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S.F. Giants to Say "It Gets Better"

By Advocate.com Editors

(Giants pitcher Brian Wilson pictured to the right)

The San Francisco Giants will become the first professional sports team to record an "It Gets Better" video to encourage LGBT youth and speak out against antigay bullying, a spokeswoman for the team confirmed Monday.

Staci Slaughter told SF Weekly the team had already been talking about recording a video before more than 6,500 people signed a Change.org petition urging the team to add their voices to the viral video campaign.

"Details of the video are still being worked out so I can't provide you with specifics," Slaughter told SF Weekly in an e-mail Monday. "But we are confirmed to produce and post a video."

Slaughter said the team was planning to make a video to coincide with its LGBT night in August, but after the petition took off, decided to make the video sooner.

Look for the Giants' video to hit the web in the coming weeks.



married couples, but that Walker (pictured right) and others believe violates the state constitution. The Journal Sentinel reports on the motion from Walker against the law, which Democrats adopted in 2009 when they controlled the legislature.

Opponents have challenged the law in Dane County circuit court as a violation of the state constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2006 that bans same-sex marriages and, they argue, any substantially similar arrangement. When Republican Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen refused to defend the domestic partnership registries, former Gov. Jim Doyle, a Democrat replaced by Walker in January, hired an attorney to defend the state.



"Governor Walker, in deference to the legal opinion of the attorney general that the domestic partner registry...is unconstitutional, does not believe the public interest requires a continued defense of this law," says the brief.

The state supreme court refused to hear a lawsuit filed against the registries in 2009, which led opponents to the district court.

According to the Journal Sentinel, "Even if Walker is allowed to withdraw from the case, the law would still be defended in court because gay rights group Fair Wisconsin intervened in the case last year."

Around 1,500 same-sex couples have signed up for the registries that, according to the Journal Sentinel, "allow same-sex couples to take family and medical leave to care for a seriously ill partner, make end-of-life decisions and have hospital visitation rights. But according to Fair Wisconsin, they still confer only about a quarter of the rights associated with marriage, lacking provisions to allow couples to file joint tax returns or adopt children together."

Wisconsin Governor Fights Domestic Partnership Registry

By Advocate.com Editors

Wisconsin governor Scott Walker has asked a judge to allow the state to stop defending a new domestic partnership registry law that gives same-sex couples some of the rights granted to

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Bob Barr on DOMA

Rep. Bob Barr, the author of the Defense of Marriage Act, speaks to The Advocate on his about-face on the law, the Republicans' continued defense of it, and the Obama administration's pledge to continue enforcing it.

By Andrew Harmon

Rep. Bob Barr, the four-term Republican congressman from Georgia, the Libertarian Party's 2008 presidential candidate, and the author of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, no longer supports the bill he wrote 15 years ago — one considered by many to be a case study in cynical election-year politics, and one that helped provide a template for gay-marriage-as-potent-political-wedge in future campaigns.



Barr's evolved position is not news: He has disavowed DOMA multiple times, whether in televised speeches or newspaper op-eds ("I have concluded that DOMA is neither meeting the principles of federalism it was supposed to, nor is its impact limited to federal law," Barr wrote in 2009 in the Los Angeles Times). And the man once considered public enemy No. 1 by some gay rights advocates now supports the federal Respect for Marriage Act, which would repeal the law.

But it was perhaps no small feat for the Log Cabin Republicans that Barr gave a first-ever keynote address at their national convention over the weekend. Joined in attendance by gay Republican presidential candidate Fred Karger and Dan Woods, the lead attorney in Log Cabin's "don't ask, don't tell" federal lawsuit, Barr opted for the small Saturday evening dinner event in Dallas over the annual convention of the National Rifle Association, where he serves on the board of directors.

"It's a benchmark," said Log Cabin Republicans deputy executive director Christian Berle said of Barr's attendance, "about the broader support for groups like Log Cabin, and especially gay and lesbian Americans, playing an important role in the national political dialogue."

Prior to his keynote address, Barr spoke to The Advocate about DOMA, the House Republicans' efforts to defend it in court, and the Obama administration's pledge to continue enforcing a law it now believes to be unconstitutional.

The Advocate: What was your reaction when House Republican leadership moved to authorize legal defense of DOMA in federal court?

Rep. Bob Barr: I expected it. I mean, there's nothing wrong with it. It's fine to have a good debate over these things.

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Did they ever confer with you? As the author of the Defense of Marriage Act?

No. I hear from very few of them. I get along with them all fine, but no, they didn't.

But Congress has every right to defend a law that it had passed, and if the majority of members still believe in it, that's fine. Let them defend it.

Now, I don't fault the [Obama] administration for taking a different view. I don't adhere to the notion, or the philosophy, that simply because something is enshrined in law, an administration has to defend it. That doesn't make any sense to me. If an administration doesn't believe in a principle behind a law, they shouldn't defend it.

Atty. Gen. Eric Holder said in February that while the administration would no longer defend DOMA in court, it would continue to enforce it. Yet some LGBT advocates and their allies on Capitol Hill have been pushing the administration to mitigate the damage done by DOMA until it is repealed or settled by the courts. This has included putting on hold green card petitions involving married binational gay couples as well as halting deportations of such persons who would be eligible for obtaining a green card were it not for DOMA. What do you believe the administration should do?

On the one hand, I can understand from a political standpoint why [the administration] is sort of bifurcating this. But to be consistent, you can't say, "We don't support DOMA and what it says, and we're not even going to defend it from a legal standpoint, but we're going to enforce it." That's the same thing

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(Bob Barr on DOMA, Continued from page 4)

[President George W.] Bush would do: "Hey, I recognize this law is unconstitutional, but golly gee, you know, it's there, so I've got to enforce it."

If any administration believes that a law is unconstitutional and should not be enforced, then I think they have an obligation to take steps to see that it's not enforced. I don't know exactly what the administration could do, because I haven't sat down and analyzed it. But I know that modern administrations, both Democrat and Republican, did a lot of things through executive orders, for example, to sort of skirt having to enforce certain laws that they don't like. And they ought to be advocating in

Congress for its repeal. If they truly believe that it's not constitutional, that it's not proper, that's what they ought to be doing.

But on the other hand, I certainly recognize that there's a political price to be paid for that — why they're trying to have their cake and eat it too.

United in Pride Heartland Pride Updates

QUESTION: What kind of entertainment does pride have for 2011?

ANSWER: BITCH is opening for Leslie and the Ly's! In addition we have a DAY PACKED FULL of diverse entertainment for you! (Did you get your wrist bands to prepay and save???) Anna Roxia, Clincher, Crush Bois, Diamond Foundation Entertainers, DJ Evan Pires, Dominique Morgan, Dynasty Show Cast, Winners from Friday Nights Show, Furiosity, Imperial Court of Nebraska Entertainers, Incognito, Jammin Judy, Last-Years Pride title holders, Jessica Bower & Girls from Lincoln, Lotus Belly Dancers, NJoy Show Cast, Nebraska Spoken Word Artists, Pride Players, Some Assembly Required, Susie Brenner (Brenner-Beckstead), The Max Title Holders, and the River City Mixed Chorus!



Heartland Pride

QUESTION: How much does it cost?

ANSWER: There is no charge for admission for anyone until 5pm. Entertainment begins after opening ceremonies and will continue until the end of the night. After 5pm the cover charge for this great line up

is only \$5 person. Visit www.heartlandpride.org to purchase your wristbands and save on overall admission to "Pure" White Block Party Friday night, Pride Saturday Night and Pancake and mimosa's on Sunday!

QUESTION: How do we learn more about what is going on, is there a Pride Guide?

ANSWER: www.heartlandpride.org is our new web site launched by Rebel Interactive. It is an awesome site! The Online Pride Guide will be launched by the end of May 2011. We will be releasing promotion cards in advance to help get you there. The Reader (our Media Sponsor for 2011) will be helping promote much information as well!

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QUESTION: Is it too late to advertise, have a booth or be in the parade?

ANSWER: NO! Visit www.heartlandpride.org and choose a link to either of those options to complete online applications and payments easily!

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Clement Signs New DOMA Contract

By Andrew Harmon

On the same day that Paul Clement tendered his resignation at King and Spalding, the former U.S. solicitor general tapped by House leadership to defend the Defense of Marriage Act signed a new contract to continue the litigation with his new firm, Bancroft PLLC.

According to the April 25 contract, released Monday, Clement, who left King and Spalding after the firm decided to withdraw its involvement in the litigation, will be tasked with conducting DOMA defense along with two fellow attorneys at Bancroft, a small, conservative firm in Washington, D.C., whose partners include Viet D. Dinh, who was an assistant U.S. attorney general from 2001 to 2003.

The contract is similar in form to that signed by Clement on behalf of King and Spalding, whose firm chairman said in a statement last week that a vetting process for taking the case had been "inadequate." It includes provisions prohibiting firm employees from advocacy that would "alter or amend the Defense of Marriage Act."



The hourly rate of \$520 for legal work remains the same. A "cap" of \$500,000 for legal services — one derided as misleading and well below the overall amount needed to mount an adequate legal defense in the current challenges to DOMA — also

remains in the contract.

The contract was signed April 25 by Clement as well as Committee on House Administration chairman Daniel E. Lundgren and House general counsel Kerry W. Kircher.

Drew Hammill, a spokesman for Democratic minority leader Nancy Pelosi, said his office and the Committee on House Administration did not receive the week-old contract until today.

Condo Owner's Leather Sex Dilemma

By Advocate.com Editors

A new condo owner in the Glen Park neighborhood of San Francisco is in a bind — he sunk all of his money into a place for himself and his 10-year-old son. But when he went to remove the carpeting, his downstairs neighbor informed him that he enjoys "leather sex" and that it would be audible in the upstairs bedrooms without an effective sound barrier.

"He's entitled to his life," Jack Hagerty told the San Francisco Chronicle. "I just wish he'd told me sooner."

Hagerty says he had to remove the carpeting to ease his allergies. When he told the downstairs neighbor he'd be doing this, he received the following e-mail in response.

"I am a sexual enthusiast and enjoy leather sex. At times, it is possible and even likely that the sounds of leather sex will be coming from my bedrooms to your bedrooms without an effective sound barrier. While it is not my issue, you may find you need to explain things to your son as it could be confusing to him since it frequently doesn't sound as pleasurable as it is."

Hagerty says he doesn't feel comfortable moving his son in, but he doesn't have enough money to move again. The neighbor argues that all Hagerty had to do was leave the carpet and pad in place.

Why We (Over)Eat

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For many of my clients, every so often they decide that THIS is the month/year/decade they will figure out how to stop overeating, lose weight and keep it off. I am not going to address the physical part of health and weight loss, but I am going to address the psychology of why we (over)eat.

Geneen Roth - author of the marvelous book, *When Food is Love* - created the "Breaking Free" workshops to help people who use food to cope with the difficulties in their lives. Her philosophy and mine are similar: we both look at the motivation behind why people eat and use that information to help them switch from using food as a coping device to other, more productive ways of coping. What is your motivation for (over) eating?

When we overeat, it's rarely because we're physically hungry; we're psychologically hungry. We eat to meet an emotional need. For many of my clients, food is a substitute for love. When you feel sad or need some "love", food is a lot more predictable than a person. Most of us, at times, use food to make us feel better. And it usually works...for a few minutes. It's a temporary fix, and usually, we want more and more. Many of us don't even really taste our food when we're (over)eating... but the act of shoveling it down keeps us occupied, for a little while.

Many of us confuse food with comfort, happiness or even excitement. We're sitting at home, alone, bored, watching TV and we feel depressed. What can we do? Friends may be busy or we may be too afraid to get out of the house and go do something, so instead of getting real comfort or happiness, we settle for food. Instead of real excitement - like going to a coffee-house or the gym or a movie on our own - we settle for the false excitement of inhaling a pint of gelato or a package of imported (and expensive) Belgium chocolates. It can be a little thrill in our day, but when it becomes the highlight of the day, we know we're on the wrong track. How can we better address our unmet needs? Well, first we have to figure out what these unmet needs are.

For some people, (over)eating is a great way to avoid sex. On the surface, most of us want more sex; but, dig a little, and many people subconsciously want to avoid sex. Whether you're single or coupled, sex brings up scary stuff - intimacy, vulnerability, physical closeness - that we may want to avoid. I have had many clients over the years who were shocked to discover that avoiding sex was the real reason why they (over) ate.

For some people, eating is a way to punish someone. If your lover wants you to slim down, (over)eating is a great passive-aggressive way to tell them, "mind your own damn business" (non-verbally, of course). This is related to what I call "eating as rebellion": when you are pissed off with life, your

job, boss, life and you don't know what to do with all your anger and frustration. Why not eat? One client put it succinctly: "I have to behave all the time; when I eat, I'm gonna eat exactly what I want, whenever I want it...and I don't give a shit what anyone thinks." This client wasn't aware of his own emotions. Once he told himself the truth, e.g., "I feel angry and helpless and I don't know what to do about my life" instead of (over) eating, he began to address the real problems in his life and not just "feed" his symptoms.

I do NOT believe that (over)eating is about being "lazy" or "weak" or "lacking willpower". I believe it is about being UN-AWARE of what's really going on with us and acting out (using food) to try and feel better. When we (over)eat, we use food like a drug: but like any drug, it wears off, and we end up back in the same place we started: only fatter. Most diets don't work in the long run because they don't address the MOTIVATION behind why we (over)eat. So save yourself a lot of money; when you find yourself (over)eating, slow down, get quiet and ask yourself: what's really going on with me?

When you notice that you're automatically walking towards your refrigerator, let your awareness of what's going on inside you - your emotions - start you on the path to freedom from (over)eating. You have nothing to lose but all your old diet books (give them to your favorite LGBT thrift shop) and those extra pounds that have never really gone away - until now.

Bar Owner Murder Not a Hate Crime

By Advocate.com Editors

Police have ruled out hate as a motive in the weekend murder of Clinton "Billy" Lewis, a gay bar owner in Elmira, N.Y.

According to WENY-TV, Louis Duffy, a short-term acquaintance of Lewis, 53, confessed to the early Sunday morning shooting that killed Lewis, who lived on North Main Street across the street from his bar, Club Chill. It is unclear how the two men knew each other.

The Associated Press reports that Duffy, 20, might have done handiwork for Lewis at the bar. Duffy was charged with second-degree murder and is due to be arraigned Tuesday.

In addition to owning the bar, Lewis was active in local pride celebrations. His business partner says the bar will remain open.

My Big Gay Italian Wedding

SNAP! Productions is delighted to invite the Omaha community to the Off-Broadway hit *My Big Gay Italian Wedding*, by Anthony J. Wilkinson. Opening May 27th and running through June 19, 2011, the comedy blows the closet doors wide open, as two men try to plan a wedding fraught with one miscalculation after another.

My Big Gay Italian Wedding is the story of Andrew and Anthony who want to get married and everyone wants to "help"! The comedy spins into a hysterical fiasco as everyone tries to have their way. From a saboteur ex-boyfriend to a loud, opinionated, outspoken Italian mother, personalities and culture collide as the couple try to plan their wedding day. And we all know that planning a wedding can be hell... or, in this case, a hell of a lot of fun!

Todd Brooks will direct this madcap wedding gone wild romp with the help of a brilliant cast that includes SNAP! veterans Ryan Eberhart, Stephen Michael Shelton, Mark Cramer, Jeremy Gilmore, Liz Mulhern, Angie Heim, Roderick Cotten, Therese Rennels and Joseph Fogarty. The cast is rounded out by these SNAP! newbies: Jessica Gall, Lorie Obradavich and Joseph Galda.

The *My Big Gay Italian Wedding* production staff is just as stellar as the cast - Brian Callaghan (Stage Manager/Booth), Mark Cramer (Sound Design/Producer), Echelle Childers (Costume/Wig Design), Rhonda Hall (Properties Design), Audrey Fisher (Lighting Design), Michal Simpson (Choreographer) and Adam Nathan (Set Design).

Buy your tickets now for this hysterical, over the top comedy. *My Big Gay Italian Wedding* will run from May 27 – June 19, 2011 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, June 19 show will start at 2:00 pm. There will be a Tag Nite Out/Preview performance on Thursday, May 26, 2011. There will also be a special signed performance for the hearing impaired on June 5, 2011.

The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations must be made on the SNAP! Productions' website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00 general admission, \$12 for Students, Seniors and TAG Members. Special Thursday Night Pricing is \$10 for all tickets. Any questions about tickets, call 402-341-2757.



3 Expert Tips for LGBT Buyers of Beach Property

Although the national economy is gaining momentum and the stock market hit new 3-year highs in April, mortgage interest rates remain at historically low levels and home prices are still a bargain in most places around the USA. So those considering the purchase of a vacation property at the beach have plenty of sound reasons to pick one up this summer, and there are many wonderful opportunities to buy a fabulous getaway in a great LGBT enclave located within walking distance of a fun-filled and naturally gorgeous beach.

But purchasing property, especially where the unique and sometimes quirky dynamics of vacation destination market forces come into play, is always a major decision and big financial commitment. So here are three expert tips and guidelines that can help to make the whole process easier, more informed, and more successful for LGBT buyers in 2011.

#1 Perform Due Diligence with the Help of Professionals

When performing due diligent research in preparation for buying beach property, there may be some considerations that LGBT property owners have not encountered while shopping for other kinds of real estate.

Salty ocean breezes can, for instance, corrode plumbing pipes, central air conditioning equipment, and the hardware that holds docks, decks, and homes together. Insurance rates may be higher for homes in a hurricane or flood prone location. Properties will suffer from intense solar heat and strong winds, making certain types of weather resistant construction materials and architectural features a greater asset. Likewise, homes with outdated cooling systems may have extraordinarily high utility bills in such a hot climate.

So hire the best home inspection professional available, and either rely upon a qualified general contractor or learn as much as possible about building materials, construction practices, and the kinds of repairs that are especially common to beach homes as opposed to homes that are located inland.

#2 Crunch the Numbers with a Tax or Financial Planner

Owning vacation property may entitle the buyer to tax deductions or other perks, so when calculating the return on investment it is important to factor in these benefits.

If the beach home is used as rental property then traveling to it – and even staying in it while on vacation – may qualify as a business expense. The cost of maintenance and upkeep, including fees paid to real estate management companies, may also be deductible. The same applies if the property is frequently used to conduct business meetings or to host company seminars. There are also various retirement planning options such as reserve mortgages or purchases of beach property that will then be held as assets in an IRA portfolio. Talk to the experts.

Those who are buying as a couple should be sure to consult professionals who are well-versed in the unique and specific legal circumstances that apply to LGBT partnerships. Laws may differ from one legal jurisdiction to the next, and may not apply to those who are LGBT in the same way that they do to

“straight” married taxpayers.

#3 Take Advantage of LGBT Alliances

Use real estate brokers who know the beach property market, are part of the local LGBT community, and who have up-to-date knowledge of the area’s specific building codes and city ordinances. They will know whether or not there are restrictions on renting out or remodeling homes, for example, and they can provide invaluable insight into local attitudes and helpful resources for those who are LGBT.

Those who have experience as owners of beach property also often recommend visiting the town during the “off” season. When the population shrinks dramatically the whole character of a beach town can drastically change, and it is important to know the personality of the vacation destination’s alter ego – particularly in terms of how that contributes to or detracts from the presence of a sustainable year-round LGBT community.

Buyers should strive to get to know the property while they also become better acquainted with the people in the community and the features and resources of the surrounding region. That helps one evaluate investment potential and simultaneously allows a great opportunity to get a personal feel for the different enclaves or neighborhoods.

This hands-on approach also lets potential buyers realistically

gauge the impact of population explosions during the busy season. It’s possible to find out, for example, which beaches get more crowded than anticipated or have greater traffic congestion. Meanwhile that kind of research may also help to reveal an out-of-the-way destination that is somewhat undiscovered.

Keep in mind that the primary benefits of vacation property ownership cannot be quantified in financial terms or business metrics. Having convenient personal access to a favorite beach can be a genuinely life-changing experience. The real benefits that accrue from vacationing on the ocean are quality of life enhancements, and those are what create a truly unsurpassed level of luxury, happiness, and fulfillment.

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No Punishment for Homophobic Fla. Principal

By Neal Broverman

The principal of a Pompano Beach, Fla., high school will not face any consequences after he threatened two female students with suspension and outed them to their parents after he saw them holding hands.

Principal Karlton Johnson was driving a golf cart on the campus of Blanche Ely High School on May 3 when he spotted a female couple, the names of which the school district is not releasing. Johnson lectured the girls, separated them, threatened them with suspension, and then alerted their families to their relationship. The girls complained to the superintendent, who defended her employee. The superintendent, Sharon Airaghi, said Johnson was within his rights as all hand-holding at her schools is not allowed, while a conservative church pastor has been heralding Johnson's actions concerning the two girls.

"It's irresponsible because these kids are literally being put in danger," Kris Drumm, the director of youth and family for Sunshine Social Services, Inc., told the South Florida Times regarding the principal outing the students. "The parents are not prepared to hear this information and the youths end up abused or homeless after being thrown out of the house. This is serious."

Blanche Ely High School is part of the Broward County School District, the nation's sixth-largest school district.

Nevada Trans Protections Head to Governor

By Advocate.com Editors

Nevada's legislature has passed legislation that protects transgender people from employment discrimination, but the question is whether the state's Republican governor will sign it.

Gender identity and expression would be protected classes in state employment protections should AB 211 pass. The bill's fate now lies with Brian Sandoval, Nevada's 47-year-old Republican governor. According to the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Sandoval aides have remained mum on what the governor will do with the bill. The state's senate has also passed legislation that would protect transgender people from discrimination in housing and public accommodation — the state assembly has not yet taken action on those bills.

"The state legislature is blazing the trail to full equality in Nevada," said Human Rights Campaign president Joe Solmonese in a press release. "We urge them and Gov. Sandoval to continue to fight for what's right and pass these important protections in employment, housing and public accommodations."

Kerry Legislation Aims to Address LGBT Youth Homelessness

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.) today introduced legislation to reduce youth homelessness and specifically prevent homelessness among gay teens. The Reconnecting Youth to Prevent Homelessness Act would develop programs to improve family relationships and decrease homelessness for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth.

The bill would improve training, educational opportunities, and permanency planning for older foster youth. It also strengthens programs to reduce poverty and keep families together.

"As a father, it's a punch in the gut to imagine children living on the streets, but this year alone, one in fifty American kids will be homeless," said Sen. Kerry. "There are common sense reforms we can implement to help make things better for LGBT youth."

Under Section 106 of the legislation, Senator Kerry's Reconnecting Youth to Prevent Homelessness would establish research-based programming aimed at reducing dejecting behaviors and increasing supporting behaviors and understanding among families to improve the chances of LGBT youth remaining at home. The programs would also focus on improving relationships to keep LGBT youth in a safe and stable environment.

The Reconnecting Youth to Prevent Homelessness Act:

- allows children nationwide to remain in foster care until at least their 21st birthday;
- extends the timeframe foster youth have to utilize the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, improving access to education, training, and independent living services; and increases funding authorization for the program;
- makes significant improvements to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, such as enhancing efforts to connect families with education, training and housing resources. It also increases the time frame for young parents to qualify for TANF benefits if they are in an education or training program;
- provides support for states to work together to decrease barriers that prohibit cooperation across state lines for placing foster children in loving homes outside their state of residence;
- provides support for programs that improve family relationships and reduce homelessness among youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender; AND
- ensures that children in foster care receive Social Security benefits they qualify for due to the death of a parent or a disability.

This legislation is supported by 39 organizations, including the

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

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

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays 4:00PM - 11:00PM
Sundays 4:00PM - 6:00PM
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am & 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 MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB
Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday
HEARTLAND PRIDE, meeting 1st Monday of each month at Element Hotel, Omaha.

Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or PO Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68106

1st Wednesday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN 12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Country-side Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Saturday

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

3rd Monday

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

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)

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

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

3rd Sunday

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMA-

HA, Not currently meeting.

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

How The Fight Started

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....

New Windows

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them.

Helloooo,.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves!

Hellooooo? It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.

The Genie

A man has spent many days crossing the desert without water. His camel dies of thirst. He's crawling through the sands, certain that he has breathed his last breath, when all of a sudden he sees an object sticking out of the sand several yards ahead of him. He crawls to the object, pulls it out of the sand, and discovers what looks to be an old brief case. He opens it and out pops a genie....

But this is no ordinary genie. He is wearing an IRS agent badge and dull grey suit. There's a calculator in his pocket. He has a pencil tucked behind one ear.

"Well, kid," says the genie. "You know how it works. You have three wishes."

"I'm not falling for this," says the man. "I'm not going to trust an IRS agent."

"What do you have to lose? You've got no transportation, and it looks like you're a goner anyway!"

The man thinks about this for a minute, and decides that the genie is right.

"OK, I wish I were in a lush oasis with plentiful food and drink."

****POOF****

The man finds himself in the most beautiful oasis he has ever seen, surrounded with jugs of wine and platters of delicacies.

"OK, kid, what's your second wish."

"My second wish is that I was rich beyond my wildest dreams."

*****POOF*****

The man finds himself surrounded by treasure chests filled with rare gold coins and precious gems.

"OK, kid, you have just one more wish. Better make it a good one!"

After thinking for a few minutes, the man says: "I wish that no matter where I go beautiful women will want and need me."

*****POOF*****

He is turned into a tampon!!!

The moral of the story?

If an IRS agent offers you anything, you can be damned sure there's going to be a string attached!!!

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

Heartland Pride
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, email: info@heartlandpride.org

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, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life
402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org
Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

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

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

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

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

Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

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

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

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

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org for more information

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout
Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUTline, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, www.outline.org

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

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

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

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

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call

402-572-9393 for details

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

LINCOLN BASED

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

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln
info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

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

(Youth Homelessness Legislation, Continued from page 12)

National Coalition for the Homeless, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) National, National Center for Transgender Equality, and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

Ideas & Drinks

On Sunday, May 22nd the CBCA is holding “Ideas and Drinks” to get ideas from the membership on what we should do over the next year as an organization. We’d love to hear from you.

We will meet at Barley’s in Council Bluffs (114 West Broadway) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will be on the quiet side of Barley’s and it will be a cash bar. Hope to see you there! We want to hear from you.

Broadway Joe's in May

Our get together at BJs will happen May 13th (this Friday) and May 27th. Broadway Joe’s is at 3400 West Broadway in Council Bluffs. Please come and unwind with us after a long week at work.

Harrah's Concert

The CBCA and CFEP met this week with Harrah’s to discuss details of the July 21st Melissa Etheridge concert. In the near future we will provide more information on this exciting event.

Bill to Protect Alabama's Gay Teachers: DOA

By Advocate.com Editors

A lesbian state assemblywoman in Alabama has introduced a bill that would protect LGBT teachers from being fired over their gay or transgender status but the legislation has little chances of passing in the Republican-controlled state house.

Patricia Todd, a Democrat from Birmingham, introduced the bill but says she hasn't yet had time to try to schedule a hearing in the judicial committee. Todd thinks the bill is already "dead," but she plans to keep fighting until similar legislation is passed. Alabama doesn't have workplace protections — Todd's bill would protect teachers who are perceived to be gay, as well as those who actually are.

Shirtless, Androgynous Male Model Banned

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe’s Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
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
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

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

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: Gayzette@cox.net

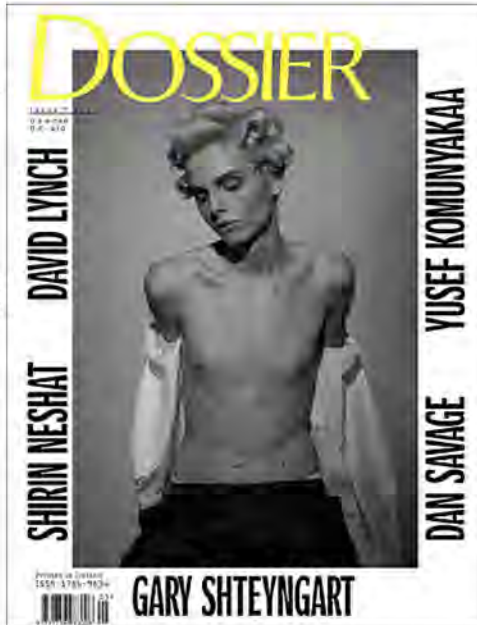
By Advocate.com Editors

Borders is refusing to display the latest issue of fashion magazine Dossier Journal because androgynous male model Andrej Pejic appears shirtless on the cover looking "too much like a woman."

According to Elle Magazine, the bookstore chain has requested that all copies of the magazine be censored and placed in plastic bags. Elle also reported that Dossier will have to cover the cost of bagging the magazines

According to Dossier Co-Founder and Creative Director Skye Parrott, only American bookstores are complaining.

"It's a naked man on the cover of a magazine, which is done all of the time without being covered up, so I definitely don't think it merits this, but I understand what it is," Parrott told The Huffington Post. "It's not a coincidence that it's only the giant U.S. chain stores that are asking us to do this...It's only the American copies that are being censored."



Mary Ellen Keating, a spokeswoman for Barnes & Noble, said that earlier claims that her company was censoring the magazine are completely inaccurate, and that there was no contention between the bookseller and the publishers of the magazine.

"There was absolutely no conflict," she said in an email statement to The Advocate. She added that it was unclear as to how the story was first reported.

Pejic appeared on The Advocate's Forty Under 40 list in May. The 19-year-old model, who has been featured in the French, Italian, and Turkish editions of Vogue, is on the brink of super-model status.

Bloomberg to Lobby for N.Y. Marriage

By Julie Bolcer

New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg will make his first trip to Albany on Tuesday for the specific purpose of lobbying state lawmakers to pass the marriage equality bill.



A Bloomberg administration spokesperson told The Advocate the mayor will meet with lawmakers including state senate majority leader Dean Skelos, who opposes the marriage equality bill but has said he will not prevent it from coming to the floor for a vote this session, a top priority of Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The mayor, a Republican turned independent, has been a major financial contributor to senate Republicans, whose support is needed to pass the measure. The bill failed in the senate in 2009 after passing the assembly three times.

Mayor Bloomberg will join with officials including New York City Council speaker Christine Quinn, the out lesbian lawmaker who has been making weekly trips to Albany to lobby lawmakers. Last month, she said that she believed the state was on the verge of an "amazing, amazing victory," and suggested that she had been able to flip the vote of at least one senator who had been a "very disappointing 'no' vote on marriage."

In addition to his lobbying, Bloomberg has donated at least \$100,000 of his own money to the New Yorkers United for Marriage coalition of LGBT organizations working to pass the bill by June, and on May 25 he plans to hold a fundraiser for marriage equality featuring Rufus Wainwright at his foundation, where individual attendees will be asked to contribute from \$10,000 to \$25,000, according to an invited guest.

The next day, the mayor will deliver a speech on marriage equality at Cooper Union that is expected to echo the themes of freedom and basic fairness expressed in his passionate address last summer in support of the mosque and community center proposed near the World Trade Center site.

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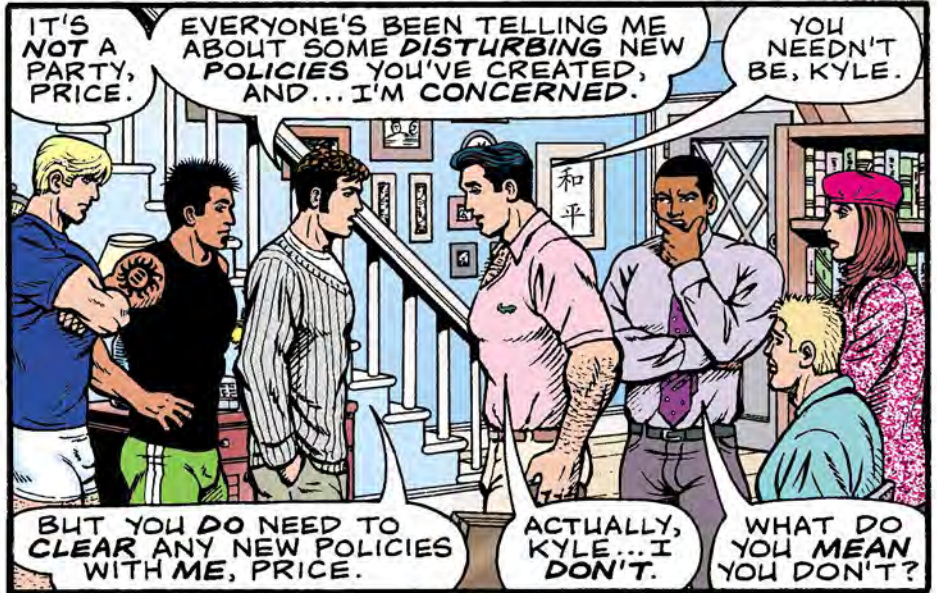
Short and Sweet.....

My wife isn't very bright. The other day she was at the store, and just as she was heading for our car, someone stole it. I said, "Did you see the guy that did it?" She said, "No, but I got the license plate."

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



WELL, WELL...WHAT'S ALL THIS?
I WASN'T AWARE THERE WAS A PARTY SCHEDULED.



IT'S NOT A PARTY, PRICE.
EVERYONE'S BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT SOME DISTURBING NEW POLICIES YOU'VE CREATED, AND... I'M CONCERNED.
YOU NEEDN'T BE, KYLE.
BUT YOU DO NEED TO CLEAR ANY NEW POLICIES WITH ME, PRICE.
ACTUALLY, KYLE... I DON'T.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T?



HAVE A LOOK AT THIS CONTRACT, KYLE. WHILE YOU'RE TECHNICALLY STILL THE OWNER...
...YOU'VE BASICALLY SIGNED OVER CONTROLLING INTEREST TO ME.



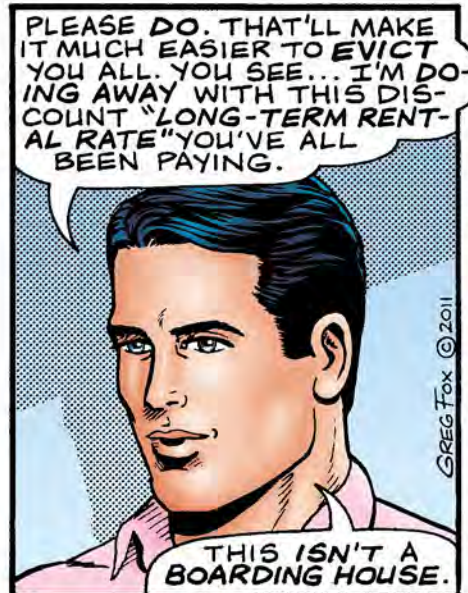
THIS IS CRAZY! YOU'VE HAD ME SIGNING SO MANY FORMS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS...
...I HAD NO IDEA WHAT I WAS SIGNING!



YES, WELL... THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO NEVER SIGN ANYTHING WITHOUT READING IT FULLY, WON'T IT?
YOU BASTARD! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!



UNFORTUNATELY... HE CAN. I'M NOT A LAWYER, BUT... THIS DOCUMENT LOOKS 100% GENUINE.
WELL... WE'LL PROTEST! STOP PAYING RENT!



PLEASE DO. THAT'LL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO EVICT YOU ALL. YOU SEE... I'M DOING AWAY WITH THIS DISCOUNT "LONG-TERM RENTAL RATE" YOU'VE ALL BEEN PAYING.
THIS ISN'T A BOARDING HOUSE.



STARTING MONDAY, THE ROOM RATE HERE WILL BE LIKE ANY OTHER LOCAL B&B.
\$150.00 A NIGHT!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
I AM DOING THIS.



OH, I BEG TO DIFFER.
WHAT THE--?
YOU?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

TO BE CONTINUED!!!

Fitness Corner



By Ron Blake

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." Ralph Waldo Emerson must have been a swell guy and great friend to many with fantastic advice like that! Your task this week if you choose to accept will be to be a friend to many around you. Be that friend that helps others get healthy or maintain their wellness. You'll be lighting some friendship candles as you better the health of those near and dear to you!

Find your first beneficiary of your goodwill tour that needs a little help with losing weight. Be that friend that encourages your co-worker to start that fitness program that he has been talking about for three months. He might continue finding every reason to postpone the exercising that he just needs to begin. Offer your support and excitement and watch what happens! Call upon your neighbor down the street that needs a push in the right direction to begin training for the long breast cancer walk. She has talked with you and your other neighbors about her desire to raise money to eliminate her mother's killer. She just hasn't garnered enough thrust to leave the launch pad yet. You are just the ignition and fuel that will help her get started with the training that will get her in shape to walk that 60 miles in 3 days.

Send encouraging text messages to your brother's girlfriend that wants so badly to kick the nasty nicotine habit. You stopped smoking eight years ago and have plenty of good advice to send her way. It took you six times and several years to finally walk away from Joe Camel; but it did work. Your daily optimistic texts are just what the doctor ordered for the soon-to-be sister-in-law.

Take your high school buddy out to dinner and chat about how the two of you can prepare for the pool and beach season. It's going to take some discipline and sacrifice and you have no problem with that. However, your pal since those sixth grade days is not a beacon of motivation and perseverance. Introduce your fitness regimen plans over the low fat dessert. It would be just the kick in the pants that he needs to get him whipped into swimsuit shape.

Confront your roommate about her intentions to eat better and get that cholesterol level under control. She has struggled with unhealthy eating and is now fretting over her high cholesterol count after the last blood work results. Introduce your plans to cook meals together starting as soon as possible. Your culinary skills and your foodie fanaticism can really help your roommate earn back that respectable cholesterol level that has proven to be so elusive for her.

People are out there everywhere and most of these people need help with their health and fitness in some capacity or other. Most of them just won't ask for any help. Take a hint and make your move. "A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down," says Arnold Glasow. Get in the way of some of those sinking ships and help them float once again. Be that helpful, healthy friend today!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who

usually plays with a full deck. That aces and eights guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at rblake5551@hotmail.com.

Next GOglbt Meeting

GOglbt, the Greater Omaha GLBT Network, is planning an exciting year for 2011. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 7th, hosted by Omaha Creative Institute & Alley Poyner Architecture (1516 Cumin Street). Visit GOglbt.org for more information.

The mission of the Greater Omaha GLBT network (GOglbt) is to advance growth and equality for its members, businesses and allies by providing educational, networking and community-building opportunities. GOglbt typically meets the first Thursday every month at a traveling location to see the community and be seen in the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro area.



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SATURDAY MAY 28TH

"SHOWCASE #2"

HEARTLAND PRIDE BENEFIT
6PM DOOR / 7PM SHOW

SUNDAY MAY 29TH - 9pm

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