

# The GayZette



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## Elton Says Discard the V-Card

By Christopher Mangum

Sir Elton John reveals in a new anthology that he regrets waiting until he was 23 to lose his virginity and suggests that everyone has as much safe sex as possible.

John made the confession in a passage featured in Joseph Galliano's latest publication *Dear Me: A Letter to My Sixteen-Year-Old Self*.

"I made the mistake of not having sex until I was 23! I loved being with another man and felt relieved that I finally knew who I was. I made the mistake of falling in love too soon because I was naive and romantic," wrote Elton, according to the U.K.-based website PinkNews.

In the book, released on Thursday, celebrities wrote letters to their younger selves offering advice and insight they lacked as teenagers.

"My advice to you is to never chase love. It will find you when you least expect it. Have fun, have lots of safe sex and enjoy your sexuality. Be proud of who you are," added the performer and AIDS activist. "I made a lot of mistakes. Stay away from drugs, they're a waste of time. Stand up for every human being's rights. Be loving, kind and strong. Set an example. You're going to have one hell of a life!"

*Dear Me: A Letter to My Sixteen-Year-Old Self* also features writings from Jackie Collins, Debbie Harry, Liz Smith, Annie Lennox, William Young, and Yoko Ono.

## HGRA General Membership Meeting

We will hold our next meeting at DC's Saloon on Saturday October 31st. The meeting will start at 2pm and we need as many members as possible to attend. We have some important decisions to make and we need the memberships input.



## To The Community:

The "Omaha Meat Packers" which was organized in 1967, is the oldest gay organization in Omaha. With over thirty members, they supported numerous causes and raised large amounts of money in the community. A lot of the original members went on to unite with what we all know these days as the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON). Due to health reasons and other commitments, some of the original Meat Packers couldn't be present for the picnic and show. Just know that everyone who started ICON was there in heart and spirit! We THANK everyone! It was never "I" but always "WE".

Omaha Meat Packers & Packettes and Babes Behind Bars would like to thank everyone who supported all the 2009 Labor Day events which were a great success. In total we all raised over \$10,000.00 for what was thought to be a forgotten cause. All the proceeds from the Labor Day fund-raisers have gone for kitchen repairs and food supplies for the Nebraska AIDS Project's (NAP) kitchen to get it up and running again. We serve all members of the community living with HIV/AIDS free hot meals each day.

We would like to give special thanks to Gary West who is supervising the operations of the NAP kitchen and has supported this cause for many years. We would also like to thank the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) for selling \$3,000.00 worth of raffle tickets, with all of these proceeds going to support the NAP kitchen. Special recognition goes to Cupid who sold \$1,000.00 worth of raffle tickets and Kathy Gray who sold \$300.00 worth of raffle tickets all on their own. Many thanks

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go out to Steve McClintock and Dick Brown for staying all day at the Labor Day Picnic running the "Wheel of Fortune" and then continuing on into the evening auctioning off more items. Their efforts raised a grand total of \$1,500.00. Pat Phalen was wonderful as our auctioneer as well as being one of our donors for the evening. Royal Bush and Phoenix were wonderful as the emcees for the Labor Day Show introducing all of the entertainers. Additional thanks go out to Danny Smith, Gary Winingham, Madelyn, Bob Bucklew, Mike DeBore (Meat Packers), Annie Welty (Meat Packettes), Joe Reed and Gary Christianson for their outstanding job helping with the show. Kevin Gallagher receives a hearty thank you for donating \$1,000.00 in support of the NAP kitchen. Special thanks to Jamie West for being such a good sport about Jerry's Kids and displaying auction items along with Tina Nemitz. Awesome thanks to Rusty (Packettes) for her support and Carla and Sharon for their support of the picnic and show. We can't forget to thank Don Randolph (aka Ms. Flowers) for all of his support and for the donation of \$1,000.00 from People with AIDS (PWA). Thank you Don for all that you have done and continue to do for our community. Thank you to Joe's Corner for all their help and donations. Last, but never least, a great big thank you to Bruce and Stosh of the MAX for their wonderful hospitality. They have always been so supportive, stood behind us

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# Neighbors

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by Annette Billings

November 7 - 7:00 p.m


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Annette is well known around Topeka, Kansas, for her creativity which she expresses in her writing and acting gifts. She has performed in numerous local theatre productions.

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About Neighbors: Miss Floretta Mae Jenkins is the chairperson of an association which sets standards for a very exclusive housing addition - Tall Oak Heights (referred to by some as "Intolerance Heights"). To her horror she discovers her new neighbors are not the kind of people they want in their midst. She considers it her personal mission to single-handedly 'get the dirt' on these neighbors and she does it by any means necessary. Some might describe Floretta as nose-y, but she is quick to say what she suffers from is not nosiness--it's "Syndrome A.H.A.O.P.B" – aka A Heightened Awareness of Other People's Business.

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# The March on Washington

by Royal Bush  
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Thursday, October 8th my partner Jonathan and I headed for Washington, DC. It was our first time traveling there together and for such an event; Equality Across America March on Washington.

On the way I brought a book that I bought a while back that I was meaning to read. Jimmy Carter wrote "Our Endangered Values." I became more informed in reading that one book that I have been by watching any news network for a month! The path of our countries perception of human rights, civil rights, foreign policy, political party agendas are only as worthy, valued and honest as we are led to believe. We have much work to do. We can't remain silent.

My first impression is that we all have seen the major sites of DC in movies, photos, commercials, etc. Seeing them in person invokes such a different response deep down; justice, accomplishment and pride of historic proportions. During the day and during the night the images and displays take on a life of their own.

One planned trip was to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The facts, the stories the visuals, the building itself really stirred up emotions that were painful, deep and tearful. Anger, frustration and hurt are very vivid feelings and emotions that I had. I have more questions now than what I did before visiting this museum.

Sunday, October 11th was the big day; The March on Washington. How many will show? They were hoping for at least 60,000. I arrived at the rally site in advance of the parade. I

took photos, met with others and talked with some of those being presented.

Rev. Troy Perry, the founder of the MCC Churches was the first to speak. His first words were I am glad you are here today. By this time there were hundreds and hundreds of people there at the rally. A few minutes later Troy was invoking the spirits of those who have made contributions to advance and represent the GLBT community. By then thousands and thousands were there. Rev. Perry kept talking and moving us all. By then tens of thousands were here and as I looked down the street all I saw was people; old people, young people, people with different color skins, different color signs. If the energy could have been tapped, we could have powered the city!

As the list of speakers continued all I could do is sit and watch people, they kept coming! It was then that several things came crashing into my head. For more than 250 years slavery kept people down, during many years people were killed for not having blue eyes, blond hair and heterosexual, and in 2009 in the most powerful nation in the world, people whom love each other are prevented from being in loving, committed marriages. As the tears streamed down from my face I realized then that for the last 42 I have been tolerated and not equal in the eyes of the laws of this country. I realized I had not REALLY spoke up.

Our country has no right to hold other countries to any higher standard until it ends discrimination itself. Everyone of us regardless if want the right or would ever use the right needs to do whatever it takes to insure we usher in 100% equality, without exception!

I am reminded of the words written by Pastor Martin Niemoller in the 50's "First they came for the communists, and I did not speak out because I was not a communist." "Then they came

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# MEDITATION MADE EASY

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

It's trendy to meditate. Movie stars do it, the Dalai Lama does it, even your next-door neighbor does it. But what is it?

Meditation is about taking time out from your day, stopping your activities and doing nothing but being with yourself. There's nothing mystical or magical about it. If you've ever sat quietly under a beautiful night sky, gazed up peacefully at a majestic tree or stood on top of a hill, looked out at the vista and felt calm and good, you were meditating. We all do it "accidentally" now and then, but what happens when we do it purposefully? What happens when you WANT to meditate? WHY even bother?

There are tremendous mental and physical health benefits to meditation – even magazines like THE ADVOCATE, OUT and TIME say so – and it's free, requires no equipment and has no side effects. Well, if it's so great, why don't we do it? Many of us are afraid to meditate because we don't want to slow down, go within and look inside. We're afraid we'll find a treasure trove of shit we don't want to deal with, so we live in denial about all the crap in our lives and hope that, by avoiding it, it will all go away.

While it's hard to tell yourself the truth, it's better to know where you're at, even if it's sad or painful, because then you can do something about it. Meditation is a form of focused attention...you bring your concentration to yourself. The benefits of meditation come not from how long you do it, but the sincerity of your effort. Five focused minutes can be more powerful than 45 half-assed minutes.

Like yoga, there is no ONE way to meditate. A simple and easy way to start meditating is to follow these three steps: (1) sit quietly, (2) focus on your breathing or on a phrase you repeat to yourself, like "peace", and (3) notice what comes up (thoughts, emotions or physical sensations).

Here are some other ways to begin meditating. Try them and see which ones you like. These meditations are adapted from the wonderful book, *Wherever you go, there you are: mindfulness meditation in everyday life* by Jon Kabat-Zinn.

- **Mountain meditation:** Picture a serene and beautiful mountain. Sit and breathe in the image of your mountain. As you sit, let your head become the peak, your shoulders and arms the sides of the mountain, your buttocks and legs the base. Experience in your body the sense of quiet power and grace of the mountain. Allow yourself to feel centered, rooted and powerful as your mountain.
- **Lake meditation:** See in your mind's eye a beautiful and calm lake. Once you have a clear image of the lake, allow yourself to "become" the lake. Experience the quietness of the lake and let yourself become the stillness beneath the surface,



even when the surface is blown by storms. Use the lake image to sit or lie down in stillness...not going anywhere...peaceful and content.

- **Tree meditation:** Yep, this one is about feeling as elegant, powerful and rooted to the ground as a majestic tree. If you get sleepy when you meditate, try this type of meditation: you do it standing up. Feel your feet firmly on the ground and let yourself stand tall, yet relaxed. Close your eyes and sense your surroundings: feel the air on your skin, hear the sounds all around you, and enjoy the peace and grace of being like a wonderful, tall tree.
- **Walking meditation:** Some people find it hard to sit down and meditate, but enjoy walking as meditation. Walking meditation differs from regular walking in that you focus on the walking itself, not your destination. Bring your attention to each step you take as it comes and goes. . Doing walking meditation very slowly helps you focus. You can walk back and forth in a straight line or in a circular path: keep it simple. As you walk, let your gaze be a few feet in front of you, and allow the walking to gently calm and relax you.
- **Lying-down meditation:** Lying down is a great way to meditate: if you fall asleep, your sleep will be more restful, and if you can stay awake, your body can completely relax, more than in any other meditation posture. Let your body sink into the floor, bed or ground and feel your body from head to toe. Remind yourself that "you" are not just your head; reclaim your entire body as the real "you".

Try these different kinds of meditation and see which ones you like. Meditating is a great way to get rid of stress, worry and anxiety without the hassles and expense of medication. Let yourself have fun while you feel more peaceful: it's a great combination.

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for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist." "Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew." "Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak for me."

We have to be the voice if not for ourselves but for the next generation. We can no longer afford to be ashamed to be who we are. These are the times that we need to stand proud, yell loud and insure that our message is heard. The time is here that we must speak for ourselves!

## Out Marine on Vandalized

Billboard Speaks

The former U.S. marine featured on a defaced billboard promoting gay acceptance speaks out about the incident.

By Christopher Mangum

A billboard featuring former U.S. marine Tim Smith was torn down Friday night in Memphis, Tenn. The ad showed Smith, 27, in uniform and read, "I'm gay and I protected your freedom."

The serviceman, who was kicked out of the military under its "don't ask, don't tell" policy, says he was shocked when he received news about the vandalism. "It was more or less shock and then it turned to righteous indignation and anger towards whoever had done it and that the act had even been committed," Smith told WPTY-TV.

The billboard was one of five rented by the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center to promote National Coming Out Day on October 11.

Smith, a student at the University of Memphis, says the billboard will be replaced "as soon as the materials and prints come in," reports the local ABC affiliate.

Memphis police are investigating the incident as a theft of property and have not yet classified it as a hate crime.

## Gay, Lesbian Neighbors Feud in U.K.

A gay man in Manchester, England, is accused of trying to poison his lesbian neighbors and kidnapping their cat.

By Julie Bolcer

A gay man and his two lesbian neighbors in Manchester, England, are engaged in a bitter dispute that includes allegations that he tried to poison the women with slug pellets and kidnap their three-legged cat.

Gary Stewart was arrested after he served Marie Walton and Beverly Sales a peace offering of curry, which the women discovered was studded with slug pellets. The pellets contain the chemical metaldehyde, which can kill children and animals but is generally less harmful to adults.

Stewart admitted to the attempted poisoning in court, according to the Daily Mail. Neighbors said the act was the culmination of an "apparent hate campaign."

"Residents said that when Stewart had initially moved in with his partner, Paul Kleisier, several years ago they had been perfect neighbors," reported the Daily Mail. "But over time they became 'vindictive' and began arguments with residents over

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When I arrived at the hospital, I couldn't get any information on Susan's condition. The hospital staff informed me that medical information could only be released to Susan's family. For them, family did not include live-in partners regardless of the length of the relationship. It took six hours for Susan's parents to arrive at the hospital. During that time, I sat in the hospital waiting room and wasn't allowed to see or comfort her.

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petty matters.”

Stewart also allegedly kidnapped Sales and Walton’s three-legged cat, Amber, and dumped her in a village three miles away. The cat was found in good condition.

# Thank you!



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## Long Live the Queen

By Advocate.com Editors

As the new biography *How to Be a Movie Star* reminds us, paparazzi targets such as Lindsay Lohan, Angelina Jolie, and even Madonna are mere ladies-in-waiting to the true queen of Hollywood, Elizabeth Taylor.



Gay biographer William Mann, who recently chronicled the life of Katharine Hepburn, and made a convincing case that the late actress may have been transgender, now celebrates the first 40 years of film legend Taylor. In the just-published biography, subtitled *Elizabeth Taylor in Hollywood*, Mann doesn't offer any shocking new revelations, but he does recount the myriad romances, scandals, and near-death experiences the woman the Vatican once labeled an "erotic vagrant" has survived.

Taylor, 77, beloved by gay fans as much for the time and energy she's donated to AIDS-related charities and fund-raising as for her celebrated film work (including two Academy Awards) and endlessly fascinating personal life, remains relevant and newsworthy. Earlier this month, Taylor made headlines when she underwent surgery to repair a faulty heart valve, and tweeted to fans afterward that "it was like having a brand new ticker."



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# GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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## NEW WALK-IN HOURS

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Sundays 1:00PM - 10:00PM  
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**The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.**

**Sunday 's, Nov 1st thru Feb 28th  
GLBT SPORTS VOLLEYBALL**, sign up now, \$30 per person - individuals or teams of 4, all skill levels encouraged to play!!

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Every Sunday**

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Every Monday**

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

**GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

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

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

**Every Tuesday**

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

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

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

**Every Wednesday**

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

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

**COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT**

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

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

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

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

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

**Every Thursday**

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

**NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results,

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS** 10:00 pm to midnight, at Connections, Reverse Happy Hour and Karaoke with Amber at 9 pm

**Every Friday**

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

**OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB**

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more information call 402-384-8014

**DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON**

7-9pm, DC's Saloon

**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, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results

**NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING** 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marv's Ave.**, 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



## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

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

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

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

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

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

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm at

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.  
**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

**LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS— OMAHA**  
Not currently meeting.

### Last Saturday of the Month

**NAP HIV TESTING**, 11AM-3PM,  
WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

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

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## The Pope's Chauffeur

After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices the Pope still standing on the curb.

"Excuse me, Your Holiness," says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and now that I'm Pope, I'd really like to drive today."

"I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! And what if something should happen?" protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

"Who's going to tell? Besides, there might be something extra in it for you," says the Pope with a smile.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 105 mph.

"Please slow down, Your Holiness!" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens. "Oh, Dear God, I'm gonna lose my license -- and my job!" moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the

window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio. "I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going a hundred and five.

"So bust him," says the Chief.

"I don't think we want to do that, he's really big," said the cop.

The Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!"

"No, I mean really important," said the cop with a bit of persistence.

The Chief then asked, "Who ya got there, the Mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "The Governor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "The President?"

Cop: "Bigger."

"Well," said the Chief, "Who is it?"

Cop: "I think it's God!"

The Chief is stumped, "You been drinking, John?"

Cop: "No Sir."

Chief: "Then what makes you think it's God?"

Cop: "He's got the Pope as a chauffeur."

## The Recipe

A man is showering up in a locker room, with his buddy, when he notices his friend is very well endowed.

'Damn, Bob, you're hung!' Jim exclaims. 'I wasn't always this impressive; I had to work for it.'

'What do you mean?' Jim asked.

'Well, every day for the past two years I've spent an hour each night rubbing it with butter. I know it sounds crazy but I actually made it grow 4 inches! You should try it.' Jim agrees and the two say good bye.

A few months later the two are in the same locker room and Bob asks Jim how his situation was.

Jim replied, 'I did what you said, Bob, but I've actually gotten smaller! I lost two inches already!'

'Did you do everything I told you? An hour each day with butter?'

'Well, I was out of butter, so I've been using Crisco.'

Crisco?!' Bob exclaimed. 'Damn it, Jim, Crisco is shortening!'

MORAL OF THE STORY: You gotta follow the recipe & men don't listen!



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## Madonna Plans Return to Film

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U.K. newspaper *The Sun* reports the singer-actress is planning to direct a musical film bio of Wallis Simpson, with Academy Award winner Cate Blanchett slated to star. Simpson, the American divorcée romanced by England's King Edward VIII, ignited what was arguably the biggest royal scandal of the 20th century when Edward famously abdicated his throne in December 1936 in order to marry "the woman I love."

Madonna's feature directorial debut, *Filth and Wisdom*, met with a tepid response upon its release in 2008, but the entertainer also wrote, produced, and narrated the wrenching documentary about Malawian AIDS orphans, *I Am Because We Are*, which premiered to acclaim the same year.



## Nurse Jackie's Gay Kiss

Showtime's breakout hit series *Nurse Jackie* wasted no time in airing its first gay kiss -- between Dr. Fitch Cooper (Peter Facinelli) and gay nurse Mohammed "Mo-Mo" De La Cruz (Haaz Sleiman) -- which took place during its season finale.

By Layla Dhere

Showtime's breakout hit series *Nurse Jackie* wasted no time in airing its first gay kiss, which took place during last week's season finale between Dr. Fitch Cooper (Peter Facinelli) and gay nurse Mohammed "Mo-Mo" De La Cruz (Haaz Sleiman), who also appeared in out writer-director Maurice Jamal's 2004 urban gay romantic comedy *The Ski Trip*. The show was already steeped in gay representation, with fellow gay nurse Thor (Stephen Wallem) and Dr. Cooper's lesbian moms (Swoosie Kurtz and Blythe Danner).



The kiss followed on the heels of news that *Gossip Girl*'s notorious womanizer, Chuck Bass, will share a kiss with another man in the upcoming third season.



# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup), Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

**Camp Kindle**, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, [www.CampKindle.org](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.org)

**Family Foundations** Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

**First Central Congregational Church UCC**, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming

**Flat Water Bears**, (group disbanded)

**Front Runners/Walkers**, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

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

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for information

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

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com); Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

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

**LinOma Bares**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](http://mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info

**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

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

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

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

**Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact [omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for more info.

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org) for more information

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

**Out and About in Nebraska**, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org), meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

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

**Prairie Bares**, male nudist group, no further info available

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

**Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

**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](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

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

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**WomenSpace**, no current info is available

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

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

## LINCOLN BASED

**LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center**, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652 <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact [unlqsa@yahoo.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094

**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.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](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)

**Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://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](http://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>

## SNAP! Productions to Mount the Regional Premiere of RENT

SNAP! Productions is one of the first theatres in this region to get the rights to produce the Broadway bohemian rock musical "RENT". This much-loved musical comes to the SNAP! Productions stage on the heels of one of the longest runs in Broadway history, and will close the SNAP! Productions' 2009 season, performing November 19 through December 13, 2009.

RENT is the story of a community of young artists struggling to make their mark in New York's rapidly changing East Village of the 1990s. This life-affirming musical celebrates solidarity and love in the most desperate of circumstances. "That we are among the first to be offered this rare opportunity is truly exciting," says SNAP! Vice President and Director, Todd Brooks. "We are excited and proud to offer our local community RENT, a musical that celebrates love, diversity and the power of friendship."

This contemporary rock opera, written and composed by Jonathan Larson, is based on the classic Puccini opera La Boheme. The exuberant rock score remains among the most musically beloved in recent Broadway history ("Light My Candle," "You'll See," "La Vie Boheme," "Goodbye Love" and the show's signature "Seasons of Love").

Todd Brooks will direct this musical that was awarded the 1996 Best Musical, Score and Book Tony and 1996 Pulitzer Prize for



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Drama. He is very delighted to have assembled a cast that includes Sean Buster, Jason Carroll, Derrick Crawford, Audrey Fisher, Angie Heim, Adam Hogston, Tom Miller, Wayne Moore, Megan O'Connell, Stephen Michael Shelton, Rusheaa Smith, Mallory Vallier, Tim Vallier and Alison Wissman. SNAP! is also pleased to have staffing this show Mark Cramer (Producer), D. Laureen Pickle (Music Director), Katie Hogston (Choreographer), Donita Brooks (Costumes), Kevin Stewart (Specialty Costumes), Todd Brooks and Shane Staiger (Set Design), Connie Fowler (Properties), Mark Cramer (Multimedia and Sound Design), Mike Runice (Lighting Design) and John Remington (Stage Manager). Buy your tickets now for the groundbreaking musical RENT. The show will run from November 19 - December 13, 2009 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. There will not be a performance on Thanksgiving Day. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Tickets can only be purchased on-line at the SNAP! Productions' website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$20.00, general admission. There are no other discounts for this production. Call 402-341-2757 with any questions you may have about this performance.



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## Kirsten Gillibrand Tackling DADT Today?

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is moving ahead in her effort to end "don't ask, don't tell." New York's junior senator tweeted today, "I look forward to meeting with Dept of Defense officials today to discuss the latest with DADT policy."



By Neal Broverman

According to an update on her Twitter page, New York's junior senator Kirsten Gillibrand is meeting with Department of Defense officials today to discuss overturning "don't ask, don't tell."

Since assuming office in January, Gillibrand has championed overturning the policy, and according to her Twitter feed, today she is taking action. At approximately 10:45 a.m. Eastern, Gillibrand tweeted, "I look forward to meeting with Dept of Defense officials today to discuss the latest with DADT policy."

While serving in the House of Representatives, Gillibrand voted against repealing DADT, but since filling Hillary Clinton's seat in the Senate, she has had a change of heart. The Senate is still searching for a sponsor of legislation that would repeal DADT -- it will most likely not be Gillibrand

since she doesn't serve on the Armed Forces Committee.

## NPR Says No to Antigay Maine Ad

Stand for Marriage Maine is illegally using content from an All Things Considered story in its television ads, according to National Public radio, which is demanding the spots be pulled.

By Advocate.com Editors

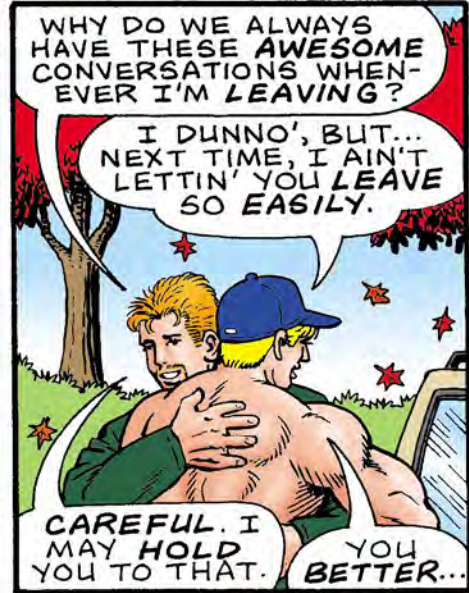
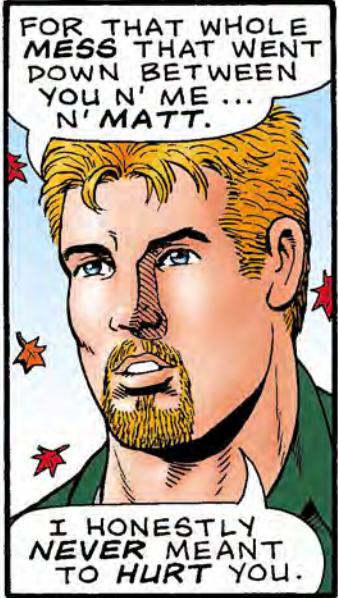
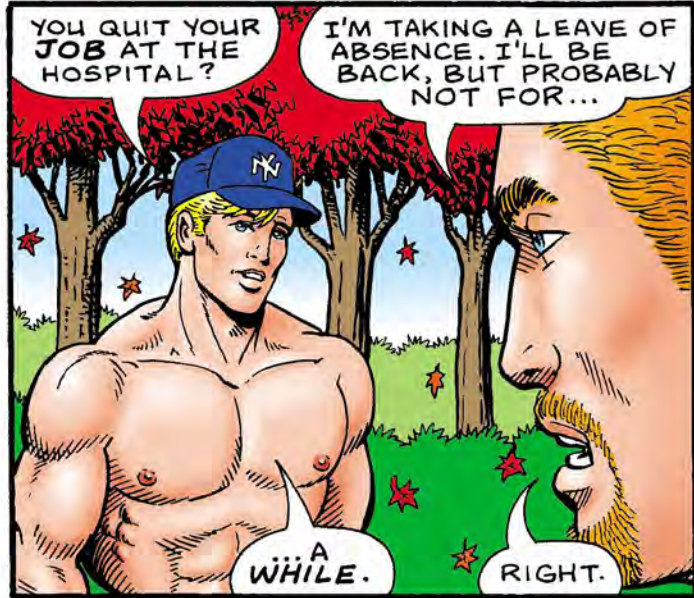
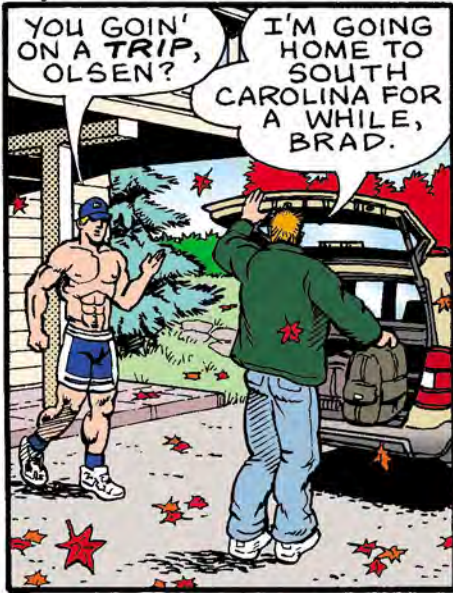
An antigay political group has used content from an NPR story that aired in September 2004 to advocate for a people's veto of the new Maine marriage equality law, the Portland Press-Herald reports. The ad, which started airing October 16, uses audio from the story titled "Massachusetts Schools Grapple With Including Gay and Lesbian Relationships in Sex Education" and suggests that Maine kindergarten-aged children could be taught about gay sex.

"NPR did not license use of this story or its content, and would certainly not have licensed or permitted it if we had been asked," said Dana Davis Rehm, NPR's senior vice president for marketing, communications, and external relations, in a statement. "NPR is a highly respected news organization and does not allow its content to be used by political or advocacy groups. Such use is harmful to the integrity and independence of NPR. NPR does allow -- even encourage -- personal, noncommercial

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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



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## Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



I know a little frog that used to live at the bottom of a well. He doesn't live there anymore. Here is the story of Dale the frog.

Dale lived a relatively happy life at the bottom of his little well. He had what he thought was everything he needed. He could survive and live by his meager ways and have an average life right where he was at.

Dale had an epiphany one day that maybe he should try to venture to the top of the well and see what existed there. He took a chance by scaling up that well wall one day. There could have been a scary new world that he was not ready for. There could have been a world up there that was not worth climbing up the wall to see. Dale was amazed at the sight he beheld as he reached the peak of his journey.

There was so much sky to see and so much more of everything to look at. Dale saw a pond near the well and decided to explore this body of water that was so much larger than his liquid cubicle at the well bottom.

This pond was teeming with many fish, ducks, and other little frogs. Dale was ecstatic about his discovery. Dale was not through with his travels though. He found a river that flowed away from the pond. Dale jumped into the river's current and went with its flow.

Dale soon found that his river took him past numerous ponds and vibrant forests on his aquatic meanderings. The river finally opened into a massive expanse of water. Dale had only read about things like this but it appeared that he was at an ocean.

The size of the ocean was impressive and it stretched beyond his eyesight. This ocean presented so many more seemingly endless opportunities for Dale. All the awesome moments that were just waiting for Dale to put a beginning to them were now all around him. Dale had come a long way baby!

He only needed to take that first step to leave his comfort at the bottom of the well. It was a big first step but it brought him to a place that he had had only read about and dreamed of.

Yes this is a simple little metaphor for what your life could be. It does however beg the question, "Will you ever leave the bottom of your well?" There are plenty of challenges at the top of the well. There are also plenty of rewards attached to those challenges at the top of that well.

Make it a goal that you will begin your explorations and head to that well top. Prepare for the many and varied opportunities that are out there waiting for you to discover them. Anytime is a great time to expand your horizons! I hope to see you some day in that great big ocean with Dale!

This column is brought to you by that guy with all of the answers to none of today's problems. This omniscient challenged guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at [www.myblakefitness.com](http://www.myblakefitness.com).

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Rehm has also requested that YouTube take down the ad, and sent a cease-and-desist notice to the ad agency that created the spot.

Scott Fish, a Stand for Marriage Maine spokesman, said, "Once we've had a chance to digest it, we will issue a response."



# Schwarzenegger Signs Bill Honoring Gay-Rights Activist

(CNN) -- California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill commemorating Harvey Milk, the first openly gay politician elected to public office in the state, a spokesman for the governor said Monday.

"He really saw this signing as a way to honor the gay community in California," spokesman Aaron McLear told CNN in a telephone interview.

Schwarzenegger vetoed a similar bill last year, saying he believed Milk should be recognized at the local level.

But since then, "Milk has become much more of a symbol of the gay community," McLear said, citing the eponymous movie starring Sean Penn, Milk's posthumous receipt of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and his induction into the California Hall of Fame.

Milk served briefly as San Francisco's supervisor before he and Mayor George Moscone were assassinated in 1978 by Dan White, a city supervisor who had recently resigned but wanted his job back.

Under the measure, the governor each year would proclaim May 22 -- Milk's birthday -- as a day of significance across the state.

The bill was one of 704 signed Sunday -- most of them near the midnight deadline -- by Schwarzenegger, said spokesman Aaron McLear.

The legislation passed the state Senate in May and the state Assembly last month.

The legislation has been divisive, with the governor's office receiving more than 100,000 phone calls and e-mails, most of them in opposition, spokeswoman Andrea McCarthy said last month.

But she added that most of the Twitter posts the governor received were in favor of the bill.

Schwarzenegger vetoed a similar bill last year, saying he believed Milk should be recognized at the local level.

Milk was a "unique" historical figure who led a civil rights movement and then was "assassinated in his public office for being who he was," State Sen. Mark Leno, a Democrat, told CNN last month.

The day of significance would not close schools or state offices, according to its text.

However, Randy Thomasson, the president of SaveCalifornia.com, said the bill was vague and could allow for a number of things at schools, including gay pride parades or "mock gay weddings."

"Harvey Milk was a terrible role model for children," said Thomasson, whose organization opposed the bill.

"The reality is Harvey Milk is a hero to so many people and a great role model," said Geoff Kors, executive director of Equality California, the group that backed the bill introduced by Leno.

"It's very appropriate that the state he worked in and passed the first gay rights bill in the country should honor him."

He said the bill marks the first time any state has officially honored an openly gay person.

Leno said that claims that the bill would lead to schools holding gay-pride parades and similar activities were "hyperbole." The bill "mandates nothing," he said, although it "affords an educational opportunity."

President Obama posthumously honored Milk with a Presidential Medal of Freedom this year, and Sean Penn portrayed him in the 2008 film "Milk," for which he received an Oscar for best actor.

## Obama Death Threats Escalating

Can the Secret Service keep up with the spiraling threats on President Obama's life?

By Neal Broverman

The White House has registered a 400% uptick in threats on President Obama's life versus threats on President George W. Bush's, straining the Secret Service and making some question whether the agency is equipped to protect the president.

The reports of increased threats against Obama come from an internal congressional report uncovered by The Boston Globe.

Besides being charged with regularly protecting 32 people, including first lady Michelle Obama and former president Bill Clinton, the Secret Service arranges security for high-profile events and probes financial crimes. According to the Globe, some government officials want the Secret Service to abandon its financial investigations so it can focus on keeping the nation's leaders safe.

The Southern Poverty Law Center reported in August that the number of white supremacist militia groups, which typically despise African-Americans and gays alike, has grown by 35% since 2000.





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