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Hillary Clinton Spoke on Gay Rights

By: Crystal Browning-Prince

On December 6th in Geneva, Hillary said that "I want to live in the community." In her speech on LGBT human rights she commended the community stating that LGBT people are inspirational and courageous. She went on to say that the LGBT community is leading the way for human rights for everyone.

Hillary wants to live in a community where people are working together to receive the same rights as everyone else. In a community. people are taking great strides to end racism. religious persecution, and sexism.



She spoke to the masses say that human rights are gay rights. She went on to say that violence against the LGBT community is not cultural but criminal. She assures the people that they are not alone in the fight. She as well as the Obama Administration wants the advancement of gay rights.

While everyone knows that the advancements are a slow process and the Obama Administration is not perfect the commitment to such advances are on the rise. We shall see if her words are fundraising hype or the real deal.

Christians Fight for Their Children's God-Given Right to Bully Gay Kids

by Gloria Ryan

Despite the fact that there's scant evidence in the Bible that Jesus was an a**hole who commanded his followers to bully gay children to death, a group of American Christian parents seem to think Christ has called upon them to act like jerks. That's why they're actively working against the passage of anti-bullying laws at the state level they believe that by making repeated, ongoing cru-



elty illegal, lawmakers are interfering with their Jesus loving child's right to point out that homosexuality is wrong and bad and hell bound.

"Bullying children is wrong and bad" may sound like the most basic tenet of human decency, but if you ask conservative lobbying groups like Concerned Women for America and Focus on the Family, making it a crime to taunt someone until they kill themselves is akin to interfering with religious freedom. According to AlterNet's Katherine Stewart, conservative groups across the country have opposed various anti-bullying measures because they say outlawing bullying is akin to state endorsement of the homosexual lifestyle. You know, Madonna and glitter and butt sex and all-women's softball teams all that. The homosexual lifestyle.

In Michigan, lawmakers attempted to insert a provision into an anti-bullying bill that would have allowed bullying only on the grounds that it was being done based on a "sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction" (As in, "I sincerely and morally believe that Mandy has a nutsack" or "God told me I should write "FAG" on your locker?"). That effort was killed after national outcry against it, but in Tennessee, lawmakers are now attempting to make it legal for jerkhole kids to bully other kids based on their religious preference — or lack thereof. And in Washington. 70 education and civil rights groups have backed a

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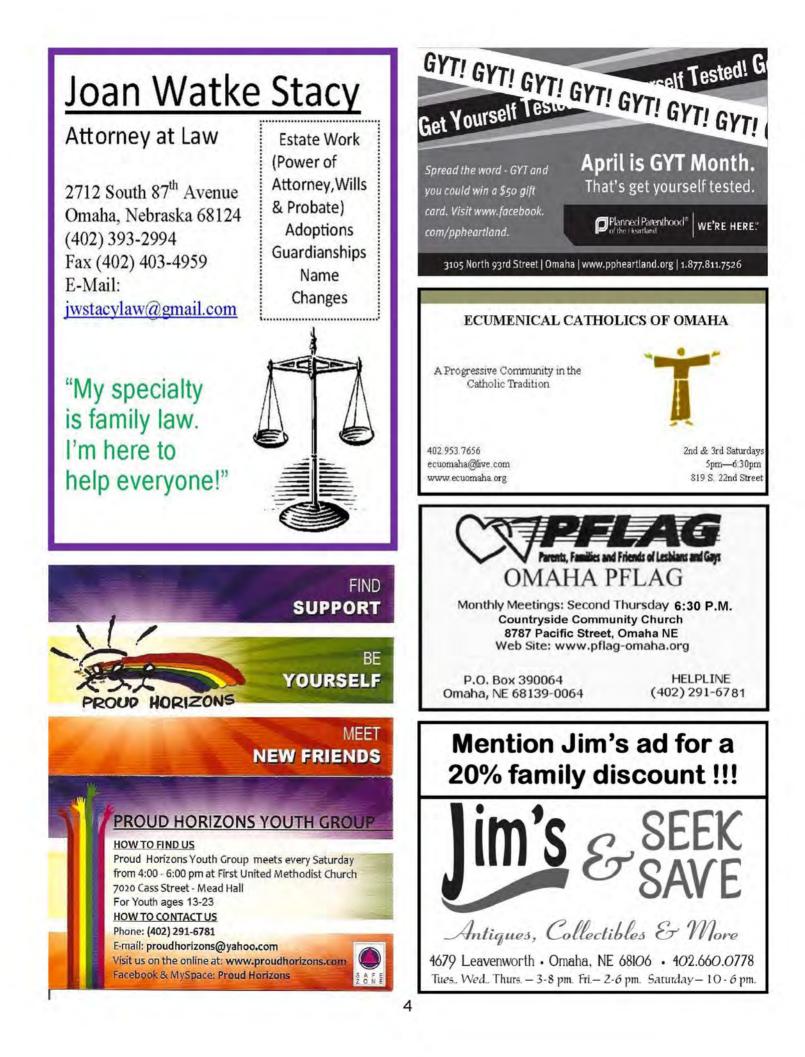
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measure that would make it illegal for sexual orientation or gender identity to be used as basis for student discrimination. Christian groups have claimed this law would contribute to the "homosexualization" of students, notes Stewart.

I hate to break it to Christian groups, but if your kid's straightness is so flimsy that it depends on his ability to punch the kids who can't throw a spiral pass in gym class, your kid is probably going to start secretly dating an older man named Bruce or Lance once he gets to college. Rejecting anti-bullying laws is akin to codifying repression and shame. And that's a pretty crappy way to live.

Further, anyone who has dabbled in Christianity or spent their childhood Sunday mornings learning the lessons of Jesus that friendly bearded 2,000-year-old Israeli peace-loving hippie — knows that if there's anything Jesus thought was A-OK, it was loving people and treating them with dignity and respect. Now I'm no Biblical scholar, but I don't recall getting to that part in the Gospels where Jesus went around shoving gay children into garbage cans while the 12 disciples laughed and laughed, or the part where Jesus set up a fake Facebook account so he could tell the effeminate boy from homeroom that he should consider slitting his wrists. Thus it's this anti-antibullying backlash is a bit confusing for me, an ex-Christian who has nothing personally against Jesus. If I'd known that Jesus was a bully, I'd have jumped ship long ago.

Donations Needed for MCC-Omaha Yard Sale

If anyone has any items that they want to donate for the yard sale on May 18-19, you can start bringing them to the church on April 22nd. There wil be a POD unit for storing all the items for sale. The POD will be open on Thursdays and Sundays for donations. The hours for drop off will be Thursday 12 noon - 5pm and on Sundays from 830am - 230pm.

All items will be accepted. Furniture, antiques, tools, knick knacks, pictures, anything of value. If anyone has any questions they can contact Kevin Marik at 402 658-8494 or email

bigred1997@hotmail.com or Jim Welsh at 402 618-4465.

The yard sale will be May 18-19 from 7am - 5pm both days. The sale will be held in the church yard. Volunteers will be needed to help set up on May 17th beginning at 12 noon. and also on Friday morning and Saturday morning to help with the sale, starting at 6am.

All proceeds will benefit the general ministries of the church.

Nancy Pelosi Supports 2012 Democratic Party Platform Including Marriage Equality

by Chris Geidner

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) supports the 2012 Democratic Party platform including, for the first time, language in full support of marriage equality, her spokesman told Metro Weekly.

The former House speaker's support for the move comes in response to Freedom to Marry's announcement that it was launching a campaign to ask the Democrats, as the group put it, to "Say I Do" to including such a marriage equality plank in the party's platform.

The platform, a detailed statement of the party's positions that will be finalized at the Democratic National Convention this September, has never included language in support of the right of same-sex couples to marry. And the leader of the party, President Obama, opposed marriage equality in the 2008 campaign. He said in December 2010 that his position on marriage equality was "evolving" but that he still "struggle[s]" with it. His press secretary.



Jay Carney, said this past week of Obama's position, "You know his position, where it stands now, on the issue of samesex marriage, so I really don't have much to add on that."

Freedom to Marry's proposed platform plank would aggressively support marriage equality. The Human Rights Campaign, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and National Stonewall Democrats all support the inclusion of a marriage equality plank, with leaders of NGLTF and Stonewall Democrats endorsing the specific Freedom to Marry language.

The proposed plank states: "We support the full inclusion of all families in the life of our nation, with equal respect, responsi-

ED ARPE SATURDAY, MAY 19 7:00 to 11:00PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CARY HALL-7020 CASS STREET

> TOM MAHONY PRIDE PROM

Street, Omaha, Nebraska. It's the eighth annual prom for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth and their straight allies ages 13-23.

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

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

We take pride in having this wonderful event. Each year the community has supported the Pride Prom and organizers once again are asking for support. If you would like to help keep this wonderful tradition going, please consider making a financial contribution. Donations may be sent to Proud Horizons, P.O. Box 390064, Omaha, NE 68139-0064. Please make checks payable to Proud Horizons.

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

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

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

Support the 2012 Tom Mahony Pride Prom!

This year's Tom Mahony Pride Prom is fast approaching. Every year the prom gains popularity and attendance has continually grown. Attendance over the last few years has been 300 youth or more. Prom organizers are hopeful that this year's turnout will continue that wonderful trend.

The Pride Prom will be held Saturday, May 19, from 7-11 p.m. in Cary Hall at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

prom plans.

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

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bilities, and protections under the law, including the freedom to marry. Government has no business putting barriers in the path of people seeking to care for their family members, particularly in challenging economic times. We support the Respect for Marriage Act and the overturning of the federal so-called Defense of Marriage Act, and oppose discriminatory constitutional amendments and other attempts to deny the freedom to marry to loving and committed same-sex couples."

Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill tells Metro Weekly, "Leader Pelosi supports this language."

Obama currently supports much of the Freedom to Marry plank language -- outside of the marriage equality language itself. He has endorsed the Respect for Marriage Act, which would repeal DOMA, and opposes "divisive and discriminatory efforts to deny rights and benefits to same-sex couples." After several requests by Metro Weekly, however, the Obama campaign is yet to provide specific comment on the proposed platform language.

Freedom to Marry president Evan Wolfson was happy to have Pelosi backing the proposed language.

"Freedom to Marry is proud to have Leader Pelosi joining our call to put the Democratic Party squarely on record in support of the freedom to marry as part of the national platform. A wide majority of Democrats and Independents support the freedom to marry, and standing up for all families is not just the right thing to do, it's the right to do politically," Wolfson writes to Metro Weekly. "I hope more people will quickly join Leader Pelosi by signing Freedom to Marry's 'Democrats: Say I Do' petition so together we can get the party, and the country, where the majority of Americans already are."

Among other prominent Democratic supporters of marriage equality is Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.), who Obama chose in 2011 to serve as the chair of the Democratic National Committee.

The change to the Democratic Party platform would be a significant advancement for marriage equality advocates.

In 2008, the platform stated that the party "oppose[d] the Defense of Marriage Act and that it "supported ... equal responsibilities, benefits and protections." It took no position on marriage equality. In 2004, the platform opposed the Federal Marriage Amendment backed by then-President George W. Bush but, as to marriage equality, stated that "marriage has been defined at the state level for 200 years, and we believe it should continue to be defined there."

The Republican Party platform, by comparison, stated in 2008: "Because our children's future is best preserved within the traditional understanding of marriage, we call for a constitutional amendment that fully protects marriage as a union of a man and a woman, so that judges cannot make other arrangements equivalent to it. In the absence of a national amendment, we support the right of the people of the various states to affirm traditional marriage through state initiatives." It also stated that DOMA was enacted by a Republican Congress and called Democratic efforts to repeal DOMA "unbelievabl[e]." have won any of the primary contests -- former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (Ga.) -- all oppose marriage equality and support a Federal Marriage Amendment to make marriages between same-sex couples unconstitutional. Such an amendment failed to secure even 50 of the necessary 60 votes for cloture when it was voted on in 2006. The measure would need a two-thirds vote approving the amendment itself from both chambers before being sent to the states for ratification.

Gay Real Estate What is a Short Sale?

Plummeting real estate values in recent months across the country have homeowners everywhere feeling anxious these days, some are in a position in which they want or need to sell, while others may be in danger of losing their homes.

One viable option as opposed to waiting indefinitely to sell, or possibly facing foreclosure, is to go through the process of a short sale.

A short sale procedure can be used to sell a home when it's value has dropped well below what the owners owe on it. Put more simply, in order for homeowners to consider the process of short selling, their home's value must be lower than whatever they owe on their mortgage. In order for a short sale to happen, a mortgage lender must agree to reduce any outstanding debt so that a home may be priced to sell as close to its assessed value as possible.

There are several consequences involved when it comes to short selling a home;

- Even though going the short sale route allows home owners to pay off outstanding mortgage debt, one con sequence is that they will also walk away with nothing to show for investment made in the property.
 - Money that was paid as a down payment or toward home improvements will be lost. A short sale allows homeowners to wipe their mortgage debt clean, but it also wipes away any chance of recovering money that was put into the home.

Another downfall to short selling is that the process will affect a person's credit. Some people mistakenly believe that a short sale will prevent negative marks from showing up on their credit report. This is a false hood. Although a short sale is not as detrimental to a person's credit as a foreclosure, it will show up on a credit report. Buying another home in the future will be possible, but the process may be more difficult.

Finally, there is a chance that the lender may file a 1099-C with the government reporting a debt cancellation. This can subsequently lead to the home owner owing taxes on any amount forgiven.

Opting to short sell is a great way for homeowners to avoid the long and unrealistic process of trying to sell a home for more than it's worth or, even worse, of going through foreclosure.

Of the three candidates seeking the Republican nomination to

Competition, Cooperation and Compromise

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

Have you ever noticed how much competition there is in same sex couples? It's just beneath the surface, and something I see a lot in counseling gay and lesbian couples.



It seems easier for opposite sex couples to

not compete. Perhaps it's because they look at their partner and the person across the dinner table looks so different from them that they don't feel what I call, that "testosterone grunt", and while it appears stronger in gay couples, it also appears quite often in lesbian couples.

It is usually not a conscious choice, but more like your unconscious is thinking something like : "Oh yeah, you think you can make more money than me?" or "Oh really, you think you do (fill in the blank) better than I do? Watch this."

Why do we compete anyway? What drives us? What is the essence of competition and is it stronger in same-sex couples?

I love this definition of competition: "a rivalry between two or more persons for an object desired in common, usually resulting in a victor and a loser but not necessarily involving the destruction of the latter".

Isn't that great? Not necessarily involving the destruction of the "loser". And yet, in our relationships, where does competition take us?

Must there be a winner and a loser? Is that endemic to competition? In a relationship, what does the loser usually do? In my experience counseling couples, the loser usually exacts some sort of revenge on his/her partner, often through passive aggressive means. "Oh, you got away with ------, well, I'm gonna get you back, just you wait." I see this over-and-over with couples, and no one wants to talk about it because then the gig is up.

And what about the "winner" of the competition? Today's winner is inevitably tomorrow's loser. It may feel good to win, but, if you love your partner, don't you feel bad when they lose? And, in reality, don't you lose too? If both people in the couple don't "win", then the situation is destructive. Winners only get the booby prize: the real prize is when two people work together to find a solution to a problem that they can both live with. It may not be perfect; it may be a major compromise for both parties, but no one "loses" and no one "wins"...both people in the couple are in the same boat: "I gave a little; you gave a little and we both got most of what we wanted."

Competition – whether in a romance or friendship – doesn't lead to happy endings. What else is there? How about coopera-

tion and compromise? Cooperation is about working together to the same end. Compromise is a settlement of differences by mutual concessions.

Some clients tell me that compromise is for cowards and cooperation is for new age types who are afraid to take a stand. That point of view is so 20th century. Modern organizations and modern life aren't set up for competition without cooperation and compromise. Even the most cut-throat businesses cannot survive purely on competition: everyone would burn out and only one person would ultimately "win". There's nothing wrong with a little friendly competition, but when it becomes your main way of getting through life, you're gonna leave an awful lot of unhappy people in your wake.

In relationships - friendships or romance - cooperation and compromise are the building blocks to long-term mutual happiness. Think of the relationships in your life that have stood the test of time and made it through arguments, hurt feelings and anger. There's no way you can make it through the hard stuff if competition is your main coping strategy. In any good, ongoing relationship, both people are bound to piss each other off. It's part of life; no avoiding it. Given that, how to navigate those rough waters?

Competition, like high calorie deserts. isn't a bad thing. In moderation, it gives life a little "pow!" And it's a funny thing about the word "competition". The root of the word is from the Latin competītion, the past participle of competere, which means: to meet, to come together. And that, dear readers, is what good relationships are all about.



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However, the process does not come without its own set of consequences that homeowners need to be aware of before considering this procedure.

The real estate agents at www.GayRealEstate.com and www.LesbianRealEstate.com are well versed in assisting sellers with analyzing their options for selling, including a possible short sale. Choose an agent online today or call GayRealEstate.com Toll Free at 1.888.420.MOVE (6683).

Gay Iowa Teen Takes Own Life After Bullying

By Julie Bolcer

Kenneth Weishuhn, a high school freshman in Paullina, Iowa, took his own life Saturday after being bullied by classmates at school and online, and with death threats by phone.

KTIV reports on the death of Weishuhn, who was 14 and attended South O'Brien High School in O'Brien County, His sister Kayla said that friends at the school "turned on him" after he told them he was gay last month, and boys in her sophomore class started the bullying.

"She says they took their teases online, to websites like Facebook, creating a hate group against gays and adding Kenneth's friends as members," according to KTIV. "However, it was only the beginning, family say he started receiving death threats from South O'Brien students on his phone."

Kenneth's mother Jeannie said he "blew off" the phone calls when she asked about them, so she thought things were ok. She said that the high school students were given a warning, but she never heard from the school.

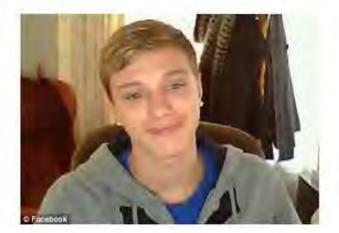
KTIV reports that the school has opened an investigation.



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

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday <u>WORSHIP SERVICES:</u> <u>AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,</u> ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT

friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com **DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse casual downstairs at 9am Traditional

house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN_3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS 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

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

<u>RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE,</u> 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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday <u>A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"</u> Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

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

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

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

Every Tuesday <u>HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE</u>, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at <u>aander-</u> <u>son@hastings.edu</u> 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 (402-804-8720)

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

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

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

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

Every Friday

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

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

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

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

Every Other Friday

CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at Barley's, 114 West Broadway in CB) starting at 5:00-7:00pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm

at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Pride Planning Meeting- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org. or find us on Face-

fo@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

1st Thursday

<u>GLBT PROFESSIONALS</u>, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: <u>GOg-</u><u>lbt@cfep-ne.org</u> or see <u>www.GOglbt.org</u> for

info

1st Friday FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm.

Musicians, poets, open mic. First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday

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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

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

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm -6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition. Meets in the MCC sanctuary Phone: 402.953.7656 Email: ecuomaha@live.com www.ecuomaha.org Web:

3rd Monday

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

3rd Wednesday

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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.

Dead Easter Bunny

A man was blissfully driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the Bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit.

The basket of eggs went flying all over the place. Candy, too.

The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the Bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful Bunny was dead.

The driver felt guilty and began to cry.

A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over.

She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explained, "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed it. There may not be an Easter for the children because me. What should I do? "

The woman told the man not to worry. She knew exactly what to do.

She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead Bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal.

Miraculously the Easter Bunny came to back life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road.

Fifty yards away the Easter Bunny stopped. turned around, waved and hopped on down the road. Then in another 50 yards, he turned. waved hopped and did it again in another 50 vards!

The man was astonished. He couldn't figure out what could possibly be in that woman's spray can.

He said to the woman. "What in heaven's name is in your spray can? What was it that you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?"

The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label.

It said: "Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave."

My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny but she couldn't have been right because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of something called PETA.

He said they love animals very much. I do too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. 1 told him what happened and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest but my teacher doesn't like it when 1 am

Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most. I told her "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now ...

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, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/www.diamond-foundation.org
- Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856
- First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming
- First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org
- First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039,

www.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, 712 225 0117 bit //

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 Www.heartlandpride.org, email: in-

fo@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org Inclusive Life

402-575-7006 <u>www.inclusivelife.org</u> Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings,

Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care. Learning to Exchange Power, no current

- info available Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not
- currently meeting
- LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of

Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 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.oglbtsports.com 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.reme.org

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH,

- 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation
- SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive
- TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center
- Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

- LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director,
- http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652
- http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality
- Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info
- GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln

- 402/472-2597.
- Nebraska AIDS Project, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: http:// ptlagcornhusker.org/
- Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openess, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln

info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094 TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-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, <u>www.councilbluffspride.org</u> 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

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Door 19, 1901 Leavenworth	402-933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	402-344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadw	ay 402-346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St.	402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	402-449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,	
1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330	

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Romney Proclaimed Boston "Rainbow City" Then Took It Back

As governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney nearly killed the "The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth" after it used his name in connection with a Pride event.



By Lucas Grindley

As governor, Mitt Romney's administration once proclaimed that it would "transform Boston Common into 'Rainbow City," according to a 2006 news release dug up by BuzzFeed.

The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth made the promise as part of its Youth Pride celebration in March 2006. But that doesn't necessarily mean Romney supported the idea.

Although Romney's name is featured at the very top of the announcement's official-looking letterhead, he actually tried to scrap the whole thing, BuzzFeed reports.

"Rainbow City" was the theme for the 2006 festival, which included a parade, a drag king host, awards for young people who inspired the LGBT community, and performances of songs from The Wizard of Oz by the Boston Women's Rainbow Chorus.

But BuzzFeed points out that Romney tried to abolish the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, which had long preceded his tenure. The governor was reportedly angry that his name was being used in connection with the event.

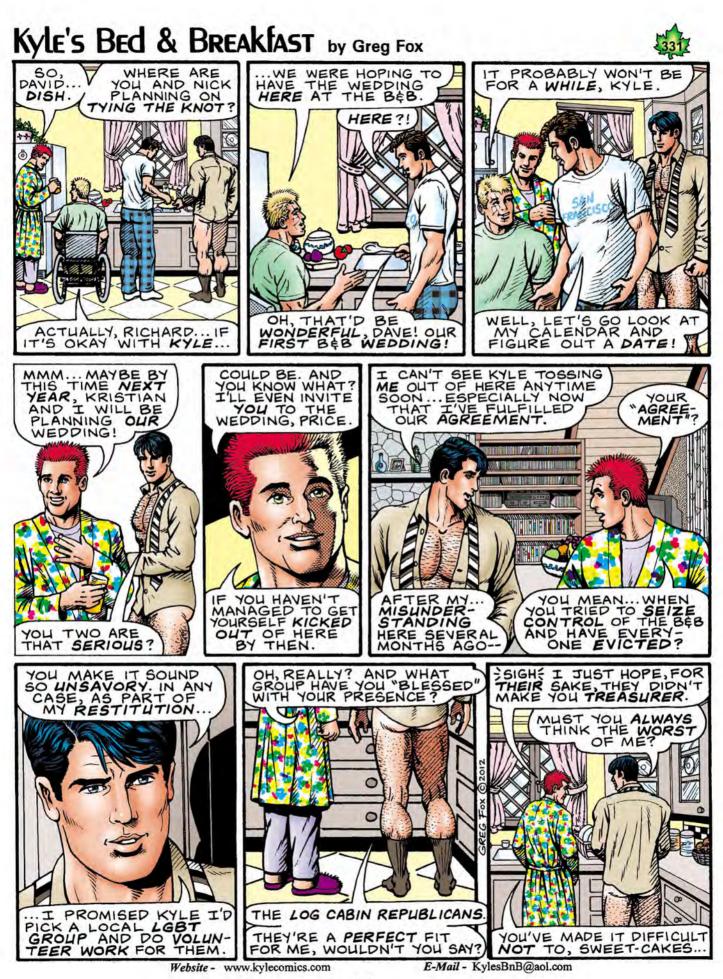
Announcements in 2003 and 2004 of Youth Pride, headlined dramatically as "A Proclamation By His Excellency Governor Mitt Romney," sounded very positive for LGBT youth.

"Whereas gay youth and their straight supporters are joining together" and "whereas young people, particularly gays and lesbians, are at a high risk for suicide, abuse of drugs and alcohol and running away from home," plus a few more "whereas" classes, therefore Romney would declare one day in May as Youth Pride Day.

A Romney spokesman told the Boston Globe at the time that Romney considered abolishing the LGBT-focused commission and replacing it with one for all youth but decided that would be "too harsh." Instead he required that taxpayer money stop being spent on "parades and parties."

Antigay activist Brian Camenker, now of MassResistance, had met with the governor's staff to complain about photos from past parades, according to the Globe.

"They had boys in fishnet stockings and high heels parading down Boylston Street," Camenker said, according to the Globe, that he informed Romney's staff. "They had boys dressed as women embracing. We presented stuff, and they were visibly sickened by what they saw. I said, basically, this group has to go. It's so manifestly destructive to kids that you have to get rid of it. They said they'd do something."



Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Get the summer soundtrack revved up! It's beginning to look a lot like sun and fun. That also means your skin is going to get bombarded with those death rays from that big

yellow ball of fire in the sky. That might be a little drag queen dramatic, but you still want to take some precautions from the sun and its adverse effects upon your skin.

The skin is the biggest organ in the body and it handles the duties of a thousand worker bees. It protects our internal organs, rebuffs the advances of bacteria, staves off dehydration, and regulates body temperature. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer and it should not be surprising given that we are a culture that loves tanning. Almost half of all cancers from sea to shining sea are a form of skin cancer. Most people treat their blue suede shoes and their leather bombers with more affection than their body covering.

There are two main types of skin cancer. The nonmelanoma type comprises one form and the melanoma type comprises the other. The overwhelming majority is the nonmelanoma kind and this skin cancer is usually survivable. It's the melanoma form that should send goose bumps scattering around your body. It can be curable but it needs to be detected early. The majority of deaths associated with skin cancer are the result of this evil step sister.

Knowing is half the battle. There are risk factors and you need to take note. You have unprotected or excessive sun exposure and you're at risk. You have a fair complexion and you're at risk. You have a family history of skin cancer and you're at risk. You had severe sunburns as a child and you're at risk. You have several of these risk factors on your progress report and it's likely that warning bells and air sirens will begin sounding.

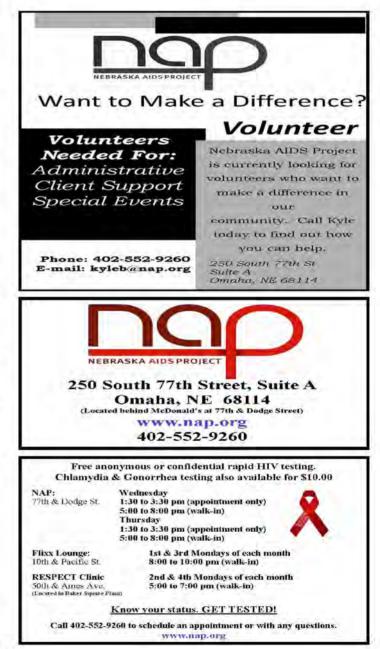
It is wise to examine your skin frequently for any signs of trouble. The American Cancer Society suggests following the ABCD rule. (A) Asymmetry: Look for two sides of a mole or pigment that do not match. (B) Border Irregularity: Examine for any indentions in the borders of a lesion. (C) Color: Look for different colors in spots such as blacks, browns, tans, and even blues and reds. (D) Diameter: If the diameter of the spot is bigger than the diameter of the eraser end of a pencil then the time is right to ring your dermatologist.

Now comes all the prevention advice that takes all the fun out of life. There's always a Debbie Downer in the crowd and I'll gladly play her part today. Feel free to ignore all of it. My nihilist friends out there know it's just not going to matter anyway. My pretty little Pollyanna's out there know that Glenda the Good Witch would never let something like that happen to them. You other folks should probably jot down the notes I'm going to place upon the chalkboard.

Here they are: Avoid the sun between 10am and 4pm. Slather on the sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater. Use waterproof lotion if you plan on engaging in water sports (not that kind of water sports you sicko). Wear a hat. Wear sunglasses. Wear a shirt and leave something for the imagination. Seek out the shade. Be wary even on cloudy days; those UV rays are still skulking about and fond of making you their quintessential quarry.

That concludes today's lesson in Skin Protection 101. Let's put it to use on a field trip. Grab your board shorts, the beach ball, and the cooler and let's load up the convertible. And don't forget the Hawaiian Tropic SPF 30. It's gonna be a great day with plenty of sun...and you'll be ready for the fun!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy with tan hopes and pale skin. That guy slathered in lotion is Ron Blake and he can be found glistening at myblakefitness.com.



FRIDAY, 20TH - 6PM Zumba Thon for Nebraska AIDS Project Testing from 6-8, Zumba from 7:30-9

SATURDAY, 21ST - 7PM "And So It Goes" Presented by Susie Brenner

SUNDAY, 22ND - 10PM "April Showers Bring Gay Flowers" Presented by Mr. Gay Omaha

SATURDAY, 28TH - 5:30PM Spirits of the Opera

> SUNDAY, 29TH - 9PM "Closet Ball" Presented by ICON



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