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Gay Vets To Lobby White House

By Kerry Eleveld

A group of 125 gay veterans are scheduled to lobby White House officials on repealing "don't ask, don't tell" next Monday, May 10, at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.



The White House has not said who from the administration will attend the meeting, according to Alex Nicholson, executive director of the gay veterans group Servicemembers United, who helped coordinate the event.

Another meeting of 40 gay veterans will also take place Monday at the Pentagon. During that gathering, Nicholson said the vets would provide input to Department of Defense officials as they continue to conduct research into how to implement a repeal of the policy.

"The Pentagon working group is meeting with them to engage them as part of their work," Nicholson said. "That's a not a token, they want to meet with different demographics as a part of their study." The Pentagon's review of how to implement repeal is due out in early December.

Press will not be admitted to either event.

The meetings were scheduled to coincide with repeal lobby days on May 10 and 11 coordinated by Servicemembers United and the Human Rights Campaign in which gay veterans will meet with their legislators.

"Both of these events will provide able participants the chance to meet with key leaders about DADT in advance of the formal Lobby Day program and congressional office visits," read the announcement from the two groups.

Nicholson said he had just received final confirmation for both meetings on Monday.

Gay Marriage Challenge Back in D.C. Court

By Julie Bolcer

The D.C. Court of Appeals will hear arguments Tuesday in the lawsuit stemming from last year's decision to reject a ballot measure that would have asked voters to weigh the legality of same-sex marriage.

According to the Associated Press, "In January, a D.C. Superior Court judge threw out a lawsuit by a Maryland pastor who wanted to put a measure on the D.C. ballot to define marriage as between a man and a woman. Bishop Harry Jackson sued after the Board of Elections and Ethics refused to approve the ballot initiative, saying it would violate the city's Human Rights Act. The judge said the city was right."



In an unusual move, the appeals court hearing Tuesday will occur before the full court, the AP reported.

The marriage equality law passed by the D.C. Council last year took effect in March.

China Lifts HIV Travel Ban

By Michelle Garcia

China announced that it lifted a 21-year-long ban on travelers with sexually transmitted diseases including HIV.

The China State Council, which is comparable to the White House's cabinet, made the announcement on its website late Tuesday, according to The New York Times. The council's standing committee approved the repeal on April 19. Premier Wen Jiabao signed an official decree, making the repeal effective as of April 24, according to the report.

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"This is a evidence that when the United States leads with our ideals, the world takes the power of our example very seriously," Kerry, the chair of the Foreign Relations Committee, said. "We fought hard to end our own unwarranted, unjustifiable HIV travel restriction, and now China has taken the same step. I urge other nations to follow this example by striking down any law that unjustly discriminates against HIV-positive individuals."

Antigay Leader Vacations With Male Escort?

By Advocate.com Editors

George Alan Rekers, who founded the antigay Family Research Council with James Dobson and Amandi Nicholi Jr., was caught returning from a vacation to Europe in April with a young man he'd hired on a popular escorting site, the Miami New Times reports.

According to the article, the escort arrived at Miami International Airport after a 10-day trip to Europe on April 13. Moments later, Rekers followed him off the plane.

Rekers later told the paper he only learned his companion (the New Times refers to him as Lucien) was an escort midway through the trip. "I had surgery," Rekers said, "and I can't lift luggage. That's why I hired him."

The New Times reports Rekers didn't deny he'd met Lucien on the escorting website Rent-Boy.com. Lucien confirmed the two had met on the website.

In a Tuesday afternoon post, Unzipped identified the profile of the RentBoy, titled "Boynextdoor/Geo." By Tuesday evening, Family Research Council had removed Rekers' name from its website.



Adds the New Times: "Rekers is a board member of the National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH), an organization that systematically attempts to turn gay people straight. And the Huffington Post recently singled out Rekers as a member of the American College of Pediatricians — an official-sounding outfit in Gainesville that purveys lurid, youth-directed literature accusing gays of en masse coprophilia. (In an email, the college's Lisa Hawkins wrote, 'ACPeds feels privileged to have a scholar of Dr. Rekers' stature affiliated with our organization. I am sure you will find Prof. Rekers to be an immaculate clinician/scholar, and a warm human being.')"

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HAPPINESS:

What is it and how to get more of it.

By Michael Kimmel
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Happiness: what a topic! Most of my clients want to be happier...they want more happiness and less suffering in their lives. Who doesn't? But, what is happiness? We all know it when we feel it, or do we? Is it feeling good, joyful, optimistic, healthy, alive? Or is it a deeper sense of pleasure, satisfaction, well-being? A wise old (straight) colleague of mine claims that "the happiest time of life for men is ages 60-69 and the unhappiest period is ages 20-29". Is this true for all of us, or just straight men? Is happiness for us LGBTers related to coming out, reducing our internalized homophobia, staying physically healthy, having a good group of friends and sense of community? Is it true – as many new age gurus claim – that happiness is a choice? Is it also true – as Freud claimed – that it takes more effort to be happy than it does to be unhappy?

Happiness is self-defined: your happiness may not look or feel like mine. The things that make your boyfriend happy may not make you happy, and vice-versa. Happiness is experienced not only in our neocortex (where our thoughts reside), but also on a total body level: a happy body is full of energy, flexibility, aliveness and strength. It can take you almost anywhere and recover quickly from difficult situations. Let's define what happiness is for you.

Complete this sentence: For me, real happiness is

I recommend that you complete the sentence several times: your answers may "deepen" the more you think about it. Let your answer(s) be as long as you like, the more you write, the more your subconscious may get activated and you may get answers that surprise you. Once you've completed the sentence a few times, take a look at your answers: is there a theme? Are there links between the things you wrote? For example, are most of the things you wrote related to social events, physical activities or things done in solitude? Just notice, don't judge. It's just information.

Here are some other questions to help identify what you define as happiness:

- When was the last time you really felt happy?
- What kinds of things have brought you happiness in the past?
- When was the last time you did any of those things?
- Who are some people you know who seem to be happy? What is it about them that makes them happy? What are they like?

In my work with clients, I often use elements of Buddhist psychology to help clients identify and eliminate the sources of their suffering and locate the source of their happiness. For example, if you hook your happiness onto someone else (e.g.,

your partner) or some event happening in a certain way (e.g., your boss being kind to you), your happiness is shaky. A more solid, lasting happiness has got to come from a lasting source... a source that you can control. The only thing you can control is your mind and body...and that's a challenge in itself.

For some people, this is where spirituality comes in. God or Spirit is seen as the only unchanging source of happiness and, in theory, we need to align with this essence or presence in order to have a continual pipeline to happiness. Well, all you spiritual folks out there, how easy is THAT to pull off? Quite difficult, isn't it? It doesn't matter whether you have a spiritual belief system or not, happiness has got to come from within.

There's nothing else we have guaranteed access to: money, your partner, your job, your house, it's all temporary and can be here today, gone tomorrow.

In an effort to avoid a cookbook mentality, here are some possible ways to experience more happiness:

Identify what historically has brought you happiness and unhappiness.

Study people that you think are happier than you are. What do they have that you don't? If you can, ask them about themselves and how they find their happiness.

Begin to quiet your mind: any activity that brings you more peace and quiet is setting the stage for happiness.

Find ways to let yourself be more spontaneous, e.g., more yourself: do you need to spend a day hiking, an afternoon playing golf, an evening dancing your ass off until the dance club closes? How can you loosen up more?

Live more in the moment. Notice when you're off in future hopes or dreams and kindly bring yourself back to this moment. Happiness is only available NOW, not tomorrow and not yesterday. If you're stuck in the past, overanalyzing something for the millionth time, gently bring yourself back to the present.

Experiment with being more flexible: if you can "go with the flow", your odds of happiness increase exponentially. If you have to have things your way, happiness is unlikely to fly in your window...because you're got it bolted shut and locked down.

Forgiveness is another path to happiness. The person you refuse to forgive for their stupid behavior is probably off at the beach having a good time while you're still stuck in your misery. Forgiveness isn't about making the other person feel better; it helps you feel better, and brings you one step closer to experiencing more happiness.

N.Y. Court Affirms Gay Parental Rights

By Advocate.com Editors

The New York court of appeals has ruled in two separate cases that nonbiological parents of children raised in same-sex relationship have rights similar to those of biological parents.

The New York Times reports that in one case, the court ruled that a woman has the right to seek child support from her former



partner, even though she is not the biological parent. In the other, a woman who entered into a civil union with her partner in Vermont can apply for visitation rights for her nonbiological child following the couple's split.

The court did not go further in defining parental rights for non-biological parents in same-sex relationships, however.

"It is a narrow victory that will help the children of couples who marry or enter civil unions, but it will not help the children of parents who don't," said American University law professor Nancy Polikoff.

ACLU: Civil Unions Unequal to Marriage

By Advocate.com Editors

The American Civil Liberties Union submitted an amicus brief for a lawsuit in New Jersey, which argues that civil unions are not equal to marriages.

According to a statement from the ACLU of New Jersey, the courts have allowed legislatures to enact separate systems of rights for minorities, but the ACLU contends that judges have always struck down those systems when they are shown to perpetuate disparities.

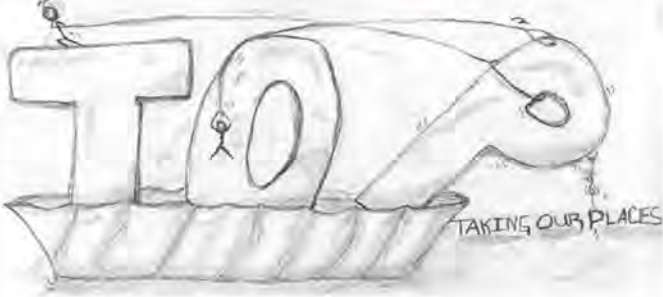
Vice dean of Rutgers-Newark School of Law Ronald Chen authored the amicus brief on behalf of the ACLU-NJ and seven other notable minority rights and civil rights organizations.

"A separate system of rights for a particular minority group has once again failed to fulfill the actual promise of equality, as has been the case throughout history," he said in a press release on

Monday.

The state began issuing civil unions in 2006, after a court decided that gay couples deserved equal treatment.

The other signatories to the brief submitted today are the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Garden State Bar Association, the Hispanic Bar Association, Legal Momentum, and the National Organization for Women of New Jersey.



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West Hollywood City Council Approves Arizona Boycott

By Julie Bolcer

The West Hollywood city council voted unanimously Monday night to boycott Arizona in response to the state's harsh and controversial new law to combat illegal immigration.

According to KCAL 9, the council voted 5-0 for the boycott, which suspends official travel to Arizona and calls for the development of official sanctions, including a review of city contracts with Arizona.

Arizona governor Jan Brewer, who faces a tough reelection battle, signed the bill into law last month. Since then the law has sparked an emotional conversation about immigration reform nationwide.

On Tuesday morning, also in Southern California, the Carson city council was expected to approve a boycott of Arizona in response to the immigration law.

Teens Charged in Murder of Gay Principal

By Julie Bolcer

Maryland county police charged two teenagers Monday in the murder of popular D.C. middle school principal Brian Betts last month. Sharif Lau Lancaster and Alante Saunders, both 18, met Betts on a sex chat line hours before he was killed. Police said a third teenager was also likely to be charged in the killing.


According to The Washington Post, police in Montgomery County believe that robbery was the motive. Betts was found dead in his Silver Spring home on April 15 after he failed to appear at work at Shaw Middle School at Garnet-Patterson.




“Montgomery Police Chief J. Thomas Manger said that there was no indication the teens had any relationship with Betts before the educator arranged a meeting with one or more of them on the phone line. Officers said they think the trio used the chat line to find a target to rob.”

Police said the suspects were identified with help from clues including fingerprints inside the victim's home and his stolen SUV, and receipts from his credit cards, which were used by Lancaster, Saunders, and Lancaster's mother.

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Lee Terry Says Being Gay is a Choice in Behavior”

By ROYAL D. BUSH

I sent an email request when asked by the HRC to do so, to Lee Terry (Nebraska) to ask them to support ENDA. This is the reply that I received;

“Thank you for contacting me in regards to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) I appreciate the opportunity to learn your views. H.R. 3017 was introduced by Congressman Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) on June 24, 2009. The bill prohibits the discrimination in employment matters based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

I have spent time in my district meeting with groups who have experienced discrimination because of their sexual orientation. While I am certainly sympathetic to the concerns they have raised with me, civil rights issues have traditionally applied only to characteristics that are considered intrinsic in nature. Current scientific research does not prove that sexual orientation is something that an individual is born with, but instead manifests itself as a choice in behavior.

Although the bill does contain what the sponsors call a “religious exception” I feel this general language does not go far enough to ensure that religious and faith-based groups are able to hire employees whose beliefs and actions are consistent with the mission of their organizations.

If the bill does to a vote on House floor, I am inclined to vote against it. Again, thank you for contacting me on this important

matter. I encourage you to contact me on other matters of importance to you. Please visit my website, www.leeterry.house.gov to sign up for my e-newsletter to learn more about upcoming legislation and other important impacting the 2nd Congressional District of Nebraska and our nation. Sincerely, Lee Terry Your Representative in Congress.”

I wrote Rep. Lee Terry to ask for his support in passing ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act.) I would like to share his reply with you. “...Current scientific research does not prove that sexual orientation is something and individual is born with, but instead manifests itself as a choice or behavior.” He went on to add “...I feel that this general language does not go far enough to ensure that religious and faith-based group are able to hire employees whose beliefs and actions are consistent with the mission of their of their organization. He signed the letter “Your Representative in Congress.”

This is my reply to his response via OWH Public Pulse, all four news stations and both the Reader and City Weekly.

Let’s get some facts straight Lee. #1) you openly admit you want to allow religious and faith-based groups to discriminate against those who are not like them? #2) you think that my life has an openly gay Christian man was a choice? #3) You represent me and other Nebraska LGTBTS people?

Lee, I would not want to be a part of these religious and faith-based groups that you speak of, that promote discrimination and probably do not accept responsibility for their own behaviors!

I, and many other Nebraska, LGTBTS citizens realize that we may chose where we shop, what we wear and whose campaigns we spend our money to support HOWEVER despite your scientific research; I am living proof that being gay is not a choice. (The American Psychological Association website reports that scientists advise that sexual orientation is NOT a choice.)

And finally you may NOT sign your letters “Your Representative in Congress” as your behavior is some of the most embarrassing, ignorant and shameful as a representative I know in modern time. You do NOT represent me.

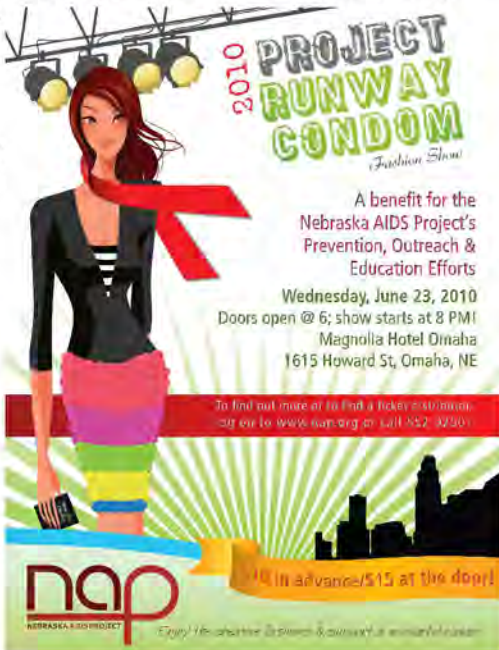
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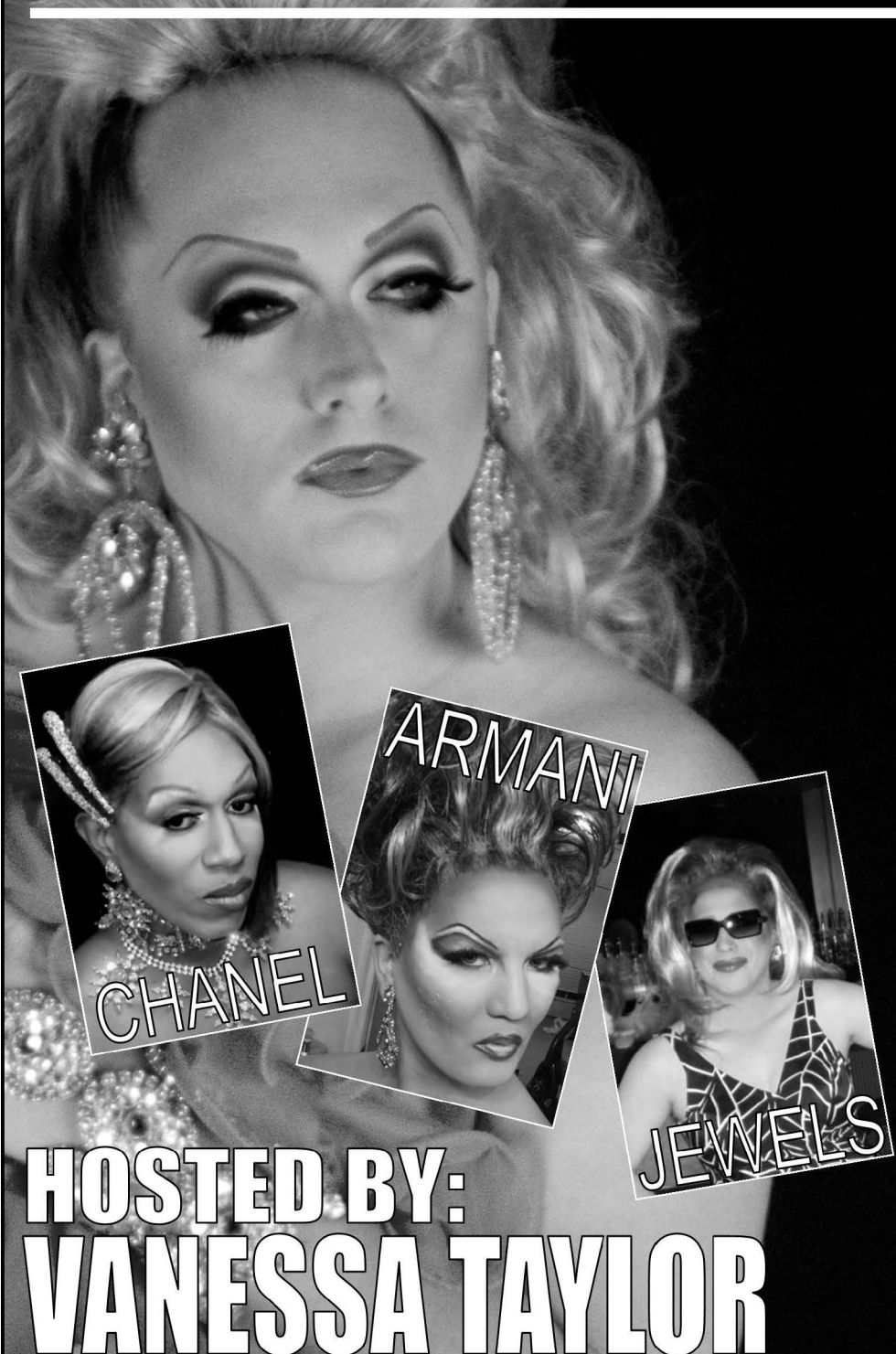
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ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

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

AA 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 8:00 pm, at Connections

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aander-son@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

COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT

CONNECTIONS 8:00 pm to close, \$2 COORS LIGHTS, \$4 BOMBS with your Student 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 Sa-
loon

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

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

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

CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS

KARAOKE & OPEN MIC NIGHT, Alternating Thursdays 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

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

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

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

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

Every Other Friday

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Wednesday

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

2nd Thursday

MCCO DISCUSSION GROUP, 7p.m. and
shares a light meal. Normally ends at
9p.m. Spirituality, faith, religion, world issues,
life issues are just some of our topics. Contact
Royal for more information: [roy-
alb@mccomaha.org](mailto:royalb@mccomaha.org) or 516-2759

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

2nd Saturday

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

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING
(glt film shown at 7pm followed by discus-
sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow
Outreach GLBT Community Center,
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 or call 402.462.2961
or 402.460.8696

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A,
Lincoln

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Tuesday

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

4th Thursday

MCCO DISCUSSION GROUP, 7p.m.
and shares a light meal. Normally ends at
9p.m. Spirituality, faith, religion, world
issues, life issues are just some of our
topics. Contact Royal for more infor-
mation: royalb@mccomaha.org or 516-
2759

4th Friday

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

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

6) You might not be the best lookin' girl here,
but beauty's only a light switch away.

7) I know I'm not no Fred Flintstone, but I bet
I can make yer bed-rock.

8) Yer eyes are as blue as window cleaner,

9) If yer gunna regret this in the mornin, we
kin sleep til afternoon.

AND.. the best for last!

10) Yer face reminds me of a wrench. Every
time I think of it, my nuts tighten up.

More Airline Announcements

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very
hard landing in Salt Lake City . The flight
attendant came on the intercom and said, 'That
was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are
thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the air-
line's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't
the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt.'

After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix ,
the attendant came on with, 'Ladies and Gen-
tlemen, please remain in your seats until Capt.
Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft
to a screeching halt against the gate. And, once
the tire smoke has cleared and the warning
bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you
can pick your way through the wreckage to the
terminal.'

Part of a flight attendant's arrival announce-
ment: 'We'd like to thank you folks for flying
with us today. And, the next time you get the
insane urge to go blasting through the skies in
a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think
of US Airways.'

Heard on a Southwest Airline flight - 'Ladies
and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the
smoking section on this airplane is on the wing
and if you can light'em, you can smoke'em.'

No rednecks, hillbillies, airline passengers,
pets, parents, States of the Union, cities, Fred
Flintstone, mirrors, farts or wrenches were in
any way harmed, killed, damaged, maimed or
in any other way made less significant than
what they already are/were. Which may not
have been much to begin with.editor

Sure-fire Pick-up Lines

Thank you for purchasing "Bubba &
Cooter's Book of Sure-fire Pick-up Lines"

These pickup lines work in Arkansas,
Kentucky, Louisiana, Alabama and Mis-
sissippi !!

1) Did you fart? ...cuz you just blew me
away.

2) Are yer parents retarded?cuz ya
sure are special.

3) My love for you is like diarrhea. I just
can't hold it in.

4) Do you have a library card? ...cuz I'd
like to sign you out

5) Is there a mirror in yer pants? ...cuz I
can see myself in em.

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 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, not currently meeting

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-

2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org
Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Omaha GLBT Professionals, Contact omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net for more info.

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

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

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

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 at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

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

Prairie Bares, male nudist group, no further info available

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

Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488,

Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WomenSpace, no current info is available

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska,

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

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org
Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspide.org
Iowa Equality, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal
 Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

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

Film Streams Announces OUT IN FILM Series (June 3-July 1, 2010)

A new film series dedicated to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender experience — perhaps the first such series in Omaha history — will begin this June at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, Omaha's nonprofit cinema.

Presented in conjunction with LGBT Pride Month 2010, the OUT IN FILM series will take place June 3 – July 1. The series presents a variety of artistically innovative films relating in different ways to the LGBT experience, including early, important works by acclaimed directors Ang Lee (THE WEDDING BANQUET), Gus Van Sant (MALA NOCHE), Pedro Almodóvar (LAW OF DESIRE), Lisa Cholodenko (HIGH ART), and Wong Kar Wai (HAPPY TOGETHER).

Other selections include the groundbreaking 1989 drama LONGTIME COMPANION (one of the first feature films to address the AIDS crisis) and historic documentaries THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK (an inspiration for the 2008 Oscar-winning film), and WORD IS OUT, the first feature-length documentary about lesbian and gay identity in America.

For more information about the series, including an opening night screening of WORD IS OUT (Thursday, June 3, at 7 pm), with a post-show discussion presented in collaboration with GOglbt – Greater Omaha GLBT Professionals.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

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

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: news@rainbowoutreach.org

Nibble For NAP



May

18th

please check our website for participating restaurants

www.nap.org

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

TYLER... CAN WE TAKE A BREAK FOR A MINUTE?

SURE, MAN. YOU WANNA' PLAY X-BOX?

I WANT TO TALK.

ABOUT WHAT?

US. HAVING SEX. THIS IS LIKE, OUR TENTH TIME NOW.

PRETTY HOT, HUH, DUDE?

PRETTY CONFUSING.

ARE YOU STILL DESCRIBING YOURSELF AS "STRAIGHT"?

OH YEAH. ABSOLUTELY.

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

LOOK, EDUARDO... I'M NOT GAY. IT'S JUST...

... I LIKE HAVING SEX WITH YOU. IT'S NOT LIKE WHEN I WAS WITH MY GIRLFRIEND.

SHE MADE ALL THESE DEMANDS ON ME.

LIKE TRYIN' TO MAKE ME LISTEN TO "NPR"... WHATEVER THE HELL THAT IS.

OKAY, MAYBE YOU'RE BISEXUAL, THEN.

NO. NO WAY. I'M NOT BISEXUAL...

... I'M NOT "QUESTIONING"... OR "CURIOUS"... OR ANY OF THAT CRAP.

I'M STRAIGHT, EDUARDO.

TYLER?!

COURTNEY?!

OH, MAN...

TYLER? WHO IS THIS?

UH... THIS IS MY GIRLFRIEND.

I THOUGHT YOU BROKE UP?!

WE, UH...

... SORTA' GOT BACK TOGETHER.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THIS AGAIN, TYLER!

AGAIN? YOU SAID I WAS THE FIRST GUY YOU EVER SLEPT WITH!

OH, DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF, HONEY. THIS IS THE REASON I BROKE UP WITH HIM THE FIRST... AND SECOND TIME!

YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GO.

YOU THINK? JEEZ.

I'LL CALL YOU, BRO.

DO US ALL A FAVOR, "BRO"... CALL A THERAPIST INSTEAD...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Two plus two equals four. Six times three equals eighteen. Ten divided by five equals two. Your health and fitness can be a mere numbers game. Let's have some fun with numbers while we look at how easy it can be to influence your well-being.

Cigarettes aren't good for your body and you are aware of this even if you're a sleazy Carolina tobacco lobbyist. Smoking twenty cigarettes is worse than smoking ten cigarettes. Two packs of Marlboros inhaled in a day are more harmful than sucking down one pack in a day. Get out the Texas Instruments calculator or your dusty abacus and start subtracting cigarettes from your daily routine gradually. Less is better in this numbers game!

One Mickey D's burger will have fewer calories than two burgers from Ronnie McDonnie's kitchen. Eight handfuls of potato chips have fewer calories than ten handfuls from that can of Pringles. One slice of cheese on your BMT has fewer calories than two slices of pepper jack on your favorite Subway foot-long. Less continues to be a good idea in our accounting game!

You can spend only ten minutes on the elliptical today. That is more than spending no time on that exercise machine. You were able to run three miles on the treadmill instead of your usual two miles. You walked around the neighborhood four times and the regular routine only called for three revolutions around Amber Ridge Heights. More seems to be better in these scenarios!

If you subtract 1000 calories from 5000 calories then you will arrive at 4000 calories of food eaten. My infinite wisdom from my beloved Indiana University Masters degree tells me that if you keep subtracting calories then you will keep being left with fewer calories. That degree wasn't in rocket science or brain surgery; but I'll bet my bottom dollar that less calories is better than more calories for most people.

A weeknight out on the town on an evil bender gets you into bed at 4AM. Two hours of sleep later and the alarm clock tap dances on your hangover in its efforts to get you to work on time. A weeknight on the couch watching American Idol and then off to bed by 10PM gets me that coveted eight hours of sleep. I'll see your three chips and raise you five more. Your best poker face and that hand of two hours of sleep will never beat my eight hours of satisfying slumber. More wins in this round!

Four bananas, three tomatoes, two apples, and five bunches of grapes during any given week is very different than no bananas, no tomatoes, no apples, and no bunches of grapes in that given week. It is the very different that you should strive for. Fruits and vegetables are good for you and more is better than less! It's all about the numbers and they can be so simple. Cozy up to those numerical buddies one through nine. The numbers don't have to be big; they just need to be leading you in the right direction. They will make a big difference over enough time.

What are your lucky numbers today?

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who has ignored numerous subpoenas from the Grim Reaper. That guy with nine lives is Ron Blake and he might be found lurking in the shadows at www.myblakefitness.com.

The Flat Tire

I had a flat tire yesterday, so I got out of the car and opened the trunk. I took out my cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them at the rear of my car facing oncoming traffic. They look so life like you wouldn't believe it!

Cars start slowing down looking at my lifelike men which made it safer for me to work at the side of the road.

Traffic starts backing up. Everybody is honking their horns and waving like crazy.

It wasn't long before a state trooper pulled up behind me..

'What's going on here?'

'My car has a flat tire,' I said calmly.

'Well, what are those cardboard men doing here by the road?'

I couldn't believe that he didn't know.

So I told him, Helloooooo, those are my Emergency Flashers.'



MAY @ THE MAX

2010

FRIDAY 7TH

MEN'S NIGHT
AMATEUR STRIP CONTEST
7PM - \$100 CASH PRIZE

SATURDAY 8TH - 6pm Door / 7pm Show

ICON's PR Ball "The Giant & The Hobbit"

SUNDAY 9TH - 9pm

"FRESH FISH PAGEANT"

SATURDAY 15TH - 6pm Door / 7pm Show

Pride Idol Wild Card

SUNDAY 16TH - 10pm

Rainbow Pride Step-Down Show

SUNDAY 23RD - 10pm

"Somewhere Over the Twisted Rainbow"
Presented by Rainbow Pride

SUNDAY 30TH - 8pm

Pride Idol Finals



ALSO ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:
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