

The GayZette



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Lesbian And Gay Couples Win Freedom To Marry In Connecticut

HARTFORD, CT – The Connecticut Supreme Court today ruled that barring same-sex couples from marriage violates that state's constitution. The American Civil Liberties Union, which was co-counsel in the case along with Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, applauded the decision.



"Today's decision makes it clear that it's unfair to treat same-sex couples who make the same commitments that other couples do any differently," said Andrew Schneider, Executive Director of the ACLU of Connecticut. "We couldn't be happier about today's decision by the court, because it truly fulfills our state's promise to treat all of its citizens equally under the law."

That reasoning was evident in the opinion, in which Justice Richard N. Palmer wrote, "Interpreting our state constitutional provisions in accordance with firmly established equal protection principles leads inevitably to the conclusion that gay people are entitled to marry... To decide otherwise would require us to apply one set of constitutional principles to gay persons and another to all others."

The case was brought in 2004 in New Haven Superior Court on behalf of eight gay and lesbian Connecticut couples who had been denied marriage licenses. The couples have now been together for between ten and 32 years and are raising a total of 14 children.

The plaintiffs in *Kerrigan & Mock et al v. Connecticut Department of Public Health* were represented by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders and the ACLU of Connecticut. Maureen Murphy of Murphy, Murphy & Nugent, LLC and Kenneth J. Bartschi and Karen Dowd of Horton, Shields & Knox, P.C. were cooperating counsel.

A PDF of the decision can be downloaded at <http://www.aclu.org/lgbt/relationships/371271gl20081010.html>.

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Nebraska AIDS Project Holds 16th Annual Night of A Thousand Stars™ Fundraiser

Omaha, NE -- "Bewitched, Bedazzled and Be Dancin'" is the theme as Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) kicks-off its 16th annual Night of a Thousand Stars™ fundraising gala on Saturday, December 6 at the Holiday Inn Central from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.



Nearly 2,000 supporters are expected to attend this event, featuring an atmosphere of magic, glamour and romance, as well as decadent desserts, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. Live music will be provided by local band Session 7 for dancing. Night of a Thousand Stars™ is Nebraska AIDS Project's largest fundraiser of the year and typically brings in more than \$200,000 to support the agency's education and prevention, case management and wellness programs throughout the year.

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Bryn Geerdes won her 4th International Championship in calf roping (previous titles 2002, 2004, and 2005.) She also competed and placed in Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Flag Racing, Chute Dogging, and Wild Drag. Based on her over-all performance, Bryn was 3rd runner-up to the All Around Cowgirl. This was Bryn's 12th consecutive appearance at IGRA Finals and her 5th International Championship.



Plumbers At Work At MCC

As part of the plan to make Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha accessible to all people including those with mobility issues, plumbers are hard at work installing a new handicap accessible restroom on the main sanctuary level. Carpenters will also be constructing a small multi-purpose room just off the sanctuary which will allow small groups to meet and will provide par-



ents a place to take restless children while still being able to hear the message for the day.

Outside, the deck is in place and the ramp will be completed in the near future. By December, MCC Omaha will have completed the first five phases of their accessibility plan. The only step remaining is the construction of an all-weather sun room over the new deck. If you would like to be part of this plan, you may

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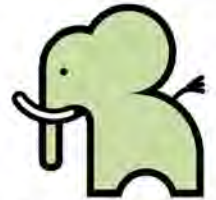
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Global AIDS Prevention Gives Short Shrift to Gays

Jorge Saavedra's moment of truth came in the middle of an impassioned speech to 5,000 people about the paltry amount of money being spent to stop the spread of AIDS among gay men.

The Mexican federal official paused, then said publicly for the first time that he was gay.

As he held up a photo of himself with his partner, the crowd applauded wildly. Afterward, men from Africa and India congratulated him with tears in their eyes.

"They told me that I was a hero and that they wished they could do the same in their countries," said Saavedra, who is infected with HIV and also heads the AIDS prevention program in a country where many gay men live in denial.

Saavedra's coming-out on Tuesday at the International AIDS Conference sent a powerful message to the world: Homophobia must be stamped out if AIDS is to be controlled.

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More than 40 hosts around the metro area will hold "Stars Parties" the night of the gala. These pre-parties are underwritten by hosts who ask their guests to make a minimum donation of \$40 to Nebraska AIDS Project. This donation grants guests entrance into the pre-party and also provides them a ticket to the main gala at the Holiday Inn. As the individual Stars Parties begin to wind down at around 9 p.m., guests gather at the main event for a few additional hours of fun and partying.

2008 Stars Chairs

This year's honorary chairs are Susan Koenig and John Mixan. A lawyer for 27 years, Susan has provided pro bono legal services to NAP and educated its clients on estate planning needs. As a professional certified coach, Susan recently volunteered training for NAP staff throughout Nebraska. Susan's commitment to NAP's work is inspired by the memory of her brother, Tim, who died from AIDS in 1994. Susan and her husband, John, have been hosting Night of 1000 Stars parties ever since. John presently works as a gentleman farmer tending John and Susan's 10-acre getaway in Crescent, Iowa, and works part-time as a LifeCoach, specializing in supporting people in making lifestyle changes.

HIV and AIDS affect all walks of life. One-fourth of those living with HIV/AIDS do not know they have it. Nebraska AIDS Project is the only AIDS Service Organization (ASO) in the state, serving nearly 1000 clients and their families across Nebraska, southwestern Iowa and eastern Wyoming. Heavy case loads, funding cuts, and stigmas attached to the disease present a constant challenge for all affected. That is why the support of the community is so important in the fight. Prevention, education and testing are essential to effectively eradicating the disease. Nebraska AIDS Project continues to serve the community with a non-judgmental and compassionate approach through its mission of education and support.

Night of a Thousand Stars is made possible with the generous support of sponsors, including: The Nebraska Medical Center, The Lozier Foundation, Richard Holland, ConAgra, Inc., Katherine Creighton, Chris and Ron Blumkin, Sam's Club Foundation, Creighton University Medical Center, Southwest Airlines, American National Bank, Peel's Salon Services, CBS Home, Cyndy Peacock, Superhits 99.9 FM KGOR, The Reader, El Perico, omahanightlife.com, City Weekly and Community Health Charities.

For more information, contact Mary Kenny at (420) 552-9260 x 142. Tickets may be purchased for \$40 by visiting the Nebraska AIDS Project website at www.nap.org or contacting NAP at (402) 552-9260, ext. 141.



(Global AIDS Prevention, story Continued from page 5)

Fewer people are dying from AIDS, but rates of new HIV infections among gay and bisexual men in many countries are rising at alarming rates.

Yet less than 1% of the \$669 million reported in global prevention spending targets men who have sex with men, according to UNAIDS figures from 2006, the latest available data.

UNAIDS says these men receive the lowest coverage of HIV prevention services of any at-risk population. And experts say discrimination has driven gay and bisexual men in developing nations underground -- turning them into one of the epidemic's hardest groups to reach. From Mexico to India, a surprising number of men who have sex with men insist they are not gay, and in many countries, governments still refuse to admit homosexuality exists.

"It's very difficult to provide services to men who have sex with men in countries that don't acknowledge they exist or criminalize them if they do exist," said Craig McClure, executive director of International AIDS Society, which organized the conference.

In 86 nations, homosexual sex is considered a crime, and in seven countries it is punishable by death, according to the Foundation for AIDS Research, known as Amfar.

During the conference's inauguration, U.N. secretary general Ban Ki-moon urged nations "to follow Mexico's bold example and pass laws against homophobia."

In 2003, Mexico banned discrimination based on sexual orientation, and it has opened what it calls homophobic-free health clinics. The government has a national campaign that includes radio spots with mothers accepting their gay sons. Saavedra's program has earmarked 10% of its \$12 million budget toward prevention among gay and bisexual men.

Worldwide, few developing nations check the rates of HIV infection among men who have sex with men, but researchers who have surveyed some of these countries say they are finding the rates are nearly twice that of the general adult population.

"This fight needs to be driven by epidemiologists" who urge making this high-risk group a priority, not only for the human rights argument, but for the public health argument, said Chris Beyrer, director of the Center for Public Health and Human Rights at Johns Hopkins University. "It's a virus so you need to put the money where the virus is."

Gay and bisexual men are 19 times more likely to become infected with HIV than the general adult population, according to Amfar, which collected data on these men in 128 countries. In Mexico, this group is 109 times more likely to acquire HIV. To date, 57% of the HIV diagnoses in Mexico are from unprotected sex between men.

Thailand is seeing "an emerging epidemic of really unbelievable proportions" among its gay and bisexual men after being held up as an example for its success with a massive condom campaign that curbed HIV's spread among sex workers, drug users, and migrants, said Kevin Frost, Amfar's chief executive officer.

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Prevalence of HIV among gay and bisexual Thai men was more than 15% this year compared to 1.4% for the general adult population, according to Amfar. Frost said the country's prevention programs ignored one of its most vulnerable groups.

"These men believed they were not at risk because they were not having sex with sex workers or women, which is what the campaign focused on," Frost said. "That scenario is being played out across the developing world."

Complicating matters is that in countries from Latin America to Southeast Asia, many men who have sex with men insist they are not gay. More than 30% of Latin American men who reported having sex with men said they also had unprotected sex with women, according to UNAIDS. Many are married.

"Everybody knows somebody like that," Saavedra, 48, said. "Instead of saying they are gay, it's easier for them to justify their behavior. They say they were drunk and they were really sexually excited and willing to have sex with whomever."

Some have beaten up transvestites after having sex with them because they are ashamed of themselves, experts say.

Even governments deny these men exist. Last year, Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said at Columbia University in New York, "In Iran we don't have homosexuals like in your country."

In Malawi, that country's first organization working on behalf of gay men was created in 2006 with the backing of World Bank officials and other international agencies.

Called the Centre for the Development of People, the group surveyed 100 gay men about discrimination to prove to the government that such men existed in Malawi. Homosexual sex is punishable up to 14 years in prison in the African country.

The organization also found through testing 200 gay men that about 21% carried HIV compared with 12% for the general adult population.

"This means that we are not moving ahead with the fight against AIDS," said Gift Trapence, the organization's director, who has received e-mails threatening hanging.

AIDS activists say they avoid using words like "homosexual" or "gay" and instead use the label "men who have sex with men," or MSM, so their work is not impeded by the stigma.

Ashok Row Kavi said he has learned the importance of carefully choosing his words in India, where he started one of the country's first organizations to work with gay and bisexual men.

The Humsafar Trust found nearly 14% of the gay and bisexual men it surveyed in 1999 were infected with HIV. Kavi said when he told India's AIDS officials they "totally panicked because until now they believed these men did not exist."

But last year they added a definition of men who have sex with men to their health planning program to start prevention campaigns. The definition includes married men.

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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Kavi has been training health workers how to ask men if they have had gay sex and not scare them away.

"I tell them to say things like, 'There are many cultures where men are very close to men. Are you one of these men?'" he said. "These questions have to be sensitive," especially in India, where sodomy is illegal.

"That's why the word homosexual is not used," he said. "If anyone asks a man that, he will slap you." (Julie Watson, AP)

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Rainbow Outreach, Not Out of Touch

By Chris Orr

The month of October is GLBT History month. It should be important that in a community you live in, that you know something of and from that community. How better to do this than to know about the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center. I decided to question George Broadway, Board Chair and The Gayzette editor, about our community center.

Here is a piece from which we know about George Broadway and his affiliation with ROC. "When I first came out to the world (and my wife) around 2000, I didn't know any gay people, had no idea who I could talk to or where I could get information about being a gay man. So in this modern age of computers and the Internet I decided to find out as much as I could "online". I discovered the Men's Support Group (no longer meeting) which was being held at the MCC Omaha church every Tuesday night. I also discovered the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center and decided to stop by. That's when I decided I wanted to be involved with the Center. After a short time I became a board member at the Center and have been here ever since. After about 3 years I became the Board Chairman of the Center and for the last 4 years I have been the editor of our publication, The Gayzette. The Center was first opened in March of 1997 at its current location, 1719 Leavenworth Street."

Since it is history month, has the Center broken any glass ceilings in any way shape or form with regards to the GLBT community and the city of Omaha as a whole? "We have made some inroads for the Omaha GLBT community, most notably the Friday Night Youth Drop-in. It's a time where all GLBT and straight youth can stop in and spend a casual evening with friends, watch a video or read a book in our library. Our youth group has organized their own youth board, electing board members and organizing events. We have also assembled a fairly large library of books ranging from fiction to reference titles. Most of the books have been donated by friends of the Center and we really appreciate their donations. We now have over 1600 books, DVD's and video tapes."

How many organizations use the ROC, is there room for more? "There are a number of organizations and groups that use the Center. Some are very regular and some are occasional users of the facility. Groups that currently use the Center include The Omaha GLBT Sports League, Rainbow Celebrations, ICON, the Flower of Hope Transgender Support Group and we have an every Friday night Youth Drop-in. Is there room for more groups and meeting? There sure is. We want the Center to be used by the GLBT community as much as possible for meetings and other similar purposes. If you want to inquire about holding your meeting at the Center you can email me at glbtcenter@rainbowoutreach.org."

Is the ROC being used to its full potential in your view? Is it serving the value and purpose of the community? "Some have asked "who" the Center is for. It's for anyone and everyone. We welcome everyone no matter what their race, religion, sexual orientation or age. The Center is for that person who needs information or a place to discover their new life as a GLBT person. To ask questions and hopefully get meaningful answers to their questions. At one time most all of us were in the position of being afraid to admit to being gay, afraid to open the closet door and close it behind us for good. But we did it and we moved on to a better life. Some folks have not been able

to close that closet door behind them, afraid of being rejected by their families, friends and co-workers. As we all know, it was not an easy thing to do and often remains a difficult process. Most of the people in the GLBT community don't use the Center. But for that person who walks through the door and is confused about possibly being gay, or the person who calls the Center and is crying over the phone because they just can't come to grips with their sexuality, or the young person who has been harassed in school, beaten up because they are different or the person whose family has found out about them and not accepted the fact very well, those are the people who need the Center the most."

What are some of the monthly, yearly hardships that the ROC faces? What can help the ROC operate a little easier today, tomorrow, or next year? "Proper funding would go a long way to keeping the Center open and operating at a higher level of service. We currently run the whole organization on about \$20,000 a year and that covers rent, electricity, heating air conditioning, insurance, phone and internet service, not to mention supplies for day to day operation. Often it's not enough and I have to chip in to make ends meet. We really appreciate the local organizations that make us the benefactor of their shows at the bars and other events. We can sure use the help. I'm a frugal person and when I can cut an expense, I do so. Our major source of income is advertising income from producing The Gayzette. If it wasn't for The Gayzette we would have closed the doors for good many years ago."

Well then let's say the ROC was granted the money or won the lottery per say, what direction and improvements would we see happen to the ROC? "When the Center was first opened it was hoped that it could eventually expand into a bigger facility, open a housing unit for emergency housing, open a recreation center, have professional counselors on site and a few other great ideas. But all of those things take a considerable amount of money and a lot of work. Most of those things have not happened (yet) but who knows, perhaps someday we'll be able to make some or all of those "dreams" come true, should we receive a big Grant, get an enormous donation from a benefactor who knows the value of what we do, or maybe we'll win the Powerball lottery (but I suppose we would have to buy a few lottery tickets for that to happen). In any event, should we come into a substantial cash flow those "dreams" I mentioned earlier could become a reality. I know the original founders of the Center would be pleased."

With all that was mentioned then, where do you see the ROC five years from now? "In five years I hope to see The Center in a new location with more space and hopefully sharing that space with other organizations that also want an office, storage space or whatever. A full fledged computer center with computers that are not hand me downs. Professional counselors available, safe sex education, smoking cessation programs, a drug abuse help program and possibly many others. It would depend on how well the funding had developed."

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PRIDE IDOL REUNION SHOW - Red, White and Blue, at The Max, 6pm show time

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO - MCC Church, 6pm

DIAMOND PRINCESS RAFFLE - The Max, 6 to 9pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD

RED RIBBONS OF HOPE - at The Max, 10pm show time

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOW-

SHIP, 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, 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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

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

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT 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

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS

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
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

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS 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. Marv's 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 (gblt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday
IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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

3rd Thursday
GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP
7- 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln on the third Thursday of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

3rd Sunday
TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

4th Tuesday
PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

4th Friday
LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month
NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM, WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET

Look at This Wasted Space

Your Event Could Be Listed

Here For Free!!

Boss, I Hit a Pig!!

A Northern Australian farm hand (an Aboriginal) radios back to the farm manager.

'Boss, I gotta helluva problem here. I hit a pig with the pickup truck.

The pig's OK, but he's stuck in the bullbars at the front of my pickup, and is wriggling and squealing so much I can't get him out'

The manager says, 'Ok, there's a .303 rifle behind the seat.

Take it, shoot the pig in the head and you'll be able to remove him.'

Five minutes later the farm hand calls back, 'I did what you said boss.

Took the .303, shot the pig in the head and removed him from the bull-bars .

No problem there, but I still can't go on!'

'Now what's the problem?' raged the Manager.

'Well boss, it's his motor-bike.

The flashing blue light is stuck under the right-front wheel arch.

Boss??? you there, Boss?????'

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



OH, LOOK... THE LONG ISLAND GAY & LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL STARTS NEXT WEEK!



WE SHOULD BUY ALL OUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE. WILL YOU BE GOING WITH US, DELIA?

ACTUALLY... I THINK I'LL BE GOING BY MYSELF THIS YEAR.



WHAT? WHY?

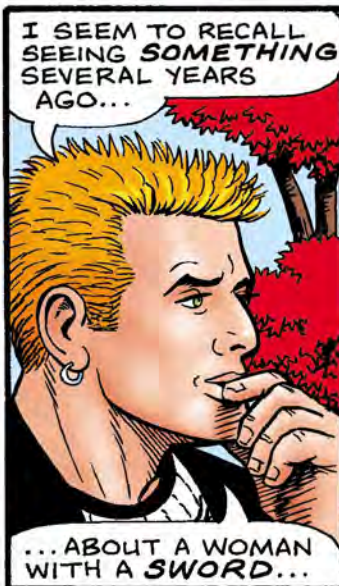
BECAUSE YOU GUYS PISS ME OFF.



EVERY YEAR I TAG ALONG WITH YOU B&B GUYS TO ALL OF YOUR "GAY BOYS GONE WILD" FILMS...



BUT DO YOU GUYS EVER COME WITH ME TO ANY OF THE LESBIAN FILMS? EVEN ONCE



I SEEM TO RECALL SEEING SOMETHING SEVERAL YEARS AGO...

... ABOUT A WOMAN WITH A SWORD...



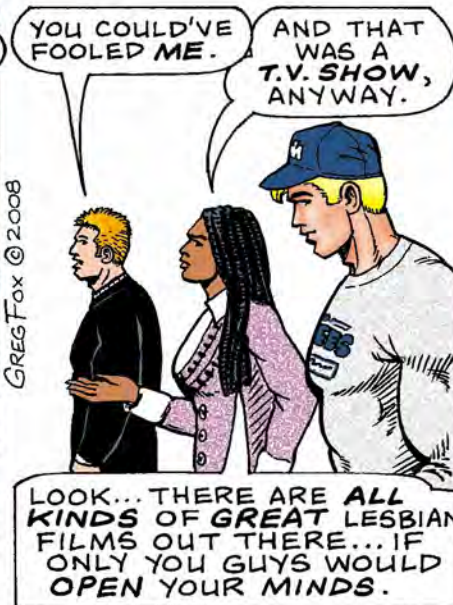
THAT WAS "XENA: THE WARRIOR PRINCESS"... WHICH WE WATCHED AT THE B&B... ON DVD.

AND I HAD TO PRACTICALLY FORCE YOU TO WATCH IT.



YES, WELL... IT WAS VERY VIOLENT. ARE ALL LESBIAN FILMS SO VIOLENT?

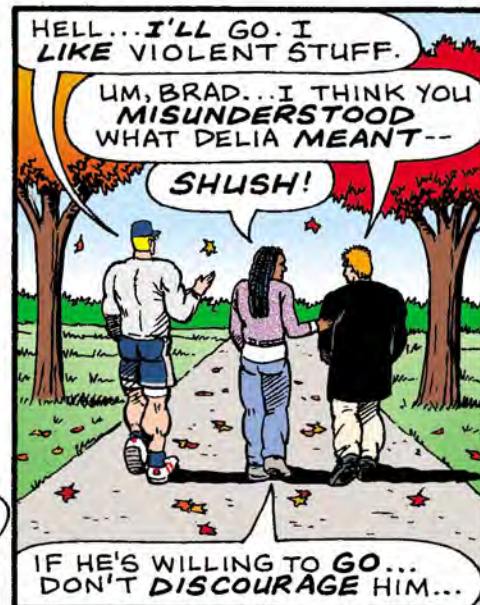
THAT'S NOT EVEN A "LESBIAN" FILM, TECHNICALLY.



YOU COULD'VE FOOLED ME.

AND THAT WAS A T.V. SHOW, ANYWAY.

LOOK... THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF GREAT LESBIAN FILMS OUT THERE... IF ONLY YOU GUYS WOULD OPEN YOUR MINDS.



HELL... I'LL GO. I LIKE VIOLENT STUFF.

UM, BRAD... I THINK YOU MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT DELIA MEANT--

SHUSH!

IF HE'S WILLING TO GO... DON'T DISCOURAGE HIM...

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup,
Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.
BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and
BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer
camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS,
877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org
Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 How-
ard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-
3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to:
Michael@cfep-ne.org
Diamond Foundation, making a difference
through music and education, call 877-87-
DIAMOND or see
www.diamond-foundation.org
Family Foundations Therapy for individu-
als, couples or families, for info call 558-
3856
First Central Congregational Church
UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533,
www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming
First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St.,
402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly
www.firstlutheranomaha.org
First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass
St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org,
GLBT-affirming
Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)
Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at
6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by
softball field, Omaha
Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -
Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164,
712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>
GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources
GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 6PM.
Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or
see www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org for info
Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see
www.hgra.net for information
Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament
(IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R.
Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772,
Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd
Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center,
www.icon.impcourt.org
Learning to Exchange Power,
L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group
novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle
Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box
8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in
leather lifestyle, not currently meeting
LinOma Bares, for more Info email
linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box
24547, Omaha NE 68124
Low Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023
No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,
Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha
68131 email: mpower@nap.org website:
www.mpower-nap.org phone:

402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's
Health Program
Metropolitan Community Church of
Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108
345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org
Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday
Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship
at 7pm
NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anony-
mous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC
-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260
Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha
68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by
appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results
in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 mi-
nute results Call 402-552-9255 info
NebraskaEquality.org, Find out every-
thing about Nebraska and the GLBT
Community
Nebraska GLBT Events, Community
Events Calendar web site, see
www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com
Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733,
Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL,
www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com
Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Bud-
dhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-
9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT
inclusive
Northside Christian Church 5555 Lar-
imore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contem-
porary service at 11:00am
The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-
traditional Family group), email to:
Theohanagroup@msn.com
Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>
Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page
<http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or
ongp1@cox.net
Omaha GLBT Professionals, Contact
omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net for
more info.
Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League,
See www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org for
more information
Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026
Social/Support Organization for African
American Males age 21 and over
Out and About in Nebraska, website:
www.travel.to/outabout
Email: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com
OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists
for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church,
3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039,
www.ouut.org
Parents and Friends of Lesbians And
Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter
Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-
6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org,
email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd
Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass
Proud Horizons Youth Group,
Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or
email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
Prairie Bares, nudist group, no further

info available
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr,
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330
Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm,
Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Oma-
ha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE
-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay
Pride & National Coming Out Day, for
complete information see
www.rainbowcelebrations.org
River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 4083
Omaha, NE 68104, for info call 402.813.1842
or Email: info@rivercitygenderalliance.org
River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sun-
days, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma
Harrison (402) 731-5706
River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267.
Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Web-
site: www.rcmc.org
SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE
68108 www.snapproductions.com
Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St.,
402-556-6536, member of the Union for
Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive
Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Oma-
ha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday
meditation service 7pm; 571-1344;
www.unityomaha.org
WomenSpace, no current info is available
Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.)
Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205
Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to
info@yesomaha.org
Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street
Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

LINCOLN BASED

LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services
Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ
Resource Center Director,
<http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752
or 402-472-1652
<http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>
Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact un-
lqsa@yahoo.com for info
GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays,
Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm
Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln
402/472-2597.
Nebraska AIDS Project, Lincoln, 1921 S.
17th St. (402) 476-7000
Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise,
4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays,
Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lin-
coln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian
Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimber-
ly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website:
<http://pflag.ineb.org/>
Planned Parenthood, F2M and Question-
ing Support group & Partners of FTM
Support Group, meet monthly at 10am
Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at
441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com
SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee
House 2nd Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos
7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094
 TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>
 UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
 Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
 Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org
 Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>
 Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

Omaha GLBT Sports

Chris Orr

It is just about one week before Omaha GLBT Sports Volleyball season is underway. Deadline to register is October 26th! You can register at our website: www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org.



Games will be Sundays November 2nd – February 22nd at the Westroads Club (Volleyball Center) 1212 North 102nd Street from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. The cost per player is \$20 for the volleyball season. The league is anticipating enough people for about 12 teams this season but can't confirm a number until registration is closed.

If your business would like to be a sponsor for one of the teams in our volleyball season, please email us at: Omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com. Sponsors are responsible for providing players a shirt with the sponsor's name and/or logo. The sponsor will also donate \$25 to Omaha GLBT Sports for sport program equipment & rental/facility fees. It really is that easy!

If you would like to help or participate this season without actually playing volleyball, good news for you! We are looking for volunteer referees for volleyball! Info and registration for that is on our website, www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org. It's another fun and easy way to help out the community and meet others. If you are just a person who wants to be a spectator, that is fine. Spectators are more than welcome at our games to cheer on and have as much fun as those who are playing on the court. First game night is November 2nd at 6 p.m. at Westroads Club with no admission charge.

One Liners We Like.....

Community Announcements

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here!



It's FREE!

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Did you know that you can see the entire **GAYZETTE** on our web site?

Go to:

www.rainbowoutreach.org

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

Mormons Bankroll Anti-Gay Marriage Amendments in California, Arizona

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has mobilized followers to give an estimated 77% of donations to support California's proposed marriage ban.

Californians Against Hate released figures Tuesday showing that \$17.67 million was contributed by 59,000 Mormon families since August to groups like Yes on 8. Contributions in support of Prop. 8 total \$22.88 million. Additionally, the group reports that Mormons have contributed \$6.9 million to pass a similar law, Proposition 102, in Arizona.

"It is a staggering amount of money and an even more staggering percentage of the overall campaign receipts," Fred Karger of Californians Against Hate said in a press release. "The Mormon Church, based in Salt Lake City, Utah, has hijacked the campaigns in both California and Arizona, where voters face constitutional amendments to end same-sex marriage."

Karger said Californians Against Hate came up with the figures by cross-referencing donor information from the California secretary of state with Brigham Young University alumni lists, church memberships, and other personal documentation that could identify Mormon Church members. He said the surge in support has been an attempt to boost the church's social standing among the greater religious community.

"For whatever reason, they're trying to get some respect from other religions," he told *The Advocate* Tuesday. "They've always been looked down upon by the Christians, the Catholics, and evangelicals."

Success with the marriage amendment would give the church credibility, Karger said.

The Latter-day Saints Church says it has approximately 770,000 members in California, accounting for about 2% of the state's population. Senior church elders broadcast a call to Mormons October 8 for increased volunteer efforts and donations for the marriage fight. The hour-long message went out to churches in Utah, Hawaii, and Idaho as well as California.

Members of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, the second-highest church governing body, explained their plan to pass the ballot initiative. They asked each California congregation to commit 30 volunteers to donate four hours a week to Proposition 8. They also urged young people to use technology -- such as social networks, text messaging, and blogging -- to spread the word. (Michelle Garcia, *The Advocate*)

Boston College Study: Why Gay Couples Marry

A recently released Boston College study indicates that legal recognition and the opportunity to make a public statement are the prime motivators for Massachusetts gay and lesbian couples to marry.

The college conducted the study 13 months after Massachusetts

legalized same-sex marriage. (The state began marrying gay couples in May 2004.) Professor Pamela J. Lannutti surveyed 263 couples, including those who were legally married in Massachusetts and those who plan to marry. The average relationship duration was 7.5 years.

A quarter of couples said they were motivated to marry for legal protections, while 20% said they wanted to make a public statement of commitment, and only 15% cited feelings for their partner.

Others said they tied the knot to receive acknowledgement from family members (14%), legal protection for help in having children (13%), political reasons (4%), and religious reasons (2%).

"The arrival of same-sex marriage brings up many issues that often lurk in the background in families. It forces same-sex couples and their parents to confront their deepest feelings about same-sex love," said Robert-Jay Green, Ph.D., in a press release from Rockway Institute, a national center for psychology research, education, and public policy on sexual orientation and gender issues.

A common obstacle for same-sex couples to overcome when considering marriage is lack of family approval. Forty-one percent of the couples interviewed reported dissatisfaction from parents. A majority of couples, 58%, said their primary method of dealing with family members' disapproval is to ignore it. "We almost changed our minds about getting married," said a male participant. "We thought our families were OK with us as a couple, but when we wanted to send out wedding invitations,

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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his parents freaked out.”

The study was published in the Journal of LGBT Family Studies. (Kandice Day, The Advocate)

Brad Pitt to Give \$100,000 to Fight California Marriage Ban

Hollywood A-lister Brad Pitt announced on Wednesday he's donating \$100,000 to fight Proposition 8, the November ballot initiative that could ban same-sex marriage in California.

The Los Angeles Times reports that Pitt's contribution is the largest anti-Prop. 8 donation by a celebrity.

"Because no one has the right to deny another their life, even though they disagree with it; because everyone has the right to live the life they so desire if it doesn't harm another; and because discrimination has no place in America, my vote will be for equality and against Proposition 8," the actor said in a statement.

Political strategist Chad Griffin told the Times that he hopes Pitt's donation spurs more celebrity donors. He added that Democratic billionaire Ron Burkle plans to host a large fund-raiser at his home in October to rally the entertainment industry against Prop. 8.

Recent weeks have been marred by reports that the Yes on 8 campaign has seen a huge influx of cash support from wealthy evangelical donors. According to reports, the bulk of the donations have come from outside California. (Neal Broverman, The Advocate)

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake
Certified Personal Trainer

The holiday season is nearing or is here if you believe the greedy and rapacious retailers. The parties will be rolling out the red carpet and you will begin filling up like a Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade balloon from the surfeit of hors d'oeuvres and Brandy Alexander's. Don't wait until the belt buckle is quivering from the product of your convivial ways. Make your New Year's resolution now and start that fitness program.

The average Joe the Plumber puts on five to eight pounds during the holiday season. Why not lose that many pounds before the season begins and then just live life without worry over the last five weeks of the year. You have about one month before Tom the Turkey trumpets the signal for the epicurean shenanigans to begin.

Call up the local health clubs and begin shopping for fitness deals. Explain your proactive situation and dicker with the sales reps if they tell you their hands are tied. The economy is in the



toilet so they should be eager for any sales. Once you get your gym squared away then it's time to make a plan.

Sit down and look over your Outlook calendar. Are there important meetings, seminars, or family obligations that will require your attendance. What are the best days to hit the gym? Are you a morning or afternoon workout type of guy or gal? Discuss options with the significant other, the friends, or the work colleagues. Then put pen to paper and knock out the days you plan to exercise and get the health train rolling out of the station.

Your body burns more calories when you have muscle tone and it becomes a better and more efficient machine. Meet with a trainer for a session or two and have him or her prepare a workout routine for you. Most health clubs will give you one free session with a trainer so this shouldn't pull much change from your coin purse. Tell the trainer you want to add muscle tone and then start clanging those weights around.

Begin a walking, running, or biking program too. These are all great means of decimating calories and can be best accomplished with a partner or an Ipod chocked full of melodies. You can burn several hundred calories each time you engage in this type of workout. The health club or the great outdoors can accommodate your need for your type of speed.

Stay faithful to the regimen you initiate. It does you no good if you miss most of your planned workouts. You should make almost all of your workouts between now and Thanksgiving if you want to gain some benefits in time for the season of eating and drinking.

It has been said that it takes three weeks to break a bad habit and start a good one. Focus on making this next month an important health and fitness moment in your life. You will be ready to partake in all those holiday festivities and be several high school musicals ahead of those January resolution makers.

This fitness column is brought to you by a guy with a fetish for fixations. That guy is Ron Blake and you can rebuke him for his perseverations at blake.fitness@yahoo.com.

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.).

The term "use with caution" is great advice for a person. It could be used as extreme caution or little caution, that's

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a different story for another day. Caution is used for some things that are dangerous. Of course then, it is also used for some things that are mindless. It could also bring significance to whatever is being cautioned. People are used with caution. You have trouble trusting that friend so you always don't share the details that may make you look somewhat less of what you are thought of now. The roommate that just won't keep their hands off your stuff, so do you put everything under lock and key or do you set up a trap so you can have enough of a reason to have them move out? The internet is used with caution these days. Credit card information will be guarded with your life but, how about the company you purchase from? The companies do sell lists of their buyers to other companies and a technical error could just occur. www.nebraskaglbtevents.com should be used with caution, be visited frequently, and have more advertisers. The word is circulating from a person who monitors and manages the site that if advertising does not pick up on the site it will be disengaged by the end of the year. I was told that it does get a lot of views daily and there is plenty of room to advertise for free and also a cheap rate to advertise on banners with links. I say use with caution for this website because it would be another great loss to the community if it does go under, like when we lost The Reading Grounds. The main point is we would lose another place to connect and find out what is going on in our community that isn't biased.

It's that time of the year to get out your bingo gear! Bingo for Life will be hosted by Nebraska Aids Project and MPower on Thursday October 30th at the Max from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Sponsors of Bingo for Life are: DC's Saloon, Max, Flixx & Chixx and private donors. The event is a benefit for: NAP, Kids of Camp Kindle, and Rainbow Celebrations. The prizes this year will be cash and there will be no drag along home items. Light hor d'oeuvres will start at 6 p.m. with the first bingo game held at 7 p.m. You must be 21 years of age or older to participate and a \$5 buy in for your first 4 bingo cards. Additional cards can be bought for \$1 per sheet which is 4 cards. There will also be cash award raffle drawings on the hour from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. starting at \$50 and the last one at \$100. This is a must be present to win raffle. After the bingo session and \$100 raffle, there will be entertainment. For more information you can contact Gary Winingham (402) 552-9260.

White Elephant Bingo will be held Friday November 7th at MCC-Omaha. Doors for the event open at 5:30 p.m. and the first game starts at 6:30 p.m. Before bingo begins they will

be serving sloppy joes, hot dogs, and nachos, just to name a few items. The way to get your cards is to bring in the "white elephants" for a trade into bingo bucks. They have their prices at \$3 for 1 card, \$5 for 2 cards, and \$10 for 5 cards. It is an all ages event for your friends and family. They would like the community to also check out the headway for the Accessibility project. The funds raised from bingo will go to the MCC General Fund to continue the wide array ministries of the church. www.mccomaha.org

October 26th is the day that zombies roam the streets of Omaha and the world, World Zombie Day. It won't be the regular every day type of zombies we see either and it's for a great cause. The zombie walk is to raise awareness about global hunger while dressing, acting, and speaking like a zombie. World Zombie Day organizers are from Monroeville, PA where the 1978 cult classic film "Dawn of The Dead" was filmed. Over 40 cities worldwide have registered to take part in this event with walks for their local hunger related charity. The first annual Omaha Zombie Walk will be October 26th 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. at various shopping venues around Omaha collecting donations and non perishable items. The zombies that participate are to drop their donations and non perishable items off at Legends Comics (51st & Leavenworth) from the noon to six timeframe. There will be festivities after 6 p.m. for those who participated with food and drink and there will be a zombie contest on these categories: best looking zombie, best zombie shamle, and best zombie groan. For more information about the history of zombie day, Omaha Zombie Walk, and how to participate please visit myspace.com/adamswalkingdead or email adammmikael@msn.com.

Any gripes, comments, or having me check something out? Email me at orrthumper83@yahoo.com
Correction In my last column I stated about the conductor of the train on the cell phone, my gaff! It was the engineer. I do hope you understand the point I was trying to make.

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Diamond Princess Stella's
B-Day Show
5-8:30pm

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH

**"A HAUNTED EVENING
@ THE MAX"**
Presented By:
Starla Ann Marie
Flower of Hope & RCGA Benefit
6pm Doors Open
7pm Show

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH

Jason & DeMarco Concert
7pm

MCC Benefit Show
10pm

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

Diamond Foundation Election
Show
5:30pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

"GOOD EVENING"
Presented by:
Michele Korman
& Faleasha Savage
Special Guest
Regine Phillips
9:30pm

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

MEN'S NIGHT
AMATEUR STRIP 7PM
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