



Heartland Pride Announces Logo and Theme for 2011 Pride

Heartland Pride has been very busy. It is with great pride that reveal several components of the organization. The 2011 Theme will be: "United in Pride", since we are bridging two cities, the following logo designed by Steve Sorenson depicts just that:



Heartland Pride

The Mission statement is "Heartland Pride is a Non-Profit service organization within the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender Communities of greater Nebraska and Western Iowa. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment, inspiring equality, celebrating diversity's, while acknowledging the contributions of our community. We honor those who came before us and give thanks to our allies."

The Vision Statement will be "We believe in a day that the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender communities will be recognized for their contributions, globally integrated and where equality and civil rights have been achieved for all." We are most excited to work with Rebel Interactive to produce a new and most exciting website. Until that is ready to launch, please look Heartland Pride up on FACEBOOK for updates and information.

Information relating to the Pride Guide will be released shortly, vendor information is available now. We hope to have information about Pride Apparel up soon.

If you have any questions, please email us at heartlandpride2011@gmail.com, or visit us on Facebook

Proposition 8: Appeals Court Seeks Guidance in Gay Marriage Case

By LISA LEFF
The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. -- A federal appeals court said Tuesday it cannot decide if California's gay marriage ban is constitutional until the state's highest court weighs in on whether Proposition 8's sponsors have the authority to defend the measure.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order asking the California Supreme Court to decide if ballot proposition backers can step in to defend voter-approved initiatives in court when state officials refuse to do so.

The high court does not have to respond to the 9th Circuit panel's order, but legal experts expect it will. The panel suggested that without the state court's input, it would have to dismiss the case.

"This court is obligated to ensure that it has jurisdiction over this appeal before proceeding to the important constitutional questions it presents, and we must dismiss the appeal if we lack jurisdiction," the judges wrote.

The panel indicated during oral arguments last month that it might seek the state court's guidance because the question of who is eligible to fight for Proposition 8 remains unsettled under both federal and California law.

After a San Francisco trial judge struck down the ban in August as a violation of gay Californians' civil rights, former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and then-Attorney General Jerry Brown both took the unusual step of refusing to appeal the decision.

"We are now convinced that proponents' claim to standing depends on proponents' particularized interests created by state law or their authority under state law to defend the constitutionality of the initiative," the panel said. "We therefore request clarification in order to determine whether we have jurisdiction to decide this case."

The panel also rejected attempts by officials from conservative Imperial County to intervene as alternate defendants.

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If the state Supreme Court determines that the coalition of religious and conservative groups that sponsored Proposition 8 lack the prerogative to defend the measure, it is unclear whether the ban would be unenforceable or remain in effect.

Lawyers for the two gay couples who successfully sued to overturn the ban in the lower court have argued that the trial judge's decision overturning Proposition 8 would be binding statewide. That would allow same-sex marriages to resume in California, but would remove the case from its long-assumed course to the U.S. Supreme Court, plaintiffs lawyer Theodore Olson said Tuesday.

Gay marriage opponents argue that if they are ineligible to appeal, the lower court decision would have to be vacated since they were allowed to defend Proposition 8 at trial. If the 9th Circuit leaves the lower court decision in place, they could appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court on the standing issue.

"Politicians should not be able to nullify a democratic act of the people by refusing their duty to defend it," Jim Campbell, a lawyer for the ban's backers, said in a statement. "The people of California have the right to be defended, and thus the official proponents of Proposition 8 must have standing to defend that law."

Also Tuesday, Judge Stephen Reinhardt, who is handling the appeal along with Judges Michael Hawkins and N. Randy Smith, published a memo outlining his reasons for refusing to recuse himself from the Proposition 8 case.

Lawyers for the measure's sponsors asked Reinhardt to step aside because his wife has been an outspoken supporter of same-sex marriage in her role as executive director of the Southern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Reinhardt said he would have removed himself from the case if the ACLU of Southern California had been an active participant since it reached the 9th Circuit. But he said he did not consider the group's participation in a friend-of-the-court brief submitted to the trial court sufficient evidence of a conflict of interest.

California voters passed Proposition 8 in November 2008. The measure, which amended the California Constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman, overrode a California Supreme Court ruling from earlier that year that declared the state's one man-one woman marriage laws unconstitutional.

What if You Don't Attend Church?

By Chaplain Royal Bush

Funerals, weddings, a shoulder to lean on, a blessing for tough times, guidance during unknown or difficult times, all events we will experience in our life time, some more than others.

Many people turn to their Rabbi, Priest or Minister to provide these types of pastoral care. Increasingly, those whom have a relationship or membership with a place of worship are becoming fewer and fewer. A recent USA Today article sites 65% of those polled do not attend weekly worship. 72% said they felt

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that they were more spiritual than religious.

So where do individuals, couples and families turn to when they have a need for "pastoral care?" For families whom can afford such a luxury, in larger coastal cities, Concierge Ministers often fill the gap. In the heartland Inclusive Life steps up to fill that gap.

Inclusive Life, formed in 2010, is a non-profit organization providing both religious and non-religious care and service to all, without exception. When Inclusive Life was formed, the main focus was providing a resource for those who needed an officiant for a wedding celebration or a minister for a funeral. Coaching and other light pastoral care and services were being planned during the remainder of 2010.

2011 plans to be a year for huge growth for Inclusive Life. We now offer the flexibility to offer both male and female Community Chaplains to provide care and services. In addition, plans are underway to increase the size of the board of directors and to move the organization to 501c3 "Church" status. Inclusive Life is working on attaining grants to further growth, outreach and services in the Omaha, Council Bluffs and Lincoln areas.

Some individuals, couples and families are looking for care and services that are religious based and others want something less denominational and more spiritual, and yet others want care and services that are not religious based. Inclusive Life serves all

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Antigay Activist Blames Bird Death on DADT Repeal

By Advocate.com Editors

Antigay activist Cindy Jacobs of Generals International said over the weekend that the recent rash of bird deaths occurred because the law barring gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military was repealed.

She said that when a nation makes a change against God's principles, "nature itself will begin to talk to us — for instance, violent storms, flooding ... the blackbirds fell to the ground in Beebe, Ark. Well the governor of Arkansas's name is Beebe. And also, there was something put out of Arkansas called 'don't ask, don't tell' by a former governor, this was proposed, Bill Clinton. As so, could there be a connection between this passage [Hosea 4] and now that we've had the repeal of the don't ask, don't tell, where people now legally in the United States have broken restraints with the Scripture because the Scripture says in Romans 1 that homosexuality is not allowed."

The deaths of large groups of birds and fish have caused alarm around the world. Groups of hundreds or thousands of dead birds have been found in Arkansas, Louisiana, Maryland, and recently, California.

(Sadly, God missed one of the Looney Birds, pictured at left.....Gayzette editor)



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Antigay Activist Opens Massachusetts Coffee Shop

By Advocate.com Editors

Antigay activist Scott Lively, who stoked the fires of homophobia in Uganda to result in a bill that would impose the death penalty on gay people, has opened Holy Grounds, a coffee shop in Springfield, Mass., that prompts concern among local leaders.

According to WGGB, Springfield city councilor Tim Rooke worries about high school students going into the coffee shop, which is near their school and offers free coffee. Some students reportedly are skipping class to hang out at Holy Grounds.

"My concern is are they interacting with a gentlemen who has very different view points than most of the people in Springfield," said Rooke.

Lively, who has called the gay movement an "evil institution," defended the coffee shop as a religious center and not a business in an interview with WGGB.

"We have scripture on the wall and our purpose is to attempt to show how biblical values can change things in the city. That's what it's all about," he said.



California Antibullying Bill in the Works

By Advocate.com Editors

California state assemblyman Tom Ammiano expects to introduce a tough antibullying bill, one on par with legislation recently passed in New Jersey that youth advocates call the strongest of its kind.

KTNV in San Francisco reports that Ammiano may introduce a bill near-identical to New Jersey's within a few weeks in collaboration with Equality California, the state's largest LGBT rights organization.

New Jersey's antibullying bill, which was signed into law last week by Republican governor Chris Christie and received bipartisan support from state lawmakers, mandates that schools have a specific point person to run antibullying programs. The law requires, among other provisions, that educators undergo training on the issue.

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Woman Alleges Golf Job because She's Gay

by Rochelle Olson
Minneapolis Star Tribune

Former Gophers associate women's golf coach Kathryn Brenny served a lawsuit Tuesday on the University of Minnesota, alleging that athletic department officials took away her coaching duties after the golf director learned she is a lesbian.

The 16-page complaint, which Brenny's attorney said would be filed in court on Wednesday, alleges that the university and golf director John Harris violated her rights as a member of a protected class under the state Human Rights Act.

The complaint said Harris "did not want to hire a homosexual to coach the women's golf team."

University general counsel Mark Rotenberg has said the university does not agree with Brenny's claims and didn't discriminate against her on the basis of sexual orientation. Rotenberg could not be reached on Tuesday.

Brenny signed a contract on Aug. 30 to serve as associate women's golf coach for \$44,000 a year. The complaint alleges that:

On Sept. 1, Harris told Brenny she wouldn't travel with the team and gave her tasks such as typing schedules. On Oct. 12, Brenny met with Athletic Director Joel Maturi and he told her to "quit or comply" with what Harris wanted, the complaint said.

Brenny agreed to a severance package, then rejected it after she heard that an athletic department employee told at least one player that "Harris discovered she was a homosexual and did not want her on the road with the team."

Brenny, 30, is represented by Donald Chance Mark Jr., who won a \$1.25 million jury verdict for a former assistant Gophers men's basketball coach.



night as he kept a vigil at the University Medical Center cafeteria, gathered near a TV watching tributes and getting updates.

When the shots began that morning, he saw many people lying on the ground, including a young girl. Some were bleeding. Hernandez said he moved from person to person checking pulses.

"First the neck, then the wrist," he said. One man was already dead. Then he saw Giffords. She had fallen and was lying contorted on the sidewalk. She was bleeding.

Using his hand, Hernandez applied pressure to the entry wound on her forehead. He pulled her into his lap, holding her upright against him so she wouldn't choke on her own blood. Giffords was conscious, but quiet.

Ron Barber, Giffords' district director, was next to her. Hernandez told a bystander how to apply pressure to one of Barber's wounds.

Barber told Hernandez, "Make sure you stay with Gabby. Make sure you help Gabby."

Hernandez used his hand to apply pressure until someone from

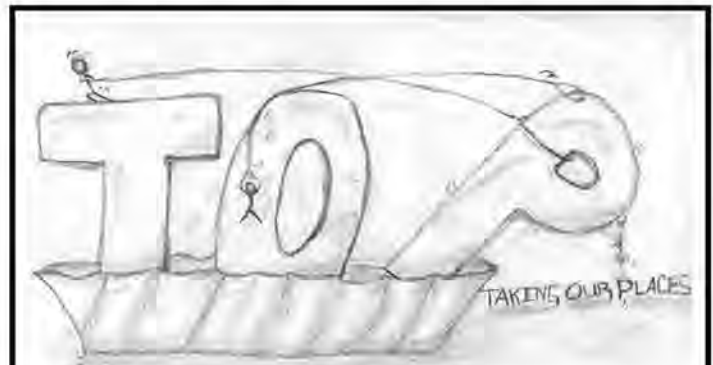


Daniel Hernandez Stays by Gabrielle Giffords' Side

by Jaimee Rose and Mary Jo Pitzl

Daniel Hernandez had been U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' intern for five days when she was shot Saturday outside Tucson. The junior at the University of Arizona was helping check people in at the "Congress on Your Corner" event when he heard gunfire. He was about 30 feet from the congresswoman. When the shots began, he ran toward them.

"I don't even know if the gunfire had stopped," he said Saturday



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inside Safeway brought him clean smocks from the meat department. He used them to apply pressure on the entrance wound, unaware there was an exit wound. He never let go of her.

He stayed with Giffords until paramedics arrived. They strapped her to a board and loaded her into an ambulance. Hernandez climbed in with her. On the ride to the hospital, he held her hand. She squeezed his back.

When they arrived at the hospital, Hernandez was soaked in blood. His family brought him clean clothes because the FBI took his for evidence.

He waited at the hospital while she went into surgery. He needed to tell police what had happened. He overheard people walking by talking about how Giffords had died. He also heard this on NPR. Later, he learned she had lived.

"I was ecstatic," he said. "She was one of the people I've looked up to. Knowing she was alive and still fighting was good news. She's definitely a fighter, whether for her own life, or standing up for people in southern Arizona."

The fact that Hernandez was nearby and able to react quickly probably saved Giffords' life, said state Rep. Matt Heinz, D-Tucson, and a hospital physician. He talked to Hernandez at the hospital after the shooting.

Eight hours after the shooting, Hernandez stood with Giffords' friends and staff and told them what had happened. The tall, strong 20-year-old said, "Of course you're afraid, you just kind of have to do what you can."

They hugged and thanked him. Later, he sat with his mom and sisters and told them about his friends and the staffers who had died that day.

"You just have to be calm and collected," he said. "You do no good to anyone if you have a breakdown. . . . It was probably not the best idea to run toward the gunshots, but people needed help."



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McDonald's Backtracks on Web Filter

By Advocate.com Editors

McDonald's restaurants in New Zealand have begun allowing access to some gay related websites through their free Wi-Fi service, but others will continue to be blocked.

The fast-food chain came under fire last week for a filter blocking access to gay sites, including news and informational sites like Advocate.com and GayNZ, and organizations including Family Planning and Rainbow Youth.

After likening gay content sites to those promoting tobacco, gambling, and "adult mature content websites," McDonald's altered the filter, allowing more news sites, Stuff reports. GayNZ is still blocked due to third-party advertisements that were too "sexually explicit" and do not meet the company's family- or child-friendly criteria, said McDonald's communications manager Christine Dennis.

McDonald's recently completed global installation of Wi-Fi, making it one of the largest free Internet providers in New Zealand.



THAT ELUSIVE PEACE OF MIND

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We're all clear on what we're supposed to do in order to be happy. Get the right job. Check. The right partner. Check. The right house. Check. The right life with all the proper accoutrements. Check. So how come so many of us get all this stuff (or come close enough) and still can't relax and enjoy our life?

What many of us are missing is peace of mind. Unfortunately (or fortunately) this is not something you can buy in the designer department at Neiman-Marcus or build from carefully chosen lumber from Home Depot. Peace of mind means that your mind is your friend: it doesn't continually try and mess with you, bring you down and tell you that you're a worthless piece of shit. Peace of mind means we like ourselves and we like other people; we feel safe in the world and trust ourselves. A peaceful mind is full of thoughts that create good emotions for us.

No one I've ever met lives in such a place all the time, but we can all live here more-and-more. This column explores some ways to do so.

Religion: There are more LGBT-friendly religions around to choose from than ever-before. Religion offers you a structure in which to pursue your inner peace. It also offers a community of fellow seekers. This is no small thing; to be part of a community seeking inner peace can be powerful. For some of us, this kind of structure may be a good fit, for others, it's too constricting. If you're looking for a community to support you and with whom you can share the highs and lows of a journey towards peace, a church, mosque, temple or religious community may be helpful.

Meditation: Meditation has often been portrayed as some big mysterious thing. The truth is, meditating is about being quiet and listening to yourself. Period. Your thoughts can drive you crazy – have you noticed? Meditation is simple: the hard part is just slowing down enough to do it. There are lots of different ways to meditate - check it out. The real benefit of meditation – whatever type you try – is that it helps you slow down and see what you're thinking and what's going on with you internally. This greatly increases your access to feeling peaceful and contented more of the time.

Cognitive therapy and Affirmations: In some ways, cognitive therapy and doing affirmations are similar: both help you experience more peace of mind by replacing disturbing thoughts with neutral or positive ones. A simple cognitive technique is "thought replacement": you notice your thoughts, stop thinking the destructive ones and replace them with neutral or positive ones. Saying affirmations is similar: you repeat positive thoughts so they gradually replace your old, habitual negative thoughts. Here are some affirmations you can use in your

search for more peace of mind.

To calm yourself down:
May I be quiet.
May I be relaxed.
May I be still.
May I be calm.

When you're going through a rough time:
May I be free of sorrow.
May I be free of pain.
May I be kind to myself.
May I be patient with myself

When you wake up in the morning, lay in bed and repeat these four thoughts every morning for a month (it only takes a minute or so):
May I be safe and protected from harm.
May I be healthy and strong.
May I be happy and content.
May I live with ease.

Cognitive thought replacement and affirmations are most effective when you do them consistently over time. You may not feel immediately peaceful today, but if you affirm "may I be peaceful" for a week or two, you're likely to experience feeling more peaceful each time you say it.

What is a spiritual path and what does it have to offer? Most of us start on a spiritual path because we want a way out of our misery... we're tired of suffering. We want happiness and peace of mind. Most of my clients on a spiritual path have some sort of structure that supports their process of questioning and discovery: they may meditate, pray, go on silent retreats, etc. One good place to start on your own path is a book like Jack Kornfield's "A Path with Heart" or Pema Chodron's "The Places That Scare You". Yoga, chi gong, gardening, hiking in nature and even good ole' psychotherapy can be components of a spiritual path.

Lots of us have no idea how to pursue peace of mind, but we have a helluva lot of questions about our life and purpose: this is a great place to start. Without asking the right questions, we may foolishly believe that our happiness lies in external events or people that we cannot control. To find peace of mind we need to do inner work: it's a journey into yourself. You have your whole life to enjoy this journey, so relax.

It's like growing a flower: you plant a seed, water it, care for it and allow it to unfold in its own time, or you can get out there with a knife and try to force the flower petals to open faster. Peace of mind is the same way: we plant seeds of peace and contentment, water them with prayer, meditation and whatever nurtures us, and allow it to unfold. And, when we do the work, it will...



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McKellen Returns as Gandalf in Hobbit

By Advocate.com Editors

It's official — Ian McKellen will return to his Oscar-nominated role as Gandalf the wizard in the two-pic Lord of the Rings prequel The Hobbit, to be directed by Peter Jackson.



It has long been speculated that McKellen would be a part of the film, but the project has been through numerous ups and down in the last several years, including the departure of direc-

tor Guillermo del Toro.

Del Toro left the project last May amid MGM's financial struggles. In June, Jackson, who directed the Lord of the Rings trilogy, came back on board to direct the film for New Line and Warner Bros.

In addition to McKellen, Elijah Wood, Cate Blanchett, and Andy Serkis have also signed on to reprise their roles. Filming will begin in February.

NOM Targets Rhode Island

By Advocate.com Editors

The National Organization for Marriage's Rhode Island chapter has launched a six-figure media campaign to fight a new and promising legislative push for marriage equality in the state.

A new ad attacking pro-marriage equality governor Lincoln Chafee was scheduled to air Tuesday as part of a \$100,000 television campaign, The Providence Journal reports. Last week lawmakers reintroduced bills that would extend marriage rights to same-sex couples.

"Lincoln Chafee [sic] got just 36% of the vote in the recent election," NOM-Rhode Island executive director Christopher

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Plante said in a statement. "Our message is that getting 36% of the vote is no mandate to redefine the institution of marriage for all of Rhode Island society. "If legislators in Rhode Island wish to redefine marriage, they should put this issue on the ballot where the people themselves can decide if they wish to abandon one of the most fundamental institutions of society." Plante said.



The first ad, posted to YouTube, has since been removed, however.

Will US Supreme Court Hear D.C. Marriage Case?

By Advocate.com Editors

The U.S. Supreme Court may decide by next week whether it will hear a case brought by gay-marriage opponents who want to roll back marriage equality in Washington, D.C.

The Washington Blade reports that the nine justices have scheduled a Friday meeting to discuss whether the court will grant certiorari in Jackson v. D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics. That decision could come as early as next Tuesday.



In December 2009 the D.C. city council passed a civil marriage equality act allowing same-sex couples the right to marry, signed into law the following March by Mayor Adrian Fenty.

After several unsuccessful legal challenges to the law, Bishop Harry Jackson, who leads Hope Christian Church in Beltsville,



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Md., filed a petition in October asking the council to allow a ballot initiative on marriage equality in the nation's capital.

Uganda Opposition Leader Would Decriminalize Homosexuality

By Julie Bolcer

Kizza Besigye, the top opposition leader in Uganda who is challenging President Yoweri Museveni, suggested he would decriminalize homosexuality if elected.

According to IC Publications, Besigye said Monday that police in Uganda have more pressing concerns than investigating ho-



mosexuality, though he stressed the he was speaking for himself and not the four-party opposition group he leads. His remarks were filmed for a town hall dialogue that will air on Ugandan television as the county prepares for a vote on February 18.

"This is something that is done in the privacy of people's rooms, between consenting adults," he said.

This month, the Uganda high court ruled that media cannot out gay activists, citing their right to privacy. Rolling Stone newspaper, which lost the case, has vowed to appeal the ruling.

However, parliament member David Bahati has vowed to move forward with his reprehensible bill that would expand the list of crimes punishable by death related to homosexuality. President Museveni has urged Bahati to be cautious with the bill given the international outrage it generated, reports IC Publications.

Chely Wright: Sales Tanked When I Came Out

By Advocate.com Editors

Chely Wright says that her record sales dropped by half after she came out last May, but that's OK with her.

Country music star Chely Wright, who came out last May, talks

about the reaction among her old fan base, some of whom sent hate mail and stopped buying her records.

In an interview with Autostraddle, Wright deflates the perception among the gay community that coming out helped her career in every way.



"They're wrong," she said. "There's the gay community that now knows my name and it's a long leap from the new demographic of people who will come to my Facebook page and hit the 'Like' button to them buying my record and coming to live shows. It's a big stretch from those new fans to make up for the fans I lost. It didn't help my career. My record sales went directly in half. If it appears from the outside in that it's helped my career, it could be because I haven't talked about the negative. You won't hear me bitching and moaning on my Facebook about the hate mail I've gotten. My life has been threatened. I get nasty letters every day, 'I'm through with you Chely Wright, you're going to hell.' There's a big difference between press and advocacy and... sometimes people forget that people who sing or make movies, this isn't just a hobby for us. This is how I pay my bills. In coming out I had a feeling that it would diminish my wage earning, and that feeling was correct. And, I am fine with that."

Wright also talks about performing at the Dinah this spring, her political persuasion, and her friendships with stars including Kristin Chenoweth.

Oscar Winning Director Steven Soderbergh to Appear in Support of Omaha Nonprofit Cinema

Casey Logan
Communications Coordinator
Film Streams Theater

Film Streams' Feature III fundraiser will feature Soderbergh in conversation with "Studio 360" host and author Kurt Andersen, following an introduction by Alexander Payne.

OMAHA, NE— Academy Award-winning director Steven Soderbergh will be the special guest next month at Feature III, a fundraiser gala supporting Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, Omaha's nonprofit cinema dedicated to the presentation and discussion of film as art.

On Sunday, February 20, 2011, Soderbergh will take center stage at Omaha's Holland Performing Arts Center for a conversation with Kurt Andersen, host of Public Radio International's "Studio 360," author, Omaha native and Film Streams Advisory Board Member. Andersen will interview Soderbergh about his

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
 (mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays	4:00PM - 11:00PM
Sundays	4:00PM - 6:00PM
Thursdays	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Fridays	6:00PM - 11:00PM

***Closed Most Major Holidays**
(402) 341-0330
www.rainbowoutreach.org

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

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 MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

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

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, 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
CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS
 Club Passion Party

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

OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE, playing Softball every Thursday 6-10pm, at Churchich park (50th and C). Games will be played through August 12th

Every Friday
LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting, 8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the 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 402-932-8066 or email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

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

DIXIE AFTER DARK, Enjoy Breakfast at Dixie Quicks Restaurant, 12AM to 4AM, every Saturday night, 1915 Leavenworth St., Proceeds benefit local GLBT organizations

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

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, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., 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.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

Every Other Friday
CBCA 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: [GOg-
lbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOg-lbt@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.us
for meeting schedules etc.

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

2nd Thursday
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 Leavenworth St.

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

Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET

Blonde Guy Joke

An Irishman , a Mexican and a Blond
Guy were doing construction work on
scaffolding on the 20th floor of a build-
ing.

They were eating lunch and the Irishman
said, 'Corned beef and cabbage! If I get
corned beef and cabbage one more time
for lunch, I'm going to jump off this
building.'

The Mexican opened his lunch box and
exclaimed, 'Burritos again! If I get burri-
tos one more time I'm going to jump off,
too.'

The blond opened his lunch and said, '
Bologna again! If I get a bologna sand-
wich one more time, I'm jumping too..'

The next day, the Irishman opened his
lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage,
and jumped to his death.

The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a
burrito, and jumped, too.

The blond guy opened his lunch, saw the
bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was
weeping. She said, 'If I'd known how
really tired he was of corned beef and
cabbage, I never would have given it to
him again!'

The Mexican's wife also wept and said, 'I
could have given him tacos or enchiladas!
I didn't realize he hated burritos so much.'

Everyone turned and stared at the blond's

wife. The blond's wife said, 'Don't look at me.
The idiot makes his own lunch.'

FIRST TIME SEX

A girl asks her boyfriend to come over Friday
night to meet, and have a dinner with her par-
ents.

Since this is such a big event, the girl an-
nounces to her boyfriend that after dinner, she
would like to go out and make love for the
first time.

The boy is ecstatic, but he has never had sex
before, so he takes a trip to the pharmacist to
get some condoms.. He tells the pharmacist
it's his first time and the pharmacist helps the
boy for about an hour. He tells the boy every-
thing there is to know about condoms and sex.

At the register, the pharmacist asks the boy
how many condoms he'd like to buy, a 3-pack,
10-pack, or family pack.

The boy insists on the fami ly pack because he
thinks he will be rather busy, it being his first
time and all.

That night, the boy shows up at the girl's par-
ents house and meets his girlfriend at the door.

"Oh, I'm so excited for you to meet my par-
ents, come on in!"

The boy goes inside and is taken to the dinner
table where the girl's parents are seated. The
boy quickly offers to say grace and bows his
head. A minute passes, and the boy is still
deep in prayer, with his head down.

10 minutes pass, and still no movement from
the boy.

Finally, after 20 minutes with his head down,
the girlfriend leans over and whispers to the
boyfriend, 'I had no idea you were this reli-
gious..'

The boy turns, and whispers back, 'I had no
idea your father was a pharmacist.'

How to Start a Fight

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping
TV channels. She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started...

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.firstuuomaha.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

GOglbt 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.us 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

Inclusive Life Care & Service Group 105 S. 49th Street Omaha 68132 Spiritual-Interfaith-Secular Care & Service for all Individuals, Couples and Families www.inclusivelife.org 402-516-8475

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) 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 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 NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

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

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 Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

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

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, [jkbiber@hotmail.com](mailto: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>

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filmmaking career and perspective on the medium, with select film clips interspersed throughout their talk.

Introducing Soderbergh will be fellow Oscar-winner Alexander Payne, who invited Soderbergh to Omaha for the event. An Omaha native and founding member of Film Streams' Board of Directors, Payne has been instrumental in each of the nonprofit's fundraiser events, inviting the special guests and serving as host and moderator for both Feature 2008 (with special guest Laura Dern) and Feature 2009 (with special guest Debra Winger). He also curated Film Streams' grand opening repertory series, "Alexander Payne Presents," in July 2007.

Support from the fundraiser allows Film Streams to bring to Omaha programming rarely available in similarly sized cities, including a first-run program of American independents, documentaries and foreign films celebrating both important directors and emerging filmmakers from throughout the world, and a year-round repertory program that has returned more than 500 classics to the big screen since July 2007.

Tickets for Film Streams' Feature III with Steven Soderbergh are on sale now at www.filmstreams.org or by calling Hallie Sharkey at (402) 933-0259 ext. 13.

Film Streams' Feature III is chaired by the Weitz Family: Barbara & Wally Weitz, Katie Weitz White & Watie White, Kate & Roger Weitz, and Meredith & Drew Weitz.

Film Streams to present 'Soderbergh' film series in conjunction with fundraiser event, including SEX, LIES, AND VIDEOTAPE (1989), OUT OF SIGHT (1998), TRAFFIC (2000), OCEAN'S ELEVEN (2001), and the Omaha premiere of AND EVERYTHING IS GOING FINE.

In honor of Soderbergh's involvement with Feature III, Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater will present a six-week film series surrounding the event.

Running February 11 – March 24, 2011, the series will include five films directed by Soderbergh: his 1989 Palm d'Or-winner SEX, LIES, AND VIDEOTAPE, his 1998 mainstream breakthrough OUT OF SIGHT (1998), his 2000 Oscar-winning drama TRAFFIC, 2001's OCEAN'S ELEVEN, and his new documentary about the late actor, writer and performer Spalding Gray, AND EVERYTHING IS GOING FINE (2010).

More information about the series can be found at the link: http://filmstreams.org/filmstreams_calendar.aspx?SeriesID=52

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:
Gayzette@cox.net**

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

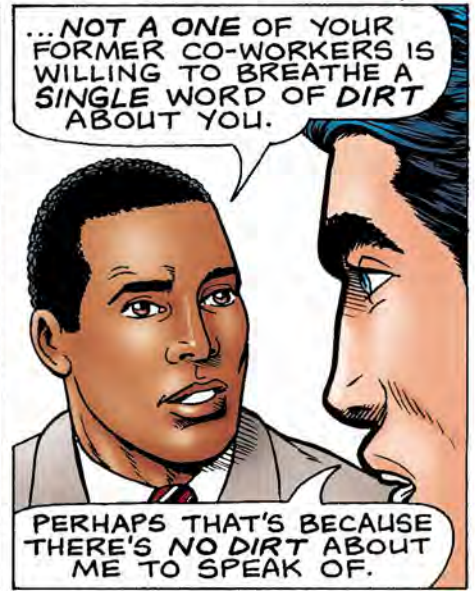


I'M IMPRESSED, PRICE.
IT'S BROOKS BROTHERS, LANCE... JUST LIKE YOUR OVERCOAT.



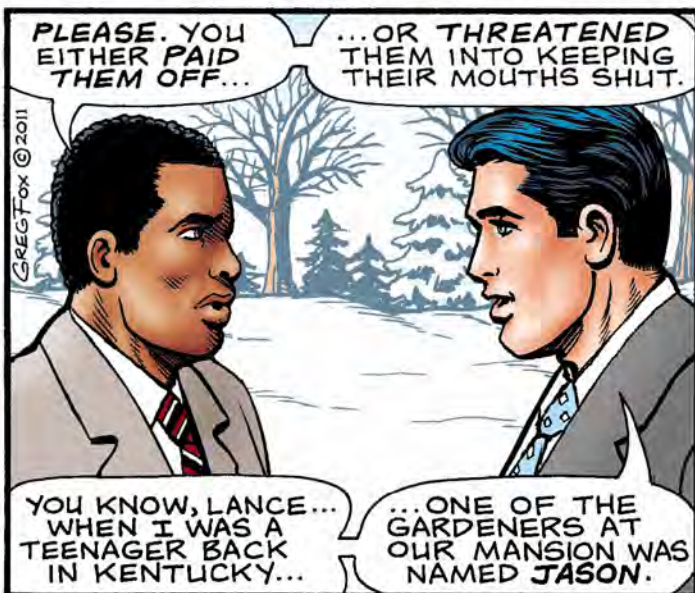
I DON'T MEAN THE OVER-COAT, PRICE. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT...

...OUT OF ALL MY CONTACTS AT BRINKLEY-SLOAN...



...NOT A ONE OF YOUR FORMER CO-WORKERS IS WILLING TO BREATHE A SINGLE WORD OF DIRT ABOUT YOU.

PERHAPS THAT'S BECAUSE THERE'S NO DIRT ABOUT ME TO SPEAK OF.



PLEASE. YOU EITHER PAID THEM OFF...

...OR THREATENED THEM INTO KEEPING THEIR MOUTHS SHUT.

YOU KNOW, LANCE... WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER BACK IN KENTUCKY...

...ONE OF THE GARDENERS AT OUR MANSION WAS NAMED JASON.



ONE NIGHT, JASON CAUGHT ME MASTURBATING IN THE POOL AFTER A LATE-NIGHT SWIM.

HE THREATENED TO TELL MY DADDY... UNLESS I PAID HIM TEN-THOUSAND DOLLARS.



I ASKED HIM IF I COULD HAVE TWENTY FOUR HOURS TO RAISE THE MONEY ... AND HE AGREED.

OH? AND WHAT HAPPENED?



I WENT STRAIGHT TO DADDY AND TOLD HIM I CAUGHT JASON MASTURBATING IN THE POOL. DADDY FIRED HIM IMMEDIATELY.

JASON WAS NEVER ABLE TO FIND WORK IN ALL OF LEXINGTON AFTER THAT.



MY... WHAT A CHARMING TALE.

THE POINT OF WHICH IS THIS:

PEOPLE WHO TRY TO SCREW ME OVER...

...ARE USUALLY THE ONES WHO END UP GETTING SCREWED.



REALLY? I THOUGHT THE POINT WAS TO NEVER GO SWIMMING IN A POOL AFTER YOU'VE BEEN IN IT.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST ADMIT YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME?

WHOA. DELUSIONAL MUCH?

I'D RATHER SLEEP WITH A RATTLE-SNAKE.

THAT COULD BE ARRANGED...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



I talked with five people over the last week about their fitness goals for the New Year. Each one of these individuals has great plans to change their lives for the better. Each one of these men and women are ready to get moving with their respective changes. Each one of these good folks is full of excitement and energy. Each one of these lads and lasses are likely to fail with achievement of their goals because of one crucial missing ingredient... they didn't write down their goal!

Russell wants to lose fifty pounds of fat that he has been storing in his midsection since the first Gulf War. He has been telling everyone he has met since Halloween that this year will be different from all those other years. He will finally stick to his weight loss plan and be a slimmer and happier man by next Christmas if those good intentions are enough. They aren't! He needs to write down his goal with paper and pen.

Caroline wants to quit smoking. She has attempted this challenge several times before and has failed every time. She isn't getting any younger and she knows all too well that three of her aunts and her father have died from cigarette smoking. She knows that others have been successfully weaned off their filthy tar habits. What more could she do to join those smoke-free ranks? She needs to write down her goal with paper and pen.

Dimitri wants to run a 5K race in less than eighteen minutes this summer. He achieved this feat in high school about fifteen years ago and is ready to feel the exhilaration of the fountain of youth. He knows he needs to change his running regimen. He will need to become more disciplined. He will need to train more frequently. He will need to replace his tattered running shoes. He will need to write down his goal with paper and pen.

Alexi wants to hike up her favorite mountain. It has always been her favorite mountain to look upon, but never to hike upon. Her friends and all the cool kids have been up and down that mountain many times. She has thought about tackling this mountain for years but has never really done more than just wish for it to happen. This just could be the year for her! She will need to write down her goal with paper and pen.

Juan wants to play in that soccer tournament this fall. He hasn't played in many years and he would love to get the old gang together for some great fun. The regional champions advance to the finals round in England. Juan knows it will be a lot of work, but will be well worth the effort. Juan enjoys a challenge almost as much as he likes British boys. He will be halfway across the Atlantic when he writes down his goal with paper and pen.

The likelihood of achieving your goal increases about 80% when you write it down. It is hard to argue against odds like that. Find your goal and write it down. Keep it in a conspicuous location and you're ready for action!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who corners like he's on rails. That ultimate driving experience is

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Volunteers Needed for LGBT Cigarette Smoking Survey

If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender and smoke cigarettes, please participate in a national and anonymous survey study on reasons for adult LGBT tobacco use. The purpose of the study is to better understand ways of being, thinking, and feeling that influence adult LGBT cigarette smoking. The study is being conducted by Dr. Darrell Greene and Dr. Paula Britton, through John Carroll University and the JCU Education and Allied Studies Department. Benefit to you as a participant involves contributing to our understanding of the causes of cigarette use in our communities, and your knowledge of helping counselors help LGBT smokers. The study will take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. If interested, please go to the following survey link:

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