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Organization Launches Website to Support Military Partners

By Michelle Garcia

Servicemembers United launched a new website Tuesday to provide support for partners of gay and lesbian military members.

MilitaryPartners.org is the new home for the organization's "Campaign for Military Partners," which began in 2009.

"The civilian partners of gay and lesbian military personnel are often forgotten in the debate over the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy," said Alexander Nicholson, executive director of Servicemembers United. "These silent heroes must bear all of the same burdens of military family life, but they are not able to share in the support, benefits, or recognition that the military provides to the wives and

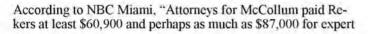
husbands, and even the girlfriends and boyfriends, of straight troops."



Rekers Paid \$60K for Gay Adoption Testimony

By Julie Bolcer

The office of Florida attorney general Bill McCollum paid antigay activist George Rekers at least \$60,000, based on a rate of \$300 per hour, to testify as an "expert" witness in the court case defending the state's comprehensive ban on adoption by gays.



testimony in the appeal of the case. But in his testimony, Rekers claimed gays make inferior and even dangerous parents and that adopted kids living in gay households, even after 10 years, would be better off removed from the home and placed with straight parents."

Rekers, a cofounder of the Family Research Council, is now ensnared in controversy for hiring a gay male escort to assist him on a European trip.

Miami-Dade County judge Cindy Lederman later dismissed Rekers's testimony on the grounds that it was "far from neutral and unbiased," reports NBC Miami. A ruling is expected any day in the case challenging the Florida law, the only one in the country that bars all gays and lesbians from adopting children.

Court Reverses Baltic Gay Pride Ban

By Julie Bolcer

An appeals court in Lithuania has reversed an order from a lower court to suspend a gay pride march scheduled for Saturday in Vilnius.

According to the Associated Press, the supreme administration court said Friday that "the rights to assembly and expression are guaranteed by the European Convention and the government is obligated to defend them."

On Wednesday the Vilnius country administrative court ordered that permission for the March for Tolerance, granted by Mayor Vilius Navickas, be suspended following requests from interim attorney general Raimondas Petrauskas and city council member Stanislovas Buškevičius.

Opponents of the march cited security concerns and traditional Lithuanian values as the reason for the suspension.

Because of the successful appeal, the March for Tolerance will proceed as planned for the Baltic Gay Pride festivities on Saturday.

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River City Mixed Chorus Events

- "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Wine Tasting"- a benefit for the River City Mixed Chorus, will be held Saturday, May 8th, from 6:00-9:00pm at Spirit World, 7517 Pacific St. It's the Chorus' 2nd annual wine tasting, and since it's indoors, the weather will not be a factor! Enjoy an evening of wine, light appetizers, and music with your favorite Chorus! Cost is \$20 per person; \$35 for a couple.
- "A Comedy Tonight", the next River City Mixed Chorus concert will be June 12-13. The location is Strauss Performing Arts Center at UNO. Mark Kurtz, the chorus Music Director, has said "the goal of this show is to make it as funny as we possibly can." Songs will include P.D.Q. Bach, a selection from Monty Python's hit Broadway show "Spamalot", many other hilarious oddities of music- even a concerto that will bring out the chicken in everyone, as well as an entire "serious" piece about cheese! Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and \$15 for Seniors and Students with a valid I.D.
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Tammy Doyle "Disconnects" from Connections

By Danielle B., and Kristian W.

It is time to close yet another chapter in Tammy Doyle's life. A chapter forgone, but not forgotten. Tammy's departure from Connections last week was both a difficult and bittersweet decision. She has turned the reins back over to Kelly Thomas, the founder of Connections.



Tammy began working at Connections as a part-time bartender in January 2007. At that time she was also the owner of "DustBusters Cleaning Services", here in Omaha. Tammy joined forces with Kelly Thomas and became co-owner of Connections bar in August 2008.

Tammy's connection to the bar, brought with it a lot of peserverance, high energy, determination and an abundance of bright ideas. Many of the local gay bars in the community had followed Tammy's lead with the

creation of in-house Theme Nights and Theme Parties. Tammy had set aside Friday nights to host these events, such as her Pink Poker Party, Country Night, Ugly Sweater Party, and Raunchy T-Shirt Night, to mention a few.

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HOW TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

By Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

In my private practice, a lot of clients come to me and complain about disappointment. Disappointment with their new job, new lover, new home, new diet. Self-help books make it sound so easy to make major changes in our lives. But is it?



How often have you heard someone say, "Hey, it's time for a change, I'm

really ready to change my life". But, a few months (weeks?) later, check in with them. They're likely to be disappointed and say something like: "I thought it was gonna be so great with this new job/lover/diet, but it's the same old shit as before." Most of us can only sustain this kind of change for about three days max. After that, we fall back into the same old patterns. After all, we've had years to develop these patterns, and yet we expect in three days we can undo the cumulative damage of decades?

Self-help books, claims of wise gurus and infomercial promises aren't enough: nothing "magically" changes just because we say so. If we want things to change, we need to take action and create the change by behaving and thinking differently. Change is hard work. Before you undertake any major change in your life, it's helpful to look at what stands in your way. Here are some obstacles to change that I see in many of my clients. Are they familiar?

You aren't willing to do the work: If you just wait for happiness (more money, a new lover, a better job) to come to you, what do you think will happen? Likely, nothing! New results require new thoughts, actions, speech, and intentions. Instead of giving up on your desires for change, look past the obvious and dig deeper. For example: if you want a boyfriend, what for? If it's to stop feeling lonely, then a boyfriend may not fix your problem. Your loneliness is the real problem. If you think you need a new job, what for? Do you want to leave your current job because you find some of the people difficult? Guess what? There are usually difficult people at every job. Rather than running away, set your intention to learn how to deal with difficult people. See what I mean about digging deeper? A recent client told me he wanted to look like actor Daniel Craig in his naked scenes in those James Bond movies. I asked him why. He said, "because then I'll feel sexy and confident." I suggested we work on how he can feel that way WITHOUT looking like 007. I helped him identify and remove what blocked him from feeling sexy, confident, strong and hand-

You're too impatient: How many of us feel impatient about change and don't want to wait forever to become happier? (In all honesty, I'd raise my hand to this one). After all, we deserve to be happy, don't we? Look at how long we're suffered already. If you've spent 25, 35 or 45 years feeling you're not

worthy of a good job/partner/house/whatever, do you really expect that just simply deciding to change will transform your life?

When my clients want to take on big psychological "makeovers". I encourage them to take it slowly. We can't sustain major change when we try to do it dramatically and quickly. I know it isn't as exciting – it wouldn't make good reality TV – but lasting change in our lives comes gradually, step-by-step.

You expect too much: When I have a new client who says, "I have so many problems, I don't know where to start", I encourage him or her to make a list of all the things that bother them and to rate these problems (on a scale of 1 to 10) by how much pain each one brings them. For example, "I hate my job" is a 7, "I feel so lonely" is a 9, "I don't like my body" is a 3. We start to work on the most painful stuff first and we focus on one problem at a time, breaking it down into small, do-able action steps. For example, saying "I hate my job" over-and-over is only going to bring you misery. Instead, ask yourself questions like: "What about my job bothers me the most? What do I like about it?" Any seemingly unsolvable problem can be broken down into a series of smaller, more easily solved problems.

You're too hard on yourself: You may think that you're a slacker, but, in reality, you're probably too hard on yourself. Punishing yourself isn't the way to make changes. You've been punishing yourself for years, and you haven't changed. That's not the way to do it. Here's a better way: make a list of 10 ways that you can be kinder to yourself in the next week and start to do them. I guarantee you that by being kinder to yourself, any changes you want to make in your life will happen more quickly and painlessly. I'm sorry to tell you it won't be fast and dramatic: change comes from being persistent and consistent. Try it and don't be surprised when you life starts to change, in small ways...and then keeps on changing.



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PRODIGAL SONS Director Kimberly Reed In Person at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater (Friday May 28)

We're excited to announce that director Kimberly Reed will be in Omaha and at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater for a very special opening night screening of her autobiographical documentary PRODIGAL SONS. The Q&A screening will take place Friday, May 28, at 7pm, with the film continuing here through Thursday, June 3.

Featured on Oprah earlier this year, PRODIGAL SONS follows Reed as she returns to the Montana town where she grew up Paul McKerrow — starting quarterback for the high school football team and class valedictorian — before undergoing gender reassignment surgery in her twenties. Once home, she reunites with her long-estranged, adopted brother Marc, who has a stunning revelation himself involving a legendary Hollywood couple. While the characters and circumstances are extraordinary, what emerges through PRODIGAL SONS is a surprisingly universal story about family dynamics, sibling rivalries and the search for identity.

The film, and Reed's appearance, will kick off the Out in Film series (May 28 – July 1), presented in conjunction with LGBT Pride Month 2010. Tickets for the Q&A screening with Reed are \$9 general, \$7 for seniors, students and teachers, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members.

Advance tickets can be purchased online at: http://bit.ly/djS7xZ.

Film Streams Announces OUT IN FILM Series (June 3-July 1, 2010)

A new film series dedicated to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender experience — perhaps the first such series in Omaha history — will begin this June at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, Omaha's nonprofit cinema.

Presented in conjunction with LGBT Pride Month 2010, the OUT IN FILM series will take place June 3 – July 1. The series presents a variety of artistically innovative films relating in different ways to the LGBT experience, including early, important works by acclaimed directors Ang Lee (THE WEDDING BANQUET), Gus Van Sant (MALA NOCHE), Pedro Almodóvar (LAW OF DESIRE), Lisa Cholodenko (HIGH ART), and Wong Kar Wai (HAPPY TOGETHER).

Other selections include the groundbreaking 1989 drama LONGTIME COMPANION (one of the first feature films to address the AIDS crisis) and historic documentaries THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK (an inspiration for the 2008 Oscar-winning film), and WORD IS OUT, the first feature-length documentary about lesbian and gay identity in America.

For more information about the series, including an opening night screening of WORD IS OUT (Thursday, June 3, at 7 pm), with a post-show discussion presented in collaboration with GOglbt – Greater Omaha GLBT Professionals.

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of a Lesbian bar and serving drinks. When we asked Tammy about that, she chuckled, and said, "Well, you never know what road your life journey will take you on. It has been quite an experience." She also added, "20 years ago I may have had a lot more stamina for the bar business." Tammy claims, "You just about have to put every part of yourself into the bar to keep it running smoothly. Time, energy and late-night hours." She says pretty much your family becomes your patrons, and your home life suffers.

Tammy is looking forward to having more time to spend with her 15 year old daughter Kassidy, and eventually getting back to a "9 to 5" routine. When asked what she has planned for the future, as far as employment, Tammy plans to start her own business in a couple months. She would not elaborate on that because it is still in the planning stage. She also has thoughts of leaving the Omaha area and seeking a "fresh start." In conclusion, Tammy makes a statement to the community and patrons of Connections,: "I want to thank ALL OF YOU for your support and patronage over the past couple years. I was fortunate to get to know many of you on a more personal level than others, and establish some close friendships. I will always treasure that. I will miss you all!

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

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at <u>aanderson@hastings.edu</u> or Judy Sandeen at <u>jsandeen@hastings.edu</u> 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

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

<u>NAP HIV TESTING</u> 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 Presby-

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB
Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday
6:30pm (time may vary), for more infor-

terian Church, 851 North 74th Street

mation call 402-384-8014

<u>DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</u> 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

<u>NAP HIV TESTING</u> 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 CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER atBroadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB)
starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS 1st Tuesday

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

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 info

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

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

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

2nd 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 or 516-2759

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.

2nd Sunday INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

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

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

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

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

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln 3rd Sunday

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

4th 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

4thThursday
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 or 5162759

4th Friday
LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

Walmart to the Rescue

A blonde was weed -eating her yard and accidentally cut off the tail of her cat which was hiding in the grass.

She rushed her cat, along with the tail, over to WAL-MART!

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The Cowboy Boots

A Texas teacher was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots?

He asked for help and she could see why...

Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat.

She almost cried when the little boy said. 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet..

He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.'

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots.. My mom made me wear 'em.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his little feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?'

He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'

She will be eligible for parole in three years!

Gas Pains

I was in the restaurant yesterday when I suddenly realized I desperately needed to pass gas. The music was really, really loud, so I timed my "releases" with the beat of the mu-

After a couple of songs, I started to feel better. I finished my coffee, and noticed that everybody was staring at me....

Then I suddenly remembered that I was listening to my iPod.and how was your day?

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno abcsoup. Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711

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

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-

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 Wel-

coming 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

GLBT Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

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

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

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

Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting

LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108

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 GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

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

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

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

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ OmahaBiMarriedMen

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongpl@cox.net

Omaha GLBT Professionals, Contact omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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 & 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 II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

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

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

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@vesomaha.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

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: news@rainbowoutreach.org

SNAP! Productions Holding Auditions for "Sordid Lives

SNAP! Productions will be holding auditions for the comedy "Sordid Lives". The auditions will take place at North Side Christian Church located at 5555 Larimore (2 blocks north of Ames) on June 5 and 6, 2010 and will begin at 7:00 pm. The play contains roles for 6 females who can play mid 30's to 60. It also requires a female in her late twenties who can play the guitar. The play also needs 4 men who can play 40's. There is also one role for a 20something male. The show runs from AUGUST 19, 2010 - SEPTEMBER 12, 2010 with rehearsals starting in July. Please be ready to read from the script and have your conflicts for July 5 thru September 12, 2010 available. Any questions, please call Todd Brooks at 968-5543 or email at Brooks1965@aol.com.

SNAP! Productions Presents "Loose Knit"

Your spring plans should include a visit to SNAP! Productions' latest offering, Loose Knit--playwright Theresa Rebeck's clever, comic tale of relationships, expectations, disappointments and betrayal, with a bit of mayhem thrown in for good measure.

The play revolves around a group of New York professionals who labor under the mistaken impression that knitting is a relaxing pastime for stressed out lifestyles. Things begin to unravel quickly and humorously as all the relationships become a tangled mess and each individual confronts his or her own life questions—what is it to be an American, to be black, wealthy, poor, faithful, closeted, etc. in the never ending human quest for fulfillment

M. Michele Phillips will direct this romp and is very fortunate to have assembled a cast that includes SNAP! veterans Matt Allen, Emily J.Thompson, David Mainelli, Shannon Jaxies and Ashley Spessard. as well as talented and professional newcomers to the SNAP! stage - Laura Leininger and Chelsea Long.

SNAP! is pleased to have on its production staff Adam Nathan (Set Design), Brian Callaghan (Lights & Sound Operator/Props), Homero Vela (Lighting Design), Gina Wagner (Stage Manager/Props), Nancy Ross (Costumes) and Liz Heim (Costume Design).

Buy your tickets now for this outstanding comedy. Loose Knit, will run from May 27 – June 20, 2010 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, June 20th show will start at 2:00 pm. There will be a Tag Nite Out performance on Thursday, May 27, 2010. There will also be a special signed performance for the hearing impaired on June 6, 2010.

The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made on the SNAP! Productions' website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00,general admission; \$12.00,students,senior citizens, and TAG members. The performances on June 3,10 and 17 will have our New Thursday Special Pricing of only \$10.00. Any questions about tickets call 402-341-2757.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox







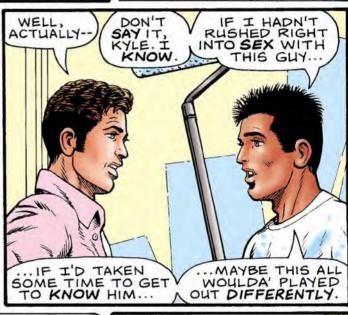


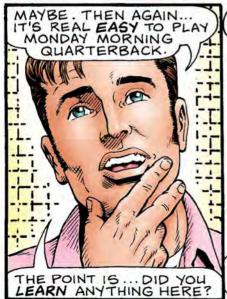




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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake

You've made the decision to join a health club. Where do you go? Health clubs are about as ubiquitous as Burger King or McDonalds. I think there is an obvious correlation screaming there!

You need only to make a list of important health and fitness center criteria to winnow your choices. I have taken the liberty to explore five areas that should be given attention.

Price is the driving force of our free market society and accordingly health club fees can vary significantly. It all depends on what you want and what you are willing to pay for it. Be especially wary of the contracts and the snake oil salesmen. Fine print and the fast talking guy at the end of the commercials are also your worst nightmare. Clubs might offer rock bottom prices but they'll own you and your firstborn for eternity with that "ball and chain" contract. Ask an abundance of questions and proceed cautiously!

Are the hours of operation compatible with your lifestyle and schedule? There are no worries if the facility is open 24/7. However some smaller health facilities are somewhat limited with their hours and even more so on weekends and near holidays. Back in my younger days I was once sent to the showers early one evening at a small health club so that the owner could attend a bachelor party. He even added pressure and urgency as he stood there watching me shower like those scary militant gym teachers in junior high school. I changed clubs at the end of that contract.

How many members belong to the fitness center you are considering? If you are intent on meeting people and exchanging phone numbers then by all means join the center that has the bulging population of Tokyo. If you aren't keen on waiting in lines to use equipment then choose that place that doesn't threaten the maximum occupancy fire code. Get a free pass from management or the sales staff for a week and go between the hours of 6AM to 8AM and 4PM to 7PM. These are the busiest times and they will give you a great indicator of maximum attendance.

Then we arrive at the amenities. There is the pool, the hot tub, the juice bar, the classes, the locker room attendant, the sauna, and the racquetball courts. You need to decide what you want from your workouts. It is always preferable to have all the aforementioned extras and those moments of a pampered lifestyle. You will pay for all this and you just might not need it.

Why not simply workout at a no-frills health club and then go home and take a nice hot bubble bath with candles aglow and a glass of Merlot. It is a mere suggestion but you're all grown up now and you can make your own decisions. Your mom and I love you and will support you in any decision you make...as long as it's the right one!

Finally, we take a look at a realtor's favorite mantra: "location, location, location". It is preferable if your club is located near your home or workplace. This should be a no-brainer and for obvious reasons. However there are good lads and lasses out there who opt to motor ten miles off the beaten track to take advantage of a fantastic deal. Don't do this! The odds are stacked against you for success. Spend more on a closer club and it will pay splendid dividends. You are likely to attend more frequently at a nearer club and you will subsequently be better positioned to attain your fitness goals.

These are simple and common sense steps. Use these with a little persistence and goal setting and methinks you'll go far in your thirst for fitness success and nirvana.

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who fre-

quently hears inappropriate subject verb agreement in daily talk. That guy are Ron Blake and you send him your well wishes at www.myblakefitness.com.

Man Convicted of Murdering Husband

By Julie Bolcer

In Britain's first instance of a domestic violence murder within a same-sex marriage, a man was convicted Thursday of stabbing his partner to death over an argument about a heating bill last November.



According to United

Press International, "Michael Edwards (near right), 32, of Manchester's Chorlton-on-Medlock area, must serve at least 13 years before being eligible for parole, Manchester Crown Court Judge Anthony Gee said in Britain's first domestic violence murder within a same-sex marriage.

"Edwards admitted in court to stabbing his 35-year-old partner, John Edwards (far right), in the heart after arguing over turning the heating on and its cost."

Michael and John Edwards both worked at the Waldorf pub in Manchester, where they had been drinking the night of November 26, 2009. Michael stabbed John and initially told emergency responders that his partner had stabbed himself. John died one day later.



