



Resolution Opposing Prop. 8 Introduced in California Legislature

Members of California's senate and assembly introduced a resolution Tuesday, the second day of the 2009-2010 session, opposing the passage of Proposition 8. With the resolution, sponsors Sen. Mark Leno and Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, both San Francisco Democrats, suggest that Proposition 8 represents an improper revision of the state constitution. They maintain that both houses of the California legislature must approve any proposed revision to the constitution by a two-thirds vote before it can even go on the ballot, which was not the case with Prop. 8.

The California supreme court is slated to hear arguments for and against the proposition in March 2009. The National Center for Lesbian Rights, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Lambda Legal filed suit November 5 challenging the validity of the marriage ban. The suit was filed even before Equality California, the official group that organized to defeat Prop. 8, had conceded defeat.

The court has repealed only two ballot measures in its history, a 1966 law that would have allowed racial discrimination in housing, and an anti-immigration proposition passed in 1994, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The resolution is a public decree, showing that the state legislature takes an official stance on an issue, and not actual legislation. While the document has no law-binding power, it is likely to be directed to the supreme court as it make its decision next spring. (Michelle Garcia, The Advocate)

Obama Pledges to Expand Domestic AIDS Plan

President-elect Barack Obama said Monday he would continue outgoing President Bush's international HIV/AIDS strategy and expand domestic efforts to fight the virus.

"We must also recommit ourselves to addressing the AIDS crisis here in the United States, with a strong national strategy of education, prevention, and treatment, focusing on those communities at greatest risk," Obama said in a video address to the Saddleback Civil Forum on Global Health. "This strategy must

be based on the best available science, and built on the foundation of a strong health care system."

The Obama administration plans to implement national strategies to decrease the rate of HIV transmission, including establishing a universal health care system, targeting minority communities, and supporting the Ryan White CARE Act. The plan also calls for comprehensive, age-appropriate sexual education, in contrast to Bush policies that withdrew funding from organizations that did not teach abstinence-only education.

Globally, Obama said the federal government will provide at least \$50 billion by 2013 to fight AIDS around the world, at least doubling the number of people who are treated for the virus. He also promised to push for distribution of less-expensive generic drugs and invest in other nations' infrastructure problems that increase the rate of transmission like water conditions, and debt reduction.

Obama said, however, that the battle against the epidemic could not be fought simply with more funding or with government intervention. "We must do our part," he said. "This year's slogan, 'Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise' is a timely one. In the Apostle Paul's message to the Corinthians, he asked, 'If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will go to battle?'" (Michelle Garcia, Advocate.com)

WANNA BE SMOKE FREE?

There is an epidemic sweeping the LGBT Community. Not AIDS, not Hepatitis, but something that is just as deadly. The epidemic is use of tobacco. Unlike AIDS or Hepatitis, this epidemic is kept going by massive marketing efforts by the tobacco industry. As tobacco use among other groups declines the tobacco industry is shifting their marketing to target the LGBT community and teenagers. Both are groups where tobacco use is either on the rise or at least holding steady. And the effects on the health of these groups is devastating.

The Creighton Cardiac Center will join with MCC to host a brief seminar on the prevalence of tobacco use in the LGBT community. This seminar will be presented by Shannon Murray, CSW, MSW on Sunday, December 14 at 12:30 pm in the MCC social hall at 819 South 22 Street. A light lunch will be provided. Information will also be available on the "Commit to Quit" program for tobacco cessation, a proven way to successfully stop using tobacco products.

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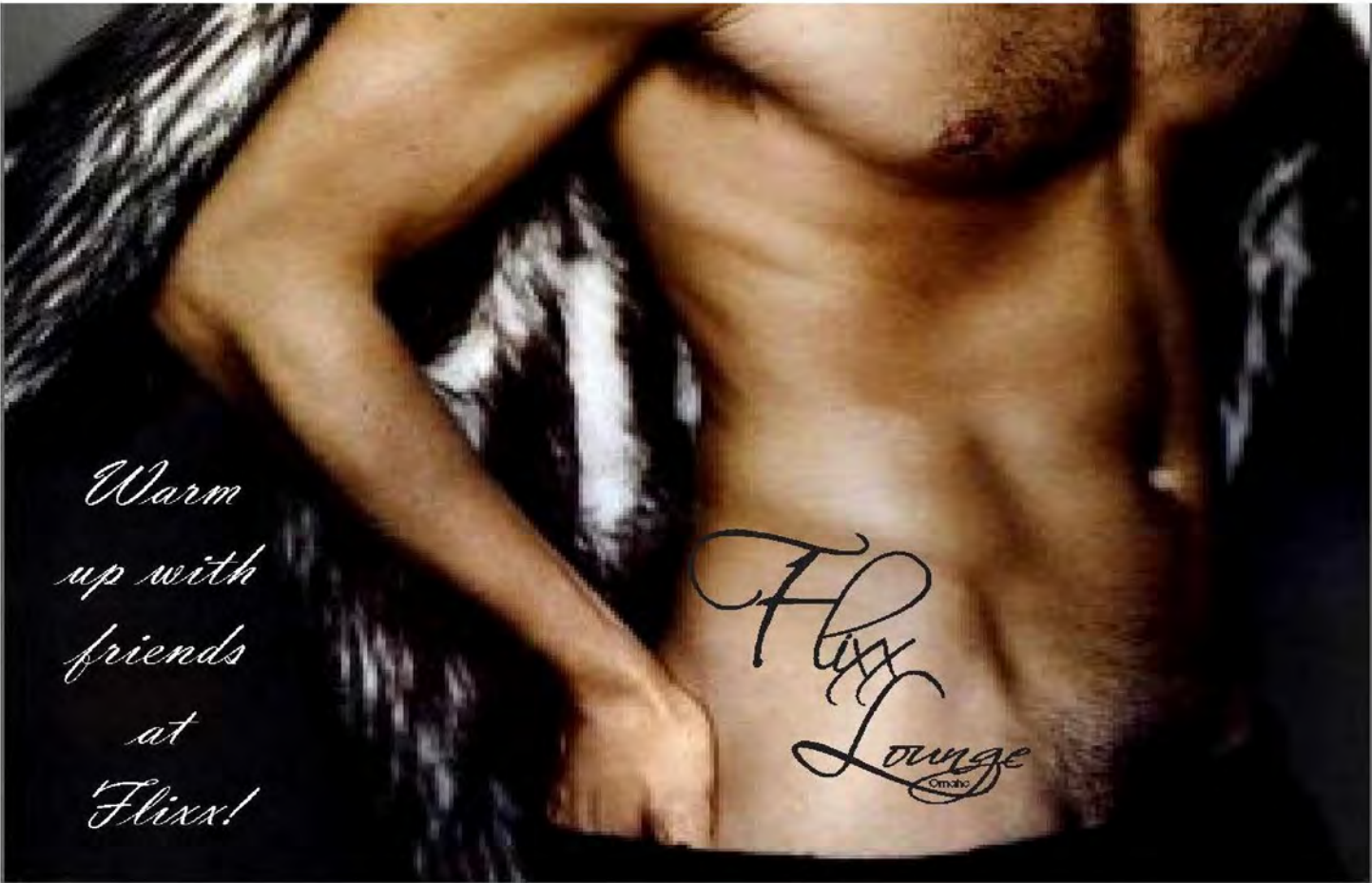


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(Wanna be Smoke Free?, Continued from page 1)

Celebrate Winter Solstice with MCC

December 21 marks the Winter Solstice – the longest night of the year and the day when the earth begins its long journey to Spring and Summer. The Solstice has been celebrated by the most ancient religions and the celebration continues to modern day.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will hold a special Prayer Service that will celebrate God's promise that spring will come again and that seedtime and harvest will not pass away. The service will honor other ancient celebrations including the Jewish festival of Hanukkah when God miraculously keep the temple lights burning for 8 days.

We invite you to join MCC in marking the Solstice and rejoicing in the light of God's love. This service will be held at 6pm on Sunday, December 21 at MCC, 819 South 22 Street.

2009 Heartland Regional Rodeo News

Join us for our next meeting and hear our exciting plans for the 2009 Heartland Regional Rodeo. We will be meeting in the basement of DC's Saloon, at the corner of Jackson & 14th, on Sunday December 7th at 2:30 pm.

The rodeo will be held at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds, as usual. And it will be the last weekend in June, the 26th-28th. We are planning lots of fun activities around rodeo time, starting with the Pride celebrations the week before rodeo.

MISS HGRA 2009 PRESENTS JAZMINE'S CHRISTMAS SHOW

I have chosen the Metropolitan Community Church, Food Pantry, as my charity for 2009. So...I am starting out my reign with a bang right away. We will be performing at the church on FRIDAY DEC. 19TH starting at 7:00 PM. There will be a \$2.00 DONATION at the door and of course...all tips will be split 50/50 between M.C.C. and the 2009 Heartland Regional Rodeo.

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Diane's Story



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"My partner and I had been together for 14 years when I received the worst phone call of my life. There had been a terrible accident, and she was being flown to the hospital by helicopter. The hospital staff wanted to know how to get in touch with her next of kin. Mine was the only phone number they could find in her wallet. I gave them her parents' phone number, got into the car and drove straight to the hospital.

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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(Jazmine's Christmas Show, Continued from page 4)

Jazmine also welcomes: "Miss DC's Saloon" Aphelia Butts; "Miss HGRA 2008" Trina Tabloid; "Mr. HGRA 2008" Pete Canfield, and "Miss HGRA 2008" Aretha Spanklin

Plus Many More!

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HGRA Updates

I hope everyone had a delicious and safe Thanksgiving.

Wanted to give everyone an update on what has happened over the last couple of months.

Dan Johnson, David Elliott, Kurt Ried and I attended the IGRA Convention in New Orleans over Halloween. HGRA had applied to bring all of Iowa back into our association. It was approved.

November 7th, Mr. HGRA, Pete Canfield, Miss HGRA, Trina Tabloid and Ms. HGRA, Tracey Foster did their step-down show. I would like to thank them for all their fundraising this year.

On November 8th, we held our royalty competition. Our new Miss HGRA for 2009 is Jazmine. We do not have a Mr., Ms., or MsTer for 2009. I'm hoping we can rely on our past royalty to help Jazmine with fundraising this coming year.

One of royalty's responsibilities is to raise money for a charity of their choice. Tracey, Ms. HGRA raised \$500 for the Rainbow Outreach Center. Mr. HGRA, Pete and Miss HGRA, Trina, raised \$500 each for the MCC Church. Checks have been presented to the recipients.

We held the Awards and Election dinner on November 15th. I want to thank Kurt Ried, Shelley Foster, Tracey Foster and Rhonda Heien for preparing the food. We had turkey with dressing, ham, roast, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, giblet and regular gravy and dinner rolls. We also had an array of deserts.

Awards presented at the dinner were All Around Cowgirl buckle to "Slick" and All Around Cowboy buckle to Roger P. Buckles were presented to Mr. HGRA, Pete and Ms. HGRA, Tracey for their fundraising throughout the year. Miss HGRA had the option of keeping her crown or getting a buckle, Trina elected to keep her crown.

At the dinner we convened our November general membership meeting, for the purpose of holding elections of our new Board. The new Board will take office on December 1st.

President – Charley Wade
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I want to thank the outgoing Board members; Tony Harris and Roger Peterson. I would also like to congratulate the new Board.

David Brady, Dan Johnson, Shelley Foster, Kurt Ried, David Elliott and I have been busy over the last 2-3 months making changes to our Bylaws and Standing Rules. There were conflicting rules and a lot of editorial changes.

One change I would like to make effective on December 7th at our next general membership meeting is renewing members will only have to pay \$25.00 for 2009 because renewing members won't need a new name badge or hat pin. New members will still have to pay \$30.00.

Rosie Live DOA

Liza Minnelli ending the opening number seated in host Rosie O'Donnell's lap and a much talked-about striptease from 30 Rock star Jane Krakowski couldn't help the one-

off Rosie Live limp across the finish line. The out lesbian's much-publicized variety show landed with a thud Wednesday night to dismal ratings.

Just 5 million people watched Rosie sing and interact with a slew of stars, including Clay Aiken, Ne-Yo, Gloria Estefan, and Alec Baldwin. NBC tested the show the night before Thanksgiving to see if fans of the outspoken O'Donnell were interested in the variety show format.

They weren't. After dismal reviews and lackluster ratings, O'Donnell announced herself in a blog that there wouldn't be a second show. She wrote: "there will b no moreno ratings⁽¹⁾bad reviews yet still - a thrill 4 me."

Whether it was O'Donnell or the format that kept audiences away remains to be seen. The Osbournes will test out the format next year with a similar special, scheduled to air on Fox. (The Advocate)

According to the U.S. Census Bureau:

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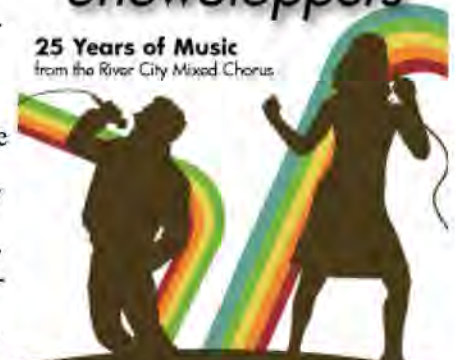
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The River City Mixed Chorus celebrates 25 years! Yes, that's right- 25 years of bringing great choral music to the Omaha/Council Bluffs area. We are one of the oldest GLBT choruses in the country and one of the very first GLBT mixed choruses created! Our concert season this year will look back at some of the very best pieces the chorus has performed over the years, along with music from the movies, and a salute to our "Silver" anniversary.

ShowStoppers

25 Years of Music
from the River City Mixed Chorus



**Saturday January 17th @ 7:05 pm
Sunday January 18th @ 4:05 pm**

On Saturday, January 17th and Sunday afternoon, January 18th, the River City Mixed Chorus will perform "Showstoppers" - some of the best music performed over the years including selections from the Phantom of the Opera, A Chorus Line, the hilarious and patriotic "Color out of Colorado", a soulful rendition of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, "We Shall Overcome", an original composition by our Music Director Mark Kurtz called "Making Our Way, Finding Our Groove", and many other show stopping numbers.

The concert will be held on the mainstage of the Lied Education Center at Creighton University. Tickets can be purchased online at www.RCMC.org.

Our Summer concert will be our "Silver" Concert- celebrating 25 years of creating beautiful and thought provoking choral music with inspiration from the Silver Screen and more. "Silver!" will be held at the Strauss Performing Arts Center at UNO on Saturday, June 13th and Sunday afternoon, June 14th.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY FORUM ON DEC. 15

The monthly CBCA meeting will be 6:30PM to 8:00PM December 15, 2008, at GLBT-friendly St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 22 Dillman Drive in Council Bluffs. That is a Monday and there will not be a potluck for this particular CBCA meeting. Instead the CBCA will be hosting a Marriage Equality Forum, presented by One Iowa. The oral arguments for the marriage equality case are to be presented six days earlier on December 9 in Des Moines. This forum on the 15th will be One Iowa updating us on the case. There will be attorneys from Lambda Legal (from Chicago) and the six couples who are part of the lawsuit. One Iowa will present important information on marriage equality that will be of great interest to all GLBT folks and their allies - from Omaha and Nebraska as well, so everyone is encouraged to attend. The event is free.

Bewitched, Bedazzled, Be Dancin'

-Join us for Night of a Thousand Stars 2008

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008

16th Annual Night of A Thousand Stars

**Saturday, December 1
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Holiday Inn Central
72nd & Grover Omaha**

Please Join Us!

Nebraska AIDS Project will host the 16th annual Night of a Thousand Stars gala Saturday, December 6 from 9 pm until 1am in the Palace Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Central, 72nd and Grover in Omaha. Proceeds from this black-tie optional event benefit Nebraska AIDS Project, which provides compassionate services to those living with HIV and AIDS, and free, confidential HIV testing to the community.

This year's theme--"Bewitched, Bedazzled and Be Dancin'" -- promises a festive evening filled with mystery, magic and glamour. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served throughout the evening, and entertainment will be provided by local band Session 7. This year there will be a drawing for two, complimentary roundtrip Southwest Airline tickets anywhere in the continental U.S. valued at \$700.

Tickets to the gala are \$40 and can be purchased online at www.nap.org or at the NAP office at 139 S. 40th Street. Tickets can also be purchased at the door with cash, check or credit card. Students who present a valid ID can save \$20 if they purchase tickets at the door the evening of the event. For more information call 402-552-9260.

As Nebraska's only community based AIDS service organization, our work is vital. All funds from this event will allow Nebraska AIDS Project to continue the vital work and life-saving support for the hundreds of men, women and children affected by HIV and AIDS in Nebraska, Southwest Iowa and Southeast Wyoming. Our deepest thanks to our 2008 Sponsors.

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Honorary 2008 Stars chairs are Susan Koenig and John Mixan. A lawyer for 27 years, Susan is also a professional certified life coach. Susan's commitment to NAP's work is inspired by the memory of her brother, Tim, who died of AIDS in 1994. Susan and her husband John have been hosting Night of a Thousand Stars pre-parties ever since. John presently works as a gentleman farmer tending John and Susan's 10-acre getaway in Crescent, Iowa, and works part-time as a Life Coach, specializing in supporting people in making lifestyle changes.

Locally, the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase:

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Kristine W. Plays the Max

By Michael Pryor

On Friday November, 28th international recording artist Kristine W performed a benefit concert at the Max. The concert was her gift to Nebraska Pride. All proceeds were donated to Pride. Miss Kristine started the evening with a meet and greet session in the upstairs bar. Hors d'oeuvres was provided by Chef's Dan and Corrie from Dixie Quiks.

The Meet and Greet session started at 7pm where, for \$25, fans could pose with Kristine for pictures and receive a free copy of her latest works. "Hey Mr. Christmas" released a week before the concert and Never released a few days before Thanksgiving. Both were available along w/ autographed glossy 8x10 photos. During a brief interview during the photo



op, Kristine said, The "Hey Mr. Christmas" CD was born out of a phone call from Borders Books, looking for a full album. Due to time and scheduling constraints Kristine instead, "went with an EP (extended play). Borders wanted something light and fun for the holidays to help lift people's spirits and an EP made more sense because in tough economic times they are less expensive than full albums." "...Plus we had to have something to meet production deadlines, and these songs really came together well" During the private time with Kristine people were surprised at her down to earth demeanor and friendly approachability. The meet and greet was followed by a local show starring Courtney DuMay, Aphelia Buttz, Empress Madeleine Feinstein, Dan Knobbe and more. Cupid performed with a spot on Don Johnson look from Miami Vice. During the show Kristine received an AIDS awareness pin and was inducted into the "Buttz family".

Kristine then performed on the main Disco floor of the Max. Her performance was again an hour of driving, riveting music. It wraps the crowd in her smoky, powerful vocals, and carried them along with driving beats. It's very hard to hold still and many danced along or waved hands on the floor while she performed. She performed some of her better known numbers such as the theme song to Queer as Folk, as well as the new numbers. At the end of her set Kristine was cheered loudly for an encore. Without complaint she then continued singing a capella for another 15 minutes. Major headliners like Cher or Madonna have never done this kind of encore without back-up. Kristine did without missing a beat or faltering on a note. The crowd roared when she finally finished.

In reviewing the Christmas CD the title track "Hey Ms. Christmas" is reminiscent of Ella Fitzgerald or Lena Horne. It's smoky and bluesy to an up pace tempo. Kristine's style incorporates the scat and runs of the former without dragging it out interminably. For those that are not jazz fans, it's jazzy enough to be jazz, without being overbearing, powered by disco beats. Miss W.'s take on "Oh Holy Night" is a fun, face, paced romp through a Christmas classic. It would be right at home in either a contemporary church service or with a dancing crowd at the Max this holiday season.



After the show Kristine W. stayed late and signed autographs for fans and posed for more pictures. She had agreed to do this show and receive half of the cover charges for the meet and greet session. She graciously donated her portion along with the free CD's given to fans upstairs that night. Stosh, an owner of the Max was present and commented on how much fun he had, "It reminds me of how much fun we have here on Fridays, the crowd really seems to like her." Several bartender and waiters were interviewed for the article but declined to be quoted. The consensus was that Kristine's show pulled in more business than usual, and that people were really happy with the added entertainment on a holiday weekend.

The Kristine W. holiday kick-off concert was a success. The crowd had fun, and Nebraska Pride had a successful fund raiser through it. The next event will be a Dixie Quiks breakfast scheduled for 12 midnight to 3am on December 27th. Chef's Dan and Corrie will cook at Dixie Quiks restaurant on 20th and Leavenworth. Stop by after the bars close or for a late night meal after work. Cover is only \$10 for all you can eat.



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

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

Every Wednesday

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

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 DC's

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 1:30pm to 4 pm by
appt. ONLY, 139 S. 40 St., same day re-
sults, call 402-552-9260 for info

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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

Every Friday

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7-9pm, DC's Saloon

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 Presby-
terian Church, 851 North 74th Street

CAN WE TALK SUPPORT GROUP

Open to everyone, every Friday 6:30pm to
8pm, MCCC, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

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 Leav-
enworth 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 TEST-
ING** 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marys
Ave.,** Same day results

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 location and information.

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 6PM.
Email at: gltbprofessionals@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 Lincoln 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 Leavenworth St.

2nd Wednesday

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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

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

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church,
6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLOWER OF HOPE Transgender Group, Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Omaha NE. from 6PM to 9:30PM

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.

Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET

**See, I have open space
Here for your
Event! Send it to me!**

Investment Tips for 2008

With all the turmoil in the market today and the collapse of Lehman Bros and Acquisition of Merrill Lynch by Bank of America this might be some good advice.

For all of you with any money left, be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks.

Watch for these consolidations in later this year:

1. Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W R. Grace Co. will merge and become Hale Mary Fuller Grace.
2. Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Crackers join forces and become: Poly Warner Cracker.
3. 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMM Good.
4. Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become ZipAudiDoDa .
5. FedEx is expected to join its competitor UPS and become FedUP.
6. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become Fairwell Honey-child.
7. Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become PouponPants.
8. Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become Knott NOW!
And finally...
9. Victoria 's Secret and Smith & Wesson will merge under the new name Titty Titty Bang Bang

OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

KENT SKI BINDING CORPORATE H.Q., DENVER, COLORADO...

I'M NOT SURE WHY THEY SENT YOU ALONG WITH ME ON THIS TRIP, LANCE.

I COULDA' HANDLED IT ON MY OWN.

NEW AD EXECS NEVER GO SOLO WHEN PITCHING A CLIENT, DAVE. BESIDES...

...YOU DON'T THINK I'M QUALIFIED TO DO THIS, DO YOU?

FRANKLY? NO.

YOU GOT LUCKY ON THE SNO-PLEX ACCOUNT...

...NOT TO MENTION, YOU WERE ABLE TO NAB A CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT FROM A FRIEND.

I NAILED THAT ACCOUNT BECAUSE I KNOW THE SKI INDUSTRY.

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THE ADVERTISING INDUSTRY.

LOOK AT HOW YOU'RE DRESSED. YOU SHOULD BE WEARING A SUIT AND TIE.

THE CLIENT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY IF YOU DRESS LIKE A SNOWBOARDER.

I DUNNO', LANCE... THE SKI INDUSTRY GETS SUSPICIOUS ABOUT CORPORATE TYPES.

PLEASE. YOU'RE WAY OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE HERE. THIS IS GOING TO BE EMBARRASSING.

SHORTLY... MR. KENT... I'M LANCE POWERS. AND THIS IS MY ASSOCIATE --

DAVE YAGER.

I SAW YOU RACE AT CRESTED BUTTE AGAINST BODE MILLER. YOU WERE ON FIRE.

WOW. THANKS.

I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR... UM... DISABILITY.

DON'T BE. I'M FIRING UP THE SKI INDUSTRY IN A NEW WAY NOW. YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN WHAT WE DID FOR SNO-PLEX SKIS.

WE CAN DO EVEN MORE FOR KENT SKI BINDINGS!

I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS!

BY THE WAY... NICE SWEATER!

THANK YOU. LANCE WAS JUST TELLING ME HOW MUCH HE LIKED IT, TOO. WEREN'T YOU, LANCE?

UH... RIGHT...

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 9am and 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

Northside Christian Church 5555 Larimore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contemporary service at 11:00am

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: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com

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

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

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

Prairie Bares, male 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

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 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>

Omaha GLBT Sports

Chris Orr

The Volleyball teams are now getting settled into the Westroads Club. Many people are now showing up to play an extra game if subs are needed. Players are also now putting on their knee pads to prevent burns when sliding across the floor. They are also wearing their elbow pads for when they dive for the ball. Some of the teams are also getting shirts arranged and personalized to add some extra fun.



Sunday November 23rd games were a little lopsided for scores. A couple teams played with four players a piece against a team of four to be evenly matched or a team of five or six players to play the game a little harder. One of the games was Flixx VS. Green. Green got off to a slow start on the first two sets in terms of getting points on the board. Once their servers got a good rally though and found a Flixx player to miss the ball, they started to pick up the points. Green had a couple of hits from the back row and even out of bounds to send it back over to keep it in play and not lose a point. Flixx though had an advantage with playing a bump, set, spike routine. Lots of the spikes didn't have much to it but the play confused the green team on where the ball was going. Flixx won this match all the way thru. No games were held on November 30th.

You can come enjoy a great night out with us on Sundays! Matches are played from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Westroads Club 1212 North 102nd Street. There is no admission fee to watch the games.

November 23rd		
Flixx 21 21 21	VS.	Green 10 18 12
Louie M's 2 15 10	VS.	Black 21 21 21
Yellow 15 13 21	VS.	Blue 21 21 18
Chixx 11 19 8	VS.	Brown 21 21 21

Community Announcements



Angela R. Kopp

KOPP-Angela R., age 28, Omaha. Survived by beloved partner, Michelle Holm; children, Angel, David and Parker; father, Larry Steele; brother, Sean Steele (Melinda); sister, Linda Maughan; best friend, Jenn Jones; god-child, Rachael Flores; mother, Fay M. Johnson; father of her children Angel and David, Eric Kopp; nieces and nephews: Ruby, Alex, Cody and Jasmine; other nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Did you know that you can see the entire *GAYZETTE* on our web site?

Go to:

www.rainbowoutreach.org

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

Purple 11 14 10
Dixie Quicks 13 21 22
Orange 21 21 21

VS.
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Red 21 21 21
White 21 9 20
Gray 17 11 17



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

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



Golf or Sex?

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. 'Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt,' the golfer mumbles to himself.

Just then, a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, 'Would you be willing to give up one-fourth of your sex life?'

Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer also feels that maybe this is a good omen so he says, 'Sure,' and he sinks the putt.

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, 'Gee, I sure would like to get an eagle on this one.'

The same stranger is at his side again and whispers, 'Would it be worth giving up another fourth of your sex life?'

Shrugging, the golfer replies, 'Okay.' And he makes an eagle. On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says, 'Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?'

'Definitely,' the golfer replies, and he makes the eagle. As the golfer is walking to the club house, the stranger walks alongside him and says, 'I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm the devil, and from this day forward you will have no sex life.'

'Nice to meet you,' the golfer replies, 'I'm Father O'Malley.'



Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake
Certified Personal Trainer



I woke up this morning and called my friend

to expound on this chimerical dream I had. Did you know there are more Dunkin Donuts back East than there are out West? I just found out that a good bra can cost up to \$50! I watched this really fascinating variety hour featuring Ellen DeGeneres the other day. Thanksgiving came late this year and I'll bet the retailers will be bellyaching about that. I never met a North Dakotan I didn't like! Gingerbread men and fruitcakes were popular gift ideas during Calvin Coolidge's era.

There is to be a scintillating waxing moon juxtaposed with two planets tomorrow night. Pat and Vanna have been on the air for sixty years if it's been a day. Someone actually did put peanut butter and jelly together for the first time and it must have been good or else. It is not easy trying to recall the 22nd letter of the alphabet when asked spontaneously. Gas prices have certainly taken a precipitous fall lately. I am buying the newest Batman movie that stars the late great Heath Ledger later this month.

The next holiday after New Year's is Martin Luther King Day. A dollar sure doesn't go as far as it used to! The dictionary can be somewhat dangerous in the hands of a few. I didn't turn on my air conditioning or my heater in November. I need to schedule a physical exam for my dog, cat, and pandelica soon. NASA wants to send people to the moon by 2020. I have never taken Tylenol for a paper cut. Who held the world's first mortgage? I usually forget most of the blackjack rules when I sit down in Vegas. My first car was an Escort and coincidentally my first boyfriend was an escort.

If it's too loud then you're too old! Jazz music got its start in New Orleans famed Storyville district circa 1897. Flash floods kill more people than any other weather phenomenon. Barack Obama will be America's 43rd white President and the 1st black President. I have never eaten goat cheese or ridden a bicycle on the Mogollan Rim during the spring equinox. Confucius was responsible for today's Golden Rule. What are the odds that two people would drop ice cream cones on my carpeting on two consecutive days? A squared plus B squared equals C squared.

I simply wrote about any and every thought that entered my mind and just went with what felt good at the moment in this week's column. Try sitting through 70 years of these kinds of digressions. Yet some people live their lives exactly like this blathering that I have presented to you in this week's column. They have no goals and so any road will get them where there are going. Nowhere! Get some fitness goals and make some plans to achieve those fitness goals. Otherwise you will be like those people at work that are constantly surfing the web. They have a lot of fun but they never really get anywhere!

This column is brought to you by me. That me is Ron Blake and I can get rather excited about emails sent to blake.fitness@yahoo.com

I Spy.....



I SPY.....

Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. Sometimes I'll be expressing views or giving a heads up on persons, places, or things that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons etc.).

The following is from an English Composition paper I wrote. This is part 2 of 3. Gay marriage benefits the family unit. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court addressed the best interest of children: "It cannot be rational under our laws, and indeed it is not permitted, to penalize children by depriving them of state benefits because the state disapproves of their parents' sexual orientation." Dmitry Chernikov said in an opinion column that "gays can't love, shouldn't get married." I would challenge him to tell the children of many same-sex couples that their two moms or two dads do not love them. Several GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) citizens have children but unfortunately are denied the right to raise them in a legal marriage.

Marriage is not denied to heterosexual couples without children or if they are sterile. Supporters of same-sex marriage argue that American children are placed in greater jeopardy if a state denies parents right to marry. A 2000 consensus reported that 160,000 same-sex households have one or more children. If same-sex couples can marry, then these children would have the same entitlements as children of heterosexual married couples. Many studies conclude that children born into or adopted by same-sex couples fare equally or even better than children

from single parent homes, foster care, orphanages, and broken heterosexual relationships. The children are mentally, financially, and physically healthier with two loving mature married adults, who happen to be the same gender, who raise them. The healthy rearing and caring for children demonstrate strong American values and provide an unmatched joy of responsible adulthood. The joy of raising children is a personal benefit that civil marriage rights provide.

All citizens should be allowed to exercise one's pursuit of happiness. The American Psychological Association insists that same-sex marriages are "in the interest of maintaining and promoting mental health." It also exclaims that "positive influences of a stable adult partnership and the health of all family members" come from same-sex marriage. People who are legally recognized and have equal rights in the state in which that individual or couple lives, often contributes back to their community for years. Why would a homosexual person or couple reside in a state that doesn't fully accept them? Homosexual individuals want to grow, prosper, and be part of Iowa like their heterosexual counterparts.

The brain drain is a mental health threat in addition to an economic threat to Iowa. Many GLBT college graduates flee the state not simply because their degree doesn't suit them well in Iowa, but also because their pursuit of happiness is often blocked by the government in their own home state. Iowa does not present a "field of opportunity" to a gay Iowa citizen.

The third and final part will be released in the next issue of the Gayzette. This paper has also been sent to Iowa legislators, other government officials, and the Iowa Supreme Court.

So any gripes, comments, or having me check something out? Email me at orrthumper83@yahoo.com

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Diamond Foundation Benefit
5pm Doors Open
6pm Celebrations &
Tree Lighting

SATURDAY DEC 6TH

1000 Stars Dinner & Show
Hosted by Crystal & Dan
6pm

SUNDAY DEC 7TH

Rainbow Celebrations
NE Pride 2009 Benefit
10pm

SUNDAY DEC 14TH

ICON's TOYZ4TOTZ
10pm

A black and white photograph of two people, a man and a woman, inside a large, clear Christmas ornament. The man on the left is holding a gift box. The woman on the right is holding a small Christmas tree. They are surrounded by pine needles and lights.

Mr Max Nic & Miss Max Holly Day

SATURDAY DEC 20TH

Teagan & Macy's
"PIMP YOUR HOHOHO"
6pm Doors Open
7pm Show

SUNDAY DEC 21ST

Miss Max Holly & Mr Max Nic's
"HOMO FOR THE HOLIDAYS"
Annual Christmas Show
10pm

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