

# The GayZette



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## 2008 ICON Labor Day Picnic

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is finalizing plans for their annual Labor Day Picnic to be held at Vennelyst Park on Monday, September 1, 2008. The event will run from 1PM until 6PM with shuttles running from The MAX starting at 12:45PM.

Your \$10.00 donation gets you a hamburger or hot dog with all the fixin's, potato salad and dessert plus and endless cup of beer, pop or water. Valid Ids are required in order to consume alcohol during the event and no pets are allowed in the park area.

Proceeds from the picnic will benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project, PWA Assistance Fund and the UNMC Pediatric AIDS Unit. For more details regarding this and other ICON events, visit the ICON web site at [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org) or see page 5 for full page ad on the event.

## RIBS, MMMMM!

If you love BBQ Ribs, then come to The MAX, Friday, Aug. 22. MCC-Omaha will host a Rib Dinner for only \$6 per person. The ribs will be accompanied by potato salad, slaw, pasta salad and bread—a real feast! Starting time is 5:30 PM and serving will continue on the Patio until 7 PM. A great show is also planned for those who come for dinner. The show will begin between 6 & 6:30. Of course, we'll have 50/50 raffle tickets for sale and raffle tickets for our laptop raffle. Both tickets are only \$1 each. Drawing for the laptop is Sept. 20. If we reach our \$500 goal on the 50/50 raffle at the rib dinner, we'll do the drawing before the show ends. We want to give away \$250 to some lucky winner! And, you'll be able to purchase your Aug. 31 River Boat Cruise ticket at the Rib Dinner as well. Don't miss this fun evening! Proceeds from the dinner and show go to the MCC Accessibility Fund and to restroom renovations. Hope to see you there!



## A GLBT Professional? How's This!

By Chris Orr

There is a family member out there by the name of Robert M. Patterson. Maybe you know him and maybe you don't. Robert is a very busy guy with many community groups that it would make your head spin but, this is something he enjoys very much and has time aside for.

This is also his line of work as being the Assistant Executive Director of Social Settlement for nearly ten years as he stated to me.

Today though, Robert has taken a time out to give information about the

Omaha GLBT Professionals group.



Omaha GLBT Professionals

"The group was initially formed by a small group who sought a new platform for individuals to get together and make connections on a business or social level. Although the bars and the internet provide many opportunities to connect, we recognized there was a desire to get away from those typical venues and create a different space for people" Robert explains to me.

Every group has a mission and with a mission comes principles. "Our mission for the group is to advance the growth and equality for members, business, and allies by providing educational, networking, and community building opportunities. As part of our principles for the group, we support a welcoming, energetic, and open-meeting environment and encourage individuals to communicate in a positive, professional and cooperative manner amongst each other as well as with other organizations."

The group last year created certain goals including membership attendance, networking, and volunteer opportunities. They also are increasing a positive image and visibility of the group and members in the community. The group included advocating for positive changes to our workplaces, communities, and legal systems.

With having one of the goals being, including membership, what activities of interest would draw people in? "We will continue with our monthly meetings that concentrate on networking and socializing, but will also have a specific speaker, panel, or topic. For example, our September meeting will be hosted by the Centering Corporation that focuses on grief and loss issues, while our October meeting will be hosted by the Joslyn Museum and will showcase their latest exhibits. Next year our

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group is planning to be a primary supporter of the GLBT Summit in Omaha. By aligning our group closer to the Summit, we will be able to address more issues and include more members in the process." Remember too, they also had an information booth at Pride.

I, myself, being an Iowa resident had to ask that the fact that Iowa carries a policy in health benefits, housing, and employment to protect the GLBT community. Has it been discussed in your group? Has it sparked anything towards your group doing the same for the State of Nebraska? Robert lets me know that "the group falls under the umbrella of CFEP – Citizens For Equal Protection. CFEP is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender families in the State of Nebraska. We support CFEP's efforts to advocate and educate for needed legislation protecting GLBT citizens in housing, employment, changes in same-sex adoption laws and other needed legislation."

What is Robert's personal status with the group? "Early last year I received an email about this group that was forming and put it on the back-burner as I am heavily involved with many organizations and civic groups. I did not give the group much thought until I was at a large conference here in Omaha and one of the breakout sessions focused on diversity, but distinctively left out GLBT issues. To me, this was a sign that I needed to get more involved with the GLBT Professionals group and ensure that we are represented positively and appropriately in a variety of venues." Robert goes on to say "I believe we all have a certain amount of civic duty to giving back to the community we live in – whether that be donating money or time, we

can each make a difference. Personally, I always include my affiliation with the GLBT Professionals on resumes and interviews to show my pride in myself and our community."

Groups always have a period of hardship or getting their feet off the ground. "As with any small, volunteer-driven group, our hurdle is time. It is difficult to find the time to coordinate the logistics and marketing of the group meetings, let alone find time to achieve some of our larger objectives. Although we have a small leadership team dedicated to maintaining the group, we would certainly welcome anyone who would like to volunteer, offer their business to host or meeting, or simply has new ideas to offer."

Robert is letting everyone know "it is important to note that our group is open to ALL individuals whether you consider yourself a "professional" or not. Our group includes accountants, waiters, teachers, activists, social workers, retirees, artists, custodians, writers, and more. We do not want to limit ourselves by job, age, gender, or sexual orientation. We are open to anyone interested in connecting with other people and making positive differences in our community."

The Greater Omaha GLBT Professionals group meets the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They rotate their meetings between locations to visit different businesses in the city. Their website is [www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org](http://www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org) and [www.myspace.com/omahaglbtprofessionals](http://www.myspace.com/omahaglbtprofessionals) and [www.linkedin.com/omahaglbtprofessionals](http://www.linkedin.com/omahaglbtprofessionals)

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## What is Gay Pride?

It is a question that has gnawed at me from the beginning of my involvement with Nebraska Pride. With total attendance at over 8,000, Pride Knows No Borders is the largest most successful pride festival yet to take place in this "RED" state. Many came from neighboring states for the first time because the date change took Nebraska Pride out of conflict with Des Moines and Minneapolis. Even with a storm each night and six hours of lost entertainment because of it, the crowds returned and the celebration continued. Our partnership with Star City Pride gave us additional volunteers for the event and bore still more fruit as Lincoln's celebration more than doubled in attendance. In the success of the numbers of people, the positive feedback, the new friendships forged with Lincoln, and the volunteers who made it all happen, we have much to be proud of. Yet, I ask again, what is Gay Pride? Why do we have a pride festival? A straight friend made the comment, "we don't have a heterosexual pride festival, why do you guys have to publicly celebrate who you sleep with?" If that is what Gay Pride is, I understand why the Christian Right acts as if we are at war. My straight friend and, sadly, many members of the GLBT community don't understand or even have a clue it seems, or maybe it's me. Maybe I have it all wrong...

There are many festivals in this nation made up of immigrants. There are Italian festivals, Cinco de Mayo, Santa Lucia, German fest, and St. Patrick's Day- all of which celebrate an ethnic heritage. I happen to be German, French, Scottish, and Blackfoot, but I am also gay. There are gay Italians, Gay Latinos, Gay Scots, and Gay Native Americans; yes every group has a GLBT population. There are religious festivals. Christmas, Kwanza, Chanukah, Ramadan, Diwali, and Vesak are all religious holidays yet there are gay Christians, Gay Africans, Gay Jews, Gay Muslims, Gay Hindus and Gay Buddhists. Why Gay Pride? Why a Pride festival? During the Pride parade down 10th street, there were almost 2,000 people lining the sidewalks in support. Among them were a handful of protesters with Bibles, placards and suppressed hate hiding behind,

"love the sinner and hate the sin" and "saving our souls". I say suppressed hate because I really didn't feel any love coming from them. It is also the first time that I, as a gay man, have been blamed for abortion. Having raised two sons and a daughter, I have never been in favor of abortion, but I defend a woman's right to choose.

In Lincoln at Star City Pride, I was two feet away from a very forceful protestor. I was reminded that the Lincoln Catholic Diocese is the most conservative in the country when a five foot tall nun, in full traditional habit, crucifix in hand, stood and began to verbally chastise all those within hearing distance. Using the terms of "abomination", "unnatural", "sin against nature", and "have you no concern for your immortal soul?", I didn't feel any love there either. I am sure the 100 degree weather and her formal black nun's habit won her some suffering points- at least in her mind.

Why Gay Pride? The cover story of the recent Newsweek Magazine is, "Young Gay and Murdered." It is a story about 15 year old Lawrence King who was killed by his 14 year old classmate last February. Christine O'Leary, the lesbian comedienne who was such a hit at our pride festival introduced us to "Gay American Heroes" an organization that is seeking to build a traveling national monument to those in the GLBTQQS community who were killed simply because they were members of that community, of our community. Nebraska Pride has committed to raising money to help. 30 people have been killed for being members of our community since Matthew Shephard. That is in the last 10 years since this is the 10th anniversary of his murder.

Why Celebrate Gay Pride? Of the 1.7 million homeless youth in our country, 340,000 are members of our GLBT community. I know of some members of our group right here in Omaha who have been homeless and destitute. Would they be accepted safely in the shelter, probably not if they were openly or recognizably gay. We have members of this Omaha community who have survived bashings. Some still bear the scars. I lost two friends to Aids this past year. The numbers worldwide are still growing.

## MAYDAY MAYDAY

Why Gay Pride? Can I go into any bar in this state and share a glass of wine with my same sex beloved and hold hands across the table and expect the comment, "isn't that romantic" or "you two make such a cute couple?" Can I walk hand in hand with my same sex lover down any street in any neighborhood in this state and expect to be treated with respect? Can my same sex partner come to see me in any hospital in the event of an emergency? Can he inherit our shared belongings without a lot of extra legal paperwork and hassle in the event of my death? Can I and my partner adopt a child in this state?

Why Gay Pride? Are there still men and women entering into marriages because of fear and misunderstanding and simply doing what is expected? Are churches still telling us, "settle down, get married, have some kids, it will all go away, just pray!"

I have a young man who came up to me a year ago and thanked me for giving him the courage to come out. He had met me at a fundraiser for Proud Horizons when I was Emperor. I have another beloved friend who's baby sister I had taught years ago. She always reminds me of how I am still remembered and loved by her sister. I have a straight friend who comes to the Max every now and then. He always wants to know what project I am raising money for, and he hands me some cash. He says, "your highness", and I remind him that I am a "wuzzy" because emperors only reign for a year. He fires back, "You will always be my emperor." I have a very dear friend and mentor who helped me find out who I am in coming out, and protected me and counseled me while I learned to find my own gay identity. He tried to help me develop a little thicker skin, because he worries about my trusting everyone, but he is there for me no matter what. Then there is the friend who helped me learn to love myself and respect myself when I lost everything in coming out. He helped me realize, that I had finally found myself, and without myself, I was really only a shadow to the world.

Almost two years ago I went through a really bad break up. It is something that is a fact of life. If it didn't hurt, then it couldn't have been very real. At the time, I was the only gay person in my retail department. I went to work and one of the guys caught me crying in the stock room. Before my shift was over, all four of the straight guys I worked with had come up to me and hugged me. For two of them, I was the only gay friend they had. All of them told me they cared. All of them were worried because they said I was much too honest and kind for I had opened their eyes to the fact that we all live and breathe, suffer and bleed the same.

That is why we celebrate Gay Pride. It is a time for those who have found their place and their peace to share. It is a time of hope for those still living in fear and pain. It is a time of education for those still living in ignorance. It is a time of strength and sustenance for those who are on the front lines of the battle for equality and charity. It isn't about our sexuality, it is about our right and our ability to be able to live and be respected with the exact same privileges as every other American! Maybe someday, we won't need to celebrate Gay Pride and can be content with our ethnic heritage because our GAY HERITAGE is no longer an issue. Gay Pride holds the flame for that dream!

Dan Knobbe  
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Rainbow Celebrations

The SS MCC Boat cruise may be in for some rough water!!! We have booked too much talent for you... Sunday, August 31 is the 3rd Annual MCC River City Star Boat Cruise benefitting MCC's Accessibility Fund.

We have lined up some of the most talented performers: River City Mixed Chorus Quartet, Susie Brenner, Holly Day, Tamara Marks, Emperor Gary and Empress Misty, Andrew Janzen, RN Hedges, Chandler, Tegan, Trina Tabloid and MCC's own Michael! (His first time & only time to be Ginger!)

This is a great way to enjoy a night out, do something out of the normal routine and help MCC raise funds to break down barriers and provide equal access to all.

This two hour voyage boards at 6:40PM, promptly, and includes raffles, great entertainment, and a casino deck with prizes, costume contest (who will be the best Skipper, Gilligan, MaryAnn...?), cash bar, and concessions available.

We are making this possible with donations from our generous sponsors: The Keystone Group, The Diamond Foundation, Brenner-Beckstead Ministries, Carla & Sharon, Monty, Royal & Jonathan, PFLAG-Omaha, JoAnn P and Kevin M.

Tickets are available several ways: online at [mccomaha.org](http://mccomaha.org), come to church 9AM or 11AM, church office (during office hours), and our ticket sellers: Royal, Carla, Alan Barcus and Michele Korman  
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## MCC at Neighborhood Block Parties

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sponsored by the Park Avenue Faith Community, a coalition of churches and other organizations located on and near Park Avenue. The event featured lots of activities for children, clothing

and toy giveaways, information booths and free food. 17 members and friends of MCC took part.



The second event was hosted by the Leavenworth Neighborhood Association as part of the national "Take Back the Night" campaign which is held on the first Tuesday of August each year. This block party occupied the street next to St John's Church and again featured clothing and toy giveaways along with free food for well over 100 children and families. In addition, children could meet firefighters and police officers and check out a working fire truck. A long line quickly developed of children waiting for horseback rides. MCC gave away toys to over 50 children along with providing information about the church to those living in the neighborhood.



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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."

Don't let this happen to you. We have the solution to this problem but you must plan ahead of time. Call us today to schedule your complimentary consultation.





Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
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## Flower of Hope Social and Support Group

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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.

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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## RCMC Upcoming Season and More

The River City Mixed Chorus went to Miami in July and wowed the GALA Chorus Festival with a version of Mark Kurtz's original piece "The Gender Blender", which was first performed here in Omaha at our Summer concert this past June!

Now it's on to the future as the Chorus looks to the next season. Coming in January, they will proudly presents a milestone concert- "Showstoppers: 25 Years of Music from the River City Mixed Chorus"! As the title suggests, they'll be performing pieces that have brought the biggest crowd response from audiences over the years. The dates for the concert are Saturday, January 17th and Sunday, January 18th. Tickets will be available for purchase soon on their website, [www.RCMC.org](http://www.RCMC.org), or you can call the sing/information line at 341-SING (7464).

The concert following in June will feature music from the silver screen to to round out the next season of performances.

If you are interested in singing with the River City Mixed Chorus, Nebraska's premier singing group made up of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered singers and their allies, and would like to be part of this next season, auditions will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 70th and Cass on three separate dates: Sunday, August 24th, 6-9pm; Tuesday, August 26th, 7-9pm; and Monday, September 8th from 6:30-6:45pm.

Enter the church through the door in the northwest corner of the complex and follow the signs. No music is necessary to prepare, but you can bring sheet music with you if there's time to sing part of a song you'd like to use as part of your audition. Also, look for our first big fund raiser of the season, our annual art auction, held Saturday, October 4th at the Jackson Street Art Gallery in the Old Market!

## SHELTERSKELTER the 13th The Auditions

The Shelterbelt Theatre will be holding auditions for SHELTERSKELTER the 13th and its late night companion LIGHTHOUSE ETERNAL at the theatre, 3225 California St. on Mon Aug 25th and Tues Aug 26th at 7:00PM. Shelterskelter returns to its traditional format, with 13 new Halloween themed short plays ranging from the comedic to the macabre. Lighthouse Eternal, the erotic late night companion play, deals with adult themes involving morality, damnation, and salvation. Some nudity may be required in this production. Interested crew people should come, too.

## SNAP! Productions Presents Doubt: A Parable

Doubt, a Parable was the winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and chosen as the best play of the year in 2005 by over 10 newspapers and magazines. Now, SNAP! Productions is excited to bring this riveting play to Omaha. Doubt, a Parable by John Patrick Shanley is a thought-

provoking tale about faith, truth and the clash of generations. Set in a Bronx Catholic school in 1964, Sister Aloysius suspects Father Flynn has begun an improper relationship with a student. Convinced of the priest's guilt but lacking any evidence to support her claim, her investigation transforms into an elaborate game of cat and mouse, plagued by uncertainties and driven by obsession.

M. Michele Phillips will direct this drama and has enlisted the talents of Judy Radcliff, Scott Working, Colleen O'Doherty and Echelle Childers to bring the characters to life. Buy your tickets now for Shanley's riveting Pulitzer Prize winning drama. Doubt: A Parable, will run from August 21 – September 14, 2008 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, September 14th show will start at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! Productions website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. Groups of 5 or more need to pay in advance.

## The Ballots Are Out

The ballots for the Best Of Gay Omaha Awards Show are now out at The MAX. Ballots will be available at The MAX until Friday, August 22. Anyone placing a ballot is asked to fill in a nominee for all categories. Any incomplete ballots will not be considered for the final tallies.

Plans for the Sunday, August 24 show are well under way with performances by Best Pageant Talent nominees Holly Day, Madame X, Fanta Cee and Anna Roxia. Other performers for the evening will be 2007 Best of Gay Omaha Entertainer of the Year Faleasha Savage, 2008 Rising Star Karaoke Contest winner Marla May, 2008 BOGO nominees Chandler, Domonique Divamoore, Teagan and Jennifer Jett.

Presenters for the evening will include Macy Riley, Mark Ledbetter, Salza, Brandon Higdum and Gary Allinger. This year, LC Entertainment, Inc is honored to have the talented Derreck Wilhelm serving as Master of Ceremonies.

## Jamaican Lesbian Granted Asylum in Florida

A Jamaican woman living in Sunrise, Fla., has avoided deportation back to her home country after a judge ruled that her sexual orientation could lead to violence against her in Jamaica, The Miami Herald reported Friday.

The 29-year-old woman, going by her middle name Nichole, was initially ordered to be deported after two drug convictions. In the same ruling, immigration judge Irma Lopez-Defillo deferred the order because of Jamaica's criminalization of homosexuality.

Being gay "is the worst thing you can be stricken with [in Jamaica]," Nichole said in the article. "You basically have to live undercover."



The judge's decision is a rare one, as the case was handled under the United Nations' convention against torture, which prevents immigrants from being deported if it is highly probable they will face torture upon their return to their home country. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 28,130 cases were filed under this statute, but only 449 asylum seekers were allowed to stay. Ninety-two cases were granted a deferred removal.

At age 10, Nichole and her family moved from Ocho Rios, Jamaica, to the United States. When she was a teenager, her parents, Seventh-day Adventists, tried to convert her once her sexual orientation became apparent. They moved her back to Jamaica to live with family members when she was 14, but the stay lasted just two months -- Nichole's involvement with another girl in her class angered her family. Her parents returned to Jamaica to retrieve her shortly afterward. (The Advocate)

## Settlements Reached in Chicago Clergy Abuse Cases

The Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago said Tuesday it had agreed to pay more than \$12.6 million to settle lawsuits by 16 people who accused priests of sexual abuse.

"My hope is that these settlements will help the survivors and their families begin to heal and move forward," Cardinal Francis George said in a statement in which he also apologized for the abuse.

Fourteen of the cases involve sexual abuse by 10 different priests and two relate to the Rev. Daniel J. McCormack, who pleaded guilty last year to charges he abused five children.

"I apologize again today to the survivors and their families and to the whole Catholic community," George said. "We must continue to do everything in our power to ensure the safety of the children in our care."

The settlements were reached through a mediation process in which the cardinal himself gave a lengthy deposition. Attorney Jeff Anderson, who represented some of the plaintiffs, praised the mediation process and the cardinal. "He has demonstrated his commitment to healing these survivors," Anderson said.

George previously acknowledged he failed to act soon enough in McCormack's case. (AP)

## LGBT Activists Call Democratic Platform Most Inclusive to Date

The final version of the Democratic Platform is being hailed as the most LGBT-inclusive to date by queer activists and politicians alike despite the fact that the words

gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender do not appear in the text of the platform, according to those who have read the document.

Though the official platform has yet to be released to the public, LGBT advocacy groups say the wording that was adopted explicitly discusses adopting a national HIV/AIDS strategy, repealing the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, and passing hate-crimes and comprehensive employment nondiscrimination legislation. The document reportedly also marked some historic firsts by including "same-sex couples" in the Democratic Party's definition of families, pledging to fight discrimination based on "gender identity" and opposing the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex partners who are legally married.



"This has been the most inclusive drafting process of a party platform in history," Rep. Tammy Baldwin said, noting the approximately 1,600 listening sessions that took place across the country to incorporate the ideas and concerns of average voters. Baldwin said the platform was far stronger on LGBT issues than the one adopted in 2004 because it went "from rhetoric to policy and substance and reflected the positions that have been championed by Senator Obama" throughout the campaign.

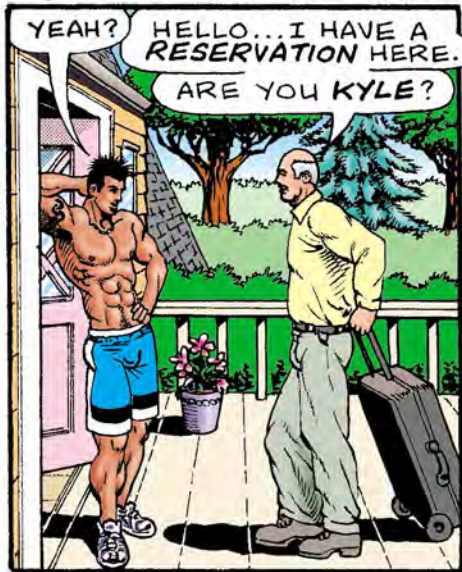
Jon Hoadley, executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats, said the exclusion of the words gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender had more to do with the inclusion of equivalent terms typically used in legislation. "Sexual orientation, gender identity, same-sex couples -- this is the type of language that appears in legislation and policy across the country," Hoadley said.

Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, also noted that the inclusion of transgender people in the platform never became a point of discussion. "Gender identity got put in the draft of the platform, and then there was never any serious debate about taking it out," she said, crediting all the grassroots work and education efforts taking place around trans issues.

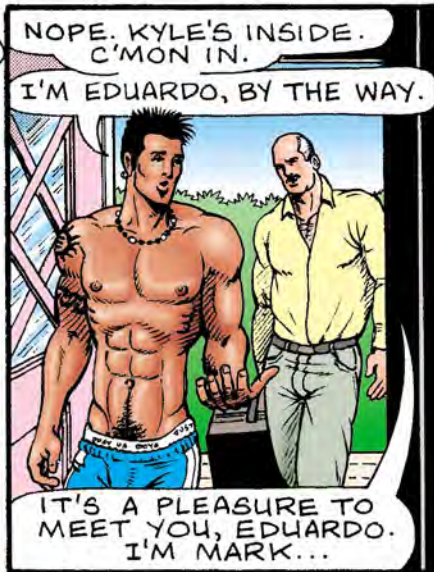
Jennifer Chrisler, executive director of the Family Equality Council, said that after talking to both the Democratic and Republican parties about their platforms, she was particularly pleased with the outcome of the Democratic platform. "For the first time, we're not just talking about family values, we're actually valuing families in this platform," Chrisler said. (Kerry Eleveld, The Advocate)



# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

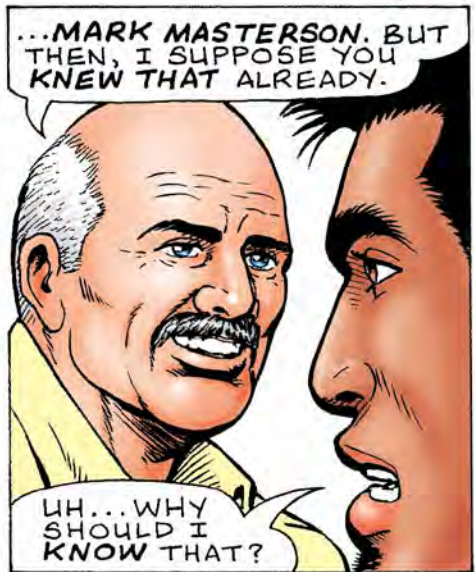


YEAH? HELLO... I HAVE A RESERVATION HERE. ARE YOU KYLE?



NOPE. KYLE'S INSIDE. C'MON IN. I'M EDUARDO, BY THE WAY.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, EDUARDO. I'M MARK...



...MARK MASTERSON. BUT THEN, I SUPPOSE YOU KNEW THAT ALREADY.

UH... WHY SHOULD I KNOW THAT?

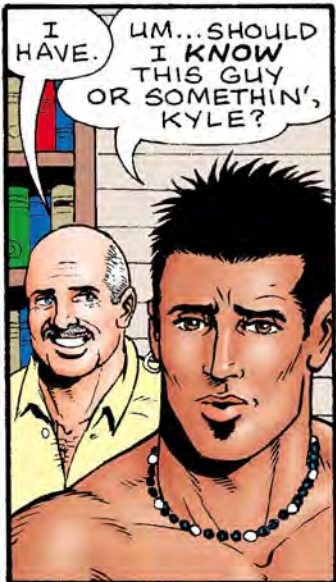


MR. MASTERSON! YOU'RE HERE ALREADY?! OH, MY GOODNESS, THIS IS SUCH AN HONOR! I'M KYLE.

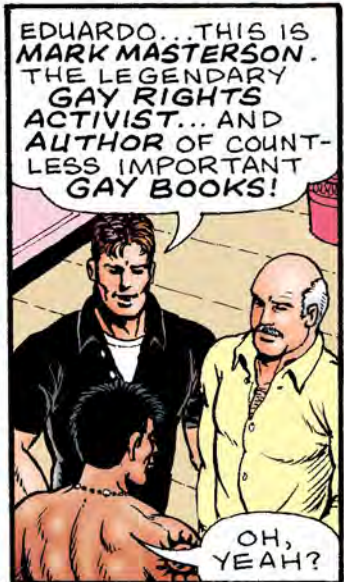


PLEASE, KYLE... CALL ME MARK. YOU HAVE A LOVELY PLACE.

THANK YOU, MISTER... ...MARK. YOU'VE MET EDUARDO ALREADY?



I HAVE. UM... SHOULD I KNOW THIS GUY OR SOMETHIN', KYLE?



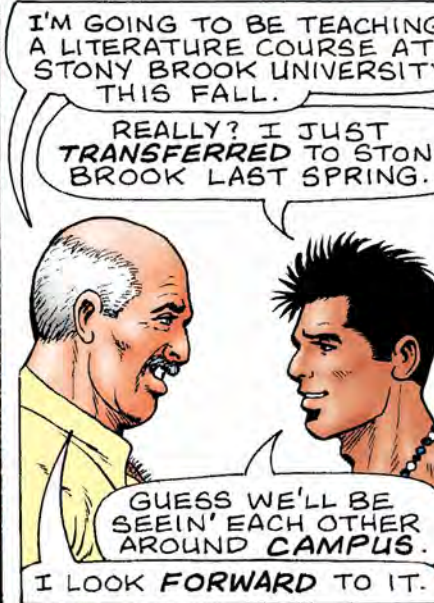
EDUARDO... THIS IS MARK MASTERSON. THE LEGENDARY GAY RIGHTS ACTIVIST... AND AUTHOR OF COUNTLESS IMPORTANT GAY BOOKS!

OH, YEAH?



"LEGENDARY" IS PUSHING IT A BIT, KYLE. BUT THANK YOU... FOR THE ACCOLADES.

SO... WHY ARE YOU HERE, MARK?

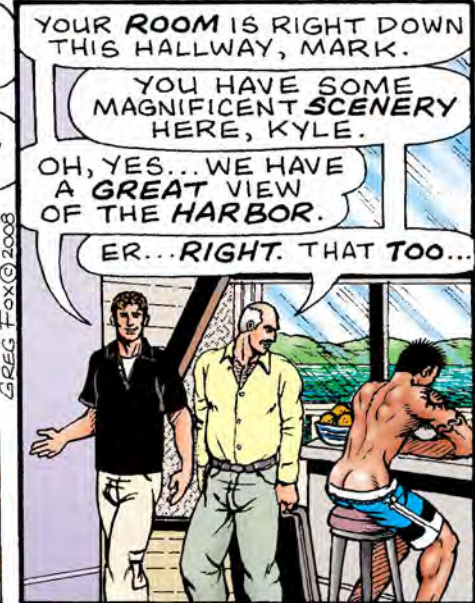


I'M GOING TO BE TEACHING A LITERATURE COURSE AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY THIS FALL.

REALLY? I JUST TRANSFERRED TO STONY BROOK LAST SPRING.

GUESS WE'LL BE SEEIN' EACH OTHER AROUND CAMPUS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.



YOUR ROOM IS RIGHT DOWN THIS HALLWAY, MARK.

YOU HAVE SOME MAGNIFICENT SCENERY HERE, KYLE.

OH, YES... WE HAVE A GREAT VIEW OF THE HARBOR.

ER... RIGHT. THAT TOO...



# 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 - 8:00PM
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.**

## October is GLBT History Month

### SUNDAY SEPT 7TH

**24th Annual Womyn's Riverboat Cruise,** 5:30 to 8:30, boarding around 5 p.m.. Call Tauni or Sheryl at 402-467-5737 for more information.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Every Sunday

#### WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

#### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP.

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

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

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

#### FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Every Monday

**A A RAINBOW RECOVERY,"** an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

#### A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

#### GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

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

#### RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS.

6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP** Confidential, meeting at the MCCO Church, 819 S. 22nd St, call 345-2563 for meeting times, all women are welcome

### Every Tuesday

**HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE,** meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [ander-son@hastings.edu](mailto:ander-son@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

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

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

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

**NAP HIV TESTING,** 1:30pm to 4 pm by appt. ONLY, 139 S. 40 St., same day results, call 402-552-9260 for info

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 7pm

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

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

### Every Thursday

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

#### FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS

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

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections Bar

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

### Every Friday

**AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING,** 7pm, open to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

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

#### FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS

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

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

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

**NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm-9PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 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

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**

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 loca-  
tion and information.

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

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

### **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> Wednesday**

ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE, 7pm, MCC  
Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

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

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Meth-  
odist Church

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER  
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

### **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 or call  
402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC, Lin-  
coln NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day re-  
sults, 200 South 18th Street

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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+  
MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln,  
476-7000.

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

COFFEE HOUSE 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

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+  
MEN, 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln,  
476-7000.

### **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 4TH ST.

## Look at This Wasted Space

## Your Event Could Be Listed

## Here For Free!!

Email Your Event to:  
**GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

### **WHEN I SAY I'M BROKE.... I'M BROKE!!**

Yesterday I answered a knock on the door, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

"Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"Go away!" I said. "I haven't got any money!", "I'm broke!" and proceeded to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed wide open. "Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration." And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto my hallway carpet.

"If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

I stepped back and said, "Well I hope you've got a really good appetite, because they cut off my electricity this morning. What part of broke do you not understand?"



# 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 or see [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 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 11am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

**NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anonymous, 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 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

**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: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 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**, 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**, 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, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](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, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**WomenSpace**, no current info is available

## LINCOLN BASED

**LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center**, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652 <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact [unlqsa@yahoo.com](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/>

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

### One Liners We Like.....

When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just  
"chunky dunk."

Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to  
tell the difference.

Wouldn't you know it.....  
Brain cells come and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever.

And remember: life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it  
gets to the end, the faster it goes.

### *Community Announcements*

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## No Conjugal Visits for Gay Costa Rican Inmates

Gay felons in the Costa Rican prison system will not be allowed  
conjugal visits, the nation's highest court ruled, according to the  
Associated Press.

A former inmate brought a case to the Constitutional Tribunal  
after prison guards discontinued his weekly conjugal visits with  
his partner, an inmate currently serving in jail. The court said  
that the prison personnel's decision fell "within the scope of  
their rights, duties, and powers," according to the report.

The court is also considering a similar case that challenges the  
current prison rules restricting conjugal visits among straight  
couples. The Costa Rican congress is also considering a bill  
currently under debate that would legalize same-sex marriage,  
which could affect the ruling on conjugal visits. (The Advocate)

## Canada Denies Entry to Westboro Baptist Church Members

The Canadian government has notified border patrol guards to  
prevent extremist antigay church leader Fred Phelps from enter-  
ing the country, the Canadian Press reported Friday. Phelps,  
leader of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., was  
scheduled to take church members to Winnipeg to protest a  
funeral for a man who was killed by a fellow passenger on a  
Greyhound bus. The cause of death, Phelps says, was God's  
response to Canada's laws allowing abortion and gay marriage.

According to the report, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day  
alerted border patrol about people with signs and pamphlets that  
fit the church's hateful messages, urging them to keep them out  
of the country. A group of church members was stopped at the  
border on Tuesday and turned away.

Shirley Phelps-Roper, Phelps's daughter, said that a smaller

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group of protesters will cross into Canada at a different point of entry.

"They'll have to strip-search everyone who crosses that border, or they won't know who we are," she told the Canadian Press. "They'll have to see the WBC tattoo on our butts."

Tim McLean, 22, was on the bus bound for Winnipeg when he was stabbed and decapitated by a man in the seat next to him on July 30. Vince Weiguang Li, 40, has been charged with second-degree murder.

The church is known for protesting funerals of fallen U.S. soldiers and those lost to HIV/AIDS as a means to disseminate its belief that God hates gays. (The Advocate)

## "Gay Street" Keeping Its Name

A request made by Second Baptist Church of San Antonio to change the name of Gay Street, which runs adjacent to the church's property, was denied by the city council on Thursday, reports WOAI TV.

The church wanted to rename the street "Second Baptist Way" in a supposed effort to reach out to the community. Many involved, though -- including attorney Rosie Gonzales, who participated in the hearing -- suspect the reason for the request had more to do with the controversial existing name than it did with outreach efforts.

Gay Street was named after a prominent community activist, and those who live on the street and in the general area have requested the street keep its name as a tribute.

At the hearing at City Hall on Thursday, the request was ultimately denied by a nearly unanimous vote. According to WOAI, city councilwoman Sheila McNeil requested that the name change be denied, and the council agreed. (The Advocate)

## "Greetings Earthling"

Two aliens landed in the New Mexico desert near a gas station that had been closed for the night. They approached one of the gas pumps and the younger of the two aliens addressed it, "Greetings, Earthling. We come in peace. Take us to your leader."

The gas pump (of course) didn't respond. The younger alien started to get mad at the lack of response and the older one said, "I wouldn't do that if I were you."

The younger alien ignored the warning and repeated the greeting. Again, there was no response. Annoyed by what he perceived to be the pump's haughty attitude, he drew his ray gun and said impatient-



ly, "Greetings Earthling. We come in peace. Do not ignore us in this way! Take us to your leader, or I will fire." The older alien again warned his comrade, "You don't want to do that. You really don't want to make him mad!"

Rubbish," replied the younger alien. He aimed his weapon at the pump and fired. There was a huge explosion. A massive fireball roared outwards and towards them and blew the younger alien off his feet and deposited him in a burnt and crumpled mess 200 yards away in a cactus patch.

Thirty-five Earth minutes later, when he finally regained consciousness, refocused his three eyes and straightened his bent antenna, he looked dazedly up at the wiser one, who was standing over him, slowly shaking his big green head. "What a ferocious creature," said the young fried one. "It damn near killed us! How did you know it was so dangerous?"

The older alien leaned over, placed a friendly feeler onto the crispy, peeling flesh and shared some knowledge. "There's one thing I've learned during my travels through the galaxy..." said the wise old alien, "When a guy has a penis he can wrap around himself twice...and then stick it in his ear, you don't mess with him!"

## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

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

### Lincoln:

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

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# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake  
Certified Personal Trainer



There are ways to cut your caloric intake. You're well aware of this and clinging to your truculent ways. I'm here to keep spewing information at you that might strike a chord one day. You have to start somewhere and sometime. Let's get it going today. Your new healthy life awaits!

Start by giving a pay cut to your bartender. That favorite regular beer costs you 150 calories each time you swig one down the gullet. Switch to that healthy light beer and you're still looking down the barrel at 100 calories per bottle. You could just change to drinking red wine. Studies show that's good for you. Studies do indeed show it's good for you...but only one to two glasses per day. A magnum a day will surely send smoke signals for the undertaker. Keep these figures in mind and buyer beware.

We all want to be young and live like that carefree kid with the cowlick. Here's your chance to do just that and eat healthy. Start ordering those kids' meals and those kids portions at the restaurants and movie theatres. There will be significantly less calories in these minikin meals. Most of the "way better than fast food" restaurants are even festooning their pint size packages with nutritious fruits and vegetables. All that and Pokemon trading cards!

Drop your pace car into second gear when armed with your fork and knife. You enjoy your food but your brain takes up to twenty minutes to realize you have had enough to eat. Slurp some water in between those tasty bites. This should slow down your quick habits and fill your stomach up at the same time. Give the brain a chance to register what should be obvious to everyone at the annual hot dog eating contest in New York City. Fifteen hot dogs in three minutes were plenty!

Use a smaller plate. What happens when you move from that studio apartment to the East Side five bedroom penthouse? You have a lot of space to fill and it's off to IKEA. It's the same premise with that plate. You feel obligated to leave no part of the plate visible to the naked eye. Just plenty of good eatins'. Reach for the medium sized plates and significantly reduce calories via this route.

That King Vitamin cereal just wants some milk to accompany him in that morning bowl of delight. He doesn't care what brand or type it is. It is your responsibility to grab the healthy gallon from behind the refrigerated glass grocery door. A gallon of skim milk has almost half the calories as the whole milk version. You will save about 65 calories for each bowl if you use an eight ounce portion of skim instead of whole milk. That's a savings of almost seven pounds in a year. Awesome!

Start using these suggestions today and make them a regular routine in your life. The toughest part is just getting to the starting line. Will today be your day? Yes!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who prefers to sweep up eggshells instead of walking on them.

That guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at [blake.fitness@yahoo.com](mailto:blake.fitness@yahoo.com).

## Omaha GLBT Sports

### Chris Orr

Omaha GLBT Sports has started its second season of flag football. Great turn out this year for the league with 4 teams registered. In the previous season it was held during the months of May and April which threw a lot of softball players off. So it was decided that this season of flag football would take place of August and September. It helped out both seasons of softball and football. Many new faces to the league and a wide array of skill levels too. Many of the newbies are excited to be involved and eager to be meeting some new people. Many returning players from softball and last season of flag football are happy to be getting together again and glad to have new faces. Flag football have teams of six on six with each team allowed a sub to rotate in giving team mates a couple minutes of a break. Our first game was August 7<sup>th</sup> and it was a great one. 7:00 game was Green VS. Red. This being the first night, it was a trial and error. The ref had to make some unscheduled stops on the clock to verify with the players what can and can not happen on the field! More than less though, the game was fun and exciting. Green team moved the ball around by doing some running of the ball and short pass plays. Red had some of the taller players and used their reach to their advantage. Red team had a lot of planned plays put into action. 7:50 game was Blue VS. Orange. With trial and error, there was some stopping for clarification too. Sneaking a ball to the center is a great play, but illegal in flag football, good try guys. Blue kept rotating quarterbacks and half the time using a just get open plan which sometimes worked and other times didn't. Orange had used play patterns to try and keep getting around Blue. Orange had rushed the ball to gain yardage and had some great long passes. The league would like to thank Tom Blome for being this season's referee.



You can see us every Thursday until Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Churchich Park 50<sup>th</sup> & "C" Street. Next issue of Gayzette will have photos of teams. Volleyball registration is available now on our website [www.omahaglbsportsleague.org](http://www.omahaglbsportsleague.org)

#### Aug 7<sup>th</sup>

Red 28 VS. Green 20

Blue 32 VS. Orange 6



## I SPY.....



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

There is always a villain inside us. For some it is rarely seen or heard of and for others it's an everyday occurrence. We identify our villains as some who wear costumes. Other days the villain is the person who speaks ill of us. That villain could be the friend you had that you would not meet their standards of sleeping with them or being as corrupt as them. The villain could also be a group like those who align themselves as Democrats or Republicans. For my sake I'll say Republicans.

The villain that's rarely seen, it can be the person that doesn't release all the information to a co-worker, in fear that the co-worker may have a better edge than you. This could also fall in line of not being entirely truthful about something you saw in fear it may hurt yourself more or a friend that you hold on a pedestal. But the villain has feelings too. It may just be that they are lacking something that you, the hero, have that they just can't get a grasp on. The only way to grasp it is by cutting corners to get what it is you have that they don't. Ultimately, it is sometimes just to sink you to the villain's own level because the old phrase "misery loves company" is circling around in their head. The hero has that mentality to prevail for the overall whereas the villain does to, but in their own wicked small framed mind.

Not everyone can get along and not everyone will coexist. Sometimes you have to ask which is the hero and which is the villain? The answer on that question will then set up your own interpersonal agenda of being the hero or the villain and if

you're a person for the overall or just a person that enjoys misery loving company.

If you feel like having some sexy accessories, this is the website for you! [www.tribalson.com](http://www.tribalson.com) has some of the hottest, high quality accessory wear around. They are a company based out of Florida that I ran into at San Diego Pride and was able to try on some of their merchandise. The pendants they offer are made with a little less than an ounce of silver. They have striking designs and backgrounds of what the pendant is about. Each comes either on a black braided leather cord or silver chain. Their belt buckles with talisman with its history are a sure thing! Each belt buckle has great identification and stands out from what would be around here. Tribalson.com also offers cufflinks and freedom beads. The best part is no two things available are identical. Each is crafted in its own unique way. Another great feature is the slogan for the website, "timeless icons for the modern warrior."

The BOGO awards are August 24th at the Max at 9:00 p.m.! This is its second year and more fabulous than the year before! For those who don't know BOGO means Best Of Gay Omaha. Many categories are being voted on by you! Voting forms are available at the Max. Many categories to mention but some that are sure staples are of course best drag performer, best male performer, best costume, and a new category I think is best female talent in a pageant. It will be a fun and interesting night as some of the entertainment will be what you are voting on. This is made possible by LC Productions, who is Lana Caine, a great friend to the community.

Rainbow Celebrations is wasting no time on making Pride 2009 better than the year before. They are having a show to benefit Pride 2009 on August 17th at DC's Saloon at 9 p.m. Come see your DC's favorite performers out doing their thing. It's a little bit of a variety so it's not the same ole song and dance. So any whining, comments, or having me check something out? Email me at [orrrthumper83@yahoo.com](mailto:orrrthumper83@yahoo.com)

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