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Kern's Back, Promoting Christ

Famously antigay Oklahoma lawmaker Sally Kern has issued a proclamation that blames marriage equality, abortion, and sex trafficking for economic problems.

The Oklahoma Citizen's Proclamation for Morality was introduced right before the Oklahoma City Pride festival, a move that many see as a direct insult to the gay population.

Kern's proclamation also slams President Obama, who supported the federal recognition of LGBT Pride Month and, on Monday, hosted a gathering with top leaders and figured in the movement.



"The office of the president of these United States has refused to uphold the long held tradition of past presidents in giving recognition to our National Day of Prayer," it reads. Additionally, it says that Oklahomans are "deeply disturbed that the office of the president of these United States disregards the biblical admonitions to live clean and pure lives by proclaiming an entire month to moral behavior."

Last year Kern was caught on tape by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund when she went on a tirade about how gays are a bigger threat to the country "than terrorists or Islam."

"You know why they're trying to get early childhood education?" Kern said at a private event in March 2008. "They want to get our young children into government schools so they can indoctrinate them. They're going after our young children, as young as 2 in age, to try to teach them that the homosexual lifestyle is acceptable."

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Jackson Biographer: Michael Was Gay

Unauthorized Michael Jackson biographer and investigative celebrity reporter Ian Halperin has claimed in London's Daily Mail that the "king of pop" was gay and that Halperin had spoken to two of Jackson's former lovers.

Halperin, who predicted in December that Jackson had six months to live and is currently at work on a book on the final years of the pop star, said that rumors Jackson had sexually abused children are false. He had no interest in children, Halperin said.

But in the article, Halperin writes, "In the course of my investigations, I spoke to two of his gay lovers, one a Hollywood waiter, the other an aspiring actor. The waiter had remained friends, perhaps more, with the singer until his death last week. He had served Jackson at a restaurant, Jackson made his interest plain, and the two slept together the following night. According to the waiter, Jackson fell in love." In 2006, Jackson's brother Jermaine said he and his brothers had suspected that Michael was gay.



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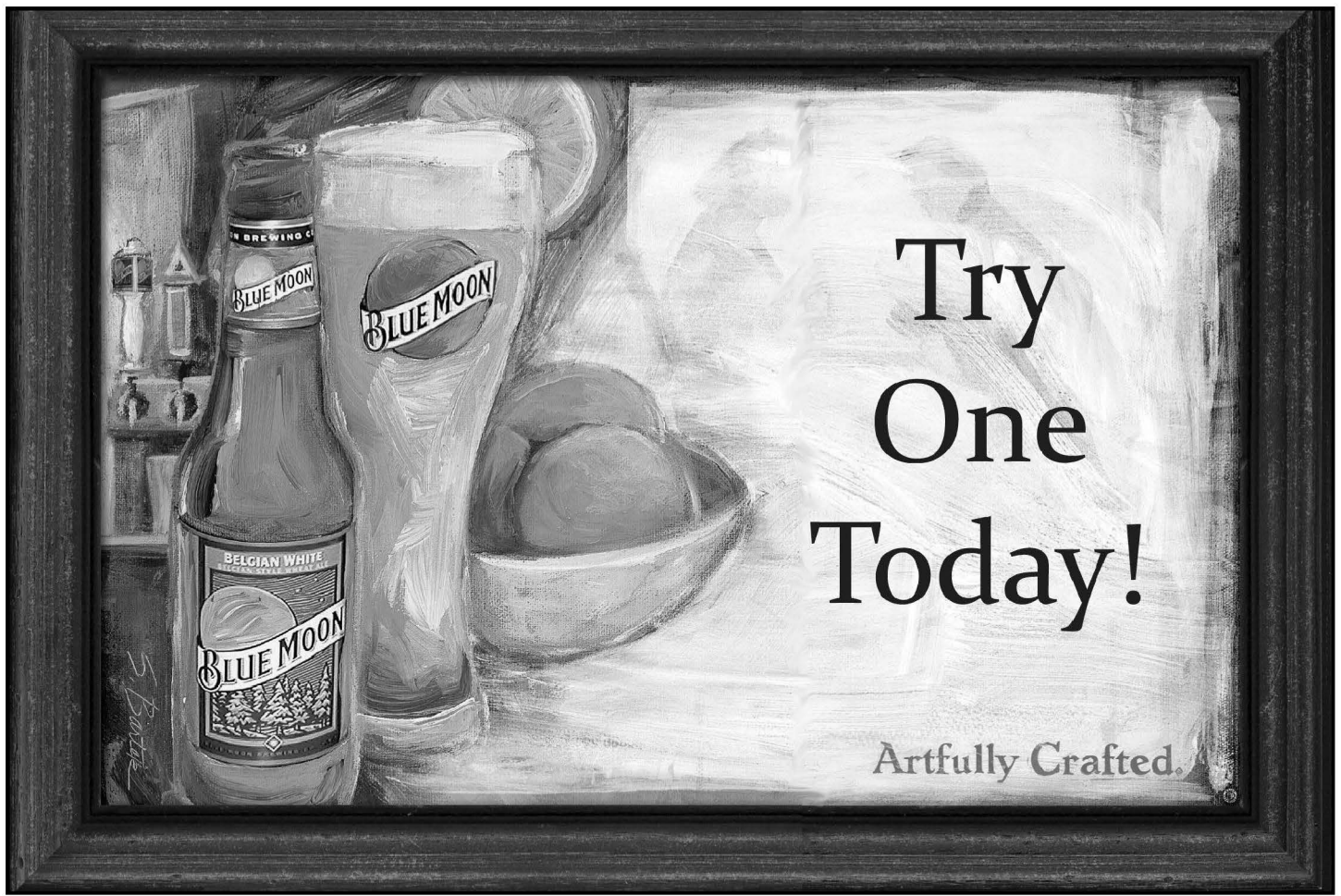
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Wizard of Oz, Outdoors on July 10

Bluffs Arts Council is showing the Wizard of Oz outdoors at Bayliss Park in downtown Council Bluffs at dusk on Friday July 10, 2009 (approximately 9 PM).

Council Bluffs Pride invites all GLBT people and straight allies in the metro area to attend. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and any pop, water, and snacks you want. Come see this free classic film beloved by the GLBT-allied community which has even more meaning this year now that Iowa upholds the human rights of all people, including marriage equality.

Participants are encouraged to wear your Council Bluffs Pride t-shirt or something else with a rainbow.

This year 2009 is the 40th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, which launched the modern gay civil rights movement.

The Wizard of Oz stars Judy Garland. Her funeral was held the night of the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, and many involved in the pivotal rebellion in New York City said her funeral was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Movies in Bayliss Park are shown south of the fountain (a large movie screen is set up in the back of a truck). People gather on blankets and in lawn chairs. Free parking after 5pm is available on all sides of the park, which has undergone a spectacular renovation. Once you see it you will understand why the park has provided a romantic setting for gay and lesbian couples getting married (yes, gay and lesbian couples get married in the park surrounded by family and friends, and no one bats an eyelash - that is how far we have come - definitely worth celebrating!).

Bayliss Park is also an ideal place for having a spontaneous picnic, and hosts free music concerts every Wednesday evening and movies every Friday night during the summer. For more info on movies and music in the park, visit <http://www.bluffsarts.org>

D.C. Court Rejects Antigay Challenge

By Neal Broverman

On Tuesday a Washington, D.C., superior court rejected a proposed referendum that could have repealed recently passed legislation under which D.C. recognizes same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions.

Judge Judith Retchin determined that the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics ruled properly that the proposed referendum would violate the D.C. Human Rights Act. D.C. law dictates that referendums may not authorize discrimination against those protected by the Human Rights Act, which covers gay and transgender people.

"The court's ruling today is an important victory for fairness, the rule of law and the protection of all D.C. residents against discrimination," said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "As D.C. law justifiably recognizes, no referendum should be permitted to strip away any individual's civil rights. Today's decision is another positive step towards achieving equality in D.C. and across the country."

The D.C. law that recognizes marriages performed elsewhere goes into effect July 6.

"THANK YOU" to NEBRASKA'S GLBT COMMUNITY!!

(copy of Pride 2009 Welcoming speech)

RICK CAREY: "Hello everyone....I'm Rick, one of the Grand Marshal's...this year you have two of us...a couple for almost 39 years! We've been asked to say a few words to welcome you to Nebraska **PRIDE** 2009.....and who better to do that than my fabulous partner David, sometimes known as the "Sizzling Salza", the *voice* of Omaha..."

DAVID "SALZA" SCOTT: "First of all...we are extremely honored and humbled by this recognition. **One** weekend a year, our community comes together to celebrate our wonderful, interesting diversity as individuals, organizations, and a culture. Most of you already know that **PRIDE** began 40 years ago at the Stonewall Inn in NYC...we, however, actually **experienced that era**...we knew Stonewall, heard Harvey Milk speak in San Francisco, knew Rev. Troy Perry (founder of MCC) in LA and even marched for Civil Rights! So we are very proud to remember those brave souls who paved the way to get us all to where we are today. We need only to look across the Bridge to see how close our equality has come...**congratulations** Iowa...**let's wake up** Nebraska! There is more for us on the horizon and now, more than ever, **we need to stand together....**

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Hopefully, perhaps not in our day but in yours, **PRIDE** will be a **victory celebration of equality**...rather than a **quest** for it! Thank you for sharing this weekend with each other...so "share the love & party on"!



Images By Tracy

The honor of representing **our** community as Grand Marshals of Nebraska **PRIDE** 2009 has been an exhilarating, empowering experience...

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RICK & DAVID (SALZA)

Balancing your Heart, Mind and Dick

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Testosterone: when you put two gay/bi/trans (GBT) men together, you've got lots of it. Is this why we GBT men are often accused by hetero society of putting too much emphasis on sex? Is it true that GBT guys have a lot more sex than straight guys do? If so, is it because we can, we want to, or we just can't help it? How do we integrate sex and love in our relationships? Are some relationships so sex-based that there's no chance of an emotional or intellectual connection? Are other relationships so emotional and "heady" that when sex happens, it's totally lame? How do we, as GBT men, balance our heart, mind and dick? Whether you call it "high libido", "too much testosterone" or "just plain horny": how can you get your thoughts, emotions and sex drive to work together?

In any meaningful man-to-man relationship, we need to balance the desires and demands of our heart, mind and dick. For example, when you meet a guy and feel an attraction, how and when do you decide to have sex with him? Is it right off the bat, when your heart and mind barely know the guy? Or is it later on, when your libido has been moderated by the wisdom of your mind and the feelings in your heart? I'm not here to tell you that there's one RIGHT way to do it. I had a client who met a guy at a bathhouse, had great sex with him, exchanged numbers...you know. Then, the next day, he thought about this

guy and wondered if there might be much more possible with this guy, e.g., a relationship. Initially, my client's dick had called the shots, but now his mind (thoughts) and heat (feelings) had kicked in. He came to me asking, "How can I turn a hot trick into a possible relationship?" Another way to say this is: How can I have a relationship where my mind, heart and dick are all working together?

Let's look at the heart first: the heart is all about emotions and feelings. When you're getting to know a guy, take some time and check in with yourself: what are you feeling? What emotions are you aware of? This is your heart speaking. To hear it, you have to look inward. Is your heart happy when you think about this guy? When you hear his voice, do you feel good? When you're near him, does your heart beat faster? Your may be heart telling you that there are deep feelings there.

Now let's check in with your head: your thoughts, the rational, logical part of your brain. This is where most of us live most of the time: thinking, judging, analyzing, obsessing, etc. Sometimes we have lots of "voices" in our head, and they fight each other. One voice says, "There's potential here with this guy, he's a lot nicer/smarter/funnier than I expected...could he be boyfriend material?" You may also hear another voice, that says, "Oh yeah, right, like this sex date is going to turn into a deep, meaningful relationship. Don't be an idiot, you got your rocks off, move on!" You might hear both voices giving you conflicting advice simultaneously. This isn't unusual, but it's these internal debates that often keep us stuck. When you can't stop arguing with yourself, it can be crazy-making! This is your head at its worst.

There are lots of articles about getting in touch with your feelings (heart) and getting clear on what you're thinking (mind), but surprisingly few on making peace with your testosterone-driven friend: your dick. Watching man-on-man porn, you'd think that hard dicks and great orgasms are all that counts in



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GBT life. Very few porn videos show more than dicks in charge: where is the intelligence, the emotion? Heart and mind have been left behind. Sure, there's kissing in some of them, but do they ever have intelligent conversations? Heart-to-heart conversations? Rarely. Way too much GBT culture emphasizes the dick part of relationships and leaves the mind and heart far behind. Indeed, the mind and heart are almost seen as "girly" or "feminine" parts of man-to-man relationships. And yet, without the mind and heart's involvement, our relationships – from dating to long term relationships – are doomed.

Really good sex – and any successful ongoing relationship – requires the simultaneous involvement of your thoughts, emotions and libido. Simply put: why not let your dick become good friends with your thoughts and feelings? They're really like the Three Musketeers: "All for one and one for all". When they work together, life is sweet. They're all interrelated anyway. Ever noticed how a good sexual relationship is mostly mental? Check it out: the next time you're making love with a guy you really like, notice what makes you excited...both mentally and physically. When you masturbate, what fantasies do you have of this guy? What is he doing to you? What's he saying? This is all in your head: it's all your thoughts. Thoughts create feelings, and the feelings work in harmony with the pleasant physical sensations to create great sex, alone or not.

And what about your heart? By this, I mean your emotions. People who have addictive sexual behavior are rarely in touch with their emotions. Their dicks are running wild without any emotional connection to the guys they have sex with. Their emotional hunger never gets satisfied and they need to keep looking for the next man, and the next one after that. Without having your heart involved in a relationship, the sex is likely to be meaningless and leave you feeling empty. It's hard on your self-esteem too. Emotions are what bond us to other people; they're a primal part of any good sexual relationship.

While testosterone (e.g., our libido/sex drive) is a powerful force, we don't need to let it run our lives. Just because we can have lots of sex, will it bring us real satisfaction? We seldom benefit from relationships totally focused on sex, nor the opposite. When we're conscious about the role our heart, mind and dick play in our relationships, we can maintain a good balance of the three. Sure, some days the balance may be a bit skewed, but, overall, the best relationships (monogamous or not) are those where your mind is attracted to someone, your heart feels affection and connection and your dick gets just the right amount of attention too.

To Hell in a Handbasket

There seems to be a lot of discussion about this whole gay marriage issue. But I have yet to find a discussion that holds interest for me. Either it is too far right or too far left. I am a 41 year old queer living in Omaha, NE and this is what I have to say about it.

Discrimination is simply that. You know it was within the last 50 years that certain states would not allow inter-racial couples to marry. How would that go over today? Are YOU going to tell someone that they cannot actually really get married because they are not born of the same "tribe?" SO WHY DENY CONCERNING LOVING ADULT WHO ARE THE SAME GENDER NOW?

I know I know the bible says so! If I asked 1000 people to interpret any single bible verse, do you know how many variations there would be? More than one that is for sure! Just as many verses you can say the bible says no no to homos; I can come up with one that says different. To me, the bottom line on this issue comes down to this: does the bible you have or read from have a special message from God that YOU are the one placed here to judge others? And one more point, those that are throwing stones, remember to check if you have insurance on that glass house you are living in. I am sure that since you have NEVER sinned, you are in Good Hands with Jesus!

There is this one: if we let YOUR types marry, we will soon have to let people marry their in-laws and pets. Wow, really? Where did this whole notion of incest and bestiality come from? ICKY! I don't know about you but my brother is straight, my sister has passed away and our pet is a cat. I am a gay man. A cat? REALLY? AHH NO!


And by the way what is my type? Those who pay taxes? Those who volunteer? Those who are educated? Those who go to church? Those that work? Those that buy houses? Those that travel? Those that are republican? Those that are democrat? Those who are female? Those who have kids? Those who rent homes? Those that... This list can go on forever. Those types like what? I don't get it. You want our tax money and prevent us from having basic civil liberties? I don't think that we should give up both. You can take our taxes, or you can take our rights, but not both!

Oh ya, I forgot. The country will go to hell in a hand basket! Well, Canada is on the verge of collapse because of allowing gay marriage. All their soldiers are gay now; all school children say pledge allegiance to Vera Wang. All the fireman are forced to sleep with each other. And all the judges have rainbow underwear on. Come on, this IS 2009.

I hope that if you are preventing me from having the same civil rights as you do or could enjoy, that it is based on something other than the sexuality I express with the consenting loving partner that I have. Because trust me, I know some non-gay people who have more to hid in their closets than any friend of Dorothy I know!

It is time to step up and step out. It is time to not shut up or shut down. It is time that we shout out and be proud. It is time that you come out and stand out. It is time that you do not allow others to hold you hostage from the freedoms that should be granted to all! Take advantage of the freedom of speech and share our message!

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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, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

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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. Marv's 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 loca-
tion and information.

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at
5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOg-
lbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOg-lbt@cfep-ne.org) or see www.GOglt.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. Email info@rcga.us or president@rcga.us

1st Sunday

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

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG-OMAHA, 7pm, First United Meth-
odist 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
(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.imperialcourtofinebraska.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

**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

NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM,
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Samurai Skill

Back in the time of the Samurai there was
a powerful emperor who needed a new
head Samurai, so he sent out a declaration
throughout the country that he was
searching for one.

A year passed, and only 3 people showed
up: a Japanese Samurai, a Chinese Samu-
rai, and a Jewish Samurai.

The emperor asked the Japanese Samurai
to come in and demonstrate why he
should be head Samurai.

The Japanese Samurai
opened a match box, and
out popped a bee. Whoosh,
went his sword, and the bee
dropped dead on the ground
in 2 pieces. The emperor
exclaimed: "That is impressive!"



The emperor then asked the Chinese Samu-
rai to come in and demonstrate his skills.
The Chinese Samurai also opened match-

box, and out buzzed a
fly. Whoosh. Whoosh,
went his sword, and the
fly dropped dead on the
ground in 4 small pic-
ces. The emperor ex-
claimed: "That
is really VERY impres-



sive!"

The emperor then had the Jewish Samur-
ai demonstrate why he should be the head
Samurai. The Jewish Samurai also opened
a matchbox, and out
jumped a tiny flea. His
flashing sword went
Whoooooosh,
Whoooooosh. But the
flea was still alive and
jumping around like
nothing had happened.



The emperor, obviously
disappointed, asked: "After all of that,
why is the gnat not dead?"

The Jewish Samurai smiled. "Well," he
replied, "circumcision is not meant to
kill."

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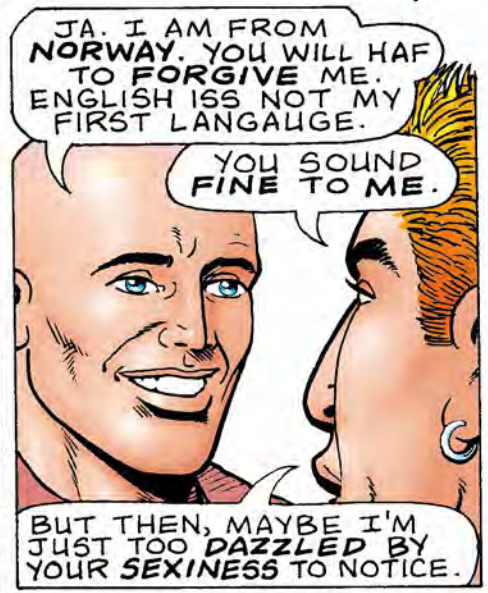
WELL, WELL... WHAT HAVE WE HERE?



OH, HALLO. I AM NJORD.

"NJORD"? HOW INTERESTING. I'M RICHARD.

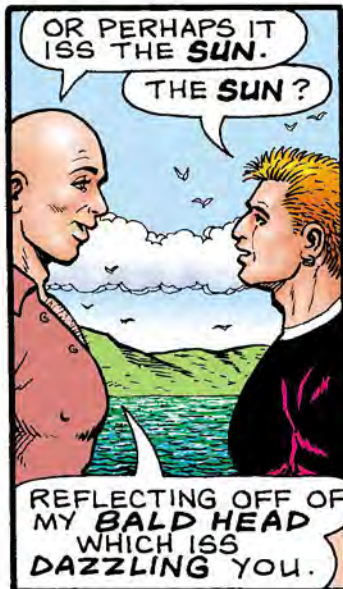
KYLE TOLD ME WE WERE EXPECTING A NEW ARRIVAL. DO I DETECT AN ACCENT?



JA. I AM FROM NORWAY. YOU WILL HAF TO FORGIVE ME. ENGLISH ISS NOT MY FIRST LANGAUGE.

YOU SOUND FINE TO ME.

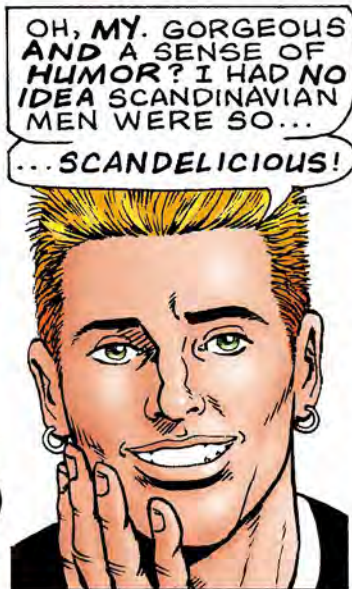
BUT THEN, MAYBE I'M JUST TOO DAZZLED BY YOUR SEXINESS TO NOTICE.



OR PERHAPS IT ISS THE SUN.

THE SUN?

REFLECTING OFF OF MY BALD HEAD WHICH ISS DAZZLING YOU.



OH, MY. GORGEOUS AND A SENSE OF HUMOR? I HAD NO IDEA SCANDINAVIAN MEN WERE SO...

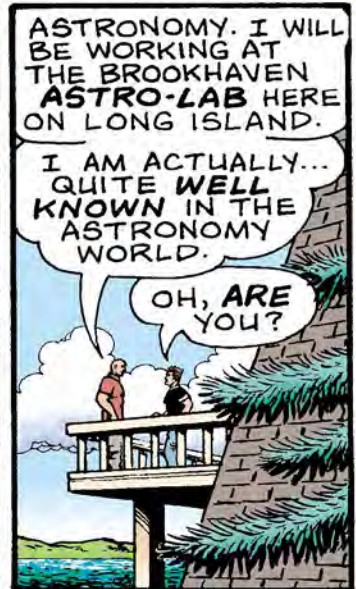
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YOU FLATTER ME GREATLY.

THAT'S NOT ALL I DO "GREATLY".

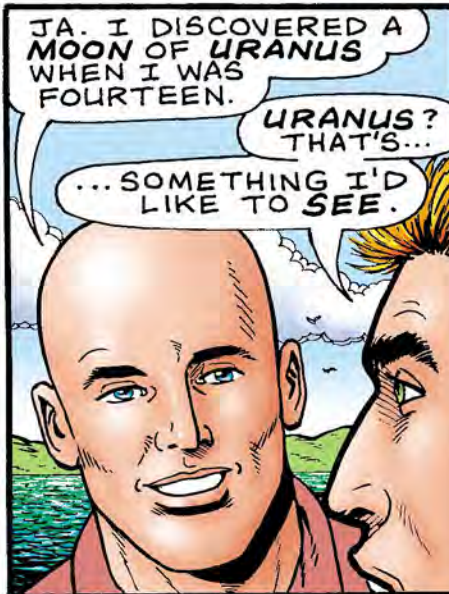
SO...WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE STATES, NJORD?



ASTRONOMY. I WILL BE WORKING AT THE BROOKHAVEN ASTRO-LAB HERE ON LONG ISLAND.

I AM ACTUALLY... QUITE WELL KNOWN IN THE ASTRONOMY WORLD.

OH, ARE YOU?



JA. I DISCOVERED A MOON OF URANUS WHEN I WAS FOURTEEN.

URANUS? THAT'S...

...SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO SEE.



PERHAPS I CAN SHOW IT TO YOU SOMETIME, RICHARD.

OH?

JA. I PLAN TO SET UP MY TELESCOPE OUT HERE ON THIS DECK.



UH...HOW BIG IS YOUR TELESCOPE, NJORD?

NOT TOO BIG. BUT BIG ENOUGH TO SHOW YOU SOME MAGNIFICENT THINGS.

MMM... OF THAT I HAVE NO DOUBT...

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Omaha GLBT Sports



By Chris Orr

Omaha GLBT Sports would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of those who stopped by our booth at Pride and checked us out and to those who participated at the dunk tank. For those who did throw at the dunk tank, the dunk tank was a 50/50 split fundraiser for Nebraska Pride and for Omaha GLBT Sports and each organization received \$338! This will help Pride with its endeavors and the sports league with buying sports equipment and facility rentals. Congratulations to our Raffle winners: Ricky Noland, Eric Clausen, Don Claycomb, Bill Boone, Windel Austin, Gary Strain, Tammy Goodwater, Doug Eckrich, and Victor Hahin.

We currently have registrations open for our one day only Kickball Tournament/Fundraiser and Flag Football season. Kickball will be played on July 18th beginning at 11:00 A.M. until winner declared; it is a single elimination tournament. The cost is \$10 per player and the event will be held at NP Dodge Park softball/baseball complex. Proceeds of this event will go to Rainbow Outreach Center to continue its services to the community. Registration closes on July 10th 5 p.m. All details about our Kickball event can be seen at www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org (also register) or look for the ad in this edition of The Gayzette. Our Flag Football season will be Thursday nights August 6th – October 15th from 7 p.m. until 9 or 10 P.M. depending on how many participants. We will play at Churchich Park 50th & C Street. The cost per player is \$20 and a fun time for all as flag football is for recreation and no league standings or tournament/trophy is held. We do ask that those who want to be rostered to a team be available to play most games otherwise please write "substitute" in the comment box with your registration and sub for any team at your convenience. Registration for flag football is open until July 24th by 5 P.M. All details about Flag Football can be viewed at www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org (also register) or look for the ad in this edition of The Gayzette. If your business would like to sponsor a team in our Flag Football season, please email us at omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com and receive information on team sponsorship.

The June 18th softball games were a great way to kick-off Pride weekend for the sports league spectators and participants. First game of the night was Red Rockets (ConAgra sponsor) and Connections. Doug D. from Red Rockets did some great defense off of 3rd base as he caught a shallow in-field pop fly. Connection's Melissa B. beautifully caught a pop fly as she was playing Rover. Home Run Derby was after this game and a special event to boost everyone's enthusiasm for the upcoming Pride weekend. There were two classes of participants, the men's class and the women's class. The women's class had 8 contestants and congratulations to Sofy M. from Swing4it (batter) and Curt J. from Swing4it (pitcher). The men's class had 10 contestants and congratulations to Rob P. from Blue Frenzy (batter) and Blake R. from Blue Frenzy (pitcher). The middle game of the evening was between Swing4it and Broadway Joe's. Broadway Joe's Jillian W., who played 3rd base for the evening, had a double play when she caught a pop fly off of third base and tagged out the runner who



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tried to come back to the bag. Tony C., who was playing on Swing4it, had hit 2 home runs for the evening with each home run scoring 2 runs. The last game of the evening had Blue Frenzy and Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies playing. Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies pitcher, Nat P., caught a high pounded ball two paces off the pitcher's mound to make the out. Blue Frenzy's Windel A. caught a zipped ball at his chest while playing short stop. Attendance between players and spectators was 100 people.

The June 25th softball games made the players work up a sweat as heat/humidity was with them for the night. The opening game had Red Rockets and Swing4it taking the field. Chris H. from Red Rockets had made a great pop fly catch off of 3rd base and attempted to make 2 more outs just like that in the same inning. Swing4it 2nd basewoman Sofy M. and 1st basewoman Jen C. both made outs by catching shallow outfield pop flies with ease. The next game had Connections playing Blue Frenzy. From Connections, Sheka E. had snagged up a grounder in right field and got it in to 2nd base to prevent extra advancement of players. Blue Frenzy's Dave H. kept hitting pop flies in the same location of the field and made it safely to 1st base. The night cap game was to be between Broadway Joe's and Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies. Unfortunately Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies had to forfeit the game due to lack of players. Not to leave Broadway Joe's out of playing a game, there was a slush team to play and was enjoyed by all who participated. Attendance between the players and spectators was 100 people.

The league would like to thank the following: Pride concession workers – Scott, Christine O'Leary, Johnnie R. Umpire – Wendy F. Photography – Jim Kueffner Photography. Score Keepers – Cole C. & Spring. To all our spectators who come to watch and enjoy the games. You can come and watch the softball games every Thursday until July 16th. We play 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. at Churchich Park 50th and "C" Street. Free admission for spectators. Pride will be selling concessions (pop, water, chips, candy, hot dogs, polish dogs) at the games and money from concessions goes toward Pride 2010.

June 18th

Red Rockets	11	VS.	Connections 2
Swing4it	9	VS.	Broadway Joe's 5
Blue Frenzy	17	VS.	Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies 5

June 25th

Swing4it	6	VS.	Red Rockets 7
Connections	1	VS.	Blue Frenzy 16
Broadway Joe's	1	VS.	Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies 0 (forfeit)



Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



There isn't much you can do without YOU? You can't be around if you don't have your health. What good is everything in your life if that happens?

What good is having kids if you aren't around to see them graduate from high school?

What good is your favorite baseball team if you aren't around to enjoy them coming in last place every year?

What good is that Corvette if you aren't going to be alive to drop the top and open it up on the freeway?

What good is that beautiful black Labrador Retriever if you won't be there to see him curled up in front of the fireplace at Christmas?

What good is that 3200 square foot house if you aren't going to be there to have those Memorial Day and Fourth of July parties every year?

What good is that 52 inch TV if you will be missing in action when those Super Bowls hit the calendar?

What good is your job going to be when you're relaxing comfortably in a pine box about six feet beneath the surface?

What good is that Versace suit or those Dolce and Gabbana sunglasses when you have disappeared from this world forever?

What good is having that boat and jet skis when you will be reporting for duty at Saint Peter's gates?

What good is that Sleep Number bed if you aren't ever going to sleep on it again?

What good is it to establish a meaningful relationship with that significant other if you are going to get thrown out of the game in the 3rd inning and head to the showers permanently?

Nothing else matters in life if you ain't gonna be around to see it, feel it, hear it, taste it, or smell it! Get off your arse and make certain you are going to be around to enjoy it. Start some type of exercise program and act like you want to live long enough to take in all that life has to offer...and there sure as hell is a lot that is being offered!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who likes to pontificate about his coccyx. That goofy guy is Ron Blake and he is a personal trainer that can be reached at www.myblakefitness.com.

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I Spy....



Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. I'll be expressing views or sometimes giving a heads up on persons, places, or things that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons, etc.)

It has appeared that we all made it through Pride this year. Whether you were at the festival site out in the humid heat or at the bar, it is a good thing no one died of heat exhaustion or alcohol poisoning. There weren't any strong winds that day either to blow us into the Missouri River! Thursday night though there were those storms that passed thru with the winds and blew the festival site apart. As volunteers were coming to finish setting up early in the morning, and were actually ahead of schedule, they began the day pissed off and disappointed that they just got knocked a few steps back.

What was cool and a neat thing to see was that for a few hours everyone stopped the cutesy attitude shit, diva status, and bitchiness all around and just worked together to get the job done. There were leaders of groups who gave direction and there were great followers who just did the work and only spoke to give suggestions and not to do it in a gay bitchy attitude way. It put confidence back in me about the gay community. It is only a small portion of confidence though as this was just a small handful of people doing the work. It would like to be thought that the community could act as those who did that day but after watching people on Saturday during the festival, I wouldn't leave them with my kids if I had

any.

I know I was wild and crazy but holy shit, this put me to shame. For those who bitched about the \$5 to get in at Pride after 6 P.M., go fuck yourself and the horse you rode in on. Your attitude and snide comments are why this community can't get a goddamn thing accomplished nor any respect to be taken seriously. You need to stop with the gimme gimme attitude. Is there a money tree that Pride goes over to and just picks thousands of dollars off of so your less than worthless ass can come and be useless and drink yourself silly? NO and you probably can't remember much of Pride anyway.

So, now you know Pride will charge to attend after 6 p.m. My suggestion is that either you don't show up next year, which will make my day/night better, or get in before 6 p.m. and get stamped. I don't remember anyone going absolutely broke after spending \$5 ya cheapskate. Its only one cocktail/beer but then again, I guess you need it.

With the above said, you wonder why the city on the west side of the river is lagging far behind the city on the east side of the river. Pride people, you did a fantastic job this year and it was enjoyable. I thank you. Did you, the reader, say the same? If you didn't like how Pride was conducted from set up/layout, to entertainers, to vendors, please get off your ass and email Rainbow Celebrations with suggestions and ideas or volunteer and help make decisions for Pride 2010 when the time comes to plan and prepare for it.

Any gripes, comments, or having something checked out? Email me orrthumper83@yahoo.com

(fyi-Milwaukee Pride charged \$15 admission and \$80 for the headline entertainment at night..... Gayzette editor)

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6pm Door - 7pm Show

SUNDAY JULY 12TH

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6pm Door - 7pm Show

SUNDAY JULY 19TH

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10pm

