



Violence Stalls Moscow Gay Pride

By Julie Bolcer

Activists hoping to stage a gay pride march in Moscow on Saturday were hampered by violent preemptive attacks from police officers, according to Agence France-Press. The attempted march, which city officials had banned, was timed to coincide with the finals of the popular Eurovision Song Contest to draw attention to gay rights in Russia, which hosted Eurovision in Moscow.

When would-be marchers gathered at around noon to demonstrate, police reportedly dove into their ranks after just minutes,

grabbing and dragging activists to waiting patrol vans.



Some 40 activists reportedly were arrested, including Andy Thayer of the United States, Peter Tatchell of Britain, and Russian gay rights leader Nikolai Alexeyev. According to this firsthand account filed in the Los Angeles Times, one demonstrator was stripped to nothing but her bra during the mayhem that ensued.

Despite calls for artists to boycott Eurovision in support of gay rights, the contest continued without interruption. Alexander Rybak of Norway won the top prize.

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Teen Dating Violence Bill Excludes Gays

By Rhiza Dizon

A South Carolina bill that would provide resources to teens about dating violence is under debate largely due to a recently added amendment which would prohibit the Department of Education from including mention of same-sex relationships in the materials.



Republican Greg Delleny, who offered the amendment, said that he did not want school districts to teach children in grades six through 12 about same-sex relationships. The sponsor of the bill, Republican Joan Brady, also supported the amendment.

"My intent is to make sure that every child is protected," Brady said. "But the predominant occurrence of teen dating violence occurs in girl-boy relationships."

Advocates for LGBT rights are furious about the recent amendment. "The fact that the state continually tries to find every way to ignore every other type of family ... it's just outrageous." S.C. Pride Movement president Ryan Wilson told The State.

South Carolina is currently one of three states that specifically excludes LGBT people from domestic-violence protections.

"It is a widely held myth in the LGBT community that relationship violence does not occur to the extent that it does in heterosexual couples," social worker Fiona McDevitt told Q-Notes. "This is false. All this myth accomplishes is to create an environment in which people must suffer in silence. The rates of same-sex relationship violence are similar to heterosexual rates."

The bill passed the South Carolina house on Thursday.

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DNC Chair Asked About Ending DADT

By Kerry Eleveld

NBC reporter David Gregory asked Democratic National Committee chairman Tim Kaine on NBC's Meet the Press Sunday whether President Obama was backpedaling on some of his campaign promises -- repealing the military's gay ban among them.

"On 'don't ask, don't tell,'" Kaine said, "the president has said, and I share this, this is a policy that needs to change. It is a policy that was enacted by Congress, and so working with Congress to find a way to change it is something he's committed to doing with Secretary



Gates."

Gregory responded, "Why hasn't he done it?"

"Well," said Kaine, "he's only been, he's only been in for three-plus months. He's had a little bit to deal with."

Gregory echoed a theme that swirled in the White House press briefings last week, lumping the issue of the military's gay ban in with President Obama's change of heart on releasing detainee abuse photos and using military tribunals to prosecute detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Kaine's response was in keeping with what White House press secretary Robert Gibbs stressed last week -- that "don't ask, don't tell" would have to be dealt with legislatively and that the president was working with Congress and military leaders to make that happen.

A growing chorus of people, however, say an executive order can and should be used to halt investigations of gay soldiers and the resulting discharges under "don't ask, don't tell" while the policy is being reviewed. The Palm Center, a think tank that studies sexuality, gender, and the military, issued a statement Monday that 84,000 people had signed a petition urging President Obama to immediately put a moratorium on the policy and stop the discharge of 1st Lt. Dan Choi, a West Point graduate and Arabic linguist.



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"Everything But Marriage" Law in Washington State

By Michelle Garcia

Nearly 300 Washingtonians joined Gov. Chris Gregoire as she signed a bill Monday that adds more than 400 additional rights and benefits to those previously granted under the state's domestic-partnership law. The changes, for which lawmakers have dubbed the DP registry "everything but marriage," expands on the initial law from 2007.



"Many brave families have come forward to share their lives, their struggles, and their moments of joy -- hardworking men and women who are in committed relationships, raising children, attending their places of worship, and volunteering in their communities," Gregoire said in a statement. "After meeting these families, people have come to know that lesbian and gay families are no different than their own. And what has naturally followed is the unsettling notion that despite the sameness of straight couples and gay and lesbian couples, there are, in fact, legal barriers that prevent the same treatment."

Nearly 5,400 couples have registered in the past two years, according to the secretary of state's office.

The additions that Gregoire approved yesterday include more provisions for public sector workers. Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics were among the hundreds that attended the signing ceremony. Birth certificates for children born to a registered same-sex couple will automatically include the names of both parents, not solely that of the biological parent. Registered partners can also use sick leave to care for each other, and they will also be entitled to unpaid wages and benefits when a partner is injured or dies.

However, as Josh Friedes, advocacy director for Equal Rights Washington, said on Tuesday, "we're at the end of the beginning." LGBT residents are still fighting for full-on marriage equality, and are hoping to do so after states like Vermont and New Hampshire recently shirked their civil unions for marriage equality."

Meanwhile, the drive to overturn the bipartisan legislature's recent success is already under way. Opponents have until July 25 to gather 120,577 signatures for a November ballot initiative that would overturn the domestic-partnership registry. The wording on Referendum 71 would be different from California's Proposition 8 -- instead of voting "yes" against domestic-partnership rights, a "yes" vote in Washington would be in favor of "everything but marriage" domestic partnerships, which Friedes said could lessen confusion for voters at the ballot box.

Equal Rights Washington is spearheading a "Decline to Sign" campaign to ask friends, families, and allies not to sign the petition.

Nine-Year-Old Organizes Gay Rights Rally

A Denver third-grader put himself front and center in the debate over same-sex marriage Saturday -- 9-year-old Ethan McNamee organized a rally in support of marriage equality, lining up speakers and taking to the stage at Colorado's state capitol.

McNamee got the idea to organize the event after hearing kids make antigay remarks on his school's playground and learning that a same-sex couple in his neighborhood couldn't get married.

"Everybody is different in a good way," he told reporters, saying he believed if two people love each other, that is the only issue to consider.

Parents at Montclair Elementary were notified about Ethan's project and only students who wanted to get involved partici-



ated. A few of his classmates helped him to make signs.

Ethan's teacher Kyle Kimmel helped McNamee to organize the event but told reporters that he was careful not to impose his own views on the kids.

Comments on TheDenverChannel.com were split on Ethan's involvement in the marriage debate. Some suggested the boy was far too young to have a formed opinion on marriage, while others praised Ethan and his parents for their inclusive views.

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Meet the (Grand) Marshalls

By Chris Orr

Rick Carey and David (Salza) Scott were in for a surprise honor when learning about being Pride 2009's Grand Marshall Nominees. The couple just kept living their lives like they always have and thought it wouldn't happen. Johnnie Richards, Pride Chair, informs the Pride Grand Marshall decision is made by an independent diverse panel of judges who review candidates and then make a decision based off of a questionnaire and the judges have selected this couple to be our Pride 2009 Grand Marshalls. The couple did feel odd when filling out the questionnaire since it was about them. They questions reviewed the couples bio, contributions, and Nebraska Pride's Mission.

How did they answer the questions? Here is a brief description. Rick was born in California and raised in Nebraska while David had resided in Kansas City. When younger they both have received degrees from top universities. The couple met 39 years ago on Labor Day 1970 and a few years later, had a small commitment ceremony in Denver. From then to present day, the couple has been traveling the world and receiving achievements, awards, and honors for their work. The couple managed their salon, Creative Hair Design, for 24 years. Rick and David's work also consists of helping those trying to achieve their own award, Presidency, and those who are in need. They coached Miss Universe and Miss America pageant contestants. They were asked to do Hillary Clinton's hair and makeup while she was in Omaha. Rick and David serve on Board of The Diamond Foundation to raise money for children who are infected or affected by AIDS and help raise money to send these children to Project Kindle summer camp through the sponsorship of the Pride Idol program. The couple has made contributions equally for gay and straight organizations for those in need. They have raised monies for churches, hospitals, and museums and performance programs. Rick and David had brought back ideas from Santa Fe's AID & Comfort Gala to the Nebraska AIDS Project and in turn gave way to today's Night of A Thousand



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Rick and David don't really know how becoming Pride Grand Marshalls came about. They also were thrown off and not sure who nominated them. "We're not really sure, got wind of a few people suggesting us but, honestly, thought that would never happen. Now we are very humbled & honored! Actually when we heard the names of the other very deserving nominees, we figured we'd be the last choice; so being chosen was the big unexpected surprise! Not exactly sure (who nominated us) but to them, "THANK YOU, THANK YOU!"

Being a Pride Grand Marshall does come with duties and responsibilities. They are ready and willing for all that entails. "We lead the Nebraska Gay Pride Parade on Saturday, June 20th in some snazzy convertible (been practicing our wave!) and be available for interviews and public appearances for Pride week and at Pride events throughout the year. Most importantly, represent the values, achievements, struggles, histories, creative capacity and richness of the GLBTQ communities. We are continuously raising funds for Pride, as well as many other organizations (both in the gay & straight communities) that is what we do now. We have many ideas for fundraising this year so it should be an exciting year in our community! We're the kind of guys who give 200%. We firmly believe in giving back to your

community to the best of your ability."

How will your being a Grand Marshall be different from Grand Marshalls prior? "We follow in the footsteps of wonderful, dedicated individuals and we all bring something special to this role. We're big believers in diversity, it fuels creativity. Our friends are from all walks of life, from CEO's of corporations to famous entertainers and designers, from leathermen to impersonators, on and on! We're known in the straight community and, perhaps, that will open some doors a little further. Unknowingly, over the years, we've set a standard by living openly as a couple for 38 years just like anyone else, not "in your face", just being us! With the gay marriage issues upon our community we want to show that longevity is possible, so everyone should simply "live and let live!"

The couple explains how they will have Pride: Today, Tomorrow, Forever. "We have always been proud of who we are and what we represent as a gay couple. That will continue Today, Tomorrow, Forever! We've been fortunate to have been around long enough to know the Civil Rights movement, David came from the South. We knew Harvey Milk days in San Francisco. We remember Stonewall, Rick lived in NYC. We know what a HUGE debt we owe those first drag queens, leathermen, and dykes on bikes who were brave enough to stand up and parade so we can be where we are today. So, we will continue to be proud because we remember!"

Rick and David share one last remark "The richest, most treasured gifts are from your peers. So we feel extremely blessed by this honor. Thank you!"



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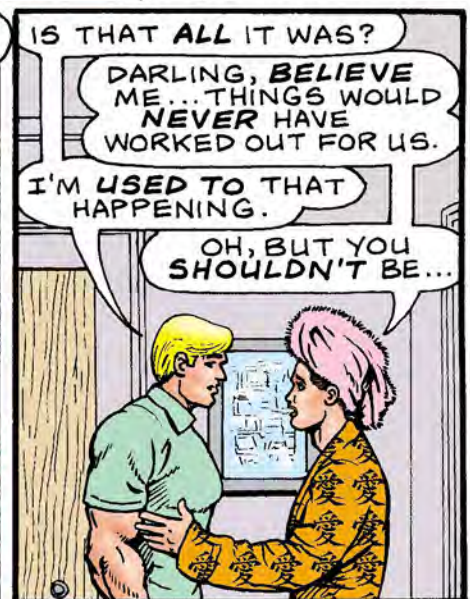
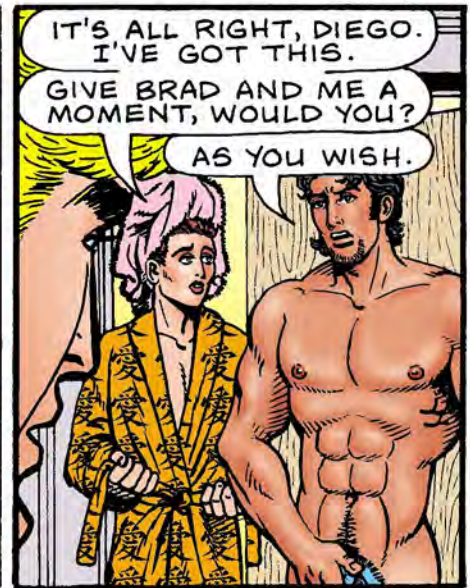
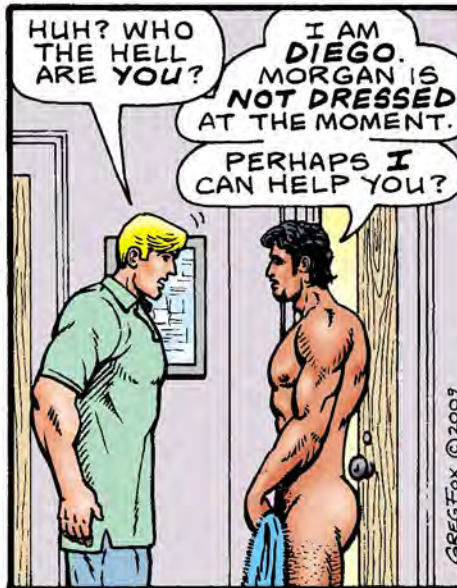


Omaha GLBT Sports Softball 2009

Come see us play every Thursday Apr 23rd – Jul 16th

Games at Churchich Park 50th & "C" Street.
7 p.m. – 10 p.m. No admission fee for spectators. Bring the dog, bring the kids.
Concessions put on by Pride. Concessions go toward Pride and its goals.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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

WALK-IN HOURS

Sundays	4:00PM - 6:00PM
Tuesdays	closed temporarily
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 24TH
PRIDE IDOL FINALS**, The Max, 8pm

**JUNE 19TH THRU 21ST
NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION**, in Omaha, more details coming soon. Also see <http://www.NebraskaPride.com> for more info

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

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

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, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

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 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.

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

Every Wednesday

AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to

men and women, 219 North 48th Street

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

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

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

GUYZ NITE 8:00 pm to 1pm, at Connections, \$2.50 domestics and \$2.50 wells

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

THIRSTY THURSDAYS 10:00 pm to midnight, at Connections, Reverse Happy Hour and FREE Jukebox

Every Friday

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

CAN WE TALK SUPPORT GROUP Open to everyone, every Friday 6:30pm to 8pm, MCCO, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

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

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

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

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

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

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Con-

nections Bar

GET YOUR GROOVE ON WITH DJ VON,
9pm, Connections

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

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 loca-
tion 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 GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lin-
coln 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 Leaven-
worth St.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Meth-
odist Church

2nd Saturday

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discus-
sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

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

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,

NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Con-
gregational 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
LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 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—
OMAHA**
Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month

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

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

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

The Hotel Bill

A husband and wife are travelling by car from
Brisbane to Melbourne .

After almost ten hours on the road, they're too
tired to continue and they decide to stop for a
rest. They stop at a nice hotel and take a room,
but they only plan to sleep for four hours and
then get back on the road.

When they check out four hours later, the desk
clerk; hands them a bill for \$450.00.

The man explodes and demands to know why
the charge is so high. He tells the clerk alt-
hough it's a nice hotel; the rooms certainly
aren't worth \$450.00.

When the clerk tells him \$450.00 is the stand-
ard rate, the man insists on speaking to the
Manager.

The Manager appears, listens to the man, and
then explains that the hotel has an Olympic-
sized pool and a huge conference centre that
were available for the husband and wife to use.

'But we didn't use them,' the man complains.

'Well, they are here, and you could have,' ex-
plains the Manager. He goes on to explain they
could have taken in one of the shows for
which the hotel is famous. 'The best entertain-
ers from New York, Hollywood, and Las Ve-
gas perform here,' the Manager says.

'But we didn't go to any of those shows,
'complains the man again.

'Well, we have them, and you could have,' the
Manager replies.

No matter what amenity the Manager men-
tions! the man replies, 'But we didn't use it!'

The Manager is unmoved, and eventually the
man gives up and agrees to pay. He writes a
check and gives it to the Manager.

The Manager is surprised when he looks at the
check. 'But sir,' he says, 'this check is only
made out for \$50.00.'

'That's correct,' says the man. 'I charged you
\$400 for sleeping with my wife.'

'But I didn't!' exclaims the Manager.

'Well, too bad,' the man replies. 'She was here,
and you could have!'

Successfully Sold

By Chris Orr

A flea market put on by Lady Wendy Dey (Dan Whelan) and Lord Scott Miller, family members of the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON), sold the community of making this event to be put on every spring. The Drag Tag Sale was held April 11th at DC's Saloon and many came out for the event.

The organizations and individuals rented tables in order to sell their items. The money that the vendors received from sold merchandise was split 50/50 with ICON's family of charities. The organizations that sold items were ICON, Rainbow Celebrations, and MCC-Omaha. The individuals that sold items were as follows: David Scott (Salza) & Rick Carey, Richard White & Mark Ledbetter, Carla Petersen & Sharon VanButsel, Michael Archer, Jerry Meis, and Wendy Dey (Dan Whelan). Dey says "We had a variety of wonderful items. Not everything was geared toward drag queens. Some of the items included were: large rolls of designer fabrics, decorator accessories, lamps, nick-knacks, branded items from several of the organizations (e.g. Pride T-shirts), wigs, jewelry, beaded gowns, cocktails dresses, casual women's wear, and shoes. There was something for everyone!"

With these items and vendors it roughly had about 40 buyers.



The total amount raised was \$2000 and \$1000 of that total went to the vendors while the other \$1000 went to ICON to contribute to River City Mixed Chorus and MCC-Omaha. So was this as successful as you thought it would be? "Everyone who participated had a blast. Many participants and shoppers noted what a great idea it was and how the prospect of having an annual event was very appealing. I certainly hoped to raise even more money for our designated charities, but I'm pleased with the turn out. We had a couple of vendors who chose to contribute either all or a portion of their share which was very generous of them" replies Wendy.

There is always room for growth and various ways of marketing. Lady Wendy answers those questions when asked about anything being different next year. "This was a huge undertaking. I plan on working harder next year to market the event by word-of-mouth, several mailings to targeted individuals, follow-up calls to potential vendors, and doing whatever it takes to make sure no one can say, "I didn't know anything about this. It sounds like it must have been fun and I'm sorry I missed it." I will also want to stress as much fun as I think having our popular drag entertainers there to sell their things, that we are look-

ing for a really cross-section of community members who wish to participate."

With her wanting the flea market grow may mean the sale would be moved from DC's. She explains "The staff at D.C.'s been so helpful and we couldn't have been more gracious. They genuinely made us feel that they were thrilled we chose to have the event there. The space was a perfect size. A special "shout out" to Gary Allinger for being there early and helping set up. An extra special "Thank you" to Bartender Joey who offered so much assistance and even came up with a featured drink called, "The Wendy Dey". Frankly, if the event were much larger, even D.C.'s would have been a tight squeeze. I'm hoping one of our first agenda items next year will be to find an even larger space. I'm thinking we might need to call the QWEST Center!"

Lady Wendy Dey would also like to extend some additional thank yous and kudos: "Lord Scott Miller was just terrific to work with on this project. It would not have happened if he hadn't jumped in with both feet and been such a great partner. Of course, I want to thank all of the members of the Royal Family who were there including Empress Misty, Emperor Gary, Czar Cupid, and Czarina Susan Board members James and Jan managed the cash which took a big load off of the vendors."

You can volunteer!



Rainbow Outreach Center Volunteer hours:

Every other Friday evening
Anytime Saturday
Sundays before 4 P.M.
or after 6 P.M.

This is a great way to meet others in the community as well as helping the community at the same time!



Volunteer forms available
at Rainbow Outreach Center
1719 Leavenworth Street.

Call 341 - 0330 for walk in hours!

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup,
Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.
BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and
BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer
camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS,
877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org
Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 How-
ard 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 individu-
als, 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
Low 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 Anony-
mous, 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 mi-
nute results Call 402-552-9255 info
NebraskaEquality.org, Find out every-
thing 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 Bud-
dhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-
9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT
inclusive
Northside Christian Church 5555 Lar-
imore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contem-
porary service at 11:00am
The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-
traditional 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: NeOutAboout@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, Oma-
ha, 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, Sun-
days, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma
Harrison (402) 731-5706
River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267.
Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Web-
site: 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, Oma-
ha, 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

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 un-
lqsa@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, Lin-
coln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian
Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimber-
ly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website:
<http://pflag.ineb.org/>
Planned Parenthood, F2M and Question-
ing 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-glbtc.com/>
UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org
Iowa Equality, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

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

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Email it to us: gayzette@cox.net

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	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

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**

Omaha GLBT Sports

By Chris Orr

The Omaha GLBT Sports softball games had put another two weeks of games in. The teams faced a possible rainout on May 7th but got the clear to play ball. The May 14th games were a bit chilly with players in long sleeve shirts and spectators in hoodies and wrapped in blankets.



The May 7th games were a little heavy scoring for two of the three games for the night. Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies had a difficult time to get a point on the board. Their pitcher, Nat P. had suffered a bruised ankle after the ball zipped and hit him on the mound. He had stayed strong and continued playing the game. Swing4it had one of their female players, Liz D., hit an automatic double which is the first of the season. Broadway Joe's and Connections was the closer game of the night. Broadway Joe's had some infielders snag some infield pop flies that they had to stretch for, Philip M. made a beautiful fly catch. Connections just stayed in the game with them while getting their outs by scooping the ball from the ground and getting force outs. Brenda W. gave it her all to catch a foul fly in left field but unfortunately it dropped from her glove. Red Rockets (ConAgra sponsored) came out to have a good time against Blue Frenzy but had difficulty getting the ball to the outfield and if it were to go out there, it was caught. Catcher, Jason H., made a great attempt to get an out by infield pop-up foul. Blue

Frenzy had their speediest player, Dane S., running around the bases in a frenzy scoring for the team. The infield really had it together and executed plays. It was great to see some of the players bring their mothers out for the games since it was Mother's Day week(end). The attendance for the evening between players and spectators was 110 people.

The May 14th games had two of the three games as close ones. The first game was Connections playing Red Rockets. Connections was off to a great start with hitting some players in and having some players walked in. Hilary B. played short stop attentively while forcing a few out at 2nd base and catching some infield flies. Red Rockets did come back after realigning the field positions a bit later in the game. Brent W. who came in to relief pitch stopped a few grounders in their tracks as they tried to whiz by and caught a short pop right off of the mound. Swing4it and Broadway Joe's had kept a close game. Wes S, who previously hit the first homer of all players for the season, had also hit the first grand slam of all the players this season. Broadway Joe's stayed in there by hitting a few players in at a time. Alan F, pitching part of the game, had an interesting backspin on the pitch. Jeff L. and Tammy L., playing left infield defense, had worked hard to stop the ball from advancing into the outfield. Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies and Blue Frenzy ended the evening with their game. Green had got some runs from a few doubles that landed in the hole in the outfield. M.J. W. was proud to have caught the ball at home plate and attempt to make a play. Blue Frenzy just was prepared for the night and had some very strong hits. Jill B., covering 2nd base for the night, made some great scoops and shovel passes to the short stop waiting at 2nd base to get the out. All six teams smiled for the camera as team pictures were taken. The attendance for the evening between players and spectators was 120 people.

The league would like to thank the following: Pride concession workers - Becky, Jackie, Johnnie R, Jared. Score Keepers - Robin R. and Cole C. Umpire - Wendy F. Photography - J. Kueffner Photography. To all our spectators who come to watch and enjoy the games. You can come and watch the softball games every Thursday until July 16th. We play 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Churchich Park 50th and "C" Street. Free admission for spectators. Pride will be selling concessions (pop, water, chips, candy, occasionally bringing grill for hot dogs, polish sausages) at the games and money from concessions goes toward Pride 09.

May 7th

Swing4it	17	VS.	Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies	1
Broadway Joe's	6	VS.	Connections	3
Red Rockets	3	VS.	Blue Frenzy	15

May 14th

Connections	6	VS.	Red Rockets	8
Swing4it	9	VS.	Broadway Joe's	6
Ball Blokes 'N' Lassies	7	VS.	Blue Frenzy	27



Teams pictured from top to bottom are:
Red Rockets, Connections
and Broadway Joe's

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



I am going through a very tough time in my life now! I am learning that a great way to handle this is to take every day as a gift and to look at all the awesome things that I have in my life! My health and fitness improve when I take this positive approach to life!

I have a mom, dad, three brothers, and a sister who care about me. They have given me their support and their unconditional love. This is awesome and I am thankful for it!

I have many good friends who have been there for me when I told them recently that I was in trouble. They gave me their full attention and were the first responders to my difficult situation. This is awesome and I am thankful for it!

I have my two university degrees and am nearing completion of two more degrees. I will always have that education to help me if I need to use it at any time in my life. This is awesome and I am thankful for it!

I have excellent health and I am able to run, hike, bike, and workout each day if I choose to do that. I am not in chronic pain and I have no major afflictions. This is awesome and I am thankful for it!

There are many colorful flowers, bushes, and trees in the landscaping around my house. The vivid hues of orange, red, pink, yellow, and purple greet me each day when I come home. This is awesome and I am thankful for that!

I have the ability to write for a newspaper and express myself to readers. I even have the ability to change peoples' lives through this medium. This is awesome and I am thankful for that!

I did not get in a car accident today and my car started without any problems. I was able to make it to my destination and back safely again! This is awesome and I am thankful for that!

I heard Nickelback's "Gotta Be Somebody" on the radio today and I was excited because it came at a great time when I wanted to hear my current favorite song. It gave me hope that there has gotta be somebody out there for me and I will find him! This is awesome and I am thankful for that!

Someone at the store said hello to me today and I did not even know this person. People can be really cool sometimes! This is awesome and I am thankful for that!

Wake up and smell the day ahead of you! Each day is special because there will never be another just like it ever again! Start focusing on those positive aspects of your life and you will improve your health and fitness! Here's to taking life a day at a time...and enjoying those awesome moments when they happen!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who realizes now that unconditional love is not always returned! That guy who is mending his broken heart is Ron Blake and you can wish him a speedy recovery on his website at www.myblakefitness.com.

River City Mixed Chorus Update

The River City Mixed Chorus welcomes two new members to its board:

Scott Miller, who currently sings with the chorus, is an employee at Union Pacific. Miller is also an active member in the gay community, who has worked with ICON, the Imperial Court of Nebraska, and is an active participant with MCC, the Metropolitan Community Church. Carole Souza is a realtor, who works with the recently formed Pride Real Estate Group, headed by Tim Reeder. We welcome Miller and Souza to our board and look forward to working with them to bring a bigger audience and more support and outreach for the River City Mixed Chorus in the future.

Don't forget, the River City Mixed Chorus' next concert is just around the corner! Titled "Silver!", the concert will re-create a moment from the first concert 25 years ago, as well as singing selections from the silver screen. This time, the River City Mixed Chorus will reflect silver in many musical ways! "Silver!" will be performed Sat. June 13th, at 7:05 p.m. and Sunday June 14th at 4:05 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 70th and Cass.

Ticket prices are: \$15-adult
\$13-students/seniors/groups
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(Call Victor Hahn, Media Coordinator at 670-1078 for more information.)



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I Spy....



Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. I'll be expressing views or sometimes 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 naggers. They just don't seem to be satisfied. Naggers are just annoying aren't they? You might as well call them the whiners, Debbie downers, homos with attitude and think it can be done better. Ask yourself, when have you seen them lift a finger and help be productive with an agenda or with society in general? The answer is you probably have just a couple times and on rare occasions or often, you haven't seen them do anything.

Why does this nagging happen more often than not? Is it because these people don't know any better? Maybe these people don't know what being satisfied or giving your best shot is all about. They usually have a one track mind which involves just them and it's all about them.

At this point a light could be going off inside your head saying, well gee, is this the same people who say Omaha is boring and there is nothing to do? It could be, but remember these people don't have much initiative under their ass even if they were sitting on it. Don't expect them to be getting up anytime soon. Do the best to get around them. Have a simple answer to give them and be satisfied with it and don't change it, or you will be nagging about the nagger, feeling you have to answer to them every time and feeling uncertain yourself, which could ultimately

be said, is how they want you to be feeling anyway, by joining in the nagging along with them.

It can deter the goals you have set forth for yourself. That nagger may not be part of the group, clique, or organization and, well, if they are feeling that it is not about them, they are taking the ship down with them.

Abort! The unfortunate thing is that you're being affected through another means, the rumor mill. These useless naggers dwell in the mill and are almost like most Republicans, they throw the kitchen sink in in order to get a reaction and throw Jello at the wall to see if anything will stick.

The unknowing person who has to hear all of this though is seeing because, well, they don't want to get caught up in all of it.

Go get involved and get caught up in all of it! Maybe you can make some changes and be a great addition or add some new insight that wasn't brought to attention before. Get involved, because if you are hearing this from the same drama queen, like a broken record, there is a problem with the music.

Test the waters, nothing wrong with that. Maybe if you do you and it doesn't turn out to be what you thought, you can then join the naggers, whiners, Debbie downers, and just be another homo with attitude at the rumor mill dwelling in what those persons do best, nag and bitch!

Any gripes, comments, or having something checked out? Email me orrthumper83@yahoo.com

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