

The GayZette



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Wyoming Couple Challenges Marriage Law

By Advocate.com Editors

A gay couple on Cheyenne, Wyo., who were refused a marriage license have filed a federal lawsuit to challenge the state's law that defines marriage as a union between a man and woman, reports Associated Press. Ryan W. Dupree and David Shupe-Roderick filed the lawsuit earlier this month and will act as their own attorneys in the case, which is assigned to U.S. district judge Alan B. Johnson of Cheyenne. They have asked Johnson to block the state from enforcing the law that denies gay and lesbian couples access to civil marriage.



repeal the discriminatory DOMA. The vote was 22-12, according to the AP.

LGBT Community is a Protected Class in Iowa

By Mike Yowell
President, Council Bluffs Community Alliance

"Our Liberties We Prize and Our Rights We Will Maintain." This is the motto of the state of Iowa. It's been true since the state was founded by abolitionists in 1838, and it is still true today for LGBT folks. Iowa's LGBT citizens not only enjoy full marriage equality and adoption rights, but they also enjoy other equal rights that are not currently available in many other states, including Nebraska.



California Senate Reverses Gay "Cure" Law

Advocate.com Editors

Roy Ashburn The California state senate passed measures Monday to reverse an archaic law that requires the state mental health agency to research "cures" for homosexuality, and to call on President Barack Obama and Congress to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act.

According to the Associated Press, Sen. Roy Ashburn, who came out this year after a drunk driving incident involving a gay bar, carried the bill to reverse the gay "cure" law, which the assembly already approved. It passed on a 36-0 vote with no debate.

"The law passed in 1950 classifies gays as sexual deviants," reported the AP. "It requires the Department of Mental Health to research the causes and potential cures for homosexuality."

The senate also approved a resolution already passed in the assembly calling on the president and federal lawmakers to



For example, in 2007 Iowa became the fifth state in the nation to legally protect children from bullying due to sexual orientation and gender identity. Also in 2007, Iowa became the seventh state to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. That elevated Iowa's GLBT citizens to the level of protected class status.

Protected class status means that a person cannot be discriminated against in housing, employment, education, public accommodation and credit. So, in Iowa a landlord can't refuse to rent an apartment to you because you're a lesbian couple or a restaurant can't refuse to serve you because you held your gay partner's hand at the table.

If a GLBT person in Iowa is discriminated against in any of the five protected class categories, he or she can take their case to either the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in Des Moines or their local Civil Rights Commission.

All cities in Iowa with a population greater than 23,000 are required by law to have a civil rights commission, and Council Bluffs has a civil rights commission. So it is fitting that in 2008 the Council Bluffs city council added sexual orientation and gender identity to its list of protected classes.

So when you're considering a place to live, consider living in a state that treats all of its citizens equally; consider living in a state that protects its LGBT citizens; consider living in Iowa.

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MR MAX 19 Sean Fergie

I would like to introduce myself to you and give you some interesting tidbits about myself you may not already know.

I was born and raised right here in Omaha Nebraska. I attended Millard West High School and graduated in 2004. I was active in Show Choir and swimming during high school. I went to UNL for college and was very involved in the music program there by participating in Show Choir, Men's Choir and University Choir. I was in the School of Music for my first year because I had originally wanted to be a choir teacher. I switched my major for my sophomore year to psychology and business. I have been in the banking world for the past 2 1/2 years.

During my free time I enjoy listening to music, going to movies and socializing.

I use the exclamation point



WAY too much! I feel like it makes the sentence more exciting. I was born a blond and am still blond at heart. I used to be a huge introvert. I am very gullible. My perfect temperature is right around 75 degrees with a nice breeze. My first job was working in a day care. I was voted best dressed by my graduating class.

As your Mr. Max, I would like to be a person people feel they can come to when they need help or just someone to talk to. I cannot wait to be on stage again performing and entertaining for the community! I enjoy making my performances fun and energetic and I am excited to think of new ideas and costumes for songs.

I'm very excited for the upcoming year and what it will bring! I am honored to be the newest member of The Max Family! Looking forward to work with them entertaining everyone, as well as, help with fundraising for the community!

If you see me out and about, feel free to come and say "hi".

GOglbt Professionals Meeting

Join GOglbt in September at the Nebraska Humane Society (8929 Fort Street in Omaha). Last time we had a great turnout and were given a great tour of the facility. Due to Labor Day and conflicting schedules, this meeting will be at a different

date at time: We will meet on the SECOND THURSDAY, September 9th at 6:00 PM. For more information, visit www.GOgblt.org.

HGRA Gets a New Web Address

Please keep up with our activities via our new address www.hgra.us. We have links to the International Gay Rodeo Association and all the other member associations. Check for host

hotel accommodations for the upcoming rodeo in Kansas City Labor Day weekend! See when the IGRA Finals will be and in what city!

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Show Sept. 17th

Former HGRA royalty members will be performing at DC's Saloon, Friday September 17th starting at 8pm. Ms HGRA 2008 Tracey Foster (a.k.a Aretha Spanklin) Mr HGRA 2008 Pete Canfield will be the headliners. Also performing will be the current Mr & Miss DC's, Josiah & Marti Gras, along with Mr DC's 2009, Yoshi. Aphelia Butts-Feinstein, Ryan Nickell, and others will fill out the show.

So get ready to have a fun time, we have lots of good entertainment planned for you. Plenty of live singers and some comedy will be thrown in.

To My "Family of Choice"

I would like to extend an extremely heartfelt thank you to all the members of the community for all that was done for me during my return to Omaha for Jeff's service. Dealing with the loss of someone you love deeply is never easy but the love and support given to me helped ease the pain. It also helped to remind me what a loving and giving "family" we all have in one another. Despite knowing how much I will be missing Jeff, I am comforted to know how many people love and care for both of us. I know it would have filled Jeff's heart also. So many of you not only stepped up to help, you went above and beyond. I sincerely thank you all for all that you did. With much love, Tracy.



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This annual event began during reign 16 as Grand Czarina Michele Korman's first show ever for ICON. She came up with the idea of "Hats Off" in honor of Empress Phoenix as she was often seen in hats. The show was to benefit the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund.

Korman hosted this event yearly until Reign 27 when she passed the torch to Teagan Thomas. That year Teagan changed the benefactor to Michele's Fund at UNMC, a fund that Michele Korman started during Reign 24. Since then, Thomas has asked the newly crowned Princess Royale to host this event and create excitement for the new reign.

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The Three Year Itch

Michael Kimmel
[beyondtherapy@cox.net]

"I'm so bored with him."

"The excitement's gone".

"She's so predictable; I know exactly what she'll do."



Sound familiar? These statements are typical of how some of my clients describe their long-term relationships. Those of you who have never had one, pay attention: you may be able to avoid future problems coming your way. While boredom isn't unique to long-term relationships in the LGBT community, I think our experience of them is somewhat unique. Same-sex couples often find that having a partner of the same gender is both a blessing and a curse. There's a great sense of familiarity with your partner when you share gender, but there can also be a lack of "mystery". When your partner is a different gender, it's not so easy to predict what they'll do. Perhaps with same-sex couples, there is less mystery and, as a result, boredom and predictability may come sooner for us.

In couple's counseling, it's typical to believe that heterosexual couples start to unravel after about seven years. There's even a movie about this: "The Seven Year Itch", starring Marilyn Monroe. In the movie, the (straight) married man gets bored with his wife after seven years and looks to the divine Marilyn for a new lease on life. For us LGBT folks, a more appropriate title to describe our challenges with relationship boredom may be: "The three year itch". As a therapist for LGBT couples, I've noticed that after about three years' together, many gay couples hit a wall called "boredom". It often manifests in the following ways:

- You become bored with yourself, your life, your job;
- You let your social life (with your partner and on your own) fade away;
- Your sex life with your partner becomes almost non-existent (the popular concept of "lesbian bed death" fits in here);
- You let yourself go (gaining weight, not exercising, eating poorly); and
- You take your partner for granted.

This is a time when LGBT couples may start to consider "open" relationships or begin to develop fantasy lives that involve other people. Why? The glitter has worn off. You know too much about your partner to harbor any illusions. You've seen each other at your worst and probably had three years of ups and downs, stony silences and angry arguments. While this is the cement of real intimacy, it is death to illusions of romantic love. Falling in love is easy; this is the Hollywood movie aspect of new love: the mystery of your new lover is enticing; everything's new and sex is a great adventure. A few years later, all your illusions are gone, and you're left with a relationship with a real person, warts and all.

Falling in love is just that: falling. Staying in love is about being with your partner through thick and thin, through anger, jealousy, mistrust and disappointment. It's much easier to say "I'm bored" than it is to face down the problems of a long-term relationship and work through them.

Boredom is fear in disguise. What are we afraid of? That our lives aren't enough, that we aren't enough and neither is our partner. Boredom says, "You made a mistake, dump this loser, get someone better and you'll be a lot happier." It's an interesting idea: this continual search for someone better (some people call it "the search for my soul mate"). How will we know when we find this perfect person? Will we ever meet him/her?

We can't meet him/her because this person doesn't exist, and neither does a boredom-free relationship. Every new lover eventually becomes familiar. Newness masks fear. It's like when you buy something new to cheer yourself up. And it works, right? For about five minutes. Relationships are the same. A new lover may make you happy for a while, but every man/woman will inevitably fall off their pedestal when the glitter wears off and their burps, farts and heavy baggage appear.

Don't scratch the Three Year Itch! Instead, see it for what it is - the fear beneath the boredom - and focus not only on your partner but also on yourself. When YOU are happy, fulfilled and excited about your life, you bring that to your relationship.

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This has always been a fun event for everyone. All proceeds will be going back to MCC-Omaha to help support the sunroom project.

HRC Drops Target and Best Buy

In a story broken on Advocate.com, the Human Rights Campaign will drop both Target Corp. and Best Buy, two companies embattled over donations that aided an antigay politician's campaign, from its annual Buying for Equality Guide.

In a Friday statement, HRC vice president of communications Fred Sainz said the national organization "will not encourage

people to shop at either store and believes that consumers should make their own decisions after careful consideration of all of the information available to them.

"Because we understand the impact of leaving Target and Best Buy on the various products associated with the buyer's guide, both companies will soon be removed from it," Sainz added.

The decision comes after mounting criticism of the HRC Corporate Equality Index (from which the buyer's guide is derived) and whether it accurately reflects a company's record on LGBT equality.

Speaking on Michelangelo Signorile's satellite radio show Thursday, Sainz said HRC would remain neutral in a MoveOn.org-organized boycott of Target. But HRC announced last week that it would donate \$150,000 to "help elect a pro-equality governor and legislature in Minnesota" after Target

declined a request from the group to do so. "We believe that it is impossible to avoid turning any further actions into a political issue and will use the benefit of time to make thoughtful, careful decisions on how best to move forward," Target spokeswoman Jessica Carlson said.

Sainz told Signorile that HRC is grappling with a sea change in the realm of corporate political donations, resulting from the January U.S. Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, which struck down limits on corporate spending in elections.

"Already complicated, the Citizens United decision has made campaign finance issues even more complex," Sainz said in the statement. "HRC is thoughtfully studying the many ramifications of political giving by companies in this new reality."



The court's decision allowed for an influx in campaign spending, and Target, which donated \$150,000 to an organization supporting Minnesota state representative Tom Emmer's campaign for governor, has become a cautionary tale in corporate America. The retailer's pro-LGBT reputation has quickly eroded in recent weeks, fueled by boycotts, viral protest videos, and demonstrations at Target locations around the nation.

Emmer, who won the Republican gubernatorial primary election earlier this month, has consistently opposed marriage rights for same-sex couples and authored a 2007 state constitutional

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The HRC Corporate Equality Index has primarily focused on how a company treats its gay employees — using criteria such as partner benefits, diversity training, and nondiscrimination policies — but the latest report evaluates whether an employer "exhibits responsible behavior towards the LGBT community" and "does not engage in action that would undermine LGBT equality."

Both Target and Best Buy received 100% ratings on HRC's 2010 index, completed before the controversial donations were made. HRC has delayed the release of its 2011 Corporate Equality Index as it considers the methodology used to compile the report.

Target executives did not address the growing backlash in its second-quarter earnings call Wednesday. Though the company reported a 14.3% increase in net income compared to the year-ago period, it's yet to be seen what impact the fallout resulting from Target's political donations will have on future earnings. News of the donation broke just days before the end of the company's second quarter on July 31.

Tel Aviv Launches Gay Tourism Campaign

By Jeffrey Gerson

The Tel Aviv Tourism Association has launched a new campaign to emphasize the city's queer-friendly atmosphere and attract gay travelers.

The initiative, Tel Aviv Gay Vibe will cost about \$87,000 and will be enacted over the next six months. "The gay market, they have money to spend and they love very much the stylized life of Tel Aviv. They like the good life," says chief executive of the association Etti Gargir in Pink News.

GayIsrael.org, the official website of Gay Vibe, paints a luxurious picture of the city: "This dashing piece of gay heaven holds within the perfect combination for a perfect vacation for men and women: gorgeous guys dancing at the hottest clubs, stunningly beautiful women enjoying our pure shores, modern and contemporary art galleries, cutting-edge fashion, local and international cuisine, history-filled streets



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realized the greater need for development workers throughout the country's less populous regions. He stated, "Despite recent progress for LGBT people in Ireland, a significant number still find it difficult to be 'out' and remain living in their local communities. Much of this is the result of a lack of recognition that all communities are made up of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender."

The initiative aims to function by uniting and strengthening LGBT organizations throughout the country to better address the needs of each region. The group was developed out of collaboration between 11 Irish LGBT organizations and will receive funding from the Atlantic Philanthropies, a grant group that gives billions of dollars to various aid programs each year.

Pat Carey, minister of community, equality, and Gaeltacht affairs, launched the program. He told Irish Times, "Irish society has not always been as supportive of gay people as it should have been, particularly in rural Ireland." He continued by sympathizing with the LGBT plight, stating that it is "a cause of sadness and a terrible waste of potential when a young person is lost to a rural community because of their sexual orientation or gender identity."

Kids Continues As Box Office Draw

hosting the latest urban chic and amazing sunsets, only welcoming a night to remember, in the city that never sleeps."

The effort is based upon a three-prong strategy extolling Tel Aviv as fun, free, and fabulous.

Ireland Launches LGBT Support Program for Rural Demographic

By Jeffrey Gerson

One day after President McAleese legalized civil partnerships, Ireland's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender program launched a new initiative to provide better resources for those in isolated and underserved communities.

According to Pink News, program manager Derek McDonell

By Advocate.com Editors

The Kids Are All Right, the acclaimed film about a lesbian couple dealing with a family crisis, continues to be a strong draw at the nation's box office, according to website Box Office Mojo. In its third weekend in release, Lisa Cholodenko's well-reviewed dramedy starring Annette Bening and Julianne Moore, added 163 screens and saw its box office take increase 148.8%. Kids has the highest per-screen average with \$13,174 and to date has grossed \$4,963,000.

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**Every Monday
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Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

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

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

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

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm, at DC's Saloon

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00pm, Thursday and Friday Walk-In from 5pm to 9pm, & at the Respect Clinic walk-in from 5:30pm to 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

**WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA**, Bible Study, 7pm

**Every Thursday
CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS**
Club Passion Party

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON 7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm, at DC's Saloon

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE, playing Softball every Thursday 6-10pm, at Churchich park (50th and C). Games will be played through August 12th

**Every Friday
LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting**, 8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB
Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more information call 402-384-8014

DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT at Connections Bar, theme nights and shows

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

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

DIXIE AFTER DARK, Enjoy Breakfast at Dixie Quicks Restaurant, 12AM to 4AM, every Saturday night, 1915 Leavenworth St., Proceeds benefit local GLBT organizations

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

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

Every Other Friday

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

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

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at Broadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB) starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flix Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

2nd Thursday

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

2nd Saturday

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

TOP TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 6 to 9pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

2nd Sunday

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING (glbt 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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

3rd Sunday

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet

at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.
YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET

No Pets Allowed

Two women were out for a Saturday stroll. One had a Doberman and the other, a Chihuahua. As they walked down the street, the one with the Doberman said to her friend, "Let's go over to that bar for a drink."

The lady with the Chihuahua said, "We can't go in there. We've got dogs with us."

The one with the Doberman said, "Just watch, and do as I do."

They walked over to the bar and the one with the Doberman put on a pair of dark glasses and started to walk in.

The bouncer at the door said, "Sorry, lady, no pets allowed."

The woman with the Doberman said, "You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog."

The bouncer said, "A Doberman?"

The woman said, "Yes, they're using them now. They're very good."

The bouncer said, "OK, come on in." The lady with the Chihuahua thought that convincing him that a Chihuahua was a seeing-eye dog may be a bit more difficult, but thought, "What the heck," so she put on her dark glasses and started to walk in.

Once again the bouncer said, "Sorry, lady, no pets allowed."

The woman said, "You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog."

The bouncer said, "A Chihuahua?"

The woman with the Chihuahua said, "A Chihuahua? They gave me a f.....g Chihuahua?!"

Marriage

On their way to get married, a young couple is involved in a fatal car accident. The couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they begin to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven?

When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said, 'I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out,' and he leaves. The couple sat and waited, and waited. Two months passed and the couple is still waiting. As they waited, they discussed that if they were allowed to get married in Heaven, what was the eternal aspect of it all... 'What if it doesn't work?' they wondered, 'Are we stuck together forever?' After yet another month, St. Peter finally returns, looking somewhat bedraggled. 'Yes,' he informs the couple, 'you can get married in Heaven.' 'Great!' said the couple, 'But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?'

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. 'What's wrong?' asked the frightened couple.

'What's wrong?', shouted St. Peter, 'It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?'

Password Audit

During a recent password audit, it was discovered that a blonde receptionist was using the following password:

"MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonald GoofySacramento"

When interviewed by the auditor as to why she had such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.

No dogs got drunk at the bar. Saint Peter got over it (never did find a lawyer though). Disney dropped their lawsuit when they found out the receptionist was blonde. The Chihuahua bit the bouncer who is now in therapy and expected to make a complete recovery.

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

Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/www.diamond-foundation.org

Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

GLBT Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.us for information

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

Inclusive Life Care & Service Group 105 S. 49th Street Omaha 68132
Spiritual-Interfaith-Secular Care & Service for all Individuals, Couples and Families www.inclusivelife.org 402-516-8475

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

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

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

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

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

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

Omaha 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: NeOutAbout@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 at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

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

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

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

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

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

TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

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 unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

Nebraska AIDS Project, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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

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 Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org
Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspide.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>

Notre Dame QB Stands for Equality

By Advocate.com Editors

Canoga Park, Calif., student Dayne Crist loves to eat, volunteers in his spare time, and will likely replace Jimmy Clausen as University of Notre Dame's starting quarterback. And he's a gay ally.

The junior showed up to practice in July sporting a "StaNd Against Hate" T-shirt, according to the Los Angeles Times. The shirt was from a week on campus dedicated to ending discrimination and harassment against LGBT students.

The events in April followed student protests in January, in which more than 100 students and faculty members marched on the campus to urge administrators to add sexual orientation to the school's antidiscrimination policy as well as acknowledge the campus's LGBT alliance. The protest came after the student newspaper published an antigay cartoon, resulting in the resignation of the paper's assistant managing editor.



Famed Bathhouse Goes Doggy Style

By Advocate.com Editors

Club Turk Baths, one of San Francisco's first gay bathhouses as well as one of its last, is set to become a canine day-care facility, reports the San Francisco Examiner. The bathhouse, located in the city's Tenderloin district, has been closed for more than two decades after city officials cracked down on sex clubs and bathhouses at the height of the AIDS epidemic. The ground floor of the three-story building will be converted into four playgrounds and will accommodate up to 60 dogs. The new business is expected to open early next year and will be named Bulldog Baths in honor of the former bathhouse.



Marine Chief Pushes Separate Bunks

By Kerry Eleveld

The head of the Marine Corps, Gen. James Conway, reiterated his position Tuesday that straight Marines might be allowed to elect separate living quarters from gays if "don't ask, don't tell" is repealed.

According to an MSNBC report of the briefing at the Pentagon, "Conway said the Marines may make such housing arrangements 'voluntary' to accommodate any 'moral concerns.' He said many Marines are 'very religious' and because of their moral concerns 'don't want to room' with homosexuals."

But Conway also said the Marines would move quickly to implement repeal if the law was lifted. "We cannot be seen as dragging our feet. We've got two wars to fight. We'll implement it and move on," he said.



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

GOOD MORNING, KYLE.

GOOD MORNING, PRICE. WOULD YOU AND YOUR, AH...
...GUEST LIKE SOME STRAWBERRY WAFFLES?

WOW, THAT SOUNDS GREAT--

ACTUALLY, JASON NEEDS TO GET GOING. HE HAS A LONG DRIVE AHEAD OF HIM.

IT'S JACKSON, NOT JASON.

OF COURSE. JACKSON.

DRIVE SAFE, NOW.

WILL YOU CALL ME?

POSSIBLY.

I'M SORRY, KYLE.

FLAUNTING MY TRICKS IN THE MORNING IS PROBABLY BAD FORM, ISN'T IT?

I'LL MAKE SURE IN THE FUTURE THAT THEY USE THE SERVICE ENTRANCE.

DON'T YOU HAVE WORK TODAY?

I'M TAKING WEDNESDAYS OFF NOW. A FOUR DAY WORK-WEEK JUST MAKES MORE SENSE, DOESN'T IT?

IF YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH IT.

I CAN GET AWAY WITH ALMOST ANYTHING IF I PUT MY MIND TO IT.

WELL, THAT'S... OPTIMISTIC AND FOREBODING AT THE SAME TIME.

HAHA... I LIKE YOU, KYLE. YOU'VE GOT AN EDGE UNDERNEATH THAT CALM, L.L. BEAN EXTERIOR.

YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M GOING TO DO A FAVOR FOR YOU.

AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

LET ME USE MY BUSINESS SKILLS TO HELP YOUR B&B. PUT ME IN CHARGE OF EFFICIENCY OPERATIONS AROUND HERE, AND I'LL MAKE YOUR PROFITS SOAR.

OH? AND HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME?

FOR NOW? NOTHING. EXCEPT, PERHAPS...

...YOU COULD IRON MY PANTS, OCCASIONALLY?

I WAS BEGINNING TO WONDER IF YOU OWNED ANY PANTS.

MORE THAN A BROOKS BROTHERS WAREHOUSE.

YOU JUST DON'T EVER WEAR THEM.

GOODNESS, NO. NOT BEFORE BREAKFAST...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



So how do you begin a new fitness training program? It starts with levity and fun. The key to life is to enjoy that very thing... life. How to do that? Fun... fun with moderate doses of responsibility. As a fitness trainer, my job is to encourage you to take responsibility for your life. Maybe not quite to the degree of your friendly neighborhood preacher who pounds the pulpit and proclaims all homosexuals doomed to kiss the conflagration of hell because of their evil and irresponsible ways. I'm a kinder, gentler more compassionate kind of fitness trainer. At least that's what they taught me when I was still a straight boy in college. Then I saw the light when I ran into this self-absorbed fitness enthusiast who converted me into a rainbow flag-waving, Prada dressing extrovert and taught me that I too could earn a free toaster if I transmogrified three breeder boys to the dark side. No more tangent thoughts or digressions! This is a fitness column and I've gotta save you heathens from your licentious and hedonistic lifestyles!

So as I was saying... any fitness program you embrace should involve fun. Yeah, working out does involve hard work and dedication. We all know that. It should also be something you look forward to and get excited about. Otherwise, why do it. But yes there is hard work involved and I would be remiss if I didn't mention that. After all I come from a corn-fed Midwestern background that is engrained with a great work ethic. Why else do you think fellow Hoosiers like David Letterman, Orville Redenbacher, Kurt Vonnegut, and Michael Jackson would be so successful.

During my numerous years of training clients and coaching high school athletes, I have stressed one thing and that is for them to simply enjoy the ride as each day passes. I involve trivia contests, singing, motivational handouts, music, vocabulary lessons, and endless anecdotes about my life into my training programs. In many ways I feel like an entertainer who tries to regale my clients with the lighter side of it all. Fitness training should be a method of escaping the harsh realities of the daily grind. It makes a perfect opportunity to channel any frustrations or aggressions in an appropriate manner.

I have informed my clients that they might not have control over what goes on in life but that they certainly have the power to control what goes on in their lives. This control exists in workouts, training runs, bike rides, yoga classes, and other exercise routines. This control should be used when deciding the "who" and "where" of your workout. First who will you workout with? Choose someone who will motivate you, make you laugh, and validate the quality person that you are. Choose someone who is reliable, trustworthy, and goal-oriented. Choose someone who will help you change your life for the better.

Then where will you work out? Choose someplace that has pretty curtains, Tiffany lamps, and leather recumbent sofas. What? It's not really my cup o' tea but hey if it works for you

then do it! You need to choose a place that fits your style and personality and a place that will allow you to have fun during your workout sessions. Find that place where you can adjust the radio to any station and any volume. Find that place where you can take off your shirt and walk around flexing in front of the mirrors like you would at your favorite gay haunt on a Saturday night. Find someplace that is relaxed and understanding.

We all want results when we begin a fitness routine. It just doesn't need to be approached as a dreaded task. You have the power! You have the control! You can have fun! Two of my favorite motivational sayings are from Victor Borge and Mary Pettibone Poole respectively: "Laughter is the shortest distance between two people" and "He who laughs, lasts."

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who enjoys a good glass of port when sitting starboard. That marine sommelier is Ron Blake and he can be reached at rblake5551@hotmail.com.

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- Hungarian Goulash
- Schweinebraten
- Schnitzel Parmesan
- German Tap Beer

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The picture kinda says it all...



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