

The GayZette



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Clay Aiken Tells People: "I'm Gay"

American Idol runner-up and Broadway actor Clay Aiken announces he is gay on the cover of People magazine's next issue, out Thursday.

Aiken, 29, recently became a father to a baby boy with friend and record producer Jaymes Foster, whom he met while performing on the show that launched his career. His son, Parker Foster Aiken, was born in August.



"I cannot raise a child to lie or to hide things," he says, according to the People cover.

Aiken's sexual orientation has been the subject of much tabloid discussion since the musical sensation left American Idol's second season as runner-up to Ruben Studdard. Though members of the press have prodded Aiken with questions about being gay, he has steadfastly refused to reveal his sexual orientation; in 2006 he called Diane Sawyer "rude" on Good Morning America for even asking.

Also in 2006, talk-show host Kelly Ripa caused an uproar when Aiken, who was guest-hosting Live With Regis and Kelly with Ripa, put his hand over her mouth so he could interject in an interview with Dancing With the Stars' Cheryl Burke and Emmitt Smith. Ripa pulled away, saying, "Oh, that's a no-no. I don't know where that hand's been, honey!"

Rosie O'Donnell, then a cohost on The View, said she took offense to the incident. "To me, that's a homophobic remark," O'Donnell said on the show. "If that was a straight man, if that was a cute man, if that was a guy that she didn't question his sexuality, she would have said a different thing."

Ripa countered that Aiken had been shaking hands with people and that it was flu season at the time.

Later that year a Green Beret claimed to have had a sexual encounter with Aiken in the National Enquirer. He later apologized, saying he should not have told his story without Aiken's consent.

Aiken took a leave from absence from his role as Sir Robin in Broadway's Spamalot earlier this year. He will reprise his role from September 19 to January 4.

Out magazine's Popnography blog posted early this morning about the People cover and the lengthy backstory that led Aiken to come out. (Michelle Garcia, The Advocate)

Chorus Holds Annual Gala Art Auction

The River City Mixed Chorus is having its annual gala art auction, Sat. Oct. 4 at the Jackson Art Works, 1108 Jackson! Titled 'Melange- une Soiree d'art', it will be an evening in France from 7:00pm-10:00pm, where you get to bid on fabulous art works.



You will find new masters, old classics, original ceramics and glass.

Signed, numbered prints, new funky abstracts and much more. Music, food and prizes will be part of the fun also! Many works valued at over \$500 and all bids start at a low \$20 or LESS! Where else can you find those kinds of art bargains?

We have repeat guests every year, and now you know why: 'Melange' will feature quality art for well below market value! This is the Chorus' biggest fund raiser of the year, so make plans to be part of the fun and to help kick off the 25th anniversary season of the River City Mixed Chorus! To purchase advance tickets, go to our website: www.RCMC.org.

George Michael Arrested Again for Drug Possession

Just a month after wrapping his first world tour in more than a decade, pop singer George Michael was arrested over the weekend in London for possession of drugs, the BBC is reporting. The pop singer released a statement Sunday apologizing for the arrest, telling fans he's sorry for "screwing up again." Michael has been caught



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*Michael, Heather,
and baby Abigail*



(George Michael Arrested, story Continued from page 1)

with drugs and had repeated run-ins with police for the past several years. According to the BBC, Michael was issued a caution by police after being arrested in a public restroom for possession of illegal substances, thought to include crack cocaine. He was issued a caution for possession of class A and class C drugs, the BBC reported.

According to reports, Michael was let go with a relatively mild punishment for possession of class A drugs. The possession of class A drugs can result in a prison sentence of up to seven years, according to Reuters.

Home Office minister Tony McNulty said drug laws provide for a wide range of potential punishments for possession of drugs. He said he did not know the details of the case.

This is the latest in a string of run-ins with the law for the pop superstar. Michael was arrested three times in 2006, once for possession of class C drugs and two times after police found him passed out behind the wheel of an automobile under the influence of prescription drugs.

Michael's partner, Kenny Goss, had previously sought treatment for prescription drug dependency, according to Reuters. Earlier this year, Michael told Good Morning America's Chris Cuomo that his decision to tour was a way of "saving me from myself." He said after years of drug abuse, he had finally learned his lesson. (The Advocate)

VP Nominee Joe Biden to Address HRC Dinner

With Barack Obama's campaign continuing its outreach to LGBT voters, Democratic vice presidential nominee Joe Biden is expected to speak at the Human Rights Campaign National Dinner this weekend in Washington, D.C.

Biden's decision to speak comes on the heels of the Obama camp's landmark policy call discussing the Democratic presidential ticket's opposition to "don't ask, don't tell." Biden has long supported a repeal of the policy.

"If the support Senator Biden has proven on our issues is any indication of the type of vice president he will be," HRC President Joe Solomonese said in a statement just after Biden was added to the Democratic ticket, "then our community can be assured that Senator Obama has chosen a thoughtful and staunch advocate for equality as his closest adviser."

Biden returned the compliment, expressing his support of the HRC in a statement.

"I'm honored to participate in this event," Biden said. "Discrimination has no place in this country and I am proud to stand with HRC in the fight to end it."

In recent years Biden served as one of the most vocal advocates of repealing the U.S. ban on HIV-positive visitors and immigrants in the latest renewal of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Biden has also vocally opposed "don't ask, don't tell" and the Federal Marriage Amendment. Additionally, Biden supports extending hate-

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FRIDAY OCT. 10th

Nat'l Coming Out Day

Pre-Celebration

"Kings and Queens"

9:30 pm

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Reflections With Pastor Tom

Become What You Believe



Here is a fact: People become like the God they believe in. That's why many fundamentalist "Christians" can be so mean and nasty; they believe in a mean and vengeful God. Then there are the intellectuals. They think about God and that's pretty much it. They understand themselves more as thinking beings who serve a God of equations and perfection. Then there are the folks that only feel God, they can be a lot of fun, but you can't have a conversation with them that's not, well, over the top.

Then there are the spiritual loners. A lot of LGBT people fall into this category. Often because of a bad experience with organized religion, they have given up on church all together. I meet people all the time who say "I don't need church, I can be spiritual on my own." When I ask what their spiritual walk looks like, they usually can't tell me how they practice their beliefs. So, what does your spiritual walk look like? Are you a spiritual loner?

I hope not. Here's why: Even with the best of intentions, if you're at this solo, chances are, with no community for you to reflect and struggle with, you will simply invent a vision of God that works well for you. Convenient, but it may have very little to do with God. Fact: very few people can build a mean-

ingful relationship with God on their own. We were meant to take that journey with others. We were meant to be together because we are connected.

Here is my point, before we know God, we need to know ourselves. Are you a thinker, someone who feels, someone who judges? Have you given up on religion and isolated yourself from other God-seekers? We need to begin to integrate ourselves first, then we can better seek God, together, in community, with all of our strengths and weaknesses. To know God, you must first know yourself, then the God you will seek will be the person you will become. Yeah, it's a paradox. Many things worth knowing are.

Know yourself, seek God in community and experience the reward: growth, contentment, and friendship.

May God Bless & Keep You . . . Pastor Tom
pastortom@mccomaha.org

Next Issue: Blindness

ORDER YOUR BRICK NOW!

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha is completing the 2008 sale of engraved bricks to be placed near the new accessible entrance to the sanctuary at 819 South 22 Street. The final order for engraved bricks for this year will go in on October 1, so now is your last chance to get an engraved brick this year. Engraved bricks may recognize the donor or be placed in honor of a loved one or a valued community group.

Bricks are available for a donation of \$340 or more and can be engraved with up to three lines of print with no more than 16 characters per line. If you prefer, you can team up with two

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friends and each of you have your name inscribed (no more than 16 characters) on a brick. The cost for a brick shared by three people is only \$120 per person. All proceeds from the sale of engraved bricks will go toward making MCC's sanctuary accessible for all persons.



To place an order for a brick and arrange to make the appropriate donation, contact Sharon Van Butsel, Accessibility Now Team Leader, at 556-9907 or email sharonv@mccomaha.org

Senator Gwen Howard Hosts Baby Shower

Senator Gwen Howard, the Health/Wellness and Community Service ministries are sponsoring a baby shower for the Youth Emergency Service (YES) Maternity Group Home opening in Bellevue, Ne.

This event will take place on Sunday September 28, 2008 from 2-5pm in the social hall at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha, Ne.

Donations are needed to get this group home opened. Items needed are children's dishes, baby bottles, cribs, baby swings, sippy cups, baby towels and many other items. If anyone wants to donate any items please contact Connie at 402 391-2292 or Kevin Marik at 402 658-8494. Donations will also be picked up.



There is a drop box at the church in the social hall for donations.

Special thanks to a kind donation from the Zeta Anderson Auxiliary VFW Post 2503 to help

Laptop Winner Announced

Sat., Sept. 20, MCC held the drawing for the Dell laptop that many of you bought tickets for. The lucky winner was Marcie Conley. Congratulations, Marcie! Thanks to all of you who bought tickets. Nearly \$1,000 was raised for Accessibility from ticket sales. Consolation prizes were awarded to the following: Panera Gift Certificate--Carla & Sharon Starbucks Gift Card--Merle Danaher Other Misc. Prizes--Larry, Dean, Kat, Jeremy, and L & R Congratulations, everyone! And thank you all.

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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Everyone is invited to attend this special event on September 28, 2008. Refreshments will be served.

Special guests will be Senator Gwen Howard and Cindy Goodwin, Director of Outreach at the Youth Emergency Services.

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crimes and job bias protection to LGBT people. (The Advocate)

Mr. Max 17

Hi, my name is Nic and I'm the new Mr. Max 17!! I'm writing so you may get to know me a little bit more, some things you may know, and some you don't. For example, many years ago I fell down a rabbit hole and was raised by a wild pack of priests. We played scrabble, drank martinis and fed off the souls of misbehaving children. Now I prefer sushi. Didn't see that one coming did you?

All joking aside I actually grew up in Bellevue with my mom and I'm the oldest of 4 kids. I graduated from Bellevue West in 2003 and was on the Varsity Diving and Forensics Team.

I love animals and being outdoors and any sort of new technology. I grew up with my Mom and her Wife, yes she's a lesbian. And have always been exposed to diversity, and hope that in the following year I can work to bring all the different communities with in the GLBTS community closer together. I'm not one to get caught up in all the drama and I think that everything happens for a reason and I am in a firm believer in Karma. That everyone comes into your life for a reason and you just have to figure out why.



I'm looking forward to become even more active in the GLBTS community than I currently am. So, if you need anything feel free to shoot me a message on themaxomaha.com via the Contact web page.

Hope to see all of you this year during my reign as Mr. Max 17!!!

Nebraska Pride Garage Sale

I am having my annual garage sale for NE. Pride on Oct 17-18. I am looking for donations at this time. If you are looking to get rid of anything let me know. We will accept all items in good used condition (clothes, dishes, furniture). I can pick up. Call Johnnie at 402.651-8467.

Johnnie Richards
Pride Chair 2009

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With some of us it is as easy as going to Church, Mosque or Temple. This formula does not work for others. So with this in mind, we invite you to come on the 29th of September at 7 pm to the Rainbow Outreach Resource Center for an alternative discussion group. With this group we will look at our spirituality from various aspects. Taking our basis for discussion from various texts and backgrounds. Placing one belief system above another is not our objective. We hope to enhance our personal spiritual growth and understanding.

As a reference, I am a Taoist/Buddhist, another individual coming to the first meeting has a strong Catholic background. Yet here we are both of us seeking to better understand ourselves. Each of us searching for answers to questions of a spiritual nature. While we have wonderful, welcoming, and supportive spiritual institutions in Omaha, they are not for us. But like all gregarious beings we seek a place to share, search, question with others of like mind.



So if you are seeking, questioning or just want to discuss alternative views of faith please join us. It does not matter what your religious background is all are welcome. September 29th will be the first meeting of this group. We will meet every Fourth Monday of the Month after the 29th. So please come and share this journey with Dan and I. Together, perhaps, we can awaken the blossom in all of our souls and nurture it to fruition, creating a flowering of self.

Peace,
Bruce Bufkin and Dan Knobbe

Box Tops Help Yates School To Reopen

MCC-Omaha is partnering with State Senator Gwen Howard to help re-open Yates School at 32 & Davenport as a neighborhood school. This school served one of the most disadvantaged areas in Omaha until it was closed nearly 10 years ago. Senator Howard has been working with the Omaha School Board and other officials for over two years so that children in this area do not have to be bused to schools far away from their homes.

Senator Howard is asking our community's help in providing equipment and supplies for the school by collecting "Box Tops for Education" found on General Mills Products. General Mills will make a donation to the school based on the number of box tops turned in.

Please save "Box Tops for Education" and turn them in to MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd Street. If you bring them when you join us for worship, you can place the box tops in a container just outside the social hall. Thank you for supporting this community effort.

HGRA Looking for Applicants for 2009

Applications are now being accepted for next years Mr, Miss, Ms., & MsTer HGRA. The Mr and Miss categories are male, while Ms and Ms-Ter titles are female. All you have to do is prove you are at least 21 years of age by the date of the contest and you must reside in Nebraska or Iowa throughout your term as Royalty. You must agree to a one-year commitment to HGRA as Royalty, two-years if you elect to compete for an International Gay Rodeo Association title. Our current reigning Royalty will be stepping-down on Friday, November 7th At DC's Saloon.

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After your application is received, someone from our Royalty Competition Committee will be in touch to give you the study packet you will need. Committee members will also set dates to help you study for the contest. If you have any questions please go to our website where you can find more information.

Competition will be held at DC's Saloon 610 S. 14th Street, Omaha, NE. on Saturday November 8, 2008.

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WHAT?

THOSE SHORTS? HOLY CRAP, MARK. THEY'RE SHORTER THAN MY UNDERWEAR!

I'VE OWNED THESE TENNIS SHORTS FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, EDUARDO. NO ONE'S EVER COMPLAINED.

THAT'S THE PROBLEM, MARK... THOSE SHORT-SHORTS WERE IN STYLE BACK IN THE 70'S AND 80'S. BUT NOBODY WEARS THEM NOW.

HAVEN'T YOU SEEN? THE LOOK NOW IS LONG AND BAGGY.

YES, I'VE SEEN THAT, EDUARDO. THAT "LOOK" IS JUST ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF THESE PURITANICAL TIMES.

BACK IN THE 70'S AND 80'S, WE WERE PROUD TO LIBERATE OUR BODIES FROM THE REPRESSION WE GREW UP WITH.

I REFUSE TO BOW DOWN TO THE PRUDERY OF YOUR GENERATION.

IT'S NOT "PRUDERY", MARK. IT'S JUST THE STYLE.

I'M NOT A PRUDE.

OH? PROVE IT.

HOW?

TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF.

WHAT?!

HERE? RIGHT NOW?

UNLESS YOU'RE TOO REPRESSED.

I'M NOT REPRESSED... I'LL SHOW YOU!

VERY NICE.

THAT'S ANOTHER THING ABOUT YOUR GENERATION... YOU'RE SO EASY TO MANIPULATE. WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I NEVER WOULD'VE DONE THAT WITHOUT GETTING PAID FOR IT.

ANYWAY... SEE YOU LATER!

GOING NUDIST TODAY, ARE WE?

I THINK I JUST GOT PUNKED.

OH, REALLY? HOW CAN I GET "PUNKED"?

TRUST ME... YOU DON'T WANT TO.

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF...

GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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October is GLBT History Month

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

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

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

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

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

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

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

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9am and 11am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

A A 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 aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

Every Wednesday

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

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

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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Every Thursday

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

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HIV TEST, UNL 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week - will close most of May and reopen May 30th 2008 - call for more info

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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

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

CAN WE TALK SUPPORT GROUP

Open to everyone, every Friday 6:30pm to 8pm, MCCO, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

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HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

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

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

NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING

7 TO 10PM, walk-in, 2202 St. Marvs Ave., Same day results

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

Every Saturday

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Thursday

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

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday OR Sunday

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

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a 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.

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-

ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL

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

3rd Thursday

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS— OMAHA

Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month

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A Bull Story

My wife and I went to the state fair and one of the first exhibits we stopped at was the breeding bulls. We went up to the first pen and there was a sign attached that said,

' THIS BULL MATED 50 TIMES LAST YEAR'

My wife playfully nudged me in the ribs, smiled and said, 'He mated 50 times last year.'

We walked to the second pen which had a sign attached that said,

"THIS BULL MATED 150 TIMES LAST YEAR'

My wife gave me a healthy jab and said, 'WOW~~That's more than twice a week! You could learn a lot from him.'

We walked to the third pen and it had a sign attached that said, in capital letters,

'THIS BULL MATED 365 TIMES LAST YEAR'

My wife was so excited that her elbow nearly broke my ribs, and said, 'That's once a day ... You could REALLY learn something from this one.'

I looked at her and said, 'Go over and ask him if it was with the same old cow.'

My condition has been upgraded from critical to stable and I should eventually make a full recovery.

Voice of Community Carries A Tune

By Chris Orr

A mission statement can say a lot about an organization. River City Mixed Chorus can sing it! Their mission is "The River City Mixed Chorus of Omaha, Nebraska is dedicated to presenting a positive image of gay men, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered persons and their allies through the presentation of a variety of choral and musical formats. The Chorus is composed of gay men, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered persons and their allies." Not only can this group follow their mission, they can sing it with a very popular tune!

I have a conversation with Travis Wilcox about River City Mixed Chorus and what the group does for themselves and us, but we the community can do for them. Travis is a small town man from Iowa who use to be married to a woman for 15 years. He is a parent of two children. He has been out since 2005 and with a partner of 2 ½ years, Michael Taylor – Stewart. "I have sung all my life. I joined RCMC in 2005. I was elected to the Board of Directors in 2006 and elected President of the Board in 2007."

River City Mixed Chorus holds up an outstanding run. Here is a history of RCMC from its website. River City Mixed Chorus was formed in 1984 by five people who experienced the Twin Cities Men's Chorus performance in Des Moines. Upon returning to Omaha, they held RCMC's first rehearsal on September 24, 1984, with 11 men and women. RCMC's first concert was performed by 9 singing members at a night club in downtown Omaha, on December 16, 1984. The Chorus was incorporated in the State of Nebraska in 1985, and received 501(c) 3 non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service in 1986. Since 1984, RCMC has been a proud member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA), a non-profit arts service association serving the international lesbian and gay choral movement. We were one of the first mixed choruses to join. Travis tells me "we have the distinction of being the only GLBT chorus in Nebraska. We are one of the longest running mixed choruses in the U.S. and we are in our 25th anniversary season. Our membership varies from year to year and concert to concert. We're hoping to make this you're the biggest and best. Currently we have about 55 members."

What was his strangest and best venue he performed at with RCMC? What are some other feelings his has with RCMC? "Don't have a strangest (venue), we try to avoid those! The best would have to be the Knight Concert hall at the GALA Festival in Miami, Florida this past July. Personally I enjoyed Big Bent Broadway Bash the most. It had a lot of great music and a fun story to it. It was also my first on stage kiss! I think RCMC is a fantastic example of diversity, acceptance, and inclusion. It is a safe place for members of the GLBT community and their allies. We are like family with all the ups and downs, closeness, joy and all together FUN that entails."

What is this GALA festival and what did you do? "Every four years the Gay And Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) hold a festival. The GALA Chorus' mission is to "support GLBT choruses as we change our world through song". This year the festival was in Miami. RCMC sang an original commissioned piece from our Music Director, Mark Kurtz, titled

"Gender Blender". After our performance, we were approached by several choruses asking if they could use the piece."

The group also does many local events and ways of giving back to the community. "RCMC has supported many community organizations including NAP, ANGLE, MCC, and ICON by performing in several smaller concerts during each concert preparation period. We do outreach at different events. In the past we've sung at National Coming Out Day celebrations, Younkers Community Day, the traveling Holocaust Museum's exhibit "The Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals", and AA Heartland Roundup. This year we are scheduled to sing in the lobby of the Omaha Community Playhouse during their annual showing of "A Christmas Carol"."

There are some great ways to be a part of RCMC and if you can't sing a tune, don't fret! "At the beginning of each season (August & January) we hold auditions for new members and former members who have been gone for two or more concerts. If you have a desire to sing and a dedication to the Mission of RCMC you are a welcome addition to the chorus. We have a non-singing group called Fifth Voice. They volunteer to help at concerts, Pride Booth, as well as various fundraisers. We couldn't put on a show without their help!" If you don't have time to do either please feel free to attend one of their concerts and show your support. 5th Annual Art Auction Saturday October 4th 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. \$25/individual or \$40/couple. Winter Concert "Show Stoppers – 25 years of music" January 17th & 18th. Summer Concert – "Silver" June 13th & 14th. Tickets available on RCMC website: www.rcmc.org or through their SING line (402) – 341-7464. For all additional performance information, volunteer, times & dates please check www.rcmc.org



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Blue 18 VS. Black 12

Florida Judge Rules Gay Adoption Ban Unconstitutional

A Florida judge has found the state's 31-year ban on gay adoptions to be unconstitutional, reports the Miami Herald. The ruling from Judge David Audlin Jr. will allow an openly gay Key West resident to adopt the teenage boy that he has raised as a foster parent since 2001.

Judge Audlin said that the adoption was in the child's "best interest" and asserted that barring gays from adopting conflicted with the state Constitution since it targets a specific group for punishment. Audlin had appointed the foster father to be the boy's legal guardian in 2006. At a hearing earlier this year, the order says the boy testified that he wanted the man to be his "forever father... because I love him," the Herald reports.

"Contrary to every child welfare principle," Audlin wrote in his opinion, "the gay adoption ban operates as a conclusive or irrebuttable presumption that . . . it is never in the best interest of any adoptee to be adopted by a homosexual."

Florida and Mississippi are the only two states that currently forbid gays and lesbians from adopting children. (The Advocate)

University of Wyoming to Dedicate Bench to Matthew Shepard

The University of Wyoming in Laramie is planning to dedicate a bench in memory of Matthew Shepard, the UW student who was murdered 10 years ago in an antigay hate crime.

UW president Tom Buchanan and Judy Shepard -- Matthew's mother and executive director of the nonprofit Matthew Shepard Foundation -- will attend and speak at the bench dedication September 27 at 10 a.m. The bench is already set up at Quealy Plaza on the UW campus and includes a plaque that bears Shepard's full name (Matthew Wayne Shepard), birthday (December 1, 1976), and date of death (October 12, 1998). The plaque describes Shepard as a "beloved son, brother, and friend ... he continues to make a difference ... peace be with him and all who sit here."



A decade after Shepard was lured out of a Laramie bar by Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney and then tied to a post, beaten, and left to die by the two men, the bench stands as the

only public testament to Shepard in Laramie. (Neal Broverman, The Advocate)

Accused Killer of Trans Woman Closer to Trial

There is enough evidence against the accused killer of a Colorado trans woman to move forward to trial, a judge ruled at a preliminary hearing Thursday in Greeley. Allen Andrade, 31, is accused of killing Angie Zapata, 18, this July, upon discovering that she was biologically male. According to a police affidavit, he confessed to the slaying.

Andrade, of Thornton, Colo., also is accused of taking Zapata's car and her sister's credit card, which was in Zapata's possession. He's charged with first-degree murder, bias-motivated crime, motor vehicle theft, and identity theft. If convicted of all charges, Andrade faces life imprisonment without the opportunity for parole.

His next court hearing is on November 16. (The Advocate)

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

Lincoln:

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

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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake
Certified Personal Trainer



I had a pretty good day today! There are so many things that can go wrong and none of them happened to me on this late summer day!

I did not smoke a cigarette today. I still feel the urge to fire up. Nicotine left a lasting impression on me after my Joe Camel college days. I once again successfully bypassed the truculent craving and the dozens of fuming addicts outside of every building I exited.

I did not drink and drive and kill myself or any other person on this late September day. I maintained great poise and drove my 2004 Neon between the lines and properly negotiated rush hour traffic sans alcohol.

I did not take any performance enhancing drugs to improve my teaching and training skills. My students and clients can rest assured that my overactive mouth and my wild gesticulations are all natural.

I did not succumb to anger and fire bullets into asinine motorists. I do not own a gun so that would have been a tall order anyway. However, I displayed excellent equanimity and focused my attention on Rush Limbaugh's daily diatribe instead.

I did not go without my three squares and some tasty snacks today. I love a yummy meal, but I really love three yummy meals even more! Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were right on time and prepared to my liking. They should have been...I prepared them.

No one that I knew died today. I do not yet regularly scan the obituaries, but no one left any messages informing me of Joe Black's arrival to the doors of any of my acquaintances or relatives. My guess therefore is that it was a good day for all that know me.

I did not have any major aches or pains when I went on my daily run today. My breathing, heart rate, and blood pressure were all normal. A fly into my mouth and a few bugs into my eyes were the only blemishes on my six mile journey across the desert landscape this afternoon.

I did not feel the urge to pop a dozen pain killers to get me through the day. I am sure it would have been fairly groovy to watch reruns on the idiot box while flying on Air Vicodin. I'll keep those drugs in hibernation until my high school buddies fly in from Indiana and raid my medicine cabinet.

Today was really just an ordinary day until I looked at it through Pollyanna's glasses. The glass can be half full or it can be half empty. I soon realized there is a whole other world out there after peering through those rose colored spectacles. I watched the sunset on this awesome day and I realized that somewhere someone was enjoying the magnificence of a glorious sunrise!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who enjoys an occasional Moon over MyHammy at his local Dennys. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at blake.fitness@yahoo.com.

Man Assaulted Near D.C. Gay Bar Dies From Injuries

A gay man assaulted near a Washington, D.C., gay bar on September 7 has died from his injuries. Tony Randolph Hunter, 27, of Clinton, Md., passed away Wednesday after being knocked unconscious by four assailants 10 days earlier while a block from popular gay watering hole Be Bar.

Police have been investigating the incident as a possible antigay hate crime, given the attack's proximity to a known gay establishment. The suspects, described by a friend who was with Hunter at the time as four young black men, have yet to be apprehended. Upon Hunter's death, D.C. police appealed for help in identifying the attackers.

Hunter and his friend Trevor Carter were exiting their car near Be Bar, located at Eighth and N streets in the northwest quadrant of the city, on a Sunday evening when they were jumped by the suspects. Carter was able to escape and sought help, but Hunter never recovered. (The Advocate)

Ex-Mormon Gives \$1 Million to No on Prop. 8

Ex-Mormon Bruce Bastian has donated \$1 million to California's No on Prop. 8 campaign in reaction to the Latter-day Saints Church's recent public stance favoring the ballot measure. Bastian gave \$5,000 in May, but after the church's formal statement expecting all California Mormons to "do all [they] can to support the proposed constitutional amendment," which would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman, Bastian upped his donation, according to The Salt Lake Tribune.

"The LDS Church has no business stepping their big nose in something that's a legal matter, not a religious matter," Bastian told the Tribune. "Constitutions are meant to protect minorities -- not to take rights away from people."

Bastian, who attended Brigham Young University and went on to cocreate WordPerfect software, grew up in a conservative Mormon family in Twin Falls, Idaho. He has been at odds with the church's view on homosexuality since coming out as a gay man, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Utah Mormons have donated \$120,550 to support Prop. 8, according to public finance records on ProtectMarriage.com. Donations in excess of \$1,000 are recorded and catalogued by Mormons for Proposition 8. Thirty-five percent of donors to ProtectMarriage.com are LDS, contributing close to \$5 million collectively.

"Many, if not most, Mormons have responded to the church leaders' request for assistance on this matter by actively campaigning in support of Prop. 8," the group says on its website. (Kandice Day, The Advocate)

I SPY.....



Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. Sometimes I'll be expressing views or 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.).

I noticed that there are some factual documentaries and movies coming out soon. Let's have some fun with these titles and subject matter and maybe actually learn something too. It is my belief that everyone should know some GLBT history. Can anyone really give any information on Harvey Milk? I know he has a GLBT school named after him. He also paved the way for many in the GLBT Civil Rights movement.

The movie "Milk" will be released in November. The movie is the first actual fictional feature unlike many books and the documentary The Times of Harvey Milk released 1984, to depict him in his private life and career as an exploration, where we get the fictional part. Do you remember why he got assassinated? What glass ceiling did he break? To be honest I couldn't tell you. It is time for a refresher and learn a little history about one of our family members.

"W" is to be released at the end of October. If you haven't guessed it yet, this is about our current embarrapresident (whoops embarrassment & president put together) George W Bush. I can see the front row right now. It would consist of: Katherine Harris, Condi, Jeb, Rummy, McPalin (McCain and Palin), Perry and Frist. Wouldn't it just be a shitty weekend at the box office for this movie if the turnout and sales were as high as his approval rating? Talk about going belly up on this film! No more pork barrel spending, lesson learned with this project! The documentary Religulous is to be released in November. Bill Maher is the writer. I love the fact that you may

be loved by God but the religious right assholes still hate you. The movie could be Bill Maher's Real Time -The Religion Edition and you know there won't be any mercy given. Religulous is right on the pass-the-plate-contribution money worth spending to go and see! Does it involve some of Omaha's Nun, Clergy, and Pastor's for an interview because we have enough to spare; or do they have to be absolutely pure and not involved in some type of scandal or legal trouble? Oh pure you say, well sorry we will have to decline camera interview, phone call interview perhaps? Oh too much fun sometimes.

While we are waiting for those to come out, here is what is going on for the next few weeks.

The Max has quite a bit going on the weekend of October 3rd. Friday October 3rd is of course Underwear Night in the upstairs bar at 9 p.m. This underwear party though has a theme: locker room. Boys get those jocks out and be ready for a bare ass kind of night. If you cant rock a jock then try jazzing it up with Annie in the Arena bar. October 5th will be Miss Gay Omaha's Fantasy's last night of being our current title holder. It is the night for the Miss Gay Omaha Pageant and it starts at 9 p.m. www.themaxomaha.com

Dance lessons with Gordon have done a Texas two step at DC's Saloon. The lessons are now given on Friday nights from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. This is a change from the lessons being on Thursdays in previous lesson seasons. The dance floor will be open on Thursday nights though to practice lessons still from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. It is free to attend and participate in these lessons. A complete schedule of what lesson is to be taught and the music that goes along with it is on DC's website www.dcssaloonomaha.com.

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