

# The GayZette



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## Imperial Court of Nebraska

As we approach the end of Reign 31 for the Imperial Court of Nebraska, we are proud to announce that we have granted \$24,850.00 so far this reign. This would not have been possible without the loyal support of the community, and for that we thank you. Todd, Chandler, and the Royal Family still have a few events planned before the end of their year so please check out our website at [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org) for more details.

Monarch applications for Reign 32 will be available on April 1st and will be available at The MAX, DC's Saloon, FLIXX, Rainbow Outreach Community Center, or can be downloaded online from our website. The Board of Governors will also be electing the Nebraska Representative to Parliament at the April 16th Board Meeting. If you are interested in that position you are encouraged to attend the meeting at the Rainbow Outreach Center at 6pm.



The 28th Annual Closet Ball will be held on Sunday, April 29th at The MAX at 9pm. Applications will be available on March 31st at The MAX or available to download on our website. We look forward to seeing you at coming events and once again thank you for your continued support.

## Hit List Issued on Gays in Liberia

By Lucas Grindley

An antigay group in Liberia has reportedly issued a hit list reminiscent of the one that preceded the death in Uganda of a prominent activist as that country debated its "kill the gays" bill.

The Associated Press reports that a group called the "Movement Against Gay's in Liberia" is distributing a list of people suspected of being gay and followers have pledged to "get to them one by one."

"Having conducted a comprehensive investigation, we are convinced that the below listed individuals are gays or supporters of the club who don't mean well for our country," the group wrote, according to the AP. "Therefore, we have agreed to go after them using all means in life."

Ugandan gay rights activist David Kato was beaten to death with a hammer in 2011 after a newspaper printed its own list of gay people. The newspaper's list of "100 Pictures of Uganda's Top Homos," which was accompanied by the words "Hang Them," made Kato the target of repeated death threat's. He was the advocacy officer for Sexual Minorities Uganda. His killer, who admitted to the crime and was sentenced to 30 years in prison, claimed it was in self-defense against sexual advances.



Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Liberian legislators are considering a bill that would criminalize same-sex marriages. The country already bans "voluntary sodomy" with penalties possible of up to one year in jail.

And the country's president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, recently defended the antigay laws.

"We like ourselves just the way we are," said Sirleaf during an interview with The Guardian. "We've got certain traditional values in our society that we would like to preserve."

Sirleaf's comments received added attention because she is the winner of last year's Nobel Peace Prize for her work on civil rights for women.

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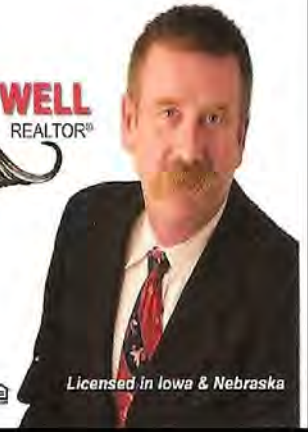


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## We Are All a Part of the Human Race

By: Crystal Browning-Prince

A survey of 1,000 Omahans found that residents were in favor of the anti-discrimination law passed by the Omaha city council on March 13, 2012 by a 2-to-1 margin. It is this positive information that will allow for this new found freedom to be upheld. This bill allows for the LGBT residents of the City of Omaha to file Human Rights violations with the city. Individuals will no longer be dismissed from employment due to their orientation, suffer discrimination on the job, or be refused services at local establishments such as restaurants, hotels, and other businesses that serve the public.

Councilman Garry Gernandt's (South Omaha) changed his vote to YES after his 2010 vote of No which had prevented this law to be extended to the community at that time. He heard his voters and he responded accordingly. Sixty-eight percent of voters in his district are in favor of the protections that this bill offers while only 19% were against it.

The bloggers have come out in droves over web with their support of Omaha and the Omaha community in which we live. One blogger that has been very active with their feels stated that, "This is what happens when local, small town LGBT bond and band together in the name of their rights, their livelihood, and the next generation of gay youth in those areas." He goes on to say that, "All LGBT need to be involved and active, espe-



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While there is definitely world wide support for what has just happened not everyone feels that this is a positive thing for the city, state, or the Husker Nation. Nebraska assistant football coach Ron Brown spoke out against the anti-discrimination ordinance before the city council vote and continued to speak out after it was passed. His actions are being described as a homophobic assault by writer Jim Buzinski of [outsport.com](http://outsport.com).

John F. Carroll an Omaha attorney and season ticket holder wrote a letter that was published in the Omaha Herald describing what he calls a depressing moment when Ron Brown drove to Omaha from Lincoln to speak out against the ordinance. Mr. Brown began his statement saying, "Hi my name is Ron Brown. I live in One Memorial stadium in Lincoln, NE. That's not really my home but it is where I spend most of my time." He went on to use the University and religion to argue his point to the city council. Mr. Brown stated to the city council that "For those of you on this council who have a relationship with Christ, and only you know if you do, you will be held to great accountability for the decisions you make."

University of Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Pelman was quick to respond to Nathan James of GBM NEWS stressing that the college does not share the coach's views. He goes on to say

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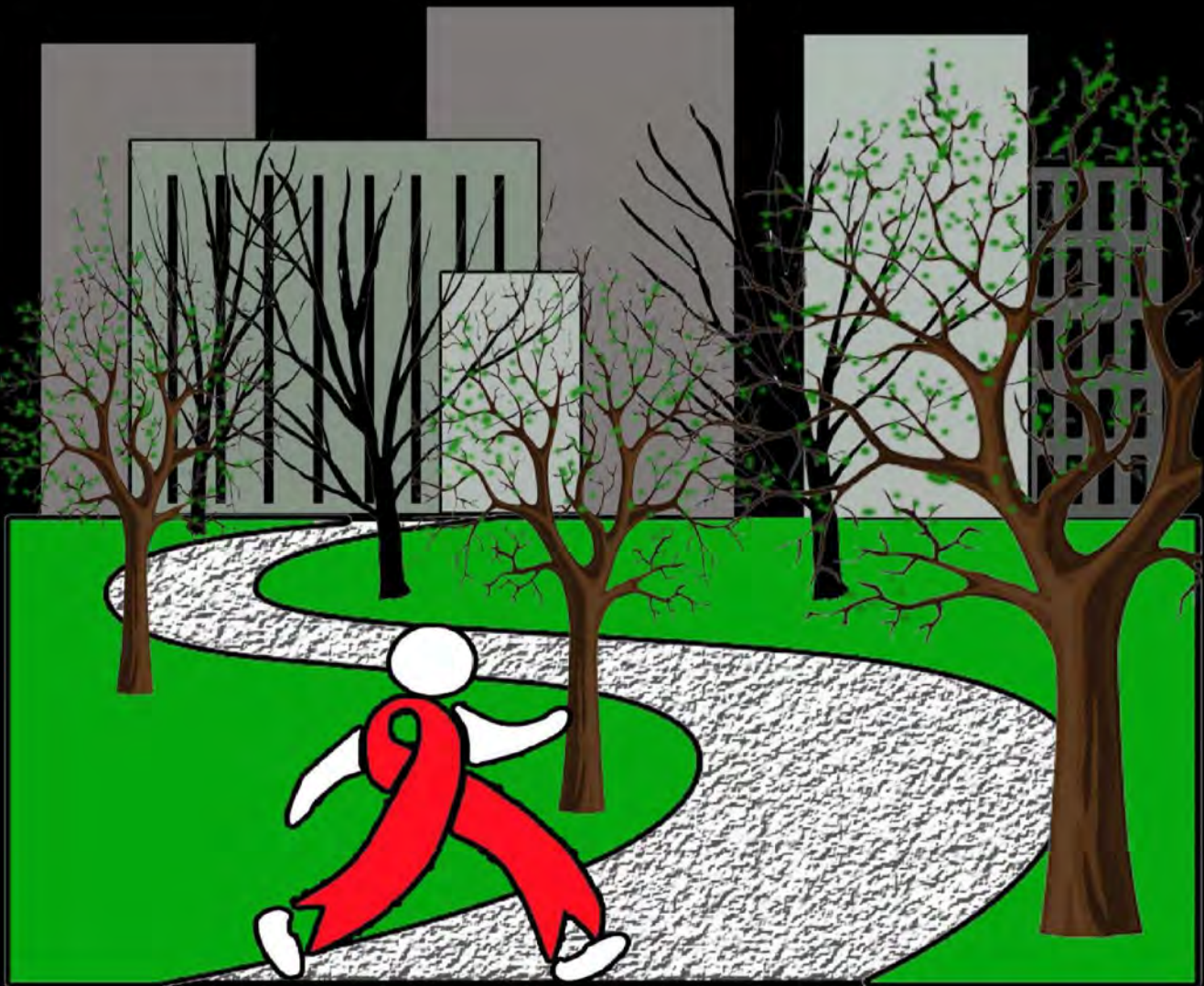


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that, "The university defends the right of its faculty and students to participate in public dialogue and to express their personal views. I understand that there were also faculty and students from the university who testified in favor of the ordinance."

The city ordinance that was introduced by councilman Ben Gray is currently pending a legislative vote. Gray's bill is being directly opposed by State Senator Beau McCoy, who wants Gray's bill stopped by the state.

## **A Father's Reaction to His Very Young Gay Son**

Over the past few months my wife, HuffPost blogger Amelia, has been asked numerous times what I think about our 7-year-old son identifying as gay.

This is not something I thought I'd be writing so soon (OK, honestly, I never thought I would be writing a blog on an internationally known news website). When my wife and I were expecting our first child, we discussed what we would do if he or she were born with a disability or with a foot growing out of his or her head. Dealing with a child with a disability would be a life-changing event and something that we had to think about a lot. Possibly having a gay son or daughter wasn't like that. We didn't even have to discuss it, because it wouldn't be a problem. Although the head-foot would need to be dealt with immediate-

ly, we assumed we had 15 years or so before any of our kids said they were gay.

You know what they say about assuming: it makes all the asses come out in the comment sections of blogs -- people who don't know anything about my son other than the few guarded things my wife has written, and yet they seem to think they know so much. Let me say that most of the comments have been very supportive, and it's great to see the same people come to Amelia's defense whenever the occasional jerk butts into the conversation with some homophobic ideas. And many of jerk-butts (and some of the normal people, too) want to know what I think about this whole "gay thing."

The idea that I would be immediately disappointed/angry/suicidal that my son identifies as gay offends me, both as a father and simply as a human. It seems the further we all move along into the 21st century in terms of technology, the more some parts of society regress to the 1950s -- or the Victorian era, if we're being honest -- when it comes to ideas of social mores and attitudes on certain subjects: Ward Cleaver would have been angry if the Beaver had come out of the closet, so surely a father 60 years later would have the same reaction. I mean, come on, that's only common sense! Excuse me while I roll my eyes for an hour or two.

I don't see how a father, or any parent, can look at their son, the one they've loved since before the child was even born, and upon hearing him say, "Dad, I'm gay," turn their back on him. The comments from men much older than me telling stories just like that break my heart. My wife always wants to adopt the teenage kids who write to her; I want to adopt the 60-year-old

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# PLAYING THE BLAME GAME

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As my grandma (the Ohio chicken farmer) said, "Nobody's life is shit-free". She's right. Our parents mess up, friends let us down, lovers screw up, bosses and coworkers act like morons. There is a huge temptation to blame other people for our problems. As a psychotherapist, I hear this all the time, "I'm so depressed because my mother never paid any attention to me" or "I'm so messed up because my ex cheated on me and now I can't trust anybody." By blaming other people for our problems, we don't have to be responsible. We get to be victims, and we get the perfect excuse not to change: it's all their fault.

Sometimes we do exactly the opposite: we blame ourselves for everything. "It's all my fault", I've heard clients say as they describe their parents, friends and ex lovers as almost perfect. It may be so painful to tell yourself the truth that your parents, lovers or friends screwed up, that you become hyper-responsible. It's not helpful to blame all your problems on yourself, e.g., "Oh, I'm just so lazy, it's all my fault" or "I'm just such a frigging mess, I've always been this way." Blaming yourself or someone else for your troubles will get you nowhere. I suggest an alternative: being responsible.

Being responsible means that you tell yourself (and others) the truth about what happened in the past, see it in context, learn something from it and move on. It's not about denial: you can't learn anything from saying, "Well, my ex was a total asshole, oh well, whatever..." How can you learn anything from that kind of verbal shoulder shrug?

Being responsible is about understanding what happened to us and putting it in context. Self-help guru Louise Hay says, "We are all victims of victims." This sounds depressing, until you look at it from another point of view: our parents couldn't teach us anything they didn't know, neither could our friends or lovers. Everyone is doing the best they can with the knowledge that they have at that time. Few people deliberately set out to mess with our heads, they just don't know any better. This includes us.

Many people enjoy playing the victim; it gives you the best excuse in the world for being immature and bitter. "They did it TO me! Poor helpless sweet little me". This may have been true when you were a kid, but are you going to stay a victimized child for the rest of your life? Blame will keep you stuck there. For example: if your father beat you when you were a kid, saying it was because he loved you, how do you not blame him? Let's assume he did love you, but his way of showing it was abusive. Being responsible is a process of accepting what happened in your past and validating it in the present, so you can work through it and be free of it. It means being 100%

accountable for yourself NOW, in the present. Blame, on the other hand, sounds like this: "This is how I am and I can't change it... I hate my dad and I'll never stop hating him for what he did to me." This is how people get stuck in hating and a desire for revenge.

Let me share my formula with you: Blame = avoidance. Responsibility = potential for change. If you want to keep on doing the same-old, same-old, then stay with your blame. Don't be surprised, however, when you feel depressed, cynical and bitter. This is where blame takes you. If you want to change your life, start to take responsibility for yourself. Yeah, maybe some nasty shit has happened to you in the past, but what do you want your future to be? If you're ready to change, seeing the past clearly and (eventually) forgiving yourself and the other "guilty" parties can usher in a new way of living: one full of possibilities and unimagined psychological freedom. The formula doesn't lie: the choice is yours.

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men who cry when they read that I tell my son how awesome he is. I don't care if they are as old as my father; they deserve love just as much as anyone else.

So many of the negative comments have been funny to Amelia and me because the people writing them obviously don't know our son. "Isn't your son's father going to miss teaching him sports?" "Isn't not having your child get married going to just break your heart?" "How does his father react to the prancing flamer that your son must be?"

First of all, as I write this, my shoulder is sore from throwing a football with him earlier. He loves sports (American Football is his favorite), and he can throw a really nice spiral, especially for a 7-year-old (although if he grows up to be my size, he'll either be a fine defensive end or the heaviest quarterback in the history of the NFL). And again, he's 7: as far as he's concerned, he's going to play all the positions -- at the same time. And if tomorrow he wants to start ballet classes, we will go to all his recitals and cheer him on just as loudly as if he were on the 50-yard line.

Getting married is up to him; single or married, he's still my son. If he and his maybe-some-day-far-far-in-the-future boyfriend want to tie the knot, they just need to tell his mother and me where to be, and we'll be there. Hopefully by then they can get married in whichever state they want, but if not, we'll just travel to one of the cool states and have a great time.

And the "flamer" comments... where to begin? Do effeminate men exist? Of course. Are all gay men effeminate? Of course not. But does it matter? Whether he grows up to be the manliest man in all mandom or the most effeminate guy to ever hit the drag-show circuit, he is my son. I want him to be loved, comfortable with himself and his friends, and happy. If that means he's the next RuPaul or Joe Montana (or just that nice guy in Accounts Receivable), he will know that being himself is important, no matter who he ends up growing into. And he will always know that his father loves him.

## Transgender Contestant Can Compete in Miss Universe

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By Neal Broverman

After being rebuked by groups including the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the Miss Universe Organization will allow Jenna Talackova, a transgender woman, to compete in the Miss Universe Canada pageant.

"The Miss Universe Organization will allow Jenna Talackova to compete in the 2012 Miss Universe Canada pageant provided she meets the legal gender recognition requirements of Canada, and the standards established by other international competitions," according to a statement released by the organization late Monday night.

GLAAD contacted the pageant organization after Talackova was disqualified for her transgender status; the group urged Miss Universe to change its policies. GLAAD is hoping to change the policy for all transgender competitors.



Jenna Talackova

"The Miss Universe Organization made the right decision and has taken an important first step," GLAAD's Herndon Grad-

dick said in a statement. "Now, GLAAD urges the Organization to include all women and use this incident to speak out in support of the transgender community."

## Oral Arguments on Deck in Historic DOMA Challenge

By Julie Bolcer

Oral arguments will be heard Wednesday in Boston for a legal challenge to the Defense of Marriage Act, marking the first time a federal appellate court will consider the constitutionality of the merits of the 1996 law.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit will hear arguments in a consolidated appeal of two cases, *Gill v. Office of Personnel Management and Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Department of Health and Human Services*. The cases challenge Section 3 of DOMA, which holds that, "the word 'marriage' means only the legal union of a man and a woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife."

In July 2010, Judge Joseph L. Tauro of the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts, appointed to the bench by President Richard Nixon, ruled that section of DOMA unconstitutional in both cases. Judge Tauro ruled in *Gill*, a case brought by Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, that the section violates the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The judge ruled in *Commonwealth of Massachusetts* that Section 3 of DOMA violates the Tenth Amendment and the Spending Clause of the Constitution.

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

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

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

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK** 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

**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 3:30pm, Walkin from 5pm to 8pm

**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** 250 So. 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

**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](mailto:outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com)

**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

**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](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Every Other Friday**  
**BCBA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER** at Barley's, 114 West Broadway in CB) starting at 5:00-7:00pm every other Friday

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.nap.org) for more info

**HEARTLAND PRIDE,** Pride Planning Meeting- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6pm-8pm, Email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org), or find us on Facebook

**1st Thursday**  
**GLBT PROFESSIONALS,** meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOg-1bt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOg-1bt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOg1bt.org](http://www.GOg1bt.org) for



info

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

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

**1st Saturday**

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, at 7:00  
pm . See [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://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](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on Facebook

**2nd Monday**

**NAP HIV TESTING**

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm  
—50th & Ames Ave.

**2nd Thursday**

**HEARTLAND PRIDE**, Board Meeting- at D  
Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-  
8pm, Email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org), or find  
us on Facebook

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

**2nd Saturday**

**Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha**, 5pm –  
6:30pm. A progressive community in the Cath-  
olic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary  
Phone: 402.953.7656  
Email: [ecuomaha@live.com](mailto:ecuomaha@live.com)  
Web: [www.ecuomaha.org](http://www.ecuomaha.org)

**3rd Monday**

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE.**, Board of Gov-  
ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow  
Outreach GLBT Community Center,  
[www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**3rd Wednesday**

**HEARTLAND PRIDE**, Pride Planning  
Meeting- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month  
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**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 Monday**

**NAP HIV TESTING**

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—  
50th & Ames Ave.

**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

**4th Friday**

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF  
OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

### On the Subject of Colonoscopies

Colonoscopies are no joke, but these  
comments during the exam were quite  
humorous..... A physician claimed that  
the following are actual comments made  
by his patients (predominately male)  
while he was performing their colonosco-  
pies:

- 1.. 'Take it easy, Doc. You're boldly go-  
ing where no man has gone before!
2. 'Find Amelia Earhart yet?'
3. 'Can you hear me NOW?'
4. 'Are we there yet? Are we there yet?  
Are we there yet?'
5. 'You know, in Arkansas , we're now  
legally married.'
6. 'Any sign of the trapped miners,  
Chief?'
7. 'You put your left hand in, you take  
your left hand out...'
8. 'Hey! Now I know how a Muppet  
feels!'
9. 'If your hand doesn't fit, you must quit!'
10. 'Hey Doc, let me know if you find my  
dignity.'
11. 'You used to be an executive at En-  
ron, didn't you?'

12. 'God, now I know why I am not gay.'

13. 'Could you write a note for my wife saying  
that my head is not up there?'

### Senior wedding

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in  
Miami, are all excited about their decision to  
get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the  
wedding, and on the way they pass a drug-  
store. Jacob suggests they go inside.  
Jacob addresses the man behind the counter:

"Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you  
sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course, we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about suppositories?"

Pharmacist: "You bet!"

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, ar-  
thritis and Alzheimer's?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills,  
Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indiges-  
tion?"

Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and  
canes?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "Adult diapers?"

Pharmacist: "Sure."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Brid-  
al Registry."

### Gone Fishing

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly  
dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly  
into the garage. I hooked up the boat to the  
van, and proceeded to back out into a torrential  
downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so  
I pulled back into the garage, turned on the  
radio, and discovered that the weather would  
be bad all day. I went back into the house,  
quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I  
cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a  
different anticipation, and whispered, "The  
weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can  
you believe my stupid husband is out fishing  
in that?"

And that's how the fight started...



# 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](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.org)

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

**First Central Congregational Church** UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First Unitarian Church**, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039,

[www.firstuomaha.org](http://www.firstuomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**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 (402-804-8720)

**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](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

**Heartland Pride**

[www.heartlandpride.org](http://www.heartlandpride.org), email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org); meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life**

402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, 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](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

**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](mailto:Theohanagroup@msn.com)

**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 Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.oglbtsports.com](http://www.oglbtsports.com) 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)

**OUTline**, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, [www.outline.org](http://www.outline.org)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter**, 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](mailto: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](http://www.rainbowpride.org) for info

**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH**, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, [www.secondunitarianomaha.org](http://www.secondunitarianomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**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

**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](http://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](mailto:info@yesomaha.org)

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

## LINCOLN BASED

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

<http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact [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://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](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

**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](mailto: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-glb.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](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)

**Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.org)**

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

**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site:** [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

## Nationally Based

**Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and**

**Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

*(Oral Arguments on Deck in Historic DOMA Challenge, Continued from page 9)*

The Department of Justice alerted Congress in February 2011 that it had determined heightened scrutiny should apply when evaluating Section 3 of DOMA, and that under this higher standard, the law is unconstitutional, and the department would no longer defend it. The Republican-controlled House opted to continue to defend DOMA through the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group.



In the hour allotted for arguments on Wednesday morning, the Department of Justice is expected to contend that heightened scrutiny should apply, based on briefs filed with the court. The department disagrees with the states rights' claim of Massachusetts, however.

“Under the well-established factors set forth by the Supreme Court, discrimination based on sexual orientation merits heightened scrutiny, and under that standard of review, Section 3 violates equal protection principles and is unconstitutional,” wrote the department in a brief filed last December. “Moreover, because it violates equal protection principles, Section 3 exceeds the authority of the Spending Clause. However, Section 3 presents no further Spending Clause concerns independent of its violation of equal protection, and it does not violate the Tenth Amendment.”

In his decision nearly two years ago, Judge Tauro applied rational basis, the standard that BLAG urges in its appeal. BLAG is expected to defend DOMA based on rationales such as “responsible procreation” asserted when Congress passed the law, as well as new rationales involving “the federal interest in uniform eligibility for federal benefits.”

“Opposite-sex couples can, of course, marry in every American jurisdiction while same-sex couples can marry in only some,” wrote BLAG in a brief filed last September. “If Congress simply incorporated state-law definitions, same-sex couples would be treated as married for federal law purposes if they lived in states recognizing such marriages, but not if they lived in states retaining the traditional definition. More confusion would arise regarding same-sex couples who marry in a state or foreign country where such marriages are permitted but reside in a state that does not recognize foreign same-sex marriages.”

“In enacting DOMA, Congress rationally decided to avoid creating such a confusing patchwork in favor of a simple uniform national rule relying on the traditional definition,” they wrote.

## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

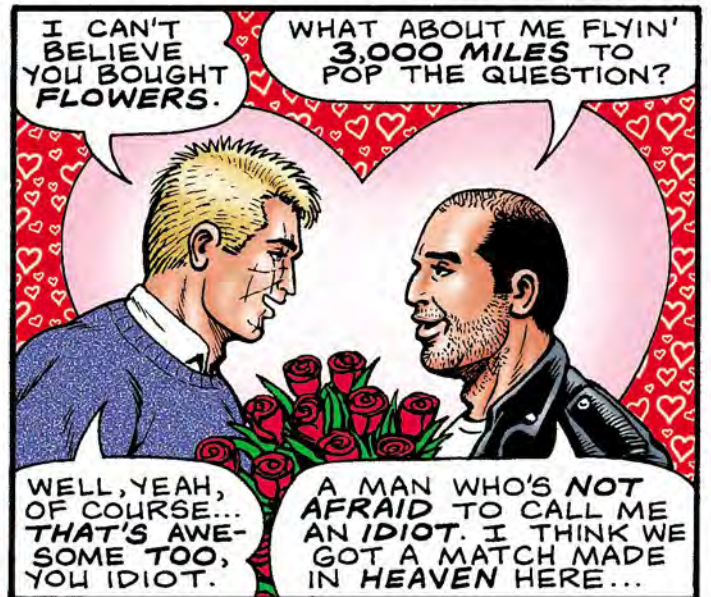
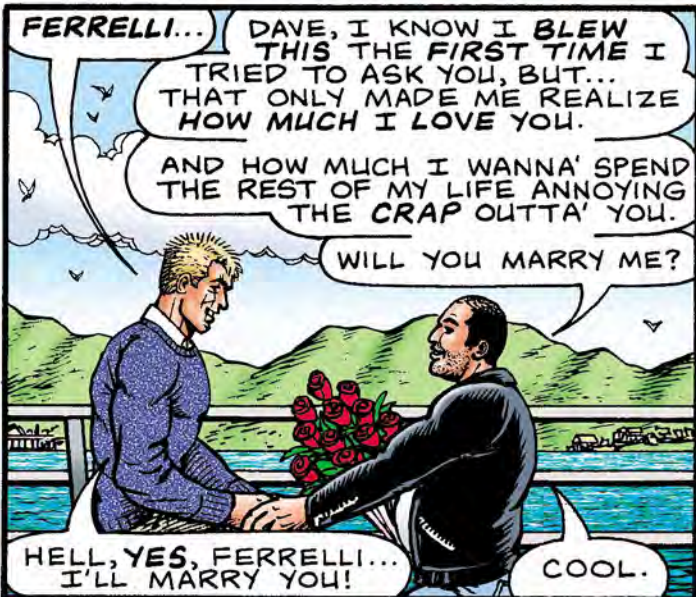
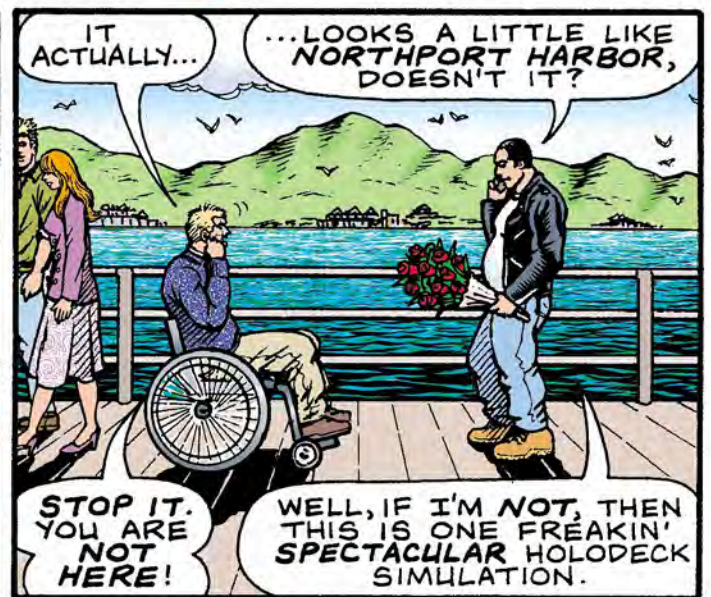
Door 19, 1901 Leavenworth	402-933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	402-344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway	402-346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St.	402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	402-449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	402-341-0330

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# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



This health and fitness article is brought to you by that nickel and dime guy. That numismatic guy is Ron Blake and you can drop a coin in his slot at [rblake5551@hotmail.com](mailto:rblake5551@hotmail.com).

The house stopped spinning and there was a thud. Everything was quiet and then she opened the door with her little dog too. There it all was beautifully laid out in front of her...and in color. Say goodbye to that insipid black and white Dorothy! Life is full of amazing colors and why not have fun with 'em all. Black and white can still pack a punch though and especially when it comes to simple "yes" and "no" answers. Your fitness answers can and should also be just that simplistic.

Did you exercise today? Maybe is not an adequate answer and will have Professor Snape deducting 10 points from Gryffindor for the reply. Look yourself in the mirror and answer the question. You either did find time today to exercise or you didn't. Bring accountability to your life with basic yeas or nays.

Were you able to drink at least eight cups of water today? There's a bet in Vegas called the over-under where you guess the combined scores of the two teams playing. You bet the cumulative score will be higher or lower than the predetermined score of the designated game. It's black and white with the gaming officials in Sin City and it's the same with this water intake question. If you didn't get your eight cups today then you lose. Place your bets you'll be over that established number tomorrow. Yes is the desired response and will help increase your odds of a winning hand.

Did you get your three meals in today? Before you answer in haste, let me establish what a meal is not. A meal is not a bag of Fynyuns from the vending machine. A meal is not two cigarettes and a Mountain Dew. A meal is also not a Snickers bar with a steaming cup of Joe from the corner greasy spoon. Anything less than yes is not healthy and indicates area needs attention. Thankfully tomorrow is another day and the hope is that you'll be noshing on breakfast, lunch, and dinner then.

Did you take any prescription pain medications today when you didn't have any pain? Candor is your buddy in this situation. A simple yes or no can at least identify if there is indeed a problem. An answer in the negative is the preferred reply. An affirmative answer is going to lead to more pain in the future and you will be regaled with the ignominy of the Price is Right horn music! Popping these meds to feel better about yourself will only harm your overall wellness. Be honest with your yes or no. Did you use effective sunscreen over the weekend at the neighborhood street fair? Effective sunscreen according to most dermatologists has an SPF of 30 or higher.

Anything less than this is unsafe and is allowing your skin to be damaged when in the sun. You aren't as likely to encounter as much sun damage if you live along the balmy shores of Lake Superior than if you live along the white sandy beaches of the Gulf Coast. Start making it a habit anyway and punch your ballot with a yes. Hanging chads will not be accepted!

It was such a simpler time back in the day! A handshake was a binding document, families gathered round the table for supper, and it was five cents to see a black and white film at the movie house. Take your health back to those golden days and start giving some simple answers to some simple questions.



## Want to Make a Difference?

### Volunteer

**Volunteers  
Needed For:  
Administrative  
Client Support  
Special Events**

Nebraska AIDS Project is currently looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in our community. Call Kyle today to find out how you can help.

**Phone: 402-552-9260  
E-mail: [kyleb@nap.org](mailto:kyleb@nap.org)**

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contact Gary or Nakiea  
at  
402-552-9260.



# Project Condom Fashion Show 2012



Wednesday, June 27th, 2012  
Downtown Doubletree Hotel





**APRIL**  
**2012**

**SUNDAY, 8TH - 10PM**  
The Max Family  
Easter Show

**THURSDAY, 12TH - 7PM**  
Mark Rosenburg  
GLBT Book Tour

**SATURDAY, 14TH - 7PM**  
"Love Games"  
Presented by  
Mary Jane Elite

**SUNDAY, 15TH - 10PM**  
Bonnie Bitch  
Hypnotist Routine

**FRIDAY, 20TH - 6PM**  
Zumba Thon for  
Nebraska AIDS Project  
Testing from 6-8,  
Zumba from 7:30-9

**SATURDAY, 21ST - 7PM**  
"And So It Goes"  
Presented by  
Susie Brenner

**SUNDAY, 22ND - 10PM**  
"April Showers  
Bring Gay Flowers"  
Presented by  
Mr. Gay Omaha

**SATURDAY, 28TH - 5:30PM**  
Spirits of the Opera

**SUNDAY, 29TH - 9PM**  
"Closet Ball"  
Presented by ICON

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