

# The GayZette



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## River City Mixed Chorus Annual Fundraiser

What do Paula Wallace, Allan Tubach, Rene Caron, B. Belyaev, Betsy Fowler, Toulouse Lautrec, Enrique Charon and S. Bartek all have in common?

They are all artists whose works are going on auction, along with many others, at the annual River City Mixed Chorus Gala Fundraiser! This year's theme, "Art for the Taking" is a play on a Hollywood Premier. Music, food, wine, and ART!



We strive to provide Omaha with high quality art, at affordable prices. This year we have international, national and local artists represented in this event.

Keeping the chorus in a performance space, purchasing music, costumes, sets, sound systems and lighting are just a few of the items that will benefit from this wonderful evening of fun and bargains.

Saturday, October 24 from 7-10 at the Jackson Artworks in the Old Market! You can purchase tickets on line at [www.rivercitymixedchorus.com](http://www.rivercitymixedchorus.com)!

## NOW Activists Celebrate National Coming Out Day

by Barbara Hays, Lesbian Rights Program Director

During October, many NOW chapters are organizing Come Out Against Homophobia actions aimed at making the world a safer place where lesbians and gay men can in fact "come out."

"NOW has long recognized that lesbian rights is a feminist issue," NOW President Patricia Ireland said. "Our members — gay, straight, bisexual, transgendered — are raising their voices to condemn hatred, bigotry and discrimination."



Tammy Baldwin, the first out lesbian elected to the Wisconsin legislature, is running for an open U.S. House seat. Here she receives a standing ovation at NOW's 1997 National Conference. Photo by Beth Corbin.

Coming Out Day is rooted in the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights with its AIDS Quilt display. That event is widely regarded as pivotal for the gay community, bringing together and politicizing lesbian and gay men and turning the tide on treatment for people living with HIV and AIDS. Rob Eichberg and Jean O Leary, two well-known gay rights activists, founded Coming Out Day on the first anniversary of the march, October 11, 1988, to encourage lesbians and gay men to reveal their sexual orientation to family, friends and co-workers.

Since the first National Coming Out Day, progress has been made, despite the growing power of the religious right, particularly in the legislative arena. While efforts to pass positive legislation have often been met with virulent homophobia, NOW activists have played a significant role in convincing two states, Maine and New Hampshire, to adopt non-discrimination laws

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Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>  
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9:00PM - Cabaret & Show Bar

Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>  
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9:00PM - 11:30PM - The Lounge

Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>  
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Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Diamond Princess Benefit Show  
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Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Malibu Rum Present  
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10:00PM - Cabaret & Show Bar  
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Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>  
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Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>  
Halloween Costume Contest  
10:30PM - Cabaret & Show Bar  
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*(NOW Activists, Story Continued from page 1)*

and in defeating anti-lesbian and gay civil rights ballot measures in Maine and Oregon.

In addition, major corporations have adopted policies extending family health coverage and other benefits to unmarried couples in committed relationships regardless of their sexual identity. NOW is a long-time supporter of such expanded coverage. Delegates at NOW's 1988 National Conference voted to support domestic partner legislation, and NOW's current Women Friendly Workplace campaign calls on employers to provide all employee benefits without discrimination based on sex, marital status or sexual orientation.

More and more employers are using domestic partner benefits to help attract and retain top employees. Those employers claimed, in a recent Washington Post article, an increase in morale and productivity after such policies were introduced.

Despite these results, companies such as American Airlines and Walt Disney Company are targeted by religious political extremists as "promoting homosexuality" through such lesbian-and-gay-friendly policies. American was the first airline to adopt a non-discrimination policy that covers sexual orientation.

Disney has also been under attack for providing company-wide domestic partner benefits, as well as for the televised coming out of the title character on the sitcom *Ellen*, which is produced by Disney and airs on the Disney-owned ABC network.

The media frenzy accompanying *Ellen* offered lesbian and gay activists an opportunity to learn who is and isn't supportive of gay rights. Several big companies like Chrysler and Wendy's quickly pulled advertising. ABC itself rejected gay-themed advertising from the Human Rights Campaign and Olivia Cruise Lines, although some local affiliates did run the ads. The episode was the top-rated primetime show for the week, introducing to millions of viewers the fact that lesbians and gay men can be someone you've known and laughed with for years.

"Many NOW activists watching *Ellen* come out couldn't help but think how times have changed, but this year on National Coming Out Day, we are all renewing our commitment to making our world safe and supportive for lesbians and gay men," said Ireland.

## **RAINBOW OUTREACH METRO OMAHA GLBT NEEDS YOU**

The Rainbow Outreach – Metro Omaha GLBT Center is on the move and changing and currently has numerous volunteer positions available. The center is now open seven days a week Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 12:00 am (midnight), Saturday 1:00 pm to 12:00 am (midnight).

The Outreach Center is open to all members of our GLBTQ&S community, providing library, movies, internet, meeting space and much more. If you are interested in making a change in

our community, stop in and fill out a volunteer application during business hours or call 402-341-0330 for more details on volunteer positions.

## **Nebraska Employers Show Leadership with Non-Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation**

Employers are showing leadership in Nebraska by supporting non-discrimination based on sexual orientation. Below is a list of companies and institutions in cities across Nebraska, including many of the largest employers, that have non-discrimination policies covering sexual orientation.

These employers understand it makes great business sense in the competitive national and global marketplace to protect basic human rights to help attract and retain talented workers and to ensure increased productivity and economic activity. This is important to all Nebraskans because greater productivity and economic activity generates greater tax revenue which means taxes can be lowered for everyone. These pro-business non-discrimination policies are good for the state and improve the quality of life for everyone.

Both the neighboring states of Iowa and Colorado ban discrimination based on sexual orientation by law in employment, housing, and public accommodations. There is no reason or obstacle preventing the Nebraska Legislature and Governor from enacting an identical law to ensure the same pro-business, lower-taxes, non-discrimination environment exists across Nebraska to keep the state competitive.

NEBRASKA EMPLOYERS WITH NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES COVERING SEXUAL ORIENTATION [Examples are listed in Alphabetical Order] Alltel AMC Theaters AT&T Baker's Supermarkets Barnes & Noble Becton, Dickinson & Co. (BD) Best Buy Borders Burlington Northern Santa Fe Cargill Chili's ConAgra Foods Convergys Costco Cox Communications Cracker Barrel CVS Domino's Pizza Doane College Eaton Corp.

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## (WIOS) Registration Now Open

Nebraskans and Iowans will gather in Omaha for the Western Iowa Organizing Summit (WIOS) which is designed to network the LGBT youth and youth service providers of Western Iowa and Nebraska. The Summit aims to increase leadership skills, build a broader coalition of support, and distribute resources to overcome the unique barriers facing rural LGBT youth.

Over the course of the summit, participants will have the opportunity to network with other LGBT high school and college students and youth service providers from around the Midwest, while gaining perspective, skills, and resources to strengthen your GSA and yourselves personally.

The Summit will be Saturday, November 7, 2009, and the registration deadline is October 31, 2009. For more information and to register, visit <http://iowapridenetwork.org/wios/>

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## HOW – AND WHEN – TO CRY

Michael Kimmel [[beyondtherapy@cox.net](mailto:beyondtherapy@cox.net)]

Many of us have grown up with the messages that crying is shameful and a sign of weakness.

Whether we are gay/bi/trans men who were told to “just suck it up” or tough-as-nails women who long ago decided: “I’ll never let anyone see me cry again”, most of us got the message that strong people rarely cry and only sissies and fragile people do.

This is bullshit.

Sadness is an emotion natural to us all. The ability or inability to EXPRESS sadness is a learned behavior, and can be unlearned.

Many people don’t even know what emotions they’re feeling. Somehow, there is a “disconnect” between what we feel and our ability to recognize what we feel. A lot of this stuff comes from our childhood; we’re “programmed” from birth on what to do with our emotions. If our emotions were validated and mirrored back to us, we realize it’s okay to feel them. However, if



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our emotions were invalidated and we were encouraged NOT to feel them, then we internalize emotional repression. Over time, this gets “hard wired” in our brains so we don’t even have to think about repressing our emotions...we just do it subconsciously.

I went to a workshop recently and the speaker said that in his experience, women need to learn to express their anger and men need to learn to express their grief. While this workshop was predominantly for heterosexual men, I think the speaker has a point. Many of my female clients cry when they are angry, while many of my male clients get angry when they’re actually sad. Good mental health means being able to responsibly express both anger and sadness, regardless of gender.

For some people, crying feels like giving in...like surrender. Most of us feel better after a “good cry”; our bodies are more relaxed and our tension and stress levels go way down. It is also true, however, that crying may open the door to feeling more emotionally, and sometimes that is not what we want. Let me give you a simple exercise to help you control how much you “feel” at any given moment in time: when you want to feel more, breathe deeply. When you want to feel less, breathe as shallowly as you can. Your breathing strongly affects your ability to feel your emotions. Try it.

One way to get in touch with your feelings (e.g., sadness, anger, grief) is to notice where in your body you feel them. For example, let’s say your sadness is in your chest. You could pay attention to it, and see what the sensation is like. Does it feel like tightness, a burning sensation, numbness? Just notice what’s going on in your body.



If you want to cry, but find it difficult, notice if your tears are right below the surface, pushing at the backs of your eyes. Let your eyes relax; don't force the tears (it doesn't work). If you were told as a kid, "don't cry...suck it up", you may need to be patient with your tears. By starting to notice them and the physical sensations that accompany them, you're giving your tears more and more "permission" to come out. It takes a while to undo all the "brainwashing" from our childhood. Go easy on yourself and the tears WILL come!

I've had clients, who were afraid to cry, tell me, "Once I start crying, I won't be able to stop." This is just a fear: believe me, you'll stop. But you may need to cry quite a bit before that happens. If you've dammed up your tears up for a long time, you've got quite a backlog there! They may come out over time or over the course of a few days. Let them out!

If you're new to crying (isn't that a funny phrase?), let the tears come out in private, in a safe, relaxed place. You may want to start off alone, or with a trusted friend or lover there to comfort you. Or, like some of us, you can practice in the dark of a movie theatre or watching a video at home. Crying is like any other feeling, the more comfortable you get with expressing it, the easier it is to do so.

This summer, if it feels right to you: why not let yourself cry? Your body (and mind) will thank you.

## Omaha GLBT Sports

By Matt Ziegler

Thursday October 15th, is the last day of Flag football, and I would like to encourage everyone to come out and see the final game. Games start at 7pm and 8pm, and are played at Churchich Park (50th & C). If you are just coming to watch, you should bring a lawn chair to sit on, and pompoms to cheer on your friends. The committee would like to thank the following for their contributions to the success of football. Referees: Tom, Jerret and Matt, Pride for selling concessions, our sponsors and our new sports league committee members who have really stepped up to ensure the success of football. While the weather has been good, we did play in the rain once, we got rained out once and on October 1st, we played after it rained all day. The October 1st games were the most fun this season. We mixed the teams up and Tom, our head referee, even got to play. Of course, we had to call a penalty on him. It wouldn't have seemed right after all his "bad" calls. I think Tom has a whole new respect for the players, as he was pretty worn out at the end of the game. Overall we have had a great season and hope to carry the success of this season on to our winter sport Volleyball.

Volleyball registration has begun, and if you are interested you can register on our website: [omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://omahaglbtsportsleague.org). If you have a group of friends that would like to play with you, regis-



ter up to 4 friends to be on your team. You can also register as an individual, and you will be placed on a team based on your skill level. Our goal is to have fun, so all teams will be balanced with experienced players and those that are new to the sport or just getting in the swing of things. . Don't want to play, but you would like to get involved? We are also looking for those who may be interested in refereeing the games. We will need 4 referees that could ref. from 6pm to 8pm. We are excited to be playing again at the Westroads volleyball center; they have proven to be a great partner. For additional information about us check us out at [omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://omahaglbtsportsleague.org), and on Facebook. If you or your business would like to be a sponsor you can email us at [Omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com](mailto:Omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com).



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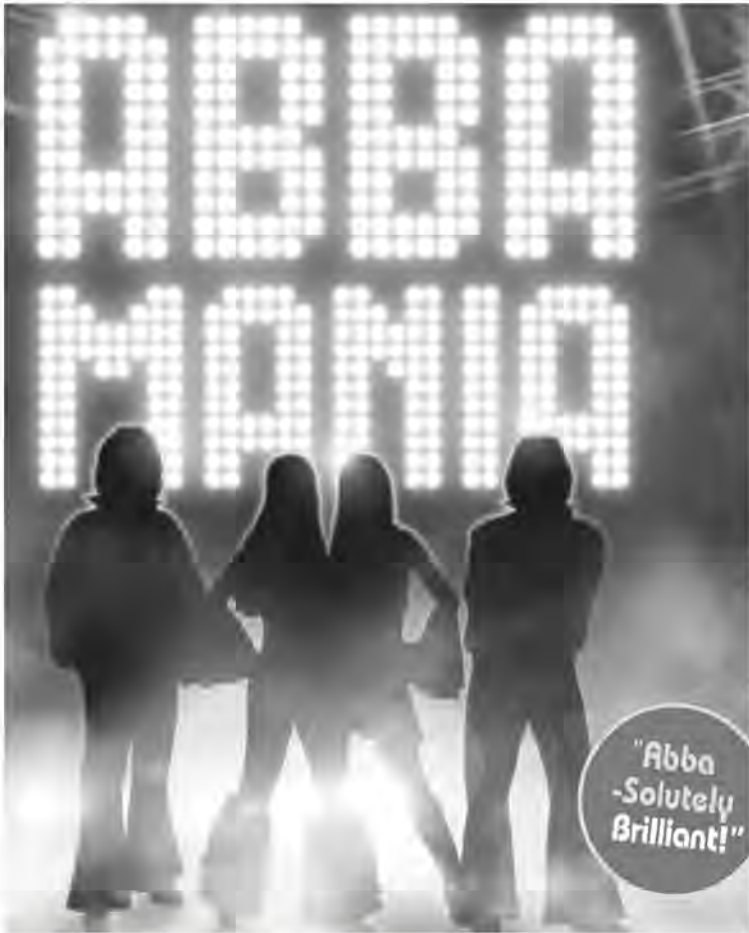
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When I arrived at the hospital, I couldn't get any information on Susan's condition. The hospital staff informed me that medical information could only be released to Susan's family. For them, family did not include live-in partners regardless of the length of the relationship. It took six hours for Susan's parents to arrive at the hospital. During that time, I sat in the hospital waiting room and wasn't allowed to see or comfort her.

Only after Susan's parents arrived was I able to see her. Thankfully, they were caring people who accepted our relationship. The doctors predicted that Susan would not make it through the night. She died within the next hour. All that time had been wasted as I sat in that dark waiting room. She had been slowly dying alone, when I should have been holding her hand and couldn't."

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## RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY!

Despite the rain, Omahans began lining up at 2 PM at MCC on Oct. 2 to receive free food at the 2nd Great Grocery Giveaway sponsored by MCC Omaha and the NE Food Bank Network. Twenty-three MCCer's and friends worked through the rain to distribute 5900+ pounds of groceries to 211 households made up of 703 people. Those receiving food ranged in age from 78 to 14. By 6:30 PM, 12 pallets of groceries were gone and the folks from MCC were busy cleaning up the distribution area.

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**Friday Oct. 9th**  
**Out in the Old Market** 7-9 pm

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Every Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 4pm, Augustana Lutheran

Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

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

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

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

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

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING,** 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, starting again after Labor Day

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

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

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

**Every Monday**  
**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**  
 Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

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

**NA RAINBOW GROUP,** Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT CONNECTIONS** 8:00 pm to close, \$2 COORS LIGHTS, \$4 BOMBS with your Stu-

dent ID. "Fratty Fun till the Evenings Done!"

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

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

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

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 7pm

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

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

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

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS** 10:00 pm to midnight, at Connections, Reverse Happy Hour and Karaoke with Amber at 9 pm

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

**OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB**  
 Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more information call 402-384-8014

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

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

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

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

**NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING** 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marv's Ave.,** Same day results

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

**DJ MUSIC AND DANCING** 10PM, Connections Bar

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

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-



6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781  
proudhorizons@yahoo.com

## MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-  
TION**, Meeting days and times may vary,  
call 402-505-3331 for info or see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net)  
for meeting schedules etc.

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

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

**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lin-  
coln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a  
seat up until the day before

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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

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

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

### PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,

**NE)**, Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Con-  
gregational United Church of Christ, 7th and  
Marian St., 7PM, email to  
[jsandeen@inebraska.com](mailto:jsandeen@inebraska.com) or call 402.462.2961  
or 402.460.8696

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

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

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

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

**FLOWER OF HOPE** Transgender Group,  
Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at  
the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719  
Leavenworth St., Omaha NE. from 6PM to

9:30PM

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

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

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

**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian  
Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.  
**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530  
N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220.  
3-5:30 pm

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

**LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—  
OMAHA**

Not currently meeting.

### Last Saturday of the Month

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

**Email Your Event to:  
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## Three Men.....

a Canadian farmer, Osama bin Laden and  
a Harley Biker are all walking together  
one day. They come across a lantern and  
a Genie pops out of it. I will give each of  
you one wish, which is three wishes in  
total', says the Genie.

The Canadian says, 'I am a farmer and  
my son will also farm. I want the land to  
be forever fertile in Canada.' POOF!  
With the blink of the Genie's eye, the  
land in Canada was forever fertile for  
farming.

Osama was amazed, so he said, 'I want a  
wall around Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq  
and Iran so that no infidels, Americans or  
Canadians can come into our precious  
land.' POOF! Again, with the blink of  
the Genie's eye, there was a huge wall  
around those countries.

The Biker says, 'I am very curious. Please  
tell me more about this wall.'  
The Genie explains, 'Well, it's about  
5,000 feet high, 500 feet thick and com-  
pletely surrounds the country. Nothing  
can get in or out; it's virtually impenetra-  
ble.'

The Biker sits down on his Harley, cracks a  
beer, lights a cigar, smiles and says, 'Fill it  
with water.'

## A REDNECK LOVE POEM

SUSIE LEE DONE FELL IN LOVE,  
SHE PLANNED TO MARRY JOE.  
SHE WAS SO HAPPY 'BOUT IT ALL,  
SHE TOLD HER PAPPY SO.

PAPPY TOLD HER, SUSIE GAL,  
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER.  
I'D JUST AS SOON YO' MA DON'T  
KNOW,  
BUT JOE IS YO' HALF BROTHER.

SO SUSIE PUT ASIDE HER JOE  
AND PLANNED TO MARRY WILL.  
BUT AFTER TELLING PAPPY THIS,  
HE SAID, 'THERE'S TROUBLE STILL.'

YOU CAN'T MARRY WILL, MY GAL,  
AND PLEASE DON'T TELL YO' MOTHER.  
BUT WILL AND JOE, AND SEVERAL MO'  
I KNOW IS YO' HALF BROTHER.

BUT MAMA KNEW AND SAID, MY  
CHILD,  
JUST DO WHAT MAKES YO' HAPPY.  
MARRY WILL OR MARRY JOE;  
YOU AIN'T NO KIN TO PAPPY.  
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(Kinda brings a tear to yer eye, don't it?)

## The Haircut

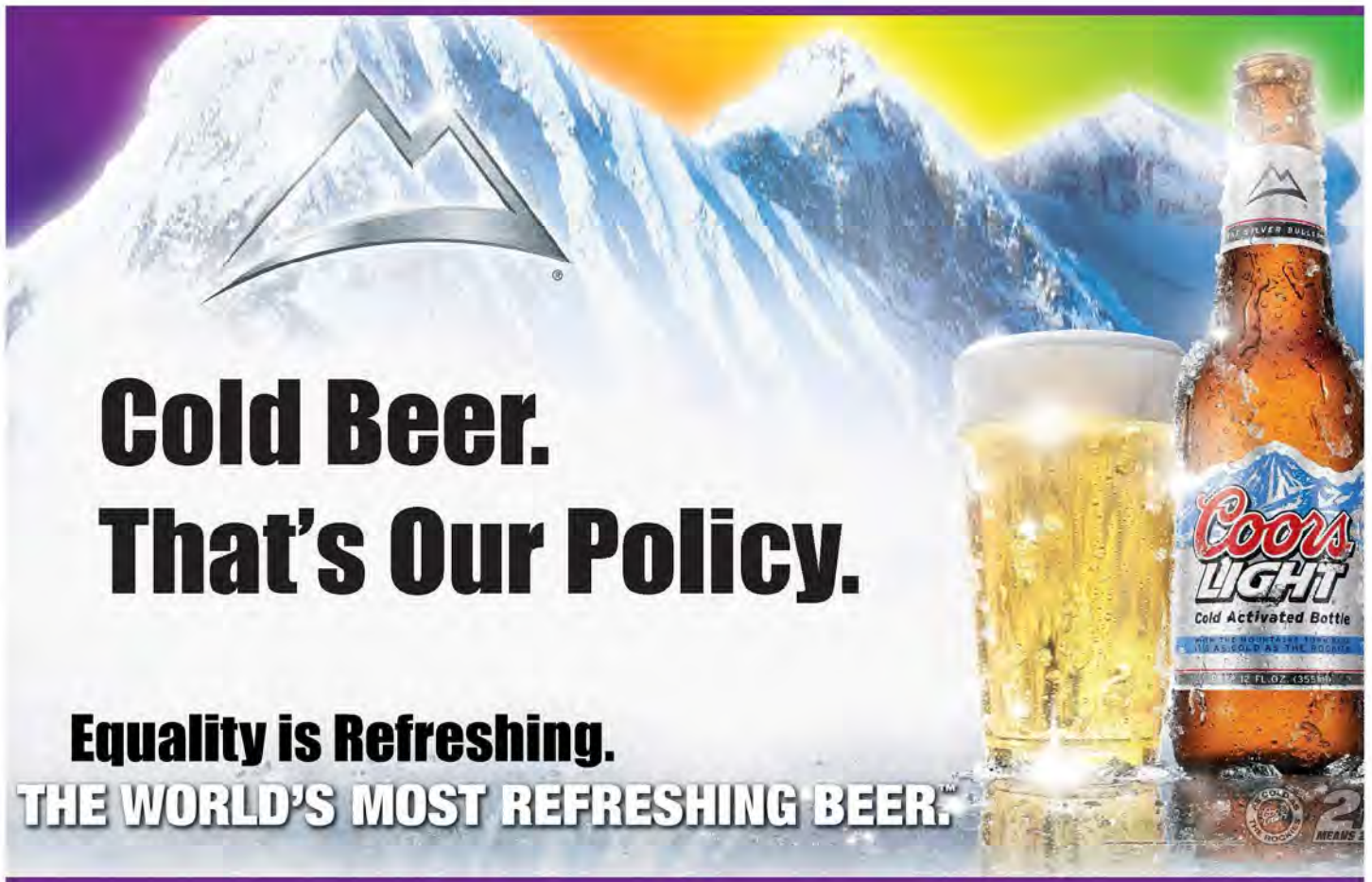
A young boy had just received his driver's  
permit and asked his father if they could dis-  
cuss his use of the car. His father said he'd  
make a deal with his son. You bring your  
grades up from a C to a B average, study your  
Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk  
about the car.

The boy thought about that for a moment,  
decided he'd settle for the offer and they  
agreed on it. After about six weeks his father  
said, son, I've been real proud. You brought  
your grades up and I've observed that you have  
been studying your Bible, but I'm real disap-  
pointed you didn't get your hair cut.

The young man paused a moment then said,  
you know dad, I've been thinking about that,  
and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that  
Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had  
long hair, Moses had long hair and there's  
even a strong argument that Jesus had long  
hair.

To this his father replied, did you also notice  
that they all walked everywhere they went?





## Lesbian Confirmed as U.S. Attorney

Out lesbian Jenny Durkan has been confirmed by the Senate to become U.S. attorney for the Western District of Washington.

**By Michelle Garcia**

Out lesbian Jenny Durkan has been confirmed by the Senate to become U.S. attorney for the Western District of Washington.

President Barack Obama nominated Durkan, one of his first six nominees, in May. She is to replace Jeff Sullivan, a Bush administration appointee.

"I am honored and humbled by this challenge and responsibility, and will spend each day working to honor the rule of law, protect our citizens from crime, and to defend the U.S. in civil cases," Durkan said in a press release. "I am proud to lead this team of outstanding attorneys and staff who work tirelessly in this pursuit."

Durkan has her own law practice in Seattle. She has also served as counsel to Gov. Christine Gregoire and taught trial advocacy at her alma mater, the University of Washington School of Law. She was recommended by Washington state senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell in February.

Durkan, 50, lives with her partner and two sons.

## Lutheran Church Splits

## Over Gay Clergy

Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis voted on Sunday to leave the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the nation's largest Lutheran denomination.

By Christopher Mangum

Following a 96% affirmative vote by members of the congregation, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis moved one step closer to splitting from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The decision to leave came in response to the ELCA's general assembly vote in Minneapolis on August 21 to allow gays and lesbians in committed relationships to serve as clergy.

The new law lifts a restriction that had required gay and lesbian ministers to remain celibate.

According to St. Paul's senior pastor, the Reverend Roland J. Wells Jr., there are many pastors and members who are withholding funds from the national church and are working to establish a new denomination called Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, reports Minnesota Public Radio.

"We feel quite affirmed by the hundreds of congregations who are contemplating the same move," Wells said in a news release.

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Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave	991-6470
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

### Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)	435-8764
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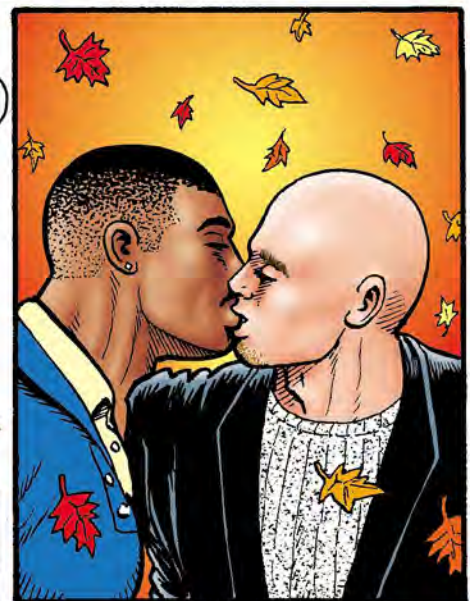
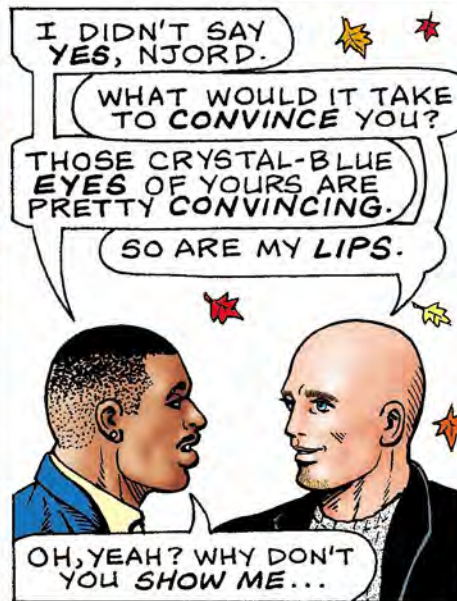


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## Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Looking for suggestions on ways to get inspired to get into fantastic shape? If the answer is no then you can go read US Weekly. If the answer is yes then you can delay your US Weekly reading by five minutes. I have something to say damnit!

For excellent inspiration, head to your local high school and take in an athletic event on some evening of your choosing. Take your pick from basketball, gymnastics, cross country, swimming, or a gaggle of other sports on the yearly schedule. Sit back on those aluminum bleachers and let the energy and excitement wash over you from these adolescent warriors. Allow these teenagers to show you how much darn tootin' fun it can be to combine physical competition with keeping a most excellent physique. Walk away excited and ready for your very own competition!

Want more inspiration? Go volunteer at a racing event like a 5K run or a marathon. You'll see first hand the reasons that people put themselves through the trials and tribulations of these cardiovascular feats. Some run for cancer awareness and some run for their kids and some run for just the challenge of the whole thing. Everyone that runs has a reason and through your observation of one of these events you will probably find your calling for one of your own races. Breathe in the life of this experience and let it take you to new health and fitness heights!

Your couch and the television can assist you in your inspirational gatherings too. Click your way to NBC for an episode of the Biggest Loser. Hear the stories of the bulky contestants as they balance their battles they wage against the other contestants and those that they battle within themselves. It makes for riveting and emotional TV! Everyone has a story to tell about their weight gain and everyone has their dream of losing the extra baggage. Use their moments of sharing to inspire you to take appropriate action to achieve your well-being.

Climb up into the attic and dust off those old 11th grade yearbooks. Remember what it was like to have that slimmer waistline and have the ability to fit in that size 6 dress. Those were the days when you had that killer body and you weren't afraid to use it for all the wrong reasons! Don't expect any miracles with age reversal because you have a few flashbacks to that Homecoming dance in '86. Use those awesome memories as your catapult to get you back into respectable shape. If you weren't in the greatest of shape during that bygone era then understand that there is no time like the present. Get inspired from your yearbook page flipping to look great for the next reunion!

Finally start poking around your closet. How cool would it be to have a new wardrobe? Imagine sashaying into work with catwalk confidence and your renovated body bedecked with amazing new styles and fashions. I'd say that's a pretty good reason to knock off about 40 pounds. Several new outfits and envious stares can be very inspirational to get into shape!

We all need motivation to keep from standing still. Your health and fitness require a constant dose of motivational medication. Find your required dosage and take it daily for best results!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who has been alive longer than he has been dead. That man of life is Ron Blake and he can be found at [www.myblakefitness.com](http://www.myblakefitness.com).

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### National Coming Out Day Service at Second Unitarian Church

On October 11, Omaha Second Unitarian will be celebrating National Coming Out Day. Our speaker will be Professor Meredith Bacon, Chair of Political Science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a national leader in transgender issues.

There will also be a special choir performance. Reverend Nancy Haley is officiating. This promises to be a milestone event in our church year!

The National Coming Out Day service will be held at Second Unitarian Church, 3012 South 119th Street. Services begin at 10:30am, and are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the church at (402) 334-0537.



The congregation will now consult the local ELCA bishop and conduct another vote 90 days from Sunday to finalize the split.

## **Military Journal Piece Says Scrap DADT**

An article in one of the military's top journals argues for immediate repeal of "don't ask, don't tell."

By Kerry Eleveld

An upcoming issue of *Joint Force Quarterly*, the Pentagon's top scholarly journal, will include an article that calls for an end to the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military, reports *The Boston Globe*.

The piece, which is authored by Air Force colonel Om Prakash, charges that "the military is essentially forcing thousands of gay men and women to lead dishonest lives in an organization that emphasizes integrity as a fundamental tenet," according to the *Globe*.

Colonel Prakash argues that the Obama administration should forgo a study of "don't ask, don't tell" and simply move forward with lifting the ban.

"After a careful examination, there is no scientific evidence to support the claim that unit cohesion will be negatively affected if homosexuals serve openly," writes Prakash, who is now working in the office of Defense secretary Robert M. Gates. "Based on this research, it is not time for the administration to reexamine the issue; rather it is time for the administration to examine how to implement the repeal of the ban."

Neither Defense secretary Robert Gates nor Joint Chiefs chairman Adm. Mike Mullen have spoken out publicly about their views on the policy, though both have said that President Barack Obama has been clear about his intent to end the ban. Secretary Gates is currently reviewing the policy to see if there's a way to soften implementation of the ban until Congress repeals the law.

Observers of the debate over "don't ask, don't tell" say the publication of such an article is an indication that military leadership is open to hearing competing views on the topic.

## **Obama Wins The Weekend, Palin Backs Federal Marriage Amendment**

The weekend brought a flurry of political endorsements, with Gen. Colin Powell breaking his silence on the presidential race to back Sen. Barack Obama and

Gov. Sarah Palin breaking with her running mate, Sen. John McCain, to voice her support for a federal marriage amendment outlawing same-sex marriage.

By Kerry Eleveld

The Obama campaign was awash with good news over the weekend, announcing a staggering \$150 million haul in fundraising for the month of September and receiving the coveted endorsement of former Secretary of State and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell.

Powell, who announced his support for Sen. Barack Obama on the *Meet the Press* Sunday, said the country was facing the most difficult times he had ever seen in his 30-plus years of public service. While Powell said both Sen. John McCain and Sen. Obama were prepared to be president in his judgment, he added that Sen. Obama is a "transformational figure" who has the "rhetorical abilities" and the "substance" to meet the challenges of the day.

"He is a new generation coming into the world -- onto the world stage, onto the American stage, and for that reason, I'll be voting for Senator Barack Obama," he said. Powell also indicated that part of his decision stemmed from the divisive tone of McCain's campaign, his capricious approach to dealing with the economy, and his choice of Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate.

"Now that we have had a chance to watch her for some seven weeks," Powell said, "I don't believe she's ready to be president of the United States, which is the job of the vice president."

Gen. Powell, who had strongly supported the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy and helped craft the plan before he stepped down as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has indicated a willingness to review the policy in recent years. Last year, he told *Vanity Fair* that the military ban "is still a discriminatory policy; it is prejudicial," adding, "It's now 14 years later, the country has changed, and the day may well come when it will not be a problem any longer."

For her part, Gov. Palin took time this weekend to revisit the merits of another anti-gay federal law that, unlike DADT, failed to make its way into the books: the Federal Marriage Amendment. Palin told David Brody of the Christian Broadcasting Network that she supports passing a federal law that would constitutionally define marriage as a union between a man and a woman and deny same-sex couples the right to marry.

"In my own state, I have voted along with the vast majority of Alaskans who had the opportunity to vote to amend our Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman," Palin told CBN. "I wish on a federal level that that's where we would go because I don't support gay marriage."

Palin's views on the issue break with those of Sen. John McCain, who has twice voted against the Federal Marriage Amendment and who believes defining marriage should be left up to individual states.

Sen. Obama's announcement of his \$150 million month brought his fundraising totals for the campaign to more than \$600 million. Sen. McCain opted to receive public financing, which allotted him \$84 million to use from the beginning of September through the end of the race November 4. Sen. Obama's financial advantage has allowed him to flood the airwaves with ads at a rate of about three-to-one to Sen. McCain and enabled him to put staffers into a number of very traditionally red states such as Virginia and North Carolina.

Another financial development last week: The Atlantic reported that the Democratic National Committee is considering pouring about \$20 million into state legislative races nationwide in an attempt to flip control of key legislatures. In the cross hairs, sources said, is New York, where Democrats are two seats away from winning a majority in the state senate. Many LGBT activists believe that a Democratic senate majority would usher in the chance to pass a bill legalizing same-sex marriage. The New York State Assembly passed gay marriage legislation last year and Gov. David Paterson told *The Advocate* he would "absolutely" sign the bill into law if it reached his desk.

# THE MAX

## Saturday 10th

National Coming Out Day  
Benefit Show  
6pm Door - 7pm Show

## Sunday 11th

Empress 29 Holly  
& Princess Royale 28 Macy's  
Matthew Shepard  
Foundation Benefit  
10pm

## Saturday 17th

Mamma Barry's  
"All About the Boys &  
One Diva" Benefit  
5:30pm Door - 6pm Show

## Sunday 18th

NE Pride 2010 Benefit  
10pm

## Sunday 25th

Miss Great Plains  
USofA Pageant  
9pm



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