

The GayZette



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New Center Board



Recently the Rainbow Outreach Resource Center was presented with a letter, containing accusations of impropriety. At this time the series of complaints enumerated in the letter have been found to be baseless. It is unfortunate that members of the GLBTQA community thought they had to resort to this level of action. Especially since George has been keeping the Center alive and open by sheer force of will. Thank you George for all of your hard work and perseverance.

The first of the issues in the letter have been addressed in a recent meeting. George and James have resigned as board members after they worked with community members in an open meeting to select a new board. The other issues at this time have been found to have no merit. Though, when the new board holds its election of officers, a standing committee will be appointed to address the concerns that were listed. Also after the elections the names of the board will be announced with these positions.

I would like to thank all of those who helped through this difficult time. It is great when a community can come together on a task, and through dialogue find a solution. It grieves me that this had to be started through accusation and not conversation.

I know that I am looking forward to working with all the organizations in our community, to truly make this a place for our community. If you have any questions or concerns you can email me at bruce@rainbowcelebrations.org, or lastdwaf@cox.net.

Again I would like to thank George and James for their years of service. Also, those who came together to forge a solution. And those in the future who will help us grow.

Peace,
Bruce Bufkin
Interim Chair
Rainbow Outreach Center Board

MCC THANKS HGRA

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha wishes to thank HGRA for their generous donation of \$623 to our Food Pantry. Shelley Foster and Jim B. presented the check to Pastor Tom Emmett and the MCC congregation on Sunday, Nov. 22. The check was the result of several fund raisers over the past year by HGRA.



MCC Omaha serves the Nebraska AIDS Project and the community with the Food Pantry. Since July 1, 2009, we have given out groceries to over 200 households and served well over 400 individuals. Each pantry contains enough food for the household for three days and contains such items as meat, canned vegetables, cereal, pasta, canned fruit, snacks, and desserts.

In 2009 we have seen a big increase in requests from NAP for food pantries. Comparing Jan-June to July-today, we have seen an increase of 18% in the number of households and an increase of 35% in the household sizes.

MCC accepts donations of food, as well as cash, for the support of the Food Pantry. If you or your organization would like to help support this community pantry, please contact Sharon Van Butsel at 556-9907 or via email at sharlavanpeters@aol.com. Thank you, HGRA, for your continued support!

December 4, 2009 - December 18, 2009

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Ad Deadlines: Friday, Dec 11th, for Publication Dec 18th Friday, Dec 25th for Publication Jan



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As the Social Acceptance of Homosexuality Increases, Revenue at Local Lesbian Bar Decreases

by Tammy Doyle (Connections Bar)

Remember the Virginia Slim slogan, "You've come along way baby!"...Well, that we have. Not only have we ventured out of the closet, we have taken off the closet doors. Today, we can

pretty much be who we are without the fear and stigma attached to being gay or lesbian. We can cross the bridge and get married in Iowa, we can be open at our employment, and for the most part, no longer do we have to hide who we are or who we love to please society. We have fought for equality for many years, and slowly but surely, we are getting it. But the question is...who is reaping the rewards?

There was a time when going out for the evening with our partner, meant we were limited to going downtown to either the gay or lesbian bar. Here, we could be ourselves and not have to worry about being judged and not "fitting in." Now, we have

discovered that we can interlace within the straight population and frequent straight bars, without any discrimination attached. We may still be the minority, but overall, no one seems to care if we are gay, lesbian, black or white. The common denominator, during this period of reduced economic activity, is that "our gay dollars are just as green as anyone else's."

As a result, here at Connections, "Omaha's One and Only Lesbian Bar", we are experiencing a substantial decrease in traffic and revenue. Over the past 6 months our sales have dropped at least 40% during the week nights, and an additional 30% on the week-ends. Keeping our doors open has been a challenge. As much as we strive for equal rights, we are seeing the ramifications, and the light at the end of the tunnel appears dimmer than we had hoped for.



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We attribute a small portion of the decline in sales to the smoking-ban, the stricter drunk driving laws and the strain of the economy situation. However, I do feel that the lesbian community is out there "touching all the bases," so to speak, but they are not coming home. Do we conclude from this that there is no longer a need for a lesbian bar...a place to call "our own?" As a gay bar owner, we are already dealing with a small percentage of the population, coming through our doors. We cannot afford to lose any more revenue to the straight bars, and suffer the loss of the almighty gay dollar. We need to keep it within our own community.

We sincerely appreciate the loyalty and support of many of you who have not strayed far from home. We will maintain our diligence in keeping our prices reasonable, bringing you theme nights, shows, live entertainment and nightly specials, for as long as we can. Connections takes PRIDE in knowing we remain "Omaha's One and Only Lesbian Bar." We thank you all, and best wishes for a happy holiday season!

I Sing the Body Electric

The River City Mixed Chorus presents a concert about body image- how we see ourselves, how we see others, and ultimately accepting who we are as human beings. I Sing the Body Electric, will be more than just a concert: it will be wonderful, uplifting music that will emotionally link to the theme, in touching, as well as humorous ways. But it will also be a concert of short, personal stories from RCMC members, who will share their struggles, triumphs and celebrations of their bodies,

of who they were, and who they are today. The dates and concert venue have changed due to scheduling conflicts. I Sing the Body Electric will be performed on Saturday, January 23rd at 7:05p.m. and Sunday, January 24th at 4:05p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. Tickets are \$20 each. They can be purchased at the door, or go to the website www.RCMC.org to purchase your tickets in advance. You can also purchase a season ticket for \$45, which will admit you to all three concerts this season: Happy Holly Gayz featuring River's Edge, on December 11th - I Sing the Body Electric January 23rd and 24th - and A Comedy Tonight June 12th and 13th. - you'll save \$5.00! We look forward to singing for you this season!

BLUEBARN Teams with ENOA for Giving HeARTS Tree

Susan Clement-Toberer, artistic director of the BLUEBARN Theatre here in Omaha, announced today that the theatre will once again team with the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging to raise awareness of the needs of the elderly this holiday season. A Giving HeARTS Tree will stand in the lobby of the theatre during performances of BLUEBARN's holiday show, Silent Night of the Lambs. Ornaments containing gift wishes of ENOA clients will be hanging in the theatre's lobby. BLUEBARN invites their audience to become an elf for the elderly by fulfilling their gift wishes this holiday season.



"The Giving HeARTS Tree is BLUEBARN's way of giving back to a community that has been so generous to us since our founding in 1989," said Clement-Toberer. This will be the second year that the BLUEBARN has participated in the Giving HeARTS Tree program.

Now in its 21st season, the BLUEBARN has established itself as Omaha's premier professional theatre. After producing over 80 plays since 1989, the BLUEBARN's reputation for high quality entertainment and pursuit of stories that challenge both the theatre artists and patrons is solid.

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Local Community Organizations

OUR HAPPY HOMES

Michael Kimmel
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They say that we LGBTers just LOVE our homes. Is this true? Well, whether we love our home or hate it, I would like to share some ideas with you about how to create a home that brings you happiness. For most of us, we spend more time and money on our home than we do on anything else; but do we end up with homes we really love? Here are some ideas for your consideration:

On some level, our homes reflect who we are and who we want to be: Ask yourself: what kind of environment do you want to live in? What sorts of "things" do you like around you? Do you want something chic and sleek or comfortable and low maintenance? Your home is a place where you get to "play" with stuff like paint, furniture and accessories. Give yourself permission to get creative with it. If you like to mix mid-century modern with Italian baroque, why not? Why not decorate and design your home to express, amuse and please yourself?

Is your house never good enough? Are you constantly spending money on it? Decorating or remodeling your home when you're unhappy is like standing in front of the refrigerator, opening the door and saying, "Okay food, make me feel better." Neither food nor home decorating can make us happy. Plus, if you watch all those home decorating/remodeling shows, you've probably noticed that the media's image of the "ideal" home changes. Continually. Since there is always cool new home décor available, how do we know when to buy and when to chill?

Homes can be places of great amusement, comfort and inspiration. Or they can be "STATUS TRAPS" with all the pressures of "never quite good enough". Many a client has lamented to me that they and their partner spent thousands of dollars on a home renovation project because of a seemingly harmless conversation that went something like this: "You know, ----- and -----'s house looks so good. They just redid their kitchen/bathroom/doghouse and it looks fabulous...we should do something like that too. Our place is a dump compared to theirs."

A nice home reminds me of that line from the L'Oreal commercial: "Because I'm worth it!" Of course you deserve a nice home filled with beautiful objects...but racking up a debt that will cause you months (or years) of worry isn't what you deserve, is it? Many relationships are pushed to the edge over home remodeling projects; it's a huge relationship stressor. Money plays a big part in this.

Many people think that you need to have a lot of money to be creative in your home. Sure, money helps if you want a new kitchen, but if you're simply bored or want to change things

around, moving the furniture, the pictures, the lamps or your "objets d'arte" around is free and can be a lot of fun. Don't depend on bags of money to make your home the way you want it. We all know people with tons of money whose homes are no fun to hang out in (no names, please).

Is your house depressed? An always-messy house may reflect depression. "I just don't care" can be about casual living or about giving up because it all seems too much. If you can't find things and don't have clean clothes or a pleasant place to eat, sleep or hang out, then your home isn't working for you, it's working against you. This isn't about having a "fashionable" home, it's about having a home you enjoy. If you hate to decorate or think you're missing that gene, consider hiring someone to help you...or, if money is tight, ask a friend whose taste you admire. On the other hand, if you don't care about your home and it's chaotic and disorganized, you may be depressed. Talk with a good friend, mentor or counselor. A casual home is a lifestyle choice; a chaotic and dirty home, however, is a problem. Get some help with it.

Luckily, there is no single LGBT "style" for your home, your clothes or yourself: you can be super butch and decorate with leather and denim or you can fill your home with challis (look it up) and fluffy pillows. The most important thing about designing and decorating your home is to be in touch with your motivation for changing things. For example, if you're clear that you want to change your home to achieve a certain result, then go for it. But, your home is fine and you're comparing your home with other people's places and finding yours lacking, then maybe your lesson is to trust yourself, your taste and your preferences. The only RIGHT way to decorate is to do what makes you happy...regardless of what the magazines say. Try this on as your new mantra (cross-legged posture optional): COMPARISON WITH OTHERS IS BAD. BEING INSPIRED BY OTHERS TO DO MY OWN THING IS GOOD.

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WE CONFESS!

We confess that we are thankful for the generosity of local artist Rich Beman! His Mono Prints are amazing! We are proud to feature Rich and his work for this event!



MCC Art Sale & Auction! Saturday, December 12th

- **10am-2pm THE SALE!**
Get an early start on many desirable items.
- **4pm-8pm THE AUCTION!**
Let the bidding begin!
- **Cash Wine Bar and hors d'oeuvre**
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Art Sale & Auction MCC Omaha

You are invited to Metropolitan Community Church's first annual art sale and auction on Saturday, December 12th. Admission is free! The church is located at 819 S 22nd Street near the corner of 22nd Street and Leavenworth. The main event begins at 4pm.

The event will feature a variety of art from local artists as well as over 100 items donated by members of the Congregation. Some works of art will be priced for sale, others for silent auction as well as a live auction. Wine, cheese, soda and water will be available for purchase.

10am to 2pm: Get an early start on our sale items and review all of the contemporary art. Find bargains ranging from etchings, framed prints, sculptures and paintings.

4pm: The doors open for our main event. View fine art, enjoy a glass of wine and bid on silent auction items. Enjoy a diversity of exciting art.

7pm: Live Auction and final silent auction bidding.

There will be something to match every budget.

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tional and practical.

A number of artists who display their work at John Prouty's gallery in South Omaha (John is known for his metal and glass work) will also have their art present. These artists' work range from glass, photography, metal sculpture and steel. At least three additional artists working in mediums to include photography, oil painting and glass will also be represented.

For more information, or to make a donation, you may call MCC Omaha at 345-2563 between noon and 5pm Monday through Friday. See you at the church on December 12th at 4pm.



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Saturday December 19th

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Location: First United Methodist Church
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Sunday 's, Nov 1st thru Feb 28th
GLBT SPORTS VOLLEYBALL, sign up now, \$30 per person - individuals or teams of 4, all skill levels encouraged to play!!

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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., 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.

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, starting again after Labor Day

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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

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 ander-son@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

COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT

CONNECTIONS 8:00 pm to close, \$2 COORS LIGHTS, \$4 BOMBS with your Student ID. "Fratty Fun till the Evenings Done!"

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

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 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

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

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

CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS

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Every Friday

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

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7-9pm, DC's Saloon

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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

Every Saturday

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

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar

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

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

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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.

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

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.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist 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 discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

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

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

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

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, Lin-

coln, 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.

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Muscular Contractions'

A professor at the University of Mississippi was giving a lecture on 'Involuntary Muscular Contractions' to his first year medical students.

Realizing this was not the most riveting subject, the professor decided to lighten the mood slightly.

He pointed to a young woman in the front row and asked, 'Do you know what your asshole is doing while you're having an orgasm?'

She replied, 'Probably deer hunting with his buddies!...

Flat Tire Safety

I had a flat tire on the interstate, so I eased my car over to the shoulder of the road, carefully got out of the car and opened the trunk. I took out 2 cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them at the rear of my car facing oncoming traffic. They look so life like you wouldn't believe it! They are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies to the approaching drivers. To my surprise, cars start slowing down looking at my lifelike men which made it safer for me to work at the side of the road. And of course, traffic starts backing up. Everybody is tooting their horns and waving like crazy. It wasn't long before a state trooper pulls up behind me. He gets out of his car and starts walking towards me. I could tell he was not a happy camper!

What's going on here? He asked "My car has a flat tire", I said calmly. "Well, what the are those obscene card-

board men doing here by the road?" I couldn't believe that he didn't know. So I told him, "Helloooooo, those are my Emergency Flashers."

Bob and Betty

Bob Hill and his wife Betty were vacationing in Europe . They were driving along a deserted highway near Transylvania . It was late and raining very hard. Bob could barely see the road in front of the car. Suddenly the car skids out of control and despite Bob's efforts, the car swerves and smashes into a tree..

Moments later Bob shakes his head. Dazed, he looks and sees that Betty is unconscious, her head bleeding severely. Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he has to get her medical assistance.

He carefully picks his wife up and begins trudging down the road and after a short while, he sees a light coming from a large, old house. He approaches the door and knocks. A minute passes and a small, hunched man opens the door. Bob immediately blurts out, "My name is Bob Hill and this is my wife Betty. We've been in a terrible accident and I need to use your phone.

"We don't have a phone replies the hunchback but, my master is a doctor.

Come in and I will summon him!"

Bob brings his wife in and in couple of minutes an older man comes down the stairs.

"I'm Doctor Phremmis, I have not practiced in many years but, I will see what I can do. Igor, take them down to the laboratory."

With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries and Igor places him on an adjoining table.

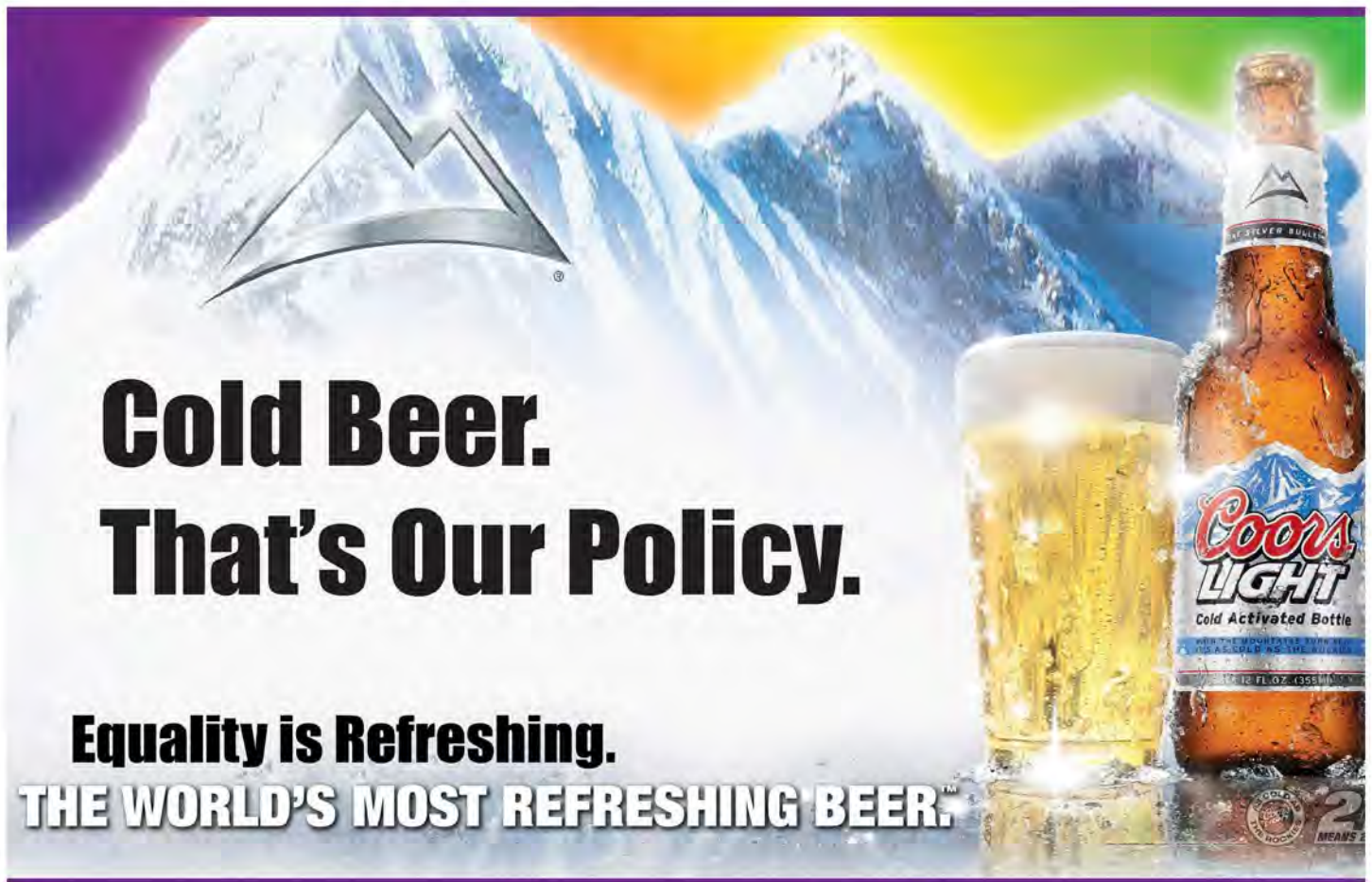
After a brief examination, the doctor looks worried. Igor and the doctor work feverishly.

He he applies the paddles, then mouth to mouth all to no avail. Bob and Betty Hill are no more.

Their deaths greatly upset the doctor. Slowly, he climbs the steps to his conservatory and begins playing his grand piano and soon a stirring, haunting melody fills the house.

Meanwhile, in the lab, as Igor begins tidying up, a movement catches his eye. He turns and, stunned sees Betty's fingers twitching, keeping time to the piano music. Suddenly, Bob's arm begins to rise, marking the beat! He is further amazed as Betty and Bob both sit up straight! Unable to contain himself, Igor dashes up the stairs to the conservatory and bursts in shouting: "Master, Master ...

The Hills are alive with the sound of music!" (Sorry... But you really should've seen that coming)



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Alabama School Reverses Decision

RUSSELLVILLE, AL – The American Civil Liberties Union today applauded Franklin County School System officials for reversing their decision barring a lesbian student from attending the school prom with her girlfriend.

The School System's about-face, permitting 17-year-old Tharptown High School junior Cynthia Stewart to bring her girlfriend to the upcoming March 25 prom, came after the ACLU sent a letter to the school on November 10 demanding that their initial decision be reversed.

"All I wanted all along was to be myself and have a fun night at prom like any other student," said Stewart. "Prom's going to be amazing, and I can't wait to walk in that door with my girlfriend on my arm."

Stewart, a member of the prom planning committee, who personally raised over \$200 for the event and created the theme her classmates chose for it, was told by her principal earlier this month that she would not be allowed to bring her girlfriend to the dance.

Stewart's aunt and guardian, Kathy Baker, approached ACLU of Alabama board member and local attorney Henry F. Sherrod III for assistance after the school board turned down her appeal of the principal's decision. Some teachers announced in classes that prom was being canceled altogether as a way to avoid hav-

ing to let Cynthia bring her date.

"It's unfortunate that we had to step in to remind this school of its constitutional obligations to its students, but we're pleased that they're finally doing the right thing," said Sherrod. "Schools should treat all students equally, and not have a separate set of rules for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students."

In its letter to Franklin County School System officials, the ACLU cited cases both in Alabama state court and federal court guaranteeing students' First Amendment right to bring same-sex dates to school dances.

"Schools everywhere would do well to take note of this school's decision to obey Federal law and not discriminate against students who want to bring same-sex dates to school dances," said Christine P. Sun, Senior Counsel with the ACLU national Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Project, who represents Stewart along with Sherrod. "By standing up for herself, Cynthia Stewart has stood up for LGBT students all over the country."

Additional information, including a short video about Stewart's story and a copy of the school's letter, is available at <http://www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights/russellville-alabama-school-prom-discrimination>.

D.C. Council: Yes to

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Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal
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Same-Sex Marriage

By Advocate.com Editors

The Washington, D.C., council has voted 11 to 2 to legalize same-sex marriage in the district.

The council will have to take a second vote in two weeks before the bill goes to Mayor Adrian M. Fenty.

Fenty has previously pledged to sign the bill, after which Congress will have 30 legislative days in which it can intervene before the bill becomes law.

Marion Barry and Yvette Alexander were the only two council members to vote against the bill.

No N.Y. Marriage Vote on Tuesday



By Julie Bolcer

True to its unpredictable nature, the New York state senate quashed high expectations for a marriage equality vote on Tuesday night, announcing via Twitter that it would adjourn until Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Prior to the announcement, senators had been scheduled to reconvene for an extraordinary session at 9 p.m. on Tuesday. Many marriage equality advocates suspected a vote on the bill would occur late on Tuesday, after senators passed the \$2.8 billion deficit reduction plan.

Now it appears the next likely time for the vote to happen is Wednesday morning, after the budget issue is addressed.

LGBT leaders including New York City council speaker Christine Quinn headed to Albany, the state capital, on Tuesday to push senators to pass marriage equality. Earlier Tuesday evening, Quinn told NBC's New York Non-stop that she believed the vote, when it occurs, would be "close," but that she remained "optimistic" about its passage with bipartisan support.

A spokesperson for New York state senator Tom Duane, the lead sponsor of the marriage equality bill, declined to comment to Advocate.com on the timing of the vote. Duane has previously maintained that he has the votes to pass the bill.

The marriage equality bill passed the assembly in May.



Portugal Closer to Gay Marriage?

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By Michelle Garcia

Portugal may be close to becoming the next country with marriage equality for its citizens, according to reports.

Portuguese prime minister José Sócrates campaigned to bring gay marriage to his country, a heavily Catholic nation. Sources tell the BBC that the prime minister, reelected in September, is currently examining how to officially legalize gay marriage under his new government.

According to the report, the new Socialist government may pass gay marriage or civil partnerships into law as soon as January.

The country currently allows "de facto unions," similar to common-law marriages, legally recognizing couples who have lived together for at least two years. Neighboring Spain legalized same-sex marriage in 2005 under President José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, with 66% of the public favoring the decision, despite outcry from Roman Catholic leaders.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

OKAY, STEVE... THE OIL CHANGE IS ALL **DONE**.

I GOTTA' SAY... THIS WAS A NICE **EASY** JOB FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN A CAR ENGINE SO **SPOTLESS**.

WELL, IT DOESN'T GET A LOT OF **USE**, NICK. WITH MY JOB, I...

... TRAVEL MORE BY **AIR** THAN BY CAR.

AND WHAT EXACTLY IS YOUR **JOB**?

I WORK IN...

... **HUMAN RELATIONS**.

UH-HUH.

I **GET** IT.

HIGH-END MALE PROSTITUTE.

SO... I GUESS I'LL SEE YOU IN A FEW HOURS AT **KYLE'S HOLIDAY PARTY**?

WOULDN'T MISS IT.

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ALL RIGHT, THEN--

OH, THERE WAS SOMETHING I WANTED TO **TELL** YOU.

YOU SHOULD CALL YOUR **MOTHER**.

MY **MOTHER**? WHAT--?

I KNOW THINGS HAVE BEEN **TENSE** BETWEEN YOU TWO...

...EVER SINCE YOU CAME OUT TO YOUR FAMILY. BUT THAT WAS YEARS AGO, NICK. YOU BEING **GAY** ISN'T SUCH A PROBLEM FOR HER ANYMORE.

SHE MISSES YOU... ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. AND SHE'D LOVE TO MEET **DAVE**.

HOW IN THE **HELL** DO YOU KNOW ALL OF THIS?!

"HELL"? NOT A **BIG FAN**.

LET'S JUST SAY... I HEARD THINGS THROUGH THE **GRAPEVINE**.

AND FOR THE RECORD? I'M **NOT** A MALE PROSTITUTE. DESPITE HAVING RECEIVED SOME **EXORBITANT** OFFERS.

UH...

MERRY CHRISTMAS, NICK.

RIGHT, STEVE. MERRY CHRISTMAS...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



The ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future are coming soon to a dream near you! Their visits will take a look at the health and fitness of you. I can just make out the shadow of someone approaching now through the haze and flickering lights. Let's greet this first spirit of the holiday haunting!

It is indeed the ghost of Christmas past. It is time to explore what you have done to get your body where it is at today. There is always room for improvement. Constructive criticism is fantastic if you can graciously accept it and use it to make the necessary changes for betterment. Those who don't look at their past and review it are likely to repeat it.

If you have lived an exemplary life of health and fitness then you are more than happy to repeat the saga of your finely tuned years. If you have yawed from the course of purity then you might want to take note of the errors of your ways from bygone months. Look at the common miscreants of health such as smoking, excessive drinking, unprotected sex, and overindulgence of fast or slow food. Simply take note of all these and carry them with you now. The ghost of Christmas present is coming hither.

The second spirit of our holiday review is standing akimbo and would like to observe you as you are right at this moment. Will he see you as overweight, wheezing, wrinkled, aching, sad, and uncertain about the future. Perhaps he will see a lean mean fighting machine. You will need to write your own screenplay for this segment.

You are a moment in time at the present. It is only a snapshot. Where has your past brought you? Take a look in the mirror and ask yourself if you are happy as the person you see. Is that person in the looking glass a visage of healthiness that will allow for many more days of life? Jot down some notes while perusing the museum of YOU with your ghostly docent. Now be prepared as you are squired from the second apparition to our third ghost of Christmas.

This leg of our trip is scary and exciting. It is the unknown and is what can cause plenty of trepidation for even the best of our planners and shakers. Our third ghostly guide makes it clear that the future is what you make of it. He cues up "Que Sera Sera" from Doris Day and gets you in the mood. "Whatever will be, will be. The future's not ours to see." Ghost #3 knows you can't control the future, but you can certainly influence the outcomes by what you do today.

If you continue your ways, whatever they might be, then you are likely to reap the results of those ways. Begin planting healthy and happy seeds today and give them plenty of water, sunshine, and fertilizer along your journey. The third ghost wishes you a fond farewell and leaves you to ruminate on your life and where you will head next.

I asked my mother, what will I be; Will I be pretty, will I be rich; Here's what she said to me....

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who wants a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas. That guy is Ron Blake and he could also use some safety goggles. Send donations to www.myblakefitness.com.

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Stella Dallas Presents:
"I'll Be Home For Christmas"
Annual Lighting of the Trees
5pm Door - 6:30pm Show

SATURDAY 5TH

Crystal DeLight & Dan
Knobbe's Annual 1000
Stars Benefit Dinner 6pm

SUNDAY 6TH

"UNDER THE MISTLETOE"
Benefit Hosted By
Shannon 10pm

SATURDAY 12TH

Macy & Teagan's Annual
Christmas Show & Benefit
6pm Door - 7pm Show

SUNDAY 13TH

TOYZ4TOTZ
Presented by: ICON
9pm

SATURDAY 19TH

Madeline Feinstein's Annual
"An Evening In Imperial Russia"
6pm Door - 6:30pm Show

SUNDAY 20TH

The Annual Miss, Mr &
Mister Max Christmas Show
10pm

SUNDAY 27TH

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