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Maryland to Vote To Remove Trans Protections

Conservatives in Maryland are hoping a referendum will pass that intends to reverse a Montgomery County law protecting transgender people from discrimination.

Montgomery County council members unanimously approved a measure last fall that prohibits discrimination against transgender people in housing, employment, public accommodations, and other public services.

In response, Citizens for Responsible Government, a local organization, successfully collected over 25,000 signatures to put a referendum on the county's November ballot to repeal the law.

Bruce Hausknecht, a judicial analyst for the national conservative group Focus on the Family, said his organization is tracking the Montgomery County situation as well as other areas with similar laws facing referenda.

"There's no strategy, there's just similar concerns among people in Montgomery County, Maryland, Colorado, and Gainesville, Fla.," Hausknecht said to The Baltimore Examiner. "This is precisely what the transgender community ultimately wants: to open up bathrooms, locker rooms across the country."

Transgender rights advocates say the bills are about ensuring equal rights and civil liberties, not bathroom access.

According to The Washington Post, the legal situation has attracted attention from gay rights groups like Lambda Legal and Equality Maryland, which have focused on ensuring that transgender citizens are protected under the law. (The Advocate)

Nebraska: Porn Wrestlers Broke Rules Before

Two wrestlers kicked off Nebraska's team after appearing on a pornographic Web site broke NCAA rules twice in five months, athletic director Tom Osborne said Friday.

Osborne, saying he wanted to respond to criticism of the dismissals, made public a March incident in which Paul Donahoe and Kenny Jordan had been ruled ineligible for receiving an

extra benefit.

"The last few days we've had people indicating that maybe these guys were railroaded," Osborne said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I just want to make the point that this was not one isolated incident but really was a series of issues. When you have two violations within a matter of months, it would appear that something is seriously amiss."

Osborne and other athletic department officials declined to discuss the specifics of the violations that occurred in March. The school's NCAA compliance staff deemed them to be secondary violations.

After declaring Donahoe and Jordan ineligible, Nebraska successfully appealed to the NCAA to have them reinstated. They were scheduled to serve a one-match suspension during the 2008-09 season, Osborne said.

Donahoe and Jordan were dismissed on Aug. 12, three days after a blog posted images of them taken from a Web site featuring naked or partially clothed male athletes.

The athletic department again ruled the pair ineligible, this time for violating an NCAA rule that prohibits athletes from appearing in pictures for commercial use.

"When is enough enough?" Osborne said. "We felt we reached that point certainly."

Jordan and Donahoe also have had a series of run-ins with the law in Lincoln. Jordan has paid fines for possessing or consuming alcohol as a minor, trespassing and assault, and Donahoe for maintaining a disorderly house and having an open alcohol container.



Paul Donahoe



Kenny Jordan

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(Nebraska Wrestlers, story Continued from page 1)

Donahoe and Jordan have not responded to interview requests.

They would have to apply to the NCAA for reinstatement if they choose to wrestle for another school.

Donahoe, from Davison, Mich., won the Big 12 championship at 125 pounds in 2008 and placed third in the NCAA tournament. He won the 125 national title in 2007. He would have been a senior in eligibility at Nebraska this year.

Jordan, a 133-pounder from Frankfort, Ill., was fourth in the Big 12 and failed to place at nationals this past season. He would have been a junior.

The two traveled to Los Angeles for a video shoot and were paid for modeling, Osborne said.

"You turn around and take an airplane ticket and perform on a porn site for money, and it was pretty automatic at that point that we couldn't go forward," he said.

Osborne said the pattern of misconduct was as big a factor in the decision to dismiss the wrestlers as was the fact they appeared in pornography -- "something we certainly don't approve of," he said.

"It is definitely a privilege, not a right, that an athlete be allowed to play at Nebraska," Osborne said. "We do insist on a certain standard of conduct." (Eric Olson, AP)

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER

MCC thanks everyone who participated in the 50/50 Raffle which began in May and ended Friday, Aug. 22. The \$500 raffle awarded half of the money raised to the lucky winner: Andrew Janzen!

Congratulations, Andrew!

Consolation prizes were won by the following:

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Reflections With Pastor Tom

Unpredictability



We live in a culture that deeply values control. If we can't control the world around us, then we will often settle for the illusion of control. The ability to project and predict is key to our sense of control. We tend to avoid situations and people in this world which are unpredictable. We are often threatened by the unpredictable.

God, you know, is unpredictable. That sounds strange. It has been beaten into our head that God is always the same, unchanging. Maybe, but I don't buy that. Don't we, after all, describe God as "Love"? We have all been in love. Haven't you noticed how much love changes the one loving and the one being love? Love is unpredictable. People find themselves doing some very surprising things when in love. Ah, the things you do for love. I believe it may be the same for God. God is transformed in sharing and receiving love with you and I. This has caused God to be unpredictably generous through history. Sending Jesus, for example, to show us the Way to greater and deeper love . . . unpredictable love.

The unpredictability of God is also found in the created world. The new physics, string theory, tells us that, perhaps at a fundamental level unpredictability (chaos) operates to bring together the foundations of what we call energy, matter and consciousness. Take heart, God has cre-

ated a world that brings order and creation out of chaos and unpredictability. If we stay focused, trust God and make the next best choice, God will calm the chaos and unpredictability in our lives. For those of you who love order, look out, God will challenge you with some unpredictability in your life. This is what Jesus meant when he said, "I come not to bring peace, but a sword." God does not want us to be too comfortable with order or stability lest we stop growing as spiritual beings.

To open ourselves up to the unpredictable requires a supreme act of courage and faith. It is a surrender to a great truth: that there is so little in this world within our control. All we can control is our response. It is our response that says so much about our integrity and authenticity as human beings. Go, seek God in the unpredictable and you will begin to find yourself.

May God Bless & Keep You . . . Pastor Tom
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Next Issue: Spirituality & Sexuality

Pastor Tom Emmett is licensed and credentialed with the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church. He holds a Masters Degree in European history from the University of Colorado and a Masters of Divinity from the Iliff School of Theology. Tom is currently learning Spanish and studying the cello. You may contact Pastor Tom by telephone at 345-2563 or electronically at pastortom@mccomaha.org

Gay Foster Ban Cleared For Arkansas Ballot

A proposal aimed at effectively banning gay men and lesbians from becoming foster or adoptive parents was cleared Monday to appear on this fall's ballot in Arkansas.

The measure would prohibit unmarried couples living together from fostering or adopting children, and Arkansas doesn't allow gays to marry or recognize same-sex marriages conducted elsewhere.

Secretary of State Charlie Daniels certified the proposed initiated act for the Nov. 4 ballot after verifying that the Arkansas Family Council Action Committee had submitted 85,389 valid signatures of registered voters. Supporters needed to turn in at least 61,974 valid signatures.

"Arkansas needs to affirm the importance of married mothers and fathers," Family Council President Jerry Cox said. "We need to publicly affirm the gold standard of rearing children whenever we can. The state standard should be as close to that gold standard of married mom and dad homes as possible."

The Family Council campaign is a response to a 2006 Arkansas Supreme Court decision striking down a state policy that specifically banned gay men and lesbians from becoming foster parents.

The ballot measure would take the place of a state policy that currently bars unmarried couples living together from serving as foster parents.

The measure faces the threat of a lawsuit from groups who say that it unfairly discriminates against unmarried couples and limits the number of foster and adoptive homes available for children.

Arkansas Families First is campaigning against the measure and has said it plans to file a lawsuit to keep it from appearing on the November ballot. Debbie Willhite, a lead consultant for the group, said last week the group has found numerous signatures that should have been rejected by the state as invalid and that the group also plans to challenge the constitutionality of the measure.

Attorney General Dustin McDaniel opposes the proposed initiated act but said last week that he was confident it could survive a legal challenge.

Cox said the Family Council will rely on support from the same network of churches that helped it pass a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage in 2004.

The Family Council's campaign had a debt of nearly \$2,800 as of July 31. By comparison, Arkansas Families First reported more than \$45,000 in the bank for its efforts to fight the measure. (Andrew DeMillo, AP)

BRICKS ARRIVE!

On August 21, the first group of 52 engraved bricks from our Accessibility Fund Raising arrived at MCC. They represent over \$10,000 in funds raised on brick sales alone. In addition

to the memorial bricks, there are those that honor the founder of MCC churches and our former senior pastors, as well as groups and individuals who have made significant contributions to accessibility over the years.

If you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one engraved on one of these memorial bricks, contact the church office for a donation form. You may make a donation of \$340 and have up to 3 lines of 16 characters per line engraved on a brick. If you cannot afford the full cost, then for a donation of \$170 you can have one line of 16 characters engraved and we will match your name with another person who makes a donation of \$170. If that amount is still beyond your budget, for a \$120 donation, you can have your name (16 characters) put on a brick with 2 others.



Or for a \$60 donation you can have your first name put on a brick with 5 others, who also make a \$60 donation. This is a great opportunity for a group of friends to get together and have their own friendship brick. Our next deadline for engraved bricks is October 1. For more information, contact the church office at 345-2563. You may mail your payment to MCC Omaha, Attention:

BRICKS, PO Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103. Be sure to include what name(s) you want on the brick and a phone number so we can verify all spellings!

The bricks are currently being displayed on the rail behind the altar at MCC. You are welcome to stop by the church and view them during regular office hours or when there is an activity at the church. The bricks will remain on display at the church until sometime this fall or early next spring when they will be moved outside to the entrance area of the church. They will be placed where all can see them as they use the accessible ramp to enter the church. Thanks to everyone who has supported this project and any of our accessibility fund raising projects!



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September 20, 2008 will mark the annual spaghetti dinner held at MCC-Omaha. This event will feature a delicious Italian meal with all the trimmings. The event will be held at the social hall at MCC-Omaha 819 S. 22nd St, Omaha, Nebraska.

Mark your calendars, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Tickets will be available beginning August 31, 2008.

Tickets will cost \$7.00, which includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, beverage and 1 raffle ticket to win a great prize. For anyone 12 and under the tickets will be \$4.00.

This event will be hosted by Monte McClean, Tony Harris and Kevin Marik. All the proceeds will go the Accessibility and General Funds so that MCC-Omaha can continue to outreach to all those in the community.

Join all your family and friends at MCC-Omaha on Saturday September 20, 2008 from 430pm to 7pm.

Don't miss this event. you never know who you might see at this event. There will be a live auction, raffles and some great entertainment. IS LUCILLE BALL STILL ALIVE, LIVING IN OMAHA NEBRASKA? Don't miss this event.

ONE IOWA Campaign Training In Council Bluffs

The statewide equality group One Iowa will be holding special campaign training on Tuesday, September 16, 6:30-8:30pm in Council Bluffs. Success this November depends on individuals like you making a commitment to get involved. Fortunately, helping out is easier than you may think! That's why One Iowa is offering campaign trainings across the state this September.

They'll let you know what's at stake and how you fit into the big picture. Whether you are willing to talk to your friends and family, volunteer with a local campaign, or donate to their efforts, every action will make a difference. Visit www.oneiowa.org for more info and to RSVP.



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Only after Susan's parents arrived was I able to see her. Thankfully, they were caring people who accepted our relationship. The doctors predicted that Susan would not make it through the night. She died within the next hour. All that time had been wasted as I sat in that dark waiting room. She had been slowly dying alone, when I should have been holding her hand and couldn't."

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Council Bluffs Community Alliance Meeting Sept. 14

The next meeting of the Council Bluffs Community Alliance (CBCA) will be on Sunday, September 14th at 4:00 p.m. The location is 510 Oakland Avenue in Council Bluffs...Ken and Kurt's home. The meeting will be followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring the following, according to the first letter of your last name: A - H Salad, I - P Meat or Main Dish, Q - Z Desert.

Everyone who is supportive of GLBT equality is welcome to attend. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact CBCA President Mike Yowell 402-619-6331. Visit council-bluffscommunityalliance.org to learn more about the CBCA.

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Canada Pledges Additional \$45 Million to Fight AIDS

Canadian health minister Tony Clement announced at the 17th International AIDS Conference in Mexico City that his country will spend \$45 million to fight the spread of HIV in Africa. These funds will be on top of the \$515 million Canada has pledged to fight HIV globally over the past three years.

"For people living with HIV/AIDS," Clement said in a statement, "these funds will go toward programs that help them to live longer and better lives. For those at risk of infection, this investment will help to provide the education and prevention tools needed to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS."



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The bulk of the spending will focus on sub-Saharan Africa. The \$515 million Canada has pledged in recent years supports clinical training, nongovernmental organizations, and research, with commitments extending into the next decade. The bulk of the additional \$45 million is being earmarked for projects in Mozambique and South Africa. (The Advocate)

D.C. Clinic Registers 232% Rise in HIV Cases

An unusually high increase in the number of clients testing positive for HIV at the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C., has officials alarmed, according to the Washington Blade. The clinic reported that the total number of clients being tested has not changed drastically, yet the number of clients who are testing positive for HIV has jumped by 232% in the past year.

Out of the roughly 6,500 clients tested at the Whitman-Walker Clinic, 266 have tested positive for HIV so far in 2008. By this time in 2007, only 80 clients had tested positive. Clinic officials, including Dr. Raymond Martins, Whitman-Walker's chief medical officer, are concerned about the results and are working on a plan of action.

"These are troubling statistics that warrant more aggressive education, prevention, and testing initiatives," said Martins.

One such effort to investigate the reason for the rising number of infected clients was a focus group series directed by the clinic. The clinic interviewed various D.C. residents who fit into the demographic groups most often affected by HIV, including African-American heterosexuals, young gay men, and gay men of color.

According to the results of the study, there was one "surprising theme" among the groups -- "even though everyone recognized HIV was a serious issue, every group identified HIV as really being a problem for another demographic group," the statement says. "This is of great concern because the highest-risk groups do not identify themselves as being high-risk and thus increase their susceptibility to HIV through unsafe behavior and a lack of knowledge."

Recent research by the CDC shows that, despite long-touted estimates that a total of 40,000 people in the United States each year are newly infected with HIV, the actual number of yearly infections since the early 2000s has been closer to 56,500. (The Advocate)

Today's Youth, Proud Future By Chris Orr

Proud Horizons is a youth group sponsored by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha. Tom and Barbara Johnson are the parent leaders of the group, this being their second year, after 15 years of service from the prior parent leader, Dave England. Being young and GLBT can be a lonely situation at times and here is some information about Proud Horizons.

"GLBT, questioning youth, and their allies ages 13 – 23" is

who Proud Horizons is geared toward. In the Proud Horizons pamphlet it says that – this is a place where you can come and just be yourself, find support and meet new friends. Whether you need to discuss more serious issues or just make some new friends, anyone genuinely interested in attending this group is welcome to show up. – With that being in the brochure, getting to know these members, are some activist motivated, just looking for other like them or share the same feelings and thoughts as them, just looking for a safe haven? "All of the above. Some have become active in their schools and in other GLBT groups. Some come for the friendship and support. Some come just to feel safe but often blossom into other areas. Most of the high school age youth are involved with their school's Gay Straight Alliance's and many of the college students are active in the GLBT organizations on their campuses."

There are many "proud" moments of Proud Horizons. They are respecting and helping each other. "The 4th annual Tom Mahony Pride Prom this year had 266 youth attending. Members coming out to friends and family. The youth are articulate, mature, caring and committed to a better tomorrow for all GLBT youth and their allies. It is amazing to see them mature and move on. Proud Horizons is a diverse group that welcomes everyone. The support that they give each other is remarkable. The youth make friendships that will last a lifetime."

Proud Horizons has a great abundance of resources and education opportunities available. They have five educated and committed facilitators along with the PFLAG resource library, community information, and the PFLAG & Proud Horizons pamphlets. "With growth – education and maturity, scholarships from the national PFLAG and Imperial Court of Nebraska" also help out the youth. "The youth participate in PFLAG-GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network) Speakers Bureau panels."

Members do take part in being a youth right now and also when they out-grow Proud Horizons. "We have several youth who are part of the youth group at the Rainbow Outreach Center. They have planned and presented several GLBT Youth Summits. We promote the activities offered by the Rainbow Outreach Center. We sponsor a Prom each May. We are thankful that ICON has several fundraisers for our group and we participate in a fundraiser at Pride Players. We encourage the youth to get involved in other GLBT groups such as RCMC, RCGA, PFLAG, GLBT Professionals, Pride, HGRA etc now and later."

Proud Horizons' meetings are at a church. Is this because it is a sub group of the church, are a lot of the members church members too? "We are sponsored by PFLAG and our PFLAG was started by members of the First United Methodist Church. The FUMC is a very welcoming and supportive church. We are not affiliated with any religion or church as an organization and welcome everyone."

Proud Horizons meets at First United Methodist Church, Mead Hall, 7020 Cass St. Meeting times are 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. every Saturday but not during Pride Prom and Pride Celebration. Visit Proud Horizons on the web at <http://proudhorizons.pflag-omaha.org> or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com. Proud Horizons also has a Myspace page and Face Book site.

No You Can't. Yes You Can!!!

By Royal D. Bush

Simply put, there will always be someone to tell you: "no", "you can't do that", "it won't work", "it's already been done", "won't happen" and so the list continues...

What would life be today if people like; Abraham Lincoln, Warren Buffet, Michele Korman, Bruce and Stosh, Jose Sarria, Rene Orduna, Don Randolph or Troy Perry didn't pull up their sleeves and accomplish what they set out to do? We would not have had great world leaders, mentors, Dixie Quick's, The Max, great fundraising campaigns, the Imperial Court System, a great AID's service organization, or Metropolitan Community Churches.

I attended Investiture 28 for the Imperial Court Of Nebraska on the 23rd. Empress Madeline, Emperor Thomas and their Royal Family were honored for the great work they did during the last year.

I watched as Empress Misty and Emperor Gary's families were announced. I watched their faces glow, the energy was so exciting. Ideas for the next fundraiser, gathering, and event were being talked about. It was a very positive and upbeat event.

As I watched all this I remembered my first involvement with ICON watching Emperor Gary and Empress Danielle at the Max stepping down. That was reign 8 some 20 years ago! I think of the all the people on their Royal Families who were told no, it won't work, and the nay-sayers.

Well everyone one of those people whom I mentioned are proof positive that you CAN do it! YOU can do anything you set your mind to do! Yes it may have been tried before, but did YOU try it? Yes, it may not have worked before, but did they have help? Yes it may not have gone the best before but did you learn lessons? YES YES YES! You can do it. You can make a difference.

If only each of us would remember the following, it isn't an easy lesson to master. I am still working on it myself. "To the world you may only be one person. To one person you may be the world." Others depend on us for things you may not realize. A smile, a hug, a lesson, or just a kind word.

Regardless of your organization or journey know that you can and do make a difference. What you do and how you contribute to make your world, your city, your community, your world a better place is up to you. Can you?

Obama Supports Right of Same-Sex Couples to Adopt

Barack Obama has expressed his support for same-sex couples' right to adopt children, according to the Family Equality Council. The group had sought to learn the presidential candidates' positions on the topic, and only Obama responded. However, John McCain has previously expressed his opposition to adoption by gays in a July 13 New York Times article.

"We also have to do more to support and strengthen LGBT families," Obama wrote in his letter to the group, dated August 1. "Because equality in relationship, family, and adoption rights is not some abstract principle; it's about whether millions of LGBT Americans can finally live lives marked by dignity and freedom. That's why we have to repeal laws like the Defense of Marriage Act. That's why we have to eliminate discrimination against LGBT families. And that's why we have to extend equal treatment in our family and adoption laws."

Obama also touted his plans to expand the Family Medical Leave Act, pass laws to prohibit caregiver discrimination, and encourage businesses to allow more flexible schedules for workers.

While McCain and his wife, Cindy, have an adopted child, he said to the Times, "I think that we've proven that both parents are important in the success of a family, so no, I don't believe in gay adoption. I encourage adoption and I encourage the opportunities for people to adopt children. I encourage the process being less complicated so they can adopt as quickly as possible. And Cindy and I are proud of being adoptive parents."

In McCain's home state of Arizona, any unmarried adult can petition to adopt a child; however, the law does not specifically provide joint adoption by same-sex couples, according to the Human Rights Campaign. There is also no explicit ban on allowing a same-sex partner to petition to adopt a child of the other partner. Florida is the only U.S. state that bans all forms of adoption by gays.

According to the Family Equality Council, same-sex parents are raising 4% of all adopted children in the United States as well as 3% of all children in foster care. (The Advocate)

Judge's Ruling Protects Man's Anti-War T-Shirts

PHOENIX, Arizona (AP) -- A federal judge on Wednesday permanently barred Arizona from using a state law to prosecute an online merchant who sells shirts that list names of thousands of troops killed in Iraq.

U.S. District Judge Neil Wake did not strike down the 2007 law against selling products that use of military casualties' names without families' permission. But he ruled that using the law to prosecute Dan Frazier would violate the Flagstaff man's First Amendment rights because his "Bush Lied -- They Died" shirts are "core political speech."

"It is impossible to separate the political from the commercial aspects of that display," Wake wrote. "For example, the state argues that Frazier can sell his shirts without displaying the soldiers' names. But Frazier's product is his message, and his customers' message."

Arizona's law was enacted with little debate by the Legislature, and Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas have enacted similar laws.

A spokeswoman for Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard said Goddard's office was reviewing the ruling and did not immediately know whether it would appeal.

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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

YOU'RE *SURE* YOU DON'T MIND AUTOGRAPHING ALL MY COPIES OF YOUR BOOKS, MARK?

NOT AT ALL, KYLE. I'M HONORED YOU OWN SO MANY OF MY TITLES!

WELL, IT'S AN INCREDIBLE HONOR HAVING YOU... A LEADER OF THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT... AS WELL AS THE AUTHOR OF ALL THESE IMPORTANT BOOKS...

...STAYING HERE AT MY B&B!

IT'S MY PLEASURE KYLE.

TO THINK YOU WERE PART OF THE NGLTF IN THE 70'S... PART OF ACT UP IN THE 80'S...

...YOU WERE AT THE HARVEY MILK RIOTS IN SAN FRANCISCO... YOU WERE AT ALL THE GAY MARCHES ON WASHINGTON...

...AND YOU WERE EVEN AT STONEWALL!

STONEWALL?

DIDN'T THAT HAPPEN, LIKE... IN THE 1920'S?

1969, EDUARDO. PLEASE. EVEN I KNOW THAT.

IT'S LIKE THE GAY FOURTH-OF-JULY.

AND, BEFORE YOU THINK I'M A TOTAL DINOSAUR... I WAS ONLY FIFTEEN AT STONEWALL.

I USED TO SNEAK DOWN TO NEW YORK FROM CONNECTICUT ON THE WEEKENDS!

AT FIFTEEN?

YES. I'D TELL MY PARENTS I WAS GOING CAMPING.

AND I SUPPOSE I WAS... ONLY IT WAS A DIFFERENT SORT OF "CAMPING". HA!

MARK... I HAVE ONE OF YOUR BOOKS FOR YOU TO AUTOGRAPH, TOO.

AH, YES... "BUS STATION DIARY".

THIS IS THE ONE THAT NEARLY DESTROYED MY REPUTATION AS A SO-CALLED "LEADER" OF THE "GAY RIGHTS" MOVEMENT.

I WAS CRITICIZED FOR VEERING AWAY FROM MY SCHOLARLY OUTPUT. BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO INCORPORATE MY EROTIC SIDE INTO MY WORK.

I'M GLAD YOU DID! THIS BOOK IS HOT!

"BUS STATION DIARY"? IS THIS BASED ON YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE?

LET'S SAY IT WAS WELL RESEARCHED. IT WAS THE SEVENTIES, EDUARDO... IT WAS A DIFFERENT WORLD...

GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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

WALK-IN HOURS

Sundays	2:00PM - 6:00PM
Tuesdays	closed temporarily
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.

October is GLBT History Month

SUNDAY SEPT 7TH

24th Annual Womyn's Riverboat Cruise, 5:30 to 8:30, boarding around 5 p.m.. Call Tauni or Sheryl at 402-467-5737 for more information.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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 ANONYMOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

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

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

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Sunday Worship 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 RAINBOW RECOVERY," an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

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

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP Confidential, meeting at the MCCO Church, 819 S. 22nd St, call 345-2563 for meeting times, all women are welcome

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 DC's

LGBT AA 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

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON 7-9pm, DC's Saloon

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS

HIV TEST, UNL 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week - will close most of May and reopen May 30th 2008 - call for more info

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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

Every Friday

AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING, 7pm, open to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

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

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS

HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leav-

enworth Street

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

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

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

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

Every Saturday

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Thursday

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

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday OR Sunday

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

1st Sunday

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

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

2nd Wednesday

ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

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

2nd Sunday

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

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

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL

(HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

3rd Tuesday

HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC, Lincoln NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day results, 200 South 18th Street

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, WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

Look at This Wasted Space

Your Event Could Be Listed

Here For Free!!

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

SMALL WHITE DOT

A kindergarten class had a homework assignment to find out something exciting and relate it to the class the next day.

When the time came to present what they'd found, the first little boy the teacher called on walked up to the front of the class, and with a piece of chalk, made a small white dot on the blackboard and sat back down.

Puzzled, the teacher asked him what it was.

"It's a period," he replied.

"I can see that," said the teacher, "but what is so exciting about a period?"

"Darned if I know," he said, "but this morning my sister was missing one. Mommy fainted, daddy had a heart attack and the boy next door joined the Navy".

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A Highway Patrolman pulled a car over and told the driver that because he had been wearing his seat belt, he had just won \$5,000 in the statewide safety competition.

"What are you going to do with the money?" asked the policeman.

"Well, I guess I'm going to get a driver's license," he answered.

"Oh, don't listen to him," yelled a woman in the passenger seat. "He's a smart aleck when he's drunk."

This woke up the guy in the back seat who took one look at the cop and moaned, "I knew we wouldn't get far in a stolen car."

At that moment, there was a knock from the trunk and a voice said, in Spanish, "Are we over the border yet?"

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, www.icon.impcourt.org

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

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting

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

Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,

Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone:

402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

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

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC -Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

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

Prairie Bares, nudist group, no further info available

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

Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm,

Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 4083 Omaha, NE 68104, for info call 402.813.1842 or Email: info@rivercitygenderalliance.org

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

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

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

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

WomenSpace, no current info is available

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Con-

tact 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 Pride, www.councilbluffspride.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>

(Anti War Tshirts, story Continued from page 11)

"I always knew the Constitution was on my side," Frazier said in a statement released by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Lee Phillips, a Flagstaff lawyer who represented Phillips on behalf of the ACLU, said it could be possible to use the law to prosecute a person in a case without political circumstance or motivations.

Citing First Amendment concerns, Wake had issued a preliminary injunction in September against enforcement of the law against Frazier while the lawsuit was pending.

The ACLU is also defending Frazier in a lawsuit filed in federal court in Tennessee by a couple whose soldier son was killed in Iraq. Robin and Michael Read of Greeneville have asked that their case be expanded to cover more than 4,000 casualties and seek more than \$40 billion in damages.

One Liners We Like.....

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel.

Community Announcements

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**And click on the Publications link.
George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)**

Omaha GLBT Sports

Chris Orr

It was a wonderful night for flag football for the weeks of August 14th and August 21st games. Conditions couldn't have been better. The spectators for the evening came prepared with blankets and chairs to watch both game nights. The August 14th games themselves had a turnaround from the week prior. Black (formerly Orange) had a runaway game shutting out Green, who had a close game August 7th and Black being the one struggling with points on the board on August 7th. Black had a whole different attitude having all the players in black shirts and communicating well on the field. Green boosted their roster with a couple new male players equaling out the male/female gender ratio. Green always got close to the end zone but never got one in. Green's attitude never changed though, still having fun and a smile on their faces. The second game was Blue against Red. The game had been even squared in both halves with a tied score. When one team scored, the other team answered back. Either team in this game though could score the extra points. A couple of injuries though did stop this game but continued right on after injuries were taken care of. It was in the final minute that Red got the last winning play.



The August 21st games were evenly matched all the way around. There were no runaway games at all. In the first game of the night, Green faced off against Blue. Green's team effort had done a 180 from August 14th's games. There were more planned passing plays and a few off guard running plays. Green had also rotated quarterbacks for the last half of the game. Blue had a few bumps with players by being misdirected. Both teams though went tit for tat on one interception a piece. Green getting a 2 extra point pass won them the game. The second game of the night was Black against Red. Black was showing a strong offense with some long yardage passes. Some had a graceful catch and some quite did not. Either way the crowd sure enjoyed watching it. Red decided to go the short pass route. This had helped them move the ball little by little down the field. Red had a few running plays that got some great yardage. Black's overall thought would win this game.



The sports league is happy to announce that teams can now be sponsored. It has been on the fence the last few seasons but it is now allowed. The league has information and guidelines for the sponsors if they are interested. Tim Reeder from CBS Home Real Estate is one of two sponsors for the flag football season along with Connections. Thank you both very much for your support! If interested in becoming a sponsor, email us



Omaha.glbsports@yahoo.com
Flag Football will be played every Thursday in August and September at Churchich Park 50th & "C" Street with games

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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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
Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave	991-6470
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

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

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake
Certified Personal Trainer



A large gathering of jackasses will take place this month in the mountains of our great land. Then a herd of elephants will be unleashed to stampede their way into the land of 10,000 lakes. It's convention time for the national Democratic and Republican parties. It's time for that quadrennial love fest for each party to nominate their lucky one for President. Does any of this affect your health? You betcha Bronco Billy!

Universal health care is one of those topics that are being banded around by both candidates. It's a tricky topic cause nobody wants to upset those big insurance companies that have their hands and "look the other way" money down every politician's pants. It would be nice to see everyone have access to good health care. This could mean good preventative care for all and golly that could mean less overall health problems for all. Gosh darn if that wouldn't mean less money from taxpayers in the long run to pay for all those who can't afford preventative care. That alone is worth a move ahead two spaces card for all us minions in this game of life.

Schools always find a way to make those top issues lists in campaigns. Some of those pedagogical topics focus on keeping our kids in good shape. If McDonalds can get rid of the cookies in their Happy Meals and replace them with some apple strips, then there is hope that our publicly funded schools can follow the Golden Arches to health. Physical education classes are on many school district chopping blocks. Probably not a good idea when half of our school age kids are overweight. Keep getting rid of those omnipresent fatty snacks in the vending machines. What lessons are we teaching our young when Doritos, Cheetos, and Funyons are the snacks du jour?

The energy crisis and your health. Follow my oil brick road! Heavy oil dependency. Pollution. Economy grows. More oil dependency. More pollution. Economy grows even more. Pollution grows even more. Four out of five asthmatics agree that more oil dependency and its pollution are needed to put them out of their chronic breathing misery. Let's support that candidate who has that alternative energy plan and let's get back to breathing again.

The economy is puttering along at the speed of Cloris Leachman on valium. That means less money to spend on those non-essentials. That would unfortunately include the health club membership for many of you poor decision makers. Get rid of the Starbucks or the weekly visit to Applebee's but don't give up on your health. Find a presidential candidate who has a viable economic plan that will let you keep the Starbucks, Applebee's, and your fitness club readily intact.

Watch these political conventions. Even the late night talk show hosts will be having some fun with them. OK! A lot of fun with them! There is no excuse to play the ignorant role on this one. Get involved and get excited! Your well-being is at stake. Grab a healthy cause and ride it to shore!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who never minded his step in the London underground. That guy is Ron Blake and he approves this message. Ron seeks more approbation at blake.fitness@yahoo.com.

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starting at 7 p.m. If your coming to watch, you may want to bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Remember we are having volleyball sign ups right now! This is for anyone who wants to play a recreational sport and have FUN and meet others in the community! We play Sundays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. November thru February at The Volleyball Center (Westroads Club). All league information is at www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org or email us at Omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com



August 14th
Green 0 VS. Black (formerly Orange) 24
Blue 18 VS. Red 24

August 21st
Green 16 VS. Blue 14
Black 20 VS. Red 14

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Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. Sometimes I'll be expressing views or 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.).



Oh I just have to go off on this subject, the UNL wrestlers. They have just opened the door, and their websites, to a whole new world. By that, I mean some of the things that have been said by Robert Nelson, a writer at the oh so wonderful and open minded Omaha World Herald. Mr. Nelson started wrestling at age 5 because he thought it was cool and wanted to follow in his dads footsteps. When younger he heard of all the crap the wrestlers take because of uniforms, wrestling positions, etc. He didn't wrestle in high school. The organizers of tour-

naments in the 70s couldn't play Queen "We Will Rock You" and "We Are The Champions" enough times. He goes on to say it seemed manly and heroic but somebody wasn't watching MTV. He gives examples of Freddie Mercury. Robert Nelson goes on to say he use to be homophobic and he says it was wrong and he apologizes. He feels that the actions of the two boys released from the UNL wrestling team doesn't hurt themselves, but the youth. Then he goes on about how the internet comes back to haunt them. Also that the basketball players harass the wrestlers. Because according to him wrestling is how the male gets the girl, you know, by dominating another male. That may be true but, it certainly doesn't mean that in today's society. Here are some of my thoughts Mr. Robert Nelson. Wrestling is also to build one's character. Sorry to hear that didn't work out and quitting wrestling was mainly due to "too much work for limited glory and the sport didn't seem cool anymore." Did someone forget to grow a backbone? Talk about being a heterosexual male trying to wrestle to get the girl, how about trying to wrestle and be a homosexual male in Nebraska, and be proud and open about it. Now that is a challenge that builds some character and tolerance. Use to be a homophobe. Well I didn't know that there was a rehab for that, or did you let one of our family members decorate your home? I guess all that Queen music had worked out and into the adolescent years, did ethics class advance that far? If so, then we need a refund from our education system because it isn't working unless the gay community is happy with today's situation. Talk about those who tarnish others. Basketball players pick on the wrestlers, well if I can remember right, the football players pick on the basketball players. Football players saying it isn't a manly enough sport or are afraid to get roughed up, like pansies. So absolutely wrong you say, the boys doing this nude paid job. Do you prefer that they sell drugs like other college attending students do to make a little extra money on the side? People can scream about a code of conduct. But let's remember this, Pope Tom Osborne had one of his players suspended for the season. Lawrence Phillips had aggravated assault charges on a former scholarship athletic girlfriend, and clearly by climbing up a balcony, he was guilty. Now he was the #1 Running Back in the nation. Here's the kicker. For the national championship title, all of a sudden there was a change of heart by Pope Tom Osborne for this athlete. Was it because Phillips had changed his behavior (later we find out he has not) or was it

in sake of that precious national title and trophy that Nebraska can brag about. Imagine that, they won the title. Here are a couple of questions to UNL, Mr Robert Nelson, and the public. Does UNL cherry pick which behavior are grounds for permanent dismissal from the team? Because the answer may give the true meaning of the name Big Red. What if these two athletes participated in let's say football, because we know wrestling is not the sport Nebraska is proud to brag about and football is the only thing Nebraska has going for it. If they played football and were a lesser athlete than Phillips and not contribute to the championship title, would they not participate in the season AND championship game? I think in a person's mind that assault trumps posing for porn. I've been to the website and have seen the pictures, video. Solo porn and masturbation scenes, who is to say if they are gay or not? We assume because the cliental is made up of gay men. I would like to know who the anonymous person is. Was it a man that got turned down by these guys for a private time with them and got bitter? Did an athlete who is not out and wrestles for Iowa State turn them in? How about someone who is not out and wrestles for UNL and would become the star of the team if they put two and two together and took out the competition? Whatever the case, some circumstances in regards to this scandal and others are not clear, cut, and dry.

Moving on with something other than bickering backwards, it's Labor Day weekend! We know what that means. As I like to call it, back to school bash. ICON will have their annual Labor Day picnic of course on September 1st. It will be held at Vennylist Park from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. \$10 cover and that gets you food, drinks, and friends along with some volleyball if you're up for it. There will be no pets allowed at this, so leave the dogs at home. Max is also providing a shuttle to the picnic. Max will have no shows this weekend so everyone can dance their ass off!

Any comments, gripes, complaints or just want me to check something out? Email me orrthumper83@yahoo.com.

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