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WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO AT MCC OMAHA



Friday, Dec. 30, MCC Omaha will once again host White Elephant BIN-GO! Yes, that's right! You bring the prizes, and we'll provide the fun! Doors open at 5:30 PM. There's great junk food for sale as always: sloppy joes, hot dogs, and nachos-to name a few of the taste tempting teasers! Mmmm will those go down good

after all that turkey and ham!

It's hard card BINGO, so once you buy your cards, you play on them all evening. Unless you want to trade them in on luckier cards, that is!!!!! Cards sell for \$3 each, 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10. It's a great evening of fun for all ages! Yes, you can bring mom, dad, or the kids---or all of the above---or leave them at home with a movie and make it a "girls night out" (for girls of all genders, of course!).

BINGO starts about 6:45 PM, give or take a few minutes... So, don't even put those Christmas presents the in-laws gave you into the back of the closet. Just put them back into the bag they came in and bring them down to White Elephant BINGO! You know what presents I am talking about. I saw the look on your face when you opened them. You didn't fool me! They'll make a great prize. After all, one man's junk is another man's treasure.

Merry Christmas

From The Gayzette
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Congress Drops Antigay Provisions in Defense Bill

By Andrew Harmon

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers have dropped antigay provisions in the \$662 billion annual Defense spending bill, including an amendment that would have barred military chaplains from performing same-sex weddings in their official capacities.



Several antigay amendments had been included in the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 passed in May. The bill's conference committee, tasked with reconciling differences between the House bill and the Senate bill that passed earlier this month in a 93-7 vote, dropped the chaplain antigay amendment introduced by Rep. Todd Akin, a Missouri Republican, in favor of a Senate amendment offered by Mississippi Republican Sen. Roger Wicker that specifies that chaplains who object to gay unions and do "not wish to perform a marriage may not be required to do so." Completion of the bill conference report was announced late Monday.

Introduced in November, the Wicker amendment to the Senate bill was deemed by many advocates to be an acceptable political compromise that would not jeopardize the rights of chaplains or gay service members seeking to wed. After months of legal review, the Department of Defense announced in September that military chaplains may officiate in same-sex wedding ceremonies of service members in states where such unions are legal — a decision that drew anticipated backlash from social conservatives fiercely opposed to repealing "don't ask, don't tell."

"The Wicker amendment — while in my mind redundant and thus unnecessary — recognized what is already true under the First Amendment, that no military chaplain is required by any law or government official to perform any marriage ceremony that does not comply with the teachings and tenets of the military chaplain's denomination or faith," wrote Reverend Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, president of Interfaith Alliance, in an op-ed last week.

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WWW.FLIXXOMAHA.COM 1015 SOUTH 10TH STREET 402-408-1020 Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said earlier this month that the Wicker amendment is "a restatement of the protections and guarantees that have always been there."

Two other antigay amendments also died in conference: One that would have superfluously affirmed the Defense of Marriage Act in Defense Department policies, and the other, now moot, that would have delayed implementation of DADT, which went into effect on September 20.

SLDN expressed disappointment that an outdated provision called Article 125 was not repealed in the conference report despite the Senate including repeal in its version of the bill. Article 125 bans certain sex acts between adults, including sodomy, but had become a lightning rod for attention from religious right-wing groups.

According to the Associated Press, lawmakers hope to complete the bill on Wednesday, then send it on to President Obama.

Controversial provisions on detention of suspected terrorists, which threatened a presidential veto, were revised to provide "a number of additional assurances that there will be no interference with civilian interrogations or other law enforcement activities," Senate Armed Services Committee chairman Carl Levin of Michigan said in a Monday statement.

Mitt Romney Now Supports Gays in the Military?

By Lucas Grindley

During an interview with an Iowa editorial board Friday, Mitt Romney came out in support of gays serving openly in the military — which sounded different in tone from his answer to the same question during a CNN debate earlier this year.

CNN anchor John King asked Romney directly in June whether

he would "leave it in place, what you inherit from the Obama administration, or overturn it?"

And Romney sounded like he was in line with many of the other candidates on the stage, including Michele Bachmann and Newt Gingrich, who said "don't ask, don't tell" should be reinstated. "We ought to be talking about the economy and jobs," Romney started his answer, "but given the fact you are insistent, the answer is I believe 'don't ask, don't tell' should have been kept in place until conflict was over."



Thinking he'd gotten his answer, King then moved down the line to the other candidates. But Romney seemed to offer an expanded version of that answer when asked by an interviewer



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with TheDes Moines Register Friday, "How do you feel about gays serving openly in the military?"

This time Romney's answer was more in line with one given in June by former candidate Herman Cain, who had said he was opposed to repeal of DADT but felt reinstating it would be a "distraction."

"That's already occurred," Romney told the Register. "I'm not planning on reversing that at this stage. I was not comfortable making the change during a period of conflict, due to the complicating features of a new program in the middle of two wars going on, but those wars are winding down, and moving in that direction at this stage no longer presents that problem."

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Meanwhile, new front-runner Gingrich has reiterated his support for reinstating "don't ask, don't tell." The Washington Times reports that he returned a candidate questionnaire to the conservative Military Culture Coalition and would seek an extensive review of DADT if elected president. Romney has not returned the questionnaire, according to the group.

Orlando Approves Domestic-Partnership Registry

By Julie Bolcer

Orlando became the first city in Central Florida to recognize the relationships of same-sex couples when it approved a domestic-partnership registry Monday.

The City Council voted unanimously to enact the registry, which will be open to gay and straight couples starting January 12. Couples, including vacationers from out of town, can record their relationship in a government database for a \$30 fee. Appointments will be scheduled for as soon as this Tuesday.

According to the Orlando Sentinel, "Registered couples then would have a few of the same rights that married people take for granted: the ability to visit one another in the hospital or jail, to make health care decisions for an incapacitated partner and to make funeral plans." The rights would apply only to institutions within Orlando city limits.

Mayor Buddy Dyer hailed the approval of the registry, and Commissioner Patty Sheehan said she plans to register with her partner. Some opponents charged the registry violates the voterapproved state constitutional amendment, passed in 2008, that bans same-sex marriage and similar unions.

Transgender Twin Opens Eyes in Maine Community

By Neal Broverman

Wayne and Kelly Maines hope to change attitudes about gender by sharing the story of their transgender teenage daughter, Nicole.

The family, who live in Maine, talked to The Boston Globe about their decision to allow Nicole to transition and live as she chooses. Even as an early age, Nicole, then known as Wyatt, was very different from her twin brother, Jonas. While Jonas liked typical boys' activities and toys, Wyatt was completely opposite, preferring Barbie and dresses. While the family resisted their child's inclinations at first, they began realizing it would be cruel to force Wyatt to act a certain way.

"Dad, you might as well face it," Wayne recalls Jonas telling him. "You have a son and a daughter."

Nicole, now 14, is being assisted in her transition by professionals at Children's Hospital Gender Management Services

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Nicole and Jonas Maines

European Union to Address Antigay Moves in Russia

Catherine Ashton, high representative of the European Union for foreign affairs, has promised to deliver a pro–LGBT rights message to Russian prime minister Vladimir Putin.

By Trudy Ring

European Union leaders today received a petition opposing antigay initiatives in Russia — and promised to raise the issue with Russian prime minister Vladimir Putin.



The petition by international LGBT rights group AllOut.org, bearing 246,245 signatures from around the world, was delivered to Catherine Ashton, high representative of the European Union for foreign affairs, and Ulrike Lunacek and Michael Cashman, members of the European Parliament and copresidents of its Intergroup on LGBT Rights, at the Parliament office in Strasbourg, France.

LGBT activists are concerned about several recent and pending moves in Russia. The legislative assembly of St. Petersburg has given preliminary approval to a bill that would prohibit public mention of gay or transgender issues; it would have the effect



of banning pride parades and many other events. The city government in Moscow is also working on such a law, and the national government is reportedly considering one as well. Two regions of Russia have adopted similar measures. Backers of the various bills include United Russia, the political party to which Putin and President Dmitry Medvedev belong.

The European Parliament is scheduled to adopt a resolution condemning this legislation tomorrow, and Ashton promised to meet with Putin and bring up the concerns about it, according to a news release from the Parliament. Lunacek and Cashman issued a joint statement praising her pledge, saying, "We warmly welcome Catherine Ashton's assurance that she will raise the issue directly with the Russian prime minister. The issue of equal rights for LGBT people and freedom of expression (as well as fair elections) is very dear to all Europeans — and Russians are Europeans too," although Russia is not a member of the E.U.

Added AllOut cofounder Andre Banks: "This is a great victory: Because hundreds of thousands around the world joined AllOut.org to raise their voice, Russian activists have been heard at the highest level of the international community. But we need to continue the fight and stay mobilized with our friends in Russia."

Pro Wrestlers Lay the Smack Down on Bullying

By Michelle Garcia

A new public service announcement featuring WWE stars will air, reminding their young male-dominated audience to think before they say or do something malicious or homophobic toward others.

Eve Torres, Kelly Kelly, Alicia Fox, Sheamus and Kofi Kingston take part in the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation-produced PSA, "Amplify Your Voice," debuting Tuesday night during the WWE Tribute to the Troops special on USA Network.

The PSA puts viewers in the shoes of an LGBT person who was bullied and urges them to take a stand against harassment. The spot then directs viewers to GLAAD.org, where people can access resource kits detailing best practices for parents, teachers, and students. The American Federation of Teachers, the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, the National Center for Transgender Equality, and the Trevor Project are among some of the organizations that helped GLAAD gather materials for the kits.

The WWE and GLAAD started teaming up earlier this year to address homophobia in its programming. In April, GLAAD also became one of the first members of WWE and Creative

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Psychological Santa to the Rescue!

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

For lots of people, December is the month from hell: this time of year often brings crazy-scary sets of expectations and dread. We are bombarded with media images encouraging us to buy stuff and to be happy... and if we don't, we're failures. This is a sure set-up for depression and disappointment. But, never fear! Allow me to play your



"Psychological Santa" and give you some gifts you can really use (and no, I won't fit down your chimney, so don't even ask).

For many of my clients, depression at this time of year comes from comparing ourselves, our gifts and our families with what other people do and give. We imagine everyone else is having more fun than we are. However, the truth is that you have no idea how happy or miserable anyone else is. If you could sit in my chair and hear how unhappy most people are at this time of year, you'd stop envying other people immediately.

As your Psychological Santa, here's another gift for you: give up trying to keep up with (or surpass) other people. By competing with others, you'll miss what could actually make YOU happy. If other people appear to be going to lots of fun parties and you're not - refocus on what makes you happy. This is hard, I know, but obsessing on the parties you won't be attending will just bring you down. Focus on pleasing yourself.

A big source of seasonal stress is trying to have a Martha Stewart Holiday. You know: perfect in every way (jail time optional). Every gift perfectly chosen, wrapped and paired with the only card within 50 miles that's perfect for that special someone. My advice: Simplify. Do less. Enjoy more. While this may seem anti-American, it is pro-mental health. Doing too much creates stress and worry, which makes it hard to enjoy anything. Do fewer things and enjoy each one more. Give yourself some alone time to unwind from events, shopping, gift-wrapping, etc. If you are partnered, schedule more "couple time" than usual: help each other relax and chill out.

Do you do the Codependent thing at this time of year? You know what I mean: do you put yourself last and everyone else first? This is a great way to make sure your Holidays are miserable and you end up resentful and pissed off at yourself and everyone else. Instead of being the perfect caretaker for your friends and family, this is a great time of year to dramatically increase your self-care and put yourself first. Be your own Santa if no one else will. Regardless of the particular holiday(s) you celebrate, give yourself some meaningful gifts at this stressful time of year. They can be free and inexpensive. For example: you could give yourself the gift of a day of peace, or a hike in some beautiful place, or a coffee break (and pastry) at a

local coffee shop. This is the time of year to take super-good care of yourself...and it's not about money!

Does organized religion especially annoy you at this time of year? Are you tempted to kick over every nativity scene you see? Perhaps Jesus, Mary and the gang are not your cup of tea. Instead, find a spiritual or philosophical component of the season that means something to you. Author Marianne Williamson once stated that, as a Jew, she saw the birth of Jesus as symbolic, not literal, and that she chose to interpret it as bringing forth something new and wonderful into the world. She focused on the "birth" of a new idea/project/relationship/etc. This is but one example of taking the spiritual side of the Holidays and making it work for you, whatever your spiritual orientation.

This is a challenging time of year for everyone. No one gets out unscathed. Focus on taking good care of yourself and those you love. Remember that it's okay to be Scrooge-like (occasionally, if you really need to), but why not aspire to be a fabulous Santa to yourself instead?

Happy Holidays from Michael!



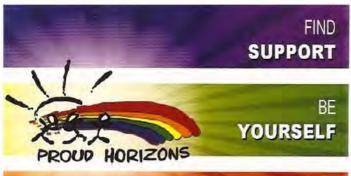
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Gay New Zealand Journo Dies After Beating

By Winston Gieseke

The "unprovoked" beating death of a gay journalist is being investigated as a murder by police in New Zealand.

The Dominion Post reports that Phillip Alexander Cottrell, 43, a

bulletins editor for Radio New Zealand, passed away Sunday in a hospital in Wellington following an assault that took place minutes after he left work around 5:30 Saturday morning.

Police do not believe that Cottrell, who reportedly suffered from a condition that made his bones brittle, was targeted because of his sexuality.

"We can not see any reason for Mr. Cottrell to be involved in an

altercation," said Detective Senior Sergeant Scott Miller, who noted that the victim's "very severe" injuries indicated that he might have seen his assailant or assailants approaching.

While the disappearance of Cottrell's wallet suggests that robbery might be a motive behind the assault, a man identifying himself as Cottrell's friend said in an email to The Advocate that only two men have been killed during inpublic attacks in Wellington — and both were gay.

"While there may be no link to Phillip's sexuality here it does pose the question, Why were they both gay?" wrote John Green. "This was not 'a cowardly attack' on a total stranger, this was a planned murder by a person or persons who is/are to all intents and purposes a serial killer waiting to strike again."

According to police statistics, serious attacks in Wellington have increased by 43% during the past year.



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday WORSHIP SERVICES: AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,

ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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

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

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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 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 9:30am and 11:15am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

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

SECOND UNITARIAN, 9:30 & 11:30am Sunday service, Vespers Service 4th Sunday at 5pm, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE 402-334-0537

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm, Walkin from 5pm to 8pm

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MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

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NAP HIV TESTING 250 So. 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

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FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian

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2nd Monday NAP HIV TESTING

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2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street *Omaha*, *Nebraska*

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

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

3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

LEO - LÉATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

THE HILLBILLY VASECTOMY

After their 11th child, an Alabama couple decided that was enough, as they could not afford a larger bed.

So the husband went to his veterinarian and told him that he and his cousin didn't want to have any more children.

The doctor told him that there was a procedure called a vasectomy that could fix the problem but that it was expensive. 'A less costly alternative,' said the doctor, 'is to go home, get a cherry bomb, (fireworks are legal in Alabama) light it, put it in a beer can (COORS), then hold the can up to your ear and count to 10.'

The Alabamian said to the doctor, 'I may not be the smartest tool in the shed, but I don't see how putting a cherry bomb in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me.'

'Trust me,' said the doctor.

So the man went home, lit a cherry bomb and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count!

'1'

121

131

'4'

·5'

At which point he paused, placed the beer can between his legs and continued counting on his other hand. This procedure also works in Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Parts of Georgia, Mis-

souri, West Virginia, and all of Washington D.C.

GOD LOVES DRUNK PEOPLE TOO

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door.

The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"NO, I did NOT, it's 3am in the morning and it's bloody pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!" "God loves drunk people too you know."

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing," replied the drunk.

True Love

Wife: 'You always carry my photo in your wallet. Why?'

Hubby: 'When there is a problem, no matter how impossible, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.'

Wife: 'You see how miraculous and powerful I am for you!'

Hubby: 'Yes! I see your picture and ask myself what other problem can there be greater than this one?'

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

877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org
Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 3983027 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.firstuuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

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

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

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources GOglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info 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

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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 3452563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional 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

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

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

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330 Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.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

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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 un-

lqsa@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:// pflagcornhusker.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

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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-glbt.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

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Gay Vet Confronts Romney Over Marriage Equality

By Julie Bolcer

A gay Vietnam veteran peppered Mitt Romney with questions at a campaign event in New Hampshire, but the Republican candidate stuck to his script that marriage is "between a man and woman."

The Boston Globe reports on the encounter at Chez Vachon diner in Manchester, where the former Massachusetts governor approached an older man wearing a Vietnam veteran cap. Bob Garon asked Romney whether he supports the Republican-led effort underway to repeal the marriage equality law in the state where the candidate owns a vacation home.

"I believe marriage is between a man and a woman," said Romney. "That's my view."

Garon, 63, pushed back, according to the Globe, and asked Romney, "If two men get married, apparently a veteran's spouse would not be entitled to any burial benefits or medical benefits or anything that the serviceman has devoted his time and effort to his country, and you just don't support equality in terms of same-sex marriage?"

When Romney repeated his opposition, Garon, who was sitting at the table with his husband, said, "It's good to know how you feel. That you do not believe that everyone is entitled to their constitutional rights."

"No, actually, I think at the time the Constitution was written it was pretty clear that marriage is between a man and a woman," said Romney. "And I don't believe the Supreme Court has changed that."

An aide interrupted Romney and the veteran wished him "good luck." The candidate joked that he was going to need it.

In an interview with reporters afterward, Garon said he married his husband Bob Lemire in June. The longtime Democratic voter, who recently became unenrolled and feels partial toward Ron Paul, said of Romney, "He is not going to make it... You can't trust him. I just saw it in his eyes. I judge a man by his eyes."

Asked by reporters why the question mattered so much to him, according to ABC News, Garon blurted out, "Because I'm gay, alright? And I happen to love a man just like you probably love your wife."

"I went and fought for my country and I think my spouse should be entitled to the same [benefits as they would] if I were married to a woman," said the veteran. "What the hell is the difference?"

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox







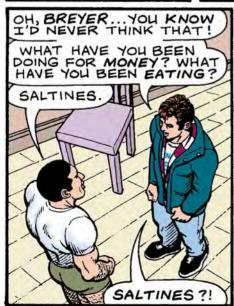
















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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake

Movies entertain us like no other art form. The silver screen continues to captivate us today just like it did back in the early 20th century. These stories on film also have giv-

en us many memorable quotes and I plan on using some of those quotes to inspire you to move forward with your New Year's resolutions.

Any resolution you make is bound to be difficult; otherwise you'd already have what you're trying to get. Make it challenging and understand it will be worth completing whatever you decide. "Fasten your seat belts. It's going to be a bumpy night" It might even be many bumpy nights depending on the goal time frame you set to complete it.

"You don't understand! I coulda had class. I coulda been a contender. I coulda been somebody, instead of a bum, which is what I am." Don't start feeling sorry for yourself and throw a pity party. Get off your arse and make those resolutions come true this year. You have no one to blame if you don't give 'er the old college try.

The harder you work, the luckier you'll get at realizing the resolutions you create. "You've got to ask yourself one question: Do I feel lucky? Well, do ya punk?" Your luck is what you make it to be.

Stay focused on what is important to you. "Mrs. Robinson, you're trying to seduce me. Aren't you?" There will be distractions along your journey to work toward your resolutions. Don't be led astray be those treacherous temptations. Keep looking ahead to the goal.

If you dream it, you can achieve it. Go on and make this the year of your ultimate resolution. Just be willing to work really hard to make it happen. "Carpe diem. Seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary!" Your name in lights on the marquee is already flickering; make it shine brightly!

It is certainly fine to readjust your means to attaining your resolution. You may just find that "you're going to need a bigger boat." Find that vessel that will help you navigate that sea of unexpected sharks waiting to gobble up your dreams. Always keep floating and keep your head above water.

Look to others who have had success with resolutions similar to yours. "I'll have what she's having." If it worked for her, it just could work for you. Jot down the secrets of her success and make 'em vour own.

Find some good friends to cheer you on to reaching your resolution. "A boy's best friend is his mother." If the maternal thing doesn't work for you then go lassoe some supporters for your cause. You're gonna have some tough moments on your resolution journey and your booster club will be very helpful.

"Round up the usual suspects." They can be found lurking at every street corner and they go by names like apathetic, indifferent, unambitious, lackadaisical, and complacent. They want to steal your resolutions and leave you defeated. Be wary and stand your ground against these purveyors of perhaps.

Get your list of resolutions ready and make it a great 2012! This is your year to exclaim," I'm king of the world! This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who has all the wide-eved optimism of the Baby New Year. That guy of hope is Ron Blake and he can be sent a toast to rblake5551@hotmail.com.



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