

The GayZette



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Massachusetts To Allow Out-Of-State Gay Marriage

By 365gay News-center Staff

(Boston, Mass.) The Massachusetts House has repealed a 1913 law used to bar the marriages of same-sex couples who are residents of states which would not recognize their unions. The measure already has passed the Senate and Gov. Deval Patrick (D) has said he will sign it.



The House voted 118-35 Tuesday to repeal the law, originally passed when interracial marriage was legal in Massachusetts but not in most other parts of the country.

When the U.S. Supreme Court overturned state bans on interracial marriage, the Massachusetts law fell into disuse.

However, when the Massachusetts high court struck down the state ban on same-sex marriage in 2003, then-Gov. Mitt Romney (R) dusted off the old law, threatening to charge local clerks if they issued marriage licenses to out-of-state same-sex couples.

In a 2006 challenge to the out-of-state ban, the Supreme Judicial Court upheld the law, but noted that since Rhode Island did not have a specific law defining "couple" in its marriage law, gays and lesbians from that state could marry in Massachusetts. Rhode Island is believed to be the only state without a definition of what constitutes a couple.

The court also said that the Massachusetts legislature could repeal the 1913 law.

An analysis by the state Office of Housing and Economic Development found repealing the law would draw thousands of couples to Massachusetts, boosting the economy by \$111 million, creating 330 jobs and generating \$5 million in taxes and fees over three years.

The study assumes New York would provide the largest number of gay couples - more than 21,000 couples - with New

Hampshire, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont, and Maine bringing the total to more than 30,000 in the first three years after the ban was lifted.

California, the only other state to allow same-sex marriage, has no out-of-state limitation.

UN: AIDS Stabilizing Fewer Deaths, Infections

By The Associated Press

(London) Fewer people are dying of AIDS, more patients are on HIV medication and the global AIDS epidemic is stable after peaking in the late 1990s.

But the United Nations AIDS agency warned in its yearly report Tuesday that governments will need to continue setting aside millions of dollars for AIDS in the coming decades as patients live longer on AIDS treatment.

"We've achieved more in the past five years than in the previous 20 years," said Peter Piot, the agency's executive director. "But if we relax now, it would be disastrous. It would wipe out all of our previous investments."

UNAIDS estimates the number of AIDS case worldwide at 33 million; its previous estimate of 40 million was revised last year because of changes to how it counts cases.

Countries in sub-Saharan Africa including South Africa, Botswana and Swaziland, remain the center of the AIDS epidemic. The region has about 67 percent of all people infected with HIV and 72 percent of all AIDS deaths.

Outside sub-Saharan Africa, AIDS mainly affects drug users, gay men and sex workers.

Officials estimate that 2 million people died from AIDS last year, down from approximately 2.2 million in 2005.

The most dramatic figures are in treatment: The number of people on AIDS medication jumped by 10 times in the last six years, with some 300,000 taking AIDS drugs in 2003 compared to about 3 million in 2007. AIDS drugs have become much

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cheaper and more available because of a variety of government and private programs.

But millions of others still do not have access to the drugs, and those who do will need to remain on them to stay alive.

Still, millions of new cases of HIV infection are reported every year, the agency said. HIV is rising in several countries beyond Africa, including China, Germany, Indonesia, Russia and Britain, according to the report, which was issued in advance of next week's international AIDS conference in Mexico City.

The good news is that the global number of new infections was down to about 2.7 million people in 2007 from a peak of about 5 million new cases annually in the early 2000s.

However, the report - based on government data from 147 countries - warned there could be future waves of infection. The agency said it would be difficult to predict whether the AIDS epidemic might spike again.

Experts said it's too early to stop worrying about AIDS.

"I'm not sure we will ever get to a point where we can say this is not a public health problem," said James Chin, a clinical professor of epidemiology at the University of California, Berkeley.

Last week, the U.S. government tripled the amount of money it will spend on AIDS and other diseases around the world to \$48 billion over five years.

"The objective of AIDS programs is to provide access to medication to everyone who needs it," Chin said. "Until that's accomplished, this won't go away."

The slow decline of AIDS-related deaths is "dismally disappointing," said Selina Lo, medical coordinator for Medecins Sans Frontiere's Access to Essential Medicines campaign. The group also is known as Doctors Without Borders.

She called it evidence that strategies need to change.

Some experts said health officials know what to do - but still aren't doing things like spending more money on prevention.

"We just don't know how to get governments to do nice things for junkies, sex workers and gay boys," said Elizabeth Pisani, a former UNAIDS epidemiologist who wrote a book about the mistakes made in AIDS programs.

Coalition Asks Governments to Readdress HIV Prevention

A coalition of HIV/AIDS and human rights organizations released a statement encouraging national governments to make human rights a central theme of the biannual International AIDS Conference.

The world's largest gathering on HIV/AIDS opens in Mexico City on August 3, ending August 8.

"It is a tragic irony that those at highest risk of HIV often receive the least attention," said Richard Elliott, executive director of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, in a press release issued by the coalition on Tuesday.

"In many countries, drug users are the majority of people living with HIV but the smallest group receiving antiretroviral treatment. When they're arrested, they're even less likely to receive the HIV prevention and treatment services they need," Elliott added.

The coalition wants the conference to focus on the discrimination and stigma attached to transgender people, sex workers, men who have sex with men, and drug users, who are all considered at high risk for contracting HIV.

The HIV/AIDS and human rights organizations also highlighted the human rights abuses faced by women, who account for the majority of HIV infections in Africa.

It is hoped that governments will combat the epidemic by addressing laws that not only deny women equal access to divorce, property, and inheritance, but increase vulnerability to infection and hinder access to treatment.

This year's program includes a plenary address on human rights, a "human rights networking zone" in the conference's Global Village, and a rally on August 7 to highlight the need for a much greater focus on human rights in order to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, and care. (The Advocate)

N.Y. Blue Cross, Blue Shield Offer Equal Benefits

Less than three weeks after a legally married New York lesbian couple sued Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Western New York for denying them spousal health benefits, the insurer said it will begin covering married same-sex couples.

"We applaud Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Western New York for following the law and treating all married couples the same," Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, told OutcomeBuffalo. "Families who were denied coverage up until this point will now be able to protect themselves with health care coverage."

The lawsuit, filed July 9 in Erie County Supreme Court, followed the NYCLU's landmark legal victory in *Martinez v. County of Monroe*, in which an appeals court unanimously ruled that New York state must recognize the valid out-of-state marriages of lesbian and gay couples.

In February, Jeanne Kornowicz, a school psychologist in the Cheektowaga Central School District, asked her employer to provide health coverage for her wife, Joy Higgins, after she learned of the NYCLU's victory in *Martinez*.

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Reflections With Pastor Tom

Renewal

I renew my gym membership every year. I renew my auto insurance every year. Telemarketers call me wanting me to renew a warranty on my car. (I get rid of them by talking about



God until they hang up on me!) In our culture, the word “renewal” is most often used in the sense of “continuation.” The word, however, is much deeper and profound than that.

Have you experienced renewal in your life? If you had, would you know it?

Renewal comes in many packages. Sometimes it comes in the form of a lover. As we love our beloved and as we are loved in return we are changed, we are renewed. Our beloved touches the best in us and challenges us to grow past our shortcomings. Real authentic love and friendship can renew us.

Its human nature to avoid the uncomfortable, yet the truth is that renewal is often waiting in the challenge life throws at us. Most of us can identify a struggle that brought out fear in us, but we pressed on and today we can say “I am stronger because of that.” What we are really saying is that we were renewed.

I was back in my hometown of Berthoud Colorado not too long ago. I ran into some old high school classmates. Back then I was a skinny, awkward, frightened gay boy, and they were not

very kind to me. I could tell right away that they had not experienced a lot of renewal in their life. They really had not changed since graduation. There they were, mid-30s men still kinda acting like they were 18. They even invited me to a “kegger”. I have not used that word since high school.

You see what happens when you continually live the same life each and every month, each and every year? You don’t grow or change very much. In other words, you’ll never have more than you have now. That’s the price of avoiding renewal. That’s the price of trying to always be safe.

The most powerful and potent kind of renewal comes from God. The promise of Jesus is that He will renew us if we seek Him. God will renew us, however, on God’s terms not our own. Don’t worry, like any awesome parent, God knows what’s best for you. Trust. Have faith. Experience renewal.

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The women married in Canada in 2006. Higgins gave birth to a daughter, Elizabeth Higgins, in July 2007 and Kornowicz's second-parent adoption of Elizabeth was made final in January.

Despite the school district's multiple demands that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Western New York grant Kornowicz's request for spousal coverage, the insurer refused to comply. Many other New York insurers, including other insurers carrying the Blue Cross and Blue Shield name, have been recognizing same-sex couples' valid out-of-state marriages for years.

"As spouses and parents, Jeanne and Joy deserve the same protections that every other family in New York State enjoys," NYCLU staff attorney Matt Faiella told Out-comeBuffalo. "We're so relieved for their family that they will finally know some peace of mind." (The Advocate)

The remarks came in a judgment delivered by Justice Bilal Nazki and Justice Sharad Bobde last Wednesday.

"It is high time that the provisions of law, which was made more than a century ago, is looked at again," said Nazki in his legal brief, reports PinkNews.

This is the first time any court in the country has spoken about changing the law. Section 377 was enacted in 1860 under the British Raj in line with sodomy laws in England at the time. The law threatens with imprisonment anyone who "voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman, or animal." The measure criminalizes a whole range of sexual acts from mutual masturbation to fellatio and anal sex. (The Advocate)

"Unnatural Sex" Law Being Reconsidered in India

The Bombay high court said last week that the controversial Section 377 of Indian Penal Code that deals with "unnatural sex" needs revision.

Stair Lift Installed At MCC

Tuesday, July 22, workers from AEL made the final adjustments to the stair lift at MCC-Omaha (phase three of our six-phase plan). This work now makes it possible for friends and members of MCC to access the Sanctuary from inside the front doors. Completion of this phase of the Accessibility Project puts us 1/3 of the way to accomplishing the Accessibility Plan approved at the May '08 Congregational Meeting. MCC invites the community to



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When I arrived at the hospital, I couldn't get any information on Susan's condition. The hospital staff informed me that medical information could only be released to Susan's family. For them, family did not include live-in partners regardless of the length of the relationship. It took six hours for Susan's parents to arrive at the hospital. During that time, I sat in the hospital waiting room and wasn't allowed to see or comfort her.

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

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Work on Phase 2 (the installation of an accessibility ramp and deck at the front entrance) has been delayed while we await the appropriate permits from the city. We hope that that construction will begin early in August. Meanwhile the preparation and moving of Pastor Tom's office is nearly complete (phase four), so that renovations can soon begin on phase five, the creation of an accessible restroom and small multi-purpose/meeting room on the Sanctuary level. We hope that those will be completed by mid-September.

And that leaves phase six!

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First CBCA Summer Picnic Brings Out Supporters

How was the Council Bluffs picnic? Great and gay! The weather was perfect, sunny and warm yet cool under the large shade trees, as more than 50 people gathered Sunday July 27 in beautiful downtown Bayliss Park for the Council Bluffs Community Alliance (CBCA) Summer Picnic.

"The turnout is wonderful for the First Annual Summer Picnic,"



said CBCA President Mike Yowell, who welcomed the crowd and spoke about the group's mission of working to ensure Council Bluffs is a GLBT-affirming place to live and thrive. The picnic was celebrating the recent addition of sexual orientation and gender identity to the Council Bluffs municipal civil rights code banning discrimination in employment, housing, credit, education, and public accommodations. Residents are now protected at both the city and state levels. He later commented that he looks forward to an even bigger crowd at the picnic next year.

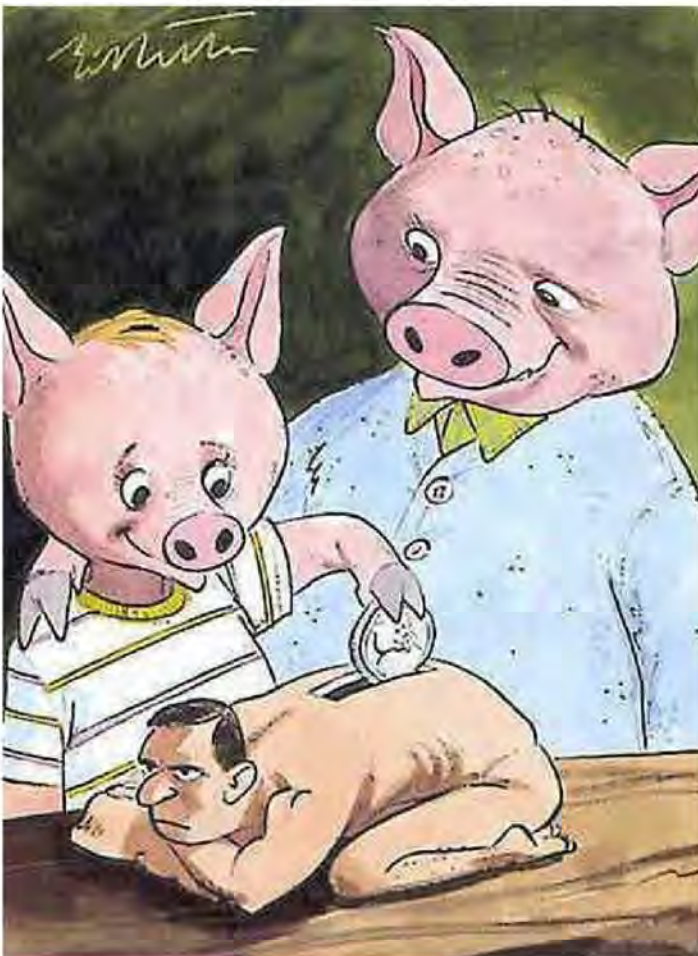
Also speaking was Matt Skuya, Regional Organizer for the statewide group ONE IOWA. He talked about the marriage equality case in Iowa. A lower court threw out the marriage ban and then stayed the ruling until the Iowa Supreme Court could review the case. The Iowa Supreme Court is expected to rule sometime in 2009, according to Skuya, who said most people expect a ruling upholding equality. Such an outcome would make Iowa one of three states to provide full marriage equality to same-sex couples (Massachusetts and California are the other two).

Participants enjoyed delicious potluck food, music, socializing, and a variety of games. The most popular game was the water balloon toss where individuals paired off and faced each other. They then gently tossed water balloons back and forth, stepping backwards each time to expand the distance until the last pair left standing with an unbroken balloon was declared the winner.

Several attendees commented on the diversity of the crowd attending the event. There was a wonderful mix of sexual orientations, races, and ages (from toddlers to seniors). Among the allies attending were a commissioner from the Council Bluffs Civil Rights Commission, two local clergy, and two Council Bluffs City Council members.

The Bayliss Park fountains provided a refreshing backdrop to

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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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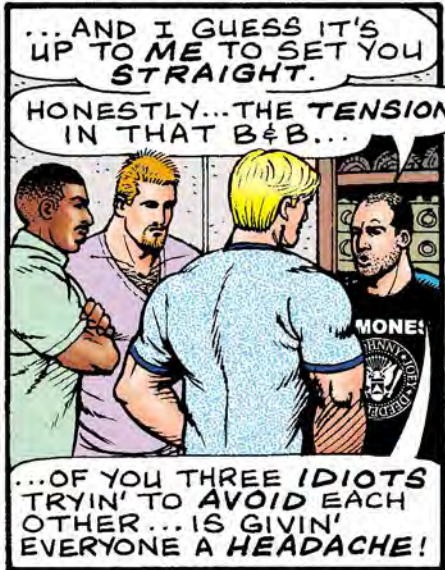
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...AND I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME TO SET YOU STRAIGHT.

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...OF YOU THREE IDIOTS TRYIN' TO AVOID EACH OTHER... IS GIVIN' EVERYONE A HEADACHE!



BUT FERRELLI--

NO, STEELE... I'M TALKING.

THE FACT IS... ALL THREE OF YOU ARE AT FAULT FOR THIS...FIASCO!



YOU, STEELE... FOR OBSESSING OVER JEFF SO OPENLY. I'M SURPRISED MATT DIDN'T DUMP YOUR ASS SOONER.



AND YOU, MATT... FOR GOIN' AND SLEEPING WITH JEFF SO SOON AFTER YOU BROKE UP WITH BRAD.

NOT COOL.



AND YOU, JEFF... FOR TAKIN' ADVANTAGE OF MATT WHEN HE WAS IN SUCH A VULNERABLE STATE...KNOWIN' HOW IT COULD HURT BRAD...

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YOU ALL SCREWED UP HERE... BUT IN A WAY...

THAT'S GOOD!



IT IS?

YEAH. DON'T YOU SEE? EACH OF YOUR SCREW-UPS CANCELS OUT THE OTHER'S!

THIS LEAVES YOU ALL WITH A CLEAN SLATE. YOU CAN START FRESH!



WELL... HE'S RIGHT. WE ALL MESS'D UP.

WHAT SAY WE BE MEN ABOUT THIS, AND LET BY-GONES BE BY-GONES?

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.



ALL RIGHT. I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU GUYS CAN HAVE HOT SHOWERS AGAIN.

WAIT... ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE THE REASON I'VE HAD COLD SHOWERS FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS AT THE B&B?!!

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services

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

Every Wednesday

AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to

men and women, 219 North 48th Street

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

NAP HIV TESTING, 1:30pm to 4 pm by appt. ONLY, 139 S. 40 St., results in 20 minutes, call 402-552-9260 for info

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 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

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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

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, 6PM to 10PM, 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

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

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

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no

needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

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

Every Saturday

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Thursday

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

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday OR Sunday

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

1st Sunday

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

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

2nd Wednesday

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Meth-
odist Church

2nd Saturday

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glt film shown at 7pm followed by discus-
sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow

Outreach GLBT Community Center,
www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL

(HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd
Mondays at First Congregational United
Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St.,
7PM, email to

jsandeen@inebraska.com or call
402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

3rd Tuesday

HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC, Lin-
coln NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day re-
sults, 200 South 18th Street

3rd Thursday

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT
AND DISCUSSION GROUP**

7- 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln on the
third Thursday of the month. Call 434-
9880 / 476 9668, held at the Unitarian
Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE

3rd Friday

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church,
6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

**LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—
OMAHA**
Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month

NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM,
WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

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Nuclear Power

A stranger was seated next to a little girl on the airplane when the stranger turned to her and said, 'Let's talk. I've heard that flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger.'

The little girl, who had just opened her book, closed it slowly and said to the stranger, 'What would you like to talk about?'

'Oh, I don't know,' said the stranger. 'How about nuclear power?' and he smiles.

'OK,' she said. 'That could be an interesting topic. But let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff - grass - Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, and a horse produces clumps of dried grass. Why do you suppose that is?'

The stranger, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, 'Hmmm, I have no idea.'

To which the little girl replies, 'Do you really feel qualified to discuss nuclear power when you don't know shit?'

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prairie Bares, nudist group, no further info available

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

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

Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WomenSpace, no current info is available

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

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the day's events. Children at the picnic enjoyed playing in the interactive kids fountain, while adults spotted and photographed a spectacular rainbow that appeared in the main fountain, adding an extra-special touch to this inaugural GLBT-allied annual event.

Visit www.councilbluffspride.org to learn more about Council Bluffs from a GLBT perspective.

IT'S SUPER! IT'S GAY! IT'S ALL WEEKEND LONG!

Omaha Second Unitarian Universalist Church
September 12-14

It's time for Second Unitarian Universalist Church's First Annual (!) Super Gay Weekend. On Friday, September 12 at 7:30, we'll be showing *Our House*, a documentary about growing up with LGBT parents. You are ENCOURAGED to bring all the snacks and drinks you've thought about smuggling into the movie theater. Saturday the 13th starts with a potluck at 6pm, followed by a panel presentation from the Omaha chapter of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network). Finally, our Sunday Service September 14 at 10:30am will be highlighted by a message from Dr. Joe Hoagbin, a stalwart figure in Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance. Again, we're still planning this soiree, so activities and times may be changing. If you'd like more information, please call Second Unitarian Universalist at (402) 334-0537 or email info@secondunitarianomaha.org.

Female Author Writes About Her Own Male Past

Jennifer Finney Boylan has become a public face for the transgender community.

One Liners We Like.....

Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can't even get into my own pants.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it. So I said "Implants?" She hit me.

How come we choose from just two people to run for President and over fifty for Miss America ?

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!

Community Announcements

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www.rainbowoutreach.org

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

Her 2002 memoir on transition to womanhood is a bestseller and this is her second memoir out this year.

Boylan said she went public with her story because she's a writer and she's not out to be a role model.

BELGRADE LAKES, Maine (AP) -- Jennifer Finney Boylan never set out to be the public face for the transgendered.



Jennifer Finney Boylan wrote about her 2000 sex change change in the best-selling memoir 'She's Not There.'

But the novelist and English professor at Colby College was thrust into that role by her 2002 best-selling memoir about the transition to womanhood that freed her from the decades-long torment of being a female trapped in a male body.

With three appearances on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," two on "Larry King Live" and numerous other interviews and public appearances, Boylan, 49, has become a sunny-faced activist for the nation's transgendered and one of the most widely recognized transsexuals of recent years.

"Activism for me takes the form of living a normal life and doing so very publicly," she said.

Boylan's public schedule is getting busier with this year's publication of her second memoir, "I'm Looking Through You," a poignant but laugh-out-loud story about growing up in a Charles Addams-like Victorian mansion on Philadelphia's Main Line.

The author, then named James, concealed her conflicted sexuality, hiding her stash of lingerie in a secret panel in her bedroom. The spooky old house, with footsteps in the attic, clouds of blue mist and a ghostlike figure of an old woman in a mirror, serves as backdrop for an adolescence haunted by gender issues that forced Boylan to keep the nature of her true self hidden. In so doing, she became something of a ghost herself.

"As I wrote the book, it became clear to me that the Scooby Doo ghosts, as I call them, were less interesting than the metaphorical ghosts," she said. "While not everybody believes in ghosts, everybody knows what it means to be haunted."

The inner turmoil about which she wrote is now ancient history for Boylan, who detailed her 2000 sex change in the earlier memoir, "She's Not There." Today, she lives with her spouse Deedie, their two boys and two Labrador

retrievers within a mile of the lake on which Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn starred in the 1982 Academy Award-winning film, "On Golden Pond."

James Boylan had met Deedie (named Grace in the two books) while in college and only told her of his secret about a decade ago, well after they were married. Boylan had hoped that their love would be enough to keep the gender demons at bay. They remain legally married.

Boylan said she didn't go public with her life story to become a role model or a poster child for the transgender community, but rather because writing and storytelling is what she does.

"A lot of good is done simply by being public, by being visible and by telling stories so people can see that a life like mine, a family like mine is familiar and it's normal, and that it's a lot less extraordinary than it seems," she said.

She hopes her story will help to reshape the public's image of transsexuals.

"We think of transgendered people as living in a big locked house somewhere. They never show their faces, or when they do show their faces they seem tortured and unknowable," she said. "When people see me and they see my family, they see something that's familiar."

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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave	991-6470
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

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

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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake
Certified Personal Trainer



I met recently with a gentleman who had some difficulties with the whole workout thing. He energetically expounded on the impetuous impediments that beset his best efforts. His story can be told in 465 words.

The gentleman has not the time for an exertion requiring mopping the sweat off his brow. He wakes at six and is off in a flurry to tackle rush hour traffic. Lunch hour is sacred time for finishing reports and other paper pushing antics. The drive home is only interrupted by a quick snip at the barber shop and a three bag tour of duty at the grocery. Out of the parking lot and continue William Tell's Overture as the good gentleman rushes back to the bat cave for a meal in minutes. A shower, a shave, and a splash of the Velva and it's on to partake in his social obligations. Midnight hearkens and the day drops its curtain on our good man.

Our gentleman has not the money required for a personal trainer and a club membership. The old lady still rattles his chain from a thousand miles away for timely child support. His gardener and maid have their hungry mouths to feed. Unlimited text messaging and that new I-phone have dug in with their money seeking talons. Work requires a double breasted wallet for the haberdasher in our salesman's life.

The gentleman is befuddled with the calorie counting. He can't comprehend the nutrition labels slapped on everything edible. How could McDonalds salads be a fattening choice. (Sotto voce) The heaps of dressing! How could Lite beer from Miller be so filling. (Sotto voce) Ten of 'em at the football game is my first clue! Salsa is fat free. (Sotto voce) The chips sure aint! The low fat menu at Chili's is not accurate. (Sotto voce) That grease laden Awesome Blossom appetizer might have tipped the scales of injustice.

The most excellent gentleman is not located near a fitness facility. All the workouts centers are too far away to make it convenient for him. They make grocery stores, fast food joints, tattoo parlors, big box retailers, pet stores, travel agencies, colleges, jewelry stores, and billiard halls quite convenient. He is waiting for the right time to join the right club that is right in his neighborhood. It is coming he claims. It should be coming soon. Right?

Yap! Yap! Yap! I sat and listened to this chowder head until I was blue in face from nausea. Jesse Jackson was ready to cut away when I intervened! Had I not cut this gentleman short, he would have still been blazing a trail of bulls*** through my office. I sent him away with the homework assignment of picking out his workout clothes for our first training session the next morning at five. I was taking charge of this gentleman's life.

This column is written by that guy who wants more soup can pyramids at grocery stores. That guy is Ron Blake and he is awaiting the fifteenth emailer at blake.fitness@yahoo.com

(Jennifer Finney Boylan story, Continued from page 17)

Now in the midst of a yearlong sabbatical, Boylan juggles her writing and family chores (she's both a soccer mom and a tuba mom) with appearances in support of her latest book and on transgender issues. She's also writing occasional op-ed pieces for The New York Times, which focus largely on the political campaign and do not mention that she's transgendered.

Besides book tours, she speaks at colleges, corporate events and law firms. Although she's not comfortable in a lobbying role, Boylan addressed the National Press Club last spring in support of legislation to bar discrimination against transgender people.

Boylan has been a valuable asset in helping to change public attitudes, said Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality.

"Her sense of humor, her wit, are really an important part of the education she does. She has a communication style that's accessible to a lot of people," Keisling said.

Boylan, tall with strawberry blond hair that flows to the middle of her back, remains equivocal about offering her private life for everyone to see. But because she had a hard time finding role models while growing up, she said it's probably good to have someone recognizable to look to.

There are many ways of dealing with gender variance, she said, and her story is not the only one that deserves to be told.

"There are plenty of people who have, one way or another, gotten on with their lives and live lives of fulfillment and happiness," she said.

Although such positive outcomes are not always the case, some employers, such as Boylan's, are increasingly showing more compassion and understanding. The overall society, too, seems to be showing more awareness of transgender issues, she said.

Is Diversity Really That Bad? How Typical

Michael McManus
January 10, 2006

I had a very interesting conversation with some friends over the holiday season. One friend was discussing a sermon he heard at

church over the phrase "Merry Christmas." Apparently the preacher and congregation (including my friend) were upset that so few people still used the phrase. "Happy Holidays" has quickly become the new phrase of choice, and they found that offensive. I then simply asked him why he felt that way. He replied by saying, Christmas is a celebration of Christ's birth, hence the name. If anybody knows me well, they know that an answer like that just doesn't work for me. Here were my thoughts, as offensive as they may be.

First of all, I am a Christian myself; if you've followed my columns you know how I feel about Christianity. However, I think that the one thing Christians never take into consideration, are the feelings and well being of others who don't have the same beliefs as them. This is a prime example of how many Christian churches ultimately teach discrimination rather than teaching tolerance and acceptance.

To clear things up, I do say Merry Christmas around the holiday season, but not so much in the literal sense. When I say it to someone, I'm not saying "Merry Christ's Birth," but instead using it in the traditional holiday sense. So I do understand why people don't want to change the phrase. However when we put tradition aside and bring religion into the picture, my feelings totally change.

One of my best friends is Jewish. For those of you who don't understand this religion, they don't believe that Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day, which is why they celebrate Hanukkah instead of Christmas. Her family still celebrates Christmas in the traditional, Kris Kringle/Santa Claus sense, but they don't celebrate the birth of Christ. She says it's no bother when people wish her a Merry Christmas, but later said it does hurt when they try and force their Christian beliefs upon her.

A local Christian radio station recently called one of the Omaha malls. When the receptionist answered the phone, she happily said "Happy Holidays, how may I help you." The radio personality then asked her why she didn't answer the phone by saying Merry Christmas. The receptionist seemed confused, and replied by saying that happy holidays is the proper way to answer the phone at this

time of season. The radio personality then told her that this is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of Christ, and the least she could do was say Merry Christmas. The receptionist then hung up the phone.

Was the receptionist so wrong by saying Happy Holidays? Was it wrong that she wanted to include everyone's beliefs in her greeting? Or was the radio personality wrong by attempting to force his beliefs upon her?

I guess I don't understand why this is an issue. My niece had her first Christmas concert this year. They sang a Christmas song, a Hanukkah song and a Kwanzaa song. I thought it was great! When I was her age I had no clue that anyone believed anything other than I did. She's six years old, and thanks to this Christmas concert she now appreciates those who believe in something other than her beliefs.

Our world is so diverse, which is why it's so great. Every street consists of families from different ethnic backgrounds, sexualities, religions, sizes...the list goes on and on. I think that changing from "Merry Christmas" to "Happy Holidays," is a step into the right direction. This will teach our children that holidays aren't meant for just one group of people, but for everyone.

I will continue to celebrate Christ's birth every holiday season, and my friend will continue to celebrate Hanukkah. Instead of fighting about putting Christ back into Christmas, why don't we all just accept "Happy Holidays," and believe what we want.

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