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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

Massachusetts Lawmakers Propel Gay Marriage Ban

In a suspense-filled final day of the legislative session, Massachusetts lawmakers kept alive a proposed constitutional amendment Tuesday that would stop gay marriage in the only state that allows same-sex couples to wed.

The vote came after weeks of mounting legal and political pressure on legislators from both sides in the debate.

With a combination of parliamentary maneuvering, flipflopping and brinksmanship, lawmakers gave the first round of approval necessary for the amendment to appear on the ballot in 2008. The measure still needs the endorsement of the next legislative session.

If the amendment makes it onto the ballot and residents approve it, it will leave Massachusetts' 8,000 existing same-sex marriages intact but ban any new ones.

"This is democracy in action. It's not a vengeance campaign. It's not a hate campaign. It's just an opportunity for the people to vote," said Kris Mineau of the Massachusetts Family Institute.

If lawmakers had failed to act on the amendment Tuesday, the measure would have died, and opponents of same-sex marriage who collected 170,000 signatures to try to put the issue on the ballot would have had to start over.

The pressure on lawmakers came from all sides. Gay rights activists and Democratic Gov.-elect Deval Patrick called on the Legislature to let the measure die without a vote. Gay rights opponents -- and Massachusetts' highest court -- urged an up-or -down vote.

The state Supreme Judicial Court — the same court that ruled in 2003 that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry — declared last week that lawmakers had shirked their constitutional duties by refusing to vote on an amendment submitted by the people. But the justices acknowledged they had no authority to force action.

To advance to the next round, the amendment needed the approval of only 50 of the 200 members of the Legislature. On Tuesday, 61 lawmakers voted in favor, while 132 were opposed.

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Rainbow Celebrations Announces Nebraska Pride 2007 Theme

By Nate Tedrow PR Chair / President Elect

Rainbow Celebrations (RC) has selected the 2007 Nebras-ka Pride Theme. Now it's time to create a Logo for the theme. Are you up to the challenge?



Email john-

nie@rainbowcelebrations.org

2006 Logo

to get an entry form. At that time you will be given this years theme so you can develop a matching logo. Contest ends January 12, 2007. No entries will be accepted after that date.

Upcoming RC events include pride planning meetings on 1/16 and 1/30. Meetings start at 7:00 pm at RC offices located at 1105 Howard St. For more information call (402) 215-6229.

Our first general meeting of 2007 will be on January 9th at 7:00 PM. The public is invited. New board members will take their positions at that time.

ICON's E&E Ball & After Hours BINGO & Breakfast

Emperor. Andrew the 1st and Empress, Michele will host ICON's annual E&E Ball along with the 10 year anniversary Monarchs, Phoenix Fallentino and Royal Bush, on Saturday, January 13th at The MAX. The evening festivities will begin with cocktails at 6:00 PM followed by a show at 7:00 PM.

Guests of the Monarchs, including reigning Monarchs from Iowa and Minnesota, along with members of the metro GLBT

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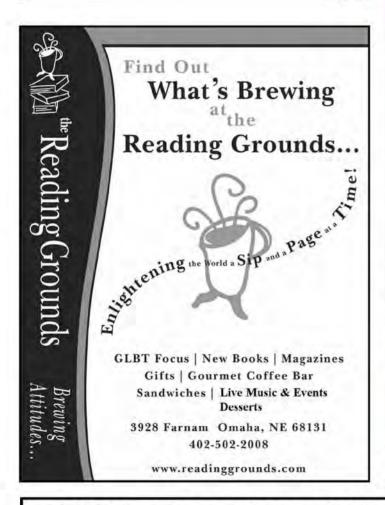
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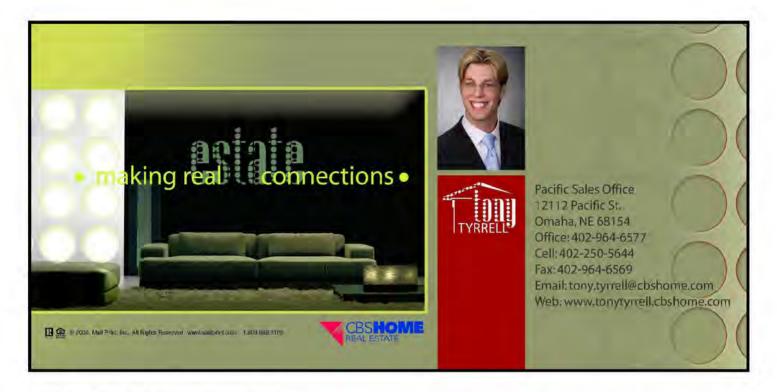
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A few hours later, the lawmakers agreed to reconsider. But then they largely affirmed the original result, with 62 voting in favor of the amendment.

Earlier in the day, the governor-elect, who supports same-sex marriage, met with the leaders of the Democratic-controlled Legislature to argue against a vote, calling it a "question of conscience."

Patrick charged that the amendment process was being used to "consider reinserting discrimination into the constitution."

"This is not just another question for popular decision. This is a question, under the equal protection clause, about what freedoms the minority is entitled to," Patrick said.

Patrick takes the oath of office Thursday. His predecessor, Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican who is considering a run for president, opposes same-sex marriage.

On Tuesday, crowds of marriage equality supporters and opponents returned to the Statehouse to press lawmakers on the issue.

Proponents of the amendment stood at the foot of the Statehouse steps with signs reading "Let the People Vote."

"Legislators are sent to Beacon Hill to vote on a matter, not to not vote on a matter," said one of the sign holders, Paul Ferro, 30.

Opponents of the amendment stood on the opposite side of the street, in front of a Civil War memorial, with their own banners. "Let the people marry," read one.

A person on the pro-equality side held a sign that read, "Start Acting Like Christians." An opponent yelled from across the street, "We are Christians, just like you!"

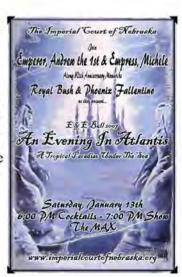
In November, seven states approved marriage bans, joining 20 that had done so in previous elections.

Other states are moving in the opposite direction. New Jersey's gay men and lesbians gained new rights last week when the state legalized same-sex civil unions there. Vermont and Connecticut also allow civil unions. (Steve LeBlanc, AP)

(E&E Ball Event Continued from page 1)

community are then invited to join Baroness Jen Stark at DC's Saloon for After Hours BINGO and Breakfast from 1AM-3AM.

For more details regarding these and other ICON events, please visit our web site at:



www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

MCC-Omaha Church Elects Pastor from Colorado

Rev. Thomas Emmett, 34, of Colorado has been elected Senior Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC-O). Rev. Emmett, an openly gay man, seeks to grow the church and identify new and innovative ways in which MCC



-O can serve the larger gay and lesbian community in Omaha.

Worship services are at 11am every Sunday morning and are open to everyone. Rev. Emmett will assume the pulpit full time beginning February 1.

Nebraska's first gay and lesbian organization, MCC-O is a Christian community consisting largely, but not exclusively, of LGBT people. We seek to bring the message of God's love to LGBT people and our heterosexual allies who may have said, "I'll never walk into a church again."

At MCC we believe in God's unconditional and inclusive love—absolutely no exceptions. Everyone is loved by God. LGBT people are an intentional part of God's creation, which God has called "Good!"

Contrary to the teachings of Jesus, Christianity has a long history of marginalizing, alienating, and discriminating against LGBT people. Many LGBT people have felt spiritually terrorized.

At MCC-O, LGBT people are in the majority, rather than a disenfranchised minority. At MCC everyone is "free to be me." In this progressive, diverse and joyful community, there is a place for everyone. We gladly welcome and affirm our heterosexual sisters and brothers to worship and struggle with us.

MCC-O proudly and boldly proclaims that marriage is for everyone—gay and straight alike. Most Christian churches will not marry gay and lesbian people; others are content to perform separate yet unequal ceremonies (reserving "marriage" for heterosexuals) and still others will only "bless" a relationship.



Together the congregation of MCC-O and Rev. Emmett will work to live the gospel, have fun, challenge the status quo, serve the community, build the church, and fight injustice.



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Senior 50+ Group Meeting

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A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next get together is on Saturday, **January 20th**, from 7 until 10PM.

If you're 50 or older, or like to socialize with your older peers, share your experiences and viewpoints, then this group is for you. Not into the bar scene? Then stop

in for a visit, enjoy some great conversation, and make some new friends.

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A Twisted View on 'Flaunting' Gay Identity

BY LEONARD PITTS JR. MiamiHerald.com

Today's topic: flaunting homosexuality. Exhibit A: Doogie.

Meaning Neil Patrick Harris, who, in another life, was the title character in Doogie Howser, M.D., the tale of a boy genius who becomes a doctor. Recently, Harris was outed on a gossip website. His response in a statement to people.com said in part:

"I am happy to dispel any rumors or misconceptions and am quite proud to say that I am a very content gay man living my life to the fullest."

That was it. No muss, no fuss. The world continued spinning, the seas did not boil and the clouds did not bleed.

Still, one suspects that the news was greeted less than warmly in those bastions of social conservatism where, as one gentleman indicates in the new movie Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan, they hope to make it legal to string homosexuals up by the soft parts. Indeed, one suspects that the most -- pardon my language -- liberal response in those parts would be something along the lines of, "Fine, he's gay. Why couldn't he keep that to himself? Why do they have to flaunt it? I don't go around announcing that I'm straight!"

PERCEPTIONS OF FLAUNTING

Put aside that Harris was forced into his announcement by an individual who called him out online. Put aside, too, the fact that one "flaunts" one's heterosexuality whenever one publicly canoodles with a sweetie of the opposite gender.

Concentrate, instead, on this notion many social conservatives have that homosexuality is best dealt with by being ignored, denied, kept from public view. Why, they ask, in letters to editors and websites done up in red, white and blue, must homosexuals "flaunt" their "deviant behavior"? "Flaunt" meaning to acknowledge in any way, no matter how small, their sexual orientation.

Which brings us to Ted Haggard. Until earlier this month, he was senior pastor of New Life Church in Colorado Springs and president of the National Association of Evangelicals, an influential preacher who had George Bush's ear. Neither the church nor the NAE has been known for its friendliness toward gay people. So there was quite an uproar when Mike Jones, a gay prostitute, dropped the bombshell allegation that he'd had a three-year sexual relationship with the preacher. Haggard initially denied even knowing Jones but then recanted, admitting that, on at least one occasion, he sought a massage and bought meth from the gay hooker.

On Nov. 2, Haggard stepped down from the NAE presidency. Two days later, his church fired him. He has confessed to "sexual immorality" and will spend the next three to five years in "restoration," a process that reportedly involves confrontation, counsel and -- you can't make this stuff up -- rebuke from "godly men."

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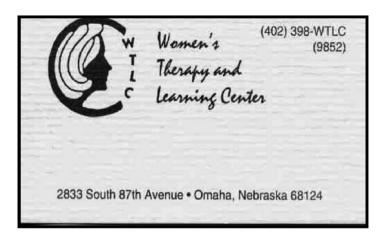
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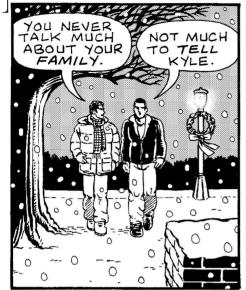


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TUESDAY JANUARY 16TH 2007 PRIDE COMMITTEE, 7PM, at the CFEP/RC Office, 1105 Howard St, Suite 2, everyone welcome to attend

GLBT CENTER FREE MOVIE NIGHT, Center opens at 6:30pm and the movie starts at 7:30pm. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. See page 14 for more information.

TUESDAY JANUARY 30TH 2007 PRIDE COMMITTEE, 7PM, at the CFEP/RC Office, 1105 Howard St, Suite 2, everyone welcome to attend

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH 2007 PRIDE COMMITTEE, 7PM, at the CFEP/RC Office, 1105 Howard St, Suite 2, everyone welcome to attend

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

<u>DIETZ METHODIST</u> 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse 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

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Sunday Worship: 11am

NA-RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at

612-4648

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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

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

<u>LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK</u> Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

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.

Every Tuesday
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP, meeting at 7:30pm at The Reading
Grounds, Rev. Wayne Moore is the facilitator

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at <u>aanderson@hastings.edu</u> or Judy Sandeen at <u>isandeen@hastings.edu</u> for further information.

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-PORT 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

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTING, 1:30-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40 St.,

results in one week

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, using Orasure, results in one week; results in 20 minutes on the last Wednesday of the month. 2147 South 15th #476-7000

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

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

KARAOKE W/STACY 9:00 pm DC's

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

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

HIV TESTING 7- 9pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th Results available in one week

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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University Health Center Room 164 (next to
Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no
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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

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 5PM to 9PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-MOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery 8pm to 9pm, call Kirk at (402) 403-0277

HIV TESTING 5-10pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th Results available in 20 minutes

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READING GROUNDS GAYME NIGHT,

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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, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Friday

CENTER MOVIE FAN NIGHT 7:30pm, Free movie at Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth St. Popcorn and beverages provided. Everyone is invited.

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

1st Saturday RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

No Current RCGA Information Available

1st Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

CENTER LIBRARY FAIRIES, 8PM. Bookworms become butterflies. Stretch your wings helping the Center library. No experience necessary to volunteer. Drop-in to the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMIT-

TEE, 7PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit RainbowOutreach.org

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glbt film shown at 7:00pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm,

Doubletree Hotel Downtown, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL, Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., Hastings NE, 7PM, email jsandeen@hastings.edu or pat@datacc.net

3rd Tuesday

VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN, at the GLBT Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend an hour or two volunteering at the Center - 6:30PM or 7:30PM, your choice, whenever it fits your schedule. No special skills or ongoing commitment required. VolunQueers have fun and make a difference.

3rd Thursday GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7-

8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

<u>LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS</u> 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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—
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She said, "Yes. My husband and I use it all the time."

"If you don't mind my asking," he said, "what do you use it for?"

"We use it for sex," she said.

The researcher was a little taken aback.

"Usually people lie to me and say they use it on a child's bicycle chain, or to help with a gate hinge. But, in fact, I know that most people do use it for sex. I admire you for your honesty.

Since you've been so frank so far, can you tell me exactly "how" you use it for sex?"

The woman said, "I don't mind telling you at all. My husband and I put it on the doorknob and it keeps the kids out."

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George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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- BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/BiMenNebraska and http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST
- 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, GLBT Scholar ships, Mentoring and Leadership, 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
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org
- GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Box 3354, Omaha 68103
- 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, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, 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, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Linomabares@yahoo.com or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887
- 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 Evening Bible Study 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 Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive
- The 'Ohana Group,(GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com
- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ OmahaBiMarriedMen
- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net
- 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: NeOutAboout@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
- 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
- Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com
- River City Gender Alliance, No Current RCGA Information Available 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

LINCOLN BASED

- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and QuestioningWomen's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- **Nebraska AIDS Project,** 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000
- Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com
- 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/
- Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm.12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094 Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or email: http:// www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html
- TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or

email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494, Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Equality, www.cbequality.org
Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal
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Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

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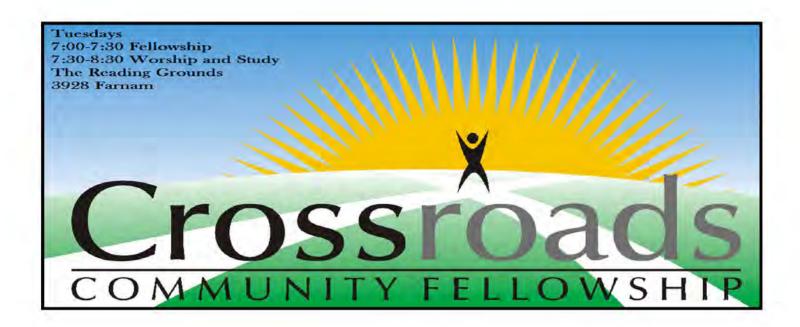
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TWO QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

This all raises two questions. One: Between this guy, the late gay-bashing former Spokane mayor, James West, Pat Robertson biographer Mel White, and Michael Bussee and Gary Cooper, leaders in the "curing homosexuality" movement until they fell in love with one another, can't we now safely assume that any conservative who rants about the homosexual agenda is a lying hypocrite gayer than a Castro Street bar?

And, two: Wouldn't you much rather be Neil Patrick Harris than Ted Haggard just now? In other words, wouldn't you rather be a content gay man living life to the fullest, than a closeted gay hypocrite living lies to the fullest? Especially since lies are so frequently found out.

That's the fallacy social conservatives miss. In a culture that allows gay people room to be gay people, there is no need of lies. In a culture that does not -- i.e., theirs -- lies are rampant. And that's unfortunate, not simply for the person in question, but for all the people in his or her life.

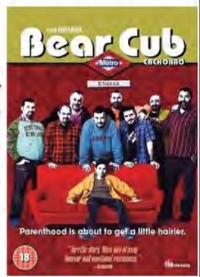
And here, I'm thinking of Gayle Alcorn. She and Haggard have five children. They've been married 28 years. That's a long time to sleep next to a lie.

I bet she wishes he had "flaunted" his homosexuality a long time ago.

Center Movie Fan Night Tuesday January 16th

Are you a movie fan? Well, don't sit home and be bored. Come enjoy a great free movie at the GLBT Center! Join us on Tuesday January 16, 2007, at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth. The GLBT Center opens at 6:30pm and the movie starts at 7:30pm. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. The movie selection is: Bear Cub (running time approx. 95 minutes).

An amusing and touching film about reinterpreting the idea of "family," Bear



Cub tells the engaging story of Pedro (Jose Luis Garcia-Perez), a charming and attractive gay dentist living an active single life in Madrid. He offers to take care of his adorable 9-year-old nephew Bernardo (the remarkable David Castillo) for two weeks while the child's mother travels abroad with her latest "hippie" boyfriend. When Mom suddenly becomes detained in India, however, Pedro must become the boy's caretaker. And to further complicate matters, the boy's grandmother begins a custody battle for the child. Never overly sentimental or sensational, director Miguel Albaladejo (Manolito Four-Eyes) has crafted a funny and charming audience pleaser that inspired the Chicago Tribune to proclaim the film "striking and refreshing."

We'll see you at the GLBT Center Tuesday, January 16!

Gays in the Military: What's the Deal?

How typical

Mike McManus

"When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one." - Epitaph of Leonard P. Matlovich, 1988

The "Don't ask, don't tell" policy has been in place since Bill Clinton signed it in 1993. Since then, over 10,000 soldiers, sergeants and officers have been discharged due to their sexuality.

This policy is in fact the only law in America that authorizes the firing of an American for simply being gay. Not only is this an embarrassment for those being fired but a bigger embarrassment and shame to our country that is doing it.

To its credit, the U.S. Armed Forces is known for leading the rest of the country in most human rights campaigns. It eliminated the racial bar against African-Americans when many organizations still discriminated heavily. It accepted women as equals to men and learned that they to could complete and were able to accomplish any tasks assigned. However, the armed forces are in a stand still over the matter of sexual orientation.

This is where I ask myself the question, "Why?" I hardly doubt that my sexuality would determine how well I shoot a gun, or how true I could be to my country. What are they afraid of? Is the fact that I prefer the intimate company of a man over a woman something that affects my patriotism to my country? I hardly doubt it; if anything this proves the lack of patriotism my country has for its people.

In the past, gays and lesbians were not permitted in any of the armed forces of the world. Fortunately for them, most countries have abandoned their anti-gay policies in recent years. Among these countries are Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweeden and the UK. The most-known hold out? Well, it's the land of the free: the USA.

The concept behind "Don't ask, don't tell" is to give "a decent regard for the legitimate privacy and associational rights of all service members."

The U.S. knew it would be frowned upon when it was one of few countries that still banned gays from the military, so the policy was put in place to hopefully create a positive reaction. Thankfully the reaction was not to the favor of the U.S., and for good reason.

Under the Don't ask, don't tell policy, "homosexuals in the military are often cut off from counseling, and other mental health services because physicians, psychologists, and others are not required to keep confidential any conversations they have during therapy."

Some therapists and doctors routinely report gay and lesbians they find to their commanding officers for investigation, creating fear in the rest who are still fighting. Many gays and lesbians who are the victims of harassment or assault never dare

report the incidents out of fear of being ejected from the military. This makes homosexuals prime targets for hate crimes by the soldiers our nation sends to defend us.

The Boston Globe recently sponsored a national poll covering such issues as homosexuals in the military. It polled 760 American adults and found that 79 percent of the subjects felt that gays and lesbians should be able to serve in the military. The Globe also reported that "large majorities of Republicans, regular churchgoers and people with negative attitudes toward gays think gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the military."

I don't think there is much more to say about the issue of gays in the military, because frankly, I don't think it should be an issue at all.

One's sexual orientation is no reflection of their courage. Those who fight for freedom shouldn't face discrimination from the government they protect. Ultimately, the military should be promoting honesty among its service members, not secrecy.

The "Don't ask, don't tell" policy needs to be done away with for many reasons. With our nation at war it is imperative to have the best and brightest fighting for freedom. We need the most qualified and competent people defending us, regardless of their sexual orientation. U.S. soldiers actually already serve with openly gay service members from other countries. This joint service has created no problems for American personnel. The British military, our strongest ally in Iraq, has openly gay service members working alongside American forces, with no problems at all.

Thirteen years and over 10,000 discharges later I don't think it's wrong for me to say that something needs to be changed. Never should anyone have the right to refuse service or employment to an individual because of the person they love, especially the government.

I briefly dated an individual who was involved in the military. Things were great and I thought we had something special, but it all ended. He said he had too much to loose, and didn't want to jeopardize his future with the armed forces. He has since ignored the person he truly is to serve a country that chooses to ignore the people like me that he once truly loved.

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