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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

NCOD 2005 A Success!

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Rainbow Celebrations National Coming Out Day Committee for 2005 would like to thank all the members of the Nebraska and western Iowa GLBT/Allied community for attending and supporting the NCOD Celebration this year!

Attendance continues to grow each year for the week long celebration of events of education, inspiration and fun! This year, the Out in the Sun! Community Picnic would not have been possible without the generous support of the law office of Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O., Anthony Harris, GLSEN-Omaha, Prairie Bares Support Group, Dino Andrade and the Nebraska GLBT Events.com Community Calendar. A special acknowledgement to the River City Gender Alliance for their donation to the Community Celebration as well as all the donors to the NCOD Raffle!

On Saturday, October 8, the Old Market was full of rainbow wearing shoppers for the 5th Annual Out in the Old Market! This year, 35 businesses participated by offering special discounts to the shoppers! We remind you to help support those businesses year round - they need to see the "gay dollar" every day! (A complete list of participating business for 2005 is available at www.rainbowcelebrations.org) With support from MCC Omaha, The Reading Grounds, the Women's Resource Center and ABC Soup on the UNO Campus - the documentary showing, Coming Out Panel, annual Rally and Community Celebration were all wonderful events providing much needed stories of coming out, coming out resources and great social opportunities!

A common theme throughout the 2005 celebration events emerged that "there really are lots of other people in your shoes.....the amount of support to "come out of the closet" and live openly and honestly is amazing in the eastern Nebraska/western Iowa region!"

The annual National Coming Out Day Celebration, planned and produced by the NCOD Committee of Rainbow Celebrations in conjunction with the various organizations and businesses listed, the Celebration helps to further the mission of honoring the integrity, history and diversity of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people in the State of Nebraska and surrounding communities and creates unity within the GLBT and Heterosexual Communities. If you would like to get involved with the planning for NCOD 2006, please contact



A Letter From ICON to the Omaha Community

Several months ago, the Board of Governors of the ICON Foundation (who manages the Iris/Phoenix scholarship fund) approached the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska to suggest the possibility of merging the two organizations. The merger, as proposed, would benefit both organizations, providing fund-raising expertise to the Foundation and tax-exempt status to the Court. The issue was discussed at a combined board meeting and agreement was reached to pursue this merger.

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As a result, the Imperial Court held a day long retreat to review the accomplishments of the Court; examine its mission and vision statements; and to discuss ways to reorganize the governing and operation of the Court to achieve that mission and vision.

We are pleased to announce that on September 18, 2005, the Imperial Court of Nebraska was reorganized under the auspices of the ICON Foundation to create one, stronger organization. An interim board was elected, comprised of members from both previous boards, and we have begun to update the official documents of the Court to reflect the new organization.

We have scheduled a meeting on November 7th, at 7:00 PM at the Double Tree hotel to start the process of writing the Standard Operating Procedures for the organization, and we need all of your help. We would like to invite anyone in the community with an interest in helping us reorganize to come to that meeting.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska has existed for over 25 years, and has raised more than \$750,000 for charity in that time. This restructuring will allow us to grow, to raise money more efficiently, and to better serve our community. It will enable us to reach our vision of building bridges of understanding, while enhancing the quality of life for all.

Thank you.

Pride Chair 2006 Needed

The Executive Board of Rainbow Celebrations is accepting applications for the Nebraska Pride Chair 2006 position. A resume and letter of intent is required before the Executive Board will interview potential candidates. The Pride Chair is a position on the Executive Board and is required to attend such meetings as they are scheduled throughout the year. The Pride Chair reports directly to the Executive Board and is responsible to the Board in all aspects of Pride Planning.

The Pride Chair is responsible for the overall planning and execution of the annual Pride Week Events including the Festival and Parade. The Chair must hold regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year; be able to present a preliminary budget for approval (the budget is now upwards of \$50,000+); be able to successfully manage the budget on a daily basis; successfully solicit and gain sponsorships from local, statewide, and national corporations; be able to multi task many different areas of pride including but not limited to: parade, exhibitors, entertainment, 5-15 committees, media, volunteers, and general recruitment of Pride Committee members. The Pride Chair should also be available to travel to the InterPride World Conference (if possible) in October 2006 and the Co-Regional InterPride Conference (if possible) in March 2006.

The position of Pride Chair is the equivalent of a full time job (volunteer – non paid) and demands at least that much attention, time and dedication to successfully plan the Nebraska Pride

Celebration which Rainbow Celebrations now produces.

The rewards of this position are unlimited: exposure to many wonderful people and organizations; networking with people across the country; working closely with Kansas City Gay Pride, Capital City Pride in Des Moines and TC Pride in Minneapolis to promote our regional prides; meeting national entertainers and speakers and so much more.

If you feel that you have the qualifications to fill the position of Pride Chair 2006, please contact Rainbow Celebrations President Jason Fienhold 402.208.2951 or at jason@rainbowcelebrations.org for more details about applying. If you would like to find out more about the position, please contact Pride Chair 2001-2005 Troy Haasis 402.415.8769 or at troy@rainbowcelebrations.org.



Humanity Together

2nd Annual HUMAN AIDS RIBBON

October 23, 2005

Join us as we form a Human AIDS Ribbon in Omaha, NE beginning at **1:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, October 23rd** to publicly celebrate and honor the lives of those we have lost and express our determination to fight and end HIV and AIDS.

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located on the north side of Carter Lake by Eppley Airfield

Recommended attire is a **RED shirt, RED cap** and blue jeans. There is **NO COST** to participate and **FREE parking**.

Donations for survivors of Hurricane Katrina who are also living with HIV will be collected at the conclusion of the ribbon formation.

The Human AIDS Ribbon 2005 is sponsored by



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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



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Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE

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At last, finding financial help doesn't have to be like a "coming out" at Thanksgiving dinner with everyone pointing fingers and finding fault.

Mindy Hahne, of Service First Home Mortgage in Omaha's Midtown area works at a GLBT friendly outfit that *specializes* in helping Omaha area GLBT homeowners in need.

Hahne says she takes great pride in being gay and lesbian friendly. And treating the folks she helps like family.

"A lot of people in the GLBT community don't realize that even *without* gay marriage, or civil unions, there are already several equal protections in place for gay and lesbians as real property owners! Maybe because *no one else* wants to tell you about them!" Mindy says.

"Being gay or lesbian doesn't have to be a barrier to equal treatment anymore!" Hahne says.

Hahne has helped many gays and lesbians over the years, many personal friends.

"I am the one person in town that *specializes* in helping gay and lesbian folks with debt consolidation, cash out, credit repair and so on!" Hahne says.

"These are good people with damaged credit reports and/or hard to prove income! Not through any fault of their own! I *specialize* in helping the gay and lesbian community get a *fair shake* from the financial industry!" Hahne says.

Hahne says she has a lot of connections to Wall Street money, "I have personal relationships with investors *nationwide*, even *internationally*! Fair-minded people who want to fund loans for people with past credit problems!" she says.

"Many of them have a social conscience! And they take pride in helping gay and lesbians in particular! Just like I do! They use my *proprietary* system as their own little bit of "*social activism*!" Hahne says.

These investors are people who buy "pools" of mortgages of 50 million dollars at a whack! 50 million bucks! It's taken me 4 long years and it's been *really* hard to find these "fat cats!" People who are "like-minded" about what I do for the Omaha gay and lesbian community!" Mindy says.

"Not only is it *illegal* to discriminate against the GLBT community, it's just plain *wrong*!" Hahne says. "The self-limiting perceptions held by some in the community are just as much of a problem as the crooked people who perpetrate the discriminatory practices themselves!" she says.

Hahne says, "It's my *personal mission* to change the mindsets! And to *liberate everyone* from the restraints!"

"I grew up in a house where we didn't have much money! And my parents understood just how money *really* works even less! Nowadays, it's a lot of fun for me to help people get control over their money and their lives!" Mindy says.

Mindy Hahne can be reached at 934.9248 x1010. "I'm *really busy*, so those who don't get a live answer from me need to leave a detailed message and then give me at least 24 business hours to return the call!" Or to learn more, you can call 800-223-6724... option 1... then ext 8619. Just listen in to the free recorded message.

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7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street

This is a benefit for the
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Park Flasher Sighted

Three old ladies named Gertrude, Maude, and Audrey were sitting on a park bench having a conversation, when a flasher approached from across the park.

The flasher came up to the ladies, stood right in front of them, and to their shock and dismay, opened his trench coat.

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MISS SUSAN ADVISES JUDGE CURIOUS

The following is an adaptation from Miss Susan's Etiquette Tips for the Socially Conscious Judge: A Guide to Honorable Conduct Toward Gays and Lesbians in the Courtroom, originally published in the St. Louis University Public Law Review in the Spring of 2005. The entire article will be published in the Gayzette in serial form over the next several issues by special arrangement with the law firm of Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O.

Dear Miss Susan,

Yesterday, a young man came into my courtroom and took the witness stand. Would you believe he had the gall to admit under oath that he is a practicing homosexual? I was so shocked that I almost fell off my bench! After a few minutes, though, I was overcome by a morbid sense of curiosity. It's not that I'm gay or anything; it's just that I've never met a homosexual before. So I asked ten or fifteen rather intimate questions about the witness's sexual proclivities. Despite my restraint, the witness appeared to be offended by my questions. Do I owe him an apology?

Love,
Judge Curious

Dear Judge Curious,

A certain amount of curiosity is to be expected when meeting people with backgrounds and experiences which are different from our own. It is therefore quite natural that you would have questions when meeting a gay man for the very first time. (I doubt, however, that this is the first gay man you have met. United States Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell once remarked that he did not believe he had ever met a homosexual before. Ironically, Justice Powell was speaking to his gay law clerk.) In satisfying your curiosity, however, you must be careful not to abandon common courtesy. It sounds as if your questions dealt with the sort of delicate, personal issues that most people would not enjoy answering in open court. If your questions were not directly relevant to any legal issue in the case, then I can well imagine that the young man was offended. As such, I believe you may owe him an apology.

To assist you in the future, I have devised a simple rule of thumb: unless you know someone very well, don't ask any personal questions that you wouldn't feel comfortable asking your own mother. (If this standard seems too subjective, then you could substitute "an objectively reasonable mother" for your mother.) For instance, I do not want to know how many sexual partners my mother has had over the course of her lifetime; I therefore make it a rule never to ask a stranger (of any sexual orientation) how many sexual partners he or she has had. Obviously, there may be times when your judicial duties will require you to violate the rule of thumb, but I think it will serve you well in most situations.

I wish I had been able to give this advice to the Illinois judge who presided over *In re C.M.A.*, a lesbian adoption case from 1999. In that case, the judge closely questioned "each petitioner regarding her 'coming out' process as a lesbian, her early

sexual experiences, and whether petitioners were currently in a lesbian sexual relationship." The Appellate Court of Illinois was quite disturbed by the judge's "insensitive probing and wrongful interrogation of the adoptive parents' early sexual history." The court found that this irrelevant line of questioning was evidence of the judge's prejudice against lesbians.

I hope this case underscores the importance of apologizing to the young man. I know it can be very difficult for a judge to acknowledge that he or she may have made a mistake, but I have the utmost respect for those who recognize when an apology is required.

Very truly yours,
Miss Susan

Miss Susan is a fictional advice columnist created by Bradley Z. Haumont and Susan Ann Koenig, two attorneys at Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O. based in Omaha, Nebraska. Please don't confuse Miss Susan with either of the authors. She is really much taller and much funnier than either of us.

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Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

ALL OF OCTOBER

AIDS AWARENESS MONTH. October is AIDS Awareness Month. The Nebraska Red Ribbon Community (NRRCC) will be sponsoring the second annual Human AIDS Ribbon event in Omaha, NE on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. Join us as we form a human AIDS ribbon at Levi Carter Park to publicly celebrate and honor the lives of those we have lost and to express our determination to fight and end HIV and AIDS. Participation is FREE. Register for the event at www.nebraskahivtesting.org or call (402)560-5089.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH

OMAHA KINGSMEN PERFORMING. 9PM DOORS OPEN, show begins at 9:30pm, at Flix, 10th and Pacific, \$5 cover

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST

PRIDE MALE STRIP SHOW. 7:30PM, DC's Saloon

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25TH

GREAT PLAINS ART COLLECTION. 7:30PM, 1155 "Q" St., Lincoln NE, for info email bdibernard@unl.edu

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH THRU 7TH

FALL HARVEST. Mara Keisling, Founder and Executive Director for Transgender Equality, will be the keynote speaker, for more information visit [web site at: http://www.fallharvest.net](http://www.fallharvest.net)

SATURDAY MAY 13TH

GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE WALK. Raise money for the Center and for your favorite qualifying group. Details will follow in later issues of the Gayzette.

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH TO 11TH

2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-4648

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

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

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, 1PM to 3PM

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

Every Monday

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

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

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

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

Every Tuesday

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 7PM to 9PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Tuesday, excluding holidays.

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

Every Wednesday

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13

9 S. 40

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

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT, sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

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FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 3-4:30pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONYMOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Joe at 932-8066 or Tony at 933-1318

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

HIV TESTING, RESULTS IN 20 MINUTES, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

Every Saturday

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

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

1st Saturday

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum.com

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

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

2nd Saturday

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

4th Tuesday

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

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L.A. Mayor Opposes Anti-Gay Ballot Measure

Karen Ocamb, PlanetOut Network

In a Thursday news conference at City Hall reviewing his first 100 days in office, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa pledged to fight against a proposed anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment expected to be placed on the California ballot next June.

As Speaker of the California Assembly, Villaraigosa strongly supported the LGBT community's fight against Prop. 22, the 2000 ballot initiative that said California would only recognize out-of-state marriages between a man and a woman. Villaraigosa was co-chair for the No on 22 campaign and personally contributed \$10,000 to the effort.

"Will you be as involved as you were?" PlanetOut asked Villaraigosa.

"Yes," Villaraigosa said. "Look, I don't believe government should be in our bedrooms. I don't believe the government should be making decisions about who we love and who we choose to make a family with. It's a basic, simple notion of the right of privacy and the right of liberty. And yes, I will be very active on that issue."

Prop. 22 passed by a margin of 62 percent and was the reason given Sept. 29 by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for vetoing the state's same-sex marriage bill.

Schwarzenegger also said he supported domestic partnership rights and would "vigorously defend and enforce these rights and as such will not support any rollback," a pledge that did not appease the hundreds of people who protested the veto.

The proposed constitutional amendment, two versions of which have been approved for signature-gathering, would ban same sex marriages and eliminate current legal protections for gay couples. Active opposition by Villaraigosa, an influential star among Latinos, progressives and Democrats, could be a boon to the anti-amendment campaign.

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Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers group

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

GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680

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, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org

Learning to Exchange Icon, 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, Mt 4th Fri Gilligan's 7pm

LinOma Bares, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Linomabares@yahoo.com or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887

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 Evening Bible Study 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 Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohana-group@msn.com

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

Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanebrgaypride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net

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

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamer, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

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

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, Box 241733, Omaha, 68124, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPo-lo@aol.com

River City Gender Alliance, www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

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

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.

Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer

Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450

Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center

(sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000

Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73, 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/>

Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267

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

Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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

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

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Miers' Past Holds Dueling Gay Rights Views

Ann Rostow, PlanetOut Network

Supreme Court nominee Harriet E. Miers told a GLBT group in 1989 that she believed in equal rights for gay men and lesbians, the Associated Press reported Tuesday. But as a Dallas City Council candidate, she also said that she did not believe Texas should repeal its ban on gay sex. That law, of course, was eventually overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in June of 2003.

Miers, who went on to win the council seat and serve for a two-year term, filled out a questionnaire for the Lesbian/Gay Coalition of Dallas. Among her sometimes ambiguous replies, she said she would be willing to discuss the need for barring discrimination on the basis of AIDS and HIV. She also wrote: "I do consider the AIDS illness as a serious total community problem," underlining the word "total."

Strangely, Miers checked off a box indicating that she was not seeking the endorsement of the gay activists.

"Usually, if you bothered to come, you wanted our endorsement," said coalition founding member Louise Young. "She came to talk to us anyway. I thought that was very odd." Young also told the press that she did not remember Miers as "a right-wing nut or anything like that," nor did she recall the councilwoman taking any stand on gay issues during her short tenure in city politics.

Miers was a registered Democrat in the 1980s, even giving cash to Al Gore's presidential campaign in 1988, and to the re-election war chest of Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in 1987. But she subsequently switched parties, and she has recently been described as a "born-again Christian" by a friend of over two decades, former Texas Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzales. Miers joined an evangelical church, the Valley View Christian Church, in 1980, and according to Valley View's former pastor Ron Key, she eventually "came to a place where she totally committed her life to Jesus."

It's not clear whether the timing of her rightward political drift was linked to her growing faith. Nor are her current views on gay rights or sodomy laws a matter of public record.

Reacting to the Associated Press report, Lambda Legal Executive Director Kevin Cathcart said in a statement that Miers' remarks about the sodomy statute "merit very close scrutiny."

"As Sandra Day O'Connor pointed out in her concurring opinion in *Lawrence v. Texas*," wrote Cathcart, "this law unjustly discriminated against gay people. Lambda Legal fought in the courts for five years to overturn the Texas "Homosexual Conduct" law. Two of our clients were led handcuffed from one of their apartments in the middle of the night and jailed as a result of it. We therefore find it particularly troubling that Ms. Miers would twice assert that the law should stand rather than be repealed."

Miers, who has never been a judge before, was nominated to the Supreme Court on Monday by President Bush.

After a chaotic day of uncertain reactions to the nomination from both the left and the right, the two sides are beginning to coalesce into more expected patterns. According to the *New York Times*, phone calls from the White House convinced several conservative Christians that Miers was a known quantity who supports their convictions on social issues. Other conservatives remain disappointed that Bush overlooked a number of staunch conservatives in naming his own friend and lawyer to the high court.

Concerning the Pope's claim...

.....that homosexuality is "unnatural". Perhaps the Pope is suggesting that it lies beyond the scope of "normal" human behavior. If so, this has uncomfortable implications for an association of old men who wear dresses, hear voices and practice ritual cannibalism. Self-enforced celibacy is all but unknown among other animal species. If any sexual behavior is out of tune with the natural world, it is surely that of the priesthood.

George Monbiot, *The Guardian*, July 13, 2000

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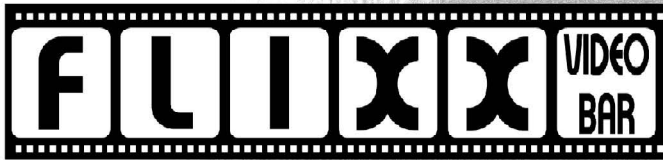
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