

# The GayZette



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## NOM Says Obama Is Declaring War on DOMA

By Michelle Garcia

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Brian Brown, executive director of the National Organization for Marriage, urged supporters to stop President Barack Obama from repealing the Defense of Marriage Act, which would lead to interstate and federal recognition of same-sex marriages.

The four-page letter asks supporters to donate to the DOMA Defense Fund, so that "2% of the population" cannot "defeat 60% majorities" in states where marriage equality is constitutionally outlawed.

"We don't have tens of millions of dollars from a handful of gay billionaires funding our efforts," he wrote. "This time it's up to supporters."

Brown also wrote that the Democratic leadership in Washington have already pushed a radical agenda, sneaking in "far-reaching social policy changes as part of the economic stimulus package. If they think we're asleep at the wheel, they could try the same thing with marriage during the first few months of this new administration."

In order to stop the Administration and federal legislators from recognizing gay and lesbian marriages, the organization says it needs \$1 million to share its message in an advertising blitz. "Wavering politicians will take note when they begin to see well-funded, hard-hitting ads on TV and radio in their home districts."

The other purpose of the media campaign, Brown wrote, is to stop the media from portraying religious followers from looking like "hate-filled bigots."

## Sweden Passes Same-Sex Marriage Law

By Per Nyberg

(CNN) -- Sweden's parliament on Wednesday approved same-sex marriage legislation, according to the parliament's Web site.

Previously, two people of the same sex could register their partnership, but with this vote, sex will no longer matter when two people want to get married.

The new "sex-neutral" law will take effect on May 1.

Couples who already had a registered partnership can now either stay in that union or transform it into a marriage if they wish, the Web site said.

The "yes" votes numbered 261, while 22 members of parliament voted "no" and 16 chose not to vote.

The Christian Democrats was the only party opposed to the new law.

"Unfortunately this is not an April Fool's Day joke, this is reality," Yvonne Andersson, member of the Swedish parliament for the Christian Democrats, wrote on the party's Web site following the vote.

The party had instead proposed a law that would remove the word "marriage" from Swedish law and replace it with a legally binding union between two persons, thus separating it from the Christian ceremony that the church conducts.

Asa Regner, secretary general of the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education, told CNN that Wednesday's vote meant a very important change in Swedish law.

"This was the last area where same sex couples were treated differently," she said.

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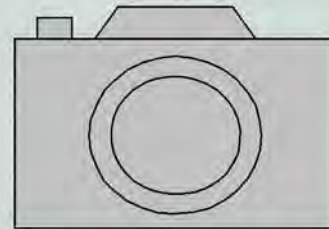
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WARSAW (Reuters) - A Polish politician has criticized his  
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fers male companions and will probably not procreate, local

media reported Friday.

"We didn't pay 37 million zlotys (\$11 million) for the largest  
elephant house in Europe to have a gay elephant live there,"  
Michal Grzes, a conservative councilor in the city of Poznan in  
western Poland, was quoted as saying.

"We were supposed to have a herd, but as Ninio prefers male  
friends over females how will he produce offspring?" said  
Grzes, who is from the right-wing opposition Law and Justice  
party.

The head of the Poznan zoo said 10-year-old Ninio may be too  
young to decide whether he prefers males or females as ele-  
phants only reach sexual maturity at 14.

(Reporting by Chris Borowski; editing by Andrew Roche)

## Reparations for Gay Americans

By Jacob Appel

As recently as a generation ago, marriage equality and full civil  
rights for gays and lesbians seemed like a remote and quixotic  
hope. Today, while setbacks such as California's Proposition 8  
and the continued scourge of the Defense of Marriage Act serve  
as reminders that more struggle remains ahead, shifting atti-  
tudes—especially among younger Americans—make full ho-  
mosexual citizenship look, increasingly, like an historical inevi-  
tability.

Victory may require five or maybe 20 years. Yet I have no  
doubt that "don't ask, don't tell" and same-sex adoption bans  
will be as unspeakable and inexplicable to my grandchildren as  
counting a slave as three-fifths of a human being.

What is not so clear to me is whether homosexuals will be adequately compensated for their mistreatment. So while I recognize that other battles remain, I think the time has arrived to place economic reparations for gay and lesbian Americans on the political agenda.

Reparations serve two distinct purposes. One is monetary restitution—such as the compensation that Bismarck exacted from France after the Franco-Prussian War or that the Allies demanded of Weimar Germany following World War I. Payments to Jewish Holocaust survivors and victims of the Japanese-American internment recognize the specific economic losses suffered by these individuals, but also the intangible harms done by uprooting and imprisoning innocent people.

Supporters of reparations for the descendants of African-American slaves often cite the labor rendered by their ancestors as justification for present-day compensation. While the financial losses suffered by gay and lesbian Americans as a result of state-sanctioned discrimination may prove challenging to quantify, they are real.

If you cannot serve in the military because of your sexual orientation, you also cannot qualify for the educational and economic benefits that such service guarantees. If you cannot marry your partner, you cannot take advantage of the numerous tax benefits that matrimony affords. Calculating the lost wages and benefits of workers terminated solely because of their sexual orientation may prove impossible, but countless men and women have suffered this fate without recourse. Placing a price tag on this hardship will be no easy feat. That is no excuse for not

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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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A second purpose of reparations is to express moral opprobrium. Paying gays and lesbians a sum even far less than their economic losses might help atone for the dreams destroyed by criminal sodomy convictions and the suffering endured by those who lived in the shadows to stay clear of the penal code. A monthly check will never be enough to make up for the helplessness of being denied access to a partner's hospital bed. For couples separated by deportation orders--because only marriage conveys citizenship and federal law does not permit gays to marry--all the funds in the national treasury could not make full amends. Yet the admission of collective culpability behind such payments might offer a first step toward reconciliation.

The only danger in such a proposal is the possibility that a minority of unscrupulous straight people might claim homosexuality in an effort to defraud taxpayers. My instincts tell me that this fear is unfounded. In the first place, we are still at least half a social revolution away from the day when the sort of American who would cheat his gay and lesbian peers, possesses enough confidence in his own sexuality to impersonate a homosexual. Moreover, I am confident that the government could establish an effective system to screen for straight impostors. What an amusing turn of events it would be if the techniques our society once used to ferret out gays and lesbians were someday turned upon straight men and women pretending to be gays and lesbians. Some ironies are priceless.

I imagine that critics of reparations will dismiss this proposal as far-fetched. Maybe so. But equality for gays and lesbians also seemed far fetched 20 years ago. Of course, even I recognize that these payments should not last forever. When there are no gays and lesbians remaining who have known the insult of second-class citizenship, that will be the appropriate time to stop the checks.

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Times, Chicago Tribune, Providence Journal, Orlando Sentinel and the Tucson Citizen.

## Tough & Classy Rolling Ladies

By Chris Orr

The Omaha Roller Girls have taken quite a few hits and received some bruises on the track and they do their best to support others off of the track. These ladies show that they can do it all. Bobbi Grover of the Omaha Roller Girls gives us some insight to these ladies on how they play and participate in and with the community.

Bobbi gives us the league's history and how she got involved. "The ORG (Omaha Roller Girls) was established in January 2006. A few girls with big dreams recruited throughout the Omaha area, and laid the groundwork for what the league is today. I went to my first game as a spectator in August 2006. It was so much fun to watch, and it looked like it would be even more fun to play, so the very next week I showed up at practice, and have been there ever since." Now I notice your ORG shirts have the rainbow in the back-ground, so is this an all lesbian group or what is the make-up of ORG? "The ORG rainbow shirts we had made especially for the 2008 Pride Parade. We are not an all lesbian group; we welcome all walks of life. However, there is a long standing joke that the difference between a lesbian and an Omaha Roller Girl, is two beers."

Grover explains how to be a recruit for ORG, the tryouts, and the physical condition to be an ORG. "We have a new recruit boot camp to get fresh meat. We just completed our first boot camp in December 2008, and are hoping to have another this summer. However, if someone is interested, and is at least 19, and can't wait for boot camp, they can always email our recruiter at org.recruiter@gmail.com. I joined the league not knowing how to skate very well. Bambi legs is what we call it. I also had no workout routine, and was quickly whipped into shape. Practicing 3 nights a week, 2 hours each night either makes you

or breaks you. We tell all potential newbies to go out to adult skate nights to practice general skating, and then do lunges and ankles exercises at home to strengthen the most abused derby parts."

Bobbi shares the season information, division of ORG, and the two teams they have. "Our season lasts from January to October. We are in the North Central Division of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA). We currently have not played enough games to be a ranked team, but that time is quickly approaching. To mix it up and give our newer girls play time, we have two Intra-League teams, The Lowdown Lucys and Victoria's Secret Service. After a girl has passed all of her skills assessments, she is placed on a team. We normally have 2-3 VSS/Lucy games a year. In between our WFTDA sanctioned games. From the two Intra-league teams, our coaching committee picks the best of the best to form the ORG's Travel Team, which are the girls who play in the sanctioned games." Now the ORG don't have matches or games, they have bouts. What was the best and worst bout the ladies have had? "All of our bouts are awesome, so it's hard to pick the best and worst, but here goes.... During our 2007 season, one of our worst moments was from a Sioux Falls Roller Dollz bout. They brought busloads of drunk fans, and by the end of the bout the fans were getting a tad out of line. Needless to say the bout ended with about a 50 person brawl. It sucked, and was pretty scary, as we do have a lot of families that come out to our bouts with their children. That was the first and last time that ever happened. The bad blood stays on the track, and the league stands firm on their no fighting policy. There are still PLENTY of hard legal hits that send broads flying though. I think our best moment was our very first bout as a WFTDA league. We played against Lincoln, in Lincoln. Not only did we win our first WFTDA bout, but it was also the first time we had beat our big sister league, the No Coast Roller Girls. It was a great bout and a proud moment for the ORG."

Have the ORG brought home any trophies or such feats? "We played in our first tournament last November, in Sioux City. We did not win, but it really showed us what we are in for. Being a part of WFTDA, there are Regional and National tournaments. Our dream is to make it to Regionals, kick ass, and make it to Nationals. There are a lot of BIG teams that make it there, so we still have some work to do."

Now each lady has a personality about her, sort of like a drag queen. How did some of these ladies' names come about? Bobbi lets this answer come from a fellow teammate, Jessica Palimenio, aka Daisy Mayhem. "I originally tried to use the drag queen name formula of first pets name and the first street you lived on, but Buffy Meadows just didn't seem to strike fear into people like I had hoped." Each girl can pick her own name, but it must be approved and registered on a national derby roster. The Omaha Roller Girls have been out there doing voluntary community functions as Bobbi explains. "We want to be a positive force in the community. Unfortunately roller derby has a bad stigma that follows us around. The only way to change that is to show that we care, and we are not just a bunch of beer swillin' bar brawlers. We have participated and donated to the Relay for Life, we were a bronze level team last year donating over \$1500. We have also donated to the March of Dimes, Turn Purple, The Omaha Food Bank, the Phoenix House, the YWCA, Omaha Polar Bear Plunge, and most recently Operation BBQ For Our Troops."

I notice you do different types of things with your skates on, for example, one night it was musical chairs, what was that about? "Full Contact musical chairs is something we have been doing annually, to raise money for our league. We pay to play, and usually have 2-3 fundraisers a year to make sure we can pay our

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Bobbi leaves the interview with this. "The only things fixed in this league are the garter belts and pins curls. Each and every girl gives 110% every time they are on that track. We practice hard so that we can play hard. This really is a sisterhood, and you will not find a more diverse group of girls that all get along so well."

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Douglas St. (402) 505 - 1051

NP Dodge Real Estate -

Pride Real Estate Group

Tim Reeder 612-3833

Carole Souze 871-9817

Brian Adams 250-5256

## Restaurants

Dixie Quicks Magnolia Room

1915 Leavenworth 346-3549

Gerda's Bakery & Restaurant

5180 Leavenworth 553-6774

Louie M's Burger Lust 1718

Vinton St. 402 - 449 - 9112

Mark's Bistro 4916 Underwood

Avenue (402) - 502 - 2203

Taxi's Grill & Bar 1822 North

120<sup>th</sup> St. 898-1882

## Tattoo

Grinn & Barrett 5002 Center St.

(402) 553 - 7714

## Theater - Movie

Film Streams Ruth Sokolof

Theater. 1340 Webster St.

402 - 933 - 0259

## Theatre - Stage

Blue Barn Theatre 345 - 1576

[www.bluebarn.org](http://www.bluebarn.org)

Omaha Community Playhouse

6915 Cass St. Box: 553-0800

Admin: 553-4890

## Therapy

James Poppert LIMHP, LADC.

8021 Chicago St (402) 502 -

1024 x 106

John R. Campbell LCSW, CPG

8021 Chicago St. (402) 502-

1024 x 292

Positive Beginnings Therapy

Cindy Ridgway 680-3346

## **BE LISTED FOR FREE**

Email: [Orrthumper83@yahoo](mailto:Orrthumper83@yahoo)

View this guide online:

[www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)

[www.glbptomaha.com](http://www.glbptomaha.com)

## Neil Patrick Harris's Career Is on Fire... Literally

Neil Patrick Harris, the out star of *How I Met Your Mother*, reportedly caught fire on Sunday during rehearsals for a stunt meant to be performed on the TV Land Awards, which the actor is hosting. His tux caught fire during the practice of a stunt that was to follow a pretaped skit with *Survivor* host Jeff Probst.



According to Marc Malkin at E! Online, following a pre-taped segment of Harris fighting with Probst, Harris was supposed to swing onto the stage on a rope, then remote-control packs attached to the back of Harris's *Survivor* costume were supposed to send up clouds of smoke as he ripped off his tattered clothes to reveal a snazzy tux underneath.

However, during a dress rehearsal just a few hours before show time at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, Harris was absent when his name was announced. His clothes caught on



## Omaha GLBT Sports Softball 2009

Come see us play every Thursday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jul 16<sup>th</sup>

Games at Churchich Park 50<sup>th</sup> & "C" Street.  
7 p.m. – 10 p.m. No admission fee for spectators. Bring the dog, bring the kids.  
Concessions put on by Pride. Concessions go toward Pride and its goals.

fire shortly after the remote packs were triggered; sparks from the electronic devices are believed to be the cause of the mishap.

"He just had some welts on his back," a TV Land Awards source told Malkin. "He didn't have to be taken to a hospital or anything like that."

The awards air April 26 on the TV Land network.

## Be a SLO-MO Gay Men's T'ai Chi Chih Class

Learn with accredited TCC teacher  
**John Valentine (taichichih.org)**  
Men, 18 and up are invited to join me for  
8 consecutive Mondays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
in Elmwood Park starting May 11th, (no class on  
Memorial Day) and ending July 6th.

Cost of the class is \$80. To register call, 402-321-2333  
or E-mail: [jbiskup@cox.net](mailto:jbiskup@cox.net).

Men of all fitness levels are welcome.  
Let's practice together in the dogma free  
Spiritual space of nature to cultivate energy, vitality,  
and spirit.

Please register by May, 1st.



SLO-MO  
Gay Men's T'ai Chi Chih  
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Phone: 402-321-2333  
Email: [jbiskup@cox.net](mailto:jbiskup@cox.net)  
Register by May 1<sup>st</sup>

# GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach  
Metro Omaha GLBT Center  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha**  
(mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

## WALK-IN HOURS

Sundays	4:00PM - 6:00PM
Tuesdays	closed temporarily
Thursdays	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Fridays	6:00PM - 11:00PM

**\*Closed Most Major Holidays  
(402) 341-0330  
www.rainbowoutreach.org**

**The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.**

**SATURDAY APRIL 25TH  
PART OF THE PLAN CONCERT**, at The Max, 6pm appetizers served, 6:45pm show, \$3 cover, featuring Susie Brenner and "The Boys in the Band"

**SUNDAY APRIL 26TH  
INDOOR RODEO**, DC's Saloon, Miss HGRA 2009, Jazmine will be hosting, chili feed for contestants, We need teams of 4 people and each team will have to compete in the indoor versions of: The Wild Drag Race, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, etc., benefit the MCC Food Pantry and our Heartland Regional Rodeo 2010

**SATURDAY MAY 2ND  
EATS, ENTERTAINMENT & EXCITEMENT**, 5:30-7pm cookout, show at 7pm, A plate of food with choice of hamburger or hot dog for \$5.00, and extras or dessert for \$1.00. This is a joint event for MCC and ICON and is hosted by Lord 28, Scott Miller and Grand Czar 28, Stan Brown.

**SATURDAY MAY 9TH  
HGRA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, at DC's Saloon at 4pm

**JUNE 19TH THRU 21ST  
NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION**, in Omaha, more details coming soon

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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

**BEER BUST, FREE POOL AND WII**, 8pm, Connections Bar

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

**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, 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 ANONYMOUS** 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

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

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

**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN**, 1023 N 40 10am service

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

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

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

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

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

**WIMMIN'S SHOW**, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**Every Monday  
A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

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

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

**Every Tuesday  
BEER BUST, FREE POOL AND WII** 8:00 pm, at Connections

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GUYZ NITE** 8:00 pm to 1pm, at Connections, \$2.50 domestics and \$2.50 wells

**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**

**NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results,

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS** 10:00 pm to midnight, at Connections, Reverse Happy Hour and FREE Jukebox

**Every Friday  
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, MCCC, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

## DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7-9pm, DC's Saloon

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, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> 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

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar

GET YOUR GROOVE ON WITH DJ VON, 9pm, Connections

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](mailto:glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org](http://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](http://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 Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Meth-

odist Church

### 2nd Saturday

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

### 2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE  
OUT 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](http://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 [jsandeem@inebraska.com](mailto:jsandeem@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**

**See, I have open space  
Here for your**

### **The Rabbit and the Blonde**

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car.

The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is dead.

The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry. A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explains, "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it."

The blonde says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down, and sprays the contents onto the rabbit.

The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. Ten feet away the rabbit stops, turns around and waves again, he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again and again, until he hops out of sight.

The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit?"

The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says..

"Hair Spray -  
Restores life to dead hair,  
and adds permanent wave."  
(You can groan out loud now.)

# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



MORGAN?!

OH, HELLO, BRAD.

OUT FOR A JOG?



YEAH, UM... ...WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE?

I WANTED TO GET SOME FRESH AIR. KYLE SUGGESTED I TAKE A WALK AT THIS SUNKEN MEADOW PARK.



IT'S QUITE LOVELY. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN CITIES FOR SO LONG...

...IT'S NICE TO BE CLOSE TO NATURE AGAIN.



C'MON. I WANNA' SHOW YOU SOMETHIN'.

WHAT'S THAT?

UP ALONG THE CLIFF TRAIL...

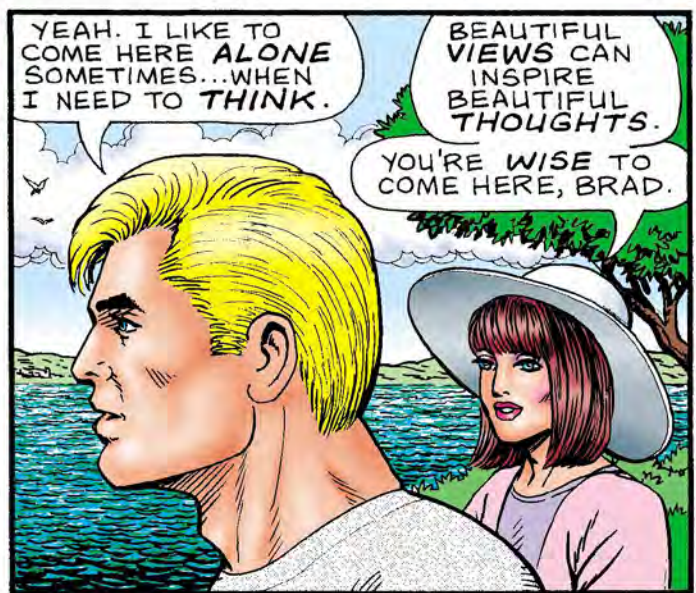


SHORTLY...

THAT'S CONNECTICUT OVER THERE...

...WAY ACROSS THE WATER.

WHAT A MAGICAL VIEW.



YEAH. I LIKE TO COME HERE ALONE SOMETIMES...WHEN I NEED TO THINK.

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS CAN INSPIRE BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS.

YOU'RE WISE TO COME HERE, BRAD.



NOBODY EVER CALLED ME "WISE" BEFORE.

OH, I THINK YOU ARE.

MORGAN... BEIN' AROUND YOU, I...

YOU WHAT?



THERE'S SOMETHIN' ABOUT YOU THAT...WELL...

...RIGHT NOW, I FEEL LIKE I WANNA' KISS YOU.

I WOULDN'T STOP YOU.



# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

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

402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's  
Health Program  
**Metropolitan Community Church of**  
**Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108  
345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday  
Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship  
at 7pm  
**NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics 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](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)  
**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733,  
Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL,  
[www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)  
**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Bud-  
dhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-  
9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://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](mailto:Theohanagroup@msn.com)  
**Omaha Bi Married Men** Yahoo Group  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>  
**Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page**  
<http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or  
[ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)  
**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact  
[omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for  
more info.  
**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**,  
See [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org) for  
more information  
**Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68131-0026  
Social/Support Organization for African  
American Males age 21 and over  
**Out and About in Nebraska**, website:  
[www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com)  
**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists**  
**for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church,  
3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039,  
[www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)  
**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And**  
**Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter**  
Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-  
6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org),  
email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass  
**Proud Horizons Youth Group**,  
Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or  
email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)  
**Prairie Bares**, male nudist group, no

further info available  
**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**,  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330  
**Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm,  
Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.  
**Rainbow Celebrations**, PO Box 8488, 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](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)  
**River City Gender Alliance**, P.O. Box 4083  
Omaha, NE 68104, for info call 402.813.1842  
or Email: [info@rivercitygenderalliance.org](mailto:info@rivercitygenderalliance.org)  
**River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, 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](http://www.rcmc.org)  
**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE  
68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)  
**Temple Israel Synagogue**, 7023 Cass St.,  
402-556-6536, member of the Union for  
Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive  
**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Oma-  
ha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday  
meditation service 7pm; 571-1344;  
[www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)  
**WomenSpace**, no current info is available  
**Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.)**  
Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205  
Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to  
[info@yesomaha.org](mailto:info@yesomaha.org)  
**Y.E.S. Drop-in Center**, 2057 Harney Street  
Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

## LINCOLN BASED

**LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services**  
**Resource Center**, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ  
Resource Center Director,  
<http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752  
or 402-472-1652  
<http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>  
**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian  
Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimber-  
ly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)  
**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee  
House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos  
7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

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

## Iowa Based

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

## Nationally Based

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

## Brenner-Beckstead Engagement

Susie Brenner and Linda Beckstead would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.



Susie is a part-time student and singer-songwriter. She is originally from Kansas City and moved to Omaha five years ago.

Linda will be retiring from teaching in May after a 22- year career.

In June, Susie and Linda anticipate expanding a traveling music ministry they began in 2005.

The couple plan an April 30 double ceremony with their close friends at 7:00 p.m. on the courthouse steps in Council Bluffs. Pastor Tom Emmett from MCC Omaha will officiate.

The community is invited to join them that evening to share their excitement about becoming a legally married couple.

## 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
Flix, 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

**Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: [Gayzette@cox.net](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)**

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# Omaha GLBT Sports

by Chris Orr

It has been something that Omaha GLBT Sports has always wanted to offer but has not had the resources to pull off. We turned to another organization to help us with this. Pride is lending a helping hand. Omaha GLBT Sports will have CONCESSIONS at our softball games put on by Pride!



Pride will be selling pop, water, chips, and other snacks at Omaha GLBT Sports Softball games. The concessions bought will go towards Pride and their goals. Once a month, Pride will bring the grill out and also sell hot dogs and burgers along with the regular concessions.

Now that registration has closed, the softball season will have 6 teams. 5 of the teams have a gender ratio of 8 men/5 women or vice versa. One team is all men. Some teams already have names: Green – Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies, Black – Connections (sponsored), Red – Red Rockets, Orange – Swing4it, Purple – no name yet, Blue – no name yet.

The player's abilities range from first time player to having played for many years. The league will also have a volunteer umpire to call home plate and first base; the league is very thankful for that. Game scores, team highlights, and pictures will begin to run in the next issue of The Gayzette.



Come enjoy one or all of our softball games every Thursday April

23rd - July 16th with games starting at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. We will play at Churchich Park 50th & "C" Street. There will be no admission to watch the softball games.

We encourage you to also check out and buy something from the concessions offered by Pride so that not only does Omaha GLBT Sports benefit by having spectators but Pride also raises money for its purposes. It's a win - win!



# The Shelterbelt presents Fat Girlfriend: The Musical Hilarious Original Musical!

The Shelterbelt Theatre proudly presents the premiere of "Fat Girlfriend, The Musical," an original new musical written and directed by local Omaha playwright Amanda Miller.

Attend the hilarious tale of Jenny Bell, the sassy, witty, and independent-minded protagonist who has a love for spontaneous choreographed dance numbers and Doritos, and an eye for her hot roommate Paul. Experience Jenny's enthralling quest to remain true to herself in an image-crazed, media-obsessed world of speed dating and perfect "pedestal people." Don't miss as Jenny carves a new archetype for musical comedy heroines.



"Fat Girlfriend, The Musical" runs from April 16, to May 10, 2009, with show times at 8 p.m., Thurs-Sat, 6 p.m. on Sun., April 19, and 26, and 2 p.m. on Sun., May 3, and May 10. Make reservations or buy tickets online at [www.shelterbelt.org](http://www.shelterbelt.org). Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$12 for students, seniors, and TAG members. All seats opening weekend are 2-for-\$15, or \$8 each. The Shelterbelt Theatre is located at 3225 California St, Omaha, NE 68131. Box office: (402) 341-2757. Visit [www.shelterbelt.org](http://www.shelterbelt.org) for more details!

The show is written and directed by Amanda Miller; Musical Director is Keefer Peterson; Choreographer is Debbie Massey; Producers are Dave Podendorf and Melissa Linn; Costume Designer is Kevin Steward; Stage Manager is Brian Callaghan; Set Designer is Adam Nathan. The cast includes: Sara Arbuckle, Dan Chevalier, Tim Daugherty, Terry Debenedictis, Andy King, Caitlin Mabon, Debbie Massey, Olivia Sather, and Erin Stoll. "Fat Girlfriend, The Musical" is made possible in part by a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council.



## Omaha GLBT Sports Softball 2009

Come see us play every  
Thursday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jul 16<sup>th</sup>

Games at Churchich Park 50<sup>th</sup> & "C" Street.  
7 p.m. – 10 p.m. No admission fee for spectators. Bring the dog, bring the kids.  
Concessions put on by Pride. Concessions go toward Pride and its goals.

## Fitness Corner



The first item up on the chopping block during a recession is the personal fitness training. A luxury like that can not be allowed when times are tight! Think of all the necessities that must remain to make it through the dark tunnel until that light can be seen on the other end.

You must continue paying the landscaper and grass cutting service. The homeowners association would slap you silly with fines if you let those blades of grass exceed the permissible zenith of six inches. It would also be super silly to think you could find 30 minutes each week to do the job yourself.

The air conditioning must be set at 76 degrees or you would wilt and your cake batter face paint would run down your face. It must also stay at that designated temperature even when you are away. Someone must look out for the well-being of the couch, ottoman, and the coffee table and adjusting the thermostat upward to 83 degrees when you aren't there would be too difficult on all concerned.

Generic cereals, ketchup, and sodas are much too bourgeois for you and the thought of even replacing your brand names with these sends chills right through your ascot. The savings couldn't possibly add up over months! Could they?

Those premium cable channels help you unwind after a long day. You can't consider the option of canceling Showtime or HBO to save \$30 each month. Stress must be relieved somehow and those nightly sessions on the davenport with dramas and documentaries guide you safely to shore each and every time.

The dog groomer and the pet walking service could be eliminated but you would have to schedule time to walk Fido and keep him tidy too. That would mean having to sharpen the Ticonderoga #2 and writing a plan of attack to getting this accomplished. That plan could include walking the cuddly canine in some inclement weather. That sounds too much like work and that isn't fun!

Your eleven year-old son's golden birthday is next month on the 11th of the month. This special day only comes once in a lifetime and it would be so extra special to take him to Disneyland! Think of all the smiles and exhilaration from a holiday with Mickey, Minnie, and those spinning teacups! This trip to Anaheim is set in stone!

The personal fitness training can't be a possibility when a person has a mindset like the aforementioned scenarios. Here's a fantastic idea! Start with the personal fitness training and make all your necessary budget cuts after you have allocated money for the trainer of your choice.

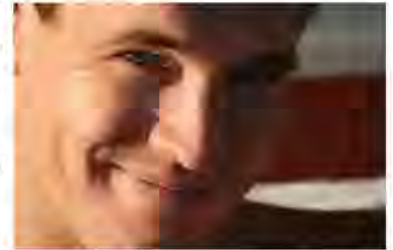
There is no life worth living when your health suffers. Ask anyone who's in pain from years of neglecting his or her body. My 63 year-old friend Matt once said, "If I would have known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." Start now and don't live with regrets or chronic pain. I'll be expecting your call later today to schedule your first appointment!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy

who enjoys a good palindrome just like the next guy! This "mom and pop" fitness trainer can be reached at [blake.fitness@yahoo.com](mailto:blake.fitness@yahoo.com) or at 480-241-5651. (Start calling)

## I Spy.....

Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. I'll be expressing views or sometimes giving a heads up on persons, places, or things that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons, etc.)



It's spring break! For some at least, others had spring break a week or two ago. Spring break is an indicator sort of on how the summer may go. Younger people plan that vacation to where ever it may be and then jump back into the routine when returning home. By the time school lets out, they don't have any real long term summer plans, just short time based decisions. Graduates and beyond, plan that spring vacation and the summer vacation and other events that are going to be happening during the summer. Those people usually have a less chaotic time on vacations and during summer doing what they had planned. Since the economy is not at its peak right now, maybe the slower route of vacationing and planning would be suited best. Think for a minute, of the shit you have piled around the house and the garage. If you aren't going to be out of town the whole break, then take a day to clean it up and not place it in another room of the house. Get rid of it whether it is charitable donation, garage sale, or trash and burn it. Take another day to plan the gardening that is to be done this summer and start shopping for bargains at your local gardening stores. Slow your break down a bit from physical activity, brainstorm some. Leave town for a day or a few days and just sit and think about what the next few months are going to bring. Do this at your peaceful place, where ever it may be. Vacations and breaks can still wear you out and leave you feeling like you haven't taken a break at all if you got it chalked full of activities that have been pushed off until this time or if you are in a new city where you're trying to take in as much as you can. Think spring clean, not daily clean. Clean or create that one project that you have saved, just don't let it take up your whole break. Its spring break! Take a break and breathe a little bit. It's the freshness of the air that helps predict the summer.

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

## Jerry Falwell's Legacy of Hate Lives On

By Neal Broverman

The Liberty Alliance, the fundamentalist Baptist group formerly run by Jerry Falwell, and now his son Jerry Falwell Jr., has issued an action alert urging followers to rail against the hate-crimes bill that would add sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability to the existing federal hate-crimes law.

H.R. 1913, the "Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009," will likely be brought before the full House of Representatives on Wednesday. Liberty's urgent alert reads, "It is critical that you contact your congressional representative immediately to let him or her know of your opposition to this dangerous legislation, which may form a legal basis to criminalize even a sermon or Bible reading as 'hate speech,' resulting in potential fines or even imprisonment of pastors, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, Christian counselors, and religious broadcasters.

"The word 'intimidation' in H.R. 1913 is so broadly defined that no Christian is safe from this threat. Pastors could even be convicted for 'conspiracy to commit a hate crime.' Please forward this e-mail to all your friends. If you are a pastor, please tell your congregation of this threat to their constitutional freedoms. There is no legal restriction to prohibit you from talking about this dangerous legislation from your pulpit. Call the capitol switchboard immediately at (202) 224-3121."

The Liberty Alliance runs Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., and lobbies against gay and reproductive rights.

## Newsom Makes Bid for Calif. Governor Official

By Michelle Garcia

San Francisco mayor and staunch marriage-equality ally Gavin Newsom announced on Tuesday that he is diving into the race to become the Golden State's next governor.

Newsom, 41, made the announcement using social-networking sites Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. In February 2004, just months after taking office, Newsom ordered the city to begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, sparking a four-year legal challenge, extending to the state supreme court.

The Democratic primary may also include California attorney general Jerry Brown (who was governor of California from 1975 to 1983), Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, U.S. senator Dianne Feinstein, and Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Brown has been pushing the California supreme court to overturn Proposition 8.

On the Republican side, former eBay CEO Meg Whitman has expressed interest in running, as well as state insurance commissioner Steve Poizner. Whitman said she supported Proposition 8.



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Benefit BBQ  
5:30pm

SUNDAY MAY 3RD

NE Pride Benefit  
10pm

SATURDAY MAY 9TH

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