

# The GayZette



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## Trans Challenger to Take on Sally Kern?

By Michelle Garcia

Sally Kern, the Oklahoma state legislator who was famously caught on tape spouting homophobic messages and comparing gays to terrorists, may face her philosophical opposite at the ballot box in 2010.

Brittany Novotny, a transgender attorney in Oklahoma City, is reportedly raising funds for a possible campaign against Kern, according to Gossip Boy. Novotny is a member of the Young Democrats of Oklahoma and is an LGBT Caucus National Committee representative. She started practicing law in 2007 at her private firm, specializing in civil rights and employment law.



Kern defeated Democrat Ronald Wasson for her state house seat in 2004 by a two-to-one margin. She ran unopposed in 2006, and won with 58% of the vote in 2008 against Democrat Ron Marlett.

Novotny's official campaign announcement is expected in October.

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## Southwest GSA Coalition September Meeting

The Southwest GSA Coalition serves all high school and college Gay-Straight Alliances in the Council Bluffs metro area and surrounding region of Southwest Iowa and Nebraska (as well as anyone interested in forming a GSA at their high school or college). The coalition will meet 5 PM - 7 PM Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the University of Nebraska Omaha Milo Bail Student Center, Jenkins Room, 6001 Dodge St. in Omaha.

There are currently six active regional GSA Coalitions across Iowa. All LGBTQA youth/students are welcome to attend. Each coalition is a youth-driven organization so only people below the age of 25 come to these meetings. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Johnson (515-243-1110, [rachel@iowapridenetwork.org](mailto:rachel@iowapridenetwork.org)), Outreach Coordinator with the safe schools group Iowa Pride Network (<http://www.iowapridenetwork.org>).

The mission of each regional GSA Coalition is to bring together lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied (LGBTQA) youth to fight homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia on campus and in the community. In addition to providing social networking opportunities and a safe space, the coalition serves to fill the information gap regarding LGBT history, persons and events while cultivating culturally competent leaders who will shape an inclusive LGBTQA social justice movement.

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The night will include, raffle prizes, auctions, silent and live and door prizes and some special entertainment.

Carry-out orders will be available beginning at 5pm.

IF anyone has any questions please contact Kevin Marik at bigred1997@hotmail.com or call 402 658-8494. This event will help raise money for our accessibility funds.

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# The Peter Pan Syndrome

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The longer I practice psychotherapy, the more I hear phrases like, "Only young guys turn me on", "men my age aren't attractive to me" or "being with someone older and more successful than I am terrifies me." These phrases typically fall from the lips of mid-life gay men; I rarely hear them from guys in their 20's or 30's. I wonder if all successful gay/bi/trans guys are destined to be like those rich, narcissistic gay celebrities who - when they find another wrinkle or gray hair or saggy pec - get rid of boyfriend #1 and take up with someone who's barely legal? Is this how we handle getting older?

Remember Peter Pan? His theme song was, "I won't grow up". Sound familiar? While this may be charming in an animated Disney character, it's pretty sad in a gay man. So many mid-life gay men lament: "I can't find anyone to date who's relationship material". Is it such a big surprise that someone 20 years' younger than you isn't as mature as you are? Let's put the puzzle pieces together: unless you relish the role of perpet-



ual daddy/mentor/teacher, you need a partner who's a peer, an equal...someone who's been "around the block" like you have and has comparable life experience. This is unlikely to be someone 20 years' younger than you.

Some mid-life gay or bisexual men say that men like them "do nothing for me". This is a form of self-hatred. Why would we reject potential partners who are our age? Must we hate growing older? Aging is inevitable...we can fight it (like Joan Rivers or Phyllis Diller) or we can accept it like Paul Newman, Robert Redford and other elder men who were once amazingly beautiful and still are, albeit in a 60- to-80-year-old way.

Peter Pan wants to stay eternally youthful...like a kid. Many of us want to look like a kid while we age. What an uphill struggle that is. Do you really want to experience all the anxiety and fear that comes with continually fighting the aging process?

I'm not recommending that you stay home, eat junk food and watch bad TV all day. However, neither should you obsess with every wrinkle, gray hair and physical change you are inevitably to experience. This is an incredible waste of your energy; it will bring you much suffering and depression.

Peter Pan never had an adult relationship; adult relationships are hard work. There's no botox shot or liposuction procedure to make you or your lover happy all the time. Real intimacy forces us to look at ourselves and see all of our unresolved shit, not just the carefully-maintained image we show to the world. One way to avoid real intimacy is by choosing men who are

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unavailable (emotionally or mentally) or a bad fit psychologically and maturity-wise. This kind of relationship would please Peter Pan immensely: he'd never have to deal with grown up problems like the boredom, anger, frustration and impatience that come with adult, long-term relationships.

Many handsome and charming older gay men tell me that they want a beautiful, kind, sweet, "twink" boyfriend. While young men like this may be beautiful fantasy objects, with rare exceptions, they're not good potential partners for mid-life men. Psychologically, someone in his 20's is in a very different place than someone in his 40's or 50's. The developmental tasks for 20-year-olds include: experimentation, finding yourself, having fun, getting laid, discovering who you are and what you like. This is rarely a good fit for men 20 to 30 years older. At this age, most of us are looking for something more meaningful: we've done the bars, the clubs, the alleys (!) and we want more. We've had great fun sex and been out all night more than we can count, but now we want something with depth and meaning. We want to connect with another man and see if we can create a good life together. Most young guys aren't there developmentally, emotionally or spiritually.

For some men, being with much younger men is about control; it may be a reaction to an earlier time in their life when they felt out of control (and probably were). These men may feel they can play the "older, wiser" man who may want to help or even mentor a younger guy; but, hey, all you silver daddies out there, check out your motivation! You may have unresolved emotional issues that push you to be very controlling of your relationship(s). Picking much younger guys gives you a guarantee that you won't be threatened or challenged by someone your own

age, who may see through your bullshit and call you on it. Picking beautiful but inexperienced "twinks" for partners is one way to avoid acting your age; you avoid having a partner who challenges you to be the mature man you could be. Instead, you get to live out a "second adolescence" and pretend you're much younger than you are. It's a great way to avoid telling yourself the truth about who you are, how old you are, and how you feel about it.

Almost all of us, myself included, like looking at the youthful bodies of handsome young men: they are aesthetically beautiful, like living works of art. But what about the beauty of 40-year-old men, 50-year-old men...even 60- and 70-year-old men? Youth is a wonderful thing, but all too often it's used to sell us things we really don't need and, if unexamined, can destroy our self-esteem if we don't fit the picture of Youthful Gay Perfection. There's nothing wrong with finding young guys attractive, but if it prevents us from hooking up with someone hot, handsome and around our own age - someone who could potentially be a good boyfriend/lover/long term partner - then this Peter Pan side of ourselves is not really our friend, after all. He's the face of self-sabotage.



# Omaha GLBT Sports Ends

By Chris Orr

I am sending this email to all current contacts who have been part of the sports league to explain changes in the league that I have made. At tonight's committee meeting, I read the entire statement below, but was asked by a number of those present to edit my comments which could be interpreted as negative toward any future organization. After having been contacted by current players who share the exact concerns and opinions below, they have convinced me that everyone should be allowed to judge for themselves whether to continue participating in the league. Many of their concerns and observations are shared below.

As read Monday August 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you all for being here. For those of you who don't know me I am Chris Orr, President and founder of this league. The reason for making a short little comment here is because I, as a member of this league from its inception, want everyone willing to come tonight, hear directly from me the past, present, and future status and direction of the league and current flag football season to best avoid misunderstandings and the rumor mill. Also, I want to inform those of you who are new to or do not know much about the complexities and responsibilities of the league more about contracts with our sports field partners in the city as well as certain events and leadership decisions that have occurred and their result---affecting you as players. My number one responsibility is to ensure your safety first, and second, for you to enjoy the sports and receive what you signed up for as opposed to getting something you did not sign up for or expect.

Three years ago in May of 2006 I was chatting online with Ed Smiarowski and asked for his help to create a softball league primarily for gays and lesbians to provide a low key, relaxing activity away from the boring bar scene. The focus was to have fun, socialize, network, and play safe. This proved popular and has grown from 24 original players to well over 300 participants including softball, volleyball, and flag football seasons as well as dodgeball and kickball fundraisers. We went from playing on a crappy softball field at 34th and Leavenworth with no lights or restrooms and a less than satisfying volleyball court at the YMCA to playing softball and flag football at Churchich Park and volleyball at the Westroads Club. As a result, positive and cooperative contracts signed by me with the city of Omaha parks and recreation department, Metro Omaha Softball, and the Volleyball Center at the Westroads Club, our sports venues have improved dramatically. We went from having no sponsors to having 14 sponsors, 11 of which I personally enlisted who have provided donations, banners, and t-shirts for our teams. We went from playing games in front of no spectators and fans to dozens. We went from no concessions to having Johnnie Richards providing concessions during softball and flag football at my request which has proved very popular and has benefitted Pride and I thank him for his consistency, dedication, and all the work it takes to do that. The food has been excellent. We went from having mostly former players familiar with the sports to including everyone possible,, irrespective of their athletic ability, gender, size, or knowledge of the game the opportunity to equally participate without fear of being left out, injured, or perhaps being overpowered by dominant play or emphasis on winning at any cost. Maintaining that opportunity and mission of inclusion for all, increasing visibility and marketing with a website, Pride Parade, and booth with a dunk tank, playing on better venues, establishing and enforcing rules of fair play and team balance and MOST IMPORTANTLY

emphasizing fun, safe play, and enjoyment rather than heavy handed competition to win has been a labor of love for me. All of the above have resulted in a remarkable success and growth of the league to easily become the largest non-bar scene or alcohol involved activity for the Omaha metro GLBT community. Despite our ups and downs, leaders of the gay community point to Omaha GLBT Sports as a well run popular organization. Improving, growing, succeeding while staying true to our mission which reads "Our mission with the league is to provide a fun-filled and entertaining environment for everyone involved from our members of every skill level to our community who support and watch our sporting events" has not been easy. Give it a thought, who in this room would be playing or have played within the league if you did not have the expectation of playing for fun way first amongst equally balanced teams and winning a distant second. I and other long term, dedicated, like minded, and mission fulfilling committee members have had to overcome quite a bit over the years. This includes heavy handed competition, emphasis on winning with medals and trophies and league standings in all seasons, repeated desire for advanced division play amongst the few truly talented players, losing volunteer umpires and referees forever due to argumentative and disruptive players and near financial ruin on a number of occasions because of embezzlement of funds by committee members in the past. Just a few specifics to illustrate the difficult road. In 2007 & 2008 a battle waged within the committee whether to allow teams to recruit all of their players, that is in hopes of obviously winning, vs. assigning teams some players in order to balance all of the teams as best we could. Also, in 2008, we used a 7 run limit rule in softball because in 2007, dominant win oriented teams recruiting players from 70 to 80 miles away scored upwards of 20 runs per inning and sometimes 35 runs a game against teams that just wanted to play. As a result of disagreement over that now popular run limit rule, three teams left the league in 2008 and saddled the league with a \$1,200 debt due to refunds but the teams that left the league ended up playing at the old field (34th & Leavenworth) with no lights or restrooms. Remnants of that league tried and failed to form a competitive league. Their motto was.. this league is not for babies. We, survived, succeeded, and grew more than ever. Yet today, the ugly elements amongst co-ed teams of rough play, and emphasis on winning and competition, and arguing with referees, and questioning calls, and tweaking the rules in a team's favor once again has raised its head and that is a serious problem. A few facts. First, I am and have been solely responsible for all of the contracts between our sports venue providers for the last year and a half; they are City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department, Metro Omaha Softball, The Volleyball Center, and Christie Heights Gym. The committee is responsible for establishing and enforcing rules for fair play and conduct, helping with registrations, communications, and most importantly setting an example for all players to play nice, fun, and safe while not arguing with referees or umpires. The league does not have a liability insurance policy which protects the city of Omaha, Metro Omaha Softball, The Volleyball Center, and Christie Heights Gym, our players, and committee members and sponsors from liable actions. Even if the league DID have a personal injury and liability policy it would not stop individual overaggressive play or the pain, suffering, and absence from your jobs as the result of an injury. Insurance policies only pay a portion of the medical bills from torn ligaments, broken legs, twisted knees, or broken noses...it does NOT prevent them. We could not afford it due to past embezzlements and in light of that our constant and primary emphasis and mission has been to encourage playing for fun and enjoyment, not heavy handed, rough playing, amongst



a co-ed league to first, avoid injury and second, to avoid potential of liability. Having fun for all and allowing it for everyone comes at a cost. The cost is tangible by price per player, equipment costs, and facility rental costs, among other costs like website operation, paper documents, and flyers. The cost is also intangible because no one on the committee is paid a penny for their work, time, and effort given to the league. When players pay their cost to participate, after reading and signing all documentation leading up to the first game of the season, they are led to believe that this is for fun, fellowship, recreation, and enjoyed by all and in a safe environment. What has been seen are additional costs to players by their own actions, but more alarming, significant expenses caused by the actions of others. Aggressive play by a male in dodgeball resulted in an ER visit for a bleeding gash across the eyebrow as a result of another male player who collided into him. In kickball, a male player broke his collarbone by his own actions and went to the ER for stabilization and then missed work for 5 days. A female player suffered a heart attack on our softball field this season at first base, and as the ambulance was arriving to take her to the hospital, a male committee member was more concerned about the current and next softball game being allowed or delayed by stating "she's been down for 20 minutes." In that same evening, a male 2nd baseman ran over a female player and flattened her on her back as she was running to first base. The sports coordinator issued a warning and then showed the male who ran over the female how to properly play that situation to avoid collision. An email was sent to the team captain, who is also a committee member, after that game, to encourage respectful safe play especially in a co-ed league. In return, the sports coordinator received ridicule and excuses simply by looking out for the safety of others. During a rules meeting for flag football in this room, the committee wisely overruled a committee member's suggestion to allow pushing a player out of bounds rather than pulling a ball carrier's flag. Would that be what you signed up for? Would that be safe?

It is understandable that in any sport, accidents do happen; however, in flag football week 2, August 13th, the arm of a male player struck the nose of another male player to stop a TD pass. In flag football week 3, August 20th, a male, probably weighing 70 lbs more and with an obvious strength advantage grabbed and cinched tight the belt of a female player who was running with the ball away from him, and he did not let go until he had a flag. The many spectators who saw the play agree, she was manhandled and looked like a helpless ragdoll who was pulled up in the air and dropped to the ground and she went to the Hospital after that play. She developed welts, bruises, and pain around her waist from the belt being pulled so tight as well as suffering torn ligaments in her foot after being dropped back to the ground. Understandably, she now has significant medical bills as well as work loss. The male player is also a committee member who is to be setting an example and looking out for you, as a player.

Who amongst you or your team mates with or without insurance, or, with or without certain medical conditions, will be the next unfortunate victim of an injury and will it be a pure accident or the result of an overly aggressive competitive play? I apologize for going into such detail but unless we know our own history especially our bad history we are doomed to repeat it. And that is exactly what is happening by the very people entrusted to look out for everyone else, the city, and metro Omaha softball. And by the way, it is a felony to have alcohol within the park boundaries, a rule we have enforced in the past by asking offenders to remove the alcohol. I and a few like-minded committee members can control some things to balance teams, enforce and obey the rules, allow for fair participation

and establish rules SPECIFICALLY for safety, but, we can not control dangerous and rough, win-at-all-cost unsafe play by the hand of aggressive players. It is impossible with obvious current attitudes amongst widely divergent player size and ability to limit this.

The league does not have any current or approved by laws, liability insurance, nor articles of incorporation registered with any authority, nor are there any recent minutes from past meetings "except by me" since the Secretary was not here or did not report or record them when he was. The only official documentation of league business has been through me via contracts with field and volleyball court providers and or player registrations. I have maintained a detailed, accurate, and accountable Treasurer report for the last year because we don't have a Treasurer and in the past, funds have disappeared. So, in short, all official business and responsibility for league funds and equipment rests with me and for the first time in years, the league has carried a positive balance, mainly in part, because of generous loans to the league by a committed participant when the league was in financial ruin. That debt remains and can not be repaid.

It is a sad day that the play and actions of the overly competitive few have ruined a great activity for the simply fun seeking many. This ever present style of brawns over brains type of play has culminated in a player's injury which could have been far more serious, including but not limited to, a torn bladder, ruptured spleen, tear of small or large bowel, or cracked ribs. Nonetheless, it illustrates the danger of out of control play, winning at all costs, and placing all players, the city, parks and recreation department, and metro Omaha softball at risk. As a result, after consultation with the contracted parties for the field for which I am personally responsible for and despite our best efforts to ensure safe play, I, metro Omaha softball and the city agree that the contract for the field is now canceled. My number one responsibility is player safety, everything else pales in comparison. Being unsure of whether all players wish to remain playing somewhere, every player will be refunded their fee by check within one week of myself receiving their home mailing address via email or by phone. Excess league monies remaining after refunds will go to pay the injured female's out of pocket medical bills because no one who saw the play could disagree that is the least the league could do for her. After that, remaining league monies will refund sponsor donations, t-shirt and banner fees if they wish, and pay any other remaining outstanding debts, in that order, if additional monies remain which is not known at this time. All league equipment has been donated to area youth community centers in need. The merchandise which includes t-shirts and visors purchased by the league this summer with positive league funds are here tonight. This effectively ends Omaha GLBT Sports as it has existed via contracts and agreements in my name to avoid future risk. By all means, should players wish to reorganize a league, my best of luck to you.

Footnote: Allen Fambro asked me to relay with this email that he will be attempting to salvage the flag football season and possibly a league with a core group of new people.

In the meantime to ensure, every registered and paid Flag Football player receives their refund contact me (Chris Orr) with your home mailing address so I can send you payment.



# Equality... It Starts with You... Today!

by Nathan D. Rotschafer

That phrase is one of the most powerful messages that the LGBTQSA community has to utilize. What does it mean? According to the New Oxford American Dictionary, equality means the state of being equal, esp. in status, rights, and opportunities, you means to refer to any person in general, and today means this present day. So what are we saying? Each of the people reading this text is where the state of being equal in status, rights and opportunities start in this present day. The hearts and minds of the LGBTQSA community is where fundamental change begins. Much like the civil rights movement years before and what began at the Stonewall Inn 40 years ago, the fight is just beginning. Many would not call it a fight, but in fact it is. The fight is both political and social. Politicians try to downplay things such as hate crime legislation and healthcare funding for HIV and AIDS saying it is just part of the "gay agenda." Let me tell you, there is no gay agenda. Our straight brothers and sisters are just as affect by many of the same issues. The social aspects of the fight are just as real, but less tangible. The minds of the world population have been "brainwashed" to believe we are second class citizens. However, many LGBTQSA people make up the most educated, the most wealthy and the most stable people in the world. These are the same people who when in a committed relationship tend

to last as long or longer than heterosexual couples. Among heterosexual couples the divorce rate is almost 50%. The right wing Christian conservatives concerned about the sanctity of marriage should examine their own classification without the rose colored lenses they have for so many years, but instead through the same magnifying glass they use to look at our own community.

This change is not easy or cheap. What have you done to join this fight? Pride organizations around the country and around the world continue to struggle to meet the basic demands of their community. These communities demand a pride celebration to celebrate who they are and how far we come. They demand social justice initiatives to move towards equal rights. They demand support of the local HIV/AIDS organizations to help community members both LGBT and heterosexual alike. They demand outreach programs and outreach centers to provide a safe haven for teenagers just coming out and adults seeking more information or support. All of these things are not easy and not cheap. These same organizations fall short on volunteers to help staff events and fundraisers and these programs. They fall short on money to fund these very projects their own communities demand. How can you expect this from a community organization that you choose not to help with your time or a donation? These programs are not free and the people do not just appear to run them.

Pride. What is pride to you? We could ask 100 people and get 100 different answers. The New Oxford American Dictionary defines pride as a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or pos-



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## Diane's Story

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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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sessions that are widely admired. Is this accurate? Many people think of Pride as the festival that happens in June. Where it is a party and a celebration. The vision of pride is beyond that. Pride is about equality. What type of equality? I venture to say the following 6 things are necessary to obtain full equality:

1. Repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) so that every marriage in every state has the same federal rights.
2. Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell so that LGBT persons may serve in the military openly and with the same rights as their straight counterparts.
3. An end to workplace discrimination for everyone with an Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) that protects everyone.
4. The right to adopt children and raise families like any other parents.
5. Hate Crimes legislation that includes LGBT people and protects us like any other targeted group.
6. Immigration reform that recognizes same-sex couples and ends the needless separation of families.

Is this what Pride is to you? If it isn't about this but it is about a party or getting drunk you have totally missed the boat. Some people, especially those who run Prides around the world, often lose sight of what pride is about. Those 6 things are what pride is about. If you only focus on a festival then you missed the boat. If you focus on only one of these things you have also missed the boat. I encourage each and every one of you to get involved. What have you done for pride lately? Every one of you should rephrase that to "what have you done for equality lately?" and be able to answer without a seconds hesitation. If you help run a pride, you should be able to look at that list of 6 things and place a checkmark next to each of them and be able to pinpoint how you help each of them. If you can't then I encourage you to regain your focus and vision of what this is all about and proudly proclaim that you are ready to rejoin the fight.

Who can join the fight? You. It is that simple. Each and every one of you can and should join the fight. The entire LGBTQSA community must come together as one. United in what we stand for and united in our demands. Only then will change be made. And equality starts with you today.

## Womyn's Riverboat Cruise

The 25th Annual Omaha Womyn's Riverboat Cruise will be on Sunday, September 13, from 6pm to 9pm, boarding around 5:30pm. Tickets are \$20. Space is limited so get your tickets early! Contact Tauni or Sheryl at 402-467-5737.

## Planned Parenthood

## Planning Workshop

On behalf of PPNCB (Planned Parenthood of Nebraska & Council Bluffs), Ryan Sallans will be offering a workshop titled, Working with LGBT Youth for Professionals in Omaha the evening of Wednesday, September 23rd. Attached is the link where people can read the description of the workshop. [http://www.ppaction.org/ppiowa/events/\\_lgbtyouthtraining/details.tcl](http://www.ppaction.org/ppiowa/events/_lgbtyouthtraining/details.tcl)

This workshop is geared toward the 101/intermediate crowd.

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Council Bluffs

Boys & Girls Clubs of America provides programs for youth and family. Their outreach and services have always been inclusive of GLBT and Allied youth and families. The inclusive Boys & Girls Clubs of Council Bluffs is holding a fundraiser at Chanticleer Community Theater. Proceeds from the Sept. 17 performance of "Annie Warbucks: The Sequel" will go to the club.

The play is 7:30 PM, Sept. 17, at Chanticleer, 830 Franklin Ave. A silent auction, pre-production tours, and refreshments will begin at 5:30 PM. Visit <http://www.chanticleertheater.com> to get tickets.





## Flower of Hope Social and Support Group

A group providing peer support, friendship and understanding for cross dressers, transgenderists, transsexuals, and other gender variant individuals, including both male to female and female to male transgender persons, cross dressers, their allies and significant others.

We do not discriminate against anyone! Persons of all races, religions, gender identities and sexual orientations are welcome.

Come as you are or however you would like to. Share ideas and information with no pressure to be something you're not.

Refreshments and snacks served at meetings. Come join us for information, fun and making new friends!

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

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For more info email [flowerofhopeofomaha@yahoo.com](mailto:flowerofhopeofomaha@yahoo.com)



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## You can volunteer!



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This is a great way to meet others in the community as well as helping the community at the same time!



**Volunteer forms available**  
**at Rainbow Outreach Center**  
**1719 Leavenworth Street.**

**Call 341 - 0330 for walk in hours!**



# 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.**

## 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

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

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

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

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

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

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

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

**HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP** 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 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, starting again after Labor Day

**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

**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**

**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 [aanders@hastings.edu](mailto:aanders@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

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

**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,** 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**

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

**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 Karaoke with Amber at 9 pm

**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, MCCO, 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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at  
5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for  
info

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-  
TION**, 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.

**RIVER CITY GENDER LLIANCE**, at 7:00  
pm . See [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lin-  
coln 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 Leaven-  
worth St.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**  
[L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com) 2pm; DC's Saloon

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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

### OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discus-  
sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of Gov-  
ernors 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 Con-  
gregational United Church of Christ, 7th and  
Marian St., 7PM, email to  
[jsandeen@inebraska.com](mailto:jsandeen@inebraska.com) or call 402.462.2961  
or 402.460.8696

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A,  
Lincoln

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

**LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—  
OMAHA**  
Not currently meeting.

### Last Saturday of the Month

**NAP HIV TESTING**, 11AM-3PM,  
WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

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One day a guy died and found himself in  
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The demon asked, "Why so glum?"

The guy responded, "What do you think?  
I'm in hell!"

"Hell's not so bad," the demon said. "We  
actually have a lot of fun down here. You  
a drinking man?"

"Sure," the man said, "I love to drink."

"Well, you're gonna love Mondays then.  
On Mondays all we do is drink. Whiskey,  
tequila, Guinness, wine coolers, diet Tab  
and Fresca We drink till we throw up and  
then we drink some more!"

The guy is astounded. "Damn, that  
sounds great."

"You a smoker?" the demon asked.

"You better believe it!"

"You're gonna love Tuesdays. We get the

finest cigars from all over the world and  
smoke our lungs out! . If you get cancer, no  
biggie. You're already dead, remember?"

"Wow, the guy said, "that's awesome!"

The demon continued. "I bet you like to gam-  
ble."

"Why yes, as a matter of fact I do"

"Wednesdays you can gamble all you want.  
Craps, blackjack, roulette, poker, slots, what-  
ever. If you go bankrupt, well, you're dead  
anyhow. You into drugs?"

The guy said, "Are you kidding? I love drugs!  
You don't mean . . ."

"That's right! Thursday is drug day. Help  
yourself to a great big bowl of crack, or  
smack. Smoke a doobie the size of a subma-  
rine. You can do all the drugs you want, you're  
dead, who cares!"

"Wow," the guy said, starting to feel better  
about his situation, "I never realized Hell was  
such a cool place!"

The demon said, "You gay?"

"No."

"Ooooh, you're gonna hate Fridays!"

## Faith Healing

Leroy and L'Quiesha go to the San Leon Prim-  
itive Baptist Church revival and listen to the  
preacher.

After a while the preacher asks anyone with  
needs to be prayed over to come forward to the  
front at the altar.

Leroy gets in line, and when it's his turn, the  
preacher asks: "Leroy, what do you want me  
to pray about for you?"

Leroy replies: "Preacher, I needs you to pray  
for my hearing."

The preacher puts one finger in Leroy's ear,  
and he places the other hand on top of Leroy's  
head and prays and prays and prays. He prays  
a blue streak for Leroy. After a few minutes,  
the preacher removes his hands, stands back  
and asks, "Leroy, how is your hearing now?"

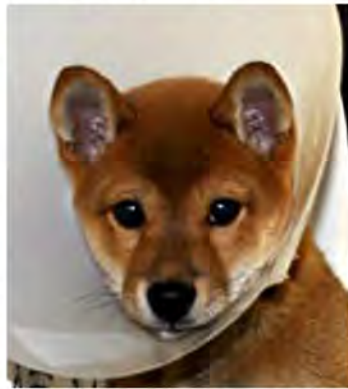
Leroy says, "I don't know, Reverend, it ain't  
till next Wednesday."





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# 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 Howard 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/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://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](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 5:30PM. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.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  
**Lowee 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 Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, 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 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info  
**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything 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 Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive  
**Northside Christian Church** 5555 Larimore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contemporary service at 11:00am  
**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohanagroup@msn.com](mailto:Theohanagroup@msn.com)  
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**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)  
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**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 at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 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, Omaha, 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**, for info see [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)  
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**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)  
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**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, Omaha, 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

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**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact [unlqsa@yahoo.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>  
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**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

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**Council Bluffs Community Alliance**  
[www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)  
**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>

Chicago and in 1961 at the University of California at Berkeley. He especially enjoyed teaching graduate students and mentoring candidates for the doctorate. His work in the early days of the gay movement has been included in a soon-to-be released documentary film, *Before Homosexuals*, directed by John Scagliotti.

Crompton had an international reputation as a Shavian scholar. In 1966 he was awarded the Frank H. Woods Foundation Fellowship to do research on Bernard Shaw at the British Museum. His book on Shaw's plays, *Shaw the Dramatist*, won him the national Phi Beta Kappa Christian Gauss Award for Literary Criticism for 1969.

In 1970 his pioneering course in gay studies, the second in the nation, became an issue in that year's state elections; one legislator not averse to controversy introduced a bill banning the teaching about homosexuality at any state college. The bill failed.

Crompton served as faculty adviser for the Gay Action Group, the first gay student organization at UNL. For twenty years he advised its successor, the Gay/Lesbian Student Association and helped found UNL's Homophobia Awareness Committee, started by faculty, staff, and students to improve the climate for gay and lesbian people on campus. He was a long-time member of UNL's Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns and in 2003 received the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Contributions to the GLBT Community.

In 1974 Crompton co-founded the Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the Modern Language Association which attracted a large membership. In 1985 the University of California Press published his *Byron and Greek Love* which was widely and favorably reviewed on both sides of the Atlantic. UNL honored his scholarship in 1986 by conferring on him the Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity. His last book, *Homosexuality and Civilization*, published by the Harvard University Press, covered 2500 years of world history and was awarded the Bonnie Zimmerman and Vern L. Bullough prize of the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality award for 2003.

Crompton is survived by his husband, Luis Diaz-Perdomo, El Cerrito, Calif.; his brother, Gordon Crompton; sister-in-law, Marion Crompton; and his nephew, Robert Crompton, St. Catharines, Ontario; and by his niece, Nancy Crompton, New Westminster, British Columbia.

## Louis Crompton

Louis Crompton an internationally noted scholar of nineteenth-century British literature and pioneer of gay studies, died at age 84 in El Cerrito, Calif. on July 11, 2009. Born in Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada, on April 5, 1925, he was the son of Clarence Crompton, Master Mariner, and Mabel Crompton.

He graduated from the University of Toronto with an M.A. in mathematics in 1948, and from the University of Chicago with a Ph.D. in English in 1954. After teaching mathematics at the University of British Columbia and English at the University of Toronto, he joined the English department at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1955, retiring in 1989. In 1959 he taught as visiting professor at the University of



## Focus on the Family Giving Up its Money-losing Gay Workshops

By Electa Draper  
 The Denver Post

Jim Daly, president of Focus on the Family, told donors that Focus faces a "serious budget shortfall." (The Denver Post) Focus on the Family will shed its controversial Love Won Out program for transforming homosexuals into heterosexuals because of budget troubles, the conservative media ministry said Tuesday.

The Colorado Springs-based ministry made the announcement in The Washington Blade, the country's oldest gay and lesbian newspaper.

The Love Won Out conferences on "leaving homosexuality" will be handed over in November to a longtime ministry partner, Orlando, Fla.-based Exodus International.

"The economic challenges led us to this strategic decision," Focus vice president Gary Schneeberger said Wednesday. "Love Won Out is not an inexpensive event to stage, and rarely, in over 50 cities where it's been held, have we ever made back our investment, despite good attendance."

Focus on the Family, which held its first Love Won Out conference in 1998, will lead its last on Nov. 7 in Birmingham, Ala. A \$6 million



shortfall in the \$138 million budget also caused Focus president Jim Daly to send out a fundraising letter to 800,000 donors.

"Right now we're facing a serious budget shortfall that threatens our ability to reach out to parents, families and married couples who count on our help," Daly wrote. "I want to assure you we're committed to good stewardship and living within our means, just as so many families are today."

Schneeberger said one staff position will be eliminated and further cost-cutting measures are under consideration.

Schneeberger said he didn't know how much money would be saved by turning over control of the conferences.

Gay-rights groups strongly denounce Love Won Out and similar programs as psychologically harmful.

Wayne Besen, a gay activist with the group Truth Won Out, said conference crowds are getting smaller and drawing less media attention.

"There is a shrinking market for their product," Besen said. "This is a very positive development, because it shows Focus on the Family wants to get out of the ex-gay business — though not completely. But if this were something they were really vested in, they would have kept it in-house."

Focus on the Family gender analyst Melissa Fryrear, a Love Won Out speaker and host, said the ministry still has a great commitment to the issue.

Fryrear said Focus on the Family will continue to support Love Won Out financially and by providing speakers and marketing support.

"Exodus is thrilled with this opportunity as the Love Won Out conference is a natural fit in our ongoing efforts to share the hope we've found," said Alan Chambers, president of Exodus International.

The American Psychological Association last week issued a report discounting the effectiveness of therapies to change sexual orientation. However, Focus gender analyst Jeff Johnston said the report also affirmed the importance of faith for many people and their right to self-determination within their treatment.

## What Is Your Intentions...

By Royal D. Bush  
Facebook/omaharoyal

It is said that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. I have come believe that the road to heaven is paved with good intentions. I think that people, regardless of religious or non religious views, have a desire to be a good person, be happy and want this world to be a better place.

I think this is powerful: "We view ourselves through our INTENTIONS. Others view us through our BEHAVIOR!" Do your intentions match your behavior? If not there is conflict. How do you then resolve that?

As humans we have a lot to navigate through life. We could make a list a mile long that affects each of our lives. Think of the top ten things that affect your life. Go ahead, right them down. Look at that list. Now right down next to each item how you react when confronted or challenged or engaged with each of those items.

Think about what you want others to hear, see, remember and feel when they think about you and those items. What is your stance? What do you say? How do you act? If you are being honest you will probably see a few times that what YOUR perceived intention is, does

not match what you want your perceived behavior to be.

Communication is about the other person, the listener. It has nothing to do with the sender of the message, it IS all about the listener: message sent IS message received.

When communicating and you have a difference of opinion remember there IS two stories... THERE IS ALWAYS TWO STORIES (what we lose focus on is that BOTH may in fact be correct!)

You have two options. Your intention while communication can be to 1) PROTECT YOU (self preservation) this is where you will start placing blame to show whom is right and you are not wrong. And 2) GROW this is where you remove your BBF (bitter beer face) and be open to change, other opinions, and possibilities. It is when you accept there is not right way or may way but a way to grow forward will your intentions match your behavior!

I will close with two quotes...

"Say what you mean, and mean what you say."

"The problem with communication ... is the illusion that it has been accomplished."

## INDIAN HIGH COURT: GAY SEX IS LEGAL

New Delhi Court De-criminalizes Consensual Homosexual Acts in a Ground-breaking and Controversial Ruling in the Conservative Indian Capital  
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June 30, 2009- New Delhi, India- In a ruling Thursday, the Delhi High

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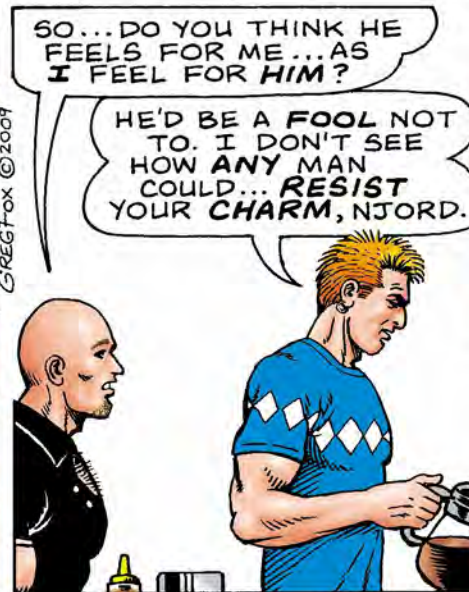
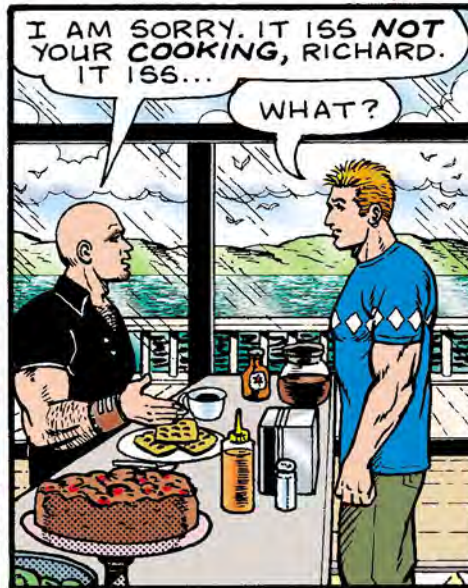
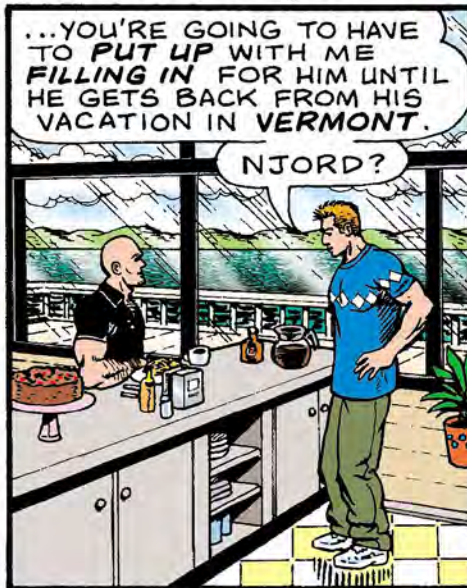
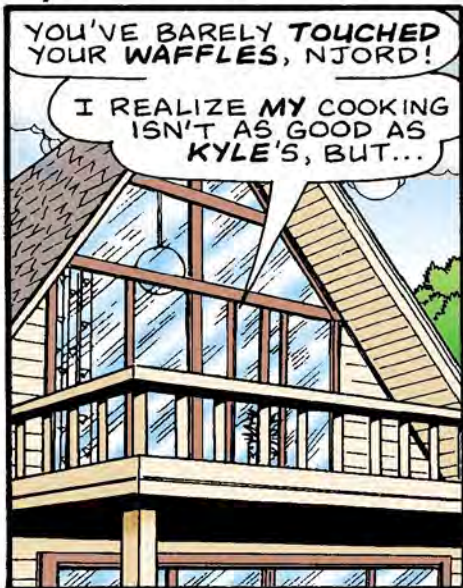
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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox





Court overturned a 148-year-old colonial law criminalizing consensual homosexual acts saying that it was a violation of fundamental human rights protected under India's Constitution.

In so holding, the court reasoned that "the criminalization of homosexuality condemns in perpetuity a sizable section of society and forces them to live their lives in the shadow of harassment, exploitation, humiliation, cruel and degrading treatment at the hands of the law enforcement machinery ... A provision of law branding one section of people as criminal based wholly on the State's moral disapproval of that class goes counter to the equality guaranteed under Articles 14 and 15 under any standard of review."

This ruling followed an eight year effort by the NAZ Foundation (India) Trust, a sexual health organization based in New Delhi, who filed the petition to change Section 377 in 2000, and the ongoing work of a number of LGBTI and human rights groups around the globe.

"I'm so excited and I haven't been able to process the news yet," said Anjali Gopalan, the executive director of the Naz Foundation (India) Trust. "We've finally entered the 21st century."

Renato Sabbadini, Secretary General of ILGA, the International Lesbian, gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, a network of more than 600 member organizations from every continent and representing 110 countries, commented:

"It is a historic verdict which affects one fifth of the world population and one of the biggest countries in the world. We praise our members in India for the steadfastness with which they fought this ten year long battle and join all LGBTI people in India in the celebrations of this great day. The verdict on 150-years-old Section 377 marks the end of State-sponsored homophobia in India as a colonial legacy of the British Empire and proves that homophobia, rather than homosexuality, is a Western import for those countries which had no homophobic laws of their own before colonization. We hope to see the example of India followed by all those countries whose laws against LGBTI people are the result of colonial rule and we hope one day to see India joining the signatories of the UN Statement for the universal decriminalization of homosexual acts delivered at the UN General Assembly on December 18, 2008."

"I hope the victory will be spreading around the world and there will be no criminalization for Sexual orientation anymore," said Poedjiati Tan, Representative Female, Secretary General GAYa NUSANTARA.

Section 377, a vestige of the British Colonial Law, describes homosexual acts as "against the order of nature," and prohibits both consensual and non-consensual acts. The ruling Thursday will effectively strike down the section of the law prohibiting consensual homosexual acts which were formerly punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

The decision will only protect the citizens of New Delhi and will not have a binding effect on other Indian states, although it is likely to have a persuasive effect on those territories, as well as other countries that still follow British Colonial Law.

This landmark ruling could mean the end of an era for LGBTI people living in New Delhi who, under Section 377, have faced prosecution and discrimination from law enforcement for almost 150 years. It is hoped to usher in an era where gay sex will no longer be taboo and the country can be more effective in its battle with HIV and AIDS.

Sahran Abeysundara, Male Representative ASIA, ILGA WORLD BOARD commented:

"What an amazing day for the LGBTIQ community of India and for the world.

After more than 120 years of a colonial law that criminalized and persecuted Gay men and women, today, the Queer people of India are now truly free to be themselves, to live freely, openly and proudly as Queer people.

I commend the hard work of the lawyers and activists who fought valiantly to make this historic decision a reality. I also commend the law-makers in India for their courage, integrity and wisdom in their verdict which proves beyond any doubt the Indian Government's stance that all people are truly equal.

The decision made today by the Delhi High Court has a tremendous impact on many other nations who still have versions of the same penal code imposed on them by the British Colonialist. The power of this ruling today will ripple throughout the common wealth and call for change in Penal Codes across the Globe.

The Victory is not only for India but This Victory for all Asia who Sexual Orientation still criminalizes."

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## Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



You could skip all the exercise and live much longer than that muscle head that works out every day for countless hours. How exactly is that accomplished you ask. Let's say that our exercise buff isn't the greatest purveyor of common sense on the roadways. He throws caution to the wind and he lives with his hair on fire. Ignorance is blissfully supreme in his carefree universe. He actually lives like many common folk live their lives. Really stupidly!

We'll name this cognoscente of capriciousness by the name of Billy. Billy drives around without his seatbelt. He claims that he's a safe driver and that no government is gonna tell him what he needs to do. His granddaddy and his daddy were never in an accident and they drove for many decades. He doesn't quite get the definition of an accident. Merriam Webster defines it as "stuff happens". Strap on that belt Billy.

Billy likes to drive around dropped crossing gates at railroad tracks. He doesn't like to be late for work on account of some freight train. Most of the trains in his neighborhood are slow and cause drivers grief. MOST of the trains! There are a few that slither by at 60 miles per hour. How is your depth perception today Billy?

Billy is not too keen on yellow and red lights at traffic signals. He tends to see mostly shades of green when approaching intersections. There are plenty of other drivers that also tend to see the greener side of those three adorable primary colors when approaching First and Main. Russian roulette is a game best never played Billy!

Billy loves his new phone. Billy loves to know what his friends are doing at any given moment. Billy loves to text message. Billy loves to drive. If you put together the same Venn diagram I did then you know that Billy is headed for trouble. Hang up and drive Billy!

Billy needs new tires. Billy went to get an oil change and the attendant noticed that Billy's tires are bald. Billy has heard all this before. Billy figures a few thousand more miles can't hurt. Billy is headed to the Maroon Five concert and could use the extra dough for some dogs and suds at the arena. Billy has a blowout on the way there and wrecks the Hyundai. It was a great concert Billy!

Silly Billy! All that hard work can be erased in the blink of an eye. Darwin did a little research on this thing called survival of the fittest. He wasn't just talkin' about brawn and biceps Billy. Common sense is overrated until you need it.

This column is brought to you by that guy who has been washing his body in the same order for over thirty years now. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be rinsed off at [blake.fitness@yahoo.com](mailto:blake.fitness@yahoo.com).

## BLUEBARN's 21st Season... The Season of the Psyche

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### **SILENT NIGHT OF THE LAMBS**

by Ryan Landry (Nov. 27-Dec. 19, 2009)

FBI agent, Clarice Starling, daughter of the once-famous Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, is assigned to help track down a mysterious serial killer. To get inside the mind of this killer, Clarice must interrogate the North Pole's most notorious psychopath, Kris Kringle, aka Santa Claus. Can she get into Santa's head before he gets into hers? Will Clarice's demons catch up with her before she catches up with the killer? Will those damn lambs ever shut-up?!?!?

### **HOT 'N' THROBBING**

by Paula Vogel (March 11-April 3, 2010)

Take Charlene, a suburban mother who writes erotic screenplays for women in order to support her children; add Clyde, her funny, dangerously obsessive and estranged husband; toss in hormonally overcharged teenagers; and layer it all with a screenplay on a deadline that Charlene desperately tries to write—and you end up with HOT 'N' THROBBING, a gripping new play written by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *How I Learned To Drive*.

### **RABBIT HOLE**

by David Lindsay-Abaire (June 10 – July 3, 2010)

Becca and Howie Corbett have everything a family could want, until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. This 2007 Pulitzer Prize-winning play charts their bittersweet search for comfort in the darkest of places and for a path that will lead them back into the light of day. A special performance of RABBIT HOLE will be performed in honor of David Lindsay-Abaire, who will be the honored playwright for the 2010 Great Plains Theatre Conference.

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## **“RENT” Cast is Announced**

SNAP! Productions will produce the Regional Premiere of the musical “RENT” by Jonathon Larson. We had almost 70 people tryout for this production and we are very pleased to announce the following cast for “RENT”: (Mimi) Audrey Fisher, (Maureen) Angie Heim, (Joanne) Allison Wissman, (Mark) Tim Vallier, (Roger) Jason Carroll, (Benny) Andrew Brooks, (Angel) Sean Buster, (Tom Collins) Wayne Moore, (Company) Meagan O'Connell, Rusheaa Smith, Mallory Vallier, Stephen Michael Shelton, Tom Miller, and Adam Hogston.

The show will be under the direction of Todd Brooks with musical direction provided by D. Laureen Pickle. The show will run from November 19, 2009 and play thru December 13, 2009. Due to rising costs, the ticket price for this show will be \$20.00.

Tickets will go on sale via the internet ([www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)) on September 14, 2009.

## **SPEECH & DEBATE Opens this week at SNAP!**

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### **Speech & Debate**

By Stephan Karam  
Aug 21-Sept 21

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

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AMATEUR STRIP 7PM  
\$100 CASH PRIZE

**MILITARY & 'CAMO'**  
UNDERWEAR NIGHT 9PM

Labor Day Show

MONDAY SEPT 7TH

As The Tradition Presents Itself....  
**THE MAX** Presents:  
**The Omaha Meatpackers, The Packettes  
& The Babes Behind Bars  
For One Night!**

With SPECIAL MYSTERY GUESTS....  
Benefit for the NAP Luncheon Program  
\$3 8:30pm Door - 9pm Show

SUNDAY SEPT. 6TH  
DJ Tuck Spins the Hottest  
and Greatest Techno  
Dance Hits  
ALL NIGHT LONG!!  
9pm

SATURDAY SEPT. 12TH  
Mamma Barry Presents:  
"TWILIGHT DINNER"  
6-8pm \$10 per person

Diamond Foundation Presents:  
"CELEBRATION OF THE CROWN"  
6pm Door - 6:30pm Show

SUNDAY SEPT. 13TH

Mister Great Plains USofA MI  
Contest  
9pm

**THE MAX**