



Evan Wolfson Destroys NOM President in Debate

By Lucas
Grindley

When two of the most prominent spokesmen for their sides of the marriage equality fight sat down on Monday for a 10-minute debate over what's happening in New Jersey, you knew it would be worth watching.



Evan Wolfson and Brian Brown

Evan Wolfson, president of Freedom to Marry, set about dismantling the "torrent of talking points" that Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, unloaded during the televised discussion on Up Close With Diana Williams.

When Brown insisted gay rights activists in New Jersey were trying to "redefine marriage" with a bill legalizing same-sex marriage, Wolfson shot back that, "Marriage is not defined by who is denied it."

And when Brown claimed that "democracy doesn't count here" because Wolfson opposes a proposal by Gov. Chris Christie to put same-sex marriage up for a statewide debate and vote, it was answered with a civics lesson on American values:

"I disagree with Mr. Brown's explanation of how the United States is supposed to function," Wolfson said on New York's WABC-7. "Here in the United States, we actually believe there are basic rights, basic freedoms, that are protected for everybody under the Constitution. And it's exactly what we don't do is have a big debate about whether you should have freedom of religion, or whether I should have freedom of speech, or whether you should have the freedom to marry. We are all Americans, and we are all entitled to basic rights and protections. And we don't put that up to an up-or-down vote."

AFER's Griffin, Olson Discuss What's Next For Prop. 8

By Neal Broverman

Plaintiffs and attorneys in the landmark federal case against Prop. 8 spoke at Los Angeles's oldest Catholic church after an appellate panel upheld a federal judge's decision overturning a ban on same-sex marriage in California.



AFER attorney Ted Olson (left), attorney Ted Boutros (center), and board president Chad Griffin

Chad Griffin, president of the board of directors at the American Foundation for Equal Rights, which brought the case to trial, downplayed the irony of the press conference location, saying with a smile that it was the only place AFER could book on short notice. He spoke more seriously about the case and the ramifications of ballot initiatives like Prop. 8.

"Companionship and family are the basis of our happiness, of a life fulfilled, the American dream," Griffin said at the Tuesday press conference. "Take that promise away from someone, especially a young person, and you take their hope."

AFER lead attorney Ted Olson also spoke about the case's context, saying the three judge decision made "us more America." Olson also answered a question from The Advocate about the stay on same-sex marriages in America's most populous state.

The judges decided to "stay the effectiveness of this decision until the mandate is final." The Prop. 8 proponents have two weeks to ask for another hearing by the entire Ninth Circuit court; they also have three months to appeal to the Supreme Court. Olson said AFER is fighting to end the stay so marriages

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can resume in California. Griffin also expressed hope that California would become the latest state with marriage equality, but said he hopes the Supreme Court brings final word on marriage equality throughout the nation.

"There was some criticism when we announced this case," Griffin told *The Advocate*. "People thought perhaps it was going too fast, too soon. I believe we have to be on a path as quickly as possible to get full federal permanent equality, not equality through political campaigns. That's why that was decided in a court of law and that's why historically in this country, fundamental constitutional rights have been advanced by our courts. That's where they should be determined, one's fundamental constitutional rights should never be determined by the will of the people or by who has the best ads or the most money. Today, I'm so proud to be an American on a day when our courts stood up for our full equality. And very soon in the state of California, marriages will resume."

Olson also pointed out that while the judges split 2-1 on the question of Prop. 8's constitutionality, all three dismissed claims by Prop. 8 proponents that federal judge Vaughn Walker, who struck down Prop. 8 in 2010, should have recused himself from the case because he's in a same-sex relationship.

AFER attorney Ted Boutros appeared dubious as to the Supreme Court taking the Prop. 8 case, seeing the appellate decision as pertaining specifically to California, which already grants gay couples the same rights as marriage through domestic partnerships. The appellate decision said that California sees no benefit from creating a separate class of marriage.

"We anticipate the proponents of Proposition 8 will seek Supreme Court review," Boutros said. "The way the Ninth Circuit crafted their decision, they were very careful. The logic of the *Romer v. Evans* case and the *Lawrence v. Texas* cases [which appellate panel referenced] are unassailable. It followed what the Supreme Court said. The way the court wrote the decision will make it much harder for the proponents to get Supreme Court review. That said, when we brought this case three years ago, we thought this was a case that should be decided by the Supreme Court."

At the conference, the main plaintiffs in the case spoke, including couple Paul Katami and Jeff Zarrillo, and Zarrillo's father, Dominick. Kristin Perry and Sandy Stier also spoke, as did their son, Spencer Perry, who said Prop. 8 sent a message that his family was not worthy of the same rights of families headed by opposite-sex couples.

"Today our courts sent a powerful message to us and to our children and our children's children," Stier said. "That is, we're all equal, we all deserve the same rights, and we all matter."

Disliking Us Is No Longer a Legal Rationale

What the appeals court judges said in their ruling on Proposition 8's constitutionality will have far-reaching consequences, and that has our opponents freaking out.

By Kate Kendall

Here's what NOM had to say about the Prop. 8 ruling.

"Proposition 8 serves no purpose, and has no effect, other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California, and to officially reclassify their relationships and families as inferior to those of opposite-sex couples. The Constitution simply does not allow for 'laws of this sort.'" — Majority Opinion, *Perry v. Brown*, February 7, 2012

And with that, on Tuesday the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision, affirmed district judge Vaughn Walker's ruling striking down Proposition 8 as unconstitutional. There is much about this ruling to like, many great phrases and strong legal analysis that lays bare what we all know: There was no reason for voters to pass Prop. 8 other than dislike, discomfort, or distaste for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and our relationships.

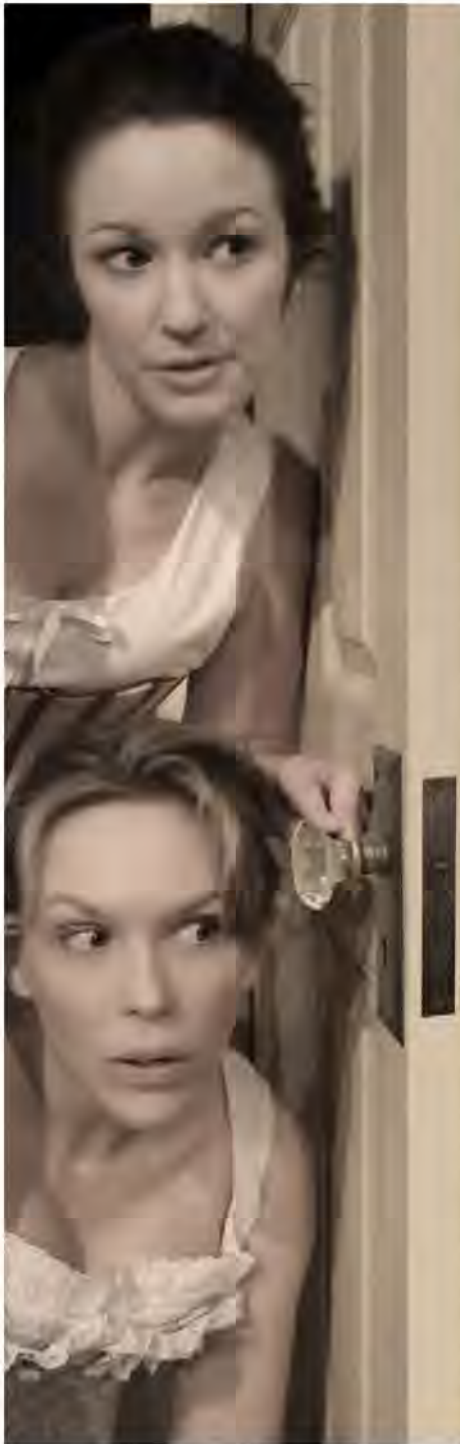
After the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Romer v. Evans*, not liking a group of people is not a sufficient justification for denying them rights and protections guaranteed by our Constitution. And in the case of Prop. 8, the court focused on the fact that Prop. 8 eliminated a right by popular vote. At some level, most of us know in our gut that allowing such tyranny of the majority would lead to some very ugly outcomes, and now we have a federal appellate court joining our chagrin at such a state of affairs.

Make no mistake, while the Prop. 8 ruling is narrowly crafted and addresses only the unique circumstances of California, this is a huge deal. This ruling marks the first time a federal appellate court has ever ruled that denying the right to marry to same-sex couples is irrational. You know that. I know that. But now we have a federal appeals court backing us up.

We, and those who love and support us, are ecstatic, but our opponents are hysterical — and not in the sense kind. On its home page, the so-called National Organization for Marriage blares in typical histrionic overstatement, "EVERYTHING HANGS IN THE BALANCE!" And then begs for money to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The appeal letter, signed by its president Brian Brown, breathlessly concludes, "This is it. This is the whole ball game. If we lose here, the laws in 44 states defending marriage will crumble and we CANNOT let that happen!" Now, other than my show-tune queen boyfriends arguing over Patti LuPone versus Kristin Chenoweth, I have rarely seen such an overwrought, unrestrained plea. Oh, sorry, right. Brian Brown ...

But in the midst of all the parsing and analysis, I hope we will all take time for a few moments of reflection on our good fortune to be alive to see this. Too many of those who fought, risked, and sacrificed never lived to see liberation won. What

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About the Director and Cast

Guest Director Amy Lane is an instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Department of Theatre and Resident Director of the "21 & Over" program at Omaha Community Playhouse. She holds a B.F.A. from Creighton University, an M.F.A. in Directing from the University of Memphis and a Ph.D. from Wayne State University in Detroit. She has directed and acted at numerous theatres around the country. In the Next Room (or the Vibrator Play) will be Amy's first BLUEBARN production as a guest director.

The Cast of In The Next Room includes familiar faces as well as actors new to the BLUEBARN. Matthew Pyle (Rabbit Hole 2010) plays the young Dr. Givings, while Ashley Spessard (BLUEBARN's Witching Hour) makes her main-stage debut in the role of his wife Catherine Givings. Doug Blackburn and Teri Fender play the other married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Daldry. Additional cast members include Mary Kelly as Annie, Rusheaa Smith as Elizabeth, and Gage Wallace as Leo.

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we witnessed Tuesday was landmark, historic, unprecedented. A key event in our human rights struggle happened, and we lived to see it. This is a remarkable movement in a remarkable time. In the middle of it all, gratitude for being here to be part of it is worth a pause.

KATE KENDELL is executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, a legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of LGBT people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education.

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The Gay Nebraska Awards (GNA's) were created to "honor the achievements of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Allied Communities of Nebraska and the surrounding areas through a yearly recognition ceremony with awards voted on by the general public" according to Troy Fienhold-Haasis, creator of the GNA's. The Gay Nebraska Awards are the only statewide, public-based achievement award program for the LGBT community of Nebraska!



Beginning on February 20, individuals will be able to log onto www.theGNAs.com or log into Facebook (www.facebook.com/theGNAawards) and submit their nominations for 23 different award categories. The GNA's will be

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BEYOND PRINCE CHARMING

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For centuries, we've been taught to believe in the "Prince Charming" myth: a hero or heroine who will some day come along and sweep us off our feet. This amazing person will not only be gorgeous and strong but will want to take care of us forever. Gay, bi, trans, lesbian... we've all been brainwashed to think this way. You may think you're "past" it, but it's not easy to erase hundreds of years of cultural mythology from your head. But let's try...

Global media and an obsession with consumerism encourage the myth. The Selling of Marriage, Romance and Love is big business...and very profitable. Have you ever wondered why there are those love songs on Pandora/itunes? Why all those bridal magazines? Wedding ring ads? Big Business makes billions of dollars off the illusion of Prince/Princess Charming coming your way, followed by a big (expensive) wedding and living happily ever after...spending lots of money all along the way.

I am not advocating that we live alone, never date or enjoy love songs, but, honestly folks, we're programmed to be suckers for these (expensive) cultural myths. It's great if it works for you, but what if it doesn't? If it doesn't for half of all heterosexual marriages, what do you think the odds are for you? I wonder if one of the biggest growth areas in the next ten years will be not only LGBT wedding planners and bridal (groomal?) showers, but also LGBT divorce lawyers.

Believing the Princess/Prince Charming myth often gets us hopelessly enmeshed in culturally idealized ideas about love. Romantic relationships are ostensibly about love and monogamy/marriage is merely one way to structure love. Let's look at what "love" really is.

Here's love as a noun:

- a profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person.
- a feeling of warm personal attachment
- sexual passion or desire.

And here's love as a verb:

- to have a profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person
- to have a strong liking for; take great pleasure in
- to embrace and kiss someone

None of these definitions mention "marriage", "monogamy" or "husband/wife". Love is an experience and a relationship is a way to structure that experience. I invite you to take a look at your definition of love and what structure best serves the love

(s) in your life.

And while we're at it, let's take a fresh look at how we see and experience sex. The more I work as a psychotherapist in the LGBT community, the more I see people for whom one sexual partner isn't satisfying. It doesn't mean that either person is lacking, nor does it mean that you or your Prince/Princess is psychologically damaged. When you look beyond the myth, you can see what works and what doesn't work for you.

When same-sex marriage becomes available to us all, I see it as the perfect opportunity for us LGBTers to decide if we really want it. Let us question the myth of Princess/Prince Charming and look within to see if marriage or a committed monogamous relationship is right for us. We can also expand the conversation to those we love and those we have sex with. Let's bring this topic out in the open: no more shame about non-monogamous relationships!

And please don't assume that the straight community unequivocally embraces monogamy: I see many straight couples in my psychotherapy practice who are exploring alternatives to traditional marriage.

One Prince/Princess may not be enough. If your woman or your man is your "everything", the vast majority of your friends are "our" friends and most of your time is spent together, you may wonder why your sex life is kind of blah. A good sex life requires some excitement, some surprise, something unknown. Even Princess/Prince Charming gets boring if you spend all your free time together.

As LGBT people at this point in time, we have tremendous options. Traditional heterosexual marriage is an option, but not necessarily the best option for everyone. Open relationships are an option. Non-monogamy (in its many forms) is an option. Polyamory is an option. Living in a community with others is an option. Let's take off our dark glasses and see the light, my brothers and sisters: it's a wide-open world out there, and - once again - the LGBT community can lead the way.

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Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at 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 (402-804-8720)

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

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm, Walkin from 5pm to 8pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING 250 So. 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

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

Every Friday

LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting, 8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

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

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

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 (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

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

Every Other Friday

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, meeting 1st Monday of each month at Element Hotel, Omaha. Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or PO Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68106

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm – 6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic 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 Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)

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

3rd Thursday

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

3rd Saturday

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

3rd Sunday

BCA 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.

The Monsignor replied, "When I am worried about getting nervous on the pulpit, I put a glass of vodka next to the water glass. If I start to get nervous, I take a sip."

So next Sunday he took the Monsignor's advice. At the beginning of the sermon, he got nervous and took a drink. He proceeded to talk up a storm.

Upon his return to his office after the mass, he found the following note on the door:

- 1) Sip the vodka, don't gulp.
- 2) There are 10 commandments, not 12.
- 3) There are 12 disciples, not 10.
- 4) Jesus was consecrated, not constipated.
- 5) Jacob wagered his donkey, he did not bet his ass.
- 6) We do not refer to Jesus Christ as the late J.C..
- 7) The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not referred to as Daddy, Junior and the Spook.
- 8) David slew Goliath; he did not kick the shit out of him..
- 9) When David was hit by a rock and was knocked off his donkey, don't say he was stoned off his ass.
- 10) We do not refer to the cross as the 'Big T.'
- 11) When Jesus broke the bread at the last supper he said, "Take this and eat it for this is my body." He did not say, "Eat me."
- 12) The Virgin Mary is not called 'Mary with the Cherry'.
- 13) The recommended grace before a meal is not: Rub-A-Dub-Dub thanks for the grub, Yeah God.
- 14) Next Sunday there will be a taffy pulling contest at St. Peter's not a peter pulling contest at St. Taffy's.

New Pickup

One day, Jimmy Jack Pinfeather was walking down Main Street when he saw his buddy Bubba driving a brand new pickup. Bubba pulled up to him with a wide grin.

'Bubba, where'd you git that truck??'

'Tammie give it to me' Bubba replied.

'She give it to ya? I know'd she wuz kinda sweet on ya, but a new truck?'

'Well, Jimmy Jack, let me tell you what happened. We wuz drivin' out on County Road 6, in the middle of nowhere. Tammie pulled off the road, put the truck in 4-wheel drive, and headed into the woods. She parked the truck, got out, threw off all her clothes and said, 'Bubba, take whatever you want.'

So I took the truck!

The New Priest

A new Priest at his first mass was so nervous he could hardly speak. After mass he asked the Monsignor how he had done.

A Gay Man in Heaven

Three friends -- two straight guys and a gay guy -- and their significant others were on a cruise. A tidal wave came up and swamped the ship; they all drowned, and next thing you know, they're standing before St. Peter.

First came one of the straight guys and his wife. St. Peter shook his head sadly. "I can't let you in. You loved money too much. You loved it so much, you even married a woman named Penny."

Then came the second straight guy. "Sorry, can't let you in, either. You loved food too much. You loved to eat so much, you even married a woman named Candy!"

The gay guy turned to his boyfriend and whispered nervously, "It doesn't look good, Dick."

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

Heartland Pride
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68105, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm 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 6pm, 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.omahaglbtsportsleague.org for more information

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

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

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

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call

402-572-9393 for details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

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

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

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

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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community! Then, the 2011 GNA Ceremony, our own version of the Academy Awards - will be on Sunday, April 29 at Club Q in Lincoln. Attendees and Nominees will be able to walk the "Pink Carpet", watch various Nominees from some of the Performance Categories entertain, and witness first hand who takes home the GNA Trophies!

Fienhold-Haasis is also pleased to announce that the net proceeds from the GNA's will help benefit The Trevor Project - the charity beneficiary of the GNA's. The Trevor Project (www.trevorproject.org) is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth on a 24/7 basis. "We believe in supporting the Trevor Project because we envision a future where the possibilities, opportunities and dreams are the same for all youth - regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity", stated Fienhold-Haasis.

So, dust off your dresses, pant suits and tuxedos and get ready for a night of fun, glamour and awards at the 2011 GNA Ceremony in April! For more information about the GNA's or how to become a Partner of the GNA's, please visit www.facebook.com/theGNAawards or www.theGNAs.com.

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
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

Selling my stuff if I die

The older you are and the longer you have been married, the
funnier this is.....



One lazy Sunday morning the wife and I were quiet and thoughtful, sitting around the breakfast table when I said to her unexpectedly, "When I die, I want you to sell all my stuff, immediately."
"Now why would you want me to do something like that?" she asked.
"I figure a woman as fine as yourself would eventually remarry and I don't want some other asshole using my stuff."
She looked at me intently and said: "What makes you think I'd marry another asshole?"

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

SO... YOU'D THINK NOW THAT DC COMICS HAS RELAUNCHED ALL THEIR TITLES FROM #1...

...THEY COULDA' MADE ONE OF THE MAJOR SUPERHEROES GAY?

DC COMICS ALREADY HAS A GAY MAJOR SUPERHERO, FERRELLI.

BATWOMAN.

YEAH, OKAY... BUT WHAT ABOUT A MALE ONE?

OR, BETTER YET... A GAY MALE COUPLE?

LIKE WHO?

HOW ABOUT THE FLASH AND GREEN LANTERN? THEY'RE ALREADY BUDDIES.

WHAT IF THEY'RE ON MONITOR DUTY ONE NIGHT AT JLA HEADQUARTERS...

...KICKIN' BACK, DRINKIN' BEERS...

AS SUPERHEROES OFTEN DO WHEN ON MONITOR DUTY.

GREEN LANTERN'S LOOKIN' EXTRA HOT THAT NIGHT...

RIGHT. IN HIS TIGHT BLACK SPANDEX AND THOSE WHITE OPERA GLOVES.

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AND THE FLASH, WELL... HE MOVES SO FAST... SOMETIMES WITHOUT THINKIN'...

AND GREEN LANTERN HAS NO FEAR, SO... HE'LL TRY ANYTHING ONCE.

BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, THEIR COSTUMES ARE OFF AND THEY'RE GOIN' AT IT--

OKAY, FERRELLI... THIS SOUNDS MORE LIKE A PORN FLICK THAN A COMIC BOOK.

YEAH, WELL... I GUESS THAT'S WHY I DON'T WRITE COMIC BOOKS. BUT I DO LIKE THESE LATE NIGHT COLLABORATIONS WITH YOU, DAVE.

WE SHOULD DO THIS MORE OFTEN. WHY DON'T YOU MOVE IN WITH ME?

SERIOUSLY? THIS IS HOW YOU'RE ASKING ME?

NOT GOOD?

I DON'T SEE A RING.

UM... IT WASN'T A WEDDING PROPOSAL.

YEAH. I NOTICED.

OH. UH...

JUST GO TO SLEEP, FERRELLI...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



You are the human resources manager and you get down to the last two candidates for the position of blah blah blah. You thought decisions this difficult could never land in your lap, but here it is ... waiting for your answer. Both applicants are outstanding and have the skills to move forward with success. You could continue with the Final Jeopardy music or just choose the one with that extra special something. It's the fitness guy who runs marathons when he's not punching the time clock.

The fitness guy has tremendous discipline. He can train for five months for an event that only lasts a few hours. He can bypass the most fun events during that training period because he's got his eye on the prize and knows he can't give in to his temptations. This is the person you want when you have only two months to implement the new system throughout your corporate office. Your perfect pick is the fitness guy.

The fitness guy is determined and resilient. He knows what it is like to experience Murphy's Law and has adapted quite well. He managed to finish all 26.2 miles of his fourth marathon despite a nasty bout with diarrhea that added a staccato cadence to his race day. He's even managed to make it to the starting line each time after alarm clock mishaps, insomnia, and freeway traffic congestion have tried in vain to yaw him from his course. Problems always seem to pop up at the most inopportune times in your nine office locations. Your piece de resistance is that fitness guy!

The fitness guy is goal driven. He sets his goal finish times at the outset of his training and continuously works toward the light adorning the end of the tunnel. He wakes at 4AM on weekdays to get those training runs in before the roosters crow to wake the rest of us. He knows that doughnuts, coffee, and cigarettes aren't part of the daily agenda and he steers clear of these barnacles of badness. He has consistently been a man with a plan and that never hurts in business. Your choice is the fitness guy.

The fitness guy is healthy. People of his ilk tend not to call off work. They tend not to take six smoking breaks throughout the day. People of fitness tend to be more productive, creative, and punctual with better memory retention and concentration than their counterparts who aren't so adept at fitness. The corporate suits will smile all day long at valued attributes like that. You're holding a royal flush with the fitness guy.

The fitness guy has excellent time management skills. He can wake before the sun and log twelve miles of running before a shower and breakfast have him out the door and to work. He puts in an honest day's work before engaging in a one hour weight training session at the gym in the early evening. It's then time to juggle the demands of the family and domestic duties before getting to bed for the required eight hours of sleep. Company projects work well with time management. You can't pass up this fitness guy.

As the interviewer, you want to hire that fitness enthusiast. As the interviewee, you want to be the fitness enthusiast and you want to talk about it during the interview process. I've run five marathons and numerous half marathons... anyone hiring?

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy with original copies. That oxymoronic guy is Ron Blake and he can be found clearly misunderstood at myblakefitness.com.



Want to Make a Difference?

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Volunteers Needed For:
*Administrative
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Nebraska AIDS Project is currently looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in our community. Call Kyle today to find out how you can help.

Phone: 402-552-9260
E-mail: kyleb@nap.org


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year's event, please
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at
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Project Condom Fashion Show 2012



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SUNDAY, 12TH - 10PM
"Black Hearts Bash"
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SUNDAY, 19TH - 10PM
"Mix It Up"

TUESDAY, 21ST - 8PM
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Presented by Emperor
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