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D.C. OK's Out-of-state Gay Marriage

By Kerry Eleveld and Michelle Garcia

The Washington, D.C., city council approved legislation 12-1 that would recognize same-sex marriages legally performed in other states and countries. If signed by Mayor Adrian Fenty, a marriage-equality supporter, the issue would then go to Congress, which has final oversight over the District's laws.

The single vote against the bill was cast by former D.C. mayor Marion Barry, now a council member, who had initially supported the measure. Barry said he had some "very agonizing and difficult conversations" about the issue. "I saw people demonstrating in the streets and I prayed," he said. "I have been a friend of (the LGBT) community and I will continue to be a friend. I don't want this (marriage vote) to be a litmus test, because if it's a litmus test, it's not a true friendship." Barry has marched in pro-LGBT parades, campaigned for LGBT support, and had previously pledged to vote for same-sex marriage when he was running for reelection.

Openly gay city council member David Catania responded, "This is about acknowledging our families as much as we acknowledge yours. If this is an issue of morality, I think it is immoral for you to be my friend on the one hand and on the other say, 'You are not entitled to the same rights and obligations as I am.'" Catania then suggested that saying one supports

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Fashion: A Non-Lubricated Pose

By Chris Orr

If you have never seen condoms used in a fashionable way, you missed your chance on Wednesday April 1st at the Max. Nebraska Aids Project held a fundraiser to benefit the programs it offers and to kick off STD Awareness Month, which is April. The show itself gave Bravo's Project Runway a tough time to stay on the catwalk. NAP's Project Runway Condom Fashion Show took stage and took the audience and it's organizers by fashion storm.

Gary Winingham, NAP education manager, had to say this about filling the Max on a Wednesday night. "I had told Stosh/Bruce and Rusty that I was going to fill The Max on a Wednesday night from 8:00 to 10:00. I succeeded in doing that. We estimated that there were a minimum of 500 people in attendance."

Before the competition began, there was a public service announcement to inform the audience there that evening. Gary explains "everyone that was in the audience the first 15 minutes of the show heard the following: Nebraska AIDS Project mission statement. The event was launching off National STD Awareness Month. Condom Use 101... Yes, I (Winingham) talked about and presented a correct condom use demonstration for the audience, of which I only heard positive comments about."

During the show there was a performance from the Safe Sex Players. Winingham tells us what that entailed. "I was able to get most of Omaha's Nebraska AIDS Project staff included in one way or another for this event. We came up with a short singing, dancing, funny, and entertaining routine to Madonna's

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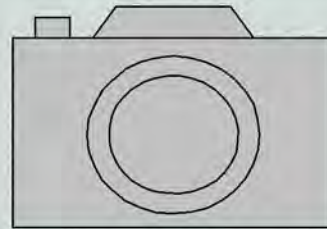
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"Material Girl" song. We changed the words to give a safe sex message." The Safe Sex Players were: Nakiea Boetger, Dara Pagano, Claudia Balta, Paulett Bailly, Brandi Bennett, Jason McGuire, JJ Replogle, Jordan Delmundo, Ann Smolsky, Gary Winingham. The fifteen sponsors had to purchase one case of 1,000 non-lubricated, assorted colored condoms. The sponsors were as follows: Broadway Joe's, ICON Studio, Star Inc. (The Max), American Family Insurance, The Blazing Saddle, Christopherson Funeral Services, Hidden Treasures, Pride Real Estate, Gold's Gym, Life Coach Susan Koenig, MB & Florist, Rainbow Celebrations, and Imperial Court of Nebraska. The sponsors then had a designer create the garment. The garment itself had to be something fashionable, wearable, and made of 50% condoms. Some of the designers were out for the first time to The Max audience. Other designers were already known in the audience for the fashions that these designers created for their drag personas. The designers were: Matt Finken, Katie Driscoll, Lisa Anderson, Shauna Nemetz, Bonnie Driscoll, Christopher Speers, Michael Lyons, James Wilson, Buf Reynolds, ICON Royal Family Misty Stokes, Paco Perez, Cody Wilson, Eric Ernsberger, Tim Maes, Mary Applegate, Mama Barry



(Barry Beard), and Sabrina Jones. The fashions surprised many and Gary gives a fashion recap. "The biggest and most rewarding surprise from the whole evening was the creativity, the talent and fabulous garments the designers made. They truly exceeded my expectations. There was everything from swimwear to formal gowns presented to the audience. You could tell that designers put a lot of thought and time in their garment. Michael Lyons created a fabulous one-piece woman's swimsuit. Buf Reynolds created an evening dress that could have been worn to any formal gathering. There were several spectacular women's party dresses. ICON Hair Studio went somewhat intricate and theatrical that included wings. Paco Perez went with a cowboy design that included a vest and pair of chaps. We had a rain coat and umbrella combination. Mama Barry's team design even had sparkling illuminated lights. Cody Wilson dress included a train that you would see one of the ladies competing in the Miss USA Pageant wearing during evening wear competition. I simply can't stress enough how spectacular, unique and wonderful each garment was." Then of course, each sponsor and designer had a model wear the garment to be judged. The judges were Molly Berens of the Agency 89 Modeling and Talent Agency, Sangeetha Youngman who is a local fashion guru, and Kevin Steward from Omaha Community Playhouse. Who won the Judges Choice Award? Winingham "Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) won the Judges Choice Award. My understanding is that Misty Stokes was the over-all creator or designer. Shanda Lee was the model." The panel wasn't the only ones to judge. The audience got a say on what their favorite garment was. The People's Choice Award went to the design that raised the most money. The designs raised money by having the audience buy votes for \$1.00 a vote. Who won the People's Choice

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Award? Gary "Gold's Gym was the sponsor. Sabrina Jones was the designer. Katie Hecht-Weber was the model. Gold's Gym recruited a lot of supporters to the event that was much appreciated. We had two sponsor/designer/model combinations that each raised over \$350.00 for people choice. There were just a few dollars difference that determined the People's Choice Award."

So what was the total dollar amount raised for the evening? Gary lets us know his goal was broken. "The total amount collected that evening was \$5,054.76. My goal was to try and reach \$3,500.00." Gary wraps up this interview by saying "It was truly a fun and entertaining event for all who attended and participated. It was a unique and different way for NAP to bring more awareness to the STD/HIV epidemic occurring right here in our own community (the entire Omaha metro area).



Each of us needs to take the responsibility of protecting ourselves and educating others who might be (no...who are!) putting themselves at risk. I am certainly looking at doing it bigger and better for next year."

Photos taken by Nakiea Boetger

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civil unions or domestic partnerships was just a way of saying, "I'm not that big of a bigot." He later apologized for the comment and clarified that he did not mean council member Barry was a bigot, but that his position was bigoted.

"I am your equal," Catania said. "I get up every day and serve the citizens of this city, just as you, and I deserve everything that you enjoy. I will not stop until I have that for every single resident of this city." Catania is one of two openly gay city council members; Jim Graham is the other.

Council member Yvette Alexander, an African-American woman who described herself as a Christian, noted that the Stonewall Democrats' D.C. chapter, the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, had endorsed her based on the totality of her record in spite of the fact that she does not support same-sex marriage.

"So when I did not agree on that one issue, they did not negate all the good works that I had done. The ministers on the other hand," Alexander said, "the ministers have really upset me to the point that they have questioned my Christianity, they have questioned my morality." Alexander said some ministers had threatened to run a Christian against her in the next election.

Even though Alexander voted to recognize same-sex marriages performed outside the district, she added, "I can honestly say I'm still at odds with the issue of gay marriage in the District of Columbia -- I still want to learn more about that issue. But I do know one thing, I do know that everybody is equal under God."

After the vote was taken, the packed council chambers emptied into a scene of mayhem in the hallway outside. People chanted, "Take it to the polls" and "We need a new council" while TV cameras swirled among the action. A young African-American man stared flatly at the display with seeming resignation and mumbled to his friend, "This shit breaks my heart every time I see it."

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Generational Divide on Same-Sex Marriage Issue

By Rhiza Dizon

Though a new national poll suggests that a majority of Americans oppose the legalization of same-sex marriage, the survey also indicates a great generational divide on the issue.

In a poll conducted by CNN/Opinion Research Corporation, 54% of respondents said marriages between gay and lesbian couples should not be recognized as valid, with 44% indicating they should be considered legal.

However, among those 18 to 34 years old, 58% said same-sex marriages should be legal.

The number drops drastically to 42% among respondents aged 35 to 49, then to 41% among those aged 50 to 64, and only 24% among Americans 65 and older.

"Young voters strongly favor marriage equality. They're the future of American politics," says CNN political analyst Bill Schneider.

Information from the poll also indicates an increase in the number of people who say they have a family member or a close friend who is gay, up to 49%, from 41% in 1998. The number also increases to 58% among those aged 18 to 34.

"People who say they have a gay friend or relative support same-sex marriage," CNN polling director Keating Holland notes. "Most of those who say they don't know anyone who is gay oppose gay marriage."

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Nude Photos of Miss California Exposed

By Julie Bolcer

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The photo, which first appeared on TheDirty.com, is allegedly one of six that exist of the 21-year-old Prejean, who came in first runner-up at the Miss USA pageant on April 18 after expressing her opposition to marriage equality onstage in Las

Vegas. Insiders say the other five photos may be revealed soon.

“I can assure you they were quite inappropriate and certainly not photos befitting a beauty queen.” Alicia Jacobs, a reporter for KVBC-TV in Las Vegas, told NBC’s Today show on Tuesday morning.



Jacobs, who judged the Miss USA pageant, believes that the photos were taken after Prejean’s recent breast-augmentation surgery. However, in a statement issued overnight, Prejean claims the photos were taken when she was 17.

“I am a Christian, and I am a model,” Prejean said. “Models pose for pictures including lingerie and swimwear photos. Recently, photos taken of me as a teenager have been released surreptitiously to a tabloid website that openly mocks me for my Christian faith. I am not perfect, and I will never claim to be.”

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Life for Gay Ugandans Grows Dire

By Neal Broverman

A bill is being pushed in Uganda that would create even more stringent laws against homosexuality in the central African nation.

Current Ugandan law already provides a maximum lifetime sentence if convicted of participating in same-sex relations, according to the Box Turtle Bulletin blog. Parliament member David Bahati is working to convince his fellow Ugandan legislators that their nation needs a comprehensive law to fight homosexuality. The new legislation pushed by Bahati would make simply being gay or "aiding and abetting" gays illegal.



Antigay activists are gathering power in Uganda; the legislation comes on the heels of a vicious outing campaign by Kampala's Red Pepper newspaper. Some of the outing is being pushed by George Oundo, a high-profile Ugandan "ex-gay."

The Box Turtle Bulletin is also reporting that a Ugandan gay couple has been arrested and many gay and lesbian Ugandans are being subjected to blackmail.



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NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION, in Omaha, more details coming soon. Also see <http://www.NebraskaPride.com> for more info

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

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

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN, 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

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

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

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

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

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,

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS, 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 aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

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

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

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

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

GUYZ NITE 8:00 pm to 1pm, at Connections, \$2.50 domestics and \$2.50 wells

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

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 139 S. 40th Same day results,

THIRSTY THURSDAYS 10:00 pm to midnight, at Connections, Reverse Happy Hour and FREE Jukebox

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

CAN WE TALK SUPPORT GROUP
 Open to everyone, every Friday 6:30pm to 8pm, MCCO, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

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. 40th Same day results

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

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY, 6 to 7:30PM, Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

Every Saturday

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

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

1st Tuesday

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

1st Thursday

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7 to 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday OR Sunday

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

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lincoln 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 Leavenworth St.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING (glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org
PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

3rd Thursday

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7- 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln on the third Thursday of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE
LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln
COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd 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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Tuesday

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

4th Friday

LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS- OMAHA
Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month

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Little Old Lady

A little old lady was walking down the street dragging two Large plastic garbage bags behind her. One of the bags rips, and every once in a while a \$20 bill falls out onto the sidewalk.

Noticing this, a policeman stops her, and says, "Ma'am, there are \$20 bills falling out of your bag."

"Oh, really? Darn!" said the little old lady. "I'd better go back, and see if I can find them. Thanks for telling me."

"Well, now, not so fast," says the cop. "How did you get all that money? "You didn't steal it, did you?"

"Oh, no", said the little old lady.. "You see, my back yard is right next to the football stadium parking lot. On game days, a lot of fans come and pee through the fence into my flower garden. So, I stand behind the fence with my hedge clippers. Each time some guy sticks his thing through the fence, I say, '\$20 or off it comes'.

"Well, that seems only fair" laughs the cop. "OK. Good luck! Oh, by the way, what's in the other bag?"

"Well, you know", "not everybody pays!"



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



HEY, BRAD.

KYLE! YOU...
...YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE WHAT JUST HAPPENED!



YOU GOT TEA-BAGGED?

HUH? NO.

SORRY. KIDDING. WHAT HAPPENED?

MORGAN AND I KISSED!



OH. IS THAT ALL?

WHOA. AREN'T YOU FREAKED OUT BY THAT?



NOT NEARLY AS MUCH AS YOU SEEM TO BE.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM HERE?



THE PROBLEM? YOU KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS!

HE'S... ..SHE'S...
...TRANSGENDERED!



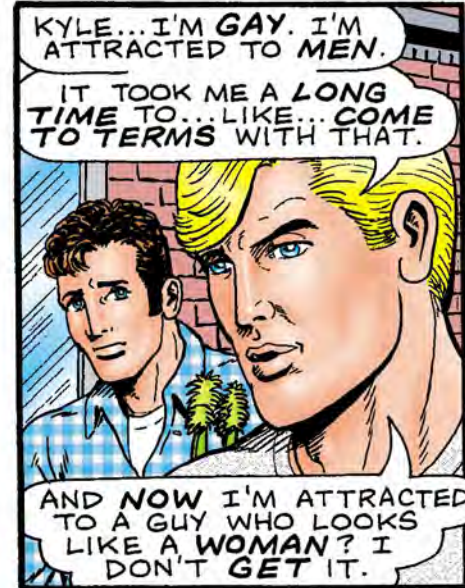
SO WHAT? SHE'S ALSO A GREAT PERSON.

I KNOW SHE IS.

SHE'S AWESOME. THAT'S WHY I KISSED HER.



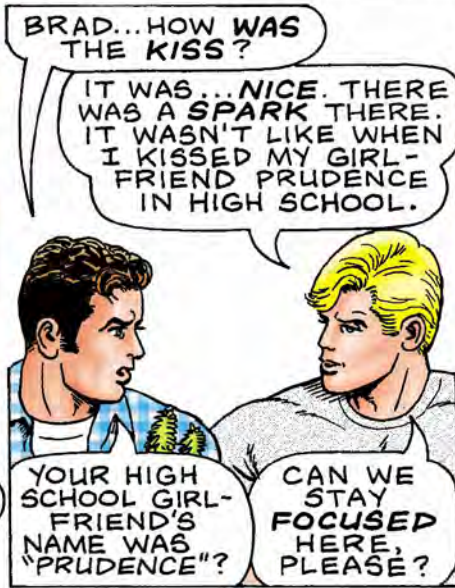
I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT THE BIG DEAL IS, BRAD.



KYLE... I'M GAY. I'M ATTRACTED TO MEN.

IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO... LIKE... COME TO TERMS WITH THAT.

AND NOW I'M ATTRACTED TO A GUY WHO LOOKS LIKE A WOMAN? I DON'T GET IT.

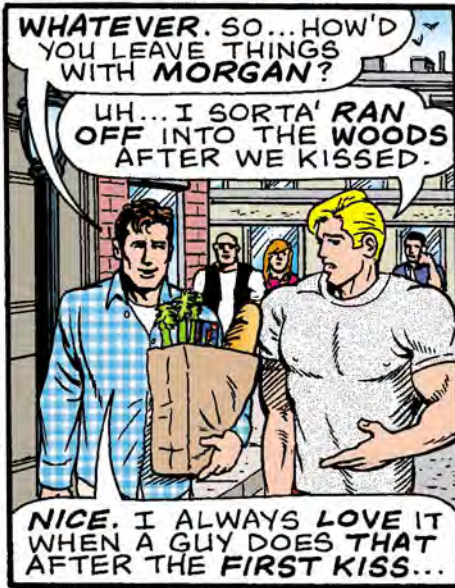


BRAD... HOW WAS THE KISS?

IT WAS... NICE. THERE WAS A SPARK THERE. IT WASN'T LIKE WHEN I KISSED MY GIRL-FRIEND PRUDENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GIRL-FRIEND'S NAME WAS "PRUDENCE"?

CAN WE STAY FOCUSED HERE, PLEASE?



WHATEVER. SO... HOW'D YOU LEAVE THINGS WITH MORGAN?

UH... I SORTA' RAN OFF INTO THE WOODS AFTER WE KISSED.

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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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| 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 |

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Omaha GLBT Sports

By Chris Orr

The opening night of the softball season on April 23rd couldn't have been better. So many things set the tone for the night to be great. The weather was phenomenal and not a cloud in the sky. Pride volunteers were there selling concessions to raise money for Pride. They had a lot to offer: pop, water, Gatorade, kool aid, chips, candy bars, peanuts, polish sausages, and hot dogs. The players were on time and were eager, excited, and ready to play ball. The field was lined and ready to be played on. The league's volunteer umpire was there and ready to ump the game. The spectators showed up in large numbers and were ready to see some ball played.

The April 23rd games had everyone a little nervous since a lot of the players haven't played ball in a while or were just warming up after winter had passed. Some of the players considered this a warm up night. First game of the evening had Blue Frenzy VS. Broadway Joe's (formerly purple). Blue Frenzy did take off in a frenzy with runs for the game.



The team also hit a couple long distance automatic doubles. Broadway Joe's had a little more difficult of a time putting scores on the board until later in the game. They did however have some quick outs at the bags. The second game of the evening had Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies against the Red Rockets (ConAgra). Ball Blokes had taken a little bit of time to adjust on the field. They did have some short outfield flys to score some runs. Red Rockets ran the show for this game. They had some long outfield hits to score runs but none were home runs. The final game of the evening was Connections playing Swing4it. In the beginning it appeared that Connections was going to take the win by scoring a few runs here and there at a greater speed than Swing4it. Connections had many grounders squeak by the defense allowing Connections bases. Swing4it got a break in one inning that put them back in the game against Connections. An estimated 120 people were in attendance for the games, players and spectators combined.



The April 30th games were a little chilly but everyone was glad to be playing softball that night. Two of the three games that evening were very close games. Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies and Connections took the field first.

Ball Blokes got some automatic doubles moving players around the bases. Ball Blokes' pitcher, second baseman, and shortstop, Rob W., Nat P., and Jen V., had a little tangle when all three went for an infield fly, Rob W. did make the catch and out. Connections just kept hitting players in one at a time. The team had some strong infield hits. Second game had Swing4it and Blue Frenzy on the field. Swing4it was the low scorer of the night but one of their players, Wes S., hit the first home run of the season out of all the teams. The team also did have two players get hit by the softball and they are proud to have bruises. Blue Frenzy also had one of their players taking a softball to the chest! He is okay but says a little tender. Blue Frenzy had got some automatic doubles in and smart hitting and running got this team to get their players around the bases. Broadway Joe's and Red Rockets had a fun and crazy night. The teams went back and forth with the lead. Both teams also had some surprise strike outs by batters swinging wildly at the ball. The teams were pretty equal in automatic doubles. The Broadway Joe's pitcher, Mary P, had great reflexes by catching a hit ball flying at her face. Red Rockets tried their best to try and come back in the last inning. A little over 100 people between spectators and players were in attendance.



The league would like to thank the following: Umpire – Wendy F. Concessions – Johnnie Richards, Becky, Mic Sizzle. Scorekeeper – Robin R. Photographer – Jim K. and all those who attended the games. You can come and watch the softball action every Thursday at 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. at Churchich Park 50th & "C" Street. There is no admission fee for spectators. Pride will be selling concessions to raise money for its goals.

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| April 23rd | |
| Blue Frenzy 15 | VS. Broadway Joe's 8 |
| Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies 7 | VS. Red Rockets 18 |
| Connections 7 | VS. Swing4it 8 |

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| April 30th | |
| Connections 10 | VS. Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies 12 |
| Swing4it 4 | VS. Blue Frenzy 12 |
| Broadway Joe's 13 | VS. Red Rockets 10 |

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



How difficult can it be to maintain health and fitness during a divorce, breakup, or separation? Whatever word you call it, the situation can create havoc for even the best laid plans. Depression, anger, sadness, and a gaggle of other emotions can flood you and make you feel worthless and despondent. How you face the moment can determine the course your health will take.

It is good to bring your inner circle of friends and family together to guide your ship through these choppy waters. These BFF's and family members can give you support and tell you all the right things to keep you going through your separation. They can put that positive spin on everything and assure you it will be fine. Get out the rolodex and reach out and touch someone.

Keep busy during the days, weeks, and months following your breakup with your significant other. Idle time gives you opportunity to dwell on what went wrong. This can then lead to over-eating and a state of depression. Keep the calendar chocked full of events and appointments.

Don't listen to sad songs or watch sad movies. You might as well be holding a gun in one hand and a bottle of pills in the other. You're already traumatized enough! Listen to Jimmy Buffet or put on a Marx Brothers movie. You want to rise from that ash pile; not roll around in it!

Make efforts to talk in a civil tone to your (ex)partner who is also going through the same situation as you are. Be certain that you are able to keep it between the lines though. Don't go into a conversation looking to rip the person's head off! Take your time before calling or meeting this soon-to-be ex of yours. Get things out in the open so you both can begin moving your wagons down those respective trails again.

Get the emotions out of your system. Do not bottle up any feelings inside yourself. They will eventually come out and they will usually zap your health in the process. Write a poem, keep a diary, cry, scream on the top of a hill, hit a punching bag, or find another release. Once these emotions surface, you can begin the healing process.

Know this is not the end. Know you will fight to live another day. Know you have the power to control yourself and yourself only. Know that you are mortal and that mistakes do happen. Know that there is another beginning out there for you. Know that anything is possible and never give up believing in the impossible. Know that I have and will always love you Scott!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by Ron Blake. You can visit Ron at his new website of www.myblakefitness.com.

Pride: Today, Tomorrow & Forever

By Chris Orr

Some in the GLBT community are wondering what Pride is going to offer this year. Pride has changed some things by offering more than last year or switching up the routine. Pride Chair Johnnie Richards releases a report of what Pride will have.

First let's get some of the basics of Pride. At this point in time there are about 6 to 8 people helping plan Pride 09. This is an issue that needs to have more people voicing their input and volunteering their time into helping Pride 09 be planned and carried out successfully. Johnnie urges we need more people for this task. If you are interested in being involved go to www.nebraskapride.com and sign up or email the Pride Committee at volunteer@rainbowcelebrations.org.

The Pride logo was released a couple weeks ago at a Pride kickoff fundraiser held at Flixx Cabaret & Show Bar. The Pride logo designer won \$100. The theme for Pride this year is Pride: Today, Tomorrow, Forever. The theme was released about 6 months ago. One of the Pride committee members came up with the theme but does not receive a cash prize.

The entertainment aspect of Pride, which is what attendees often wonder, is being worked on. This year "we are bringing in all different kinds" of entertainment Johnnie says. Some of the entertainers performing this year will be: the comedienne Kristine O'Leary, Pity Pat, Delta Louise, indie folk pop group Driftwood Fire, vocalist of pop/electronic/house music Jason Antone, pop/soul/country singer Levi Kries, and of course the many local entertainers.

Vendors last year stretched along the Lewis & Clark Landing venue. Pride is hoping for more vendors and expects the numbers to stay the same or improve. Johnnie says the Pride layout will be "about the same, we are adding a 2nd water & pop booth. We are looking for more food vendors." Negotiations for the food and beverage vendors to partake in Pride are being currently worked on.

The parade last year had plenty of entrances but couldn't find the judges and emcee to make that part of the parade work like in the past. Those who were marching in the parade though made enough noise that an emcee wasn't needed. Pride is working hard on getting those elements set in stone so those who watch the parade can know what groups are coming down the street if it is not clearly visible. "We would love to see more floats" says Johnnie.

The attendance last year was record breaking for Pride. It is pushing to break the record again this year. "We expect 10,000 or more" people attending Pride this year predicts Richards. The fee for this year will remain the same to attend Pride. If you partake in the new happy hour and alcohol at Pride you have to purchase a \$5 wristband. During that time you can come and go from the Pride site and return with no charge. Non alcohol partakers and people who show up after 6 p.m. at Pride will be charged \$5 and will receive a wristband. If you leave Pride and return with no wristband you have to pay to reenter, \$5.

There are some great additions to Pride this year. Friday will have a happy hour from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. with drink specials and a DJ spinning music before the Friday night enter-

tainment begins. The Ohana Group will have an expanded Kidz Korner sponsored by Cox Communications. Since Iowa has legalized same-sex marriage, the commitment ceremony conducted by MCC-Omaha will be walking across the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge to the Iowa side to marry.

The Pride Pageant is looking for contestants to be the Mr., Miss, or Ms. Gay Pride 2009. The pageant will be held on June 14th at The Max at 9 p.m. Applications are available on Pride's website.

For all things Pride keep posted to www.nebraskapride.com. Here you can access applications for: parade, vendor, volunteer, pageant contestant, performer at pride. The site will also keep you updated on all happenings to what will happen at Pride to fundraisers for Pride. Pride will be June 19th, 20th, & 21st at The Lewis & Clark Landing.

TODAY. TOMORROW.

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Marie Osmond Loves Her Gay Daughter

By Rhiza Dizon

In an interview with Los Angeles radio station KOST 103.5, Marie Osmond confirmed rumors that her daughter Jessica is a lesbian and spoke about her views on marriage equality. Though the interviewer suggested the question might be "a sensitive topic" because of Osmond's Mormon faith, the entertainer didn't hold back. "That's not a sensitive topic, I love my daughter," said Osmond with a laugh.

Last week, the U.K. publication The Sun suggested all may not be well between Osmond and her daughter. But Osmond went on to say that though the Mormon Church may not agree with homosexuality, she isn't imposing those beliefs on her children.

"You know, on those types of things I'm very supportive. When it comes to marriage, I think that civil rights need to be for all," Osmond said. "When you start mixing religion into that and beliefs, you know, I do believe in the Bible. My daughter understands my beliefs. And, you know, God said to be married and be productive with your children and, you know, replenish the earth or whatever. She understands those things. My daughter is sharp. And we have a great relationship and I think she would tell you that."

In the weeks following the passage of Prop. 8 in California, Marie Osmond and her brother Donny became easy targets for some gay activists as high-profile members of the Mormon Church, which was responsible for raising a substantial amount of money in passing the same-sex marriage ban, but the brother-sister act responded by appearing on posters condemning the church.



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