

# The GayZette



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## One Step Closer to Marriage in Mexico

By Advocate.com Editors

Gay people in Mexico City are one step closer to marriage equality now that the city put the law passed earlier this month formally on the books, the Los Angeles Times reports. The law, which also grants same-sex couples the right to adopt children, was published in the official government newspaper Tuesday and will go into effect in 45 days. The National Action Party, which controls the federal govern-



ment, has joined the Catholic Church in condemning the Mexico City law. We have seen with impotence, pain, and consternation ... [this] blow to the most intimate structure of Mexican families, the institution over which our nation has built its rich history, values, and spirituality," Cardinal Norberto Rivera said.

On Monday two Argentine men, Jose Maria Di Bello and Alex Freyre, were wed in what was being billed as the first same-sex marriage in Latin America.

## D.C. Marriage Supporters: Let Antigay Ads Stay

By Advocate.com Editors

Gay rights activists and the Christian coalition behind the antigay bus ad that was rolled out in Washington, D.C., last week

have found a common ground — both agree the bus ad falls under free speech rights and should not be yanked. American University's 88.5 FM reports that the unlikely alliance started with a tweet. A representative from a small gay rights group called Full Equality Now DC called for the ad — which reads "Let the People Vote on Marriage" — to be removed.

A Metro spokesperson responded, "If it's not lewd, pornographic, or obscene, then the ad will go up. Advertising on the Metro



system is covered by the same First Amendment rights that cover other such communications in our society today."

The American Civil Liberties Union and D.C.'s Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance agreed, and sent a letter to the Metro telling it to keep the ads.

"We are defending our own liberties," GLAA spokesman Rick Rosendall said. "We're defending our own rights. To start carving away at America's Bill of Rights is the absolute opposite of what we should be doing."

A spokesman for Stand For Marriage DC said he wasn't surprised. "It's reasonable, and therefore reasonable thinking people would know that 'Hey, it's freedom of speech,'" Patrick Walker told a local NBC affiliate.

For now, the ads will stay up ... until tomorrow, that is, when the contract for the initial ad run is up.

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## Gay Married Couple Arrested in Malawi

By Advocate.com Editors

A gay couple in the southern African country of Malawi, which has severe penalties against homosexuality, have been arrested and charged with public indecency after holding a public wedding ceremony on Saturday. The men, Tiwonge Chimbanga and Steven Monjeza, could face up to 14 years in prison.

A police spokesman told Reuters: "We arrested them last night at their home and charged them with gross indecency because the practice [homosexuality] is against the law." The men, who are due to appear in court on Wednesday, are being held in separate cells in Blantyre until their case is heard.

## Oral Roberts Dead at 91

By Trudy Ring

Televangelist Oral Roberts, whose homophobic views were definite if not widely publicized, died Tuesday in Newport Beach, Calif., of complications from pneumonia. He was 91.

Roberts, who first won fame as a purported faith healer, became



the head of an international ministry based in Tulsa, Okla. His realm included Oral Roberts University, which in 2006 blocked its campus to youths participating in the Soulforce Equality Ride, who were visiting Christian colleges and universities in hopes of spreading a message of acceptance for LGBT people. Six Equality Riders and two other people were arrested in that incident. According to Soulforce, a university police officer said, "We love you all; do not come onto our campus."

In a 1986 video posted on YouTube (below), Roberts sends a much more blunt antigay message, graphically describing which body parts fit into which: "Look at the orifices of the body, the openings of the body. Certainly you can't put the male organ, or the woman's tongue in the eye. ... Certainly not in the orifices of the nose, or the navel."

Roberts's ministry was beset by some scandals. In 1982 his elder son, Ronald, committed suicide; there have been rumors that Ronald, who was married with children, was gay. Oral Roberts University has had financial problems, leading to the 2007 resignation of Oral Roberts's other son, Richard, as president, amid allegations of fiscal impropriety, which Richard has denied.

Richard's first wife, Patti, discussed her disillusionment with the family in a memoir, *Ashes to Gold*. Also, in January 1987, Oral Roberts famously told followers that God would call him home if he failed to raise \$8 million by March 31 of that year; the money did come in.

## Fresno Hospital Agrees To Training And Policy Changes In Response To Mistreatment Of Lesbian Couple

SAN FRANCISCO – Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno has agreed to make policy changes and conduct staff trainings to ensure that the rights of its LGBT patients and family members are properly respected. The changes are in response to a demand letter by American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Lesbian Rights on behalf of a lesbian who was barred from visiting her partner and giving advice about her treatment at the hospital.

"We are very pleased that Community Regional is taking seriously its obligations to respect the rights of its LGBT patients and family members," said Elizabeth Gill, a staff attorney with the ACLU of Northern California. "While it's unfortunate that a couple had to suffer in order to make the hospital take notice, it's commendable that Community Medical is taking such im-

portant steps to ensure that this kind of mistreatment doesn't happen again."

On May 29, 2009, Kristin Orbin was rushed to the emergency room after suffering from an epileptic seizure. She and her partner of four years, Teresa Rowe, had traveled from the Bay Area to Fresno to attend a rally in support of marriage for same-sex couples. Although Rowe, who grew up in nearby Clovis, California, was well aware of Orbin's medical history and how she responded to various medications, hospital staff refused to allow her to speak with






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the doctors treating Orbin or to visit with her. As a result, Orbin was given the drug Ativan that she didn't need and which caused her unnecessary pain. After the couple had been separated for several hours, Orbin finally saw her doctor. She complained to him, and Rowe was eventually allowed to be with her.

"While an apology would have been nice, we are pleased that this incident will help put an end to unfair treatment of LGBT patients and their family members," said Rowe. "But while the policy changes are extremely welcome and necessary, this incident has also underscored that, ultimately, allowing same-sex couples to marry is the only way to guarantee the respect and recognition that will prevent this kind of treatment."

According to the letter Community Medical Centers sent to the ACLU and NCLR, the hospital is in the early stages of reviewing all its policies dealing with LGBT patients and foresees further changes in addition to the promised training and policy changes. It has also agreed to keep the ACLU and NCLR apprised of its progress.

"We're very pleased that Community Medical has decided to do right by its LGBT patients," said James Beaudreau, Education and Policy Director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). "Providing equal treatment and care for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity, should be of paramount importance to any hospital. It creates an environment in which all patients feel safe and comfortable receiving treatment, which results in a higher quality of patient care."

## Christie Speaks on N.J. Gay Marriage

By Julie Bolcer

New Jersey governor-elect Chris Christie spoke on Monday about a marriage equality bill pending in the state legislature, but he refused to denounce the bill he opposes in harsh tones.

Christie, a Republican who has vowed to veto the bill, spoke after a meeting with college leaders at Rutgers University, according to Newark's Star-Ledger.

"This is where the people of New Jersey obviously have differences of opinion," said Christie, according to the Star-Ledger. "There are lots of people who feel very strongly about same-sex marriage and believe it should be the law of the state, and there are lots of folks like me who believe that it shouldn't," he said.

The marriage equality bill awaits a hearing in the assembly judiciary committee after passing the senate judiciary committee last week by a narrow vote of 7-6. A scheduled vote in the full senate last Thursday was postponed by the Democratic leadership and the bill's



*(Christie Speaks on Gay Marriage. Continued from page 5)*  
 sponsors. Backers are racing to pass the bill before outgoing governor Jon Corzine, who has promised to sign the bill, leaves office on January 19.

On Monday, Christie was asked about the announcement from New Jersey native Bruce Springsteen that the legendary rocker supports marriage equality.

"The fact that Bruce believes that, that's his right," said Christie. "But by the same token, it's my right to believe what I want to believe, too."

## Honduran LGBT Rights Activist Assassinated

By Advocate.com Editors

Resistance member and LGBT activist Walter Trochez, 25, was killed in a drive-by shooting Sunday in downtown Tegucigalpa, Honduras's capital and largest city.

Trochez has been active in protesting the military coup that deposed President José Manuel Zelaya, and, according to journalist Doug Ireland, "had been very active recently in documenting and publicizing homophobic killings and crimes committed by the forces behind the coup, which is believed to have been the motive for his murder. He had been trailed for weeks before his murder by thugs believed to be members of the state security forces."

Two weeks earlier, while he was monitoring the treatment of transgender prostitutes working in the Comayagüela district, Trochez was captured by masked police and beaten until bloody, according to a Spanish-language website. He brought a complaint about the police action to City Hall, where he was mocked for his homosexuality. His complaint was accepted but no action was taken.

Also, according to sources, LGBT people have been confronted by police in various skirmishes recently. Two activists died after being shot in those confrontations.



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## 5 RELATIONSHIP MYTHS (AND HOW TO BREAK THEM)

Michael Kimmel  
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In the interest of furthering happy and healthy LGBT relationships, I'd like to share with you five long-held relationship myths and why it's psychologically healthy to break them. Despite the hundreds of self-help books out on the shelves, there's a lot of impractical and impossible advice given by the "experts". After years in this business (of psychology), I'd like to share my favorite relationship myths with you, in the hopes that – by busting them – your relationships will be more fulfilling and loving for you and your honey:



**Myth #1: Don't worry about your (lack of a) sex life**

After months (or years) of a relationship, many experts tell you that it's okay if your sex life starts to suck. I say: no way! Sex is a crucial part of a healthy relationship. When we find ourselves too busy, stressed out and/or not emotionally connected with our partner, sex is one of the quickest and most pleasurable ways to reconnect. It helps you both to re-experience being those madly-in-love people you used to be. It's all too easy to

put off sex...but don't do it! There's nothing like a shared orgasm and a happy, post-coital glow to improve your outlook on life and remember why you love that man/woman you've been with all this while. A good sex life is part of your mental health: cherish it, hold it as a priority and make it happen.

**Myth #2: Having/adopting children will bring you closer**

In recent years, LGBT families are popping up all over the place...and it's great! But, if you and your partner are considering becoming parents, please consider your motivation. While having a baby/adopting a child can be a fabulous bonding experience, it's a million times more stressful on your relationship than your worst remodeling project could ever be. Imagine the unbelievable commitments of time and energy a child will require...how will this affect your private time with yourself and with your partner? While creating a family together can be amazingly fulfilling, it's also incredibly difficult. Look at this one realistically before you make your two-some into a three-some.

**Myth #3: Never go to bed angry**

This is my favorite myth to bust. Has anyone ever really pulled this one off? I doubt it. Going to sleep angry isn't great, but – for most of us - it's occasionally part of coupledness. Even if you go to bed mad and sleep in separate rooms once in a while, it's okay. Yes, okay. Don't make it into a big deal...it's part of life that many of us coupled LGBTers don't talk about because we're embarrassed. You can also try agreeing to disagree until morning. Sounds corny, but it often works. After all, how many of us are thinking clearly late at night? It's a bad time for

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problem resolution. You both often see things more clearly in the morning anyway...and conflicts are usually more easily resolved after a little time has passed. You may lose a good night's sleep, but in the long run, it's worth it because your disagreements get resolved more completely and efficiently.

**Myth #4:** Never take your partner for granted

Doesn't every episode of "Oprah" mention this in some form? It's almost a cardinal sin. I say, it's time to rethink this one. Doesn't taking your partner for granted mean that you can count on, depend on and trust him/her...that you are both absolutely there for each other? You need to feel secure enough to lean on your partner without worrying that he/she will flake on you. This doesn't mean treating someone badly; it does mean that you can count on each other and watch out for each other. This is also known as "security" and "dependability", comprehendez?

**Myth #5:** Partners/lovers should be best friends as well as romantic partners

Doesn't this sound logical? You and your partner know each other better than anyone else, so why wouldn't you be best friends too? This myth brings a lot of pain and disappointment to a lot of my clients. One person cannot be everything to you. If they are, it's a setup for unhappiness. The best relationships are a balancing act: time alone, time with friends, time with partner. Don't give up your friendships when you fall in love... you need more than one person in your life to be close to, laugh with, cry with, hang out with, do stuff with. It's normal to sometimes feel closer to your best friend than your partner. Just keep reconnecting to your honey while sharing your life with other people who love you...and everyone benefits.

May busting these myths bring you and your current (or potential) partner closer than ever. I encourage you to question every piece of "expert" advice you read, including this column. If the advice works for you, great. If it doesn't: ignore it, trust your intuition and follow your heart. After all, YOU are the real expert in your life. Trust yourself.

## Palin Sues Johnston for Custody

By Advocate.com Editors

Sarah Palin's daughter Bristol has sued Levi Johnston for sole custody of their child, Tripp Johnston-Palin, and now two superior court judges have unsealed the court record and denied Palin's request that pseudonyms be used, the Alaska Dispatch reports.



It's not yet apparent whether Johnston's public appearances since his son's birth—most notably his decision to pose nude for Playgirl magazine—will be a part of the proceedings. Earlier this month Johnston told Headline News's Joy Behar that he likes being a gay icon.

Palin filed for custody on November 4, at which time Judge Kari C. Kristiansen issued a temporary order limiting access to the case files and allowed the parties to file under pseudonyms. Johnston, however, appealed those decisions. On December 23, Kristiansen denied Palin's request for a closed proceeding. On the same day, Presiding Judge Sharon Gleason denied Palin's request to use pseudonyms.

In opposition to the request for a gag order, Johnston's lawyer, Rex Butler, said: "Simply put, this matter is public in nature, the courts are not refugees for the scions of the elite to obtain private dispensation of their legal matters because the public at large has an interest in the proceedings."

For his part, Johnston said he feared that Sarah Palin might have too much pull if the proceedings were made private. "I do not feel protected against Sarah Palin in a closed proceeding," he wrote in an affidavit. "I hope that if it is open she will stay out of it.... I think a public case might go a long way in reducing Sarah Palin's instinct to attack and allow the real parties in this litigation, Bristol and I, to work things out a lot more peacefully than we could if there is any more meddling from Sarah Palin."

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## Latin America Sees its First Same-Sex Marriage

Buenos Aires, Argentina (CNN) -- Less than one month after a Buenos Aires court derided the marriage of Alex Freyre and Jose Maria di Bello, the couple wed Monday at the southern tip of Argentina, making it the first same-sex marriage in Latin America.

"As a couple, we dreamed of marrying for a long time," Freyre told the state-run Telam news agency.

Their marriage was hailed as a victory by gay rights groups in Argentina, though it was unknown whether the legality of their marriage would face any challenges.

After a legal battle earlier this year, a court in the capital, Buenos Aires, ruled that a ban on same-sex marriage was illegal and ordered the proper authorities to grant the couple a marriage license if they applied for one.

On the eve of their December 1 wedding, however, another court filed an injunction, putting the brakes on the nuptials.

In Argentina, the issue of same-sex marriage is decided on the local and state level.

So Freyre and di Bello went to the southernmost state of Tierra del Fuego, where a pro-gay marriage governor welcomed the event, Telam reported. Although the federal government could not directly intervene,

Argentina's National Institute Against Xenophobia and Racism



(INADI) helped find a friendly jurisdiction where the couple could have their wedding, the institute's president, Claudio Morgado, told Telam.

Morgado was even a witness at the ceremony.

"This is the purpose of INADI, to safeguard the rights of citizens who do not fully enjoy these rights," Morgado said, according to the state-run news agency.

The original ruling against a ban on gay marriage was made on November 10 by Buenos Aires trial-level judge Gabriela Seijas. Her decision applied only to Buenos Aires.

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**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

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Street

in Lincoln, NE.

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9am and 11am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

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

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING**, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, starting again after Labor Day

**SECOND UNITARIAN**, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

**WIMMIN'S SHOW**, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

### Every Monday

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"** Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

**GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN** 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

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

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

### Every Tuesday

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

**HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE**, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [ander-son@hastings.edu](mailto:ander-son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at [jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto:jsandeen@hastings.edu) for further information.

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

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

**COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT CONNECTIONS** 8:00 pm to close, \$2 COORS LIGHTS, \$4 BOMBS with your Student ID. "Fratty Fun till the Evenings Done!"

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

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

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

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**MCC OMAHA**, Bible Study, 7pm

### Every Thursday

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

**NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results,

### CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS

REVERSE HAPPY HOUR, FREE POOL & JUKE BOX from 10 pm-midnight

### Every Friday

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

### OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more information call 402-384-8014

### DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7-9pm, DC's Saloon

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

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

**NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm-9PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results

**NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING** 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marv's Ave.**, 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

**DJ MUSIC AND DANCING** 10PM, Connections Bar

**GET YOUR GROOVE ON WITH DJ VON**, 9pm, Connections

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

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

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

**1st Thursday**  
**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://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 ASSOCIATION**, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for meeting schedules etc.

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, at 7:00 pm . See [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

**1st Sunday**  
**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

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

**2nd Thursday**  
**PFLAG—OMAHA**, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist Church

**2nd Saturday**  
**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**  
[L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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**  
**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.

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

**See, I have open space here for your Event! Send it to me!**

## A Winter Poem

It's winter in Nebraska  
And the gentle breezes blow  
Seventy miles an hour  
At thirty-five below.

Oh, how I love Nebraska  
When the snow's up to your butt  
You take a breath of winter  
And your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful  
So I guess I'll hang around  
I could never leave Nebraska  
I'm frozen to the ground!

## A Letter to the Grim Reaper

Dear Mr. Reaper,

So far this year you have taken away my favorite dancer and entertainer Michael Jackson, my favorite actor Patrick Swayze, and my favorite actresses Bea Arthur and Farrah Fawcett...

Just so you know, my favorite politician is Sarah Palin.....

Thank you  
John McCain

## SNOW

One winter morning a husband and wife in Nebraska were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park..." Then the electric power went out and the radio fell silent.

The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?" With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to Blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

## Little Boy Story

A LITTLE THREE YEAR OLD BOY IS SITTING ON THE TOILET.

HIS MOTHER THINKS HE HAS BEEN IN THERE TOO LONG, SO SHE GOES IN TO SEE WHAT'S UP.

THE LITTLE BOY IS GRIPPING ON TO THE TOILET SEAT WITH HIS LEFT HAND AND HITTING HIMSELF ON TOP OF THE HEAD WITH HIS RIGHT HAND.

HIS MOTHER SAYS: "BILLY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU'VE BEEN IN HERE FOR AWHILE."

BILLY SAYS: "I'M FINE, MOMMY. I JUST HAVEN'T GONE 'POOPY' YET."

MOTHER SAYS: "OK, YOU CAN STAY HERE A FEW MORE MINUTES. BUT, BILLY, WHY ARE YOU HITTING YOURSELF ON THE HEAD?"

BILLY SAYS: "WORKS FOR KETCHUP!"

# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](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](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://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](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming

**Flat Water Bears**, (group disbanded)

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

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

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, see [www.hgra.net](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://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](http://mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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**, 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](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

**Northside Christian Church** 5555 Larimore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contemporary service at 11:00am

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohanagroup@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact [omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for more info.

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://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](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto: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](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Prairie Bares**, male nudist group, no further info available

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

**Rainbow Celebrations**, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

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

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@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](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or



email: ptetreaultl@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.councilbluffspride.org](http://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](http://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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regulate them," Seijas said in her ruling.

Buenos Aires Mayor Mauricio Macri said after the ruling that his government would not appeal the decision, but a second trial judge filed an injunction until the issue could be considered further.



Countries in Latin America, a region strongly identified with the Catholic Church, have recently given more attention to gay rights.

Earlier this month, Mexico City's legislative assembly passed a bill legalizing gay marriage there.

In September, Uruguay became the first Latin American country to allow same-sex adoption.

Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador are also addressing the issue of same-sex civil unions.

## 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, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

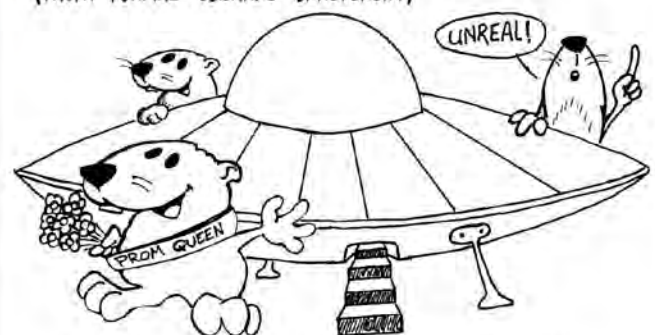
### Lincoln:

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

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

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# GROUNDHOG ANTI-REALITY COSTUME BALL WEAR SOMETHING UNREAL (TACKY FORMAL--BIZARRE--IRREVERENT) PROM 2010



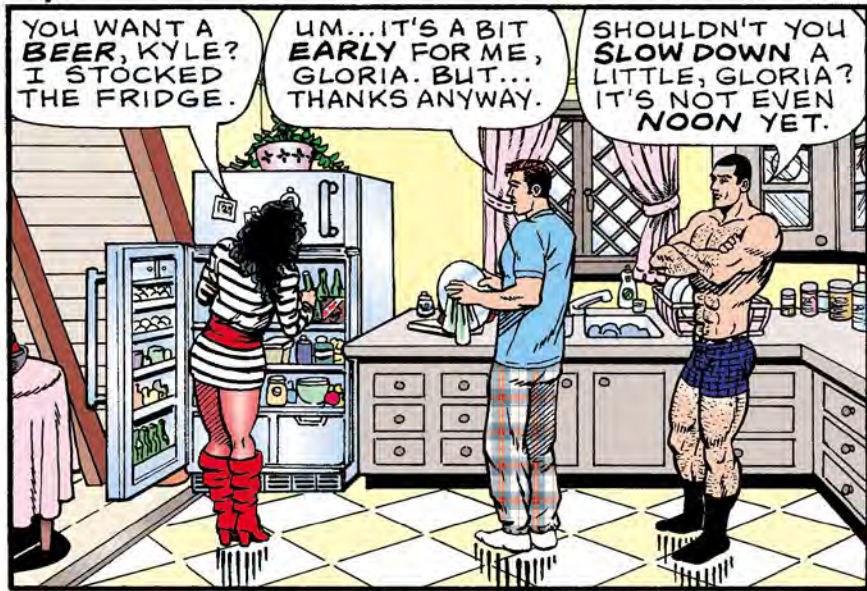
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SHOULDN'T YOU **SLOW DOWN** A LITTLE, GLORIA? IT'S NOT EVEN **NOON** YET.



LISTEN TO THIS ONE. "GLORIA". WOULD IT **KILL** YOU TO CALL YOUR MOTHER "MOM" FOR ONCE?

I RESERVE THAT TERM FOR THE WOMAN WHO **ACTUALLY RAISED** ME.



NOT THE WOMAN WHO GAVE BIRTH TO ME, NAMED ME AFTER CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM...

... AND THEN **ABANDONED** ME TO FOLLOW THE **ROLLING STONES**.



YOU ARE TOO **CUTE**, YOU KNOW THAT? ALL THAT **ANGST**.

YOU SHOULD **WRITE A BOOK**.

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I BETTER GO GET **READY**. RICHARD AND I ARE GOING **CLOTHES SHOPPING!**

CHIAO FOR NOW!



WELL, **ONE** THING MY **BIOLOGICAL** PARENTS HAVE IN COMMON. THEY'RE BOTH **OBLIVIOUS**, **WORTHLESS DRUNKS**.

**BREYER...**



MAYBE YOU'RE BEING A LITTLE **HARD** ON HER. I KNOW SHE WASN'T... AN **IDEAL** MOTHER FOR YOU WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP, BUT...

... SHE'S **HERE NOW**.



RIGHT. SHE DOES THIS **EVE-RY** FEW YEARS. SHOWS UP **LOOKING FOR MONEY** OR A PLACE TO **CRASH**. I WONDER WHAT SHE'S AFTER **THIS** TIME?

MAYBE SHE JUST WANTS TO SEE HER **SON**.



FAT CHANCE. HEY, AT LEAST SHE SEEMS VERY **GAY-FRIENDLY**.

SHE'S FRIENDLY TO ANYONE WHO'LL GIVE HER A PLACE TO **CHILL HER BEER**.

YOU ARE TOO **CUTE**, YOU KNOW THAT? SO I'VE HEARD...

# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



The best New Year's resolution to have is the one that works for you. Don't have a resolution just for the sake of having one or just to keep up with the Joneses. Find something that needs improvement and take it to task. I have parted the Red Sea and several health and fitness resolution suggestions are making their way to the Promised Land.

Cook two meals each week that you have never prepared before. Find recipes for low fat and healthy foods and begin the epicurean excitement. This exercise in cooking should condition you to become more cognizant of what you eat and aware of how healthy that food really is that enters your body.

Use social networking sites to find ten other people that are resolving to do the same thing as you. Use these people as your support group to keep your resolution on track. It is much better to have a group of individuals striving for the same goal. Stay in communication with these team members as frequently as possible for the best results.

Purchase a diary and start using it. Forget about all the normal nonsense that authors usually pen inside these autobiographies. Just keep tabs on all the exercise you get throughout the year. Make a daily notation even if you didn't have any physical exertion on a particular day. This Catholic guilt method should keep you feeling the need for some form of exercise each day.

Volunteer to be an assistant coach at the neighborhood high school. You will probably need a fingerprint clearance card and approval from the athletic director. There are those coaches that pad their paychecks by barking out orders for their athletes from behind a coffee mug and the newest issue of Time magazine. If you do it right, you will actually participate in the activities with the students and will burn calories in the process.

Use the walk and talk method. When you are with a client, get out from behind the desk and walk and talk about the new product lines. When you are with a friend, get up from the plush furniture and walk and talk about the halcyon days of grammar school. When you get that phone call from Mom, get up and walk and talk around the neighborhood as you become informed about Aunt Fran's colonoscopy.

Get the preppy fraternity clothes out of mothballs and enroll in several classes during 2010 at your community college. Learn more about your body with courses such as Nutrition 101, Anatomy and Physiology, or Yoga 101. The more you know about yourself, the more likely you are to take better care of yourself. There is also a really healthy connection between exercising the body AND the mind.

Choose mine or find your own resolutions. Just be excited about what you decide upon and keep the motivation going past Groundhog's Day. There are still 332 days left in the year after that funny little rodent looks for his shadow. Use every one of those days resolving to improve your health and fitness. I'm not telling you it's going to be easy, but it's going to be worth it!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who uses animal crackers in his vegan chili. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be sent well wishes at [www.myblakefitness.com](http://www.myblakefitness.com).

## FREE ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**WEDDINGS**



**FUNERALS  
OBITUARIES**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS  
RECOGNITIONS  
GARAGE SALES  
BIRTHDAYS**

Email it to us: [gayzette@cox.net](mailto:gayzette@cox.net)



**SUNDAY JAN 3RD**

**"RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR"  
Presented by Mr Max Joe DeSanti  
& Macy Riley - 10pm**

**SATURDAY JAN 9TH**

**ICON's Annual E&E BALL  
6pm Door / 7pm Show**

**SUNDAY 10TH**

**"Reality ✓"  
10pm**

**SUNDAY 17TH**

**"CAN 'T FIGHT THE MOONLIGHT"  
Miss Max Chanel's Step-down  
10pm**

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