

# The GayZette



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## Rainbow Flag Burning Investigation Continues

By Julie Bolcer

The police investigation continues into the burned gay pride flag left outside the LGBT Community Center in New York City early Wednesday morning.



According to DNAinfo, the center's surveillance cameras captured an image of the perpetrator, but they await police permission to release it over fear of compromising the investigation, which is being handled by NYPD's hate-crimes unit. The incident happened at 12:30 A.M.

Center spokesman Jeffrey Klein said the flag "didn't belong to the center and must have been carried there by the perpetrator. He said the flag was discovered around 8 A.M. Wednesday, taped to a poster announcing upcoming events at the center. Police responded immediately, Klein said," according to DNAinfo.

In a joint statement Thursday, many of New York City's elected officials denounced the flag burning.

"The act of hate demonstrated outside the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center in the Village is unacceptable," said Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn. "I was angered and deeply disturbed when I heard someone would go to such great lengths to burn a rainbow flag and pin it to the outside of the building. The Center has long been a safe space

for LGBT people and will continue to serve New Yorkers who need specific health and social resources. We will continue to combat hate through education to ensure spaces like the Center stay safe. We will continue to speak out against hate and to ensure spaces like the Center stay safe. We will continue to speak out against hate and to ensure spaces like the Center stay safe. Our community will continue to stand up against all acts of hate."

Anyone with information about the flag burning is urged to contact the NYPD tips line at 800-577-TIPS.

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ry year organizers hear how much the kids enjoy the prom. One youth at last year's prom was overheard saying, "My school prom wasn't nearly as fun as this one."

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, 15409 Shirley St. Omaha, NE 68144. 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 planned the prom.  
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## Nebraska Pride Parade Is On The Move!

As with the US economy, Pride too has had to make some moves to be more cost effective. The Pride Parade has always run in the red. In an effort to even the gap between costs and fees, for the first time in seven years, Nebraska Pride has been forced to raise the entry fees. The parade will not make money, but it is hoped that it could at least near breaking even. The fee schedule for the parade is as follows:

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Costs of permits, security, and barricades have gone up nearly every year, but Pride has absorbed the losses. After 7 years it is time to narrow that gap. The Parade is our peaceful public march in showing that we are proud citizens of this state. The Parade is the grand walk down the boulevard in our celebration of diversity and as such is important for everyone to participate. With that intent, we reserve the right to make reductions, waivers, or exceptions on a case by case basis. For more details, visit [www.nebraskapride.com/parade](http://www.nebraskapride.com/parade).

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Winner is required to host one show for an approved Pride charity.

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Nominations will be closed at midnight on April 30, 2010. Voting will closed at midnight on May 15, 2010. This is an exciting way for anyone to have the possibility of a crown and title, some camp fun, to get their friends and family involved and raise some money for a good cause.

The Count or Countess need not fear hosting a show. If you want to perform, you will headline the show. If you are not a performer, you can assist the MC or just select your favorite performers, the theme, help with the sets and sit back and enjoy your handiwork! This is a way for you to join your “candle” to the others, for, “One Candle in the Darkness, Ignited Hope!”

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# Good Boys and Bad Boys

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In the past few months, I've seen quite a few clients who find that their balance is off. The balance I am talking about is the balance between excitement and safety, unpredictability and predictability... between being a "Good Boy" and a "Bad Boy" (women readers, feel free to consider it your "Good Girl/Bad Girl" balance...the ideas are universal).

Many of us need to embrace our inner Bad Boy. You know him, he's the one who has so much fun and sometimes goes too far and drinks a bit too much and may be too blunt or too loud or occasionally is way too sexy for his own good. Don't think you have one? Dear Reader, you're lying to yourself. We ALL have one. Okay, don't call it Good Boy/Bad Boy. Freud called it the id/superego balance. The id is the instinctual, primitive part of us that wants to eat when we want to, sleep when we want to, fuck when we want to and to never have to compromise or wait for anything. We want it NOW, dammit! That's the voice of the "Bad Boy" id.

The superego is the "Good Boy" voice of caution, worry and concern about future problems or dangers. It's the voice that says, "Oh, you better not do that, you'll be sorry tomorrow." Or "Doing that is going to get you in trouble." Nancy Reagan and her "just say no" campaign (remember that?) is the superego incarnate. It wants to protect us and keep us safe. Meanwhile, the id wants us to have nothing but fun, fun, fun. These two need to balance each other. If you go too far in either direction, you end up unhappy: either you're indulging all your impulses and already regretting the trouble you've made or you're so good and sweet that you're bored out of your mind.

Freud didn't leave the id and the superego to battle it out alone. He created the concept of the ego: the mitigating force between too much "Good Boy" or too much "Bad Boy" behavior. When we go too far in either direction, our ego warns us: "Baby, your balance is off. We gotta do something to get back to a happy medium. Now, what's it gonna be?" The Buddhists call this happy medium "The middle path"; it allows you to have healthy helpings from the Good Boy and Bad Boy smorgasbord of life. When clients tell me, "I'm so worn out from my life." It may be because they're bouncing back and forth between extremes; they haven't yet found their Middle Path. For example: Mr. A tries so hard to do the right thing, to eat right, go to the gym religiously, volunteer for a worthy cause, be kind to other people, work overtime whenever the company needs it... you get the picture. However, Mr. A hardly ever lets himself go. His superego is so strong that he is locked into perpetual Good Boy mode. If he keeps this up, eventually he's likely to have a strong reaction in the opposite direction. He's likely to get so fed up with being so good that he's likely to drink too much, score some crystal meth and let some guy (or 2 or 3) fuck him silly without a condom. And then he'll come into my office and ask me, "How did I let that happen? I know better than to do that." And he'll be full of grief, sorrow and self-

punishment. He ignored his inner Bad Boy for so long that it came out with a vengeance!

Then we have Mr. Z, the perpetual Bad Boy. He hates to wait...for anything. He almost always finds a way (through money, good looks, charm, personality) to get whatever he wants. You know him! He's the guy who's done it all, had it all, and is bored to death. The idea of doing something purely generous and kind for someone else rarely enters his impatient little head. He's living the Id-driven life, and it's not making him happy. He's often disgusted with himself and with his friends/lovers for letting him get away with so much. But he'll come in for therapy and tell me, "I don't know why I feel so depressed, I have everything I could want". His inner Good Boy is pissed as hell: he wants to see some kindness and compassion for others.

The Middle Path is a path of balance. You get to be both the Good and Bad Boys, sometimes even at once. You get to be outrageously sexy, goofy, loud and blunt and then pull back and be considerate, thoughtful, polite and kind. You get to have wild, uninhibited (safe) sex with some handsome hunk you met last night and then go to church the next morning. You get to buy super-expensive, sexy underwear and wear it to work beneath your conservative business suit, smiling to yourself because someone hot is going to get to (slowly) take it off you that night. You let yourself have that tattoo or piercing or bleach job you've been wanting, but you also pay your bills on time and call your grandmother in Ohio on her birthday.

It's good to shake things up and kick yourself in the ass when you get too "good" and things get way too predictable (too much Good Boy energy). On the other hand, when you get too out of control and selfish (too much Bad Boy energy), you may need to pull back, be quiet and have a good honest talk with yourself. Whoever you are at this moment, why not embrace both your Inner Good Boy and Bad Boy? Your life will open up, you'll find your own Middle Path, and you can have a helluva lot of fun...with only a few regrets.

## Activists Interrupt Obama's Speech

By Kerry Eleveld

A group of LGBT protesters disrupted and temporarily halted a speech President Barack Obama was delivering Monday night at a Los Angeles fundraiser for Sen. Barbara Boxer.

Several minutes after Obama took the stage, several activists from the group GetEQUAL began shouting and expressing anger about the slow pace of progress on repealing "don't ask, don't tell."

"What about 'don't ask, don't tell?'" yelled one protester, as the crowd tried to hush them.

"We are going to do that," Obama responded and kept talking, upping his volume, but the protesters persevered. The crowd finally erupted into chants of "Yes, we can," in order to silence the activists.



Obama reiterated, "We are going to repeal 'don't ask, don't tell.'"

Another protester yelled,

"It's time for equality for all Americans!"



Obama responded, "Can I just say again, Barbara and I are supportive of repealing 'don't ask, don't tell.'" But the protester continued, grinding Obama's remarks to a halt and again prompting the crowd to shout, "Yes, we can!" over the protesters.

The action continued for a little over 10 minutes before the activists were escorted out of the reception by security officers and Obama regained control of the speech.

The protesters included David John Fleck, Dan Fotou, Laura Kanter, Zoe Nicholson, and Michelle Wright, according to press release from GetEQUAL.

"President Obama has been AWOL on DADT," Fotou said in a statement from the group. "We had to remind him of the promises he made to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community during his campaign and several times during his presidency - that DADT will be repealed because, as he's stated, 'It's the right thing to do.'"

"We made it clear our community will hold accountable our president for unkept promises," said Wright in the same statement. "Denying LGBT service members and personnel the ability to serve their country is unfair."

GetEQUAL also organized the protest last month when Lt. Dan Choi was arrested after handcuffing himself to the White House gates.

## DADT Protesters Arrested at White House

By Kerry Eleveld and Andrew Harmon

In a second round of civil disobedience at the White House organized by the grassroots group GetEQUAL, six LGBT service members were arrested after handcuffing themselves to the perimeter fence Tuesday afternoon to protest "don't ask, don't tell."



The protesters included Lt. Dan Choi and Capt. Jim Pietrangelo II, who handcuffed themselves, in uniform, to the same fence last month. Pietrangelo was discharged from the military under the gay ban, while Choi's discharge is pending.

Shortly after 12 noon Eastern time, the six protesters unceremoniously approached the fence in uniform. Police officers did not realize the group had handcuffed themselves to the fence for

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several minutes. The stealth protest is in contrast to last month, when Choi led part of a separate Human Rights Campaign rally to the White House. He and Pietrangelo were then arrested for failure to obey a lawful order.

A U.S. Park Police spokesman told The Advocate that the six were arrested after three verbal warnings and were taken into



custody. All have been charged with failure to obey a lawful order (the second such charge for Choi and Pietrangelo) and are currently being held at the police's Anacostia station. It is unclear if they will be detained overnight prior to a court hearing, as Choi and Pietrangelo were last month.

On Tuesday, Choi called directly on President Obama to submit "don't ask, don't tell" repeal language to Congress for inclusion in the defense authorization bill, which is presently being considered in the Armed Services Committees of both the House and Senate. "We call on our commander in chief, the president of the United States to take bold action, to show firm resolve and real leadership on his promise to repeal 'don't ask, don't tell,'" Choi said. "To make good on that promise, he has an opportunity to transmit to Congress for the defense authorization bill repeal language."



When a reporter asked, "Do you feel the president has let you down on this issue?" Choi fell silent and remained silent for the rest of the action.

The group also included Petty Officer Autumn Sandeen, Cpl.

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Evelyn Thomas, Cadet Mara Boyd, and Petty Officer Larry Whitt.

GetEQUAL cofounder Robin McGehee later proceeded to use a bullhorn in protest, also demanding that DADT repeal language be included in the defense authorization bill. "President Obama has claimed that he is a fierce advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans. We are expecting bold action," McGehee said.

On Monday night GetEQUAL members interrupted President Obama for several minutes as he gave a speech at a Los Angeles fund-raiser for Sen. Barbara Boxer's reelection campaign.

## Ritual Sexual Abuse of Afghan Boys Uncovered

By Julie Bolcer

The ancient practice of organized sexual abuse of young boys is once again flourishing in Afghanistan, according to a Frontline investigation scheduled to air Tuesday night on PBS.

In "The Dancing Boys of Afghanistan," says a news release from the program, "Afghan journalist Najibullah Quraishi ("Behind Taliban Lines") returns to his native land to expose an ancient practice that has been brought back by powerful warlords, former military commanders and wealthy businessmen. Known as 'bacha bazi' (literal translation: 'boy play'), this illegal practice exploits street orphans and poor boys, some as young as 11, whose parents are paid to give over their sons to their new 'masters.' The men dress the boys in women's clothes and train them

to sing and dance for the entertainment of themselves and their friends. According to experts, the dancing boys are used sexually by these powerful men."



The secret resurgence of this practice, which was banned by the Taliban, arrives as the United States deepens its commitment to war-ravaged Afghanistan.

## Tennessee School Relents on "Gay" T-Shirts

By Julie Bolcer

The Nashville-area high school that sent a student home earlier this month for wearing a t-shirt that said "I (Heart) Lady Gay Gay" has agreed to stop censoring clothing with gay messages.



According to The Chattanooga, Greenbrier High School officials have given their assurances to the ACLU and Lambda Legal. The negotiations stemmed from an incident on April 5, when officials at the school in White House deemed that the T-shirt worn by Cole Goforth with a gay reference to pop singer Lady Gaga would be "disruptive." The school also told the 15-year-old that he could not wear a T-shirt in support of marriage equality for the same reason.

"The ACLU said the student had long been subjected to daily anti-gay harassment at school, including threats of physical violence. Goforth was not only unable to get relief from the school, he was told by school employees that he had 'brought [harassment] on himself by coming out [as gay]," reports TheChattanooga.

"The ACLU said the school will also provide training on its anti-bullying policy to staff and students 'to ensure that it is clear that harassment of any student, regardless of sexual orientation, is not acceptable.'"

U.K. to Bar Uganda MP if Antigay Bill Passes

By Julie Bolcer

David Bahati, the member of Uganda's parliament who sponsored legislation that would impose the death penalty on gay people, will be barred from traveling to the United Kingdom if the bill passes. The fate of the antigay bill remains unclear to British diplomats.





According to London's Guardian, "Civil servants in the Foreign Office, the Department for International Development and the Borders Agency are drawing up plans to block the visa of born-again Christian MP David Bahati if he does not drop legislation that would see consenting adults who have gay sex imprisoned for life and impose the death penalty on those with HIV — which will be called 'aggravated homosexuality.'"

Despite the diplomatic threat to rescind Bahati's visa, British officials have not received a clear sense of the bill's fate from Uganda officials.

"Ugandan government officials appear to be using stalling tactics, suggesting it will not come to a vote until 2011, deflecting

pressure from a government that could change in the forthcoming general election," reports the Guardian.

## Obama Extends Hospital Visitation Rights to Same-sex Partners of Gays

By Michael D. Shear  
Washington Post Staff Writer

President Obama mandated Thursday that nearly all hospitals extend visitation rights to the partners of gay men and lesbians and respect patients' choices about who may make critical health-care decisions for them, perhaps the most significant step so far in his efforts to expand the rights of gay Americans.

The president directed the Department of Health and Human Services to prohibit discrimination in hospital visitation in a memo that was e-mailed to reporters Thursday night while he was at a fundraiser in Miami.

Administration officials and gay activists, who have been quietly working together on the issue, said the new rule will affect any hospital that receives Medicare or Medicaid funding, a move that covers the vast majority of the nation's health-care institutions. Obama's order will start a rule-making process at HHS that could take several months, officials said.

Hospitals often bar visitors who are not related to an incapacitated patient by blood or marriage, and gay rights activists say



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many do not respect same-sex couples' efforts to designate a partner to make medical decisions for them if they are seriously ill or injured.

"Discrimination touches every facet of the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, including at times of crisis and illness, when we need our loved ones with us more than ever," Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said in a statement praising the president's decision.

Obama's mandate is the latest attempt by his administration to advance the agenda of a constituency that strongly supported his presidential campaign.

In his first 15 months in office, he has hailed the passage of hate crime legislation and held the first Gay Pride Day celebration at the White House. Last month, Obama's top military and defense officials testified before Congress in favor of repealing of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy for gays in the armed forces.

But the moves have been too slow for some gay rights activists, who have urged the president to be more vocal and active in championing their causes. John Aravosis, a prominent gay blogger, wrote last October that Obama's "track record on keeping his gay promises has been fairly abominable."

Other gay rights activists have defended the administration, while at the same time pushing Congress to act on broader issues such as passage of an employment non-discrimination act and an end to the ban on gays serving openly in the military.

"We see this as part of our ongoing effort to encourage the administration to take action where it has the authority to act," said David Smith, a Human Rights Campaign spokesman. "We've been working and pressing the administration on our legislative agenda. That work continues."

Gay activists have argued for years that recognizing same-sex marriage would ease the stress associated with not being able to visit hospitalized partners.

But opponents of same-sex marriage have called the visitation issue a red herring, arguing that advocates want to provide special rights for gays that other Americans do not have. A spokesman for one group said the president's move was part of a broader effort to appease gays and to undermine the institution of marriage.

"In its current political context, President Obama's memorandum clearly constitutes pandering to a radical special interest group," said Peter S. Sprigg, a senior fellow for policy studies at the Family Research Council. He said that his organization does not object to gays giving their partners power of attorney but that it questions Obama's motives.

"The memorandum undermines the definition of marriage," he said.

Obama's memo to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius orders the development of new rules to ensure that hospitals "respect the rights of patients to designate visitors" and to choose the people who will make medical decisions on their behalf.

The action has the potential to increase conflicts between family members, same-sex partners and hospital staff over end-of-life decisions.

A spokesman for the American Hospital Association did not return calls and e-mails. Efforts to reach a spokesman for the Catholic Health Association of the United States were unsuccessful.

In the memo, Obama said hospitals should not be able to deny visitation privileges on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

"Every day, all across America, patients are denied the kindnesses and caring of a loved one at their sides whether in a sudden medical emergency or a prolonged hospital stay," he wrote.

Affected, he said, are "gay and lesbian Americans who are often barred from the bedsides of the partners with whom they may have spent decades of their lives -- unable to be there for the person they love, and unable to act as a legal surrogate if their partner is incapacitated."

Officials said Obama had been moved by the story of a lesbian couple in Florida, Janice Langbehn and Lisa Pond, who were kept apart when Pond collapsed of a cerebral aneurysm in February 2007, dying hours later at a hospital without her partner and children by her side.

Obama called Langbehn on Thursday evening from Air Force One as he flew to Miami, White House officials said. In an interview, Langbehn praised the president for his actions.

"I kept saying it's not a gay right to hold someone's hand when they die, it's a human right," she said, noting that she and Pond had been partners for almost 18 years. "Now to have the president call up and say he agrees with me, it's pretty amazing, and very humbling."

The new rules will not apply only to gays. They also will affect widows and widowers who have been unable to receive visits from a friend or companion. And they would allow members of some religious orders to designate someone other than a family member to make medical decisions.

But it is clear that the document focuses on gays. A number of areas remain in which federal law requires proof of marriage, including receiving Social Security benefits and in taxes.

"The General Accounting Office has identified 1,138 instances in federal law where marriage is important," said one gay rights activist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity before the White House formally announced the directive. "We've knocked off one of them."



# GAYZETTE EVENTS

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

## NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays 4:00PM - 11:00PM  
Sundays call before coming by  
Thursdays 7:30PM - 9:00PM  
Fridays 6:00PM - 11:00PM

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

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

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Every Sunday

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

**BEER BUST, FREE POOL** 8pm, Connections Bar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP** 7-8:30 pm at the

NAP office located at 1921 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, NE.

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

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

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING**, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, starting again after Labor Day

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

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

**WIMMIN'S SHOW**, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

### Every Monday

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

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

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

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

### Every Tuesday

**BEER BUST & FREE POOL** 8:00 pm, at Connections

**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](mailto:jsandeen@hastings.edu) for further information.

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

### Every Wednesday

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

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

**COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT CONNECTIONS** 8:00 pm to close, \$2 COORS LIGHTS, \$4 BOMBS with your Student ID. "Fratty Fun till the Evenings Done!"

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

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

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

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**MCC OMAHA**, Bible Study, 7pm

### Every Thursday

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

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

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

**CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS**  
KARAOKE & OPEN MIC NIGHT, Alternating Thursdays at 9 pm

### Every Friday

**AA LIVE & LET LIVE**, 8:15pm, Open to men and women, at 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 information call 402-384-8014

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

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

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

### Every Saturday

**AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON**, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info  
**DJ MUSIC AND DANCING** 10PM, Connections Bar

**GET YOUR GROOVE ON WITH DJ VON**, 9pm, Connections

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

### Every Other Friday

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

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**



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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at  
5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org)  
or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for  
info

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

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

**RIVER CITY GENDER LLIANCE**, at 7:00  
pm . See [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

**MCCO DISCUSSION GROUP**, 7p.m. and  
shares a light meal. Normally ends at  
9p.m. Spirituality, faith, religion, world issues,  
life issues are just some of our topics. Contact  
Royal for more information: [royalb@mccomaha.org](mailto:royalb@mccomaha.org)  
or 516-2759

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**  
[L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com) 2pm; DC's Saloon

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

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

**OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING**  
(glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discus-  
sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of Gov-  
ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow  
Outreach GLBT Community Center,  
[www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,  
NE)**

Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Con-  
gregational United Church of Christ, 7th and  
Marian St., 7PM, email to  
[jsandeen@inebraska.com](mailto:jsandeen@inebraska.com) or call 402.462.2961  
or 402.460.8696

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A,  
Lincoln

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**MCCO DISCUSSION GROUP**, 7p.m.  
and shares a light meal. Normally ends at  
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mation: [royalb@mccomaha.org](mailto:royalb@mccomaha.org) or 516-  
2759

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday**

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF  
OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

**Email Your Event to:  
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

**Airline Announcements?**

United Flight Attendant announced,  
'People, people we're not picking out  
furniture here, find a seat and get in  
it!

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On landing, the stewardess said,  
'Please be sure to take all of your  
belongings. If you're going to leave  
anything, please make sure it's some-  
thing we'd like to have.'

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'There may be 50 ways to leave your  
lover, but there are only 4 ways out  
of this airplane'

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An airline pilot wrote that on this  
particular flight he had hammered his  
ship into the runway really hard. The  
airline had a policy which required

the first officer to stand at the door while  
the passengers exited, smile, and give  
them a 'Thanks for flying our airline.' He  
said that, in light of his bad landing, he  
had a hard time looking the passengers in  
the eye, thinking that someone would  
have a smart comment. Finally everyone  
had gotten off except for a little old lady  
walking with a cane.

She said, 'Sir, do you mind if I ask you a  
question?'

'Why, no, Ma'am,' said the pilot. 'What is  
it?'

The little old lady said, 'Did we land, or  
were we shot down?'

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As the plane landed and was coming to a  
stop at Ronald Reagan, a lone voice came  
over the loudspeaker: 'Whoa, big fella,  
WHOA!'

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After a particularly rough landing during  
thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight at-  
tendant on a Northwest flight announced,  
'Please take care when opening the over-  
head compartments because sure as hell  
everything has shifted after a landing like  
that.'

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Another flight attendant's comment on a  
less than perfect landing: 'We ask you to  
please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo  
bounces us to the terminal.'

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Overheard on an American Airlines flight  
into Amarillo, Texas on a particularly  
windy and bumpy day: During the final  
approach, the Captain was really having  
to fight it. After an extremely hard land-  
ing, the Flight Attendant said, 'Ladies and  
Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo.. Please  
remain in your seats with your seat belts  
fastened while the Captain taxis what's  
left of our airplane to the gate!'

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'Your seat cushions can be used for flota-  
tion; and, in the event of an emergency  
water landing, please paddle to shore and  
take them with our compliments.'

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'As you exit the plane, make sure to gath-  
er all of your belongings. Anything left  
behind will be distributed evenly among  
the flight attendants. Please do not leave  
children or spouses.....except for that  
gentleman over there.'

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a  
very hard landing in Salt Lake City. The  
flight attendant came on the intercom and  
said, 'That was quite a bump, and I know  
what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell  
you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't



# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**,  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](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](http://www.CampKindle.org)  
**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 How-  
ard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-  
3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to:  
[Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)  
**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference  
through music and education, call 877-87-  
DIAMOND/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.org)  
**Family Foundations** Therapy for individu-  
als, couples or families, for info call 558-  
3856  
**First Central Congregational Church  
UCC**, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533,  
[www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming  
**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St.,  
402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly  
[www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)  
**First Unitarian Church**, 3114 Harney  
Street, 402-345-3039,  
[www.firstuuomaha.org](http://www.firstuuomaha.org), GLBT Wel-  
coming Congregation  
**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass  
St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://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 5:30PM.  
Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see  
[www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info  
**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, see  
[www.hgra.net](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center,  
[www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)  
**Learning to Exchange Power**,  
[L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box  
24547, Omaha NE 68124  
**Metropolitan Community Church of Oma-  
ha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-

2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday  
Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship  
at 7pm  
**NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anony-  
mous, 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 appoint-  
ment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20  
minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info  
**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out every-  
thing about Nebraska and the GLBT  
Community  
**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community  
Events Calendar web site, see  
[www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)  
**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733,  
Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL,  
[www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)  
**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Bud-  
dhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-  
9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT  
inclusive  
**North Side Christian Church** 5555 Lar-  
imore Ave., Contemporary service Satur-  
day night at 5:30pm  
**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-  
traditional Family group), email to:  
[Theohanagroup@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or  
[ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)  
**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact  
[omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for  
more info.  
**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**,  
See [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://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](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)  
**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists  
for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church,  
3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039,  
[www.ouut.org](http://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](http://www.pflag-omaha.org),  
email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org),  
meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist  
Church, 7020 Cass  
**Proud Horizons Youth Group**,  
Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or  
email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)  
**Prairie Bares**, male nudist group, no  
further info available  
**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr.**  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330  
**Rainbow Celebrations**, PO Box 8488,

Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll  
free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & Na-  
tional Coming Out Day, for complete info  
see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)  
**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see  
[www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)  
**River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sun-  
days, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma  
Harrison (402) 731-5706  
**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267,  
Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Web-  
site: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)  
**SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH**,  
3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537,  
[www.secondunitarianomaha.org](http://www.secondunitarianomaha.org), GLBT  
Welcoming Congregation  
**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE  
68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://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 Satur-  
days at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center  
**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Oma-  
ha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday  
meditation service 7pm: 571-1344;  
[www.unityomaha.org](http://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](mailto: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 un-  
lqsa@yahoo.com for info  
**GLBT and Allies coffee house**, 3rd Fridays,  
Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm  
**Lincoln Women's Center**, Lincoln  
402/472-2597.  
**Nebraska AIDS Project**, Lincoln, 1921 S.  
17th St. (402) 476-7000  
**Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**,  
4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737  
**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays,  
Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lin-  
coln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian  
Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimber-  
ly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>  
**Planned Parenthood, F2M and Question-  
ing 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](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)  
**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee  
House 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) / [www.unl.edu/cglbtc](http://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](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)  
**Council Bluffs Pride**, [www.councilbluffspide.org](http://www.councilbluffspide.org)  
**Iowa Equality**, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>  
**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site:** [www.stouxlndpride.net](http://www.stouxlndpride.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>

## It Takes a Gay Church

By Julie Bolcer

The Cathedral of Hope, a predominantly LGBT congregation in Dallas, has decided to be the third Texas institution in a month to attempt a presentation of the Terrence McNally play *Corpus Christi*. Two earlier attempts to stage the play, which features a gay Christlike figure, were canceled due to security concerns.



The Cathedral of Hope, affiliated with the United Church of Christ, will present a touring production of *Corpus Christi*, not the student production canceled at two other locations. Performances are scheduled in early June.

According to local public broadcaster KERA, "The decision by the world's largest gay church to present *Corpus Christi* follows the refusal by Fort Worth's Rose Marine Theatre to stage the play. That one-act version was a student production and was offered to the Rose Marine after it was cancelled last month at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Cathedral of Hope Senior Pastor Jo Hudson says THIS show will go on."

"Our worshipping congregation felt positive that this is an important move for us to bring this play," Hudson told KERA. "No doubt there will be people who send hate mail or hate e-mail, or make threatening phone calls, and we're prepared to respond to people who are offended in some way by it."

## Gay Elder Abuse Suit Filed Against California County

By Ryan Holman

After a 20-year relationship and setting up legal documentation for him and his partner to care for each other in their final days of life, 88-year-old Clay Greene ended up financially wiped out and in the middle of a legal battle against his California county.

Greene's partner, 77-year-old Harold Scull, became ill and then  
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## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

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Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

SO... YOU'RE SLEEPING WITH A STRAIGHT GUY, EDUARDO?

YEAH, RICHARD. I AM.

WELL? DETAILS, PLEASE!

I DON'T KNOW, MAN... THE SEX IS PRETTY WILD, BUT... I'M JUST NOT SURE WHERE THIS IS GOIN'.

IT'S KINDA' WEIRD WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU...?

FIVE.

AND WE'RE GETTIN' TOGETHER AGAIN TONIGHT.

WHOA. STOP RIGHT THERE. YOU'VE SLEPT WITH THIS GUY FIVE TIMES... AND HE STILL CLAIMS TO BE STRAIGHT?

THAT'S WHAT HE SAYS, KYLE.

STRAIGHT BUT NOT NARROW, RIGHT? I LOVE IT!

LOOK... I DON'T CARE HOW "OPEN-MINDED" SOMEONE CLAIMS TO BE...

...IF HE SLEEPS WITH A GUY FIVE TIMES, HE IS NOT HETEROSEXUAL.

OH, KYLE... I'VE SLEPT WITH PLENTY OF STRAIGHT GUYS.

YOU HAVE?

OF COURSE.

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LOOK AT IT THIS WAY... IF A SEAFOOD LOVER IS HUNGRY... AND HE CAN'T FIND ANY SEAFOOD...

...HE'LL BE GLAD TO SETTLE FOR AN OCCASIONAL STEAK.

OKAY, THAT'S... INACCURATE AND OFFENSIVE. ANYWAY... FIVE TIMES IS MORE THAN "OCCASIONAL".

ALL RIGHT, SO MAYBE HE'S CONFUSED. OR A FUTURE REPUBLICAN SENATOR. WHATEVER.

I SAY, IF THE SEX IS GOOD... ENJOY THE CONFUSION!

BUT... WHAT IF YOU WANT SOMETHING MORE THAN "CONFUSION"?

THAT'S USUALLY THE POINT WHERE I GET DUMPED...



# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



You want to be healthy? Go to bed and sleep on it. Sleep is a great way to maintain your health and it's not that complicated. You just need to sleep. So why is it that everyone seems to get so little of it?

People are always rushing about. There's the nine to five job. There's the one hour commute. There's the grocery shopping. There's always something that seems to eat away at your precious sleeptime. Let me give you some good reasons to make room for the pillow and mattress.

First, you just simply need to make the time for sleep. The average adult needs seven to eight hours of sleep. This is a priority and you need to allocate a period of your day when you can accomplish this. If you can't schedule it then you're doing too much during your daily routine.

Cornell psychology professor James B. Maas provided research that shows that if you get less than eight hours of sleep per night, you are operating impaired; and your alertness, productivity, creativity, and general health are all affected.

The body is able to restore itself during REM sleep. This is when the body can process the emotional moments of the day through dream imagery. This explains why I have such a hard time sleeping after watching movies like *Nightmare on Elm Street*, *Paranormal Activity*, or *Confessions of a Shopaholic*. The brain tries to interpret and process this information so that we can forget and then move on for a new day.

It becomes easier to fall asleep when you get in a routine. Watch the nine o'clock news each night and then head off to the bedroom. Notice I said head off to the bedroom. That would mean that you were watching the news in another room. Very good! The bedroom is just for sleeping and occasionally some carnal indulgences. Keep the television and DVDs out of this sacred slumber sanctuary. The more you associate this part of the house with somnolence, the easier it will become to fall asleep quickly when your head hits the pillow.

Don't engage in disruptive activities just before being summoned by the sandman. Headbangers ball, a cup of joe, a row with your girlfriend, and a tintinnabulary tango are bad ideas. Soothing music, non-cafinated drinks, and a rendezvous with your favorite book are great ideas.

Make your bed as comfortable and appealing as possible. There are certain colors that have that hypnotic effect on individuals. Green coos peace and serenity and helps lower the heart rate. It is a great comforter and stress reliever. Blue entices you to fantasize and daydream. Its cerulean effects cause the brain to emit tranquilizing hormones. Purple has the capacity to pacify frayed nerves and slow muscle activity. Pink just has a way with calm, cool, and collective. Try to mix and match these hues with the décor of your boudoir and serenade yourself into a lullaby.

Some people tell me that they need to do as much as possible while they're alive. They tell me that there will be plenty of time to sleep when they're knocking on heaven's door. True but why not try to get as much quality out of your awake time as possible. Proper sleep equates to much more energetic and productive awake time. I opt for quality in lieu of quantity. "Goodnight, you princes of Maine. You Kings of New England."<sup>23</sup>

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who is a straight shooter with a rainbow flavor. This guy of intertwinement is

Ron Blake and he can be reached at [www.myblakefitness.com](http://www.myblakefitness.com).

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was injured in a fall at the men's home in Sebastopol in April 2008 and was hospitalized. Despite their official power of attorney documents, which delegated health care responsibilities to each other, Sonoma County officials denied Greene's requests to care for and make decisions for Scull. As a result, Greene has filed a lawsuit against the county.

According to the National Center for Lesbian Rights, while Scull was in the hospital, deputy public guardians went to the men's home, took photographs, and commented on the desirability and quality of their shared furnishings, artwork, and collectibles. Though their legal documents affirmed his right to do so, county and health care professionals refused to allow Greene to assist in making medical decisions or to even visit Scull in the hospital. The county is said to have involuntarily committed Greene, who was healthy, and then placed the couple in separate nursing homes. County officials then went to court to testify that Greene was simply Clay's "roommate" and sought full rights to make financial decisions on his behalf. The court denied their request but did grant them limited access to a bank account to pay for care.

After the men had been placed in nursing homes, the county terminated the couple's lease and liquidated all of their assets without any effort to differentiate the ownership of items. According to the National Center for Lesbian Rights, which is assisting in the case, Greene was left only with a photo album put together during Scull's last three months before he died in his assigned nursing home.

Greene's lawsuit names the auction company and a nursing home as defendants, in addition to several county officials. A hearing in the case has been set for July 16 in Sonoma County superior court.



# MAY @ THE MAX

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**SATURDAY 1ST - 6pm Door / 7pm Show**

Mr Gay Omaha Jason's Step-down

**SUNDAY 2ND - 10pm**

DJ Tuck's Spring Kick Off (No Show)

with Special Guest DJ's - Patio 4-9p / Arena 9p-1a

**WEDNESDAY 5TH - 8-10pm**

Cinco De Mayo Project Tijuana Benefit

**FRIDAY 7TH**

**MEN'S NIGHT**

**AMATEUR STRIP CONTEST**

7PM - \$100 CASH PRIZE

**SATURDAY 8TH - 6pm Door / 7pm Show**

ICON's PR Ball "The Giant & The Hobbit"

**SUNDAY 9TH - 9pm**

"FRESH FISH PAGEANT"

**SATURDAY 15TH - 6pm Door / 7pm Show**

Pride Idol Wild Card

**SUNDAY 16TH - 10pm**

Rainbow Pride Step-Down Show

**SUNDAY 23RD - 10pm**

"Somewhere Over the Twisted Rainbow"

Presented by Rainbow Pride

**SUNDAY 30TH - 10pm**

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