



## California Justices Rule for Same-Sex Marriage

California's Supreme Court declared gay couples in the nation's most populous state can marry -- a monumental but perhaps short-lived victory for the gay rights movement Thursday that was greeted with tears, hugs, kisses and at least one instant proposal of matrimony. Same-sex couples could tie the knot in as little as a month. But the window could close soon after -- religious and social conservatives are pressing to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November that would undo the Supreme Court ruling and ban same-sex marriage.



"Essentially, this boils down to love. We love each other. We now have equal rights under the law," declared a jubilant Robin Tyler, a plaintiff in the case along with her partner. She added: "We're going to get married. No Tupperware, please."

A crowd of people raised their fists in triumph inside San Francisco City Hall, and people wrapped themselves in the rainbow-colored Pride flag outside the courthouse. In the Castro, the historic center of the gay community in San Francisco, Tim Oviatt wept as he watched the news on TV.

"I've been waiting for this all my life. This is a life-affirming moment," he said.

By the afternoon, gay and lesbian couples had already started lining up at San Francisco City Hall to make appointments to get marriage licenses.

In its 4-3 ruling, the Republican-dominated high court struck down state laws against same-sex marriage and said domestic partnerships that provide many of the rights and benefits of matrimony are not enough.

"In contrast to earlier times, our state now recognizes that an individual's capacity to establish a loving and long-term committed relationship with another person and responsibly to care for and raise children does not depend upon the individual's sexual orientation," Chief Justice Ronald George wrote for the majority in ringing language that delighted gay rights activists.

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## Can You Get Married Today? Probably Not

Cecilia M. Vega, Heather Knight, SF Chronicle Staff Writers

San Francisco - The gay couples started flocking to the San Francisco Clerk's Office at 10:20 a.m. - just 20 minutes after the decision was released.

City officials say they'll likely be unable to marry the same-sex couples for another 30 days when the decision fully goes into effect. But they're making appointments for those weddings now.

That didn't discourage the first same-sex couple at the clerk's door, Julie Scarce, 45, and Paula Bocciardi, 52. The West Portal couple of 12 years weren't among the throngs who got married at City Hall in 2004.

"I wanted to wait for a court decision. I wanted it to be legal. I can't even describe the emotional impact of it," Bocciardi said. "The name 'marriage' alone and the idea that we have the same rights to marriage is overwhelming."

City Administrator Ed Lee said he is working on a fact sheet to give out to the gay couples hoping to get married. Although the marriages might not resume immediately, city officials are making appointments, Lee said.

## CA Supreme Court Forces Homosexual "Marriage" Against the Will of the People in California!

WASHINGTON, D.C. -The Christian Family Coalition calls upon the California Supreme Court to reconsider its decision overturning the definition of marriage as the union of a man and a woman, which was overwhelmingly adopted by over 60% percent of the state's voters in a 2000 referendum.

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"It's a sad day in America when rogue courts overturn the will of the people of California, as expressed in Proposition 22" said Anthony Verdugo, Founder and Executive Director, Christian Family Coalition. "These corrupt and unelected judges on the California Supreme Court have violated the separation of powers and assumed the powers of a legislative body by imposing homosexual "marriage" Even though in March, 2000, 62% of California voters spoke loud and clearly on the value of marriage when they approved Proposition 22, defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman".

"Since the courts cannot be trusted, and anticipating this ruling from a court of corrupt "justices" over 1.1 million Californians who signed petitions to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot this November, activist judges will not have the last word in California, voters will," said Anthony Verdugo, Founder and Executive Director, Christian Family Coalition.

## Ellen DeGeneres and Girlfriend Plan to Marry

Ellen DeGeneres is putting the California Supreme Court ruling in favor of gay marriage into action -- she and Portia de Rossi plan to wed, DeGeneres announced during a taping of her talk show.

DeGeneres was taping the episode of "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" on Thursday, the day the state's high court struck down

California laws against gay marriage, and it was to air Friday, a person close to the production said.

Citing the court's ruling, DeGeneres said she and girlfriend de Rossi ("Ally McBeal," "Nip/Tuck") would be getting married.

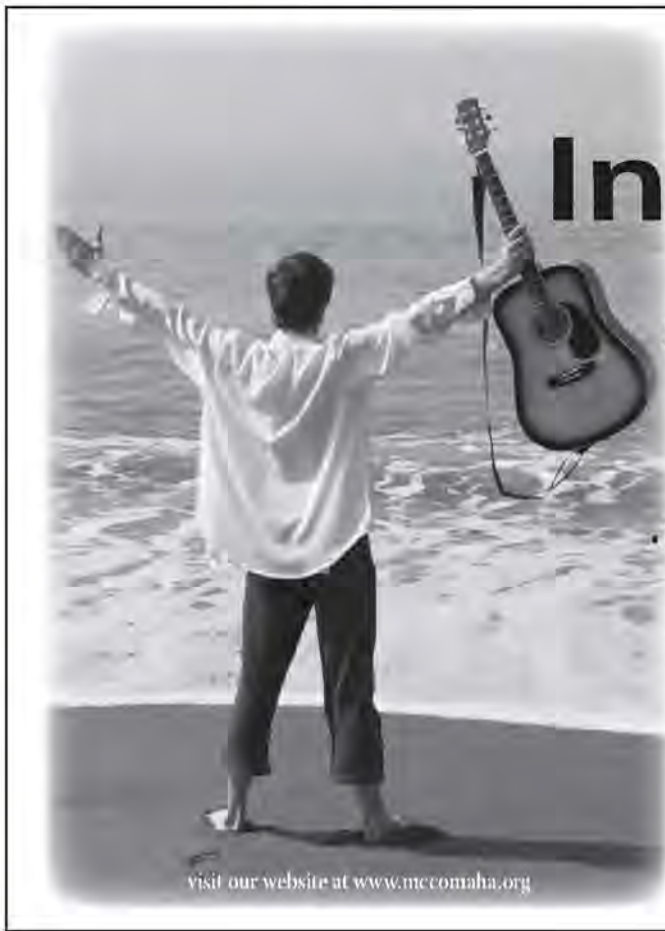
De Rossi, 35, who was in the studio, and DeGeneres, 50, were applauded by audience members, the person close to the production said.

The court ruling means same-sex couples could tie the knot in as little as a month. However, religious and social conservatives are seeking to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November that would undo the Supreme Court ruling and ban gay marriage.

DeGeneres has boldly used TV before to make a stand for gay rights.

In 1997, she brought her character on the ABC sitcom "Ellen" out of the closet, making the show the first on prime-time network TV to have an openly gay lead. The move drew cheers from gay civil rights organizations but was condemned by some religious groups.

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### Passion

Who are you? Let's pretend we have just met and I ask you to describe yourself to me. I say, "tell me about yourself." What is your response?



[Take a moment to think.]

So what was your answer? Here is mine: What's up. My name is Tom. I'm a pastor, I'm originally from Colorado, I play the cello, I'm learning Spanish and I like to go to the gym, jog and (when I am near them) hike in the mountains. I love time with family and friends.

Now there is nothing wrong with my self description. It's all true and I am content with all of those facts about me, but is that really who I am? All I really shared with you are titles I hold, a place I am from and activities I engage in. Is that all I am? Is your answer all you are? Of course not.

I believe that we need to begin to define ourselves in relation to what the passions of our heart and mind are rather than the status we hold or the activities we engage in. It's a little more risky, but a lot more profound. What if, just what if, when asked to tell the other about ourselves we talked about those things that cause our heart to beat faster and engage our mind. So, tell me, what excites your mind, what is the passion of your

heart?

[Take a moment to think.]

This gets down to it. We can't hid behind a title or a label anymore. We are forced to really tell the other who we are. For some of us we have to think about this and it can be hard. For me, the things that get my heart beating faster and excite my mind are: helping others to see that they can have a real quality relationship with a non-judging all-loving God, having a quality of life through staying relatively healthy, being present to others, expressing the inner most songs of my heart through music and being awed by the majesty of creation. This is more me then the first list.

I dare you to try this. Next time someone asks you who you are, try telling them the real you. Tell them about what fires you up, what makes your heart beat faster and what moves your soul. You will surprise them, but you will find that, more often than not, people will be drawn to you. A few will be repelled, but that is only because they are intimidated because they cannot give any voice whatsoever to their own passions. If you have helped them to discover that, great, you have done them a favor.

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Next Issue: **Fear**

*(California Gay Marriage, story Continued from page 1)*

Massachusetts is the only other state to legalize same-sex marriage, something it did in 2004. The California ruling is considered monumental by virtue of the state's size -- 38 million out of a U.S. population of 302 million -- and its historic role in the vanguard of the many social and cultural changes that have swept the country since World War II.

California has an estimated 92,000 same-sex couples.

"It's about human dignity. It's about human rights. It's about time in California." San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, pumping his fist in the air, told a roaring crowd at City Hall. "As California goes, so goes the rest of the nation. It's inevitable. This door's wide open now. It's going to happen, whether you like it or not."



Unlike Massachusetts, California has no residency requirement for obtaining a marriage license, meaning gays from around the country are likely to flock to the state to be wed, said Jennifer Pizer, a gay rights attorney who worked on the case.

The ultimate reach of the ruling could be limited, however, since most states do not recognize gay marriages performed elsewhere. Nor does the federal government.

The conservative Alliance Defense Fund said it would ask the justices for a stay of the decision until after the fall election in hopes of adding California to the list of 26 states that have approved constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage.

"We're obviously very disappointed in the decision. The remedy is a constitutional amendment. The constitution defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman," said Glen Lavy, senior counsel for the organization.

Opponents of gay marriage could also ask the high court to reconsider. If the court rejects such a request, same-sex couples could start getting married in 30 days, the time it typically takes for the justices' opinions to become final.

The justices said they would direct state officials "to take all actions necessary to effectuate our ruling," including requiring county marriage clerks to carry out their duties "in a manner consistent with the decision of this court."

The case was set in motion in 2004 when the mayor of San Francisco -- the unofficial capital of gay America -- threw City Hall open to gay couples to get married in a calculated challenge to California law. Four thousand gay couples wed before the Supreme Court put a halt to the practice after a month.

Two dozen gay couples then sued, along with the city and gay rights organizations.

Thursday's ruling could alter the dynamics of the presidential race and state and congressional contests in California and beyond by causing a backlash among conservatives and drawing them to the polls in large numbers.

A spokesman for Republican John McCain, who opposes gay marriage, said the Arizona senator "doesn't believe judges

should be making these decisions." The campaigns of Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton said they believe that the issue of marriage should be left to the states.

Ten states now offer some form of legal recognition to same-sex couples -- in most cases, domestic partnerships or civil unions. In the past few years, the courts in New York, New Jersey and Washington state have refused to allow gay marriage.

Outside the San Francisco courthouse, supporters cried and cheered as news spread of the decision. Jeanie Rizzo, one of the plaintiffs, called Pali Cooper, her partner of 19 years, via cell phone and asked, "Pali, will you marry me?"

Shannon Minter of the National Center for Lesbian Rights said same-sex marriage advocates could not have hoped for a more favorable ruling by the Republican-dominated court. "It's a total victory," Minter said.

California already offers same-sex couples who register as domestic partners many of the legal rights and responsibilities afforded to married couples, including the right to divorce and to sue for child support.

Citing a 1948 California Supreme Court decision that overturned a ban on interracial marriages, the justices struck down the state's 1977 one-man, one-woman marriage law, as well as a similar, voter-approved law that passed with 61 percent in 2000.

The chief justice was joined by Justices Joyce Kennard and Kathryn Werdegar, all three of whom were appointed by Republican governors, and Justice Carlos Moreno, the only member of the court appointed by a Democrat.

In a dissent, Justice Marvin Baxter agreed with many arguments of the majority but said that the court overstepped its authority and that changes to marriage laws should be decided by the voters. Justices Ming Chin and Carol Corrigan also dissented.

California's secretary of state is expected to rule by the end of June whether the sponsors gathered enough signatures to put the gay-marriage amendment on the ballot.

Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has twice vetoed legislation that would have granted marriage to same-sex couples, said in a statement that he respected the court's decision and "will not support an amendment to the constitution that would overturn this state Supreme Court ruling." (Lisa Leff, AP; AP writers Terence Chea, Jason Dearen, Juliana Barbassa, Evelyn Nieves and Liz Sidoti contributed to this report.)

*(DeGeneres Plans Marriage, story Continued from page 4)*

A month before, DeGeneres had proclaimed from the cover of Time magazine that she was a lesbian.

DeGeneres and the glamorous de Rossi have been a familiar couple at Hollywood events, including the Academy Awards. Previously, DeGeneres had a high-profile relationship with actress Anne Heche.

In a 2005 interview with Allure magazine, the comedian said she hoped she and de Rossi are "together the rest of our lives."

"I never would have thought my life would have turned out this way," DeGeneres told the magazine. "To have money. Or to have a gorgeous girlfriend. I just feel so lucky with everything in my life right now."



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The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy. It was published in a popular children's magazine as a part of the celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. Interestingly enough, he originally wanted to use the words "Equality" and "Fraternity", but decided they were too controversial because many people opposed *equal rights* for women and Blacks. It seems that equality is too difficult to be applied consistently. It has to maneuver its way through hatred, prejudice, and fear. For members of the GLBTQQS community, that struggle continues.

In the history of those living on American soil, that acceptance was not always difficult. In 1846, A white traveler in Wyoming records the deep friendship of two Sioux men, Hail-Storm and Rabbit, who "ate, slept, and hunted together, and shared almost all that they possessed." Such romantic friendships, he noted, were "*common among many of the prairie tribes.*" In 1856, Woman Chief, a woman warrior of the Crow Nation, is killed on a peacemaking expedition. She left behind four wives.

Among the Native Americans, there was acceptance of gender diversity. Referred to as "two-spirits", these people were considered another variation within cycle of life. The concept of homosexuality or transgender was not even known. Two-spirits were considered to house the masculine and feminine within the same body and were often thought to have special powers and were usually healers or medicine men.

Among the Papago people, if it were noticed that if the young boy was not interested in boyish play or manly work, a ceremony was set up in which an enclosure of brush was built. Inside was placed a man's bow and a woman's basket. The child was told to go inside and take something out. The hut was then set on fire and it was noted what the boy brought out with him. If it was the woman's basket of materials; the tribe was reconciled to raise him as a two spirit.

In the Mojave ritual, a singing circle is prepared, unbeknownst to the boy, involving the whole community as well as distant friends and relatives. On the day of the ceremony everyone gathers round and the boy is led into the middle of the circle. If he remains there, the singer, hidden in the crowd, begins to sing the ritual songs and the boy, if he is destined to follow the two-spirit road, starts to dance in the fashion of a woman.

"He cannot help it," say the Mohave. After the fourth song the boy is declared to be a two-spirit person and is raised from then on in the appropriate manner.

It is interesting that the diversity of human sexuality enjoyed a greater acceptance in the cultures of the ancient peoples, but in more modern "enlightened" times, we are hated and feared and thought to be somehow less than human. It was in 1879 that the Ponca Chief, Standing Bear successfully argued before the US district court that Native Americans are "persons within the meaning of the law" and have the rights of citizenship. In his argument before the judge, Chief Standing Bear gives us the true argument for the acceptance of all human kind: "That hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain. If

you pierce your hand, you also feel pain. The blood that will flow from mine will be the same color as yours. I am a man, God made us both."

It is in this one statement where lies the guide for all religion, for all humanity, "*The blood that will flow from mine will be the same color as yours. I am a man. God made us both.*" Add to that the words from the Pledge of Allegiance, "*with liberty and justice for all*", and we have the true mission statement of freedom in a democratic country. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the murder of Matthew Shepard. His death, and the deaths of countless others who do not fit society's definition of human, shows us just how far people will go down the path of hate. We as the GLBTQQS living under the rainbow flag which flies under the Stars and Stripes of this nation, must stand up and make this land truly the "Land of the Free and the home of the Brave!"

This year also marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rainbow flag. As the Children living under that flag it is time for us to set the example, to love one another, to live in peace and harmony, and prove once and for all that "Pride Knows No Borders!"

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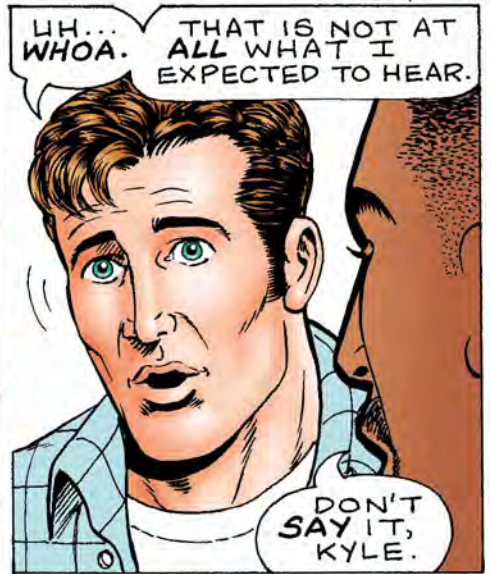
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SO, MATT...HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

EVER SINCE YOU AND BRAD BROKE UP--

I'M SLEEPING WITH JEFF OLSEN.



UH... WHOA.

THAT IS NOT AT ALL WHAT I EXPECTED TO HEAR.

DON'T SAY IT, KYLE.



HUH?

DON'T SAY ALL THE THINGS I KNOW YOU WANT TO SAY.



WELL, MAYBE YOU COULD CLUE ME IN ON ALL THOSE THINGS I WANT TO SAY, 'CAUSE...

...FRANKLY, I'M AT A BIT OF A LOSS FOR WORDS.



YOU WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS TOO SOON... THAT THIS WOULD KILL BRAD IF HE FOUND OUT...

...THAT I'M PLAYING WITH FIRE... THAT THIS CAN ONLY END BADLY.



GOD. AM I THAT MUCH OF A WET DISH RAG?

YOU CAN BE.

BUT IT'S ENDEARING, IN A WAY.

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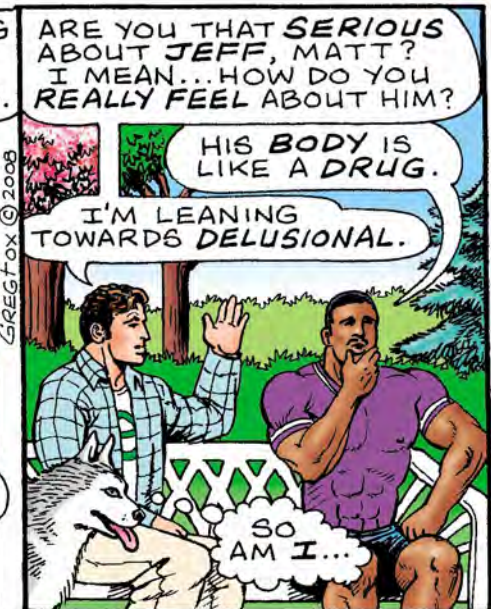
LOOK, KYLE... I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT BRAD TO GET HURT. I DON'T WANT THAT EITHER.

BUT WE BROKE UP. I'M FREE TO DATE WHO-EVER I WANT TO.



I DIDN'T PLAN ON GETTING INVOLVED WITH JEFF, BUT...IT HAPPENED. AND SOMEHOW...IT'S WORKING.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE THAT JEFF AND I ARE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER? OR AM I BEING COMPLETELY DELUSIONAL?



ARE YOU THAT SERIOUS ABOUT JEFF, MATT? I MEAN...HOW DO YOU REALLY FEEL ABOUT HIM?

HIS BODY IS LIKE A DRUG.

I'M LEANING TOWARDS DELUSIONAL.

SO AM I...

# NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

## Nebraska AIDS Project Recognizes Volunteers During Appreciation Celebration

On April 20th, Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) honored nearly 200 volunteers from Lincoln and Omaha during a recognition service. The celebration was held at the Eastern 4-H Center in Gretna, Nebraska. NAP volunteers are committed to fight the spread of HIV and AIDS in Nebraska and perform a variety of services to support NAP's mission. Volunteers play instrumental roles in all departments including education, administration and development. In 2007, NAP volunteers donated over 10,200 hours to Nebraska AIDS Project with an estimated value of more than \$124,000.

"As a society, we are taught to place a value on everything," said Sharon Renter, executive director of Nebraska AIDS Project. "While we can place a value on the number of hours each volunteer works for us, we cannot sum up the totality of human kindness, the gift of time, a touch or hug, even a brief conversation that each volunteer gives to Nebraska AIDS Project. Nebraska AIDS Project volunteers are unique in personality, expertise, and their reason for volunteering, and we appreciate their time, talents and commitments."

Several awards were distributed including five, 10, 15 and 20 years of service; Spirit of Volunteerism awards for each department based upon the volunteer's work consistency, positive attitude and leadership; Community Supporter Tribute for organizations who have shown unwavering support toward NAP; and for Advocate of the Year, which recognizes organizations and individuals that demonstrate dedication to end the spread of HIV and AIDS by working directly with NAP, and through activism in the community at large.

**Five Years of Service:**  
Mary Helms, Omaha  
Barbara Kushner, Omaha  
Pat Porter, Omaha  
Tiffany Sheffield, Lincoln

**10 Years of Service:**  
Jane Howard, Omaha  
ICON Foundation, Omaha  
Mary Mason, Omaha  
David Steffen, Omaha

**20 Years of Service:**  
Sr. Mary Lefevre, OSM Omaha  
Lewis (Don) Oliver, Omaha

**Spirit of Volunteerism Wellness Center:**  
Pat Porter, Omaha  
Natalie Baskin, Lincoln

**Spirit of Volunteerism HIV Testing and Counseling:**  
Tomás Coyos, Omaha

Rebecca Bolli, Lincoln  
Spirit of Volunteerism Office Assistant:  
Annette Jensen, Omaha

Spirit of Volunteerism Fundraising:  
Janet Goodman, Omaha

Spirit of Volunteerism Education and Outreach:  
Kat Vinton, Omaha

Community Supporter:  
The Keystone Group, Omaha  
The Q Bar, Lincoln

Advocate of the Year:  
The ICON Foundation, Omaha

Several clients who volunteer for NAP also received awards, however, due to confidentiality, their names have not been included. NAP recognizes and values their time and commitment to the agency's mission.

For more information, contact Kristin Czerlinger at (402) 552-9260 ext 142 or e-mail [kristinc@nap.org](mailto:kristinc@nap.org). For more information please visit [www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org).

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# GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach  
Metro Omaha GLBT Center  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha**  
(mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

## WALK-IN HOURS

Sundays 2:00PM - 8:00PM  
Tuesdays 7:00PM - 9:00PM  
Thursdays 7:30PM - 9:00PM  
Fridays 6:00PM - 11:00PM

**\*Closed Most Major Holidays  
(402) 341-0330  
www.rainbowoutreach.org**

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

**SUNDAY MAY 25th**  
**PRIDE IDOL FINALS**, the Max, 8pm  
www.NebraskaPrideIdol.com for details

**SATURDAY MAY 31ST**  
**BRENNER-BECKSTEAD CONCERT**, the Max, doors open 6pm, \$3 cover. Special guest: Salza, see also brennerbeckstead.com for more information

**SUNDAY JUNE 8th**  
**GLBT NIGHT OUT PARTY**, South Pacific, Omaha Community Playhouse, 5:30pm, contact Karli Newman for info & tickets at 553-4890 ext. 147

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY JUNE 20th-22nd**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE 2008 in OMAHA**

**AUGUST 4TH THRU 10TH**  
**CAMP KINDLE**, NE session for kids affected by HIV/AIDS,  
www.campkindle.org for info

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**, 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

**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN**, 1023 N 40 10am service

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Sunday Worship 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

**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

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

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

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

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING**, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

**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 REHEARSALS**, 6:45PM-9:15PM, First United

Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP** Confidential, meeting at the MCCO Church, 819 S. 22nd St, call 345-2563 for meeting times, all women are welcome

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

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

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

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

**HIV TESTING**, 1:30pm to 4 pm walk-in NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in 20 minutes, call 402-552-9260 for info

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

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

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

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

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

**HIV TESTING** 7- 9pm walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40th Same day results,

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections Bar

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST**, UNL 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week - will close most of May and reopen May 30th 2008 - call for more info

**Every Friday**  
**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 Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

**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

**GLBT AA** 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

**HIV TESTING** 5-7PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results

**NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING** 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marvs Ave.**, Same day results

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST**, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

**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

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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: omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net

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

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

### 1st Saturday OR Sunday

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

### 1st Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 2nd Saturday

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER** L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

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

**INTEGRITY** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

**OUOUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING** (gblt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

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

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

### 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 Tuesday

**HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC**, Lincoln NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day results, 200 South 18th Street

### 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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN** 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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

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

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

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN** 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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

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

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

**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

### 4th Friday

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

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

## Frying Eggs

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband.

Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the! salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'

The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?'

The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

# 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](http://www.CampKindle.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Low Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,

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

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 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](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

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

**Prairie Bares**, 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](http://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](mailto:info@rivercitygenderalliance.org)

**River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

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

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

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

**WomenSpace**, no current info is available

## LINCOLN BASED

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

**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact [unlqsa@yahoo.com](mailto:unlqsa@yahoo.com) for info

**Gay & Bi Men's Discussion & Support Group**, Tim, P.O. Box 6341, Lincoln 68506-0341, 483-6183

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

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

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

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

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

**Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group**, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email [sindu.s@gmail.com](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)

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

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

**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>

**UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) / [www.unl.edu/cglbtc](http://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](http://www.councilbluffspride.org)  
Iowa Equality, GLBT—allied against change to the state and federal  
Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>  
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

## Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and  
Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at  
<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

### New Studies Released

A recent study conducted by Harvard University found that the average American walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study by the American Medical Association found that Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

This means, on average, Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind Of Makes You Proud To Be An American.

### Community Announcements

If you have a life event, birth, death, adoption, anniversary, wedding, graduation, memorial or other special announcement that you would like to see in the Gayzette, send it to [Gayzette@cox.net](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net) and we'll be happy to publish it here for free.



**Challenge yourself.  
Help us love the world.**

**Low Avenue Presbyterian  
Church - 1023 N. 40<sup>th</sup>, Omaha**

**Bread for the World offering  
of letters, May 18**

**Back to school clothing  
Aug. 2nd**

**Sunday worship 10 a.m.**

**Rainbow Bible Study 6:30  
p.m. Fridays.** (Now reading *Jesus,  
the Bible & Homosexuality* by Jack Rogers.)

**Call the church at 551-5207 or  
Cleve Evans at 733-1360 or  
557-7524 for more  
information.**

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

*Go to:*

*[www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)*

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





# COUNCIL BLUFFS JUNE 1ST MEETING TO FEATURE CONNIE GRONSTAL

Everyone is invited to attend the June 1st meeting of the Council Bluffs Community Alliance (CBCA), the local GLBT and Allied organization. The CBCA exists to promote the city of Council Bluffs as a developing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender family community, and to assure the equality of all Council Bluffs residents.

Connie Gronstal, member of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, will be our guest speaker at our June 1st meeting, which will be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday June 1, 2008, at 415 Parkwild Drive, home of Mike Flanagan and Duane Schon (note: drive past the apartments to the top of the hill). Connie was instrumental in getting gender identity and sexual orientation added to the list of protected classes in Iowa. As you know, in Iowa you can no longer be discriminated against in housing, employment, education or public accommodations based on gender identity and sexual orientation. It was a long process to get this into law. Connie will review the history of making it happen. She will also explain what the law says and what our options are as a protected class.

Theresa Jacoby of the Council Bluffs Civil Rights Commission will also be a speaker at our meeting! She will explain what we can do at the local level now that this is also a part of the Council Bluffs city code.

After the meeting we hold a potluck. Mike and Duane have volunteered to do the main dish for the potluck. Depending on the first letter of your last name, please bring the following for the potluck: A - M bring Salad, N - Z bring Dessert.

As a side note, Connie's husband, Mike Gronstal, is the Senate Majority Leader in the Iowa Senate. He is, by all accounts, the most powerful man in the legislature and he represents Council Bluffs in the Senate. He is very pro-gay and he was the one responsible for keeping an anti-marriage equality amendment from getting out of committee and onto the floor of the Iowa Senate this past session of the legislature. He was also instrumental in getting the inclusive Safe Schools law and the updated Civil Rights law enacted.

If you want to learn more about Council Bluffs from a GLBT perspective, visit [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.org) and to learn more about the Council Bluffs Community Alliance email [councilbluffscommunityalliance@yahoo.com](mailto:councilbluffscommunityalliance@yahoo.com) or contact Mike Yowell at 712-256-2805.

## The Little Dog Laughed

SNAP! Productions is very proud to present the Regional premiere of *The Little Dog Laughed*, by Douglas Carter Beane. Few can match Beane when it comes to writing hilarious material spoofing the inside workings of show business and the arts. Not since the dish ran away with the spoon, have so many mismatches been so cleverly aligned – and realigned – but let's not get ahead of ourselves. This comedy gives us a satirical look at the movie industry when you deviate from the mainstream.

If your mother told you never to laugh at someone else's expense, she never saw *The Little Dog Laughed*. This naughty send-up of show biz morality is proof positive that laughter is the best revenge. A fast-paced and hilarious look at the world of celebrity, *The Little Dog Laughed* tells the story of a hot Hollywood actor who may be about to win the role of the century, if

he can keep his sexuality under wraps. Add to the equation a rent-boy looking for love, his "girlfriend" looking for a home, and a scheming talent agent out to make the deal of a lifetime, this outrageous and poignant comedy is the perfect way to spend an evening out.

"Devastatingly funny, with dizzy, irresistible writing that brings down the house! Theatergoers have cause to rejoice!" - New York Times

SNAP! Productions will present *The Little Dog Laughed* with a stellar cast consisting of Connie Lee, James Palmer, Michael Juarez and Emily Neve.

SNAP! Productions is excited to have Todd Brooks directing and designing the set for this show. He is reinforced by a great backstage crew consisting of Lighting Designer - Ernie Gubels, Sound Designer - Dave Podendorf, Costumer - Nancy Ross and Props Mistress - Rhonda Hall. Liz Heim will produce the play with Brian Callaghan acting as Stage Manager. Buy your tickets now for *The Little Dog Laughed*, which runs from May 29 – June 22, 2008 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, June 22nd show will start at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! Productions website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. Groups of 5 or more will need to pay in advance.

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# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake  
Certified Personal Trainer



Common sense and Memorial Day weekend are here at last! Well at least Memorial Day weekend is here. Can you combine the two and get good health and fitness results from late May until early September?

You're sitting around the picnic table and someone's telling a story about a man, a woman, and the love they have for one another. Common sense would be not to shovel bags of potato chips into your mouth while this anecdote is being revealed by your next door neighbor. Lack of common sense brings an extra couple of thousand calories and that desperate clawing for those last few handfuls of crushed chips at the bottom of the bag.

The holiday weekend brings temperatures into the 80s and you strip off the clothes and chance the chilly waters of the pool. Common sense tells you to plaster on the waterproof SPF 15 and enjoy the warmth of the sun. Lack of common sense brings that third degree burn and the unpleasant sting of the shower in the evening.

The grill is fired up and there is an abundance of chicken, ribs, and steaks to cover everyone's plates. Common sense would be to only slide one plateful of mouth-watering delights into your belly. Lack of common sense brings heartburn, gas, and regret from your hotdog eating competition with that Japanese guy.

The cooler is stocked with oodles of Miller and Anheuser-Busch products. Just in time for that lazy float down the river. Common sense would be to drink water or Gatorade as the sun beats down on your body during that serpentine journey down the waterway. Lack of common sense brings dehydration, fatigue, and headaches from your ban of such non-beer products from the Igloo.

The potluck table is covered in rich and heavenly desserts. Common sense would be to indulge in your one favorite post-dinner treat and walk away satisfied. Lack of common sense would be to pretend that everyone uses low fat ingredients in their confections. Then continue with this logic and invade the dessert table like that biblical guy and his parting of the Red Sea.

It is an open bar and your friends have splurged on top shelf for this year's festivities. The announcement of free alcohol and all of a sudden you've always liked Greyhounds, Cuba Libres, and Mojitos. Common sense would be to enjoy the moment and not get behind the wheel after swimming in a dozen Bahama Mamas. Lack of common sense and you claim to drive much more cautiously after you've been drinking all afternoon.

Volleyball games, flips off the diving boards, and carrying the keg by yourself are challenges awaiting you over the summer holiday weekend. Common sense would be to approach these physical challenges with a modicum of care. Lack of common sense would be to throw caution to the wind and be that weekend warrior. Ibuprofen, heating pads, and Ben Gay are your just

rewards.

Summer is here and we're all ready for bare feet and bikinis. Do the right things and your summer will be much healthier and fun. When in doubt, ask what your fifth grade teacher would recommend. I'm certain that Mr. Hammond at Foreman Elementary would prefer common sense to be our guide. Happy summer everyone!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who doesn't own any seaside spray colored boxers at the present time. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be briefed at [www.goblakefitness.com](http://www.goblakefitness.com).

## Omaha GLBT Sports

By Chris Orr

The Omaha GLBT Sports league is under going some maintenance at this time. The league had to accept some players leaving for reasons about them wanting pure competition. The league had to remind these players that this is what Omaha GLBT Sports is NOT about. Omaha GLBT Sports is a fun-filled recreational league for people of all abilities to meet other people in the community outside of the usual venues.



By having people of all abilities, all the league's sports programs offered will be monitored by a steering committee. The people on this committee will find a balance and a middle ground for a person who has never played a sport before to a person who has played for years; and to have each person play on the same league or team and have a great time. The league has also refilled its steering and then had to expand the committee because of so much interest.

So after this shake up for the best, we are glad to say that this league will have four teams. Our games are Tuesday & Thursday nights 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. @ Churchich Park @ 50<sup>th</sup> & "C" Street. There is free admission for spectators. The league's website is under going construction as well but, [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org), will be up and running soon for everyone to keep updated on all league happenings.

There are a few open spots left for people to register and play softball this season. It's \$30 registration and email Chris Orr – [orrlhumper83@yahoo.com](mailto:orrlhumper83@yahoo.com) – or ask for him at the field so you can get registered!

Omaha GLBT Sports will post scores and pictures in the next issue of the Gayzette.

# Doctors Say Kennedy Has Brain Tumor

A cancerous brain tumor caused the seizure that Sen. Edward M. Kennedy suffered over the weekend, doctors said Tuesday in a grim diagnosis for one of American politics' most enduring figures.

Doctors for the Massachusetts Democrat say tests conducted after Kennedy suffered a seizure this weekend show a tumor in his left parietal lobe. Preliminary results from a biopsy of the brain identified the cause of the seizure as a malignant glioma.



His treatment will be decided after more tests, but the usual course includes combinations of radiation and chemotherapy.

"I'm really sad," former Democratic senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska said when told in a Senate hallway about Kennedy's condition. "He's the one politician who brings tears to my eyes when he speaks."

The 76-year-old senator has been hospitalized in Boston since Saturday, when he was airlifted from Cape Cod after a seizure at his home.

"He has had no further seizures, remains in good overall condition, and is up and walking around the hospital," according to a joint statement issued by Lee Schwamm, vice chairman of the Department of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Larry Ronan, Kennedy's primary care physician.

The doctors said Kennedy will remain in the hospital "for the next couple of days, according to routine protocol."

"He remains in good spirits and full of energy," they said.

Kennedy's wife and children have been with him each day but have made no public statements.

Malignant gliomas are a type of brain cancer diagnosed in about 9,000 Americans a year -- and the most common type among adults. It's a starting diagnosis: How well patients fare depends on what specific tumor type is determined by further testing.

Average survival can range from less than a year for very advanced and aggressive types -- such as glioblastomas -- or to about five years for different types that are slower-growing.

Kennedy, the second-longest-serving member of the Senate and a dominant figure in national Democratic Party politics, was elected in 1962, filling out the term won by his brother, John F. Kennedy.

Kennedy's eldest brother, Joseph, was killed in a World War II airplane crash. President John Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, and his brother Robert was assassinated in 1968.

Kennedy is active for his age, maintaining an aggressive schedule on Capitol Hill and across Massachusetts. He made several campaign appearances for Illinois senator and presidential candidate Barack Obama in February and most recently in April.

Kennedy, the senior senator from Massachusetts, was reelected in 2006 and is not up for election again until 2012.

Were he to resign or die in office, state law requires a special election for the seat no sooner than 145 days and no later than 160 days after the vacancy occurs. (Glen Johnson, AP)

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