The GayZette



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Protest Great Against H8

By Chris Orr

It was a very cold day out on November 15th. It was about as cold as Nebraskans who support infringing rights for all Americans. The weather or the bigotry didn't stop protesters though from turning up the heat for wanting the same equal rights as their heterosexual counterparts.

The "End H8" protest took place on November 15th from Noon – 2 p.m. at the Dodge Street Crosswalk Bridge (60th & Dodge). Two hundred protesters organized and gathered with a unison message, end hate and equality for all. A sea of rainbows covered the bridge but also up and down the sidewalk on both sides of the street.

Within these rainbows were independent messages from protesters. Some were thought provoking like "When do we go to vote on your marriage" and "Some men have 7 wives, I want 1." Blue Human Rights Campaign emblems were colored on posters. The pink triangle was also displayed. A little eight year old boy even supported his big brother with his sign "My big brother is gay and its okay." One sign even poked directly at Nebraska, "Haven of discrimination."

On November 15th protests took place in all fifty

states and in ten other countries. Over one million people in over three hundred cities participated. Organizers of all the protests worked thru www.jointheimpact.com and also reached out to participants via MySpace, Facebook, and local GLBT communications to the news spread. The protest really did get the GLBT-Ally members talking.

Rachel Sell and Carla Page have a six month old son, Gabe. These three are at the protest because of their feelings of a "civil rights issue" an-

swers Carla. "We don't budge into their marriages and tell heterosexuals what is right or wrong." Rachel would like the same marriage rights heterosexuals receive so she could have Carla and Gabe on the same insurance to cut the cost of having two insurance carriers and plans like they currently do. Carla feels it is "common sense for us to have equal rights" while Rachel adds on "we are all born equal."

A teenager named Destiny (last name not provided) feels "we should have been doing this before the election, but

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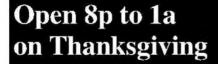
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Jim, attending since 2007



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now is the time for our voices to be heard." Ken Riter speaks over cars passing and honking by. "It's time for the gay community to fight for their rights."

There were some "god loves gays" signs but people agree that the church and state are currently hand in hand. Rachel thinks "we are on the path of separating them again." "Religious beliefs are being used to infringe upon human

WHEN DOX WE GET TO YOUR ON YOUR MARRIAGE?

rights" answers Destiny.
"They are best buddies"
voices Carla. Nikola
(last name not provided)
offers "anti gay
measures funded by religious establishments, we
must sever this tie!"

They express how the GLBT community needs to do more. Rachel shares "we don't see much of the community outside of the usual venues." Carla throws in "love entertainment of GLBT Omaha but we also need to get out, protest, and stand up. Omaha GLBT community needs to do more; people want freebees of rights without working for them and essentially that

is what we have to do." Ken also feels the same. "The Omaha GLBT community needs to get it together. The people in the bar scene need to quite bitching and get out and fight for their rights" he concludes. Ken also noted how he had received glares and eye rolls from people after informing them about the

protest the night before. He and others stated that drag queens not in face or leaders of some major GLBT organizations both who talk about equal rights appeared not to be there. The protesters cheered and thanked each other for being there and the organizers of the protest are now gearing up for another peaceful demonstration. Those who are looking to get involved look at www.jointheimpact.com and also check out www.daywithoutagay.org



104 Generals and Admirals: Military Gay Ban Must End

More than 100 retired generals and admirals are calling for an end to "don't ask, don't tell," the military's policy of not allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military, reports the Associated Press.

"As is the case with Great Britain, Israel, and other nations that allow gays and lesbians to serve openly, our service members are professionals who are able to work together effectively despite differences in race, gender, religion, and sexuality," the officers wrote, Military readiness was the overall focus of their call for repeal.

The statement from military leaders resurrects the policy debate for President-elect Barack Obama at a time that parallels similar deliberations at the outset of the Clinton administration. Those contentious talks ultimately resulted in adoption of the discriminatory policy and is widely considered to be the first major PR blunder of incoming President Clinton, who had made a campaign pledge to repeal the ban on gays in the military.

President-elect Obama supports repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" but told The Advocate last spring that he would not use the issue as a litmus test in choosing his Joint Chiefs of Staff. (The Advocate)



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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.

Only after Susan's parents arrived was I able to see her. Thankfully, they were caring people who accepted our relationship. The doctors predicted that Susan would not make it through the night. She died within the next hour. All that time had been wasted as I sat in that dark waiting room. She had been slowly dying alone, when I should have been holding her hand and couldn't."

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MCC PANTRY REAPS BOUNTIFUL HARVEST!

Submitted by Sharon Van Butsel

The River City Bowling League held their annual food drive November 9, collecting a total of over 700 pounds of food for MCC's pantry. One team, the Bowler Sisters, collected 290 pounds, winning a free week of bowling for bringing in the most food. In addition, the bowlers collected cash donations and held a raffle for a variety of donated prizes, generating nearly \$550 cash for the pantry.

In addition, Stan Brown and Scott Miller, members of the Royal Family of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, gathered over 350 pounds of food for MCC's food pantry. Stan and Scott collected food from co-workers at Younkers and Union Pacific and from fellow members of the River City Mixed Chorus. Thanks to all those who made generous donations to the Pantry. MCC's Food Pantry provides emergency food to clients of the

Nebraska AIDS Project, having given out over 350 pantry or-

Chonzion Manual Manual

A portion of the food gathered by Stan Brown and Scott Miller.

ders serving over 700 clients. The outstanding support from the community will allow MCC to continue to provide food to those in need during the coming year.

Bowler Sisters: John Davison Greg Toohey and Ron Hansen.



Not pictured was Michael Thorfinnson.

River City Bowling League Food Drive organizers Joe Reed, Paul Thomas, and Mike Wierzbicki.



Part of MCC's Memorial Bricks

Small Town in Oregon Elects First Transgender Mayor

SILVERTON, Ore. - Plenty of politicians reinvent themselves, but few do it quite like Mayor-elect Stu Rasmussen.

Rasmussen has been a fixture in Silverton politics for more than 20 years, and had twice before been mayor of the small city 45 miles south of Portland. Those terms, however, were before his breast implants and before the once-discreet crossdresser started wearing dresses and 3-inch heels in public.

Silverton has made Rasmussen the country's first openly transgender mayor, according to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a group that works to help openly lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people win elected office.

MORE BRICKS ARRIVE

Submitted by Sharon Van Butsel

MCC has received the second shipment of engraved memorial bricks which will be placed near the new accessible entryway. These memorial bricks honor groups, families and individuals and have helped generate the funds that have paid for the first five phases of our accessibility plan. During the next two weeks the ramp will be completed, the accessible restroom will be finished as will Ted's Room, a multipurpose meeting room. If you would like to honor or remember some special person, event or group, you can do so by making a donation of \$350 to MCC's accessibility fund. To do so, contact MCC at 345-2563 or email sharony@mccomaha.org.



What Does It Mean To You?

By Royal D. Bush

I remember my mom telling me that she knew where she was and what she was doing the day that JFK was shot, and when MLK was shot. I often wondered if I would remember such events.

I remember when the space shuttle Challenger blew up. I was helping my brother change the brakes on my car. (really!) I remember when Princess Diana was killed. I was eating dinner with friends. (really!) I remember on September 11th 2001, I was laying in bed watching "The View" on my day off. (when Star was still a big hit!)

And, I was at home watching TV around 11:30PM when

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A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

FUTURE

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KICK-OFF THE HOLIDAYS WITH KRISTINE W.

A Benefit for Pride Nebraska 2009

By Michael Pryor

On Friday, November 28th, Kristine W. will perform a benefit show at The Max, 15th and Jackson, at 11pm. She will have a private VIP meet and greet session from 7pm till 8pm; followed by local talents until 9pm. Kristine will be in the area for the holidays and has graciously offered to do a one night show to raise money for Nebraska Pride 2009. Kristine has headlined for Nebraska Pride the last 2 years. Many readers know her best from her sixth Billboard #1 song "Some Lovin" which was the theme music to Showtime's Queer as Folk.



The VIP pass will cost \$25 and may be purchased in advance from Pride Chairman Johnnie Richards. The pass will get you a private meeting with the artist on the arena side of the bar. She will be taking pictures with guests and signing autographs. You will get a free CD and free Hors d'oeuvres by Chef Dan. VIP guests also get front row seating free at the 11pm concert. Tickets for the show will cost \$5 a piece on the main disco floor. The Max's regular \$3 door cover will also apply during their regular hours.

Kristine W. Just released her new Christmas CD "Hey Mr. Christmas" November 11th. Her new dance single "Never" releases November 24th. She will be performing these new songs along with some of her popular older work. These new releases will be among the free CD choices for VIP guests signed by Kristine.

Kristine W. began her recording career in 1995 with the national dance chart topper Feel What You Want. She had several more number one singles over the following years. In 2004 after overcoming a 2 year battle against leukemia she released her third album Fly Again with Tommy Records. This album garnered another three number one singles. At Nebraska Pride 2008 several people mentioned that her shows "didn't seem very long". When asked to check their watches they responded, "Wow! That was over an hour!" Her music is riveting and enraptures listeners. It is nearly impossible to sit still and not dance along. It also proves the maxim, "Time flies when you're having fun!" For sample and previews check out her website www.kristinew.com.

Make sure you bring family and friends to The Max, Friday November 28th at 7pm. Get your VIP passes and see for yourself why this amazingly down to earth perform is such a friend to the Omaha Community.

Bewitched, Bedazzled, Be Dancin' -Join us for Night of a Thousand Stars 2008

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008

(What Does It Mean to You, Continued from page 7)

Barack Obama was declared the predicted winner in the 2008 Presidential election. I feel that this is the biggest thing that has happened in my lifetime.

As a man that is gay, it has seemed easy for me to come out, live my life openly at work, where I volunteer, with my circle of friends and where I worship. So life for me is pretty good. Sure, times were tough growing up in a single parent family. But I always had a roof over my head, food in my tummy and clothes on my back. Oh ya, and more love than any one kid could want!

Although I am blessed to have a variety of friends, I don't know what it is like to be a woman, or a person with disability or have a life altering disease.

And I don't know what it is like to be black. I don't know what extra joy or what freedom it brings, what heartaches are relived or the struggles that are had in the pursuit of getting to the Promised Land that Martin Luther King Jr., spoke of. This is not just about an election of another President. This was an election about true change for this country.

I can tell you that I was told by some of my closest friends that this election was "bigger" than us. It was about a torch being passed on to a new generation. It was about walking the walk not just talking the talk. It was about us putting our votes where our hearts are.

My mom has voted in three presidential elections. Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and, Barack Obama. She just turned 90 this year and she wanted to see him win.

"... often times we were told that we can't; and yet people pressed on with that American creed: 'Yes, we can." Yes we can! We as Americans can make anything happen. We have a President Elect know who believes in ALL of us. He wants EVERYONE to have a chance and have no one left behind.

We all should be charged, recharged, and ready to support our President as he has already proven that he is ready to support us. May God continue to bless the United States of America as one of the finest countries to live in, and may God continue to bless our new President and his family! And remember, YES WE CAN!

MARRIAGE EQUALITY **FORUM ON DEC. 15**

The monthly CBCA meeting will be 6:30PM to 8:00PM December 15, 2008, at GLBT-friendly St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 22 Dillman Drive in Council Bluffs. That is a Monday and there will not be a potluck for this particular CBCA meeting. Instead the CBCA will be hosting a Marriage Equality Forum, presented by One Iowa. The oral arguments for the marriage equality case are to be presented six days earlier on December 9 in Des Moines. This forum on the 15th will be One Iowa updating us on the case. There will be attorneys from Lambda Legal (from Chicago) and the six couples who are part of the lawsuit. One Iowa will present important information on marriage equality that will be of great interest to all GLBT folks and their allies - from Omaha and Nebraska as well, so everyone is encouraged to attend. The event is free.

CBCA AT FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Council Bluffs Community Alliance will have a decorated tree at the Festival of Trees in Council Bluffs, November 22-23. 2008. This is the CBCA's first entry. The festival theme is "Celebrate the Arts". The CBCA tree is titled "Gifts of GLBT Artists to the World" and is a tribute to GLBT Artists and their work from Stephen Sondheim to Andy Warhol to Audre Lorde. For info about the festival, visit www.bluffsfestivaloftrees.org



Rainbow Celebrations & The Max Presents... A Night of Music & fun with Kristine W. A benefit for Nebraska Pride 2009 When: November 28th 2008 Where: The Max 1417 Jackson St. Omaha Ne. VIP Meet & Greet with Kristine W. 7pm Free Hors d'oeuvres & free CD \$25.00 show & concert to follow. Kristine will be performing on the main dance floor at 11pm. Come hear songs from her new CD Hey Mr. Christmas & Never. or more information go to. www.nebraskapride.com or www.themaxomaha.com

GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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WALK-IN HOURS

Sundays 4:00PM - 6:00PM Tuesdays closed temporarily Thursdays 7:30PM - 9:00PM Fridays 6:00PM - 11:00PM

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD

RED RIBBONS OF HOPE - at The Max,

10pm show time

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH
WESTSIDE BENEFIT CONCERT Westside High School, 7:30pm, benefitting

the Diamond Foundation

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

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<u>LULLABY FOR RYAN</u> - History of HIV/ AIDS in America, performed by Jade Esteban Estrada, 8pm, MCCOmaha Church

MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST
WORLD AIDS DAY - One man theatre
performance by Jade Esteban Estrada, PS
Collective, 7pm

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH
STELLA DALLAS GOES TO WHOVILLE / LIGHTING OF THE MAX
CHRISTMAS TREE - The Max, 6pm
showtime, benefitting MCC Omaha, Rainbow Celebrations and the Diamond Foundation

WEEKLY EVENTS

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WORSHIP SERVICES:
AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT
friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOW-

SHIP, Meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Fellowship starts at 6PM, services begin at 6:30PM, Everyone Welcome!

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

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, 2PM to 4PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

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

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

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

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,

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 RAINBOW RECOVERY", an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

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

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

Every Tuesday
HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet
Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session),
Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at <u>aander-son@hastings.edu</u> or Judy Sandeen at
<u>jsandeen@hastings.edu</u> for further information

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

Every Wednesday

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

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

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm DC's

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

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday
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KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar **NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 139 S. 40th Same day results,

Every Friday
DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON
7-9pm, DC's Saloon

AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING, 7pm, open to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

AA LIVE & LET LIVE, 8:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presby-

terian Church, 851 North 74th Street

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GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

<u>GLBT AA</u> 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm-9PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40th Same day results

NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING

7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marys Ave**., Same day results

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY, 6 to 7:30PM, Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Thursday

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7 to 8:30pm,

Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 6PM. Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or see www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org for info

1st Friday

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm,

Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday OR Sunday HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-

TION, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.net for meeting schedules etc.

1st Sunday

GAY GUYŚ 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.

2nd Wednesday

ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

2nd Thursday

PFLAG-OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday LEARNING TO EXCHANGE

POWER L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday

<u>INTEGRITY</u> 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREEN-

<u>ING</u> (glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

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

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL

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

3rd Thursday GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP

7–8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln on the third Thursday of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE

<u>LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS</u> 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd 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

3rd Sunday

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

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—

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

See, I have open space Here for your Event! Send it to me!

Her Worst Nightmare

A lady walks into Tiffany's. She browses around, spots a beautiful diamond bracelet and walks over to inspect it. As she bends over to look more closely, she inadvertently breaks wind.

Very embarrassed, she looks around nervously to see if anyone has noticed her little accident and prays that a sales person doesn't pop up right now.

As she turns around, her worst nightmare materializes in the form of a salesman standing right behind her.

Cool as a cucumber and displaying complete professionalism, the salesman greets the lady with, 'Good day, Madam. How may we help you today?'

Very uncomfortably, but hoping that the salesman may just not have been there at the time of her little 'accident', she asks, 'Sir, what is the price of this lovely bracelet?'

He answers, 'Madam, if you farted just looking at it, you're going to shit yourself when I tell you the price.'

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox















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GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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- Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,
- http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcsoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.
- BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/BiMenNebraska and http:// groups.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 or see 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 United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming
- Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)
 Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at
 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by
 softball field, Omaha
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org
- GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 6PM. Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or see www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org for info
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.net for information
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838,Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, www.icon.impcourt.org
- Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle
- **Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting
- LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124
- Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,
- Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: 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 Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 7pm
- NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, 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
- 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
- Northside Christian Church 5555Larimore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contemporary service at 11:00am
- The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com
- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ OmahaBiMarriedMen
- Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net
- Omaha GLBT Professionals, Contact omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net for more info.
- Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org for
- more information

 Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026
 Social/Support Organization for African
 American Males age 21 and over
- Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com
- OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website:www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass
- Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Prairie Bares, male nudist group, no

- further info available
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330
- Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see www.rainbowcelebrations.org
- River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 4083 Omaha, NE 68104, for info call 402.813.1842 or Email: info@rivercitygenderalliance.org
- River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
 River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267.
- River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- **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
- Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org
- WomenSpace, no current info is available Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org
- **Y.E.S. Drop-in Center**, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

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- LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director,
- http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652
- http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality
- Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info
- GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm
- Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.
- **Nebraska AIDS Project,** Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: http://pflag.ineb.org/
- Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094
TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu/www.unl.edu/cglbtc Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494, Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs 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



Omaha GLBT Sports

Chris Orr

It's been another two weeks of fun for the volleyball players. Some of the games were completely dominated by one team winning all three sets while some teams took a one-three or two-three set for the evening. All teams still had a great time.

On November 9th Flixx
played against Orange. Orange had a
few subs while Flixx was all intact.
The first set had orange with a loss
because they couldn't find a groove.



Orange then won set two. Set three was a set that had gone into overtime with Flixx scoring on rally serves and Orange catching up by Flixx mismanaging the ball. The game did take a little longer than usual because of some great volleys.

November 16th had Blue versus Flixx. Blue was off to a rough start in set one. Set two, the blue team just kept knocking the ball out even though the set up was nice. Flixx had great six to eight point serving rallies in sets one and two but didn't get far in set three. Blue reorganized and ran the board with a six point serving rally and strong offense to get set three.

You can come and watch the games for free on Sundays. Games are at the Westroads Club and at 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. You can also check our website www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org and our myspace page for information. There will be no games on Sunday November

information. There will be no games on Sunday November 30th because of Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Unfortunately Connections wont be sponsoring a team. So the former Connections team is now Gray.

November 9th

Yellow 4 20 17 VS. Brown 21 22 21 Chixx 7 12 9 VS. Black 21 21 21 Blue 18 23 22 VS. Red 21 21 20 Louie M's 21 24 21 VS. Green 16 22 17 Dixie Quicks 21 21 21 VS. Gray 8 14 8 Flixx 21 17 21 VS. Orange 15 21 23

Did you know that you can see the entire **GAYZETTE** on our web site? Go to:

www.rainbowoutreach.org
And click on the Publications link.
George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

November 16th

Green	9	21	14	VS. Orange	21	18	21
Red	21	21	21	VS. Yellow	7	18	12
White	21	21	21	VS. Chixx	16	6	14
Brown	21	21	21	VS. Purple	13	9	17
Blue	12	8	21	VS. Flixx	21	21	21
Gray	4	9	13	VS. Louie M's	21	21	21
Black	21	21	21	VS. Dixie Quike:	8	13	8







Flight 654 for Los Angeles is Now Boarding

A beautiful young blond woman boards a plane to LA with a ticket for the coach section. She looks at the seats in coach and then looks ahead to the first class seats. Seeing that the first class seats appear to be much larger and more comfortable, she moves forward to the last empty one. The flight attendant checks her ticket and tells the woman that her seat is in coach.

The blond replies, "I'm young, blond and beautiful, and I'm going to sit here all the way to LA."

Flustered, the flight attendant goes to the cockpit and informs the captain of the blond problem. The captain goes back and tells the woman that her assigned seat is in coach.

Again, the blond replies, "I'm young, blond and beautiful, and I'm going to sit here all the way to LA."

The captain doesn't want to cause a commotion, and so returns to the cockpit to discuss the blond with the co-pilot. The co-pilot says that he has a blond girlfriend, and that he can take care of the problem. He then goes back and briefly whispers something into the blonde's ear.

She immediately gets up, says, "Thank you so much," hugs the copilot, and rushes back to her seat in the coach section. The pilot and flight attendant, who were watching with rapt attention, together ask the co-pilot what he had said to the woman.

He replies, "I just told her that the first class section isn't going to LA."

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

	Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
	DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
	Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
	Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
	Gnome's Bar , 1951 Saint Marys Ave	991-6470
	The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
	Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South	22nd Street
ı	Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
	Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
	Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
ı	Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Res	ource Center,
	1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzett	e) 341-0330
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Lincoln

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

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

The Hangover

Bob woke up after the annual office Christmas party with a pounding headache, cotton-mouthed and utterly unable to recall the events of the preceding evening. After a trip to the bathroom, he made his way downstairs, where his wife put some coffee in front of him.

"Louise," he moaned, "tell me what happened last night. Was it as bad as I think?"

"Even worse," she said, her voice oozing scorn. "You made a complete ass of yourself. You succeeded in antagonizing the entire board of directors and you insulted the president of the company, right to his face."

"He's an idiot," Bob said. "Piss on him!" "You did," came the reply. "And he fired you."

"Well, screw him!" said Bob. "I did. You're back at work on Monday."



Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake Certified Personal Trainer

When should you start an exercise program? There are many choices: Saturday the 22nd, Sunday the 30th, or Tuesday the 18th, May-



be you could aim for next year in February or April. Time for a powwow to decide the best time to begin the blood, sweat, and tears program. We'll write down the possibilities and then pick a winner.

The first up for consideration is now. The good part about starting now is that you will actually start. The bad part about starting now is that the holidays are here. You have the Christmas shopping to do for five aunts, four brothers, three best friends, two parents, and that boyfriend in a pear tree. Then there's the office party, the hanging of the holiday lights, and the Thanksgiving vacation at grandma's house in Indianapolis.

The second option is January. The good part about starting in January is that you will actually start. The bad part about January is that you have those two classes you will be taking at the community college. You need those classes to finish the Masters Degree program so you are eligible for a promotion. Between a 40 hour work week and six credit hours of business courses there just isn't time.

The third option is April. The good part about starting in April is that you will actually start. The bad part about April is that you are taking that two week cruise in the Caribbean, your mom is visiting from Michigan, and your best friend from Indiana University's class of 1991 is making his way west to see you.

The fourth option is June. The good part about starting in June is that you will actually start. The bad part about June is that you are attending your nephew's graduation in Evansville and your niece's graduation in South Bend. There are also the life insurance sales conventions in Schenectady, New York; Eugene, Oregon; and Joplin, Missouri during this upcoming summer.

The fifth option moves us to September. The good part about starting in September is that you will actually start. The bad part about starting in September is that you will traveling to Georgia for your college roommate's wedding, to Chicago for your sister's wedding, and to Savannah for the commitment ceremony for the first guy you had sexual relations with and become such best friends with after the breakup.

What's a person to do? There are five options and none of them work. We are right back to this time next year and I would bet that your options then will look just as bleak. The answer is quite simply to just start now. There is never a good time to start any fitness program. You will always have events in your life and additions to your weekly calendar. Find a way to incorporate fitness into your daily routine. Make some changes, rearrange your schedule, and it will work. Yes you can!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who never did learn the difference between starboard and port. That guy is Ron Blake and you can usually find him drifting aimlessly about on some body of water. Feel free to guide him back to shore by emailing him on his sloop at blake.fitness@yahoo.com.

I Spy.....

Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. Sometimes I'll be

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expressing views or giving a heads up on persons, places, or things that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons etc.).

The following is from an English Comp paper I wrote. It will be in three parts, this is Part 1. "The right to marry whoever one wishes is an elementary human right compared to which "the right to attend an integrated school, the right to sit where one pleases on a bus, the right to go into any hotel or recreation or place of amusement, regardless of one's skin color or race" are minor indeed. Even political rights, like the right to vote, and nearly all other rights enumerated in the Constitution, are secondary to the inalienable human rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence; and to this category the right to home and marriage unquestionably belongs." [Hannah Arendt, Dissent, Winter, 1959]

The pursuit of happiness where marriage and home belong is the American dream. Homosexuals in the state of Iowa though saw that dream come true then disappear. The dream hangs in the balance once again. Granting same-sex marriage can improve Iowa as a state and the livelihood of homosexual individuals.

Marriage is legally defined as a contract between two adults and the state. Another term for marriage is civil marriage. Massachusetts and Connecticut legalized same-sex marriage in the United States. This legal standing rightly provides same-sex partners an equal framework of law, rights, and responsibilities.

Iowa does not ask the marriage applicants what their sexual orientation is. California and Iowa are two states that previous-

ly allowed civil marriages. This reversal portrays that an Iowa government doesn't mind interfering in an individual's life and their pursuit of happiness. Homosexual couples would appreciate the one hundred and fifty to three hundred state laws and the one thousand and forty-nine federal laws which benefit civil marriage. If same-sex marriage laws continue to be struck down, does this mean homosexual couples are uncivilized? Should homosexual couples wonder if they are anti-American or should the government who is blocking their pursuit of happiness consider itself anti-American? One of the staples of being an American is having a family. Part 2 will be in the next issue of the Gayzette. The paper will also be sent off to Iowa legislation and other government officials.

The week of November 16th – November 22nd is National Transgender Week of Remembrance. It is not far off to say that this group of our community is the one left out the most. There were summits, discussion groups, and awareness pamphlets about the Transgender community and the discrimination they face every day at UNO and Hastings College. One bar is being more open to the Transgender community. Vic Wagner, bar manager at Chixx, is glad that their establishment is open to all members of the alphabet soup community. Chixx has a unisex restroom for its bar patrons. She has noticed that the bar is more Trans friendly and that more Trans bar patrons come into the establishment.

A Lullaby For Ryan starring Jade Esteban Estrada, a play that shows a quarter century of the AIDS epidemic, will be at MCC-Omaha on Saturday November 29th & Monday December 1st (World AIDS Day) at 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The story meets a wide array of people played by Estrada thru out all walks and stages of life. The AIDS Memorial Quilt will also be at these productions. The cost for one of the showings is \$10. For more information check out www.mccomaha.org

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Rainbow Celebrations Show 7-9pm \$3

Concert by Kristine W
11pm
Disco Dance Bar

SATURDAY NOV 29TH

"USofA or BUST"
Fundraiser to send Faleasha Savage
to Nationals in Dallas
6pm Doors Open
7pm Show

SUNDAY NOV 30TH

MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT
9PM

Kristine W

FRIDAY DEC 5TH

"STELLA GOES TO WHOVILLE"
Diamond Princess Stella's
Diamond Foundation Benefit
5pm Doors Open
6pm Celebrations &
Tree Lighting

