# The GayZette



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## Omaha GLBT Community Invited to CBCA Summer Picnic

Gay people live in Council Bluffs?! Really?! YES! Come join us for food and fun in Council Bluffs to celebrate advancements in city and state GLBT civil rights. You are invited to the Council Bluffs Community Alliance (CBCA) Summer Picnic on Sunday July 27, 2008, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in beautiful Bayliss Park. The picnic is open to GLBT individuals, couples, and allies of all ages in the metro area. You do not need to be a member of the CBCA to attend.

Bayliss Park is located downtown one block south of W. Broadway and Pearl Street (at 100 Pearl Street). The picnic will be held in the southwest corner. Enjoy music, games, and socializing in a relaxing atmosphere. The recently-renovated park has wonderful shade trees, a spectacular fountain for viewing, and a smaller interactive fountain for children to play in.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share, and lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Meat, beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided. Parking is plentiful, close, and free on weekends.

The Council Bluffs Community Alliance is an all-volunteer organization that exists to promote the city as a developing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender family community, and to assure the equality of all residents.

The event is being co-sponsored by ONE IOWA, a statewide organization fighting for marriage equality. If you have any questions, contact CBCA President Mike Yowell at 712-256-2805. We look forward to having a fun time and seeing all of you at the picnic!!!

#### Local Cowgirl Honored In Calgary, Alberta Canada

Tamara Marks was recently honored by the city of Calgary and by the Alberta Rookies Gay Rodeo Association. In Calgary, a white cowboy hat is a metaphor for the city and its people. Tamara became an honorary Calgarian during the awards ceremony at the CRIR rodeo. She was presented a white cowboy hat and took a pledge to spread Calgary's brand of hospitality around the world. "I am honored to be a part of such a great tradition, the people of Calgary are wonderful." Marks told a group after the ceremony.

Bryn Geerdes another local cowgirl won the Pole Bending buckle in Calgary and the following weekend in Minnesota, won the title of All Around Cowgirl by capturing buckles in calf roping, barrel racing, pole bending, and flag racing. This is the second time in 2008 that Bryn and her horse have won all the speed events. Earlier this year she won the all around speed title at the Philadelphia rodeo.

#### !! All Aboard !!

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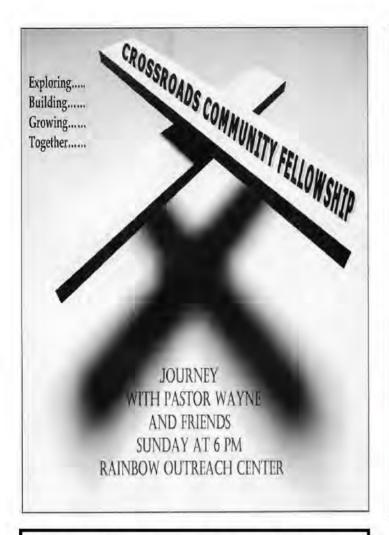


award a prize to the best Skipper, Gilligan, Ginger or other Gilligan's Island character. And, we will have a casino deck for those who want to try their hand at the table, raffles, the regions best entertainers and live performers, cash bar and so much more!

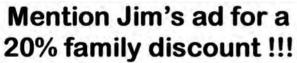
Accessibility for all can't wait! So, come have fun and help the cause. \$5 for children, \$10 for seniors & teens and, \$15 for adults.

Tickets for this family-friendly event are available at: MCC-Omaha, on line at www.mccomaha.org, Royal Bush (402-516-2759 & omaharoyal@gmail.com) or Carla Petersen (402-556-9907 SharlaVanPeters@aol.com)

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Come as you are or however you would like to. Share ideas and information with no pressure to be something you're not.

Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Omaha NE. from 6PM to 9:30PM

For more information email Starla M 02-1@hotmail.com

#### Enraged Grandma Walks In on Lesbian Tryst

Reading, PA - A 61-year-old city woman was arrested by Reading police for beating her granddaughter with a cane and belt after finding the girl in bed with another female teenager

from the neighborhood, investigators said Saturday.

Joyce Y. Beddell of the 600 block of North Front Street was committed to Berks County Prison in lieu of \$10,000 bail after arraignment before Senior District Judge Richard Gatti. Reading police charged Beddell with aggravated and simple assault, recklessly endangering another person and endangering the welfare of a child.

Beddell's 16-year-old granddaughter suffered serious bruises to her legs and buttocks during the assault, which occurred Thursday about 5 p.m. in the residence they shared, police said.

Beddell beat the teenager with her cane until it broke, police said

The girl's name was not released by police, who said she was in

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# The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association,

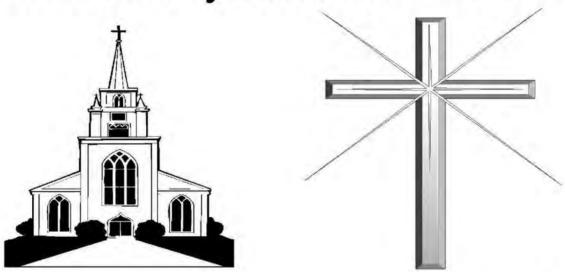
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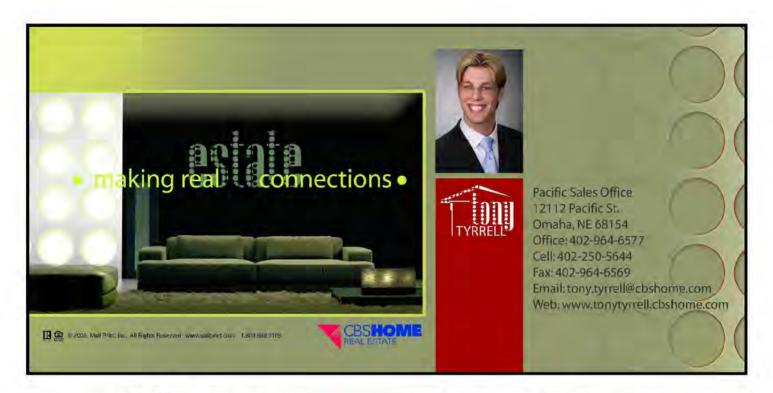


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# Reflections With Pastor Tom

#### Anger

The thing about anger is this: When we are mad as hell we feel powerful. Anger provides us with the illusion of power and that is what's intoxicating about it. Anger is essentially judgment.



When we are angry we have come to the conclusion that we understand exactly what happened, how we were wronged and, perhaps, what should have happened. When we are angry, we are both judge and jury. There are no more considerations. Our minds are made up.

The truth about power, however, is that power is, in the end, weakness. That is the paradox of power. Real power, lasting power, is found in the act of denying power. I know that sounds weird. In the end, those who seek power lose it all and those who give away what power they have rise to greatness.

So, how do you know if you are an angry person? Ask yourself these questions:

Do you often feel tense or frustrated?

Do your friends tell you that "you have a short fuse," for example or have you lost a friend or companion because of your temper?

Do friends and family avoid telling you important information because of your temper?

When you get angry do you hold onto it for a long time? Are you regularly sarcastic and judgmental of other people and events? Do you gossip about others?
Do you use alcohol to try to calm your emotions, especially feelings of hostility?

Jesus came to bring us out of darkness and into light. Nothing threatens a good life more than anger. Here are some of the things Jesus did and said that we can apply today in Omaha to chill out.

Step one is to "know thyself." Fact: If you don't know yourself, then very few people will want to get to know you. Anger bypasses self-awareness. Explore your feelings. To do this is to seek peace.

Ask the question "what is really bothering me." Dig deep. We tend to misplace our anger on others. This takes a big dose of honesty and courage. Are you up to it? Anger tends to attack the first person it can find.

Look for patterns. Keep an anger log. Every time you get pissed-off write it down. This will show you the truth. The truth will set you free.

Pray and meditate. Train your body, mind and spirit to chill out.

Exercise. This keeps me sane. It works, it really does. Even a short walk can help.

Get help. If you have an anger problem and you don't know what to do, then you probably need a therapist. If you don't know where to start, email me and I can recommend one to you.

Life is way, way, way too short to be seeing red all of the time. Be the person you know that God want you to be. Do it now. Let go of your anger. Let God fill the void. You can do it.

May God Bless & Keep You . . . Pastor Tom pastortom@mccomaha.org

Next Issue: Renewal

#### And The Nominees Are...

It's finally here. The 2008 Best of Gay Omaha Awards Show presented by LC Entertainment, Inc. is coming to The MAX on Sunday, August 24, 2008 at 9:30PM.



Nominees have been selected in twelve categories.

All nominees must reside in Omaha or do the majority of their performances in the Omaha metro area. While the concept is still the same, some of the categories for this year's award show have changed.

And the nominees are as follows:

Best EmCee:

Salza, Holly Day, Phoenix Fallentino, Domonique Diyamoore

Best Live Performance / Vocals:

Andrew Janzen, Brandon Higdem, Jeff Peck, Misty Stokes, Gary Allinger

Behind the Scenes:

Tom Cech, Chris Tucker, Thomas, Matt Finken

Best New Comer:

Mic Syzzl, Ana Roxia, Corina Edwards, Savannah Dupree, Andrea Saxx, Sasha Samoore

Best Male Performer:

Mark Ledbetter, Gary Allinger, Brandon Higdem, Jeff Peck, Chris Orr

Best Female Performer:

Misty Stokes, Susie Brenner, Marla May, Jenn Stark

Best Drag Performance:

Domonique Divamoore, Chandler, Faleasha Savage, Macy Riley, Teagan

Best Pageant Talent:

Holly Day – Miss Max, Fanta Cee – Miss Gay Omaha, Madame X – Miss Merry Christmas, Ana Roxía – Divine Diva

Best Costume Design:

Teagan, Holly Day, Faleasha Savage, Carmelita Jones

Best Pageant / Contest

Miss Gay Omaha – Jennifer Jett, Miss Max – Bruce and Stosh, Divine Diva – Chandler, Closet Ball – Imperial Court of Nebraska

Entertainer of the Year:

Domonique Divamoore, Holly Day, Teagan, Jennifer Jett, Fanta Cee

The final category will be a write in ballot for the Best Bartend-

er of the Year.

Ballots will be placed at The MAX beginning Sunday, August 10th. All ballots must be filled out completely in order to be considered a valid ballot. Any partial ballots will be considered void and not included in the final tabulations.

Entertainers for this year include 2007 Best of Gay Omaha Entertainer of the Year Faleasha Savage, 2008 Rising Star Karaoke Contest Winner Marla May, Miss Max 24 Holly Day, Princess Royale 25 Jennifer Jett and Miss Max 20 Chandler.

#### Nashville Schools To Protect LGBT Students

by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff (Nashville, Tennessee) Nashville's Metro School Board has unanimously approved changes to the code of student conduct to protect students from discrimination based on sexuality and gender identity.

The new policy also will cover school employees.

The vote came two months after a coalition of LGBT students and advocacy groups appeared before the board to advocate for the new policy. The students said that teens who are bullied are more likely to commit suicide or drop out of school.

The move also follows similar decisions by school boards in Knoxville and Memphis.

"We're all really excited that all our hard work has paid off and that the school board agrees that anti-gay harassment and discrimination in our schools is totally unacceptable," said Eric Austin, a Hume-Fogg High School junior and a member of the coalition.

"We worked very hard to show the board the true stories of students here in the district who have struggled to keep learning in the face of name-calling and bullying, and we're so glad that the board took our concerns seriously."

Other members of the coalition included a number of Nashville's most respected child welfare organizations, including the Oasis Center; Centerstone; Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee; One-in-Teen Youth Services; Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; The Child and Family Policy Center at the Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies; and the Mayor's Youth Council.

The coalition was formed in June 2007 with assistance from the ACLU of Tennessee, which also provided advice and guidance throughout the project.

"These students stood up for their rights and put in an enormous amount of time and energy towards making their schools a safer place to learn," said Christine Sun, a senior staff attorney with the ACLU of Tennessee.

"This is a perfect example of citizens empowering themselves to go out and make changes for the better in their community, which is something we at the ACLU fully support. That this all

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severe pain and was treated in Reading Hospital for unspecified injuries.

Investigators gave this account:

The granddaughter had just finished having sex with another 16-year-old girl and was in an upstairs bedroom. Beddell walked in and found them together.

The neighborhood girl ran out of the house to her nearby home while Beddell was beating her granddaughter with the cane.

Neighbors said they saw Beddell leave the house a short time later. She was accompanied by her limping granddaughter. The two of them went to the other girl's house to tell her mother what they had been doing.

Beddell returned to her home with her granddaughter and continued to beat her with a belt. Police were called to the house to investigate a report of child abuse.

The girl had noticeable injuries to her legs, and police took her to the hospital.

Beddell told police that she had done nothing wrong and said she should have been allowed to discipline her granddaughter as she saw fit. (Continued from page 7)

came from the efforts of a group of dedicated, hardworking young people is simply wonderful."

A Gay Straight Lesbian Education Network survey released in 2005 found that bullying and verbal harassment is a national problem across the country.

The National School Climate Survey found that three-quarters of students surveyed across America said that over the past year they heard derogatory remarks such as "faggot" or "dyke" frequently or often at school, and nearly nine out of ten reported hearing "that's so gay" or "you're so gay" - meaning stupid or worthless - frequently or often.

Over a third of students said they experienced physical harassment at school on the basis of sexual orientation and more than a quarter on the basis of their gender expression. Nearly one-infive students reported they had been physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation and over a tenth because of their gender expression.



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#### Diane's Story

"My partner and I had been together for 14 years when I received the worst phone call of my life. There had been a terrible accident, and she was being flown to the hospital by helicopter. The hospital staff wanted to know how to get in touch with her next of kin. Mine was the only phone number they could find in her wallet. I gave them her parents' phone number, got into the car and drove straight to the hospital.

When I arrived at the hospital, I couldn't get any information on Susan's condition. The hospital staff informed me that medical information could only be released to Susan's family. For them, family did not include live-in partners regardless of the length of the relationship. It took six hours for Susan's parents to arrive at the hospital. During that time, I sat in the hospital waiting room and wasn't allowed to see or comfort her.

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

Don't let this happen to you. We have the solution to this problem but you must plan ahead of time. Call us today to schedule your complimentary consultation.



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visit our website at www.omahaplayhouse.com. For group tickets please call Karli Newman at (402) 553-4890 Ext 147 or email her at

knewman@omahaplayhouse.com. We hope to see you at the show!

#### Mass. Senate Votes to Let Out-of-State Gays Marry

The Massachusetts senate voted Tuesday to repeal a 1913 law used to bar out-of-state gay couples from marrying in the state, a law that critics say was originally aimed at interracial marriages.

The law prohibits couples from obtaining marriage licenses if

they can't legally wed in their home states.

The House is expected to vote on the repeal measure later this week. The Senate action came on a voice vote.

After Massachusetts became the first state to allow gay marriages in 2004, then-governor Mitt Romney ordered town clerks to enforce a little-known 1913 law that denied licenses to out-ofstate couples.

Critics, including Democratic governor Deval Patrick, the state's first black governor, said the 95-year-old statute carries a racist taint and needs to be repealed.

The law dates to a time when the majority of states still outlawed interracial marriages, and backers of repeal said the law was intended to smooth relations with those states. Massachusetts has allowed interracial marriages since 1843.

Dianne Wilkerson, the state Senate's lone black member, said repeal was long overdue.

"This is one of the most pernicious statutes on our books," said Wilkerson, a Boston Democrat. "In some respects this bill puts the final nail in the coffin of those dark days."

Another factor driving the repeal effort in Massachusetts was the recent embrace of same-sex marriage by California, which has no residency requirement for obtaining a marriage license.

Opponents of gay marriage said there was no evidence the 1913 law has a racist heritage. They said keeping the law in place was key to preventing gay marriage from spreading to other states, many of which have passed laws or amended their constitution to bar same-sex marriage.

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#### Official Announcement:

The government today announced that it is changing its emblem from an Eagle to a CONDOM

because it more accurately reflects the government's political stance. A condom allows for inflation, halts production, destroys the next generation, protects a bunch of pricks, and gives you a sense of security while you're actually being screwed.

Damn, it just doesn't get more accurate than that!

"The Massachusetts Senate has no right to infringe on the internal issues of how other states define marriage, but that's exactly what they voted today to do," said Kris Mineau, president of Massachusetts Family Institute.

An analysis by the state Office of Housing and Economic Development found repealing the law would draw thousands of couples to Massachusetts, boosting the economy by \$111 million, creating 330 jobs and generating \$5 million in taxes and fees over three years. (AP)

#### Wisconsin Gays Face Fine, Jail Time for Marrying in California

Same-sex couples from Wisconsin who marry in California can face nine months in jail and a \$10,000 fine on returning home, CNN reported last Tuesday.

Same-sex couples from Wisconsin who marry in California can face nine months in jail and a \$10,000 fine on returning home, CNN reported last Tuesday.

The penalty, based on a 1915 law originally enacted to prevent interracial marriages performed in other states, is being revived to persecute same-sex couples who tie the knot in California. "If you leave the state to get married with the intent of coming back to the state, you can be subject to imprisonment for nine months and up to a \$10,000 fine," Glenn Carlson of the LGBT advocacy group Fair Wisconsin told CNN in a video interview.

The Wisconsin law states that "if any person residing and intending to continue to reside in this state who is disabled or prohibited from contracting marriage under the laws of this state goes into another state or country and there contracts a marriage prohibited or declared void under the laws of this state, such marriage shall be void for all purposes in this state with the same effect as though it had been entered into in this state."

However, not only will the marriage be void, but couples can also be punished to the full extent of the law.

The penalties sound fair to Julaine Appling of the Wisconsin Family Council. Appling told CNN that same-sex couples who break the Wisconsin law should be charged with fraud. "It's a defrauding of the government," she said. (The Advocate)

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AUGUST 4TH THRU 10TH

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

<u>DIETZ METHODIST</u> 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 ANONY-MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

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

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

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

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP" Meeting Place, 28 & S. Lincoln, 7:30 pm

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402 -476-3144

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

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
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jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

Every Wednesday

AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to

men and women, 219 North 48th Street

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 A A 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. 40<sup>th</sup> 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 TEST-ING 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, 2202 St. Marys 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**

1st Tuesday LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

1st Thursday
GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT
AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7 to 8:30pm,
Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of
the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

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

1st Friday FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday OR Sunday
HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-

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

**1st Sunday GAY 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** <u>INTEGRITY</u> 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 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 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 <u>HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC</u>, 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

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

3rd Friday GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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**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—
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Not currently meeting.

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#### **How is Sarah Finkel?**

A woman called a local hospital: 'Hello. Could you connect me to the person who gives information about patients. I'd like to find out if a patient is getting better, doing as expected, or getting worse.'

The voice on the other end said, 'What is the patient's name and room number?' 'Sarah Finkel, room 302.' 'Till connect you with the nursing station . . . ' '3-A Nursing Station. How can I help you?' 'I'd like to know the condition of Sarah Finkel in room 302.'

'Just a moment. Let me look at her records.

Mrs. Finkel is doing very well. In fact, she's had
two full meals, her blood pressure is fine, she is
to be taken off the heart Monitor in a couple of
hours and, if she continues this improvement, Dr.
Cohen is going to send her home Tuesday at
noon.'

The woman said, 'What a relief! Oh, that's fantastic . . . that's wonderful news!'

The nurse said, 'From your enthusiasm, I take it you are a close family member or a very close friend!'

'Neither! I AM Sarah Finkel in 302! Nobody here tells me a %\*#@#\*\*#\* thing!!!!

#### **GLBT RESOURCE LIST**

#### OMAHA BASED

- Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO,
- http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno abcsoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711
- BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/BiMenNebraska and http:// groups.vahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-**MIDWEST**
- Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org
- Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see www.diamond-foundation.org
- Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856
- First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming
- First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org
- First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, **GLBT-affirming**
- Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded) Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha
- Gav Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org
- GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 6PM. Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or see www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org for info
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.net for information
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, www.icon.impcourt.org
- Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting
- LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124
- Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,
- Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone:

- 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 11am, Wed. Worship at 7pm
- NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC -Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha
- 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info
- NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community
- Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com
- Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com
- Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT
- The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com
- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group http://groups.vahoo.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
- 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 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
- 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
- River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 4083 Omaha, NE 68104, for info call 402.813.1842 or Email: info@rivercitygenderalliance.org
- River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE
- 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive
- Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org
- WomenSpace, no current info is available

#### LINCOLN BASED

- LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director,
- http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652
- http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality
- Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info
- GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm
- Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597
- Nebraska AIDS Project, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website:
- http://pflag.ineb.org/ Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 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-glbt.com/
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu/www.unl.edu/ cglbtc
- Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494.
- Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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#### **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

#### **Number One Idiot of 2007**

I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control center. Today, this woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter into the emergency room right away.

Here's your sign, lady. Wear it with pride.

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# House to Hear Testimony on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

A subcommittee in the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to hold a hearing on the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy July 23, reports the Washington Blade.

The event will be the first hearing in which lawmakers have evaluated military policy toward gays since "don't ask, don't tell" was enacted in 1993.

The law prohibits gays from being open about their sexual orientation while serving in the armed forces. About 12,600 service members have been expelled from the military since 1993 as a result of the policy, according to the Blade.

Among those on the witness list is former Marine Corps staff sergeant Eric Alva, who is gay and was the first U.S. soldier wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and former Air Force captain Cholene Espinoza, a lesbian. (The Advocate)

# Police Abuses, Bad Policies Fueling AIDS Epidemic

Human rights activists say police abuses and official policies are aggravating the AIDS epidemic.

About 400 organizations say police in several nations use antiprostitution laws to routinely extort sexual favors from sex workers.

They also say officers confiscate condoms from AIDS outreach workers and then charge them with prostitution or sodomy.

Many nations still ban needle-exchange programs, even though drug users account for one third of all new HIV infections outside of Africa.

Human Rights Watch's José Miguel Vivanco said Tuesday that governments must end such abuses or face a growing number of AIDS cases.

Mexico City will host next month's International AIDS Confer-

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

#### A Few Quickies .....

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

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#### Lincoln:

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

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#### **Fitness Corner**

By Ron Blake **Certified Personal Trainer** 

You could skip all the exercise and live much longer than that muscle head that works out every day for countless hours. How exactly is that accomplished you ask. Let's say that our exercise buff isn't the

greatest purveyor of common sense on the roadways. He throws caution to the wind and he lives with his hair on fire. Ignorance is blissfully supreme in his carefree universe. He actually lives like many common folk live their lives. Really stupidly!

We'll name this cognoscente of capriciousness by the name of Billy. Billy drives around without his seatbelt. He claims that he's a safe driver and that no government is gonna tell him what he needs to do. His granddaddy and his daddy were never in an accident and they drove for many decades. He doesn't quite get the definition of an accident. Merriam Webster defines it as "stuff happens". Strap on that belt Billy.

Billy likes to drive around dropped crossing gates at railroad tracks. He doesn't like to be late for work on account of some freight train. Most of the trains in his neighborhood are slow and cause drivers grief. MOST of the trains! There are a few that slither by at 60 miles per hour. How is your depth perception today Billy?

Billy is not too keen on yellow and red lights at traffic signals. He tends to see mostly shades of green when approaching intersections. There are plenty of other drivers that also tend to see the greener side of those three adorable primary colors when approaching First and Main. Russian roulette is a game best never played Billy!

Billy loves his new phone. Billy loves to know what his friends are doing at any given moment. Billy loves to text message. Billy loves to drive. If you put together the same Venn diagram I did then you know that Billy is headed for trouble. Hang up and drive Billy!

Billy needs new tires. Billy went to get an oil change and the attendant noticed that Billy's tires are bald. Billy has heard all this before. Billy figures a few thousand more miles can't hurt. Billy is headed to the Maroon Five concert and could use the extra dough for some dogs and suds at the arena. Billy has a blowout on the way there and wrecks the Hyundai. It was a great concert Billy!

Silly Billy! All that hard work can be erased in the blink of an eye. Darwin did a little research on this thing called survival of the fittest. He wasn't just talkin' about brawn and biceps Billy. Common sense is overrated until you need it.

This column is brought to you by that guy who has been washing his body in the same order for over thirty years now. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be rinsed off at blake.fitness@yahoo.com.



#### Omaha GLBT Sports

By Chris Orr

The softball season has ended for Omaha GLBT Sports. The last few weeks have been a fun one for all involved. There have many great clean plays on the dirt with some zipping singles and double plays for the out. Many balls that got sent to the outfield with some caught, bobbled, and occasionally the dropsies



made the season even more exciting. The league would like to thank all involved with this season whether it was a player or spectator. We will see you next year and make it just as fun than the last.

Omaha GLBT Sports has FLAG FOOTBALL and VOLLEY-BALL registration open to those interested. Flag Football will be Thursday nights August 7th – September 25th with games starting at 7 p.m. and continuing on the hour until all teams have played. The cost per player is \$15. The games will be played at Churchich Park (50th & "C" Street). For all details and info along with registration on Flag Football and Volleyball go to WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTSLEAGUE.ORG





#### I Spy.....

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



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

Reliability and commitment, it is something that everyone, including myself, needs to work on. It is a gap or a deteriorating hole that can eat from the inside out. A person who is a part of multiple organizations can usually be faulted for this when too many events take place on the same day or weekend. He or she is there for everything under the sun possible until their wits end, then, feel like they need to be committed to an asylum. A person feeling that they need to be a part of something, but feel like it is too much work; then to half ass what is asked of them or complaining, because that doesn't take any brains to do.

There are also persons who attempt to help or rah rah the group, but in the back of their mind, have a personal agenda to meet and not the group's overall. Now this is the same looking from the outside in. People can be weary and not care because it doesn't involve them personally. People could also say "well gee, I actually have to find more information about this, forget that." This could also go along the lines of, "well would I know anyone" so I can stand and talk and gossip then to watch whatever the hell is going on because, "if there are enough people, maybe I don't have to do anything."

Generation X are professionals at this. It's a gimme and forget them situation. We do it so well that it's rubbing off on the elders. Are you bitching about why Omaha sucks and you have nothing to do? Well Nancy's and Mary's, step away from the mirror. Lets stop saying how fabulous you look and ask yourself if it requires work or motivation to get the job done. Just get off your high horse or lazy ass (whichever comes first) and some problems, such as self-esteem, may get solved.

The weekend of July 18th – 20th should be a mixed bag of great events. Friday the 18th is leather night at DC's Saloon. Get out your gear and hardware boys! DC's even made it convenient to list a dress code on their website. (www.dcssaloonomaha.com).

Leather night is from 10 p.m. – 1 a.m. every 1st Saturday of the month and every 3rd Friday of the month. Also, it has been redone or worked on down stairs for your leather viewing or pleasure or both!

The Max will have Faleasha Savage, Greater Minnesota Entertainer Of the Year (EOY), ravaging the stage with fierceness on Saturday July 19th. Doors open at 6 p.m and show starts at 7 p.m. View other Max happenings at www.themaxomaha.com.

Sunday July 20th can be a day to relax or feel inner satisfaction by working in the yard. If so, then go to World of Mexican Pottery (4911 S. 24th Street). These pots and yard accessories are the best around. It's the best because it's the real deal. Real clay old fashioned made pots and come with the cheapest price sticker. Seriously one pot that you would find for \$150 plus at a commercial, chain, or independent American store is slashed in half or even more, that \$150 pot is only \$42 at this store. Call them at 734 – 3239 for store hours. They also deliver!

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#### SUNDAY JULY 27TH

ICON VICTORY SHOW 7-9pm

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#### FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST

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AMATEUR STRIP CONTEST
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7PM
UNDERWEAR PARTY
9PM

#### FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST

HGRA Patio Party 6-9:30pm

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD

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10pm