



A Sincere Apology

Leaders of ex-gay programs apologized to LGBT people in a press conference and called on other leaders to do the same

By Michelle Garcia

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As the director of an ex-gay ministry in Hayward, Calif., Darlene Bogle appeared on shows like Sally Jesse Raphael, Jerry Springer, and 48 Hours to tell people that being gay is "curable." She wrote several articles and two books—Long Road to Love and Strangers in a Christian Land—about being an ex-gay and held workshops on the subject.

In 1990, Bogle met Des, who was attending one of her ex-gay workshops, and sensed instantly that God brought them together. Within weeks Bogle was asked to step down from her leadership position at the Foursquare Church and she was removed from the Exodus ministry.

Bogle, joined by former ex-gay ministers Jeremy Marks and Michael Bussee, held a press conference on June 27 at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center with Soulforce and Beyond Ex-Gay to apologize for exposing LGBT Christians to such indoctrination.



Darlene Bogle, Michael Bussee, and Jeremy Marks.

The press conference and apology precedes the Ex-Gay Survivor's Conference in Irvine, Calif., this weekend. Beyond Ex-Gay and Soulforce partnered with the University of California, Irvine's LGBT Resource Center to sponsor the conference with workshops, speeches, and entertainment.

"Although we acted in good faith, we have since witnessed the isolation, shame, fear, and loss of faith that this message creates," Bussee said, speaking for the group. "We apologize for our part in the message of broken truth we spoke on behalf of Exodus and other organizations."

Bussee, the cofounder of Exodus International, said that he was a devout evangelical who started the ex-gay movement in the 1970s out of his own self-hate. Eventually he and another cofounder, Gary Cooper, left the group and their wives to be together and happy. He has been critical of Exodus ever since.

In 1986, Marks became a member of a ministry in the United Kingdom where he met other gay Christians mired in the same struggle to be straight. He headed several ex-gay programs, including Courage U.K., and later became president of Exodus International Europe. By 2000, Marks abandoned the ex-gay theories and transformed Courage U.K. into a gay-affirming evangelical ministry.

Ex-gay survivor Eric Leocadio was on hand to witness the official apology in Los Angeles. As a high school freshman Leocadio ingested two fistfuls of pills, hoping to kill himself so that he would not have to struggle with his sexual orientation.

"When I survived," said Leocadio, now 31, "I realized that God

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... AGAINST GUYS LIKE BODE MILLER AND STEFAN BENNETT.

GET OUTTA' HERE. REALLY?

YEAH. I WAS PRETTY GOOD, TOO.



PROBABLY WOULD'VE MADE THE OLYMPIC TEAM IF NOT FOR...

...WELL... YOU KNOW.

KINDA' IRONIC, ISN'T IT? ALL OF THAT "DANGEROUS" DOWN-HILL SKI-RACING EVERY WINTER ...



... AND I END UP GETTIN' PARALYZED WHEN A BUILDING COLLAPSES DURING MY SUMMER JOB.

HOW COME THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M HEARIN' ABOUT THIS?



I DON'T LIKE TO FOCUS ON THE PAST, FERRELLI. THAT PART OF MY LIFE IS OVER.

IF IT'S OVER... THEN WHY DO YOU STILL WEAR ALL THESE T-SHIRTS?



I, UM... I'M NOT SURE.

LOOK, FERRELLI... IT'S REALLY NOT A BIG DEAL. JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.

IT IS SO A BIG DEAL. YOU'RE SORTA' LIKE A CELEBRITY.

YEAH, RIGHT.

CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?

HOW ABOUT A KISS INSTEAD?

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HEY... ARE YOU DONE WITH THIS DRYER?

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wasn't done with me. There was so much more that God had planned for me."

But his journey of self-acceptance was arduous. After his suicide attempt Leocadio became a devoted Christian and used his spirituality to stifle his same-sex attractions. At 26 he ended up at the Desert Stream Ministries in Anaheim, Calif., where he underwent an intensive ex-gay program to heal his "brokenness" (along with masturbators, prostitutes, and fellow gays), yearning to live a straight and "normal" life.

"I received a lot of mixed signals from the church," he said. "Everyone gets unconditional love from God but only conditional love from the church, based on the concept of 'wholeness.'"

Leocadio left Desert Stream in 2004 when he realized the promise of an ex-gay life devoid of same-sex attraction wasn't true. It became clear to him that one could not just shed sexuality and that he would have to devote the rest of his life to praying against his sexual urges. The following year Leocadio started his TwoWorldCollision blog to document the conflict between being gay and being Christian; his posts have been known to move people to tears and inspire e-mail responses from around the world.

"I wanted to get to the point where I owned my belief," he said. "What I knew about Christianity was the only thing I was taught. I decided to take a step back and learn more. I met other gay Christians who had a genuine faith and love for God. Through meeting them, I have been able to truly learn the love of God and own it for myself."

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the Youth Board are to develop and organize the GLBT Center Youth Program, including the Friday Youth Night Drop-In and the Youth Leadership Summit; to cooperate and regularly communicate with the GLBT Center Board to facilitate the success of the GLBT Center Youth Program; and to build and foster community among GLBT and allied youth to create a welcoming and supportive environment. Applications are available at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth or visit www.RainbowOutreach.org.

SMART A\$\$ ANSWER #2

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads, "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?" The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."



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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 JULY 14TH

CORONATION 27, 6pm Doors, 7PM Show, DoubleTree Hotel Downtown Omaha

THURSDAY JULY 19TH

GAY-BI MEN'S GROUP. We will have a resource person from Planned Parenthood available to talk about Sex, Men's Health, the male Prostate and more. Please bring your ideas and an open mind to add to the presentation / discussion and please note the date and tell others to attend. Unitarian Church 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE, 7PM, call Tim at 402-483-6183 for more info.

WEDNESDAY JULY 25TH

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse 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

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

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

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

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

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

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

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

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

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

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

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

Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session). Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at anderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP, 7PM, serving gay, bi and questioning men in the Omaha area, at MCC Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTING, 1:30-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in one week

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, using Orasure, results in one week; results in 20 minutes on the last Wednesday of the month. 2147 South 15th #476-7000

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KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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Every Friday

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

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

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 9PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONYMOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Kirk at(402) 403-0277

HIV TESTING 5-10pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th Results available in 20 minutes

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OLDER ADULT DROP-IN, 4 TO 6PM, at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., for older adults age 50+, single or partnered, Free

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE
No Current RCGA Information Available

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before
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GAMES NIGHT, 7pm to 9pm, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE

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

2nd Wednesday

ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

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

2nd Sunday

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

QUOUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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

3rd Monday

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

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IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 7:15pm, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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3rd Thursday

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

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday

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

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS

6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

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3rd Sunday

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

4th Tuesday

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

GAMES NIGHT, 7pm to 9pm, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

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

4th Friday

LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Not currently meeting.

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FUNDRAISER AT LINCOLN'S "Q" WEDNESDAY JULY 25TH

The fundraiser benefits Nebraska's newest PFLAG chapter: SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS). A portion of the \$5 cover charge, \$1/ticket raffle and all of the proceeds from the auction benefit the chapter. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. The evening's events are:

- 8:00 Appetizers and Mixing
- 9:30 Drag Queen/King Show (Lincoln and Omaha's finest)
- 10:30 Intermission
 - Results of Raffle
 - Live Auction PFLAG/PRIDE Quilt
- 10:50 Drag Queen/King Show Resumes
- 12:00 D.J. Music and Dancing

The special item for silent, email and live auction is the RAINBOW PFLAG/PRIDE QUILT shown below:



This one of a kind quilt was made especially for this event by Katie Sullivan, daughter of a Chapter member. Perfect for crib/couch/wall hanging, measuring 45" x 60". Would make a welcome addition to any room or Chapter wall.

The quilt will be silent auctioned at various events leading up to the night at the "Q." It will also be auctioned over the internet by sending an email bid to Patrick Sullivan patrick12758@windstream.net. Patrick will send daily notices of high bidder to everyone who e-bids. Finally, the high bid will be used as the starting bid for the live auction of the quilt at the "Q" on July 25th.

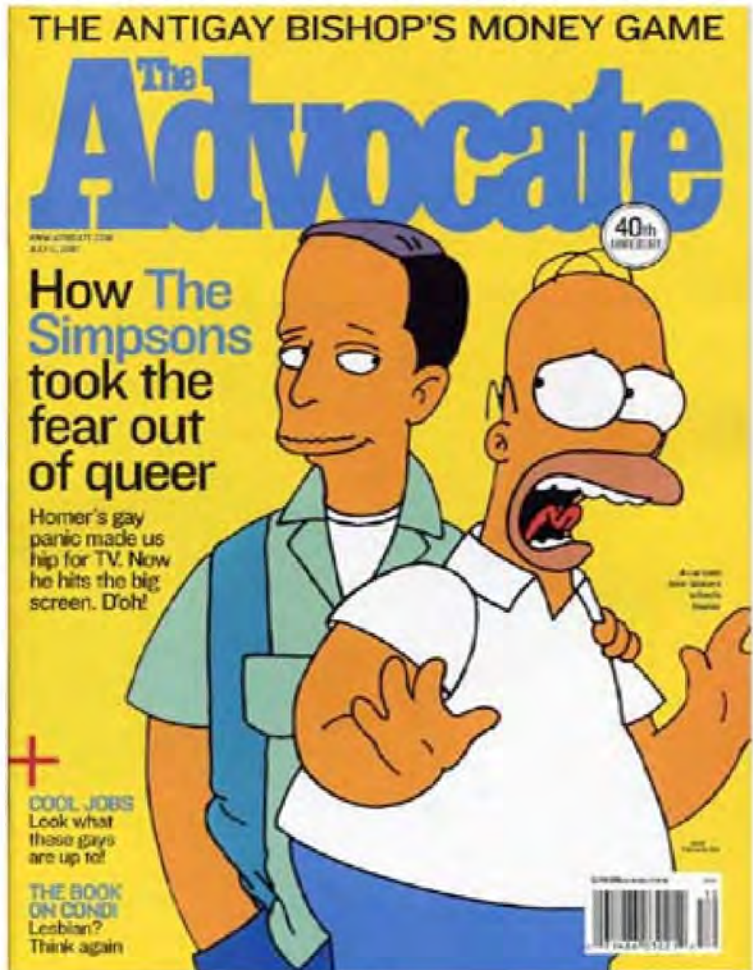
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Terror Threat Can't Keep Pride Down

Despite lashing rain and last week's attempted terrorist attacks, London Pride blazed ahead, attracting tens of thousand revelers for the annual festivities.

The march began at Baker Street and made its way as planned through the West End, through Oxford Street and Regent Street, confronting a hostile, yet small group of conservative Christians and National Front protesters at the bottom of Haymarket before spilling into Trafalgar Square for a rally and pop performances.

Pride organizers met with police Friday and determined there was no need to cancel the festivities. Police deployed more than 350 officers to secure the event, supporting their LGBT comrades, who marched in the parade in uniform, as did members of the Royal Navy.

On Friday, London Mayor Ken Livingstone insisted he would be attending the Gay Pride march, saying, "I think people are completely safe to walk about the streets of London today and tomorrow.

"I have promised my family all week that we are all going on the Gay Pride march. We will all be there," Livingstone told BBC radio. "I suspect virtually everybody who intended to go on that march will be there."

Livingstone joined actor John Barrowman and comedian Amy Lam on Pride's lead float before speaking in Trafalgar Square with his two young children. He was joined by Labor and Liberal Democrat members of Parliament.

Commenting on the gay community's defiant response to the terror threats, a proud Livingstone recalled London's similar response to the July 7, 2005 terrorist bomb plot aboard London's transit system. (Gay.com U.K.)

Enzyme Seen to Scrub HIV from Cells

Scientists in Germany have discovered a way to remove the HIV virus from infected cells, the Associated Press reported. The study, published in *Science* magazine, involved a newly engineered enzyme that attacks the DNA of the virus and cuts it from infected cells.

"A customized enzyme that effectively excises integrated HIV-1 from infected cells in vitro might one day help to eradicate (the) virus from AIDS patients," Alan Engelman, of Harvard University's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, wrote in an article accompanying the study, AP reported.

The study's authors say the the enzyme, called Tre, won't be available as a treatment any time in the near future, but say it's a step forward in the fight 40 million infected people face worldwide.

The enzyme's method of finding the HIV virus' DNA might be the key to solving what the article calls a substantial obstacle -- the virus' ability to go undetected for several months or years because of its occasional dormancy within infected cells. Still, barriers remain before the enzyme can be made publicly available.

"The most important, and likely most difficult, among these is that the enzyme would need efficient and safe means of delivery and would have to be able to function without adverse side effects," wrote Indrani Sarkar of the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics in Dresden, the lead author of the *Science* article.

"Nevertheless, the results we present offer an early proof of principal for this type of approach, which we speculate might form a useful basis for the development of future HIV therapies," Sarkar wrote. (The Advocate)

Consider Yourself Lucky

How Typical

By Michael McManus

It was reported last week that 26 men were arrested for what police in the United Arab Emirates called a "gay wedding."

All of the men were charged with homosexuality, a crime under Sharia (Islamic) law, and have been sentenced each to five years in prison.

This case has received nationwide attention recently after the Iranian government suggested giving the men male hormone treatment to "direct the men away from homosexual behavior."

According to the exiled Iranian gay rights group, Homan, the Iranian government has executed at least 4,000 homosexuals since 1979.

I found this information quite shocking after watching the HBO documentary *Middle Sexes: Redefining He and She*. A large portion of the film was centered on Middle Eastern sexual identity.

I am no expert in the laws of the Middle East, but I was shocked to hear a few interpretations of what the term "gay" and "homosexual" meant to some in the Arab world.

First of all "gay sex" and "gay sexual attachment" are two totally different things. Having sex with a man is acceptable. It's simply a form of sexual release, and does not mean you are gay (unless you are in a marriage, then it is considered adultery). However, if you start developing feelings and any form of attachment, you are considered a homosexual, and ultimately an outcast. Which is why the 26 men getting married were arrested.

I recently read an interesting article on the topic of Arab homosexuality and was quite surprised by its contents. The story was called *Equivocal Lifestyles* by Nur Sati. The article is about a European male who studied abroad in Jordan. He talks about how common it is to find Arabic men holding hands, or hugging each other on the streets without a female in sight. He also states how easy it is to approach someone for sexual intercourse. Marcus, the European male, says he feels comfortable approaching a man in Jordan with frankness about his desires. Even though the man may not be gay, there is some sort of "understanding" about what is going on, and little or no offense would be taken.

These behaviors are something those in the West would consider "homosexual behavior," but same sex desires/couples aren't a topic of discussion in the Arab world.

The 2004 movie, *Touch of Pink*, does a humorous and factual representation of this culture. The film follows a young Arabic male who moves to England to pursue his career. While in England he falls in love with another man, and is afraid to tell his family. Long story short, his family is devastated/outraged, but

later comes around in the end. It paints a good picture of how some of his family members accepted "male-male sexual activity," but condemned homosexuality.

I guess the reason I am discussing this issue is because I think as a society, including myself, we so often complain about things we should ultimately appreciate. I know that if I want to buy a house with the man of my dreams, I can do so without the fear of being exiled, killed, or injected with male hormones. Sure I might have to deal with a few stares or remarks, but I would consider that a small price to pay.

It's still hard to believe that certain cultures still treat homosexuals and women in such a discouraging fashion, especially when our American soldiers (including thousands of homosexuals) are over there defending their freedom and their beliefs.

The new Iraqi constitution fails to provide protection to homosexuals, but, it does state that "each person has the right to personal privacy as long as it does not violate the rights of others or general morality." In a part of the world where most find homosexuality immoral, I don't see this as being hopeful.

I guess it's stories like these that make me realize how different our world is. To think that an 18-hour flight to the Middle East could be a difference in life and death for me is mind-boggling. I truly consider myself lucky.

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OMAHA INFERNO WOMEN'S PRO FOOTBALL

Jessica's dream started in 2002, when she decided to pursue her long obsession with football by joining the Indianapolis Vipers. Unfortunately, the team left the league after her first season. After contemplating for a few years on how to get back into the women's football scene, she decided to start her own team in Omaha, Ne. She couldn't decide on a name. But, finally came up with Omaha Inferno, with our motto stating it all "HOTTEST TEAM IN TOWN!"

Her marketing team consists of Brandy Ferdinand and Mark Rodgers. They have both been working hard to get this team going. Brandy does more of the recruiting part and Mark deals more with the sponsorships. We are also looking at joining the NWFA.

We have a growing roster of girls. But, we need more. We have recently had two tryouts, one on June 18th and the second one on July 1st. We have two games scheduled already for this year. The first one is on September 1st and the second one is on October 13th.

We have practices on Thursday and Sunday nights at 6:30-8:30 pm at Aspen Park (53rd and Aspen), by Bryan High School. Any woman over the age of 18 interested can come to a practice or you can contact Jessie at 402-614-9572 or Sally at 402-250-4962 for more info. Are website is www.omahainferno.com. So if there are any girls out there interested in playing football for a women's pro team, come out to practice one night or contact Jessie or Sally for more information.

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake
Certified Personal Trainer



I was recently on a website called Manhunt where guys find other guys. I was "forced" onto this site and others just like it because of a recent separation from my partner of three years. I was a virgin to the whole chat room scene and I was unfamiliar to the entire dating mileau. I was skeptical and nervous but I thought I'd give it a chance. After two weeks, I became immersed in emoticons, sexual shorthand, and the ability to chat concurrently with a dozen guys who were only looking for "friends". The site is what it is and offers no excuses. It fosters an environment that allows consenting men to have sex with each other. I will expose the dark and unhealthy side of this experience for all. It isn't quite "To Catch a Predator Date-line" material but just imagine it to be for dramatic effect.

What is with all the guys on Manhunt who are into BB. I found out through questioning that BB stands for bare back. These guys are complete idiots. BB was cool when HIV and AIDS was not prevalent back in the Victorian Era. This is the post Rock Hudson and Liberace era. You can get infected with HIV if you engage in unprotected sex. Most of the guys I chatted with who were into BB proclaimed that they recently tested negative for HIV and only engaged in BB action with other guys who also tested negative for HIV. Once again, these people are complete idiots. Many of these Bbers were looking for NSA (no strings attached) and random lovemaking. When was the last time you could trust a guy you JUST met. The only safe way is to trust only yourself. I worked several years as an HIV/AIDS case manager and the best method outside of abstinence is with condoms.

PNP is another acronym I learned from my swashbuckling adventures with Manhunt. PNP refers to party and play and it sounds so cute and nice. It is a euphemism for let's get coked up and grab some crystal meth and then have sex until someone's anus explodes. All the health experts warn against using drugs while engaging in sexual activity. It lowers inhibitions and poor judgement is often used. That doesn't discourage scores of guys on this site from proclaiming their fascination with drugs and sex. More idiots I was exposed to on this site.

I still enjoy heading to Manhunt and using its services from time to time. During the first two weeks, I was on the site for up to six hours per day. It is quite addictive and initially exciting. It is like stalking your prey for miles and then finally relishing on your catch when you succeed in the kill. The problem is that many guys are always hunting and are never relishing other facets of their life. Get a life. Sex accounts for a small percentage of your existence. You need shelter, food, clothing, and many other things that make up a well balanced life. Those fellas that are constantly on this site are overly obsessed. Get a hobby or go find a job or start doing your job instead of pulling this site up at your cubicle each day. Just get a life before yours passes you by.



Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M.
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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson	346-4110
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street	502-2008
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

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

Iowa:

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Finally, lying is not healthy. Manhunt is replete with pathological liars. Guys lie about their penis size, their waist size, their age, their situations, and their faces (they post fake pictures.... gasp!). It is a small world and people will talk and word will get around. It is not healthy to have a soiled reputation.

Furthermore, I would like to point out a few of my pet peeves. Do not state that you are a swimmers build when you are five feet eight inches tall and weigh 190 pounds. Athletic build does not mean you weigh 250 pounds and are under six feet tall. That means you are fat. Do not state that you are only seeking someone who is drama free. This is the gay world and we all have drama.

I have enjoyed my recent learning experience on this site and several others. Be wary and steer clear of those unhealthy aspects to it all and you shall be fine. I have met many fascinating fellows from this experience and am also happy to report that my partner and I are back together again. I will need to update my profile on the website.

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Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League Scores 6/7 & 6/14

Thursday June 21st was the championship game on the sports league for its flag football season. The two best teams played it out claiming the trophy. In a close game the Orangemen out played the Omaha 69ers by one touchdown. It was the last two minutes in the fourth quarter that had everyone all tense and sprinting down the field as the Omaha 69ers tried to get one more in for over time. But that did not happen. Thank you to both teams for a well played season and hope to see you next time!

Orangemen 26 VS. Omaha 69ers 19

July 5th will mark the season opener of the Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League



Softball season. This season will feature four teams as they play it out to see who is number one. Come visit and watch a game either Tuesdays or Thursdays at 34th & Leavenworth Park. Games start promptly at 7 PM with free admission to all. 1st game is July 5th, hope to see you at the ballpark!



OMAHA GLBT PROFESSIONALS GROUP BACKYARD PARTY!

Be a part of Nebraska's first GLBT Professionals Group! Learn how you can be a part of the solution in strengthening Nebraska's GLBT community by supporting and/or joining the Citizens For Equal Protection (CFEP) Omaha GLBT Professionals Group.

DATE:	Thursday, July 12, 2007
TIME:	6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Shelley & Gary Kiel's Home 319 South 53 rd Street Omaha, NE 68132 402.858.4857
	*** REFRESHMENTS & FOOD PROVIDED ***
MEET:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Office of the Mayor Representatives * Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Members * CFEP Board Members * GLBT Professionals * GLBT Allies
LEARN ABOUT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * OMAHA GLBT PROFESSIONALS GROUP * CFEP Annual Meeting Report
QUESTIONS:	Call: Citizens For Equal Protection Office, 388-3027

Come relax, learn about CFEP and the Omaha GLBT Professionals Group, and enjoy the evening!

New Drug Names Announced

In pharmacology, all drugs have two names, a trade name and generic name. For example, the trade name of Tylenol also has a generic name of Acetaminophen. Aleve is also called Naproxen. Amoxil is also called Amoxicillin and Advil is also called Ibuprofen.

The FDA has been looking for a generic name for Viagra. After careful consideration by a team of government experts, it recently announced that it has settled on the generic name of Mycoxafloppin. Also considered were Mycoxafailin, Mydixad-rupin, Mydixarizin, Dixafix, and of course, Ibepokin.

Pfizer Corp. announced today that Viagra will soon be available in liquid form, and will be marketed by Pepsi Cola as a power beverage suitable for use as a mixer. It will now be possible for a man to literally pour himself a stiff one. Obviously we can no longer call this a soft drink, and it gives new meaning to the names of "cocktails", "highballs" and just a good old-fashioned "stiff drink". Pepsi will market the new concoction by the name of: MOUNT & DO.

Thought for the day: There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

FRIDAY JULY 6TH

MEN'S NIGHT

Amateur Strip Contest 7pm
Underwear Night 9pm

THURSDAY JULY 12TH

ICON In-Town Show
7-9pm

SATURDAY JULY 8TH

Pride Idol Victory Show
6pm Doors Open
7pm Show

SUNDAY JULY 15TH

ICON Victory Show
7-9pm

SUNDAY JULY 15TH

The Bonnie Bitch Show!!
With Special Guest Magician: Jason
10pm

SUNDAY JULY 8TH

D² @ THE MAX
Mr Q Derrick & Miss Q
Domonique Divamoore
10pm

SUNDAY JULY 22ND

Mr Max Josh's Step-Down Show
10pm

Background:
Bonnie Bitch

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