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Zach Wahls To Give Speech At Democratic Convention

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Zach Wahls (pictured), an Iowa man with two mothers, was vaulted to Internet stardom in early 2011 with a moving plea to his state legislature on behalf of marriage equality. On Thursday, Wahls will take the stage here at the Democratic National Convention, according to two people familiar with the speaking schedule.



Wahls, then 19, argued that his family was no different than any other Iowan's and should be treated no differently by the law. His speech went viral, garnering millions of views online and turning him into an overnight hero of the gay rights movement. He has since written a memoir, titled "My Two Moms."

Lesbian Doctor Is New Canadian Medical Association President

Anna Reid, MD, the first openly gay person to head the CMA, says her sexual orientation has never stood in her way.

Canada's largest physicians' association got a new president this month — Anna Reid, MD, the first openly gay person to hold that post.

Reid was officially introduced as the 76,000-member Canadian Medical Association's president August 15 at the group's national convention in Yellowknife, the city in Canada's Northwest Territories where she practices as an emergency room doctor. She will serve as president for a year.



In her inaugural address to the CMA, she emphasized the need

for patient-centric care, for better service to the nation's aboriginal people, and for doctors to work collaboratively, radio station CJCD reports.

In a subsequent interview with Toronto's Globe and Mail newspaper, she elaborated on the need to address health care inequalities that exist even in Canada, which has national coverage. "Our public system is covering just part of what needs to be covered," she said. Also, services vary around the nation, she said. She noted that she treats many aboriginal patients, adding, "I want to advocate for the marginalized."

Reid is the CMA's first president from the Northwest Territories and is only the sixth woman to head the group. "Being a woman has never stood in the way of my doing anything and neither has being lesbian," she told the Globe and Mail.

Southern Decadence Arrests

9 Anti-Gay Preachers Nabbed For Disrupting New Orleans Celebration

A number of Christian fundamentalists may have claimed that gay revelers in town for Southern Decadence somehow prompted Hurricane Isaac's dangerous weather in New Orleans last week. As it turns out, New Orleans has little tolerance for anti-gay rhetoric, too, as nine preachers were arrested for "suspicion of aggressive solicitation" on Saturday after yelling homophobic epithets during a Southern Decadence demonstration.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune identifies the preachers as Patrick O'Connell, 45, Rolando Igleasias, 31, Cesar Chavez, 22, Daniel Hoogerhuis, 26, Danny Guevera, 20, Larry Craft, 52, Montes Diego, 32 and Gary Brown, 33.

The men were found to be in violation of an ordinance that prohibits "any person or group of persons to loiter or congregate on Bourbon Street for the purpose of disseminating any social,



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political or religious message between the hours of sunset and sunrise," according to the publication. A police spokesman said the men were previously warned not to use bullhorns, but did not comply.

Justin Craft, 31, was arrested on suspicion of battery, resisting an officer and interfering with a law enforcement investigation. The Wisconsin Gazette reports that Craft allegedly punched a police officer who tried to confiscate his bullhorn.

Anti-gay resistance to the annual Southern Decadence celebration -- which the Wisconsin Gazette deems "a mashup of Pride, circuit party and Mardi Gras," and reportedly draws an estimated 120,000 LGBT visitors to the city each year -- are nothing new. Last week, one pastor went as far to suggest that Hurricane Isaac's arrival at the same time as Southern Decadence was "is a sign that God's patience with America's sin is coming to an end."

"The church, city and nation have not repented and the homosexual agenda is far worse than it was in 2005," Defend & Proclaim The Faith's Pastor John McTernan wrote in a blog. "New Orleans is still hosting Southern Decadence with open homosexuality manifesting in the streets of the city. It could be that God is putting an end to this city and its wickedness."

Rev. Grant Storms, known as one of the festival's most vocal

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opponents, was reportedly convicted of obscenity last month after being caught masturbating at a public park near a children's playground in 2011.

Police, LGBT Community Bonded Through Reported Hate Crime

By JONATHAN EDWARDS / Lincoln Journal Star

Things could have turned out so much worse.

The powder keg certainly was stuffed with enough explosives to do considerable damage to the Lincoln Police Department, the gay and lesbian community and the city's reputation.

* Charlie Rogers, a 33-year-old lesbian woman, reported a horrific hate crime, saying three men came into her house while she slept and sliced anti-gay slurs into her skin.

* Thousands immediately denounced the attack and rallied to support Rogers.

* Police didn't rule out the possibility that Rogers staged the attack and eventually arrested her, accusing her of lying to investigators.

In the face of intense media attention, locally and nationally, a potential black eye was avoided.

Police kept LGBT leaders abreast of their investigation. In turn, those leaders urged their community to support Rogers, each other and have faith in a department with a reputation for taking hate crimes seriously.

"There was not a single moment where I lacked trust," said Tyler Richard, president of Outlinc, a nonprofit group advocating for the LGBT community.

The department met with LGBT leaders three times after July 22, said Public Safety Director Tom Casady, to keep them informed of what was going on.

"It felt very collegial," he added, which made one of the meetings a little awkward because it was organized by two mediators.

"But there really wasn't anything to mediate," Casady continued. "It was as if they had set up the meeting to bring two sides together but then realized there weren't two sides. We all know each other fairly well. We're all here for the same purpose.

"It was really, really gratifying to see that level of trust and collaboration."

That trust and collaboration were hardened in the crucible of the Rogers investigation, but forged over the past two decades.

The department dedicated a liaison to communicate with the gay and lesbian community 10 to 15 years ago, Casady said.

Richard said the liaison, Capt. Marty Fehringer, frequently comes to the monthly meetings of PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) to talk about hate crimes and how officers deal with gays and lesbians.

"They've been very open to getting feedback and making sure their officers have an understanding from the chief down that they're supposed to work with all populations and treat all populations with respect."

Richard said Lincoln police are professional and added that he wouldn't hesitate to tell someone to go to police to report a hate crime.

That's music to Casady's ears. To investigate and solve hate crimes, police first must know about them.

Lincoln police started tagging hate crimes before the law required it, and there are more reports than you might think. The city made up less than one-tenth of the state's population in 2010, but according to the FBI's last report on hate crime statistics, Lincoln recorded two-thirds of the state's 61 hate crimes that year.

Those numbers are more or less the same as they were five years ago when Casady, then the police chief, wrote a blog post titled "Tip of the iceberg." In it, he noted Lincoln reported more hate crimes than not only neighboring Omaha, which is more than twice as big, but much larger cities across the country as well.

"Now, if anyone really believes that Lincoln had more hate crimes than Atlanta, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis and most other cities way over our population ... you really need to get a grip on reality," he wrote in the post.

After police arrested Rogers for allegedly making up the attack, LGBT leaders rallied to support each other. They also said in a news release that, whatever Rogers did or didn't do, hate crimes happen in Lincoln, and that victims should report them to the same investigators who believe Rogers lied about an attack that captivated the country.

"Our recent experience gives us confidence that any crime in Lincoln will be thoroughly and fairly investigated."

GOP Senate Candidate Supports Life Sentences For Rape Victims Who Obtain Abortions

By Annie-Rose Strasser

Rep. Rick Berg (R-ND), the candidate for Senate from North Dakota, once voted for a bill that would have made any woman who obtained an abortion guilty of a homicide crime — even if it were in the case of rape or incest. Indeed, the bill Berg supported does not even contain an explicit exception if an abortion is necessary to save the woman's life.



In 2007, Berg was among the small number of state representatives in the North Dakota House who supported the measure. It also would have imposed penalties on doctors and anyone else who "aids, abets, facilitates, solicits, or incites" a person into an abortion:

A new section to chapter 12.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Intentional termination of human life – Preborn children. A person is guilty of a class AA felony if the person intentionally destroys or terminates the life of a preborn child. A person that knowingly administers to, prescribes for, procures for, or sells to any pregnant individual any medicine, drug, device, or other substance with the specific intent of causing or abetting the termination of a preborn child is guilty of a class AA felony. A person that intentionally or knowingly aids, abets, facilitates, solicits, or incites a person to intentionally destroy or terminate the life of a preborn child is guilty of a class C felony. For purposes of this section, "preborn child" includes a human being from the moment of fertilization until the moment of birth.

A class AA felony carries a maximum sentence of life without the possibility of parole in North Dakota. Chapter 12.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is the section of that state's law that covers homicide crimes such as murder or manslaughter.

Although one news outlet claims that Berg's bill contains an exception "when the life of the mother is endangered" such an exception does not appear in the bill's text. The language of the bill quoted above creates a new homicide crime without any exceptions whatsoever. It is possible that a woman who obtained an abortion to save her life could invoke a provision of North Dakota law permitting self-defense to prevent "imminent unlawful bodily injury, sexual assault, or detention," although even this is not certain because a life-threatening pregnancy is not "unlawful."

Berg was quick to denounce the comments of a fellow Senate Candidate, Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO), when he claimed that a woman couldn't get pregnant from "legitimate rape." Berg called the statement "insulting and reprehensible," and "condemn[ed] them in the strongest terms possible." But the assertion that a rape victim should be put in jail for not wanting to carry the child of her rapist is equally abhorrent. It is also largely unpopular — though the country is often split on abor-

tion rights, 75 percent of Americans believe that abortion should be legal in the case of rape or incest.

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If you're a home seller; in addition, ask your possible hire for a list of their previous "listings sold". This list should include helpful data such as list price to sale price ratio and average number of days on market, which will give you an idea of what kinds of sales a specific realtor has made in the past, make sure these are his/her personal sales and not "our office".

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But why is it important to check your realtor's references before hiring them? The answer is simple: A home is often the biggest purchase made in one's life. It can cost tens or hundreds

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Lesbian Couple Face Discrimination at Nevada Hospital

BY Michelle Garcia.

Ann Simonelli and Brittney Leon

Nevada woman Brittney Leon was experiencing complications from pregnancy when she checked into Spring Valley Hospital on July 20. When her domestic partner, Ann Simonelli, attempted to fulfil her role as a good partner by confirming that she could make any necessary medical decisions in a difficult situation, Simonelli was told she could not, because the couple did not possess a power of attorney.

Even when the couple said they were registered domestic partners, a hospital administrator told them that their policy re-



quired a medical power of attorney, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reports. According to the article, the hospital had no problem accepting Leon's insurance, which was through Simonelli's employer. The article also pointed to the Obama administration's directive through the Department of Health and Human Services, mandating certain rights for same-sex couples in terms of hospital care.

Leon's doctor kept Simonelli updated on Leon's progress, because the doctor knew the couple's situation. Simonelli and Leon also said other medical professionals were kind to them. However, a 90-minute period lapsed in which Simonelli was not told about her partner's difficulties, including a large loss of blood. During the complicated hospital stay, Leon lost the child.

A woman who said she was the hospital's spokesperson told the

Review-Journal that gay couples must have a power of attorney in order to make certain decisions. When the reporter asked her whether that policy violated the Obama administration's directive, the spokeswoman reportedly hung up the phone without answering the question.

"We went there thinking we had the state's backing, and then we were told we were wrong," Simonelli said. "It didn't matter that we were registered domestic partners. It should matter."

Simonelli and Leon said they would not press charges or report the hospital's mismanagement, but said they hoped more would be done to help gay and lesbian couples facing the same problems they had to endure.

Patrick Schwarzenegger Joins Gaga's Born This Way Foundation

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BY Jeremy Kinser.

Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation, created to raise public awareness about the need for acceptance of others, has found a strong new ally in Patrick Schwarzenegger.

The 18-year-old son of former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and activist-author Maria Shriver is teaming with Born This Way and Office Depot for their Back-to-School campaign, which will release limited edition school supplies to support the foundation's mission.

"I think Lady Gaga is fantastic," says the model-actor-entrepreneur. "I think her commitment to this foundation and to empower young woman and men and trying to spread a movement and spread kindness...she's trying to end cruelty and bullying and hating. I think it's great what she's doing."

Gaga officially launched the foundation in February at Harvard University. "I want it to be part of the natural fabric of schooling, so that someone knows that it is not OK to be intolerant of your children, it is not OK to be unaccepting, it is not OK to be violent because you don't understand," She said at the time. "If you teach your kids to love everyone, hopefully that will, over time, branch out."



Minnesota Basketball Star Opposes Marriage Amendment

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THAT ELUSIVE PEACE OF MIND

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We're all clear on what we're supposed to do in order to be happy. Get the right job. Check. The right partner. Check. The right house. Check. The right life with all the proper accoutrements. Check. So how come so many of us get all this stuff (or come close enough) and still can't relax and enjoy our life?

What many of us are missing is peace of mind. Unfortunately (or fortunately) this is not something you can buy in the designer department at Neiman-Marcus or build from carefully chosen lumber from Home Depot. Peace of mind means that your mind is your friend: it doesn't continually try and mess with you, bring you down and tell you that you're a worthless piece of shit. Peace of mind means we like ourselves and we like other people; we feel safe in the world and trust ourselves. A peaceful mind is full of thoughts that create good emotions for us.

No one I've ever met lives in such a place all the time, but we can all live here more-and-more. This column explores some ways to do so.

Religion: There are more LGBT-friendly religions around to choose from than ever-before. Religion offers you a structure in which to pursue your inner peace. It also offers a community of fellow seekers. This is no small thing; to be part of a community seeking inner peace can be powerful. For some of us, this kind of structure may be a good fit, for others, it's too constricting. If you're looking for a community to support you and with whom you can share the highs and lows of a journey towards peace, a church, mosque, temple or religious community may be helpful.

Meditation: Meditation has often been portrayed as some big mysterious thing. The truth is, meditating is about being quiet and listening to yourself. Period. Your thoughts can drive you crazy – have you noticed? Meditation is simple: the hard part is just slowing down enough to do it. There are lots of different ways to meditate - check it out. The real benefit of meditation – whatever type you try – is that it helps you slow down and see what you're thinking and what's going on with you internally. This greatly increases your access to feeling peaceful and contented more of the time.

Cognitive therapy and Affirmations: In some ways, cognitive therapy and doing affirmations are similar: both help you experience more peace of mind by replacing disturbing thoughts with neutral or positive ones. A simple cognitive technique is "thought replacement": you notice your thoughts, stop thinking the destructive ones and replace them with neutral or positive ones. Saying affirmations is similar: you repeat posi-

tive thoughts so they gradually replace your old, habitual negative thoughts. Here are some affirmations you can use in your search for more peace of mind.

To calm yourself down:

May I be quiet.
May I be relaxed.
May I be still.
May I be calm.

When you're going through a rough time:

May I be free of sorrow.
May I be free of pain.
May I be kind to myself.
May I be patient with myself

When you wake up in the morning, lay in bed and repeat these four thoughts every morning for a month (it only takes a minute or so):

May I be safe and protected from harm.
May I be healthy and strong.
May I be happy and content.
May I live with ease.

Cognitive thought replacement and affirmations are most effective when you do them consistently over time. You may not feel immediately peaceful today, but if you affirm "may I be peaceful" for a week or two, you're likely to experience feeling more peaceful each time you say it.

What is a spiritual path and what does it have to offer? Most of us start on a spiritual path because we want a way out of our misery...we're tired of suffering. We want happiness and peace of mind. Most of my clients on a spiritual path have some sort of structure that supports their process of questioning and discovery: they may meditate, pray, go on silent retreats, etc. One good place to start on your own path is a book like Jack Kornfield's "A Path with Heart" or Pema Chodron's "The Places That Scare You". Yoga, chi gong, gardening, hiking in nature and even good ole' psychotherapy can be components of a spiritual path.

Lots of us have no idea how to pursue peace of mind, but we have a helluva lot of questions about our life and purpose: this is a great place to start. Without asking the right questions, we may foolishly believe that our happiness lies in external events or people that we cannot control. To find peace of mind we need to do inner work: it's a journey into yourself.

You have your whole life to enjoy this journey, so relax. It's like growing a flower: you plant a seed, water it, care for it and allow it to unfold in its own time, or you can get out there with a knife and try to force the flower petals to open faster. Peace of mind is the same way: we plant seeds of peace and contentment, water them with prayer, meditation and whatever nurtures us, and allow it to unfold. And, when we do the work, it will...

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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

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

Every Saturday
AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday
FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flix Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

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

1st Thursday
GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOg-1bt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOg1bt.org for

info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

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

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

2nd Saturday

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

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the Rain-
bow Outreach GLBT Community Center,
www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

4th Friday

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

Looks of Disappointment

A man was just waking up from anesthe-
sia after surgery, and his wife was sitting
by his side. His eyes fluttered open and
he said, 'You're beautiful.' Then he fell
asleep again.

His wife had never heard him say that
before, so she stayed by his side. A few
minutes later his eyes fluttered open and
he said, 'You're cute.' The wife was dis-
appointed because instead of 'beautiful,' it
was now 'cute.'

She asked, 'What happened to beautiful?'

The man replied, 'The drugs are wearing
off.'

Confession

An elderly man walks into a confessional.
The following

conversation ensues:

Man: 'I am 92 years old, have a wonder-
ful wife of 70 years,

many children, grandchildren, and great
grandchildren.

Yesterday, I picked up two college girls,
hitch-hiking. We went

to a motel, where I had sex with each of
them three times.'

Priest: 'Are you sorry for your sins?'

Man: 'What sins?'

Priest: 'What kind of a Catholic are you?'

Man: 'I'm Jewish.'

Priest: 'Why are you telling me all this?'

Man: 'I'm 92 years old ... I'm telling every-
body!'

DOG FOR SALE

A guy is driving around the back woods of
Montana and he sees a sign in front of a bro-
ken down shanty-style house:

"Talking Dog For Sale "He rings the bell and
the owner appears and tells him the dog is in
the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice
looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hear-
ing a dog talk, he says "So, what's your sto-
ry?"

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discov-
ered that I could talk when I was pretty young.
I wanted to help the government, so... I told
the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from
country to country, sitting in rooms with spies
and world leaders, because no one figured a
dog would be eavesdropping."

"I was one of their most valuable spies for
eight years running...

But the jetting around really tired me out, and
I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I de-
cided to settle down. I signed up for a job at
the airport to do some undercover security,
wandering near suspicious characters and lis-
tening in.

I uncovered some incredible dealings and was
awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had
a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks
the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on
earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a Bullshitter. He's never been
out of the yard"

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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.firstuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <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

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbtDemocrats.wordpress.com> - contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also <http://ProgressiveOasis.com>

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6:30pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 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 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

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

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

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

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

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

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information

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

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

OUTLinc, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, www.outlinc.org

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

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

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

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781

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://pilagcornhusker.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, openness, 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-glbtc.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>

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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

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

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: Gayzette@cox.net

(Patrick Schwarzenegger Joins Gaga's Born This Way Foundation from page 8)

University of Minnesota forward Trevor Mbakwe speaks out against the proposed anti-marriage equality constitutional amendment.

BY Trudy Ring.

University of Minnesota basketball star Trevor Mbakwe has joined the team of those opposing the state's anti-marriage equality constitutional amendment.

In a post on Minnesotans for Equality's Facebook page, he writes, "This proposed amendment would permanently ADD in discrimination to our states constitution. This feels like taking a step back in time, it's 2012, and this sort of extreme act is not only unfair ... it's anti-Minnesotan!

By voting NO to this extreme Marriage Amendment, you're sending a message that you support the rights for all loving couples, gay or straight."

Mbakwe, a forward who is a top rebounder for Minnesota's Gophers, also invites readers to a September 14 party to raise awareness of the issue and funds for the fight. Minnesotans will vote on the amendment November 6.

Other well-known athletes who have come out against the amendment include Chris Kluwe, punter for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings, according to Outsports.

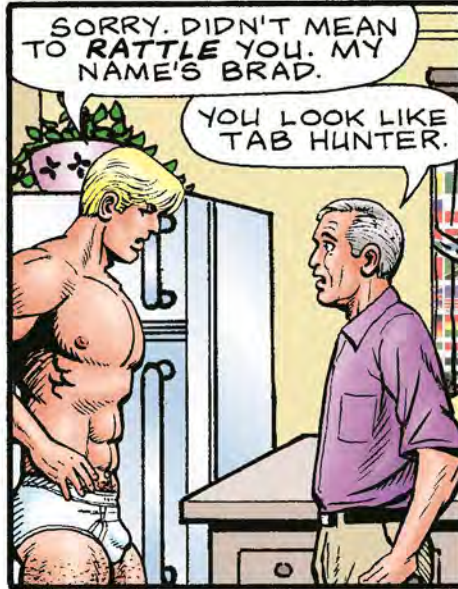


Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



YOU NEED **HELP** WITH SOMETHIN', POPS?

MY WORD.



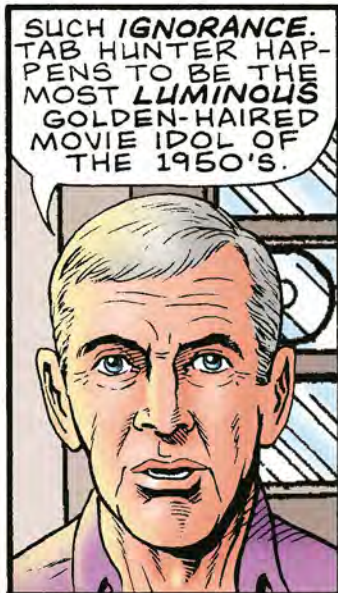
SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN TO **RATTLE** YOU. MY NAME'S BRAD.

YOU LOOK LIKE **TAB HUNTER**.

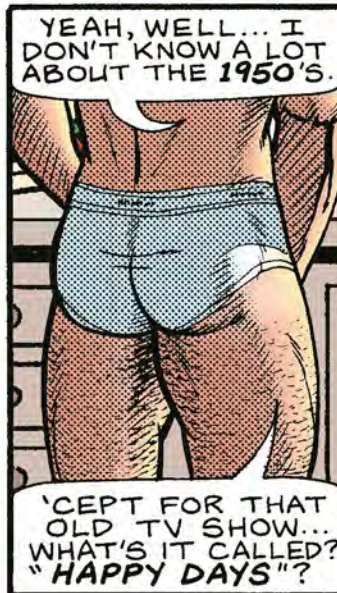


"**TAB HUNTER**"? WHAT'S A "TAB HUNTER"?

SOUNDS LIKE SOME KINDA' **WHACKO** WHO LURKS AROUND **YARD SALES** OR SOMETHIN'.



SUCH **IGNORANCE**. **TAB HUNTER** HAPPENS TO BE THE MOST **LUMINOUS** GOLDEN-HAIRED MOVIE IDOL OF THE 1950'S.



YEAH, WELL... I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE 1950'S.

'CEPT FOR THAT OLD TV SHOW... WHAT'S IT CALLED? "**HAPPY DAYS**"?



I SEEN THAT A FEW TIMES ON **TV LAND**. THEY MADE THAT IN THE 1950'S, RIGHT?

INCORRECT. IT WAS MADE IN THE 1970'S...

...IN AN ATTEMPT TO **PORTRAY** THE 1950'S.

WITH RATHER **MIXED RESULTS**, IN MY OPINION.



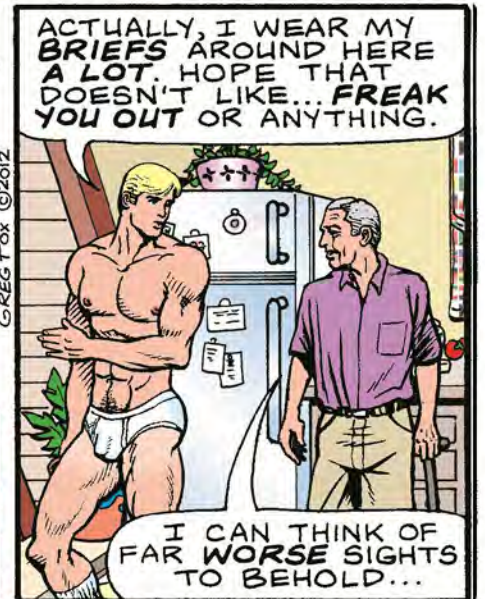
WHATEVER. WHY ARE YOU UP SO **EARLY**? **KYLE** DOESN'T SERVE BREAKFAST 'TIL 7:00 A.M.

I ALWAYS RISE WITH THE **SUN**.



OKAY, WELL... I GOTTA GO HIT THE **SHOWERS**.

AH. THAT WOULD EXPLAIN YOUR LACK OF **APPAREL**.



ACTUALLY, I WEAR MY **BRIEFS** AROUND HERE A LOT. HOPE THAT DOESN'T LIKE... **FREAK YOU OUT** OR ANYTHING.

I CAN THINK OF **FAR WORSE** SIGHTS TO BEHOLD...

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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



THE VOTES ARE IN AND THE WINNER IS...

The jackasses and elephants made some noise recently with their quadrennial love fests called the Republican and Democratic National Conventions. Both parties spent tens of millions of dollars getting their messages out to you...the voter. Should you pay any attention to any of it and does it have anything to do with your health?

Health care for everyone is still being bandied about with both Romney and Obama. It's a tricky topic since nobody wants to upset the big insurance companies that have their Benjamin's in so many politicians' pockets. The right and humane thing is health care for everyone. That would mean preventative care for all. That would mean less money from taxpayers in the long run to pay for those who can't afford proactive care. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Check yes at the ballot box for this!

Schools are up for consideration at each election. It's probably not a great idea to cut funding for education. Usually one of the first programs to go is physical education and this comes at a time when more than half of our school age kids are overweight. Get rid of the Doritos and Cheetos in the vending machines in the school cafeteria. Then get rid of the politicians slashing education budgets. Vote yes on teaching and encouraging healthier lifestyles for our kids.

It's hard to be healthy when you're dead. Gun violence killed almost 9,000 people in 2010 in our country. The theatre shooting this past summer in Colorado left many fatally and seriously injured and reignited the gun control debate. You are armed and dangerous when you don't vote to change this mayhem.

The economy is still sputtering along at the speed of Kirk Douglas on valium. That means less money to spend on those nonessentials. That would unfortunately include the health club membership for many of you poor decision makers. Give up the Applebee's happy hours or the Starbuck's jolt before throwing in the white towel on your health. Vote for the Presidential candidate who has a viable economic plan that will let you keep your fitness club membership...and even your Applebee's and Starbuck's.

Renewable energy and your health are another issue that should grab your attention. Follow my yellow brick road! Heavy oil dependency...more pollution...economy begins to grow...more oil dependency...more pollution...economy grows even more...more oil dependency and you get the point. The majority of those with asthma and chronic breathing problems agree that more oil dependence and subsequent pollution are just what they don't need. Vote yes on the greener candidate who will let you breathe again.

Get excited and get involved after the political pep rallies that played out in Tampa Bay and Charlotte recently. This is

Christmas, the Super Bowl, and Halloween for the news networks and the late night talk show hosts. The campaigns are heating up and there is no excuse to play an ignorant role on these pressing matters. Your well-being is at stake; grab a healthy cause and ride it safely to shore!

This health and wellness article is brought to you by that guy with a Democratic heart and a Republican brain. That guy with the Independent mouth is Ron Blake and he can be found at SmallTownBigCityRadio.com.

Free anonymous or confidential rapid HIV testing.
Chlamydia & Gonorrhea testing also available for \$10.00

NAP: 77th & Dodge St.	Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only) 5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in)
	Thursday 1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only) 5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in)



Flixx Lounge: 10th & Pacific St.	1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in)
RESPECT Clinic 50th & Ames Ave. <small>(Located in Baker Square Plaza)</small>	2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in)

Know your status. GET TESTED!

Call 402-552-9260 to schedule an appointment or with any questions.

www.nap.org

VENDORS NEEDED

If you have a small business and would like to sell your wares at the upcoming AUTUMN BAZAAR on Saturday October 13, 2012, tables are available for \$20.00 a table. The event will be held at 819 S. 22nd Street Omaha Nebraska. The time will be from 10am-4pm. Tables will be available for inside or outside setup. Space is limited so book your table today. If anyone has any questions please contact Kevin Marik at 402 658-8494 or email bigred1997@hotmail.com.

This will be the beginning of a fun-filled day with an evening concert from 7-9pm to follow. Lunch will be available for all vendors and shoppers.

SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY, 9TH - 9PM

"My 40th Birthday Roast"

Presented by Chandler Chubbs

SATURDAY, 15TH - 7PM

"Drag It Out for Hope"

Presented by Mr Max MI Phil Latio

SUNDAY, 16TH - 10PM

"Sioux City Invasion"

Presented by Kathy "BrownSugar" Banta

SUNDAY, 23RD - 9PM

Miss Missouri Valley USofA Pageant

SATURDAY, 29TH - 7PM

"Max Family Turnabout"

Presented by ICON

SUNDAY, 30TH - 10PM

"Dance Party Hits"

Presented by Mark Aartun

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