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Heartland Pride Updates!

Two big announcements for Pride. #1. Pride Guide advertising rates, information and forms are available! #2. Vendor rates, information and applications are available! Our web site www.heartlandpride.org is being built, it is not yet complete! Until then please type in Heartland Pride on Facebook for current information. Please email us at heartlandpride2011@gmail.com or call 402-516-8475 for your Pride Guide and/or Vendor information!

We are so exciting about the many new partnerships that are being formed in building United in Pride 2011! Our relationship with the CBCA, CFEP are coming along well. Two new partnerships is Cox Communications and the Omaha Public Library! Cox has pledged a financial donation to help offset the costs for Kids Corner activities. And the Omaha Public Library, along with a few other groups will be ensuring our kids will have a time to remember!

Our entertainment focus is on using local and regional individuals and groups. We have plenty of talent in this area to provide entertainment that keeps us laughing, singing and wanting more! If you would like to submit a name of an individual, group or idea please drop us an email and we will follow up.

Transparency is important to us. We have no treasury to speak of, but rest assured as soon as we do our two treasures (Duane Schomer and Mark Aartun) will be sharing our financial updates online and here in the Gayzette. In addition, we have established our monthly board meetings to be on the 1st Monday of each month, at 6pm. The will be held at the Hilltop Offices 105 S. 49th Street (49th and Douglas.)

"Returning Pride to Pride is important" says our Pride Chairperson Beth Rigatuso. Beth has been instrumental and helping set the pace and the direction for us this far! Beth is also serving on the board as Vice-President.

June 23rd Candlelight Vigil at Pedestrian Bridge June 24th Pride Concert in Council Bluffs June 25th Pride Parade and Festival in Omaha (10th and Pacific)

Obama: Mum on Marriage

By Andrew Harmon



Despite increased pressure from gay and lesbian advocates to "evolve" his position on marriage equality a little sooner, President Barack Obama did not delve into the issue for his Tuesday evening State of the Union address, one that focused heavily on strengthening the economy and fostering innovation in the face of a fiercely competitive global market.

The prepared remarks of Obama's 6,757-word speech made mention of one of the seminal accomplishments during his administration thus far; legislative repeal of the 1993 "don't ask, don't tell," policy, a victory he both reflected on and promised would usher in a new era of open service for gay and lesbian service members this year.

"Our troops come from every corner of this country — they are black. white, Latino, Asian and Native American. They are Christian and Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim. And, yes, we know that some of them are gay," Obama said. "Starting this year, no American will be forbidden from serving the country they love because of who they love." (The declaration drew divided applause: To Obama's right, Vice President Joe Biden clapped with vigor; to his left, House Speaker John Boehner declined to follow suit.)

But marriage equality, clearly the holy grail of civil rights ad-(Continued on page 4)

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vancements for national LGBT groups and an issue at the heart of multiple state battles, was not mentioned. That left some advocates, though perhaps not surprised, wanting more.

"I thought it was a good speech, aspirational in many ways, as it should be, even though I thought the president missed an opportunity to build on the repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell' and lead the nation forward toward full LGBT equality," said Richard Socarides, president of Equality Matters and a former White House adviser to President Bill Clinton.

In recent days, prominent advocates, authors, and pundits had called for not only a mention of marriage in the State of the Union address, but an endorsement of what many in the movement believe to be inevitable: a presidential seal of approval on marriage rights for gay and lesbian couples. The administration's No. 2, Vice President Joe Biden, indicated as such in December when he said on Good Morning America that "there is an inevitability for a national consensus on gay marriage."

In a Sunday New York Times op-ed, Dan Savage, creator of the "It Gets Better" project, wrote, "The president — perhaps after introducing Daniel Hernandez Jr., the openly gay intern credited with saving [Arizona] Rep. Gabrielle Giffords's life — should declare that the trend is clear: [T]his country increasingly believes that Mr. Hernandez and other lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans should have all the same rights and responsibilities as other citizens."

Kerry Eleveld, web editor of Equality Matters and former

Washington correspondent for The Advocate, wrote in a Friday Washington Post op-ed that there is a "serious flaw in the president's position of viewing civil unions as a path to giving samesex couples equal relationship recognition," given that the federal government currently denies parity for same-sex couples, a result of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act.

Obama's position on gay marriage has been one of careful calculation in recent months. The president told Eleveld in a December interview that he's "wrestling" with the issue, two months after he said to AmericaBlog Gay's Joe Sudbay that "attitudes evolve, including mine," in respect to marriage equality.

"I have no particular insight in what this president will do other than his words that he is evolving," said Chad Griffin, board president of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, the group behind the federal challenge to California's Proposition 8. "Our job is to be as aggressive as we can be. And we have to work harder to move this President and this Congress toward a position for the freedom to marry, and to show all Americans the real-life consequences of inequality. And we see them every single day."

How to further influence President Obama on the issue in the run-up to the 2012 presidential election? "Press him at every turn," Socarides said, "and do so creatively and strategically."

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MCC-O to Host Fifth Annual Prom

So, Metropolitan Community Church is hosting another Prom. It will be March 26th. The theme this year will be 'Fire and Ice'.

Last year was our first prom. When we first decided to get involved, we had lots of questions. Mostly things like... What is this Prom thing, anyway? What do we wear? Who can come?

We asked around, and some of the answers we got didn't help much. Anyone can come, you wear anything you want, and it is a prom, duh!!

We did get some answers. Metropolitan Community Church as been hosting a prom for a few years. For many people, this is the prom they never had in high school. For others, it is a great social occasion for the community. Let us be clear that this is not only for people who attend the church. ALL are welcome! In addition, it is a fund raiser. Last year, money was raised for the Technology Fund at Metropolitan Community Church. This year, proceeds will go to the Building Improvement Fund of the church, and the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

We are a Gay male couple in our late 30's, and have made lots of friends through MCC, so we decided to go. What we found, was that it was a great evening with people like us. It was a dance, but so much more. There were lots of door prizes and tons of raffle prizes. There were appetizers, and even a cash bar!

People were wearing everything from jeans to business casual attire, and even some tuxedos and ball gowns. Everyone was having a great time! Best of all, lots of money was raised for a great cause.

Tickets are \$15 each. You can call the church office at (402) 345-2563 with any questions.

Project Condom Fashion Show 2011

Happy 2011 Everyone.

Yes...It's true. Nebraska AIDS Project will be putting on another fashion show for 2011. We are just starting our planning for another FABULOUS event. I want to make sure that everyone saves June 15th to attend. We have officially started our recruitment for designers. Individuals or groups are welcome to participate. For this year's event we are looking for a minimum of 50 designers to feature at least 75 pieces. Please call me if you're interested or you might know of anyone who would like to participate. Thanks so much.

LOCAL COWGIRL





RETIRES WITH HONORS

Bryn Geerdes has competed in over 100 International Gay Rodeos, traveling across the United States and Canada. In September 2011 she hung up her spurs and retired from rodeo. During her career she won 112 buckles, which includes 12 All-Around Cowgirl titles and 5 International titles.

In November, Bryn was honored with one more time with the highest honor bestowed to a rodeo member when she became the 18th member inducted into the IGRA Hall of Fame in Reno NV. The Hall of Fame Honor is given to an individual who has substantially advanced the development and growth of gay rodeo or have accrued an outstanding record or achieved a prominent position in the sport. Bryn excelled at both. Geerdes stated, "Knowing the others whom have been inducted, I am truly humbled and honored to be included with this group of people. I want to thank all those people who came out to support the Heartland Rodeo and cheered for me over the years. It means so much." To read more go to http://www.igra.com/HallOfFame/index.htm.

Earlier in October, Bryn was inducted into the MN Softball Hall of Fame.

Arkansas School Official To Resign Following Anti-Gay Comments

AHN Reporter: Kris Alingod Independence, ARKANSAS

Clint McCance stepped down as vice president of the board of the Midland School District only a month after he was reelected. He announced his decision on CNN.

"I'm sorry I made those ignorant comments and hurt people on a broad spectrum," he told Anderson Cooper on Thursday, the same day protesters gathered outside Midland High School to call for him to quit.

The nation's largest LGBT advocacy group, the Human Rights Campaign, called the resignation a "step forward" but made clear, "What remains troubling is that Mr. McCance focused his regret on particular word choices not the animus behind those words."

The group had announced a full-page ad in the local newspaper featuring McCance's controversial comments and calling for him to step down.

McCance posted on his personal Facebook page last week, "Seriously they want me to wear purple because five queers committed suicide. The only way I'm wearin it for them is if they all commit suicide."

He later added, "Being a fag doesn't give you the right to ruin the rest of our lives. If you get easily offended by being called a fag then don't tell anyone.... I like that fags can't procreate. I also enjoy the fact that they often give each other AIDS and die.. I would disown my kids if they were gay."

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McCance was reacting to the "Go Purple" campaign of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation to fight bullying and honor five teens who committed suicide after allegedly being harassed for their sexual orientation. One of the victims was a Rutgers University music student, Tyler Clementi, who jumped off the George Washington Bridge after his roommate and another student secretly videotaped him having sex with a man inside his dorm room and streamed the encounter online.

The Facebook posts by McCance were reported in a letter to school district officials by Anthony Turner, who graduated from Midland High School in 1998.

Midland School District Superintendent Dean Stanley responded to the letter on Thursday, when a Facebook page calling for McCance to quit was supported by more than 60,000 people, and a day after Arkansas education commissioner Tom Kimbrell condemned the anti-gay comments.

"Despite these unfortunate events, it is my utmost hope that the students in the Midland School District and across the state of Arkansas clearly understand that they are all valued and have intellectual and human worth, and they deserve the best education we can offer," Kimbrell said.

The Misfits Fit Right In at The Rose Show Opens February 3rd

The Rose Theater will present The Misfits on the main stage, February 3 to 13, 2011. The inspiring original stage adaptation written by Brian Guehring based on the book by James Howe will entertain, engage and empower young people. The Misfits, recommended for children age 10 and up, addresses issues of bullying – much like those that have been evidenced in recent news headlines.

The production focuses on four seventh-graders who find the strength to stand up to their peers. Bullied for years about their weight, intelligence, sexual orientation and troubled nature, the "misfits" have decided that enough is enough! Together, they run for student council on the platform of "change" and their goal to put an end to name-calling results in more than they could have imagined.

"Middle school is a time when we have so much self-doubt about our differences," said Director Stephanie Jacobson, "But this play allows us to watch the characters develop an outstanding amount of confidence. They show that there are things in life that are worth fighting for and learn that they can always turn to others for support."

Rose Theater Playwright-in-Residence Brian Guehring has adapted James Howe's well-known book for the stage. "Howe's dialogue is funny, quirky and real; and his characters are well-drawn and memorable," said Guehring. "It is a great fit for the stage because everyone in the audience can relate to one of the four main characters! I have worked hard to honor the wonderful book and hope Misfits fans will enjoy seeing their favorite parts. I am confident that audience members who are unfamiliar with the book will also like this powerful story."

Upon reading the script, Howe himself described the produc-

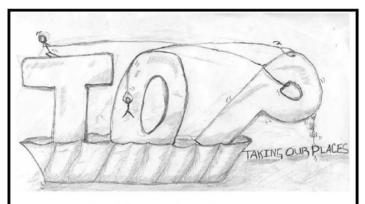
tion, in the words of Joe Bunch (one of the misfits), as "Fab. U. Luss!!!"

Eight actors – Joshua J. Mullady, Patricia Lilyhorn, Chris Stewart, Andy Saladino, Kelcey Watson, Amanda Waldron, Ryle Smith and Brian Guehring – will bring The Misfits to life. "I have great confidence in the entire production team," said Jacobson. "We have exceptional designers and a great cast – and, above all, a powerful script with an important message that everyone working on the piece is invested in."

The Misfits will be presented on The Rose main stage February 3 through 13 with performances Thursday, February 3rd at 7pm; Fridays, February 4th and 11th at 7pm; Saturdays, February 5th and 12th at 2 and 7pm; Sunday, February 6th at 2 and 6pm; and finally on Sunday, February 13th at 2pm. Tickets are \$16 each and available at The Rose Box Office located at 2001 Farnam Street, by phone at (402) 345-4849 or online at rosetheater.org. Rose members receive four free tickets to the show. Discount ticket vouchers are available for \$13 at all Omaha and Council Bluffs-area Hy-Vee Food Stores.

The Misfits is recommended for children ages 10 and up because it contains situations and themes that may warrant conversation with adults after the show.

An informal discussion, facilitated by Jacobson, will be held at The Rose following the 7pm show on Saturday, February 5. Principals, counselors and teachers from area school districts have been invited to attend. The Misfits book has spurred a "No Name-Calling Week" program run by the national Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in which thousands



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of schools across the country participate to bring attention to bullying and make strides to eliminate it.

James Howe – the author of The Misfits – will be signing books after the 7pm performance on Friday, February 11 and will speak briefly to the audience following the 2pm show on Saturday, February 12. Interpretation of the performance and Howe's presentation on February 12 will be offered for the hearing impaired.

"If everyone seeing The Misfits really vows to stop calling people hurtful names, this play could make a huge impact on the community," said Guehring.

The Rose's 2010-2011 season is sponsored by Children's Hospital & Medical Center. The Misfits is sponsored by The KAT 103.7 and the Nebraska Arts Council.

fired rounds at the LGBT center.

"The passenger had a gun of some kind in his hand and I heard just one pop after another go off," said Raymond Penko, who was hit in the head and leg with paintballs.

San Diego LGBT Center Hit With Paintball Attack

By Advocate.com Editors

San Diego police are investigating as a hate crime a Monday night paintball attack in which two people were hit outside the city's LGBT center.

NBC San Diego reports that unknown assailants in a dark sedan attacked several locations in the North Park and Hillcrest neighborhoods with a paintball gun, yelling antigay slurs as they

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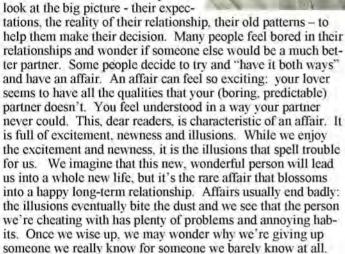
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Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

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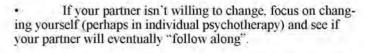


I'm not advocating that you stay in a boring, stagnant relationship. Some times a different person meets unmet needs and you are really ready to change your life. But, in all honesty, this is NOT the case for most of us. For most of us, it's US that needs to change. This is such a drag, isn't it? Wouldn't it be great if our partner would do all the changing and we could just lie back in our La-Z-Boy recliner and enjoy how wonderful they are now that they've gotten rid of all those annoying habits? Ah...if only it worked that way.

It doesn't. If we want to have better relationships, we need to work on ourselves first. Couples counseling can be great, but only if BOTH people are willing to change. Change is uncomfortable, scary hard work. Many people aren't willing to go there, so they keep repeating the same scenarios over-and-over, regardless of who they pick as partners. If this is you: wake up! It's you who is the problem, not your partners. If you have a common pattern in relationships, it's all about you, not them. Changing partners probably won't make a damn bit of difference. Oh sure, at the beginning things might look rosy with your new lover, but give it time and the same old you will start to emerge. Big surprise.

If you're unhappy with your relationship, I recommend you consider several options:

 Talk about it with your partner. If he/she is willing to change, you have the potential for your relationship to deepen and become really amazing. You may find couple's counseling to be useful, or a workshop for couples, or some other way to get new information and skills to improve your relationship.



 Sometimes a trial separation is a good reality check for a couple in trouble: it gives both parties a chance to see if they miss each other, what they had together, and can serve as a good motivator for discussions about "how can we be happy together again?"

You may be clear that what's best for you is to end the relationship. If so, do it with as much kindness, grace and honesty as possible. Love isn't like a light bulb, you can't just turn it on and off with a switch. If you've loved this man or woman, you still probably do. Leaving is rarely the easy, breezy panacea we hope it will be. It's usually fraught with lots of sadness, anger and uncertainty, e.g., "Did I give it my best shot?" "Did we try everything we could to stay together?" "Did I give up too easily?"

If you do end your relationship, I strongly recommend that you be on your own for a while. Do not jump right into another relationship, even if it appears immediately on your doorstep. After a relationship ends, it usually takes a few months for your internal voices to calm down and for you to see clearly where you're at and what you really want next. Jumping right into another relationship usually has a poor outcome. Yeah, you may be lonely for a while, but you need to figure out who you are now and what you want in terms of your next relationship. I define a good relationship as one where you and your partner help each other to become the men or women that you truly want to be. Whether you stay or go, let that be your guide.

Wyoming Forwards Another Antigay Bill

By Neal Broverman

On Monday the Wyoming house passed an amendment that could formally ban the recognition of same-sex marriages performed out of state—on Tuesday the Wyoming senate went further by initially passing an amendment to constitutionally ban gay marriage in the Equality State.

Senators voted 21-9 in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 5, which defines marriage as a union only between two people of the opposite sex. Even though Wyoming's Republican governor, Matt Mead, supports the ban, the legislation would need to clear two more senate votes before advancing to the house, where passage is not certain. If it made its way to Mead's desk and is signed, it would then be placed before voters in a 2012

referendum. The proposed constitutional amendment was originally worded to ban recognition of all gay unions; it's since been changed to make civil unions a future possibility.

The house measure has a better shot of passing, says Jason Marsden, executive director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation and a vocal opponent of both pieces of legislation. Marsden lobbied against the bills last week and said proponents of the statute concerning out-of-state nuptials worked to convince politicians that the bill was necessary to clarify Wyoming marriage law.

"Since the more severe constitutional amendment passed the senate committee, the [less severe] house bill has a strong change of passing the senate committee," Marsden tells The Advocate.

The marriage legislation follows heavy Republican gains in Wyoming following the November 2010 midterm elections. After Marsden testified last week against the house's legislation, he says, some politicians initially supportive of invalidating out-of-state marriages were swayed before Monday's house vote.

"I felt well received in committee," Marsden says, noting that he testified previously against similar bills — an out-of-state marriage recognition bill in 2007 and a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in 2009 — both of which failed.

"When I first testified against this in 2007, there were only four people opposing the bills," Marsden says. "[This time] there were dozens of people, including young LGBT people from the University of Cheyenne and a high school. We vastly outnumbered the proponents of the bill and the amount of people we were able to muster a few years ago."

The name of Matthew Shepard — the gay Wyoming college student murdered in a 1998 hate crime — was brought up sparingly. "People have been careful to not bring up his name in vain," Marsden says.

Shepard's murder continues to cast a pall over Wyoming, though. Marsden wonders why state legislators would choose to forward demoralizing legislation that would add to a perception that Wyoming is unwelcoming to gay people.

"As I told the committee, if a member brought up a bill that hoped to invalidate legal contracts brought up by our citizens, it would be inconceivable," Marsden says. "Somehow when the contracts involve same-sex people, the calculus is turned around and it's a slam dunk."

Wyoming House Passes Ban on Marriage Recognition

By Advocate.com Editors

The Wyoming house passed a bill Monday that would ban recognition of out-of-state same-sex marriages and civil unions. The bill now heads to the state senate where prospects for passage appear strong.

According to the Casper Star-Tribune, "State Rep. Owen Petersen, R-Mountain View, the bill's sponsor, said the legislation is needed to resolve a conflict in Wyoming law, which defines marriage as a contract 'between a male and a female person' but also recognizes any valid marriage performed outside the state. Other supporters have said the bill will help to hold back government intrusion into Wyoming traditions and culture."

Similar legislation was voted down twice in the Wyoming house, but retirements and recent elections allowed the bill to pass by 32-37.

Racer: Bar Gays From Dancing on TV

By Michelle Garcia

Niki Lauda Former Formula One racing world champion and airline mogul Niki Lauda is taking some heat for saying that gays and lesbians should be barred from dancing on television.

Lauda, 61, said in an interview that gay actor and television personality Alfons Haider should not perform with another man (straight professional dancer Balazs Ekke) on the next season of Dancing With the Stars in Austria.

"All I want is that children and teenagers don't get to see the wrong role models in dancing," Lauda said, according to Reuters. "There are so many good things in our culture and one of those is that men dance with women. At this rate we will soon have to be saying sorry because we are heterosexual."

He added that he has nothing against gay people and that he even has some gay people working for his airline, Fly Niki.

Tom Ford: Gay Designers Are Superior

By Advocate.com Editors

Never one to give a boring interview, Tom Ford recently explained to Interview magazine why gay men are superior in the world of high fashion.

"I think I detach the physical from the spiritual. It's my business to make a woman or a man beautiful, and I'm working with a model in a fitting, and I've objectified them to the point that they become an object," Ford told artist John Currin, whose wife, Rachel Feinstein, recently modeled in an intimate show of Tom Ford's return to women's wear design.

"They're something that I'm modeling or shaping or sculpting, but I'm very aware that even though I make them physically beautiful, their soul and personality and character is somewhat detached from that," Ford said. "It's great when you have a combination of the two — that's what makes a true beauty. Some people are physically beautiful but yet they're completely

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uninteresting, and thus they're not beautiful, I detach the two. ... That's why I think gay men make better designers."



Cumming vs. Everett, Chamberlain

By Advocate.com Editors

Alan Cumming says Rupert Everett and Richard Chamberlain are "irresponsible" for suggesting that actors hoping to one day be leading men should stay in the closet, saying they should "think about a little gay boy in Wisconsin."

The star of The Good Wife was referring to comments by the actors suggesting Hollywood isn't ready for a gay leading man. Chamberlain told The Advocate he "wouldn't



advise a gay leading man-type actor to come out," while Everett told the BBC he "never got a job" in Hollywood after coming out

"I think it's so mean-spirited," Cumming told London's Guardian. "If you're living a lie, that's not healthy, and I think it is really irresponsible of [Chamberlain] and Rupert to say these things."

When asked if he thought they made a point, Cumming responded, "But it's not about your work. It's about how you exist as a person in the world, and the idea that your work is more important than you as a person is a horrible, horrible message. I



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always think about a little gay boy in Wisconsin or a little lesbian in Arkansas seeing someone like me, and if I cannot be open in my life, how on earth can they? Anyway, it's an academic question: How can you know [that coming out affects your career]? Some people get less work than others and it has nothing to do with sexuality."

Gay Doritos Ads Won't Air

By Advocate.com Editors

The pair of gay-themed Doritos ads that made the rounds on the Web Monday won't air during the Super Bowl, according to a spokesman for Frito-Lay.

Frito-Lay director of public relations Chris Kuechenmeister told

the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation the ads were two out of 5,600 that were submitted to the company for its "Crash the Super Bowl" contest.



He said the ads were not among the finalists chosen by a panel of judges and have no

chance of airing during the Super Bowl or otherwise.

The ads, which ran on The Advocate yesterday, sparked mixed reaction from gay viewers. One ad features two men steaming in the sauna as one man seductively eyes the other's crotch. In a second ad a man gazes across the fence at his two gay neighbors, who are sunning themselves and eating Doritos by the pool.

Kuechenmeister said the contest's judges sought to "identify spots that were appropriate for everyone" and "observe a level of respect for everybody."

He said though the ads don't appear on the contest's official page and the company has no direct ability to remove them, he would be raising the issue with the company's legal team.

Gay-for-Pay Porn Star's Wife Talks

By Advocate.com Editors

Gay-for-pay porn star Reese Rideout, also known as Nick Dent, and his wife Becki talk about their comfort level with his career choice, saying that the decision comes down to money, in the new U.K. issue of Marie Claire.

Boy Culture reports on the couple's interview, where Nick is featured under the pseudonym Reece Jacobs.

"Now, his focus is gay porn, which, despite what people think, I'm more comfortable with," said Becki, who like Nick is from Oregon. "I can accept him being with other men more easily than other wom-



en. He got into it after he was offered \$1,500 simply to masturbate on a gay website called randyblue.com. Straight porn only pays men \$300 a scene, but gay porn pays up to five times as much. I don't care what people think. Reece isn't gay and I'm just happy he isn't filming with other women."

Nick added, "I can have sex at work without thinking about the other person because I'm genuinely straight. But gay sex is tough if you're straight. The first time I shot a scene with another man, it was oral sex, and I couldn't keep it up because I wasn't turned on. Now I watch footage of women or think about Becki when I'm filming. Working in gay porn is better all round. I get paid more and treated with respect."

Illinois Gov. to Sign Civil Unions Law

By Advocate.com Editors

More details are available on the signing ceremony for the Illinois civil unions bill, which Gov. Pat Quinn plans to sign into law next week in Chicago.

According to the Chicago Tribune on Monday, "The governor announced today that he'll sign the civil unions legislation next Monday. The signing ceremony will take place at the Chicago Cultural Center. The public is invited, but must RSVP with the governor's office.

The new law would let gays and lesbians use civil unions as a way to gain several of the same rights as married couples, in-

cluding sharing a nursing home room to being involved in important end-oflife decisions. Heterosexual couples could also opt for civil unions instead of marriage."



Iowa House Committee

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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 4:00PM - 6:00PM 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

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

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

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

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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

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

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 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-

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

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

Every Tuesday HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet

Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at isandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

Every Wednesday

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

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

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

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

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 CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS Club Passion Party

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

OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE, playing Softball every Thursday 6-10pm, at Churchich park (50th and C). Games will be played through August 12th

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

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

DIXIE AFTER DARK, Enjoy Breakfast at Dixie Quicks Restaurant, 12AM to 4AM, every Saturday night, 1915 Leavenworth St., Proceeds benefit local GLBT organizations

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

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

Every Other Friday

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

Heartland Pride Board Meetings, 105 S. 49th Street, at 6pm (402) 516-8475 heartlandpride2011@gmail.com

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

1st Thursday GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for

1st Friday FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-TION, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.us for meeting schedules etc.

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

2rd Thursday PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist Church

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

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

3rd Monday
IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow
Outreach GLBT Community Center,

www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

or 402,460,8696

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Mariam St., 7PM, email to isandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961

3rd Thursday COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

3rd Sunday<u>CBCA MEETING</u> 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 Tuesday**

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

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

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

Fried Chicken



Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else in the class laughed.

My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of 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. I 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, just like she'd asked the other children.

So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office again. 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 I 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...

A Taxidermist

A guy walks into a bar down in Texas and orders a white wine.

The bartender says, "You ain't from around here, are ya?"

All the rednecks sitting around the bar look up, expecting to see some weird Yankee from the north.

The guy says, "No, I'm from Nebraska ."

The bartender says, "What do you do in Nebraska?"

The guy says, "I'm a taxidermist."

The bartender says, "A taxidermist? What in tamation is a taxidermist? Do you drive a taxi?"

"No, a taxidermist doesn't drive a taxi. I mount animals."

The bartender grins and hollers, "It's okay boys. He's one of us."

How the Fight Started

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"

"Nah, she can order for herself."

And that's when the fight started

Ok, billions of chickens have given their lives so we could eat. PETA is still in an uproar over that one. The little boy is still in the Principals office. All of Texas has been severely insulted and I don't care. A certain couple was banned from a restaurant for trashing out the place during their fight and the husband had to have 17 stitches. Oh, and one cow was mad. Sometimes, things just don't go right.

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_ab

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcsoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711. BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and

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

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

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

Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/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

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

Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Heartland Pride

PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108 (402) 516-8475 heartlandpride2011@gmail.com June 23-25th 2011 Find us on Facebook

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

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

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

Inclusive Life

402-953-5900 www.inclusivelife.org
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 9am and 11am, 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 Příde 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 ongpl@cox.net

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

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

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

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

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website:www.ptlagomaha.org, email 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

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 & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

River City Gender Alliance, for info see

www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

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

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

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

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

TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

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

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director,

http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652

http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality

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

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

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

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

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

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

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

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, www.councilbluffspride.org

Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, http://www.IowaEquality.org

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway Council Bluffs IA Connections. 1901 Leavenworth 933-3033 DC's Saloon. 610 South 14th Street 344-3103 Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth 346-3549 Flixx . 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 408-1020 The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 346-4110 Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 342-7343 Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 552-9260 Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703 Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center. 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 341-0330

Lincoln:

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

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: Gayzette@cox.net (Illinois Governor to Sign Civil Unions Law, Continued from page 12)

Backs Marriage Ban

By Advocate.com Editors

An Iowa house committee voted Monday to advance a resolution that calls for a constitutional amendment to repeal marriage equality in the state and ban other same-sex partnership recognition.

The Globe Gazette of Mason City reports that house Joint Resolution 6 passed the judiciary committee 13-8 and headed to the full Republican-controlled house, where passage is expected as soon as next week.

Senate majority leader Mike Gronstal has vowed to block consideration of the resolution in his chamber. House and senate passage of the measure would be required in two consecutive sessions before an amendment could be present-



ed to voters on the ballot.

"The resolution would ask voters to deny a subset of Iowa couples a host of rights including hospital visitations and a role in making decisions about medical care, businesses and property, Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroschell, D-Ames, said," according to the Globe Gazette.

Earlier Monday, an estimated 200 people packed into a subcommittee hearing, where the resolution also passed.

The judiciary committee chairman Rich Anderson said he would allow a public hearing on the resolution following a request from house Democrats. The public hearing is expected early next week.

Jason Mraz: No Wedding Until Marriage Equality

Singer Jason Mraz said that he and fiancée Tristan Prettyman would not wed until everyone in the country can marry.

By Advocate.com Editors

Jason Mraz said that he would not wed fiancée Tristan Prettyman until marriage equality is the law of the land.

CNN reports on what the 33-year-old singer told Us Weekly last week at Elton John's concert to benefit the American Foundation for Equal Rights.



Despite getting engaged in De-

cember, Jason Mraz has no intention of walking down the aisle with girlfriend Tristan Prettyman anytime soon, reports Us Weekly.

"We can't get married until [gay] marriage is legal and equal... I think giving people the right to marry will be a huge movement in civil rights," he said. "The wedding would be nice for our family, our friends, our community — our moms especially — and so it puts us in the fight."

Mraz and Prettyman got engaged in December.

Montana Couples Want Partner Recognition

By Advocate.com Editors

Plaintiffs Mike Long (left) and Rich Parker (right) with Mike's son Kevin Six gay and lesbian Montana couples filed a request Tuesday asking a district court judge to issue a ruling without a trial on their case seeking domestic-partnership recognition.

The couples, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, filed a lawsuit earlier looking to protect gay and lesbian couples and their families under the equal protection clause in the Montana constitution.

"Recognition of domestic partnerships would enable our couples to access important legal protections they need to secure their relationships and families," attorney James Goetz said on behalf of the plaintiffs in a statement issued Tuesday afternoon.

The constitution currently bans marriage equality and recogni-

tion of same-sex couples for protections and benefits that married heterosexual couples can access.

Plaintiffs in the case Donaldson and Guggenheim v. State of Montana are Mary Anne Guggenheim and Jan Donaldson of Helena, Stacey Haugland and Mary Leslie of Bozeman, Mike Long and Rich Parker of Bozeman, M.J. Williams and Nancy Owens of Basin, Rick Wagner and Gary Stallings of Butte, and Denise Boettcher and Kellie Gibson of Laurel.

Ohio Congressman Targets D.C. Marriage Equality

By Andrew Harmon

Social conservatives in Congress may push to roll back marriage rights in Washington, D.C.

Rep. Jim Jordan, an Ohio Republican and chair of the 175-member Republican Study Committee, said he would push to ban same-sex marriage in D.C., The Hillreported Tuesday, one week after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal from anti-gay marriage forces seeking to force a referendum on the issue in the nation's capital.

Jordan, who introduced the D.C. Defense of Marriage Act in 2009 after the Washington city council voted to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions, told The Hill, "I think RSC will push for it, and I'm certainly strongly for it. I don't know if we've made a decision if I'll do it or let another member do it, but I'm 100 percent for it."

Log Cabin Republicans deputy executive director Christian Berle told The Advocate that his organization has not yet spoken with Jordan's staff or any other member of Congress on the potential legislation. Log Cabin issued the following statement Tuesday:

"Last November the American people made their priorities perfectly clear," Log Cabin Republicans executive director R. Clarke Cooper said. "The primary mission of this Congress is to address trillions of dollars in deficits and out of control government spending, which will not happen if individual members take their eyes off the ball to manufacture controversy. Just two months ago, Congressman Jordan said to me 'Democrats are the party of government; we are the party of principle.' Today I am calling upon him to remember the core Republican principle that respects local government and states' rights over interference from federal lawmakers.

"This Congress has important work to do without meddling in local affairs," Cooper continued. "Such an overreach sends a mixed message from a Republican party actively trying to shrink the role of government in Americans' daily lives."

At a December 15 meeting with the Republican Study Committee that included the Log Cabin Republicans, Heritage Foundation, and the National Rifle Association, among other groups, Jordan stressed that spending cuts would be the primary focus in the new Congress, Berle said.

Jordan did not indicate that there "would be any focus by the study committee on issues unrelated to spending and tax relief" during the December meeting, Berle added.

Omaha Metro GLBT & Friendly Business Directory

A/C & Heating / Plumbing

Burton (402) 343 - 0011

www.justcallburton.com

Addiction Counseling &

Treatment

Heartland Family Service

Alcohol, Drug, Gambling Addiction

(402) 553 - 3000

HeartlandFamilyService.org

Air Duct Cleaning

Breathe Easy (402) 813 - 3193

Alternative Medicine

Heartland Naturopathic Clinic Dr. Randall Bradley ND, LMHP, LMNT

7447 Farnam St. (402) - 391 - 6714

Antiques

Jim's Seek & Save

4679 Leavenworth St. (402) 660-0778

Joe and Todd Forever Antiques

Omaha NE 402-709-2695

Apartment Rental

Accommodated Inc. (402) 253-7561

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1266 South 13th St. 346-1132

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P.O. Box 7343, Omaha NE 68107

402-614-4155

Bakery

Sweet Magnolias 813 N. 40th St.

(402) 934 6427

Broadway Joes (712) 256 - 2243

3400 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA

Bookstores/Comics

Capes Comic Book Lounge

6208 Maple St. 558-0212

Mystery Bookstore

1414 South 13th St. 342-7343

Bowling

River City Mixed Bowling League

Maplewood Lanes 3PM start

3030 N. 101st St.(402) - 572 - 9393

Candy Shops

Old Market Candy Shop

1007 Howard Street, (402) 344-8846

Carpet Cleaning

Breathe Easy (402) 813 - 3193

Casino

Harrah's Casino & Hotel

One Harrahs Blvd. (712) - 329 - 6000

Horseshoe Council Bluffs Casino

2701 23rd Ave. (712) - 323 - 2500

Coffee Shop

Caffeine Dreams

4524 Farnam St. (402) - 932 - 2803

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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake

I would like to discuss the last episode of the Bachelor, the merits of what makes a great deep dish pizza, and the upcoming Lady GaGa concert tour. However, it is time to

focus on my workout to maintain my health and fitness. I get a push in the right direction and stay on the path by reading from my list of motivation quotes that I have jotted down in a notebook. Here's sharing some of those with you kid!

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." William James gets credit for that quote and you are responsible for any action that may result from it. Begin your running or walking program and see the difference it makes. Start that aerobic routine at the YMCA and see the difference it makes. Drink eight glasses of water each day and see the difference it makes. "Perseverance is not a long race; it is is many short races one after another." Walter Elliot gets the credit for that quote and you are responsible for any action that may result from it. Know that each day brings a new challenge and be ready to face it. Every week is a building block to what you want to achieve. Focus on one moment at a time and make the best of that moment. It takes 26.2 short races to complete a marathon. "The first step toward success is taken when you refuse to be a captive of the environment in which you first find yourself." Mark Caine gets the credit for that quote and you are responsible for any action that may result from it. Refuse to be captive in your obese environment! Refuse to be captive in your drug and alcohol environment! Refuse to be captive in your stressful work environment! Refuse and take your first step!

"The key is to keep company only with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best." Epictetus gets the credit for that quote and you are responsible for any action that may result from it. Keep company with those who believe in your dreams and your ability to achieve them. Keep company with those who encourage you to finish college and get your degree. Keep company with those who are excited about life and excite

you about life.

"The wise does at once what the fool does at last." Baltasar Gracian gets the credit for that quote and you are responsible for any action that may result from it. Quit smoking at once and don't wait for lung cancer before you kick the habit. Begin at once to shed those extra pounds and don't wait until you are diagnosed with diabetes to begin the process. Change your way of eating at once and don't delay until your cholesterol level is much too high.

These are some great motivational quotes that I have written down and help keep my on my path to continued health and fitness. It feels so much better discussing rose ceremonies, Chicago style pizza, and Poker Face when I know I've completed

my workout routine!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who can snap a wicked towel in the locker room. That purveyor of playful pain guy is Ron Blake and you can reach him at rblake5551@hotmail.com.



Volunteers Needed for LGBT Cigarette Smoking Survey

If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender and smoke cigarettes, please participate in a national and anonymous survey study on reasons for adult LGBT tobacco use. The purpose of the study is to better understand ways of being, thinking, and feeling that influence adult LGBT cigarette smoking. The study is being conducted by Dr. Darrell Greene and Dr. Paula Britton, through John Carroll University and the JCU Education and Allied Studies Department. Benefit to you as a participant involves contributing to our understanding of the causes of cigarette use in our communities, and your knowledge of helping counselors help LGBT smokers. The study will take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. If interested, please go to the following survey link:

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