



The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Presents

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GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

A HISTORY OF THE RAINBOW FLAG

Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist, designed the first Rainbow flag in 1978. He created the flag in response to a local activist's call for the need of a community symbol.

Baker designed a flag with eight stripes: pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. According to Baker, those colors represented, respectively: sexuality, life, healing, sun, nature, art, harmony and spirit. Baker dyed and sewed the material for the first flag himself, in the true spirit of Betsy Ross.

Baker soon was approached San Francisco's Paramount Flag Company about mass producing and selling his "gay flag". Unfortunately, Baker had hand-dyed all the colors and since the color "hot pink" was not commercially available, mass production of his eight-stripe version became impossible. The flag was thus reduced to seven stripes.

In November 1978, San Francisco's gay community was stunned when the city's first openly gay supervisor, Harvey Milk, was assassinated.

Wishing to demonstrate the gay community's strength and solidarity in the aftermath of this tragedy, the 1979 SF Pride Parade Committee decided to use Baker's flag. The committee eliminated the indigo stripe so they could divide the colors evenly along the parade route - three colors on one side of the street and three on the other.

Soon the six colors were incorporated into a six striped version that became popularized, and that today is recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers.

Happy Pride

A Letter to The Gayzette

Hello. My name is Emma, and my partner and I were supposed to have our commitment ceremony this year during Pride. Unfortunately, I am in Iraq, so I won't be able to make it. I am writing to tell you that it really sucks that I can not be part of Pride this year because, for me, Pride weekend is better than Christmas. But, anyway, I just wanted to say that just because I can't really be there doesn't mean that I am not there in spirit. I hope that everyone has fun. And someone should wave a little rainbow flag for me. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Emma, United States Army.



GLBT BOOKSTORE & COFFEE HOUSE OPENS IN OMAHA'S MID-TOWN



The Reading Grounds, a new mid-town bookstore and gourmet coffee bar promises to be a welcoming destination enlightening the world a "sip and a page at a time". will open to the public, June 1, 2005.

"We're creating a place where you can go to relax, alone or with friends — a place that embraces diversity and stimulates independent thinking — a place where you'll always find 'Brewing Attitudes'," says Cindy Collins, president of the Reading Grounds.

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at the
Reading Grounds...



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Located at 40th and Farnam Streets in Omaha, you'll find Buzz, the bookstore's dancing coffee mug mascot, offering, the "aaaaah" in a rich steamy coffee or latte that wakes you up or brings you back to life... the "aaaaah" in that book or magazine that awakens an idea or satisfies a yearning for self-discovery or understanding.

"Our selection of new books, magazines and scheduled events are guided by our values of growth and discovery," Angie Keyes, vice president of the Reading Grounds explains. "We're carrying quality titles that delve into the issues concerning a diverse community — especially the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community." Nearly 50 percent of the bookstore's inventory caters to the GLBT community and will offer material related to: current events, law, religion, psychology, family, education, health and entertainment. In addition, the Reading Grounds will offer gourmet coffee, lattes, smoothies, sandwiches (including the signature Reading Grounds Book Club), salads, desserts and more.

"The Reading Grounds is an environment where people can evolve through new books, magazines, music, authors, artists and speakers," adds Collins. "Likewise, our Website offers message boards for community groups, book clubs and others to share ideas and stay up on new releases and community events."

Visit the Reading Grounds online at www.readinggrounds.com or call 402.502.2008.

GAYZETTE AD RATES, PRINTED COPY AND ON THE WEB

Whole Page	7 ½ X 10	\$100.00	Half Page	7 ½ X 4 ¾	\$ 50.00
Fourth Page	3 ¾ X 4 ¾	\$ 25.00	Business Card		\$ 15.00

All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad. Checks should be made payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha NE 68102 on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rainbowoutreach.org. Please email or call ahead to reserve space. We reserve the right to refuse any ad which we deem to be inappropriate.

Ad Deadlines: Friday, June 17, for Publication June 24th Friday, July 1 for Publication July 8th

Help Change the World One Step at a Time...



GLBT Center presents 2005
PrideWalk

Benefitting GLBT-allied Organizations

GLSEN Omaha ▼ ICON Foundation ▼ PFLAG Lincoln-Cornhusker ▼ PFLAG Omaha
Proud Horizons Youth Group ▼ Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center ▼ River City Mixed Chorus

When you collect pledges for this year's Walk, not only are you helping beneficiaries, you're also earning fantastic rewards!

Saturday, August 20, 2005

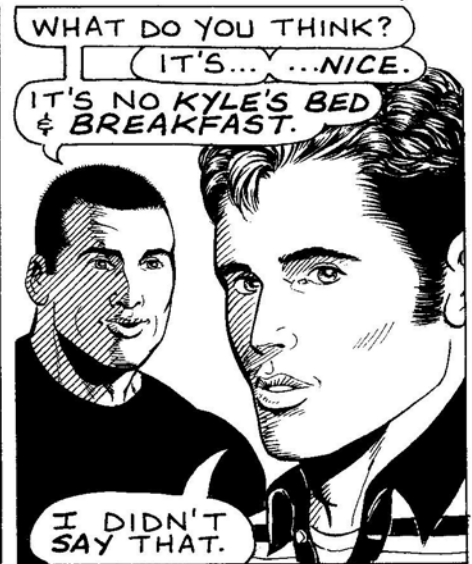
Register online for the 2005 Pride Walk at

www.PrideWalk.org

or visit the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.
All beneficiaries are nonprofit 501c3 organizations and programs serving the GLBT-allied community.

Fantastic Rewards! Great Prizes!

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Did you know that you can see the entire Gayzette on our web site? Go to: www.rainbowoutreach.org and click on the Publications link.

George W. Bush reads the Gayzette. (Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

Omaha COLAGE Chapter Forming

By Lydia Joy Burgdorf

Kids with GLBT parents face a variety of challenges growing up. One of the biggest is a sense of isolation, the feeling that no one else understands, that no one else has families like theirs. While family support groups like Real Families and 'Ohana can help to alleviate this sense of isolation, peer support can be critical, especially for school-aged children.

COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere) aims to fill that need. Its mission is "to foster the growth of daughters and sons of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender parents of all racial, ethnic, and class backgrounds by providing education, support and community on local and international levels, to advocate for our rights and those of our families, and to promote acceptance and awareness in society that love makes a family."

It is time for Omaha to have a COLAGE chapter. So Darryl and I have decided to start one.

For those of you who don't know us, Darryl came out to me as a gay man three years ago. I struggled in silence for over a year to accept this new reality. We joined PFLAG in the fall of 2003 and told our three children at that time. We have participated in events with Real Families and 'Ohana. We attended PRIDE as a family last summer. And we came out publicly last August and September with interviews in the Omaha World-Herald and the

Washington Post and with an appearance on "The Larry Elder Show."

Our children have been teased, harassed and even bullied because we are "out," so we understand first-hand the need for a safe place for kids with GLBT parents to meet others like themselves. Thus our desire to nurture the start of a COLAGE chapter.

How can you help?

First, of course, if you have children, sign them up to participate! We'll be at PRIDE again this year, and will have materials available both at the Kidz Korner and at the PFLAG booth. We plan to focus primarily on middle-school kids to start, but if you have older children, they're welcome, too. (We are also encouraging high school kids to become active in the GSA at their schools.)

Second, if you have time and interest, sign up to volunteer. We'll certainly be able to find a way to use your talents and energy! Third, spread the word about our efforts. If you have friends who have kids, encourage them to contact us. We can be reached by phone at (402) 348-1220, or by email at either lburgdorf@cox.net or burgdorf@awsd.com.

After PRIDE, we will be contacting everyone who signed up and arranging for our first meeting. Thanks to the generosity of the Rainbow Outreach Center, we will be able to have our meetings at the Center. We are encouraging parents who bring their children to COLAGE meetings to take advantage of the Center's resources and activities.

Upcoming Events to Benefit ADAP

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and a few people who have helped me with my goal in raising \$10,000 for the Aids Drug Assistance Program. Right now we have a total of \$7005, and need to raise the rest by July 3rd. Thank you so much to Thomas, Chuck and the staff at DC's. Without your help, I wouldn't even be half way there. A big thank you also goes out to Mr. MAX Brandon, Miss DC's Montana, Grand Czarina Madeline Finstein, Princess Royale Jewels, and Princess Royale Andrew. All of these people have held fundraisers to help me make my goal. If you have missed these events, there are still opportunities for you to donate. On June 10th Mr. MAX, Brandon, is having an all male JELLO wrestling contest. It will be held at the MAX around 8pm. Then, on June 18th Empress Candidate Lana Caine is hosting an after hours breakfast and Bingo at DC's. For more info call me at 690-4433. Again, Thank you so much. I know with your help we will hand out that check for \$10,000.

Michele

Sunday, June 19

Monarchs' Step-Down Show

The MAX 9:30 PM \$3 Cover
Join Emperor Michael, Empress Crystal and Special Guests!

Saturday, June 25

In-Town Show-Awards

The MAX 7-9 PM No Cover
Join us for cocktails and appetizers at 6 PM

Friday, July 1

25th Anniversary Reception

Holiday Inn Central - Omaha Room 6-9 PM

Saturday, July 2

Out of Town Show

DC's Saloon 7 - 10 PM \$5 Cover
Come meet our Court Guests from across the country & Canada!

Bus Tour

10 PM - 1 AM \$5
Taste the flavor of all Omaha bars in one evening and someone else does the driving!!

Hospitality

12 AM - 3 AM Holiday Inn Central
More food & more fun! Adm with Coronation or Out-of-town Show ticket ONLY!

Monday, July 4

Victory Brunch

Holiday Inn Central 11 AM - \$20

Beer Bust

DC's Saloon 3 PM - \$3

Victory Show/Celebration

DC's Saloon 8 PM



The Imperial Court of Nebraska 25th ANNIVERSARY CORONATION

Sunday July 3rd 2005

"A Journey to the Past Through Medieval Times...
A RENAISSANCE SILVER JUBILEE"

holiday Inn Central
7^{PM} (Doors open at 6pm)

Advanced tickets May 25th - June 25th \$20

After June 25th \$30

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icon.impcourt.org



Bob Knows Best

Dear Bob,

I recently found the Gayzette in my 17 year old son's bedroom. I've long suspected that he is gay but he has not come out to me. Should I bring the subject up to him or let him tell me when he is ready?

-Concerned Mom

Dear Concerned Mom,

Coming right out and saying, "Timmy, are you gay?" will come across to him as confrontational. It is a better idea to drop hints that you are understanding and accepting of all sexual orientations.

For example, you could say; "One of my co-workers sons told her he was gay. I think that is really great her son felt comfortable enough to confide in her." Then you could follow up with, "You know I support you no matter what."

Letting your son know you support him will make it more comfortable for him to come out to you. Just remember, he will only come out to you when he is comfortable with himself. Try not to push the subject too much, as he may not understand his sexuality yet.

-Bob

Dear Bob,

I go to the same bar every Thursday night. All my friends go to the same bar, too. But I have two groups of friends and they do not get along at all. If I go with one group of friends, it makes me feel like I cannot hang out with my other set of friends. And when I do go talk to my other friends, those friends make dirty comments to me about my other friends.

Most of it has to do because they were former girlfriends. At one time we were one happy group of friends, now I am stuck in the middle. I just want all the Drama to stop, or I will have to stop going out.

-Stuck In The Middle

Dear Stuck,

You need to be upfront and honest about the way you feel with both groups of friends.

You can politely tell your friends that you understand they no longer are friends with the other person/people, but you still are and do not appreciate the negative comments that they are saying about the other party.

If they are a true friend, they will respect you for not indulging in their gossip. If they become cross or angry or state that you can not be friends with them and the other party, these people are not true friends. In that case, I would suggest walking around the bar and meeting new friends!

*If you have a question, please send an email to: BobKnowsBetter@RainbowOutreach.org. You may also send your letter to: Rainbow Outreach Center, C/O **Bob Knows Better**, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108.*

Note: "Bob Knows Better..." is provided for entertainment purposes only. Bob is not a professional counselor, medical doctor, or attorney and you should not use this column as a substitute for professional advice.

By using this column, you agree that you and you alone are liable for any and all consequences of acting on the information and/or advice presented herein.

By submission of your letter or email, you give us the right to publish your question in the Gayzette and on the web site. We reserve the right to edit or modify your writing for clarity as we see fit.

We will use the name or an alias of your choosing on any questions we select for inclusion. We will also attempt to privately answer as many questions as possible.

Jeremy & James
Will be hosting Game Day at the Center
1719 Leavenworth St
Sundays: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Come down and check out the games we have available or bring your favorite game and show us how to play.

Ages 5 – 105.

Parents bring the kids down and play or read some of the books in our Library while they play.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline.
1-800-782-2437
(in Omaha, 552-9255)
Sunday-Friday: 10 am-10 pm

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Location: First United Methodist Church
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska
Web Site: www.pflag-omaha.org

P.O. Box 390064
Omaha, NE 68139-0064

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(402) 291-67681

The Imperial Court of Nebraska Offers \$20 Tickets to Coronation 25

First of all, we would like to take this time to thank the GLBTS community for supporting us during this reign. Thanks to all of you, Empress Crystal and Regent Emperor has been able to raise and hand out over \$30,000 in funds this year.

As a way of saying thank you, we would like to offer a reduced ticket to anyone interested in going to our coronation. Usually, our tickets are \$30, however, we are offering a special \$20 ticket to any in town person who buys their ticket between May 25th and Jun 25th.

To buy your tickets, please look for upcoming ICON events or you can email Michele Korman at: princessxxomaha@yahoo.com This is our 25th Anniversary celebration, so tickets will be going fast. If you have any other questions please contact Michele.



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AFA Attacks the GLBT Community, AGAIN!

Abandoning its failed boycott of Disney, the deeply homophobic conservative Christian group American Family Association has turned its focus to a new boycott of the Ford Motor Co.

The AFA's new Ford boycott Web site claims:

If one looks for the company which has done the most to affirm and promote the homosexual lifestyle, he would be hard-pressed to find a company which has done more than Ford Motor Company.

While this is hardly known to the general population, it is well known by numerous homosexual organizations. In fact, the Human Rights Campaign (a national homosexual organization whose goal is homosexual marriage) gave Ford a 100 percent corporate rating.

View the AFA's anti-gay at: <http://www.boycottford.com/>

As members of the GLBT community, we should take this boycott seriously. Recently a single, vocal minister stopped Microsoft's support of employment discrimination protection for gays in Washington.

Contact Ford today and let them know that you support them!

Also, make sure that you let them know the following information:

- * If you already own a Ford vehicle tell them.
- * You are now more likely to buy a Ford vehicle after learning of their support of the GLBT community.

Contact Ford and let them know we support them!

By email: <https://www.ford.com/en/support/emailUs.htm>

By phone or mail:

Phone:
800-392-3673
800-232-5952 (TDD for the Hearing Impaired)

Mail:
Ford Motor Company
Customer Relationship Center
P.O. Box 6248
Dearborn, MI 48126

Hours of Operation:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

Lets stand up to the bullies at the AFA, contact Ford today and let them know we support them!

Weekend of Worship Celebration and Fun!

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha would love to invite the entire community to share in the installation of our Interim Pastor, Rev. Wayne Moore. The entire weekend of June 24-26 will be one of celebration, fun, and wonderful worship.

We will kick off the weekend with a welcome reception Friday, June 24, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on The Patio at The MAX. You must be over 21 to attend.

Although many of you have had the opportunity to meet Pastor Moore, we want to invite you to come on down as we officially welcome Pastor Wayne to our community. We also want to thank Bruce and Stosh at The MAX for sponsoring this event!

Our next event will be on Saturday June 25, at MCC-O, 819 South 22nd Street. This event will be a Cabaret--MCC-Style, featuring talent from our own congregation and from some of our community supporters and friends. Come on down and enjoy the fun and celebration, not to mention you'll hear some pretty good music too. Thanks to Rick R. and Sharon VB for hosting this event.

The Capstone of our weekend will be the Installation Service itself. This will take place at the church during our Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Join in this special time when Pastor Wayne is officially installed as Interim Pastor of MCC-Omaha. Tentatively scheduled as co-presiders for this service will be Fred Zydek, the first pastor of MCC-Omaha and Rev. Graylan Keefe, Pastor of First MCC of Kansas, Wichita, Kansas. Following the service from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. will be a Pastoral Brunch in the Social Hall. All events at the church are open to the entire community.

So come and join the celebration and fun and worship at MCC-Omaha all weekend long. This is your church, and we want you to be part of it. All events are free and open to the general public!!!

Good Manners

During a "Good manners and etiquette" class, the teacher gives the following problem to her students: "If you were courting a well educated young girl from a prominent family and during a dinner for two you needed to go to the toilet, what would you say to her? "

Mike replies "Wait a minute, I need to take a leak." The teacher says "That would be very rude and improper on your part." Charlie replied "I'm sorry, I need to go to the toilet, I'll be back in a minute." The teacher says "That's much better, but to mention the word "toilet" during a meal is unpleasant." And Johnnie says "My dear, please excuse me for a moment. I have to go shake hands with a personal friend, to whom I hope to be able to introduce to you after dinner. "

The teacher passed out.

MCC's PASTOR WAYNE MOORE TO ADDRESS HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE SCRIPTURES

PRIDE AMONG THE CHOSEN: DISCOVERING BIBLICAL FREEDOM AND TRUTH

During June Pastor Wayne Moore will lead the community through a 4 week study that will help discover the truth of those Bible passages that radicals use to condemn gays and lesbians. This study will help answer some of those troubling questions, such as: Do you have trouble believing that God loves you? Do you feel guilty about who you are? Have you ever wondered about those passages in the Bible that are used to condemn Gays and Lesbians? Did you grow up in a church that talks about "abominations?"

Let Pastor Wayne Moore help you put those issues behind you as he leads a discussion entitled "Pride Among the Chosen: Discovering Biblical Freedom and Truth." The four part discussion will be held in MCC-O's Social Hall at 819 South 22 Street at 7pm on Wednesday nights beginning June 8 and will run through June 29. Everyone is welcome to come explore this important topic.

Don't worry if you missed the first session – Don't worry if you can't attend all four session. Come whenever you can! Find out the truth! Find out about God's love for you!

Center Wish List

Do you have something that the Center could use? Contact one of our board members. Please call (402) 341-0330 or email wishlist@rainbowoutreach.org.

Some items on our Wish List:

Items for Raffles (event tickets, etc.); Games (board games, card games, role playing games, chess, puzzles); Laminator (8.5"x11" or larger); Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater resolution, PC compatible); Library Materials (Books, Magazines, Books on Tape, etc.); Overhead Projector; Public Address System; Slide Projector; Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long); TDD/TTY (Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf/Teletypewriters); Tele-Braille (TB) machines for the Blind; Toolbox; VCR

Wish List Contributors

Anonymous - Books; Anonymous - Games; Anonymous - Videos/DVDs; Bob Ewing at Printing Plus - 2 cases of 6X9 envelopes; Bob Gittins - Cards, DVD Player, Books, Office Supplies, Paper Shredder; Flat Water Bears - Bookcase; Brian Wyant - Books, Open House Food, Website; George Broadway - Computer Equipment, PO Box Sponsor, Printer Ink Cartridges; James Lunbeck - Vacuum Cleaner, Open House Food; Judy Hancock - Bulletin Boards, Chairs and Tables, Calendars, Light Covers, Games, Office Supplies, Open House Food and Beverages, Printer Stand; Marcus Fender - Original Acrylic Painting, Oscillating Floor Fan, 8 Fluorescent Bulbs, Box of Trash Bags; Monty McClean - Books; Sarah - Coffee Maker, Cleaning Supplies, Magazines; Sharon VanButsel & Carla Petersen - Books

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6-8 PM, Friday, June 24
The Patio at The MAX
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7:30 PM, Saturday, June 25
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Court Gives Gay Man's License Back

Christopher Curtis, PlanetOut Network

A court has intervened after Sicilian authorities had suspended a man's driver's license upon learning he was gay.

The court ruled, "It is clear that sexual preferences do not in any way influence a person's ability to drive motor cars safely."

The judges added that homosexuality "cannot be considered a true and proper psychiatric illness, being a mere personality disturbance."

License authorities discovered the sexual orientation of the 23-year-old man, identified by the Ansa news agency in Italy as Danilo G., when they discovered he had been exempted from military service because he was gay.

The man's lawyer, Giuseppe Lipera, called his client's treatment "utterly scandalous and offensive." Lipera demanded 500,000 euros (\$613,500) in damages.

"Danilo ... is deeply perturbed by what has happened. He has lost his hair and is suffering shock," the Ansa news service quoted Lipera.

For Fruit Flies, Gene Shift Tilts Sex Orientation

By ELISABETH ROSENTHAL, International Herald Tribune

When the genetically altered fruit fly was released into the observation chamber, it did what these breeders par excellence tend to do. It pursued a waiting virgin female. It gently tapped the girl with its leg, played her a song (using wings as instruments) and, only then, dared to lick her - all part of standard fruit fly seduction.



The observing scientist looked with disbelief at the show, for the suitor in this case was not a male, but a female that researchers had artificially endowed with a single male-type gene.

That one gene, the researchers are announcing today in the journal Cell, is apparently by itself enough to create patterns of sexual behavior - a kind of master sexual gene that normally exists in two distinct male and female variants.

In a series of experiments, the researchers found that females given the male variant of the gene acted exactly like males in courtship, madly pursuing other females. Males that were artifi-

cially given the female version of the gene became more passive and turned their sexual attention to other males.

"We have shown that a single gene in the fruit fly is sufficient to determine all aspects of the flies' sexual orientation and behavior," said the paper's lead author, Dr. Barry Dickson, senior scientist at the Institute of Molecular Biotechnology at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna. "It's very surprising.

"What it tells us is that instinctive behaviors can be specified by genetic programs, just like the morphologic development of an organ or a nose."

The results are certain to prove influential in debates about whether genes or environment determine who we are, how we act and, especially, our sexual orientation, although it is not clear now if there is a similar master sexual gene for humans.

Still, experts said they were both awed and shocked by the findings.

"The results are so clean and compelling, the whole field of the genetic roots of behavior is moved forward tremendously by this work."

said Dr. Michael Weiss, chairman of the department of biochemistry at Case Western Reserve University. "Hopefully this will take the discussion about sexual preferences out of the realm of morality and put it in the realm of science."

He added: "I never chose to be heterosexual; it just happened. But humans are complicated. With the flies we can see in a

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,
1719 Leavenworth St.
Stage Right, 16th and Harney (temporarily closed)
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)

Iowa:

Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs
Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA



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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF OMAHA

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

819 South 22nd Street (Just south of Leavenworth Street)

Omaha, Nebraska 68103 Phone: 402-345-2563

Web site: www.mccomaha.org

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Mary C Gryva

1823 Harney St. Suite 201
Omaha Nebraska, 68102

Phone: 402-346-0874



simple and elegant way how a gene can influence and determine behavior."

The finding supports scientific evidence accumulating over the past decade that sexual orientation may be innately programmed into the brains of men and women. Equally intriguing, the researchers say, is the possibility that a number of behaviors - hitting back when feeling threatened, fleeing when scared or laughing when amused - may also be programmed into human brains, a product of genetic heritage.

"This is a first - a superb demonstration that a single gene can serve as a switch for complex behaviors," said Dr. Gero Miesenboeck, a professor of cell biology at Yale.

Dr. Dickson, the lead author, said he ran into the laboratory when an assistant called him on a Sunday night with the results. "This really makes you think about how much of our behavior, perhaps especially sexual behaviors, has a strong genetic component," he said.

All the researchers cautioned that any of these wired behaviors set by master genes will probably be modified by experience. Though male fruit flies are programmed to pursue females, Dr. Dickson said, those that are frequently rejected over time become less aggressive in their mating behavior.

When a normal male fruit fly is introduced to a virgin female, they almost immediately begin foreplay and then copulate for 20 minutes. In fact, Dr. Dickson and his co-author, Dr. Ebru Demir of the Institute of Molecular Biotechnology, specifically chose to look for the genetic basis of fly sexual behavior precisely because it seemed so strong and instinctive and, therefore, predictable.

Scientists have known for several years that the master sexual gene, known as fru, was central to mating, coordinating a network of neurons that were involved in the male fly's courtship ritual. Last year, Dr. Bruce Baker of Stanford University discovered that the mating circuit controlled by the gene involved 60 nerve cells and that if any of these were damaged or destroyed by the scientists, the animal could not mate properly. Both male and female flies have the same genetic material as well as the neural circuitry required for the mating ritual, but different parts of the genes are turned on in the two sexes. But no one dreamed that simply activating the normally dormant male portion of the gene in a female fly could cause a genetic female to display the whole elaborate panoply of male fruit fly foreplay.

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HEARTLAND COWGIRLS AND COWBOYS BRING HOME HONORS

Wichita Team - Heartland placed 5th out of 9 teams

Buckle Winner - Kim Lion won her very first buckle in wild drag

Top 8

Tim K. placed 5th in chute dogging, 6th in barrels and 5th in pole bending

Brett Hartman placed 5th in barrels and 6th in steer deco

Doug E and David E placed 5th in wild drag

Teeny C placed 3rd in goat dressing and 5th for All - Around Cowgirl

Oklahoma City - Heartland placed 4th out of 16 teams

Buckle Winner - Marv P. Wild Drag

Top 8

Sam Kramer 2nd in barrels & 8th in poles

Tim K. 4th in chute dogging 6th and in goat dressing

Marv P. 3rd in chute dogging and 6th in steer deco

Brett H. 3rd in steer deco

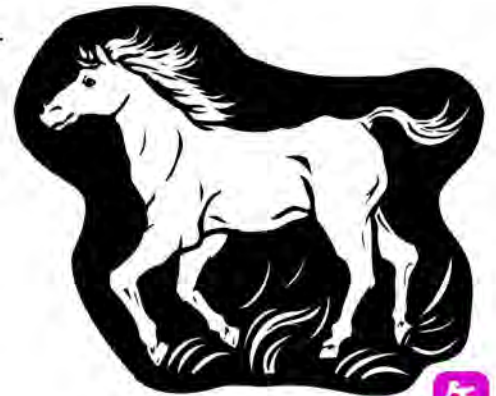
Randy J. 6th in steer deco

Teeny C. 5th in goat dressing

Rich P. 6th in goat dressing

Albuquerque, New Mexico will be the site of the next IGRA rodeo on June 17-19.

Over the 4th of July weekend, members will travel to Calgary Alberta and Minneapolis for rodeos on July 1-3. For more information go to hgra.net





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THURS—SUN, JUNE 9 THRU 12TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005, 20th Anniversary Pride Celebration in Omaha, 15th and Jones Street

FRIDAY JUNE 10TH

JELL-O WRESTLING Mr. Max Brandon hosts a benefit for ADAP, The Max patio, 7pm

FRIDAY JUNE 17TH

WILD WILD WEST SHOW, Cowboy up with the gang from HGRA, 9pm in the Max show bar

SAT., & SUN., JUNE 18 & 19

RCMC PRESENTS FAIRY TALES: THE MUSICAL, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, 69th and Dodge

SUNDAY JUNE 19TH

ICON STEP DOWN SHOW ICON Reign 24 says good bye, The Max Show Bar, 9pm

FRIDAY JUNE 24TH

GLBT CENTER OUTING TO SNAP! Performance of "Take Me Out", details and discount tickets available at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth or www.rainbowoutreach.org

FRIDAY JUNE 24TH

BBQ ON THE PATIO The MCC is holding a BBQ and meet and greet for their new Pastor, 6pm at the Max Patio Bar

THE VICTIMS OF DESIRE are in the house with a stripper cabaret, 10pm at the Max Show Bar

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH

THE IN TOWN SHOW hosted by ICON, at the Max in the Show bar, Cocktails at 6pm, Show starts at 7pm

SUNDAY JUNE 26TH

END THE MONTH WITH THE NEBRASKA ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR, THE PRINCESS at the Max, Disco Bar, 10pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 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

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22, 345-2563
Worship: 11am Sunday School: 11am

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

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

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK Cheryl
474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, Noon to 3PM

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

Every Monday

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

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

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

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center,

Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING, 7PM,
MCC-Omaha, 819 So. 22nd St.

GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT, sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 3-4:30pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE

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

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

HIV TESTING, RESULTS IN 20 MINUTES, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux City, IA (712) 252-4272,

Every Saturday

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm,
Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian

Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE, 3PM TO 4:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE Room
Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or
email: rcga@tgforum.com

1st Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE, 7pm to 8PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 7pm to 8PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER
L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING
(glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm,
MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

3rd Thursday

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A,
Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

3rd Sunday

CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 7PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

4th Tuesday

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

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-

coln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Monthly Beer Bust, 9pm, DC's Saloon

4th Saturday

HIV TESTING Cornerstone, 16th & U,
Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:00-3:00pm

LAST Sunday

REAL FAMILIES Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

Having an Event? List it Here Free!

Thirty Lines To Make You Smile

- 01.. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
- 02.. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
- 03.. I Work Hard Because Millions On Welfare Depend on Me!
- 04.. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
05. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- 06.. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
- 07.. You're just jealous because the voic-

- es only talk to me
- 08.. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
- 09.. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
- 10.. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are missing.
- 11.. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
12. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
- 13.. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
- 14.. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- 15.. Conscientiousness: That annoying time between naps.
- 16.. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- 17.. Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
- 18.. Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.
- 19.. Procrastinate Now!
- 20.. I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?
- 21.. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- 22.. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance
- 23.. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
- 24.. They call it PMS because MadCow Disease was already taken.
- 25.. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.
- 26.. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
- 27.. Ham and eggs. A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
- 28.. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
- 29.. The original point and click interface was a Smith and Wesson.
- 30.. I smile because I don't know what the hell is going

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

Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers group

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

GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association

Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org

Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 4th Fri Gilligan's 7pm

LinOma Bares, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Linomabares@yahoo.com or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887

Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

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

Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com

Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

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

Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>

Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net

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
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 Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

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 Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPol@aol.com

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

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

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

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.

Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer

Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450

Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000

Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com

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

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.com, Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267

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

Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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

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

Iowa Based

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

South Dakota Based

Black Hills Pride Committee, for information visit <http://blackhillspride.org>

Black Hills Gay and Lesbian Youth And Resource Center, for more information please visit <http://www.bhgayyouth.org>

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Army Discharges Wounded Gay Soldier

Christopher Curtis, PlanetOut Network

An openly gay Army sergeant who was awarded the Purple Heart for his service in Iraq was discharged Tuesday -- not under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, but because the term of his military contract had ended, according to an LGBT military advocacy group.

In May 2004, a grenade explosion injured Sgt. Robert Stout, 23, in his arm, face and legs while he was serving in Iraq. Despite those injuries, he went back to continue his tour of duty. He was also awarded the Purple Heart for his sacrifice.

Stout, of the central Ohio town of Utica, told the Associated Press (AP) in April he would stay in the military if he could be open about his identity. "I know a ton of gay men that would be more than willing to stay in the Army if they could just be open," Stout said.

Aaron Belkin, director of the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California-Santa Barbara, told the PlanetOut Network he spoke with Stout just before he returned to the United States.

"Stout came out of the closet when he was already a month away from discharge," Belkin said. "First of all it would have been bureaucratically inefficient [to invoke 'don't ask'] and second of all his story was already making headlines. The military knew it would have looked bad."

"Stout wants to serve, just not for an organization that treats him as a second-class citizen. He was wounded and went back into battle. His peers knew he was gay -- they didn't have a problem with that. The question is why the Army and the Congress have such an issue," Belkin said.

Steve Ralls, spokesman for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), added, "It's unfortunate that the military's gay ban has denied the talents and devotion of a Purple Heart recipient. It's another stark example of how 'don't ask, don't tell' affects military readiness."

Military readiness has made headlines recently, with reports that the armed services' recruiting efforts are flagging. In April, the Army missed its recruiting goal for the third month in a row, while the Marine Corps missed its recruiting goal for the last four months -- for the first time in 10 years.

Ralls said "don't ask, don't tell" is a part of the problem. "If the 10,000 gay and lesbian members who were discharged under 'don't ask, don't tell' were still serving today, there would be potentially be a smaller shortage, or no shortage at all."

For more information about being gay and serving in the American military, please see the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network web site at:

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Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE

Many Omaha area gay and lesbian homeowners who have had trouble with credit cards and so on have found that there is *one* place in Omaha where they can be treated with respect.

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At last, finding financial help doesn't have to be like a “coming out” at Thanksgiving dinner with everyone pointing fingers, and finding fault.

Mindy Hahne, of Service First Home Mortgage in Omaha's Midtown area works at a GLBT friendly outfit that *specializes* in helping Omaha area GLBT homeowners in need.

Hahne says she takes great pride in being gay and lesbian friendly. And treating the folks she helps like family.

“A lot of people in the GLBT community don't realize that even *without* gay marriage, or civil unions, there are already several equal protections in place for gay and lesbians as real property owners! Maybe because *no one else* wants to tell you about them!” Mindy says.

“Being gay or lesbian doesn't have to be a barrier to equal treatment anymore!” Hahne says.

Hahne has helped many gays and lesbians over the years, many personal friends.

“I am the one person in town that *specializes* in helping gay and lesbian folks with debt consolidation, cash out, credit repair and so on!” Hahne says.

“These are good people with damaged credit reports and/or hard to prove income! Not through any fault of their own! I

specialize in helping the gay and lesbian community get a *fair shake* from the financial industry!” Hahne says.

Hahne says she has a lot of connections to Wall Street money, “I have personal relationships with investors *nationwide*, even *internationally*! Fair-minded people who want to fund loans for people with past credit problems!” she says.

“Many of them have a social conscience! And they take pride in helping gay and lesbians in particular! Just like I do! They use my *proprietary* system as their own little bit of “*social activism*!” Hahne says.

These investors are people who buy ‘pools’ of mortgages of 50 million dollars at a whack! 50 million bucks! It's taken me 4 long years and it's been *really* hard to find these ‘fat cats!’ People who are ‘like-minded’ about what I do for the Omaha gay and lesbian community!” Mindy says.

“Not only is it *illegal* to discriminate against the GLBT community, it's just plain *wrong*!” Hahne says. “The self-limiting perceptions held by some in the community are just as much of a problem as the crooked people who perpetrate the discriminatory practices themselves!” she says.

Hahne says, “It's my *personal mission* to change the mindsets! And to *liberate everyone* from the restraints!”

“I grew up in a house where we didn't have much money! And my parents understood just how money *really* works even less! Nowadays, it's a lot of fun for me to help people get control over their money and their lives!” Mindy says.

Mindy Hahne can be reached at 402.934.9248 x1010. “I'm *really busy*, so those who don't get a live answer from me need to leave a detailed message and then

give me at least 24 business hours to return the call!”

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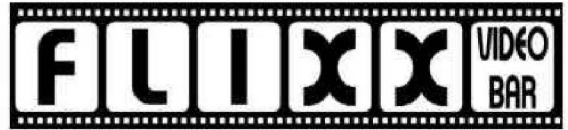
I'm so ugly...My father carries around a picture of the kid that came with his wallet.

When I was born, the doctor came into the waiting room and said to my father, "I'm sorry. We did everything we could, but he pulled through."

I'm so ugly...My mother had morning sickness...AFTER I was born.

I remember the time that I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger to my father. He said he wanted more proof.

Once when I was lost, I saw a policeman, and asked him to help me find my parents. I said to him, "Do you think we'll ever find them?" He said, "I don't know kid. There's so many places they can hide."



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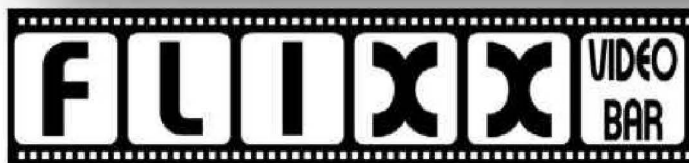
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