Viktor Orban. Aside from fiscal changes intended to cut down on fraud and waste, the new governmental blueprint limits marriage rights to opposite-sex couples, though gays may register their relationships in a domestic partnership-like registry. The new constitution also declares that life begins at conception, fueling fears that abortion may be criminalized in Hungary.

Groups including Amnesty International condemned the new constitution.

First Lady's Jet Avoids Runway Clash

By Advocate.com Editors

A plane with first lady Michelle Obama on board was involved in a close call with a 200-ton military cargo jet when it was attempting to land at Joint Base Andrews Monday.

Controllers at Andrews Air Force Base were concerned the cargo jet would not clear in time to make room on the runway for her plane, a Boeing 737 that is part of the presidential fleet of jets, according to The Washington Post.

The Federal Aviation Administration confirmed the news of the incident late Tuesday.

Evangelical and Out at College?

By Advocate.com Editors

A growing number of gay and lesbian students at evangelical Christian colleges are asserting their right to be out on campus. The New York Times reports.

But those efforts are commonly thwarted by the conservative old guard — administrators, trustees, and alumni who, as one university official at Abilene Christian University puts it, “are

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

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not going to embrace any advocacy for gay identity.”

Such policy stances have only served to alienate gay students. “I’m lonely,” said Taylor Schmitt, a second-year student who arrived on full scholarship in the Bible studies department at Abilene Christian. Schmitt said he changed to English because the Bible studies curriculum “reeked of the past deceptions and falsehoods I’d created around myself.”



new talk show for OWN in Oprah’s Harpo Studios, she’ll be resting her head at night in the penthouse suite of Donald Trump’s Windy City hotel.

O’Donnell admitted to Howard Stern on his Sirius XM radio show the network will be putting her up there initially, something funny considering her years-long feud with the real estate mogul.

O’Donnell also talked with Stern about her on-again, off-again relationship with girlfriend Tracy, saying they are on again. “We didn’t really break up. She just has six kids ... and I have four. It’s insanity.”



Indian Supreme Court Defers Landmark Gay Case

By Advocate.com Editors

The Supreme Court of India on Tuesday deferred its hearing of petitions about the landmark decision of the Delhi high court that decriminalized gay sex in 2009.

According to the Hindustan Times, “A bench headed by Justice G S Singhvi adjourned the matter without specifying the date of the next hearing and said the same would be taken up after summer vacations.”



Groups have filed petitions for and against the Delhi high court decision, which struck down section 307 of the Indian Penal Code, a remnant of British colonial era law that punished “unnatural offenses” with sentences of up to life in prison. In a historic move for gay rights in India, the high court struck down the law in the case of consenting adults.

In February the Supreme Court refused to include the armed forces as a party to the petitions against the ruling, the Hindustan Times reports.

Rosie Moving Into Trump Hotel

By Advocate.com Editors

When Rosie O’Donnell first relocates to Chicago to tape her

Study: Teen Suicide Lowe in Gay-Friendly Areas

By Advocate.com Editors

Gay and bisexual youth who live in areas with a higher proportion of same-sex couples and schools with gay-supportive policies are less likely to attempt suicide than those living in more conservative areas, according to a new study.

The study of 32,000 Oregon high school students, published Monday in the journal *Pediatrics*, found that lesbian, gay, and bisexual teens are five times more likely to commit suicide than their straight peers.

But LGB youth who went to schools that have gay-straight alliances and antidiscrimination policies inclusive of sexual orientation were less at risk.

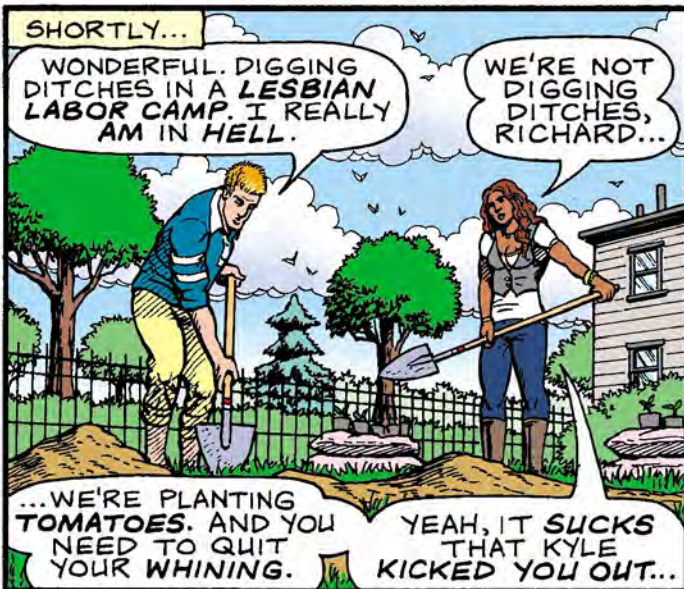
Mark Hatzenbuehler, a public health researcher at Columbia University and the study’s author, told Reuters that the findings are “a call to action in providing a roadmap for how we can begin to reduce suicide in LGB youth.”

Even heterosexual teens had greater rates of suicide attempts in more socially conservative areas, Hatzenbuehler reported.

Hatzenbuehler used social data on high school juniors from 34 counties in Oregon from 2006 to 2008. He then created a social score for each county, based on prevalence of gay and lesbian couples, the proportion of schools with GSAs and antibullying policies, and the percentage of registered Democrats.

LGB teens who lived in counties with lower social environment scores had a 22% higher rate of suicide attempts than those living in areas with higher scores.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



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Fitness Corner



By Ron Blake

This was the weekend of Gay Pride in Phoenix. This was also the weekend that temperatures soared to near triple digits. I worked a booth at the festival and I was able to watch all the monkeyshine under the hot Arizona sun. This is a perfect opportunity to review the basics of summer safety and wellness.

I saw more than my fair share of shirtless fair skinned guys wearing sunburns that promised to hurt for days. Be good to your skin and grab the bottle of sunscreen. Most dermatologists are recommending an SPF 30 or higher to combat the intense rays of sunshine. The sun is fun to bask in but repeated exposures will wrinkle you and keep the Botox docs dancing to the beat of your dollars hitting their hands. Slather the Hawaiian Tropic all over your body at your festivals this summer.

The festival medics attended to numerous incidents of dehydration. Everyone loves a firefighter and wants to fall into the arms of these uniformed idols but a case of severe fluid loss is not the solution. Serious dehydration is really painful to recover from! You need 8 cups of water each day and much more than that when you're in hot environments. Start making it a habit of drinking your daily share of water during the sizzling summer weather.

Alcohol can make you do some goofy things and I saw plenty of goofiness this weekend! Alcohol is a diuretic and pushes water out of your system. This will dehydrate you even faster than normal. If you're going to drink in the hot summer sun then do it double fisted. Keep one hand on the mug of Budweiser and one hand on the bottled water.

I saw plenty of interesting clothing choices this past Saturday and Sunday. The wacky, wild, and wonderful is to be expected at any Pride event. It's best to have the choices include light colored and light weight clothing. The lighter colors will help reflect the sun's rays and help you stay cooler. You don't have to keep it as light weight as the girls with the bikini bottoms and pasties on their pretty parts. But the general idea still works. Lighter is better!

Stiletos and 300 pounds of camp drag can put those feet into the danger zone. A good pair of shoes can minimize the likelihood of ankle, knee, and hip problems. Wear some sensible shoes if you're going to be out enjoying the great summer weather. This is the time of the year we will all start wearing the flip flops and sandals. Flip flops are better than the barefoot option but will provide no cushioning. Grab a decent pair of cushioned sandals and enjoy the open-toed experience!

Beware the festival food! You've got the festival nachos as an appetizer with plenty of dripping cheese with the price tag of 2000 calories. Then there's the main course with the festival deluxe hamburger and all the trimmings including numerous dollops of mayonnaise with a price tag of 1700 calories. Finally there's the dessert of double brownie explosion with ice cream, fudge, and sprinkles with a price tag of 1800 calories. You're out of money and notches on your belt! Don't be stupid about the food choices!

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Have fun at your Pride this year and make some good choices. It will be nice to see you back happy and healthy for many more festivals to come!

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