

# The GayZette



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## Campbell Stands Behind Advocate Ads, Doesn't Cave To AFA Pressure

Despite demands from the American Family Association calling for e-mails to Campbell Soup Co. urging the company to stop "pushing the gay agenda," the icon of all things American is standing behind a decision to advertise in the gay and lesbian market.

The two-page spreads for the Swanson division represent Campbell's first foray into the gay market. One ad, which appears in the December 2 issue of *The Advocate*, features two women and a young boy enjoying soup made with Swanson Chicken Broth. Accompanying text identifies the women as a couple. On the opposite page is a chef, Christopher Lee, who is not identified as gay or straight. The second, in the January 13 issue, has Lee on one page and another chef, Wil Crutchley, on the other. Neither man's sexual orientation is identified.

Upon seeing the ads, the AFA immediately took it its website, urging Campbell to "remain neutral in the culture war." Campbell rep Anthony Sanzio said the company stands behind the ads.

"Our position on this is pretty straightforward. Inclusion and diversity play an important role in our business, and that fact is reflected in our marketing plan," he said. "For more than a century people from all walks for life have enjoyed Campbell's products, and we will continue to try to communicate in ways that are meaningful and relevant to them."

Sanzio said plans for the Swanson brand include further placements in *The Advocate*.

AFA has long called for boycotts of companies that place ads in gay publications. The organization waged a multiyear war against Ford Motor Co. for its outreach to gay consumers.

To thank Campbell for its gay-supportive stance, consumers can contact company president Douglas R. Conant at Campbell Soup Co, Campbell Place, Camden, NJ 08103, (800) 442-7684 or (800) 257-8443, [douglas\\_r\\_conant@campbellsoup.com](mailto:douglas_r_conant@campbellsoup.com). There is also a feedback form on the Campbell corporate website, [CampbellSoupCompany.com](http://CampbellSoupCompany.com). (*Advocate.com*)

## Bigots, Go Home GLBT's Crash Phelps' Protest

By Amy Wooten  
Staff writer, *Windy City Times*

The GLBT community spoke loud and clear on Saturday that hate is not welcome in Chicago, counter-protesting anti-gay bigots who gathered outside of the Center on



Halsted and forcing them to quickly give up and leave.

About five members of Fred Phelps' Westboro Baptist Church, which runs the Web site [godhatesfags.org](http://godhatesfags.org), brought hateful, anti-gay signs and attempted to picket outside of the Center on Halsted. The protesters, who brought two young children with them, wanted to show their opposition to an [LGBTchange.org](http://LGBTchange.org) forum to be hosted by the Center on Halsted later that afternoon.

Instead, the protesters, who gathered outside of the Town Hall Police District, located on the corner of Addison and Halsted Streets near the Center, were completely surrounded by an estimated 100 GLBT people and their allies.

Around noon, having heard the day before that Phelps' crew was paying Chicago a visit, the community met at the Center to make signs and organize a counter-protest.

Other groups also helped organize, such as Gay Liberation Network (GLN) and Equality Illinois.

When the Westboro crew arrived, the community covered their signs with sheets, signs and large rainbow flags, chanting "Bigots, go home" and "Yes we can."

The Phelps followers were only outside for about five minutes before local authorities escorted them into the police district

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# January at Flixx

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building.

The last time Phelps' people paid a visit to Chicago was in 1998. Phelps himself was present at the protest, which took place outside of the Broadway United Methodist Church. According to those who were present that day, between 1,000-2,000 community members counter-protested Phelps by covering their hateful signs with a giant rainbow flag and surrounding the church.

"It's important to note that this was the first time his clan showed up in Chicago in over a decade," GLN co-founder Andy Thayer said. "I think (today's action) was very good."

"They were afraid of our fabulousness," Equality Illinois' Rick Garcia said. "That will teach them

## **HIV Skeptic Christine Maggiore Dead at 52**

The HIV-positive activist devoted her life to denial that HIV causes AIDS.

The Los Angeles Times has confirmed with the Los Angeles County coroner's office that 52-year-old HIV skeptic Christine Maggiore died Monday, December 29.

Maggiore, who was HIV-positive, self-



published the book *What if Everything You Thought You Knew About AIDS Was Wrong*. She founded *Alive & Well AIDS Alternatives*, a support group that challenges "common assumptions" about AIDS.

In 2005, her 3-year-old daughter, Eliza Jane Scovill, died of what the coroner's office ruled was AIDS-related pneumonia.

The Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Department of Child Protective Services briefly investigated Maggiore for child endangerment – Maggiore had refused to take antiretroviral drugs while she was pregnant, and she breast-fed her daughter.

Ultimately, no charges were filed against Maggiore as both groups found she had taken her daughter to see physicians on several occasions.

Maggiore was an outspoken critic of the media coverage of her daughter's death, even sending a letter to the Times in an attempt to get it to retract a story. The Times refused to publish the letter, saying, "If facts in an article are wrong, a correction would be published. However, no correction is warranted in this case."

On several occasions, Maggiore pointed to the health of her husband, filmmaker Robin Scovill, who she said repeatedly tested negative for the virus despite numerous years of unprotected sex. She said her son, born in 1997, also tested negative. ([Advocate.com](http://Advocate.com))



## HGRA Coming Events

Jazmine, Miss HGRA 2009 is already busy raising money for the MCC Food Pantry and the 2009 Heartland Regional Rodeo. Her show at MCC last month was a hit, even though the weather kept a lot of people home. The poor showing on Friday caused us to cancel the show at Connections on Saturday night, as the weather didn't improve at all and some of our entertainers were canceling because of it.

Jazmine has been talking to bars all over Iowa and S. Dakota about upcoming shows. I'll get those dates and places to you just as soon as we have everything firmed up. Be prepared for some road trips... she's talking to Sioux Falls, the Quad Cities, Des Moines, etc.

Don't forget to attend our next HGRA meeting and give us your input for this year's rodeo. It will be held Saturday Jan 3rd with the Rodeo Meeting at 5pm followed by the General Membership Meeting at 6pm. We will be meeting in the basement of DC's Saloon, Omaha.

## Pride Players To Perform at The Rose Theater

The Pride Players will depict life experiences of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight-ally teen-agers at a special 7 p.m. benefit performance on Friday, Jan. 30.

The show will be staged at Rose Blumkin Performing Arts Center, 20th and Farnam Sts., in the upstairs Hitchcock Theater.

The group of talented Omaha-area high schoolers uses improvisation to create songs, monologues, scenes and skits that explore what it means to be a GLBT/Ally teen in Omaha. In past years, the group has taken on issues such as suicide, AIDS, "coming out" and being proud of who you are.

Pride Players is directed by Brian Guehring, the Omaha Theater Company's educational director and playwright-in-residence. The group won a National Education Association Human and Civil Rights Award in 2006.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. All proceeds go to support Omaha GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network), Omaha PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and the Proud Horizons youth group.

Reserve your tickets by sending a check payable to Omaha PFLAG to Ralph Kellogg, 10329 Y St., Omaha, NE 68127. You can also visit [www.pflag-omaha.org/prideplayers.html](http://www.pflag-omaha.org/prideplayers.html) and  
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### Diane's Story

"My partner and I had been together for 14 years when I received the worst phone call of my life. There had been a terrible accident, and she was being flown to the hospital by helicopter. The hospital staff wanted to know how to get in touch with her next of kin. Mine was the only phone number they could find in her wallet. I gave them her parents' phone number, got into the car and drove straight to the hospital.

When I arrived at the hospital, I couldn't get any information on Susan's condition. The hospital staff informed me that medical information could only be released to Susan's family. For them, family did not include live-in partners regardless of the length of the relationship. It took six hours for Susan's parents to arrive at the hospital. During that time, I sat in the hospital waiting room and wasn't allowed to see or comfort her.

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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The benefit performance is part of a four-day Pride Players run starting Jan. 29.

## THANK YOU DIAMOND FOUNDATION!

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha sincerely thanks Troy Fienhold-Haasis and the Diamond Foundation for making us aware of Mutual of Omaha's plan to donate carpet to charitable organizations in the Omaha area. This provided several thousand dollars worth of carpet at no cost. Thank you, Troy!

## Creating Dialogue on Homosexuality

Lauren Rusch

Traditional viewpoints were re-evaluated at the Creighton Gay-Straight Alliance event, "The Bible and Homosexuality: A Critical Reflection" on Nov. 13.

Theology Professor Todd Salzman gave the presentation, the second part of a two-part series. The first part was the movie "For the Bible Tells Me So" shown on Nov. 12.

Beth Straley, Arts & Sciences senior and Creighton GSA's vice president for educational programming, organized the series.

"I saw the movie on my own this summer and I thought it would be a great program, but I didn't want to show the movie and leave it hanging or try to lead a discussion without knowing very much on the topic," she said. "I knew Dr. Salzman had written papers on Christian sexual ethics and was knowledgeable on the topic, so I invited him to speak."

Salzman examined a few of the most common Bible passages used to discriminate against homosexuals and argued they have been misinterpreted.

"Why do we choose some scripture to follow literally and not others? Jesus never addresses homosexuality, even when referring to Sodom and Gomorrah—the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah is inhospitality," he said.

"Nowhere in Scripture are monogamous, loving, committed, homosexual relationships addressed."

He also said in the Bible writers' culture there was no concept

of homosexual orientation. They thought everyone was heterosexual and some people just chose to perform homosexual acts.

They also held the Homunculus Theory, which said only the male provided life and the female was simply an empty vessel. As scientific understanding of homosexuality has changed, Salzman said, so should Catholic teaching on the topic.

Salzman's main argument against Catholic teaching was it is "grounded in biological complementarity." The Catholic Church teaches homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered," because every sexual act has to be open to the transmission of life.

Even though the acts are disordered, a homosexual orientation is not, Salzman said. He wondered if biology was the best foundation for sex.

"All humanity is disordered, why single out homosexuals?" he said. "Do we want a sexual morality grounded in biology or in principles of love, justice, compassion and mutual respect that come with a monogamous, committed relationship, both homosexual and heterosexual?"

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## Side-Bar 1

By SheldonBailey.com

### Stalking – Its Impact on You

Ever have the feeling that someone is watching you?

Generally speaking, the crime of stalking involves "elements" that must be met. A sample reads as follows:

Any person who willfully follows or is in the presence of another person on more than one occasion without legal intent and who intends to do one or more of the following to that person:

(1) Cause reasonable fear either for the person's safety or the safety of the person's immediate family or close personal associates, or

(2) Cause substantial emotional distress by placing that person in fear of death, bodily injury, or continued harassment, and that in fact causes that person substantial emotional distress.

Always be aware of your surroundings and circumstances and take reasonable precautions for your own safety.

Two examples that are based on true stories:

Laura, a single woman, lived in a small one-story apartment complex. She befriended a neighbor, a gay man, who agreed to keep a protective eye on her. Many nights she slept on her sofa because she felt safer.

One summer night she slept on the sofa and awoke to find a strange man standing over her. The man beat her, but she avoided rape by agreeing to go out on a date with him. As soon as he left, she called the police.

The man was a former resident of the apartments and had stalked her. He gained access to her apartment through the bedroom window, which was located in the rear of the apartment.



What about her neighbor? The window air-conditioning units were on and he heard nothing!  
 Sally, a married woman, lived in the county and worked in the city as a waitress at a bar.  
 Tony, a young police officer had a secret history of stalking women and targeted Sally. He laid in wait one night after he went off-duty. He sat in his patrol car in a restaurant parking lot, and when he saw Sally go by, he pulled her over. When she refused his request for sex, he drove her to a remote area and beat her to death.  
 How could these two women have protected themselves?

Laura could have installed a security system.

Sally could have pulled into a well-lit area that had other people around, chosen a different route, called 911 to make sure the officer was on duty and a real police officer, or called her husband and kept him on the phone.

Common-sense precautions:

- Never think it is your imagination! Talk to others.
- Program 911 as a speed-dial number on your cell phone.
- Don't trust anyone that you don't know well.
- Carry pepper-spray.
- Trust your instincts.
- Change your routine.
- Never communicate with a perceived stalker.
- Contact police if you think you are being stalked.
- Keep the evidence!
- Don't be afraid; but be cautious!

For additional information on stalking and how to protect yourself:

Stalking Resource Center website:

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Good luck, and be safe!

## SideBar 2

by SheldonBailey.com

Clean Up Your Act!



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Happy New Year to all of my readers, and to those who have also read the novel of which I am the protagonist, "Friend of the Firm," thank you for indulging me. Normally this column involves some type of legal issue, but this month I have decided to get personal.

Those of us who make New Year's resolutions that are so easily decided but difficult to maintain need to get the ball rolling! This column will provide tips and tricks to help you get on track and stay there.

No more excuses. No more self-deprecation. Take stock of your life, decide what you want to improve and make a vow to do it. There you have it...your resolution. Go ahead, make a resolution. Need to stop smoking? Lose weight? Do a better job managing your money? Learn a new language or skill? Find a new job?

Whatever your resolution, if you are serious about keeping it, you can help yourself stick to it by cleaning up your act. That means to stop, yes, cease and desist, your slovenly ways and get busy.

Start by cleaning your room. You heard me, clean your room! It's simple and it's free, but also an extremely effective way to make sure you start the year off right. Wash your bedding, scrub the windows and walls, vacuum everything, sweep, mop, scrape and peel; whatever it takes to make your bedroom spic-and-span for the new year. Wash the dirty clothes and organize your drawers and closets. Give clothing you don't wear to charity. The next step is very important and not to be overlooked: open the windows, turn on the fan and air out your room for at least two hours. Light candles and place them in the corners to clear out stagnant air and trapped gasses. Clearing the clutter will release endorphins and help keep you focused, and that will make it easier to keep your promise to yourself.

If your resolution involves stopping a bad habit, perform a ritual burning. Burn an object that represents the thing you are trying to rid yourself of. If it cannot easily be burned, write it down and burn the paper.

If your resolution involves a new beginning, perform a ritual incense burning while you clean your room. Every time you pass by the smoke, say aloud what you have resolved to do. This isn't voodoo...it's a reminder to yourself that this is important to you and will impress the vow on your mind. You might need to burn incense daily for a while until your resolution takes hold and becomes a habit.

Next, choose a trusted friend or family member and tell him/her what your resolution is. Then vow to pay them one dollar every time you relapse. If you have resolved to stop smoking and smoke three times in one day, you owe your friend three dollars. Be sure to pay up and ask the friend to keep the money in a safe place for future use. For every day you keep your resolution for the entire day, put a dollar in a shoe box under your bed. At the end of each month, you and your friend should compare which stash has the most money. Make a game out of it! Tell your friend to make a big deal out of how much money is in her stash at the end of each month. Then your friend should stuff the money in her wallet, doing so right in front of you. Your friend should not, under any circumstances, return the money to you.

At the end of the month you will hopefully have about thirty dollars in the shoe box. You can use that money treat yourself to something special that doesn't interfere with your resolution, put it in a savings account toward a vacation, give it to charity, whatever. The box under your bed and your friend's stash should be empty at the beginning of each month.

Keep your bedroom clean! Dirty clothes go in the laundry and clean ones are hung up or folded and put away. Windows should be opened monthly and the room aired out. Clean your room every week, spending at least an hour getting it back in shape with clean linens, clothes, empty waste cans and clean floors and windows. While you are doing this, constantly remind yourself of your resolution.

Additional tips for keeping those resolutions:

If you need legal help, contact a lawyer. For help with finding the right lawyer go to [www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com) or contact the State Bar for your state.

If you need help figuring out how to resolve financial issues, contact a not-for-profit organization that counsels people on how to handle their money, or contact a financial advisor that has been referred to you by someone you know and trust.

If you need to make peace with someone, take the first step by dissolving your pride and make a positive move toward them. It might not be necessary to tackle the issue that led to the problem. You could simply say something nice or offer to buy their lunch one day. Try to see yourself in their place and accept their weaknesses like your friends accept yours.

Build your own self-esteem by forgiving yourself for whatever you might have done to offend yourself, just as you would forgive someone else for a similar thing if they asked for forgiveness and then worked to make it right. Along with this, you have to work to make it right to yourself. Stop punishing yourself for past deeds and/or actions and vow to do better.

If you need to resolve a mental-health issue such as depression or bi-polar disorder, contact your doctor or a mental-health professional. For additional information visit [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov). And finally, stand in the middle of your freshly cleaned room, take a deep breath of the cleansed air, look around and say aloud, "I resolve to ....."

Have a great year!!

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## **Another Transgender Woman Attacked in Memphis**

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Leeneshia Edwards was shot around 5 a.m. in south Memphis



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at close range, the TV station reports. She has injuries to her jaw, side, and back and is undergoing multiple surgeries. There were no witnesses to the shooting of Edwards, who is reportedly a prostitute.

Edwards is not the only recent transgender crime victim in Memphis. Duana Johnson was shot to death in Memphis a little more than a month ago. Johnson first made headlines earlier this year when a video circulated of the 43-year-old sex worker being beaten in jail by Memphis cops. Two of the officers were subsequently fired, and one is awaiting trial on a civil rights charge. Police say there are no leads in Johnson's murder case.

Another transgender woman, Tiffany Berry, was killed in south Memphis in 2006. (Neal Broverman, Advocate.com)

**Will Newsom Run for  
Calif. Governor Now  
That Feinstein Isn't?**

U.S. senator Dianne Feinstein of California, having been tapped as chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, will not run for governor of the Golden State in November 2010, the San Francisco Chronicle reported on Tuesday.

The 75-year-old legislator considered running for California's top job, close friends told the Chronicle. But with her recent promotion -- where she'll shape policy on wiretapping and the treatment of detainees -- she's abandoned that idea, leaving open the possibility of the liberal mayors of Los Angeles and San Francisco staking a claim for governor, as well as California's current attorney general, Jerry Brown.

Brown was California's governor from 1975 to 1983, and served as mayor of Oakland from 1999 to 2007. The Democrat is seen as forward-thinking, though he signed the 1977 state law that limited marriage to heterosexuals. His current position on same-sex marriage is murky, though he opposed the original wording of Proposition 8 -- the voter-approved initiative that constitutionally banned same-sex marriage in California -- a move that was seen as supportive toward marriage equality.

San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom has put himself at the forefront of the marriage-equality fight. He married gay couples on the steps of San Francisco's City Hall in 2004, though those marriages were later invalidated. Those ceremonies paved the way for the lawsuit that overturned California's same-sex marriage ban, though that California supreme court decision was invalidated by Prop. 8. Now, the state supreme court is reviewing the constitutionality of Prop. 8. Newsom's fierce support of same-sex marriage could endear him to voters in the Bay Area and pockets of Southern California, but will likely hinder him in other parts of the enormous state.

Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has also loudly supported marriage equality, though his name is less associated with same-sex marriage. Villaraigosa is popular with Latinos, but has less name recognition than his counterpart in San Francisco.

Republicans hoping to succeed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger include insurance commissioner Steve Poizner and possibly



Meg Whitman, the wealthy former chief executive of eBay.  
(Neal Broverman, The Advocate)

## NYT Columnist Calls Out Obama on Warren Selection

New York Times columnist Frank Rich took to the op-ed pages Sunday to rail against President-elect Barack Obama for his selection of conservative pastor Rick Warren to deliver the opening prayer at January's inauguration. Rich said Obama's explanation that the decision was intended to shine a light on the "wide range of viewpoints" is unacceptable.

New York Times columnist Frank Rich took to the op-ed pages Sunday to rail against President-elect Barack Obama for his selection of conservative pastor Rick Warren to deliver the opening prayer at January's inauguration.

The Obama camp has attempted to justify the selection of Warren as a way to shine a light on the "wide range of viewpoints" in a "diverse and noisy and opinionated" America. But Rich, a columnist for the Times since 1994, says Obama should know better, saying the president-elect "knows full well that a 'viewpoint' defaming any minority group by linking it to sexual crimes like pedophilia is unacceptable."

Liberal writers have been up in arms about Warren's selection since the announcement was made. So too have evangelical voices, who claim Warren should have rejected the invitation because of Obama's pro-choice ("pro-death" in their words) beliefs.

But this is perhaps the most visible column yet to come out of the opinion pages that really calls into question Obama's rationale in choosing Warren, the Saddleback Church pastor who campaigned heavily for the passing of Prop. 8 in California.

In the column Rich reasons that despite calls from liberal activists to remove Warren from the inauguration, Obama now has to follow through with his decision. Civil rights icon Reverend Joseph Lowery, an outspoken supporter of gay rights, was selected to deliver the benediction, though that announcement was rather overshadowed by the selection of Warren.

Rich then pushed the conversation forward by turning to Timothy McCarthy, a historian who teaches at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and "an unabashed Obama enthusiast" who served on his campaign's National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Leadership Council. His question -- what happens next?

McCarthy noted that Warren's role at the inauguration is symbolic, saying that it is now time "to move from symbol to substance," calling on Warren to "recant his previous statements about gays and lesbians" and on Obama to start following

through on his promises to LGBT Americans.

McCarthy also urged "LGBT folks to choose their battles wisely, to judge Obama on the content of his policy-making, not on the character of his ministers."

In the column's up note Rich reasons that conservative evangelical America is on its way out, albeit slowly. After spending a half million dollars in California to pass the anti-gay-marriage measure Prop. 8, James Dobson's Focus on the Family has now had to lay off 20% of its workforce.

Warren's new generation of leaders, he says, "departs from the Falwell-Robertson brand of zealots who have had a stranglehold on the G.O.P." He points to the recent removal of top evangelical leader Reverend Richard Cizik -- known for addressing global warming and, more recently, supporting civil unions -- as a sign of the "old establishment's panic."

Rich ends the column with a call to action for 2009: "Here's to humility and equanimity everywhere in America, starting at the top, as we negotiate the fierce rapids of change awaiting us in the New Year." (Ross von Metzke, Advocate.com)





## Rick Warren Does the Gay Rights Shuffle

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Warren said in a video to his church that he does not equate gay relationships with incest or pedophilia, but opposes redefining marriage just as any conservative Christian would.

He said the invitation to the inauguration was intended to show that people with opposing views don't have to demonize each other. He also said that just because he opposes redefining marriage doesn't mean that he is anti-gay.

"I have in no way ever taught that homosexuality is the same thing as a forced relationship between an adult and a child, or between siblings," Warren said. "I was trying to point out I'm not opposed to gays having their partnership. I'm opposed to gays using the term marriage for their relationship."

The video replaced a brief article on the Bible and homosexuality that was posted on Saddlebackfamily.com. That church article had said that gays "unwilling to repent of their homosexual lifestyle would not be accepted" as members.

In response to calls from the gay community that Warren be removed from the inauguration, Obama said that he remains a "fierce advocate" of equal rights for the LGBT community. (Advocate.com)

## Man Avoids Hate Crime Charge Gets 5-1/2 Years in Prison

A 25-year-old New York State man was sentenced Tuesday to 5-1/2 years behind bars after pleading guilty to attacking a gay man in March.

Judge Richard Keenan added a year and a half to the sentence that Jesse Parsons was originally expected to receive after he made a plea agreement in September, according to the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. He pleaded guilty to second-degree assault, which, as a hate crime, would have landed him up to 15 years in prison.

However, the four-year sentence was voided when Parsons said in open court in November that Lance Neve deserved the attack. Keenan threw out the plea deal, saying that Parsons would go to trial for the original charge of second-degree assault committed as a hate crime. Parsons then opted to stand by his plea but take a longer sentence. He was also ordered to pay \$24,000 in medical expenses for 26-year-old Neve. Both men are Spencerport residents.

Neve told police that he and his partner were at Snuggery's Bar in Spencerport March 8 when Parsons taunted them with antigay remarks before he attacked Neve, who suffered bleeding on his brain as well as fractures to his skull, nose, left eye socket, and jaw. (Michelle Garcia, Advocate.com)

## Research Links Poor Health Of LGBT Youth to Family Rejection

Researchers have established a correlation between the health of lesbian, gay and bisexual adolescents and how their families react to their coming-out.

"For the first time, research has established a predictive link between specific, negative family reactions to their child's sexual orientation and serious health problems for these adolescents in young adulthood—such as depression, illegal drug use, risk for HIV infection, and suicide attempts," said Caitlin Ryan, director of the Family Acceptance Project at the César E. Chávez Institute at San Francisco State University and lead author of the research.

The major research findings included:

- LGBT young adults who experienced higher rates of family rejection had significantly poorer health outcomes.
- LGBT young adults who reported higher levels of family rejection during adolescence were 8.4 times more likely to report having attempted suicide, 5.9 times more likely to report high levels of depression, 3.4 times more likely to use illegal drugs, and 3.4 times more likely to report having engaged in unprotected sexual intercourse, compared with peers from families that reported no or low levels of family rejection.
- Latino males reported the highest number of negative family reactions to their sexual orientation in adolescence.

"This study clearly shows the tremendous harm of family rejection, even if parents think they are well-intentioned, following deeply held beliefs, or even protecting their children," said Sten Vermund, a pediatrician and Amos Christie Chair of Global Health at Vanderbilt University. (Advocate.com)



# GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach  
Metro Omaha GLBT Center  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha**  
(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 JANUARY 3RD  
HGRA BOARD MEETING, 5PM, DC's  
Saloon in the basement**

**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  
FFT: 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 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 [aander-son@hastings.edu](mailto:aander-son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at [jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto: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 Samford

**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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP** 7 to 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday OR Sunday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

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

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER** L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

**INTEGRITY** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

### OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**



## Audition Notice for Complete Female Stage Beauty

by Jeffrey Hatcher

—Sunday, January 4th at 2:00pm  
—Monday, January 5th at 7:00pm  
Audition Location: Northside  
Christian Church – 5555 Larimore  
Avenue

Director: M. Michele Phillips  
(mmichelephillips@cox.net)

Productions Dates: March 5 - 29,  
2009

### CAST REQUIREMENTS:

7 men - aged 25 - 55  
5 women aged 21 - 45

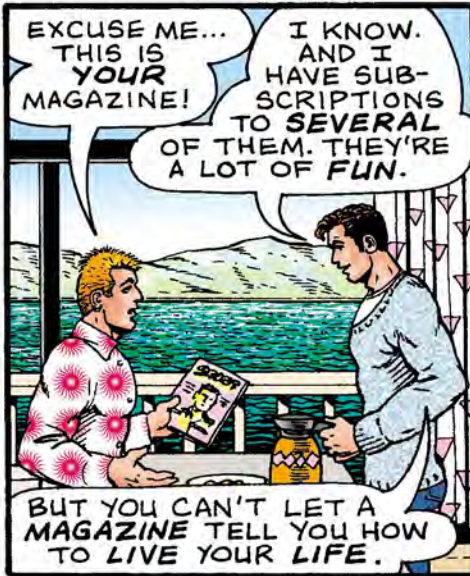
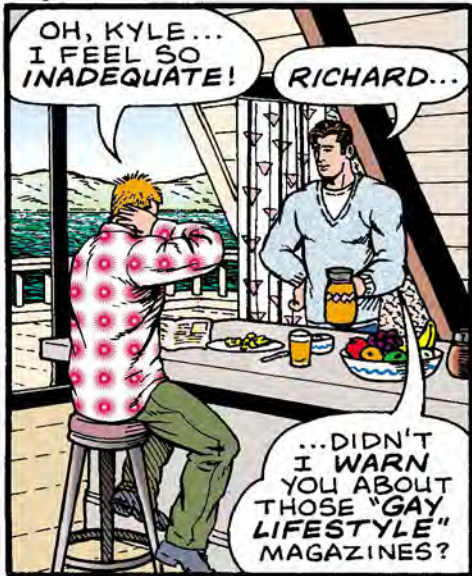
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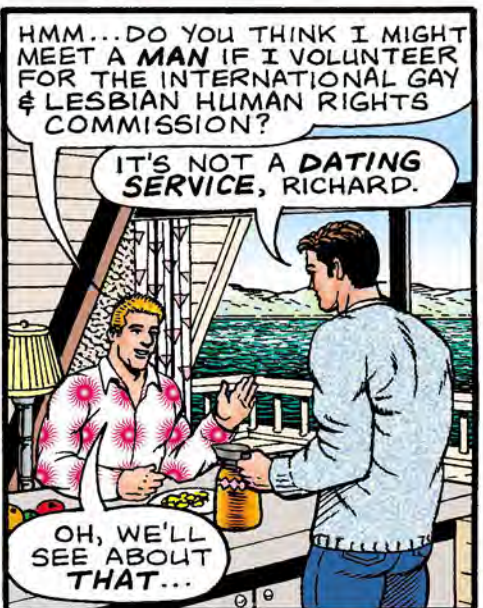
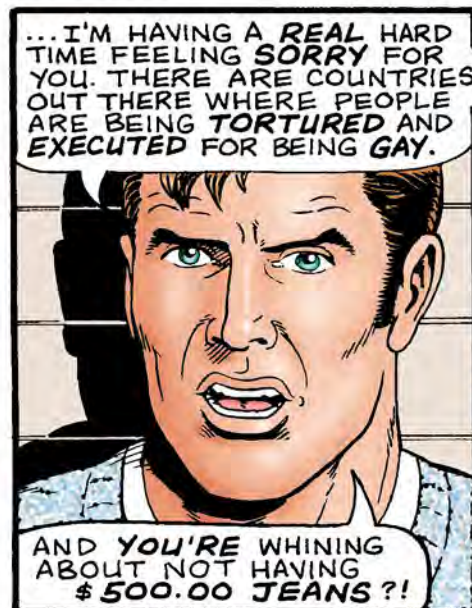
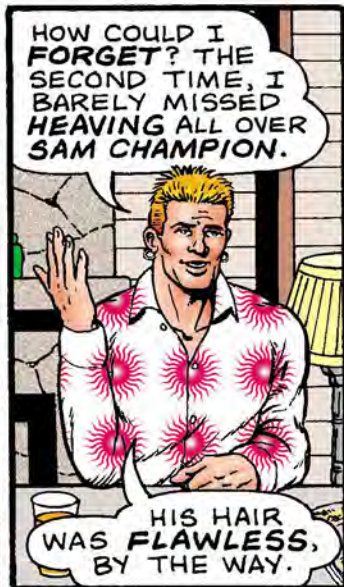
In 1661, the most famous portrayer of female roles on the London stage was a performer named "Kynaston." Like every other player permitted to enact such roles, Kynaston was a man. A celebrity artist, Mr. K, is applauded onstage and off for his interpretations of Shakespeare's tragic ladies. But when King Charles II changes the law to allow women to act, Kynaston's world is turned upside-down—until fate and his desire for revenge give him a chance to take the stage again.



# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



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# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**,  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](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](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see [www.diamond-foundation.org](http://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](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://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](mailto:glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org](http://www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org) for info

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for information

**Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

**NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC -Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info

**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

**Northside Christian Church** 5555 Larimore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contemporary service at 11:00am

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohanagroup@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact [omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for more info.

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://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](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto: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, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://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](mailto:info@rivercitygenderalliance.org)

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

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**Temple Israel Synagogue**, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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

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



Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094  
 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](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) / [www.unl.edu/cglbtc](http://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](http://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](http://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

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Omaha GLBT Sports  
 By Chris Orr



The volleyball season is at its half-way point. The teams met on December 21st to play before their holiday break on the 28th. Black played against Gray in a kill contest. Black is the experienced team of the league and played against the inexperienced team, Gray.

In the first set Black didn't have to even rotate once while winning the game. Gray got the highest points scored in the second set. Black lightened up in sets two and three and Gray had some fun trying out a bump set routine. Black team was treating this as a practice. Gray team did laugh all the way thru the three sets and had some fun with it.

You can come watch us play Sundays January 4th – February 22nd at Westroads Club (1212 North 102nd Street) from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. No admission fee to spectators. Dodgeball registration will begin soon on our website [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org). Dodgeball is a one day fundraiser tournament and the benefit is for the Rainbow Outreach Center. More details will be released at a later date.

### December 21st

Black 21 21 21	VS.	Gray 1 9 8
Blue 15 14 19	VS.	Dixie Quicks 21 21 21
White 21 21 21	VS.	Green 13 15 12
Red 21 16 21	VS.	Louie M's 19 21 14
Yellow 10 22 21	VS.	Chixx 21 20 16
Purple 13 11 19	VS.	Flixx 21 21 21
Brown 21 16 21	VS.	Orange 7 21 14

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





## Bad Newspaper Headlines

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 Teacher Strikes Idle Kids  
 Miners Refuse to Work after Death  
 Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant  
 War Dims Hope for Peace  
 If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile  
 Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures  
 Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide  
 Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges  
 Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge  
 New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group  
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## Irish Humor

Paddy calls EasyJet to book a flight. The operator asks 'How many people are flying with you?'

Paddy replies 'I don't know! It's your f\*\*\*ing plane!!'

Two Irish couples decided to swap partners for the night. After 3 hours of amazing sex Paddy says 'I wonder how the girls are getting on'.

Paddy takes his new wife to bed on their wedding night. She undresses & lies on the bed spread-eagled & says 'You know what I want don't you?'

'Yeah,' says Paddy. 'The whole friggin bed by the looks of it!'



## Robot Lie Detector

John was a salesman's delight when it came to any kind of unusual gimmick.

His wife Marsha had long ago given up trying to get him to change. One day John came home with another one of his unusual purchases. It was a robot that John claimed was actually a lie detector.

It was about 5:30 that afternoon when Tommy, their 11-year-old son, returned home from school. Tommy was over two hours late.

'Where have you been? Why are you over two hours late getting home?' asked John.

'Several of us went to the library to work on an extra credit project,' said Tommy. The robot then walked around the table and slapped Tommy, knocking him completely out of his chair.

'Son,' said John, 'this robot is a lie detector. Now tell us where you really were after school.'

'We went to Bobby's house and watched a movie,' said Tommy.

'What did you watch?' asked Marsha.

'The Ten Commandments,' answered Tommy. The robot went around to Tommy and slapped him again, knocking him off his chair once more. With his lip quivering, Tommy got up from the floor, sat down, and said, 'I am sorry I lied. We really watched an R-rated movie.'

'I am ashamed of you, son,' said John. 'When I was your age, I never lied to my parents.' The robot then walked around to John and delivered a whack that nearly knocked him out of his chair.

Marsha doubled over in laughter, almost in tears, and said, 'Boy, did you ever ask for that one! You can't be too mad with Tommy. After all, he is your son!'

With that the robot immediately walked around to Marsha and knocked her out of her chair.

basic words to help you make this the healthiest and Hap-hap-happiest New Year since Bing Crosby tap danced with Danny freakin' Kaye.

The first in my compendium of words for this new year is TODAY. Mark Twain was quoted as saying, "Never put off tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow." Get your vaccination now for this procrastination virus. The best way to get something done is to begin. Everyday brings with it challenges that can shelve until a later day. Life is so much easier when you stop, drop, and do it TODAY!

It takes seventeen muscles to SMILE and forty-three to frown. Smile when you see the mailman. Smile when you get to work in the morning. Smile at the Wal-Mart cashier who hasn't had anything to smile about in ten days and would rather be anywhere but her \$8 per hour job. You can put yourself and others around you in a great frame of mind with a sweet little ole smile. George Eliot said, "Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles." Life is so much easier when you leave home with that SMILE!

Lights, camera, ACTION! Alfred A. Montapert said, "Your life will be no better than the plans you make and the action you take. You are the architect and builder of your own life, fortune, and destiny." Go out and make your life happen. You won't be able to have sex with that hot tenant in apartment 5B if you don't introduce yourself first. Good intentions are not good enough... ultimately we are measured by our actions. Life is so much easier with ACTION!

DREAM a little dream with me! Get excited about life and what can happen. It's perfectly acceptable and healthy for you to dream big. Henry David Thoreau said, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." It's OK to sit in traffic and dream about a new Lexus. It's OK to dream about vacations while reading Conde Nast magazine. It's OK to dream about becoming CEO while enjoying your cubicle's commodiousness. Life is so much easier with the ability to DREAM!

You only need to be human to be a WINNER! It's a rough world out there. Don't expect a blue ribbon and a dozen roses for a lackluster performance. There are plenty of people competing for all types of prizes in this world. You can be a winner in the classroom. You can be a winner at your workplace. You can be a winner in the poetry writing contest. Zig Ziglar once exclaimed, "If you don't see yourself as a winner, then you cannot perform as a winner." Life is so much easier when you want to be a WINNER!

Sit down TODAY and DREAM about becoming a WINNER through all the ACTION you'll take to make it a reality. Then just sit back and SMILE!

This moment of "Yes I Can" was brought to you by that guy who realizes that money doesn't grow on trees. That hackneyed expression kind of guy is Ron Blake and you can send a breeze through his leaves at [blake.fitness@yahoo.com](mailto:blake.fitness@yahoo.com).

## Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake  
Certified Personal Trainer



Welcome to the last year of the first decade of the first century of the third millennium. That New Year's greeting couldn't have been more confusing if three overpriced lawyers had spent twelve billable hours creating it. I'll make things easy for you now by giving you five



# I Spy.....



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.)

Happy New Year everyone! Now that you have survived the holiday season, most of you, what the hell do we do now? It's time to pack up all that holiday hoopla and go back to life. But as we pack, let's remember some holiday gifts and tips.

Sarah Palin is the gift that keeps on giving, just like the latte machine you got from your loved one. She just keeps grinding away like the coffee grounds to make something.

You may actually want to save some of the holiday décor that you have bought and received over the holiday season. The economy is projected to get worse so just like this year, next year will have a smaller selection of Yule tide joy.

Wrapping paper and gift bags are just a time and money saver. I would also suggest to save the tags in which who gave you that gift bag your saving so the bag isn't a "return to sender" next year and Larry Craig will change his position (not in the Bathroom, silly) but on how to plead the charges against him, again.

Throw out all that homemade goodies, candies, and food because like Governor F-Bomb Rod, you need something fresh instead of an old stale story; I mean fresh food.

Gently pack and protect your ornaments so that they don't break and shatter. This is unlike Bush who is trying to do the same with his legacy tour. Just like the holiday music, if you hear it repeatedly so many times, you believe and sing it.

The first chance you get on a warm day after New Year's Day, get that outdoor lighting off and put into boxes. Otherwise Nebraska Furniture Mart will use your display as the Christmas in July at Nebraska Furniture Mart T.V. advertisement. Oh it's the most wonderful time of the year!

Any gripes, comments, or having something checked out? Email me [orrthumper83@yahoo.com](mailto:orrthumper83@yahoo.com)



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AMATEUR STRIP 7PM  
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Sunday January 4th

**Rainbow Celebrations**  
**NE Pride 2009 Benefit**  
**10pm**

Saturday January 10th

**ICON's E&E Ball**  
**6pm Doors Open**  
**7pm Show**

Sunday January 11th

**Miss Max Holly Day's**  
**Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious**  
**Farewell Show!**

Sunday January 18th

**"RENT IN REVIEW"**  
**9pm**

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