



WHY IT MATTERS: Election Outcome Likely to Influence Push For and Against Gay Marriage

By Associated Press



The issue:

On one aspect of whether same-sex couples should have the right to marry, both sides agree: The issue defines what kind of nation we are. Half a dozen states and the District of Columbia have made history by legalizing it, but it's prohibited elsewhere, and 30 states have placed bans in their constitutions.

Where they stand:

President Barack Obama supports legal recognition of same-sex marriage, as a matter decided by states. He's also repudiated the Defense of Marriage Act, which denies federal recognition of same-sex marriages and affirms the right of states to refuse to recognize such marriages. The administration no longer defends the law in court, but it remains on the books. Republican Mitt Romney says same-sex marriage should be banned with a constitutional amendment, not left to states. He also opposes civil unions if they are equivalent to marriage, and says states should decide what rights and benefits should be allowed for same-sex couples.

Why it matters:

The debate divides the public down the middle, according to recent polls, and stirs up passionate feelings on both sides.

Those who oppose it often invoke religious teachings, contending that their faith cannot condone legal recognition of gay and lesbian couples. They worry about conflicts between religious liberty and public policy if gay marriage spreads to more states and gains federal recognition.

Gay-marriage supporters cite examples of devoted same-sex couples — some partners for decades, some raising children — and say it's unfair to deny them the same rights as heterosexual couples.

"It's about what kind of country we are," said Lee Swislow of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, a Boston-based legal group that has won several landmark court rulings. "Do we treat each other the way we want to be treated?"

The Maryland Catholic Conference recently summed up the views of many who oppose same-sex marriage.

"The average citizen of Maryland has enough common sense to know that marriage cannot be redefined; that a child comes from both a mother and a father; that marriage is the building block of society," the group said. "It is not discriminatory to reserve marriage for one man and one woman."

As things stand now, same-sex couples face a patchwork of conflicting laws and practices that vary from state to state.

Six states allow same-sex marriage; nine more have civil unions or domestic partnerships that extend marriage-like rights to gays and lesbians.

The federal government, however, doesn't recognize same-sex marriage, nor do the vast majority of states. Even with an out-of-state marriage license, gay and lesbian couples in those states face uncertainty, extra legal bills and rebuffs that straight couples avoid. Complications can arise with adoptions, inheritances and survivor benefits.

If legally married in their own state, same-sex couples still must file separate federal tax forms, with separate deductions, even when they're raising children together and jointly owning property.

This election won't get rid of that patchwork, but it could have a major impact given that four states have gay-marriage

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measures on their ballots.

In Minnesota, the vote is whether to put a ban on gay marriage in the state constitution. Voters in Maine, Maryland and Washington state are voting on whether to legalize gay marriage.

Thus far, foes of gay marriage have prevailed in all 32 states where the issue reached the ballot. If that streak is broken in the four states that are addressing it in November, it could provide momentum for supporters, and perhaps even influence the Supreme Court if — as expected — it takes up cases challenging the Defense of Marriage Act.

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Gates' give \$500,000 in Support of Gay Marriage

Bill and Melinda Gates have donated \$500,000 to the campaign to uphold the state's gay marriage law.

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Bill and Melinda Gates have donated \$500,000 to the campaign to uphold the state's gay marriage law.

The donation was announced Tuesday by Washington United for Marriage, which is working to approve Referendum 74. The donation was made on Oct. 15, but didn't publicly post online with the Public Disclosure Commission until Tuesday. Referendum 74 asks voters to either approve or reject the law allowing same-sex marriage that was passed by the Legislature earlier this year.

Bill Gates had made a \$100,000 contribution to the campaign earlier this year.



About \$11 million has been spent on the campaign so far, with a bulk of it spent by gay marriage supporters. Washington United for Marriage has far outpaced its opponents, bringing in nearly \$11 million compared to the more than \$2 million raised so far by Preserve Marriage Washington, which opposes the law.

Obama Backs Gay Marriage Measures In 3 States

President Barack Obama on Thursday threw his support behind ballot measures in Maine, Maryland and Washington state that would legalize same-sex marriage.

By DAVID CRARY, AP National Writer

President Barack Obama on Thursday threw his support behind ballot measures in Maine, Maryland and Washington state that would legalize same-sex marriage.

Though the president first voiced his general approval for gay marriage in May, he had not previously offered specific endorsements of the three measures.

In each case, the endorsements were issued through the state branches of Obama's re-election campaign.

"While the president does not weigh in on every single ballot measure in every state, the president believes in treating everyone fairly and equally, with dignity and respect," said Paul Bell, the campaign's press secretary in Washington state.

"Washington's same-sex marriage law would treat all Washington couples equally, and that is why the president supports a vote to approve Referendum 74," Bell said.

In Maine, gay-rights supporters put the measure on this year's ballot in hopes of reversing the results of a 2009 referendum in which voters rejected a same-sex marriage law passed by the legislature.

In Maryland and Washington, gay-marriage laws were passed by lawmakers and signed by the governors earlier this year, but opponents collected enough signatures to hold referendums on whether the laws should be upheld or rejected.

Ed Murray, an openly gay state senator in Washington who has been fighting for years to legalize gay marriage, expressed gratitude to Obama.

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"When I first began fighting in the legislature for marriage equality ... I would never have dared to dream that a president of the United States would one day step forward at this crucial moment, in the middle of his own close re-election campaign, to offer his support for our efforts," Murray said. "But that is exactly what President Obama has done, and it is an example of his courage and leadership."

Murray said his hope was to soon be able to wed his partner of 21 years, and he thanked Obama for "bringing that dream a little closer to reality."

Chip White of Preserve Marriage Washington, which opposes the gay-marriage law, said he was unsurprised by Obama's action.

"Until May of this year, the president's position was that marriage is the union of one man and one woman," White said. "No one called him a bigot or said he was unfair for holding that position. And Washingtonians who believe in the traditional definition of marriage as one man and one woman are not bigots."

If any of the measures are approved, it would be the first time that a state legalized same-sex marriage through a popular vote. Thus far, all 32 states voting on gay marriage have rebuffed it, while the six states that have legalized it did so through legislation or court orders.

In all three states voting on the issue on Nov. 6, the outcome is expected to be close, though the polls up to now have given an edge to gay-marriage supporters.

Associated Press writer Rachel La Corte in Olympia, Wash., contributed to this report.

Maryland Pastor Stands Behind Same-Sex Marriage "Worthy of Death" Remarks

By Chris Gordon

A pastor in Baltimore County is standing by his controversial remarks about Question 6 on Maryland's ballot – whether to legalize same-sex marriage.

The Rev. Robert Anderson of Colonial Baptist Church in Randallstown, Md., made the statement at a meeting hosted by the Maryland Marriage Alliance, which opposes same-sex marriage. He quoted Romans Chapter 1 in the Bible.

"Listen to the last verse," he said. "'Knowing the righteous judgment of God that those who practice such things are deserving of death. Not only do the same' – but watch this – 'for those who also approve of those who practice these things.' If we don't vote against it, then we are approving these things that are worthy of death."

Marylanders for Marriage Equality which is fighting for same-sex marriage to be approved feels opponents have gone too far.

"We really think that it was very inappropriate for the Maryland Marriage Alliance to hold a panel where they used the words 'worthy of death' to describe gay and lesbian couples," said Sultan Shakir, of Marylanders for Marriage Equality.

"That's not my words," Anderson said. "That's from Romans Chapter 1 written by the Apostle Paul himself."

He explained what he meant by including same-sex marriage supporters.

"Worthy of death in that they are promoting the lifestyle and they are promoting what same-sex marriage is all about, and that is what we're standing against," he said.



Gay Marriage Withstands Legal Threat

By THOMAS KAPLAN

New York's highest court declined on Tuesday to hear a challenge to the state's gay-marriage law, ending the only significant legal threat to same-sex weddings in the state.

The Court of Appeals rejected a motion by a conservative group, New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, which had accused the State Senate of violating the state's Open Meetings Law in its deliberations before it voted last year to allow gay men and lesbians to marry. The court did not provide an explanation of its decision.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, who had pressed for the legalization of same-sex marriage, hailed the court's action.

"With the court's decision, same-sex couples no longer have to worry that their right to marry could be legally challenged in this state," Mr. Cuomo, a Democrat, said in a statement on Tuesday. "The freedom to marry in this state is secure for generations to come."

The Rev. Jason J. McGuire, the executive director of New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, said the court's decision was disappointing but not surprising. He added that opponents of the marriage law were focusing their attention on defeating legislators who voted last year for the Marriage Equality Act after previously saying they opposed same-sex marriage.

"I think the issue now begins to turn to other things," Mr. McGuire said. "The people will have another chance to vote in two weeks on legislators who I think went rogue."

Mr. McGuire predicted that future legal cases regarding the marriage law would focus not on the law itself, but on issues of

religious freedoms relating to same-sex weddings.

Since July 2011, when the New York law took effect, more than 10,000 same-sex couples have been issued marriage licenses.

Last year, a judge allowed a portion of the challenge against the marriage law to move forward and criticized Mr. Cuomo for "arm-twisting" as he pressed for its passage. But this past July, an appeals court unanimously rejected the open-meetings argument, and the Court of Appeals amounted to the last hope for opponents to keep the case alive.

The legal challenge had focused on two closed-door meetings that the Senate's Republican majority held in the run-up to the marriage vote, one with Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and the other with Mr. Cuomo. The lawsuit asserted that the meetings should have been held in public, and it asked for the marriage law to be overturned.

Chick-fil-A Benefited from Summer's Gay Marriage Flap With More Customer Visits

By SUSANNA KIM

Despite boycotts from pro-gay marriage groups, fast food restaurant Chick-fil-A may have benefited from remarks by president and chief operating officer Dan Cathy that he supported the "biblical definition of the family unit."

The number of people who said they visited Chick-fil-A in the "past month" increased 2.2 percent, according to a third quarter study by chain restaurant market research firm Sandelman & Associates' Quick-Track study. The research firm conducts research for all major fast-food chains in U.S. media markets.

A spokesman for Chick-Fil-A declined to comment.

In an article published on July 16 by the Baptist Press, a news services for the Southern Baptist Convention, Cathy said, "We are very much supportive of the family -- the biblical definition of the family unit. We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives. We give God thanks for that."

In response to Cathy's comments, the company was sharply criticized by the gay community. Civic leaders in Chicago and Boston also criticized the company, saying they would not welcome Chick-fil-A to their cities. In September, Chicago alderman Proco "Joe" Moreno later said he would not block the chain from a neighborhood called Logan Square.

Chick-fil-A's supporters responded by organizing an unofficial Chick-fil-A "Appreciation Day" on Aug. 1, during which the company said it had "record-setting" sales.

The company repeated that it does not discriminate against gay employees or customers.

"The Chick-fil-A culture and 66-year service tradition in our locally owned and operated restaurants is to treat every person

with honor, dignity and respect – regardless of their beliefs, race, creed, sexual orientation or gender," the company said in a statement. "We are a restaurant company focused on food, service and hospitality; our intent is not to engage in political or social debates."

The company has also stated that its intent "is not to support political or social agendas."

Jeff Davis, president of Sandelman & Associates, said the entire episode was "something that brought Chick-fil-A to the forefront of peoples' minds."

"There are a lot of people who have an affinity to the brand and when you drive those things together it drives some action," he said.

Two days later, gay-marriage proponents staged a "kiss-in" at Chick-fil-A stores to celebrate National Same-Sex Kiss Day.

The company founder and CEO, Truett Cathy, is a Christian who has kept the business closed on Sundays since opening his first restaurant in 1946. Based in Atlanta, Ga., the company's more than 1,600 Chick-fil-A restaurants continue that practice in 39 states and Washington, D.C.

Its 2011 sales were \$4.1 billion, a 13.08 percent increase over 2010's figures, and same-stores sales increased 7 percent, according to Chick-fil-A.

Davis said the company is already known for its "eat more chikin" television and billboard ads featuring animated cows, but the controversy around Cathy's comments drove the company's brand awareness.

Sandelman & Associates asked consumers which chains they have seen advertising in the past month or so.

Chick-fil-A's ad awareness increased 6.5 percent in the third quarter of this year compared to the same period, which was "up significantly," Davis said.

Sandelman also asked consumers where they which restaurants they frequented in the past month, and the responses shows Chick-fil-A's market share had increased 0.6 percent.

"It's an unusual situation," Davis said of Chick-fil-A's positive outcome as a result of what many companies would call a public relations stumble.

Other companies are usually able to weather the storm of a negative media cloud if they have strong loyalty from customers. Examples include Apple's missteps in changing features of its much-beloved iPhone. In 2010, Apple released its iPhone 4 with some complications around its antenna, dubbed "Antenna Gate." Facebook has also faced similar resistance when it has changed its features, though the number of users continues to climb.

"The commonality is brand affinity. In both cases, people feel very strongly about the brands," Davis said.

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Pro-Gay Marriage Super PAC Makes Final House Expenditures

By MAGGIE HABERMAN |

American Unity PAC, the super PAC that was co-founded by hedge fund executive Paul Singer and which generally supports candidates with the goal of advancing gay marriage, is making its final round of House endorsements:

American Unity PAC has announced its final round of congressional races targeted for independent expenditures, and eight candidates are slated to benefit from at least \$2.25 million in outside investments. American Unity PAC previously announced its involvement in the reelection races of pro-freedom Republican Representatives Mary Bono Mack (R-CA), Judy Biggert (R-IL) and Richard Hanna (R-NY), as well as the race of House challenger Richard Tisei (R-MA). Today American Unity PAC identified Representatives Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) and Nan Hayworth (R-NY), House challenger Andrew Roraback (R-CT) and Senate challenger Linda McMahon (R-CT) as additional priorities.

The group has looked to leave a mark at the federal level in terms of gay marriage, although it also backs candidates who support fiscal conservatism.

New Home or Resale? Which is a Better Investment

When shopping for their next home, a reasonable person may



ask what the better investment is, a new home or existing home. The answer depends on a number of factors. To make the comparison between new homes and existing homes a bit easier, consider only the choice of new homes vs. recently constructed homes.

New construction offers many choices. Everything from the roofing material to the basement floor is negotiable. Builders typically start with a price for a basic home, with the assumption that every component of that home will be the least expensive or the lowest grade. From there, the buyer gets to choose a wide variety of upgrades, all with additional cost added to the purchase price. Sometimes a room can be added, a garage can be expanded, appliances can be upgraded, and the kitchen counter can be granite instead of vinyl. Floors can be hardwood or tile instead of carpet. Even bathroom sinks and toilets can be upgraded.

Which upgrades make sense from an investment point of view? This is a tough decision. If you upgrade everything, it will be hard to recover the cost when selling the home. If you proceed with low-grade materials throughout the home, future buyers will offer a lower price, with the expectation of installing the upgrades that you chose not to buy.

The advantage of new construction is not really investment value, it is the ability to get a house built exactly the way you want it.

With an existing home, the design choices have been made already. The only decision is which home to buy. Depending on market conditions, it may be possible to find homeowners who purchased every conceivable upgrade when the home was built and are now under pressure to sell. If the home was built with bare-bones materials, it may be possible to negotiate a price low enough to pay for all of the upgrades. Once in a while, there will be homeowners who overvalue their property, thinking that they are entitled to get all the money back that they spent on upgrades. In an extreme seller's market, they might get their wish. But in most cases, buyers will simply move on to other properties.

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Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm –
6:30pm. A progressive community in the Cath-
olic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary
Phone: 402.953.7656
Email: ecuomaha@live.com
Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the Rain-
bow Outreach GLBT Community Center,
www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Wednesday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Pride Planning
Meeting- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month
at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6pm-
8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find
us on Facebook

3rd Saturday

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6:30pm. A progressive community in the Cath-
olic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary,
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3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—
50th & Ames Ave.

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530
N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220,
3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

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

AN OLD WOMAN PROSPECTOR

An old woman prospector shuffled into
town leading a tired old mule. The old
woman headed straight for the only sal-
oon to clear her parched throat.

She walked up and tied her old mule to
the hitch rail. As she stood there, brush-
ing some of the dust from her face and
clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out
of the saloon with a gun in one hand and
a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old
woman and laughed, saying, "hey old
woman, have you ever danced?"
the old woman looked up at the gunsling-
er and said, "no, i never did dance. Nev-
er really wanted to."

A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger
grinned and said, "well, you old bag,
you're gonna dance now," and started
shooting at the old woman's feet.

The old woman prospector - not wanting
to get her toe blown off started hopping
around.

Everybody was laughing.

When his last bullet had been fired, the
young gunslinger, still laughing, hol-
stered his gun and turned around to go
back into the saloon.

The old woman turned to her pack mule,
pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, and
cocked both hammers.

The loud clicks carried clearly through
the desert air. The crowd stopped laugh-
ing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds too,
and he turned around very slowly. The sil-
ence was almost deafening.

The crowd watched as the young gunman
stared at the old woman and the large gaping
holes of those twin barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in
the old woman's hands, as she quietly said,
"son, have you ever licked a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said,
"no mam. But, I've always wanted to."

The Sharing of Marriage

The old man placed order for one hamburger,
French fries and a drink.

He unwrapped the plain hamburger and care-
fully cut it in half, placing one half in front of
his wife.

He then carefully counted out the French fries,
dividing them into two piles and neatly placed
one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip
and then set the cup down between them . As
he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the
people around them were looking over and
whispering.

Obviously they were thinking, 'That poor old
couple - all they can afford is one meal for the
two of them.'

As the man began to eat his fries a young man
came to the table and politely offered to buy
another meal for the old couple. The old man
said, they were just fine - they were used to
sharing everything.

People closer to the table noticed the little old
lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching
her husband eat and occasionally taking turns
sipping the drink.

Again, the young man came over and begged
them to let him buy another meal for them.
This time the old woman said 'No, thank you,
we are used to sharing everything.'

Finally, as the old man finished and was wip-
ing his face neatly with the napkin, the young
man again came over to the little old lady who
had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked
'What is it you are waiting for?'

She answered 'THE TEETH.'

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbtDemocrats.wordpress.com> - contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also <http://ProgressiveOasis.com>

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6:30pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com 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

OUTLinc, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, www.outlinc.org

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, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

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

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094
TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>
UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbt
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic
 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, **FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia**
Council Bluffs Community Alliance

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

Nationally Based

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

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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:
 Door 19, 1901 Leavenworth 402-933-3033
 DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street 402-344-3103
 Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 402-346-3549
 Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
 Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
 The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
 Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
 Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
 Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
 Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
 Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: Gayzette@cox.net

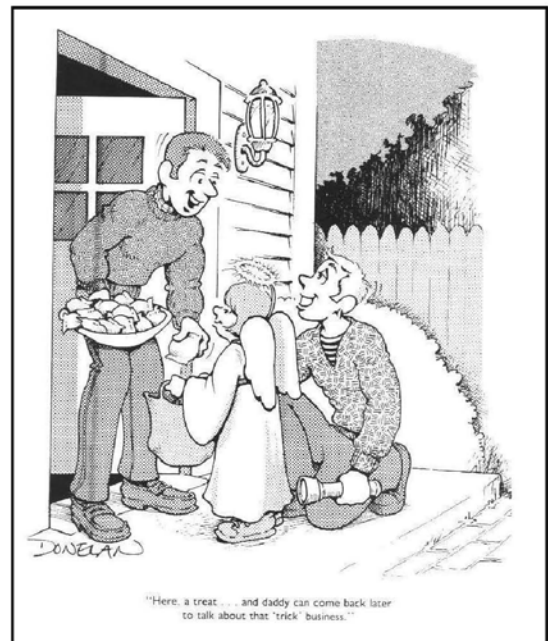
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(New Home or Resale, continued from page 8)

There are certain components of a home that are difficult to change after it is built. For example, consider central heat and air conditioning. Converting a home from forced air to base-board radiators is a difficult and expensive proposition. Whether you build or buy a home, it is important from an investment point of view to look at the design choices from the perspective of selling the home right away. The investment value of a home is (roughly) the selling price minus the purchase price. If central air is customary and common in your area, expect to be penalized if your home does not have it. Even if you do not care about central air, do not assume you can find a buyer who will buy a home that lacks a feature that most other homes have. Anyone can upgrade kitchen counters or appliances, but nobody will want a floor plan that is obviously missing a bathroom.

The advantage of resale is you'll be in an established neighborhood, and likely save thousands on basement finish, landscaping and window coverings. If you build a home, make reasonable design choices with resale in mind. If you buy a home, avoid getting locked into unusual design choices that limit the home's appeal to potential buyers.

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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

LANCE RETURNS FROM HIS DINNER-DATE WITH DREW, THE B&B'S NEWEST GUEST...

IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT. I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE OUT SO LATE.

GUESS WE KINDA' GOT LOST IN CONVERSATION.

ALL RIGHT. TAKE OFF YOUR PANTS.

WOW. CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE, HUH?

OH, CALM DOWN. I JUST WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT WINE I ACCIDENTALLY SPILLED ON YOU...

...BEFORE THE STAIN SETS IN THE FABRIC.

SHORTLY...

KYLE SHOWED ME THIS METHOD.

HE'S RATHER SKILLED AT THESE SORTS OF DOMESTIC CHORES.

AIN'T NOTHIN' WRONG WITH THAT.

SOME OF THE WINE SPLATTERED ON YOUR SHIRT, TOO.

MIGHT AS WELL LET ME RINSE THAT, ALSO.

'KAY...WHY NOT.

OH, WHY STOP THERE?

HMMM...HAD A FEELIN' THINGS WERE HEADED THIS WAY.

IF I WERE A **CYNIC**, I'D SAY YA' MIGHTA' SPILLED THAT WINE ON ME ON **PURPOSE**... JUST TO GET ME OUTTA' MY **CLOTHES**.

YA' PLAY IT **COOL N' ALOOF** ALL EVENING...N' NOW YER SUDDENLY SHOWIN' **INTEREST** IN ME?

THIS IS THE POINT WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO FALL INTO **BED** WITH YA'? I DON'T THINK SO. YA' GOT QUITE A **ROUTINE**, BUT...

... 'FRAID I'M GONNA SAY **GOOD NIGHT** NOW, LANCE.

WAIT. YOU'RE TURNING ME DOWN?!

LOOK AT IT AS A CHANCE TO **WORK** ON YOUR **ROUTINE**.

IT WASN'T A **ROUTINE**!

IT WASN'T A **GOOD ONE**, YA' MEAN...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



EXERCISE AWAY THOSE DEMONS!

I've taken my hangovers as a consequence, not as a punishment. The author John Steinbeck wrote these words some years back in describing his penchant for drinking. You can accept your consequences too during this spooky and eerily delicious time of year. The overindulgence of candy during the Halloween season will consequently leave you with extra calories around your waistline. That's OK though; there's no need for punishment! Eat all the goodies you want and just find ways to balance life in your favor through the art of exercise.

Go ahead and have that Nestle Crunch for your morning snack. The envious stares from around the board room table let you know you are about to have an mmm... mmm... moment! Milk chocolate and crisped rice are a delectable way to spend any snack time. The trick-or-treaters will have one less bar of chocolate available for the taking and you will have the consequence of 220 calories added to your daily resume. Go bowling for an hour and those calories will disappear like a ghost.

The receptionist has a panoply of Twizzlers in that pumpkin container on her desk. You frequently visit her work area and subtly eat eight strands of confectionery bliss throughout your day. The consequence of this activity keeps Pam busily restocking and arranging her bouquet of red treats, and places 320 calories upon your shoulders. Grab your racket and play tennis for 45 minutes. Those calories will fly away with the witch and her broom.

The bowl of candy corn was just within reach and so was the remote control. Wednesday is your favorite TV night and that honey and corn syrup combination is always so very sweet. Three shows of ABC primetime and four handfuls of orange and yellow pleasure and you were ready for bed. You consequently were entertained and loaded with 560 calories at the same time. Lace up your trail shoes and hike for two hours on your favorite path with some of your favorite pals. Unwanted calories don't stand a chance in the grips of a Frankenstein hiking adventure.

Reese's peanut butter cups can be fiendishly fun...and multiple sleeves of them can be ghoulishly great! Passing out candy to all the little neighborhood goblins isn't much fun if you can't have a few treats for yourself. Three hours of candy distribution detail and eight Reese's cups later and you are headed for the couch. The couch buckles from the weight of you and your additional 840 calories of chocolate consequence. Two 30 minute running sessions later and any weight gain will be banished like a zombie to the netherworld.

This orange and black time comes but once a year. Engage in a little devilish fun during this tenth calendar month and don't punish yourself for your temporary transgressions. Consequences will always follow, but never fear. Keep the skull and crossbones from entering over your threshold by using exercise as

your anecdote. Here's to a Happy and healthy Halloween!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy with voracity for vampires. That fanged guy is Ron Blake and you can bite into him at rblake5551@hotmail.com.



250 South 77th Street, Suite A
Omaha, NE 68114

(Located behind McDonald's at 77th & Dodge Street)

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Flixx Lounge: 10th & Pacific St.	1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in)
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RESPECT Clinic 50th & Ames Ave. (Located in Baker Square Plaza)	2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in)
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Know your status. GET TESTED!

Call 402-552-9260 to schedule an appointment or with any questions.

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NOVEMBER

FRI NOV 2 - 9PM

Underwear Party

7PM Strippers @ Main Bar

SUN NOV 4 - 10PM

"Till Death Do We Party"

Presented by Miss Max 28 Nicolette NuVogue

SUN NOV 11 - 8PM

"Food For Thought"

Presented by ICON

SUN NOV 18 - 10PM

"Youz a Mess"

Presented by DaVeena Crase

SUN NOV 25 - 9pm

"Miss Merry Christmas Pageant"

Presented by Holly Day & Macy Riley

FRI NOV 30 - 7pm

"Over the River & Through The Woods"

Presented by Stella Dallas

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