



Target Sues Gay Rights Group

Advocates cite political move; Target says activists are hurting business
By Matt Cantor, Newser Staff

Target is suing a gay-rights group to get its members to stop



demonstrating outside its stores in San Diego County. The company says Canvass For A Cause's aggressive tactics—which allegedly include cornering customers by the stores' entrances to debate gay marriage—are scaring off shoppers. But the group's director asserts that Target is opposed to his pro-gay-marriage cause. "They're the Goliath in the room. They've got all the money in world to get us to stop talking about gay marriage," he tells the AP.

Activists say the suit could do further damage to Target's relationship with the gay community, which took a hit after the store donated to a group supporting a Republican candidate who was against same-sex marriage. But Target says the trial, which starts today, is "in no way related to the cause of the organization" but fits "our long-standing policy of providing a distraction-free shopping experience by not permitting solicitors at our stores." Target says at least eight stores have received more than a dozen complaints per day about the group since canvassers set up shop outside the entrances in October 2010.

Vander Plaats Threatens to Push Against Gronstal's Re-election

By Adam B Sullivan/SourceMedia Group News

IOWA CITY — Conservative leader Bob Vander Plaats made his pro-family pitch to the bluest county in the state on Wednesday.

Even though Democrats far outnumber Republicans here — and even the Republicans tend to lean away from Vander Plaats' brand of social conservatism — the politician delivered remarks to a mostly friendly audience at the Iowa City Pizza Ranch. Only a handful of protesters gathered outside the event and they were far outnumbered by about 25 apparent supporters inside.



"We're not going to stay away from Johnson County," Vander Plaats said, also pointing out that the University of Iowa campus is included on his group's presidential lecture series. "We're going to try to engage Johnson County because we believe there are more pro-family people here than you might think."

Wednesday's event marked the 90th stop on a 99 county tour for the Family Leader — a Christian conservative group that Vander Plaats heads.

Although the group has been careful not to declare any partisan affiliation, Vander Plaats and friends show no sign of retreating from politics.

"We're very much interested in promoting good public policies that align with reality," said Matt Reisetter, a development director with the Family Leader.

Vander Plaats once again this week called for resignations from the four remaining justices from the Iowa Supreme Court's 2009 same-sex marriage decision. He also mentioned that state Sen. Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, the senate majority leader who is blocking a Republican-sponsored same-sex marriage ban, will be up for re-election in 2012.

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It's All About the Allies

By Mike Yowell, President, Council Bluffs Community Alliance

The LGBT community has made great strides over the past few years toward gaining total equality with our straight neighbors next door, especially in states like Iowa, which have marriage equality. But, we are a long way from finishing our journey to equality. And to make it to the finish line, we will need to enlist as many allies and potential allies as possible.

Our community is such a small minority group that we will never gain full equality by ourselves. And not only do we need to get as many of our supporters as possible to stand with us and be counted, we also need to persuade as many non-supporters as possible to join us in our fight for equal rights.

Non-supporters are not necessarily antigay. They are simply people who have not had the opportunity to get to know us as gays and lesbians. And that's where our job comes in. We need to be "out" to as many people as possible. It's hard to discriminate against someone we know and love.

And once someone identifies themselves as an ally, we need to encourage them to also speak out in support of us. For example, they should speak out every time they hear someone make a disparaging remark against LGBT people. We need to get them to come out of the "support closet", so to speak.

So, tell your family and friends. It's not just about us anymore. We need their public support. It's about our allies and us working together to gain equal rights for all GLBT people in America.

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The Sky is Falling

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Several weekends ago, my husband and I were baby-sitting our two-year-old grandson. Before he said his bedtime prayers, we were reading him children's stories. One of them was "The Story of Chicken Little." As you might recall, an acorn fell on Chicken Little's head and that small acorn was mistakenly thought to be the sky falling. And as we read the story, it dawned on me that it had relevance to the current national debate on marriage equality.

It has been two years since the Iowa State Supreme Court legalized marriage equality for gays and lesbians. When that ruling was handed down, some people, like Chicken Little, gave grave predictions.

They cautioned that marriage equality would harm the institution of marriage. They warned it would destroy straight families. Some even predicted that it would bring an end to our civilization. We have all heard these pronouncements. And yet none of them has occurred.

But many positive developments have happened in the U. S. over the past two years which have legally bettered the lives of the families that are headed by gays and lesbians, thanks in part to the influence of the unanimous decision by the Iowa Supreme Court.

Several days after Iowa's ruling in 2009, the legislature of Vermont voted in favor of marriage equality. Not long after that, the neighboring state of New Hampshire also did the same thing. And, more recently, Washington D.C. adopted marriage equality for gays and lesbians.

In all, five states and the District of Columbia now allow legal marriage civil rights for lesbian and gay families. Additionally, four other states recognize out-of-state marriages of gays and lesbians. New York accomplished this by executive order of the governor. Maryland and New Mexico got it by an opinion from their state's Attorney General. The Wyoming legislature passed, and the governor signed, a bill that recognizes gay and lesbian marriages performed in any state (except Wyoming) or any country.

Additionally, since 2009, Illinois and Hawaii have been added to the list of states that grant civil unions. Other states where variations of those unions are allowed are California, Maine, New Jersey, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin. And a civil unions bill has just passed the Colorado Senate and is headed to the House. Colorado currently has a Designated Beneficiary Agreement law that protects gay couples.

These states, with varying degrees of recognition of civil marriage rights for gays and lesbians, represent approximately 124 million of the 311 million residents counted in the 2010 census. That's 40% of the country. And there still have been no reports of citizens finding any fallen sky whatsoever.

And even with all of this happening, nothing has changed in the lives of straight people simply because I am now married to a man. In fact, more and more straight people are becoming allies of LGBT people as they realize that the sky will not fall.

However, it is unfortunate that gays in Nebraska do not enjoy any of the civil rights that are provided to their counterparts in the neighboring states of Iowa, Colorado and Wyoming. But it's time for Nebraskans to stop fleeing from falling acorns and to start legally treating all Nebraskans equally.

I understand how, to some people, the advent of marriage equality might have felt like the acorn that fell on Chicken Little's head. And I can see how they might feel that their world is caving in because the sky is perceived as falling.

But the sky won't fall because of marriage equality, any more than it did in the children's story of Chicken Little. And one day that little acorn will grow into a mighty equality oak that will cover equal rights for gays and lesbians all across this great country. And that is something every American should celebrate.

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This year's Tom Mahony Pride Prom is fast approaching. Every year the prom gains popularity and attendance has continually grown. Attendance last year was 314 and prom organizers are hopeful that this year's turnout will exceed that.

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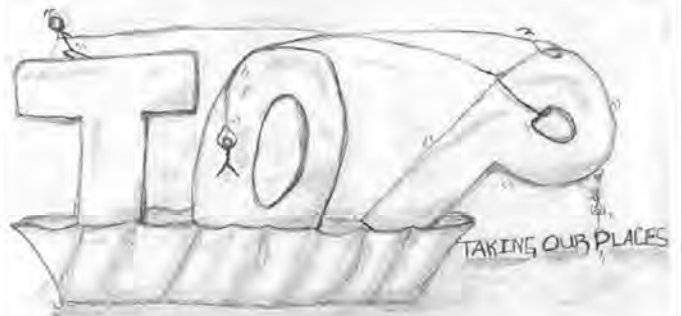
The dance will have a DJ, photographer, security officers and refreshments. The theme is Video Gayme Night. Admission is payable at the door and is \$6.00 per person or \$5.00 with a can of food donation. The food will go to the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha's pantry, which provides services to the Nebraska AIDS Project and the community.

The event is one of the few places LGBT youth and allies can go and be themselves. Prom planners provide a safe and fun environment, and the youth dance the night away. Every year organizers hear how much the kids enjoy the prom.

We take pride in having this wonderful event. Each year the community has supported the Pride Prom and organizers once again are asking for support. If you would like to help keep this wonderful tradition going, please consider making a financial contribution. Donations may be



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LGBT Real Estate Tax Topics for Filing Season

Not only did LGBT Americans lose an hour of sleep by setting clocks forward in March, but many of them are still losing sleep as they worry about looming state and federal tax filing deadlines. To take full advantage of any tax breaks and benefits that are available to LGBT real estate buyers, sellers, or property owners in 2011 there are some important issues worth considering. One major rule that applies to some IRS tax filings this year has to do with homeowners who negotiated loan modifications or short sales or were

foreclosed upon in 2010. Normally the IRS looks at any outstanding loan balances that were waived by the bank or mortgage company as ordinary income. If part of a loan was dismissed, for example, the borrower is usually still required to pay income taxes on that cancelled and forgiven amount. The unexpected notification can come as quite a terrible shock. Taxpayers may be struggling to keep their homes or have already lost them, and then they get a huge tax bill just when they were hoping to make ends meet and get back on their feet again.

Needless to say, this policy has been greeted with ferocious controversy. Many believe that it is quite unfair to force people to pay taxes on money they did not actually receive in cash that was connected to an overpriced loan in a declining housing market. The majority of members of Congress agree, and for that reason lawmakers in Washington created a unique emergency exemption covering distressed home mortgages.

- Under this provision the debt the mortgage lender canceled must have been used to "buy, build, or substantially improve" the borrower's principal residence, so the tax break will not apply to everyone.

- But to see if they do qualify, LGBT homeowners who had debt canceled as part of a loan modification or foreclosure should go to the IRS website (IRS.gov) and download Form 982 along with IRS Publication 4681 that spells out the details. Or call (800) TAX-FORM to request these items.

- Lenders normally provide borrowers with IRS form 1099-C, which is the official cancellation of debt statement. If it was not received then eligible taxpayers should request it from lenders right away so that it can be shared with tax preparation professionals and forwarded to the IRS.

More good news for LGBT taxpayers this time around is that they do not actually have to file their returns until April 18th, which gives everyone another long weekend to get ready. That's thanks to the fact that Friday, April 15th falls on Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia. By law, District of Columbia holidays impact tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do; therefore, all taxpayers will have three extra days to file this year. Similarly, those taxpayers who request the available extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns.

Unfortunately the rights of LGBT citizens have not had their own full emancipation day – and that can unfairly impact the real estate ownership and taxpayer experience of the LGBT community. Depriving



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Perhaps the most significant of these relates to estate taxes which can be prohibitively expensive for LGBT couples. Meanwhile "straight" couples recognized as legally married under federal law enjoy exemptions that let them escape these taxes. There are also miscellaneous tax breaks like those sometimes offered to first time buyers that tend to favor married homeowners. So in many cases the IRS real estate tax code facilitates economic discrimination against members of the LGBT community while unfairly favoring heterosexual married couples.

But the momentum is definitely headed in the right direction. The Justice Department, for example, was recently ordered by President Obama to stop defending the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act. That's a huge step, because it is rare for the government's own legal division to take a stand which may be in direct opposition to existing federal laws. In practical terms it means that court cases arguing against gay marriage will not get as much support as they have enjoyed in the past, while legal challenges to the constitutionality of bans against LGBT marriage grow stronger.

Gay marriages are already legal in a handful of states, and other states are expected to pass their own laws within the next year or two to legalize LGBT unions or at least outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. But these laws don't have enough clout without federal backing and are often overturned. Everywhere in Canada, by contrast, it is legal for gays to marry. The time has come for the United States to follow the lead of its northern neighbor and ensure LGBT equal rights.

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Embodying Fatherhood

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Years ago I was asked to write an article for a Honolulu gay newspaper about "fathers". I can't find the article, but I remember talking about the idea that fatherhood is a quality not determined by gender or genetics.

To me, fatherhood is the ability to encourage, nurture, protect, support and serve as a role model for others. Looking at fatherhood this way makes it a quality that all of us - men and women, single and married, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender - can demonstrate to the adults, children and animals in our life.

In my private practice, I am pleased to work with many same sex couples with kids. No matter who these folks are, there is always one person who is more the "dad", e.g., she or he is less protective of the kids, encourages them to be strong, try things, have adventures and risk failure. This is traditional "dad" stuff, but women can be just as good at it as men (maybe even better).

Are there people, children or animals in your life that need encouragement? Folks who need a good kick in the butt more than coddling and fussing over? This is your chance to be a "dad". Are there people who need someone to show them how to endure hardship or get through a tough time? Again, this is "dad" stuff and you can do it. Some of the best "dads" I know are strong, powerful women. Don't let your gender determine your behavior; we can all embody fatherhood.

And...the truth is, we all need good dads in our life. Most of us didn't have such great biological dads. Richard Rohr, in his book, *From Wild Men to Wise Men* writes that most of us (men and women alike) didn't have dads who were really there for us, mentored us or gave us good examples of what mature, grounded adult men can be like.

This is why we all need to embody fatherhood for each other. We're all missing pieces of a "perfect" dad. None of us got one, no matter how hard he tried. Many of us had dads who were rarely around or too messed up psychologically to really be there for us. We're all missing pieces of "dad" and - therefore - pieces of ourselves. We can be "good fathers" to each other. We need to. Let me give you some suggestions on how you can embody fatherhood to all the people in your life:

- Be consistent. A good dad knows who he is and what matters to him. His words and actions match. He's not big on gossip and useless chatter. He speaks when he has something to say and listens when he doesn't.
- Be openly loving. A good dad is. Even teenagers may say, "oh yuck" or "oh grow up" if you hug them in public, but, in private, they'll admit they need lots of hugs and encouragement. We all do.
- Don't be bossy and tell people what to do. Help people to find their own way. Encourage them to go after what

they want, but don't hand it to them on a platter.

- When children (or adults) challenge you, be prepared to explain yourself calmly. A good dad doesn't wig out when questioned, but will tell you what he's thinking and the rationale behind it.
- Be willing to set reasonable limits with people. Most adults, like children, are comfortable with structure and predictability.
- Focus more on being respected than liked. Respect is powerful and lasting, popularity comes and goes...and people who are respected ARE well-liked anyway.
- Pick your battles. You don't blow up at a kid for every little thing they do; do the same with your adult friends and colleagues. A good dad can let stuff roll off his back.
- Apologize when you're wrong, explain things when you're asked and give comfort when it's needed. This is a good dad at his best.

In conclusion: whether your father is alive or not, whether he was fabulous or a total dud, and whether you like him or complain about him, today, why not trying to embody fatherhood yourself? Regardless of who you are (and your gender, age, etc.), why not be the best "dad" you can to everyone you know. We'll ALL benefit (and thank you).

Obama Rehires Gay Spokesman

By Advocate.com Editors

Ben LaBolt, the gay public relations whiz who helped elect Barack Obama in 2008, will serve as spokesman for the president's reelection campaign.

LaBolt currently serves as communications director for Rahm Emanuel, Chicago's mayor-elect and the former chief of staff to President Obama. The 29-year-old LaBolt will move to Obama's camp following Emanuel's swearing-in as mayor in mid-May. An Illinois native, LaBolt will work out of Chicago.



Between his 2008 campaign efforts for Obama and taking over communications for Emanuel, LaBolt worked at the White House's press office, specializing in environmental, justice, and energy issues and guiding communication efforts around the nominations and eventual appointments of Supreme Court justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

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sent to Proud Horizons, 15409 Shirley St. Omaha, NE 68144. Please make checks payable to Proud Horizons.

A committee made up of members of Proud Horizons, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG Omaha), the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN Omaha) and the metropolitan Omaha Gay Straight Alliances plan and staff the prom. Donations to Pride Prom are tax deductible.

All donors will be recognized at the prom. If you wish to donate anonymously, let us know. For more information about Pride Prom, email Carrie Spencer at proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Visit the Tom Mahony Pride Prom Facebook page to stay up to date on all the prom plans.

Proud Horizons, sponsored by PFLAG Omaha, is a youth support group for LGBT youth and their allies and provides a safe space for youth to discuss life's issues with their peers and to create a social network. To learn more about Proud Horizons go to: www.proudhorizons.com or e-mail proudhorizons@yahoo.com

RNC: Stem Cells Bad, DADT Good

By Advocate.com Editors

The Republican National Committee has launched an anti-Obama website that reiterates its disapproval of the president's pro-gay and pro-stem cell research stances.

Called HopeIsntHiring.com, the site includes a tab on Obama's social policies. HopeIsntHiring.com reminds conservative voters that "Despite It Being The Law Of The Land, Obama Refused To Continue To Defend The Defense Of Marriage Act In Court," "Obama Repealed Don't Ask Don't Tell While U.S. Troops Are Still On The Battlefield," and "Obama Opposed California's Prop 8 And Has Expanded Government Recognition Of Same-Sex Couples." The site also points fingers at Obama for supporting embryonic stem cell research and being pro-choice.

Woman Attacks \$80 Million "Evil" Painting

By Michelle Garcia

Two Tahitian Women by Paul Gauguin A painting by revered artist Paul Gauguin sustained no damage after a woman attempted to ruin it last week because it showed two topless women together.

The 1899 painting, Two Tahitian Women, was on display at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., as part of a Gauguin

exhibit. It is valued at \$80 million according to The Washington Post.

Susan Burns, 53, of Alexandria, Va., was charged with attempted theft in the second degree for trying to grab the painting by its frame, and pulling it off the wall while screaming that the painting "is evil." She then attempted to punch the painting, which was protected by a Plexiglas shield. She also is accused of causing \$200 worth of damage by ruining the painting's frame and fixtures that secured the work to the wall.

"I feel that Gauguin is evil," Burns later told an investigator. "He has nudity and is bad for the children. He has two women in the painting and it's very homosexual. I was trying to remove it. I think it should be burned. I am from the American CIA and I have a radio in my head. I am going to kill you."

An official at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, which owns the painting, said it will allow other museums to display many of its pieces only if they are protected by Plexiglas.

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Hawaii to Ban Trans Discrimination in the Workplace

By Advocate.com Editors

On Monday, Hawaii's senate judiciary committee approved a bill previously passed by the house that seeks to officially ban workplace discrimination based on gender identity.

While the state currently has laws on its books that ban discrimination against transgender individuals in the areas of housing and public accommodations, "the ban on employment discrimination has been established by rulings of the Civil Rights Commission [but] has not been written into the state statute," reports KITV.com.

Six years ago, Gov. Linda Lingle vetoed an identical bill, but this time around Sen. Clayton Hee, chairman of the judiciary committee, believes the provision will become law.

"I suppose that the advocates want statutory law so it's defensible in a court of law," said Hee. "It's as much an expression, I would imagine, as the civil union law is an expression of equality in Hawaii."

Wal-Mart Right to Fire Antigay Worker

By Advocate.com Editors

Wal-Mart did not violate an employee's civil rights when the company fired her for making antigay comments to fellow worker, a federal appeals court ruled last week.

Tanisha Matthews was working as an overnight stocker from 1996 to 2005 in an Illinois Wal-Mart. One night during a break, the Apostolic Christian engaged in a conversation with other workers about homosexuality, debating whether LGBT people were headed to hell, according to Edge Chicago. Several witnesses said Matthews told a lesbian employee, Amy, that she was going to hell because God does not accept gay people.

After an internal three-month investigation by Wal-Mart, Matthews was fired for violating the chain's nonharassment policy. She countered by suing the company, claiming it had violated the 1964 Civil Rights Act, by firing her based on her religious beliefs.

"Wal-Mart fired her because she violated company policy when she harassed a co-worker, not because of her beliefs and employers need not relieve workers from complying with neutral workplace rules as a religious accommodation if it would create an undue hardship," the U.S. seventh circuit court of appeals ruled Thursday.

Boehner Urged to Detail DOMA Defense

By Andrew Harmon

House sponsors of a bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act are seeking answers from Republican leaders on their impending defense of the 1996 law in court, following the Obama administration's February announcement that it believes DOMA to be unconstitutional.

In a Monday letter, cosponsors of the Respect for Marriage Act — representatives Jerrold Nadler, Barney Frank, Tammy Baldwin, Jared Polis, David Cicilline, and John Conyers — asked House speaker John Boehner to brief all interested Congress members about the House's pledged defense of DOMA in several pending lawsuits.



"Among other things, we are interested in a status report on who will be representing the House, estimates regarding the cost and length of proposed litigation efforts, the anticipated role of the House in litigation (i.e., intervenor or amicus curiae), and your assessment regarding the likelihood of success on the merits," the group wrote.

The House general counsel has an April 18 deadline to intervene in at least one DOMA case, *Windsor v. United States of America*.

A March poll released by the Human Rights Campaign in partnership with Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research found that 51% of voters opposed DOMA.

Gay Cemetery Planned for Atlanta

By Advocate.com Editors

An Atlanta cemetery plans to reserve a special section for LGBT couples and families who want to be buried separately from other people.

The Georgia Voice reports on the plans for Dignity Memorial cemetery, where John Suggs, who is gay, believes that increasing mainstream acceptance will prompt LGBT people to stake their burial grounds with their own sense of community.

"We have to make our traditions," he said. "In a way this is a way to honor our relationships in a simple but proud way. Being able to be next to your partner at end of life is important, comforting and a reassuring thing to know."

The Voice reports that Suggs's company purchased Crest Lawn

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

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

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

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

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

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

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

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

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

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00pm, Thursday and Friday Walk-In from 5pm to 9pm, & at the Respect Clinic walk-in from 5:30pm to 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON 7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

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

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

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

Every Friday

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

LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

Every Saturday

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

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

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

Every Other Friday

CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at Broadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB) starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, meeting 1st Monday of each month at Element Hotel, Omaha.

Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or PO Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68106

1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flix Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOGlbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOGlbt.org for info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN 12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

TOP TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 6 to 9pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

3rd Monday

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

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)

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

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET

Generic Drugs

In Pharmacology, all drugs have two names, a trade name and generic name. For example, the trade name of Tylenol also has a generic name of Acetaminophen. Aleve is also called Naproxen. Amoxil is also called Amoxicillin and Advil is also called Ibuprofen.

The FDA has been looking for a generic name for Viagra. After careful consideration by a team of government experts, it recently announced that it has settled on the generic name of Mycoxafloppin.

Also considered were Mycoxafailin, Mydixadrupin, Mydixarizin, Dixafix, and of course, Ibepokin.

Pfizer Corp announced today that Viagra will soon be available in liquid form, and will be marketed by Pepsi Cola as a power beverage suitable for use as a mixer. It will now be possible for a man to literally pour himself a stiff one. Obviously we can no longer call this a soft drink, and it gives new meaning to the names of "cocktails", "highballs" and just a good old-fashioned "stiff drink". Pepsi will market the new concoction by the name of:

MOUNT & DO.

Thought for the day: There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

When the Fight Started

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have Sex?'

'No,' she answered.

I then said, 'Is that your final answer?'

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes.'

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started...

Boo hoo... I'll miss that doughboy. Maybe if they had given him some Mycoxafloppin, he might have had chance. But when you're a yeast infected slut all your life I guess it's to be expected. At least he died happy.

A Sad Passing

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community.

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

Heartland Pride
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, email: info@heartlandpride.org

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 6pm, 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 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter
Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org, meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

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

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

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

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

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

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267.

Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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/

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

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>

(Gay Cemetery in Atlanta, Continued from page 12)

Memorial Park in downtown Atlanta and plans to section off part of the cemetery for same-sex couples, their children, single people, and other LGBT people who want to be with their chosen families.

Details such as the available number of plots are not yet known. The world's only other known gay cemetery opened in Denmark in 2008.

Gingrich: I Don't Back "Hate Groups"

By Advocate.com Editors

Newt Gingrich was confronted about money he directed to help American Family Association Action oust three Iowa judges who ruled for marriage equality, and he rejected the classification of AFA Action as a hate group.

Towleroad.com reports on the questions Igor Volsky of The Wonk Room posed to Gingrich. The potential Republican presidential contender serves as honorary chair of the conservative religious group ReAL Action, the political unit of which gave \$125,000 to AFA Action, which the Southern Poverty Law Center has labeled a hate group.



Volsky asked Gingrich Monday about AFA Action policy director Bryan Fischer, who has advocated "reparative" therapy and the criminalization of gay sex.

"The former speaker of the House initially attempted to dodge the question by explaining his support for recalling judges who supported same-sex marriage in Iowa and only recanted Fisher's extreme rhetoric after being pressed on the issue," reports Volsky. "Gingrich insisted, however, that AFA is not a hate group, but a 'Christian' organization."

(You can paint a zebra all black or all white but it's still a zebra.... The AFA is a hate group no matter how anyone, including senile Grandpa Gingrich, wants to paint it. Editor)

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

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

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

Lesbian Nominated for Top Massachusetts Court

By Advocate.com Editors

In a historic move, Gov. Deval Patrick has nominated Barbara A. Lenk to the Massachusetts supreme court, the first state high court to rule for marriage equality, in 2004.

According to The Boston Globe, Lenk, an appellate judge, would be the first openly gay member of the Massachusetts high court and one of only a handful of out state supreme court justices in the country.



“Both Patrick and Lenk acknowledged the groundbreaking nature of the appointment, but stressed her qualifications, including 17 years on the bench, a Harvard law degree, and a doctorate from Yale in political philosophy,” reports the Globe about the Monday announcement.

Lenk, who would fill the vacancy to be created when Justice

Judith A. Cowin steps down this month, said during the announcement that her sole allegiance is to “the rule of law and to fair and equal treatment of all who come before the court.”

“Lenk also spoke about her impoverished upbringing in New York, the daughter of a bookbinder and a housekeeper whose first language was Polish. ‘I never expected to be standing here, but the fact that I am shows that my story is the American story, where anything is possible,’ she said,” the Globe reported.

Lenk, 60, married her partner, attorney Debra Krupp, after the high court ruling that made Massachusetts the first state in the nation to recognize marriage equality. They have two teenage children.

The nomination requires confirmation from the governor’s council.

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, the legal rights group based in New England, issued a statement about the nomination that said in part, “Justice Lenk’s confirmation to the SJC would mark a tremendous milestone for the LGBT community in Massachusetts. But it should not overshadow the fact that Justice Lenk is eminently qualified to serve on our state’s highest court. She is a careful, meticulous and thoughtful judge who has heart, and someone who is well-respected by her peers in the legal community.”

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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

PREPARING THE GARDEN FOR SPRING, KYLE?

IT ALWAYS LOOKS SO LOVELY IN MAY... WHEN THE TULIPS ARE IN BLOOM.

RICHARD?!!

THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE THINGS I TOOK FOR GRANTED WHILE I WAS LIVING HERE.

ALL THE EFFORT YOU PUT INTO MAKING THIS A NICE PLACE TO LIVE.

LOOK, RICHARD...

KYLE, PLEASE. I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT ME HERE... BUT I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.

HEAR ME OUT AND I PROMISE... I'LL LEAVE.

ALL RIGHT.

KYLE... I'M SORRY. I AM SO, SO VERY SORRY FOR HURTING YOU. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR WHAT I DID.

...AND I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR HATING ME. IN FACT, I HATE MYSELF FOR IT, IF THAT GIVES YOU ANY COMFORT.

RICHARD...

PLEASE... LET ME FINISH.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW I NEVER HAD ANY DESIGNS ON BREYER. WHAT HAPPENED WAS A STUPID, DRUNKEN MOMENT.

WHICH DOESN'T EXCUSE ME... I KNOW THAT. BUT I NEED YOU TO KNOW HOW DEEPLY SORRY I AM FOR HURTING YOU...

...THE ONE PERSON WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME.

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RICHARD... THANK YOU. I KNOW HOW HARD IT MUST'VE BEEN FOR YOU TO COME HERE AND SAY ALL THAT, AND I...

...I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

YOU DO? DOES THAT MEAN... I CAN MOVE BACK IN?

NO. I'M WORKING ON FORGIVING YOU, BUT...

...I'M STILL ANGRY AT YOU. AND I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO TRUST YOU AGAIN.

I THINK IT'D BE BEST FOR BOTH OF US IF YOU MOVED ON WITH YOUR LIFE... SOMEWHERE ELSE.

HOW ABOUT IF I AGREE TO CLEAN THE TOILETS AND TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

I'M AFRAID NOT. AND BESIDES...

...WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT ABOUT THAT...

Fitness Corner



By Ron Blake

Motivational quotes are the spark plugs to our wellness engines. You can have a full tank of gas, a clean carburetor, all the fluids topped off, and 300 horsepower of Detroit's finest under the hood but you're going nowhere without that initial spark. In your quest for well-being, you need to have a catalyst to move you from idle to ideal. Here are some motivational jolts to get your health and fitness vehicle moving.

Thomas Paine said, "The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph." You will have conflicts with making time for exercise each day. The treadmill will conflict with enjoyment of the cushioned couch and its fluffy pillows in your living room. Your body will engage in conflict with dumbbells and exercise balls as it seeks better health. Embrace these conflicts with excitement and walk through the smoke and fire. Triumph is waiting on the other side.

John F. Kennedy said, "Things do not happen. Things are made to happen." The firefighter's 55 pound weight loss did not just happen one day on a call with Ladder Company 14. The computer programmer's success in the Chicago Marathon did not just happen on a Sunday in October. The 4th grade teacher's significant drop in cholesterol level did not just happen the day before spring break at Coolidge Elementary. These people made things happen...and it took time.

Ralph Marston was quoted as saying, "What you do today can improve all your tomorrows." Let today be the first day in 28 years without a cigarette. Stay an extra 5 minutes on the recumbent bike at the gym today. Start training today for the 3 day breast cancer walk that is scheduled for November. Tomorrow is always waiting to see what you put in your piggy bank today. Invest wisely and watch the dividends grow.

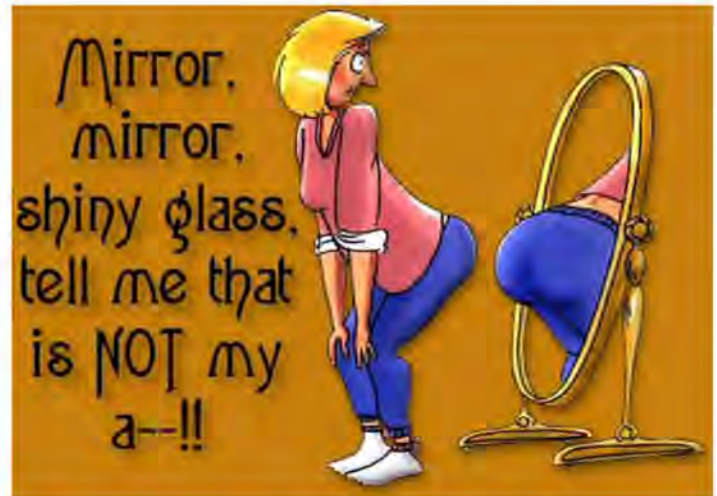
Jill McLemore once said, "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land amongst the stars." Set that goal to trim 75 pounds from your body. Only losing 42 pounds puts you out there with the North Star. Aim to run 750 miles this year. Coming up 68 miles short will still put you past that former planet Pluto and on your way to the Orion constellation. Dropping eight waist sizes by Christmas instead of the projected ten will let you glow with the luminescence of several brilliant wonders in the sky. By the way, I think there's a full moon tonight!

Zig Ziglar stated, "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." Tom Cruise was another aspiring pretty face in Hollywood about 30 years ago before starting to audition for parts in TV shows. Jared was a morbidly obese college student at Indiana University in the 1990s before beginning his Subway diet. Mark Zuckerberg was just another starry-eyed Ivy Leaguer about the turn of the century until he began to implement a social network idea. They all have that common bond...they started something.

These motivational quotes should help get your wellness motor running. Once your car is started there's no telling where your

health and fitness can go. Send me a postcard when you get there!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who's sneaky like a black hole and bright like a nebula. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be found playing with his telescope at rblake5551@hotmail.com.



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SATURDAY 9TH

Direct from Phoenix...
...Faleasha Savage
CAMP KINDLE BENEFIT
6PM DOOR / 7PM SHOW

SUNDAY 10TH - 10pm

"Hope For Tomorrow"
TREVOR PROJECT BENEFIT
PRESENTED BY GRAND DUKE CUPID

SUNDAY 17TH - 9pm

"SEASONS:
A Multimedia Blow-Out"
PRESENTED BY MARK LEDBETTER

SUNDAY 24TH - 10pm

The Max Family Easter Show
The BUNNY Who Stole Easter!

