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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

Pairs Register for New Zealand Civil Unions

PlanetOut Network

A new law took effect Wednesday in New Zealand that allows same-sex couples to enter into civil unions that confer the same legal status as marriage.

More than 600 people have been registered by the Department of Internal Affairs to have civil union ceremonies, the first of which will likely be held on Friday. According to Australia's *The Age* newspaper, it takes three days for the government to process civil union licenses.

Couples must be at least 18 years of age to register for civil unions.

Tim Barnett, a gay politician who helped steer the new law through Parliament last year, told the newspaper that he had expected more couples to have signed up by now.

"I am surprised, but people know it's not going to disappear next week," he said. "It's now the law, and people don't have to rush into it."

Writing for *GayNZ.com*, commentator Craig Young also noted that the new law took effect without much protest from opponents.

"I think most of our fellow New Zealanders have realized that a pack of rabble-rousing fundamentalists were the only ones getting into hysterics about civil unions, and don't mind us having our day at the registry," he wrote.

OMAHA'S FIRST PRIDE PROM

The prom, sponsored by Omaha Public Schools Gay Straight Alliances, Westside High School Gay Straight Alliance and Proud Horizons Youth Group, is Saturday, May 21. Any high school or college age LGBT youth or ally is welcome to attend. The prom will be held in Cary Hall at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St, from 7 - 11 p.m. Dress for the prom is formal/semi-formal.

Admission is \$5.00 per person. There will be music provided by a DJ and refreshments. A photographer will be taking photos: 8x10 - \$12, 5x7 - \$7, two wallets - \$6, package (two wallets, one 8x10, one 5x7) - \$22. There will be uniformed security officers and plenty of chaperones present. Don't miss this ground breaking event!

ICE BOWL 2005 GIVES OUT DONATIONS

Proudly the 2005 Ice Bowl Tournament last week donated to charities Throughout the community. MCC Accessibility Fund received a \$500.00, ADAP (Secondary Medications) received \$500.00, PWA and/or Flowers Fund received a \$300.00 and the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Program received a \$300.00 check.

Ice Bowl thanks is a once a year tournament and therefore, may not have carry over funds that they can contribute back to the community. This year was an exception. We thank the community for the support and look forward to 2006!



GLBT CENTER OPEN HOUSE MAY 21

This month's GLBT Center Open House is May 21st. The theme is "GLBT Warriors" in honor of Armed Services Day. Everyone welcome. Join us for treats and drinks at the GLBT Center Open House from 3-6PM. Drop in, hang out, socialize, and snack at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Old Market area, Omaha. A variety of snacks and beverages will be provided. Dress casual.

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**Waterloo Man Killed
For Being Gay**

Jason Gage, 29 a waiter and student at the College of Hair Design in Waterloo, Iowa was killed in his Waterloo apartment in early March.

Early news reports suggested that Gage was murdered because he was gay. Joseph Lawrence, 23 has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of Jason Gage.

The two met at a bar in downtown Waterloo. After the bars closed, Gage invited Lawrence back to his downtown apartment.

Gage was found slain on March 14. Hours later Lawrence was arrested for the murder. Lawrence admitted to hitting Gage with a bottle and stabbing him with a piece of glass during a fight. Lawrence told authorities Gage had made a pass at him. The trial is set for late May.

Cellular phone transcripts obtained by The Des Moines Register are now supporting claims that Gage was murdered on the basis of his sexual orientation.

Lawrence sent multiple text messages to friends claiming he had killed Gage.

Michael Bailey, a friend in New Mexico said he called Lawrence that morning. He thought the conversation was a joke until he heard Lawrence had been arrested.

According to investigators, Bailey said "some guy was trying to get up on him real hard, trying to hit on him real bad, so he beat him over the head with a bottle".

Iowa does not have a hate crime classification for murder. If convicted, Lawrence faces life in prison without parole.

Friends and family of Gage have since created a Memorial Scholarship to help future College of Hair Design students.

Famous Quotes.....

Things are going to get a lot worse before they get worse.
-Lily Tomlin-

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Ad Deadlines: Friday, May 20, for Publication May 27th Friday, June 3 for Publication June 10th

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This great activity is part of the ongoing outreach of the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center. Take advantage of this opportunity to socialize and have fun in a GLBT-affirming atmosphere. The description for this Center Outing is...

TAKE ME OUT

Richard Greenberg's play about being out in the major leagues hits a home run.

Great stage plays (as opposed to movies) about this sport are so rare. And if in "*Take Me Out*," playwright Richard Greenberg had merely written an informed, witty and ecstatic tribute to the joys and absurdities of the Great American Pastime, he would have hit a home run.

Greenberg did not stop there, though. His 2003 Tony Award-honored play knowingly celebrates the glory of the game: its lore and legend, stats and superstitions. And he makes base-



TAKE ME OUT
JUNE 24, 2005 Center Outing

ball's fabled allure comprehensible, even to those who vastly prefer other pursuits.

But in the multifaceted consideration of the fallout following a superstar slugger's public revelation of his homosexuality,

"*Take Me Out*" scores big time. It seizes on a modern baseball team as a splendid, troubling microcosm of the social tensions in the "real" male America - the one beyond the field of dreams.

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GETTING YOUR TICKETS

Tickets must be purchased in advance at the GLBT Center or on our website. Center members and non-members are welcome to attend the Center Outing.

Take part in this Center Outing to enjoy savings off the standard admission price (regularly \$15). Tickets for this Center Outing are \$11 for members; \$12.50 non-members, if purchased at the GLBT Center, as an incentive to come visit and check out the GLBT Center in person. Otherwise, tickets are \$12.00 members; \$13.50 for non-members, if purchased online (www.rainbowoutreach.org/tickets).

We look forward to seeing you at this great Center Outing!

Help Change the World One Step at a Time...



GLBT Center presents 2005
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When you collect pledges for this year's Walk, not only are you helping beneficiaries, you're also earning fantastic rewards!

Saturday, August 20, 2005

Register online for the 2005 Pride Walk at

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Rev. Wayne Moore Appointed Interim to MCC Omaha

By Linda Beckstead

"Use me" was, in part, how Rev. Wayne Moore arrived at MCC Omaha. After sharing those words with the region's elder, Rev. Lillie Brock, Rev. Wayne was invited to preach and meet the MCCO congregation in February as a preliminary step in seeking the interim position.

Although interim pastors are appointed by the region's elder with advise from the board of directors, the positive connection between the congregation and Rev. Wayne following that visit was clear. "The love and acceptance that I received from the people at MCC Omaha was so overwhelming that my heart remained in [Omaha] as I returned to Texas," Rev. Wayne said. Rev. Wayne has been in active ministry for 17 years with the last three at Promise MCC in Dallas, Texas, where he served as Associate Pastor, Pastor of Congregational Care.

Rev. Wayne said his short term goals for the community is to assist in the overall acceptance of GLBT persons in Omaha and Nebraska. "We are a people with history, vision and pride. We are not a people who want to crawl under a rock and succumb to the wishes and desires of the fundamentalist. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. We do not need to meet anyone's standards in this world, only God's," he said.

Rev. Wayne has four children. His eldest is 14-year-old Fernando, Sergio is 12-years-old, Kassandra is 12-years-old and Emily

is 10-years-old. Rev. Wayne also has a miniature Schnauzer named Andrew Stewart Baron Moore who answers to Andy.

Rev. Wayne's term officially began May 1 although he participated in the MCC Omaha board of director volunteer recognition dinner April 30 in addition to singing with The Mustard Seeds in their final concert. He also joined the MCCO board May 1 to accept a \$500 donation from Ice Bowl.

The Kingsmen Are Coming!

Everyone is invited to a couple of different shows happening in upcoming weeks. The Omaha Kingsmen is a group of women dressing as men for performance sake (hey not everyone knows what a drag king is).

We have two shows scheduled for May, one is on Saturday the 14th at Flixx and starts at 8:00pm and the other is the next weekend, Friday May 20th at DC's Saloon starting at 7:30pm. So come on down and make sure to get there early because seats will fill fast!

ACLU of Tennessee Files Lawsuit Challenging State Amendment Banning Marriages for Same-Sex Couples

NASHVILLE - The American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee filed a lawsuit today challenging a proposed amendment to the Tennessee Constitution that would ban same-sex couples from being able to marry in the state. The lawsuit charges that the state failed to meet notification requirements as outlined in the state constitution.

"The drafters of our state constitution put in place very specific safeguards to protect the constitution from being amended at the whim of politicians. Unfortunately, in their haste to write discrimination into the law, the sponsors of this amendment are attempting to undermine the democratic principles guaranteed by the Constitution," said Hedy Weinberg, Executive Director of the ACLU of Tennessee. "It is shameful that the politicians who are so eager to prevent gay people from securing the protections of marriage have so little respect for our state constitution that they are willing to ignore these procedural safeguards."

The ACLU filed the lawsuit on behalf of ACLU members, the Tennessee Equality Project (TEP) -- a statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender lobbying organization, State Representatives Larry Turner, Beverly Robison Marrero and Tommie Brown, as well as a number of private citizens.

State Representatives Turner, Marrero, and Brown explained their reason for joining in the lawsuit: "When we took office, we swore that we would uphold the Tennessee Constitution. The Tennessee Constitution is what keeps us honest. When we no longer follow the rules, democracy is sacrificed. We are joining in this lawsuit because it's our duty to make sure that when we consider proposals to amend the state constitution, we follow the rules. That didn't happen here."

The lawsuit charges that the text of the amendment was not published six months prior to the General Assembly election as required by the State Constitution under Article XI, Section 3. Before an amendment can be placed on the ballot for a general election, it must first be agreed upon by a majority of both the Senate and House of Representatives. Then the text of the amendment must be published in Tennessee newspapers at least six months before the next election of the General Assembly. When the next General Assembly convenes, a second vote is taken, and the amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the members of both the Senate and House. The amendment is put to the citizens for a vote only if it meets all of these requirements.

According to the complaint filed by the ACLU, the proposed amendment received the necessary votes to pass the first vote in the House on May 6, 2004 and in the Senate on May 19, 2004. However, the Secretary of State failed to publish the text of the amendment until June 20, 2004 - only four months and 12 days prior to the General Assembly elections that took place on November 2, 2004.

"By requiring the state to publish proposed amendments to the constitution six months before the elections, the citizens are given the opportunity to properly debate an issue of such fundamental importance and decide if they want to re-elect the legislators who proposed it or choose to elect someone else instead. Failure to meet the six month publication requirement renders

the proposal unconstitutional and invalidates the amending process," said Melody Fowler-Green, a staff attorney with the ACLU of Tennessee.

ACLU of Tennessee, et al. v. Darnell, et al. was filed in the Chancery Court for Davidson County, Tennessee. Attorneys in the case are Melody Fowler-Green and ACLU of Tennessee Cooperating Attorney Abby Rubinfeld of Rubinfeld Law Office.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

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River Boat Cruise Added for the 20th Anniversary of Nebraska Pride

Where will you be Thursday, June 9th? Many will be spending their evening on the GALA River Boat Cruise. The cruise is Free and Open to All Ages! The event is sponsored by River City Star.

The event kicks off Nebraska Pride weekend June 9th –12th. Boarding starts at 7 pm and will set sail around 8:30 pm. The cruise will last for two hours and guests will be treated to the comedy of Rene` Hicks. Rene`s appearance is sponsored by The Max. Guests will also have the opportunity to check out local talent.

You will have the pleasure to move around the boat`s three decks. The Main Deck is a historic deck featuring the Victorian-era with riverboat decor. Beautifully furnished and climate-controlled, the main deck is perfect for mingling with friends. The Garden Deck is an open air covered seating area is the perfect setting to enjoy the gentle breeze and spectacular view. The beautiful greenery and sun lounge furnishings is a perfect place to dance away the evening. Move up to The Patio Deck for great views of the night sky.

Complimentary appetizers and desert will be available along with two cash bars for beverages.

Reservations for the cruise are filling up fast, so make sure to call for your reservations today! You can make your reservations by calling (402) 212-6302 or outside Omaha to 866-NE-PRIDE or email riverboat@rainbowcelebrations.org. Please indicate how many tickets you would like and include your name, mailing address, and phone number.

Center Wish List

Do you have something that the Center could use? Contact one of our board members. Please call (402) 341-0330 or email wishlist@rainbowoutreach.org.

Some items on our Wish List:

Items for Raffles (event tickets, etc.); Games (board games, card games, role playing games, chess, puzzles); Laminator (8.5"x11" or larger); Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater resolution, PC compatible); Library Materials (Books, Magazines, Books on Tape, etc.); Overhead Projector; Public Address System; Slide Projector; Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long); TDD/TTY (Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf/ Teletypewriters); Tele-Braille (TB) machines for the Blind; Toolbox; VCR

Wish List Contributors

Anonymous - Books; Anonymous - Games; Anonymous - Videos/DVDs; Bob Ewing at Printing Plus - 2 cases of 6X9 envelopes; Bob Gittins - Cards, DVD Player, Books, Office Supplies, Paper Shredder; Flat Water Bears - Bookcase; Brian Wyant - Books, Open House Food, Website; George Broadway - Computer Equipment, PO Box Sponsor, Printer Ink Cartridges; James Lunbeck - Vacuum Cleaner, Open House Food; Judy Hancock - Bulletin Boards, Chairs and Tables, Calendars, Light Covers, Games, Office Supplies, Open House Food and Beverages, Printer Stand; Marcus Fender - Original Acrylic Painting, Oscillating Floor Fan, 8 Fluorescent Bulbs, Box of Trash Bags; Monty McClean - Books; Sarah - Coffee Maker, Cleaning Supplies, Magazines; Sharon VanButsel & Carla Petersen - Books

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Place	Team Name	Maplewood Lanes		Week 28 of 29		Won	Lost
		Won	Lost	Place	Team Name		
1	Team #15	96	20	15	Myers Electric	52.5	63.5
2	DC's Saloon	90	26	16	Flixxation	51	65
3	Lords & Ladies	79	37	17	Liksalotagilly's	50.5	65.5
4	Old Market Candy Shoppe	70.5	45.5	18	Omaha Ball Busters	50.5	65.5
5	Omaha Hospitality	68	48	19	Frank and Beans	50	66
6	Chicken & Her Noodles	66.5	49.5	20	SPLASH	48	68
7	I Got 8	66	50	21	Gino's Bobbleheads	48	68
8	About That Dirt	65	51	22	4 The Beer 2	47	69
9	Max-A-Millions	63.5	52.5	23	Sausage & Eggs	46	70
10	Kumoniwannalaya	60	56	24	Gilligan's CCB	44	72
11	Here 4 Beer	58.5	57.5	25	DBL Stuffed Oreoz	39	73
12	Oh Flixx It!	57.5	58.5	26	Triple BS	22	90
13	Bowling With Antlers	57	59				
14	Bowler Sisters	54	62				

HIGH AVG WOMEN

197-R Richardson
191-S Stewart
181-T Shellenberger
177-N Rogers
176-H Kovanda

HIGH AVG MEN

223-G Schoenfeld
209-D Cohen
206- J Schomer
205-R Hansen
191-M Tomlinson

HIGH GAME WOMEN

290-R Richardson
259-T Shellenberger
255-S. Stewart
252-N Rogers
235-W Geier

HIGH GAME MEN

299-R Hansen
299-G Schoenfeld
298-D Cohen
278-J Schomer
267-T Randazzo

HIGH SERIES WOMEN

717-R Richardson
667-T Shellenberger
661-N Rogers
640-A Reed
623-H Kovanda

HIGH SERIES MEN

825-D Cohen
796-G Schoenfeld
770-J Schomer
749-D Cohen
715-T Randazzo

HIGH TEAM GAME

890-Team #15
880-Lords & Ladies
843-DC's Saloon
826-Old Market Candy
780-About That Dirt

HIGH TEAM SERIES

2465-Lords & Ladies
2406-DC's Saloon
2405-Team #15
2349-Old Market Candy
2190-Omaha Hospitality

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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.
Stage Right, 16th and Harney (temporarily closed)
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

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

Iowa:

Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs
Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA



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Bob Knows Better

Mom calls it a 'Phase'

Hi Bob, my name is Andrea and I really need some help. I tried talking to my mom about me being bisexual. She said that it was just a phase. I don't know what to do. She thinks that I have been peer pressured by my friends at school or something. Now my mom doesn't want to talk about it anymore at all. I am scared to talk to my friends and I definitely don't feel like talking to my guidance counselor either. What should I do?

-Andrea

Dear Andrea,

I have a couple of suggestions for you:

First, talk to some of your friends. I know you are scared, but I think you may have a friend(s) who will listen to you with caring and understanding. If you have a gay or bisexual friend to talk to, they might be able to share their experiences with coming out or their understanding of their own sexuality.

There are also many groups here in Omaha you can turn to for support, education, guidance or just for fun. If your school has a Gay, Straight Alliance (GSA), start there. You will meet other GLBTA's who will support you and you will make great friends. GLSEN is a great organization that can help you join a GSA.

I would also suggest Proud Horizons, which is a GLBTA youth group. They have many fun events you and friends can attend.

PFLAG is a great place that both you and your mom can attend. A PFLAG meeting will be very beneficial to mom; she can listen and speak to other parents of GLBT children. She will learn she is not alone.

These groups have lots of education tools and advice for you and your mom to understand your sexuality. All of the groups mentioned above have contact information in this issue. You can also visit their websites from the 'Resources' link on our website at www.rainbowoutreach.org.

Hi Bob,

I'm a student at UNO. My roommate is such a WHORE! Ever

since we moved in together, he steals all my guy friends away from me. One day I was with a guy. He walked in on us and the guy I was with left with him. I just feel so unwanted, and I'm scared that if I don't quit being his friend he will steal every guy away that I meet! Please help me.

Dear UNO student,

First I suggest speaking up for your self. Do not let your nightmare of a roommate treat you like a doormat.

It is a good idea to stop referring to your roommate as a friend. Someone who consistently does this to you is no friend. This guy and the guys who have left you to be with your roommate are obviously jerks, and are not the type of guy you want to take home to Mom.

In the meantime, I suggest for you to immediately start looking for a new roommate. While you are out shopping for a NEW roommate, you can also begin looking for nice guys to hang out with.

If you feel the hypnotic powers of your roommate are too strong, make sure you hang out at the New Nice Guys home, not yours!

Bush Nominates Judge With Anti-Gay Record to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals

President Bush submitted William Pryor's name to the Senate for the lifetime appointment to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit has jurisdiction over federal cases originating in the states of Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 13

A "DAD" BENEFIT. Michele Korman hosts a Bar-B-Que, 6pm, at the Max (on the patio)

CHAMPAIGN RECEPTION, see page 2 for details, Congratulations Bradley!

SATURDAY MAY 14TH

GLBT CENTER OUTING. "Spring into Spring Festival", details at the Center, 1719 Leavenworth or www.Rainbowoutreach.org, visit the Lauritzen Gardens here in Omaha!

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Prelim #8, at the Panic, Lincoln, 9PM

THE OMAHA KINGSMEN, will be performing at Flixx starting at 8PM

SUNDAY MAY 15TH

A BENEFIT FOR GAY PRIDE, AT The Max in the Disco Bar

FRIDAY MAY 20

A GOOD OLD FASHIONED BBQ. The River City Mixed Chorus hosts, 6pm, at the Max (on the patio) see page 9 in 4/29 issue

THE OMAHA KINGSMEN, will be performing at DC's Saloon starting at 7:30PM

SATURDAY MAY 21

CENTER OPEN HOUSE, 3 TO 6pm, at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Everyone is welcome, free snacks and refreshments, stop in and see the newly re-decorated Center, www.rainbowoutreach.org

GAY SUMMIT, Sharing Ideas-Building Bridges, Networking, information and lunch, Mahoney State Park (entry permit required, \$3 per vehicle), I80 Exit 426, starts at 8:30am, \$5 registration fee, \$6.25 for lunch buffet, representatives from many GLBTA groups will be present and/or speaking

MADELINE FIENSTEIN ONE WOMAN SHOW, 7PM cocktail hour, 8PM SHOW, at DC's Saloon

MCC OMAHA YARD SALE, 9AM TO 2PM, donate your old but good items for the sale (drop off between May 15th to 20th), volunteers to help out are needed starting at 7am, coffee and donuts provided, 819 South 22nd St.

A NATIONAL MODEL SEARCH

TheMensUnderwearStore.com hosts, 10PM, Stosh's Show Bar, The Max

PRIDE PROM, Sponsored By Proud Horizons Youth Group, Cary Hall, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 7pm to 11pm, admission is \$5, photographer will be

on site, dress is formal/semi-formal, music by a DJ and refreshments provided

SUNDAY MAY 22ND

LIVIN LARGE AS QUEEN OF THE RO-DEO, Miss HGRA Ammie Zahn hosts, 10pm, at the Max in the Disco Bar

FRIDAY MAY 27TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Wild Card Prelim, at Old Market Event Center (next to Flixx), 1015 So. 10th St

SUNDAY MAY 29TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL FINALS, at The Max, 9PM to 12PM

ICON MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC, 1 TO 6PM, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st St., admission \$10, ID required, NO PETS, free bus rides to and from the Max, free food, beer, pop, volleyball & more

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH

WOMYN'S DINNER CONCERT/CRUISE, Beth Mullaney in concert, cruise from 5 to 8pm, Contact Tauni or Sheryl at 467-5737 for more information

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH

2005 PRIDE PAGEANT, at The Max, 8pm to Midnight, \$5 cover

THURS—SUN, JUNE 9 THRU 12TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005, 20th Anniversary Pride Celebration in Omaha, 15th and Jones Street

SAT., & SUN., JUNE 18 & 19

RCMC PRESENTS FAIRY TALES: THE MUSICAL, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, 69th and Dodge

FRIDAY JUNE 24TH

GLBT CENTER OUTING TO SNAP! Performance of "Take Me Out", details and discount tickets available at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth or www.rainbowoutreach.org

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 Worship: 9am & 11am Sunday School: 11am

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, Noon to 3PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY- MOUS 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 RE- HEARSALS, 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

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP- PORT 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. Fairley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-

8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING, 7PM, MCC
-Omaha, 819 So. 22nd St.

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

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

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

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux City, IA (712) 252-4272,

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

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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, 3PM TO 4:30PM 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 Tuesday

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE, 7pm to 8PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 7pm to 8PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

3rd Thursday

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

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

3rd Sunday

CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 7PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

LEATHER ENGINEERS-OMAHA Monthly Beer Bust, 9pm, DC's Saloon

4th Saturday

HIV TESTING Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:00-3:00pm

LAST Sunday

REAL FAMILIES Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

Having an Event? List it Here Free!

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

Go to:

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

RODNEY DANGERFIELD ONE LINERS

I was so poor growing up ... if I wasn't a boy ... I'd have had nothing to play with.

A girl phoned me the other day and she said, "Come on over; nobody's home." I went over. Nobody was home.

During sex, my girlfriend always wants to talk to me. Just the other night she called me from a hotel.

One day I came home early from work ... I saw a guy jogging naked. I said to the guy, "Hey buddy, why are you doing that?" He said "Because you came home early."

RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

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 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, 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 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

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

Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com

Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

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

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

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

Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegaypride@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 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

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

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

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 8583, Omaha, 68108, 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 MargauxPol@aol.com

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 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

LINCOLN BASED

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, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.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-glbtc.com/>

Iowa Based

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

South Dakota Based

Black Hills Pride Committee, for information visit <http://blackhillspride.org>

Black Hills Gay and Lesbian Youth And Resource Center, for more information please visit <http://www.bhgayyouth.org>

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Pryor, the previous Attorney General of Alabama, has shown support for many anti-GLBT laws in recent years. Pryor has compared homosexuality to incest, necrophilia, bestiality, pedophilia, prostitution and adultery. He also argues that same-sex relationships are a chosen behavior unworthy of constitutional protection

Lambda Legal recently released a summary of Pryor's record. The summary said he has repeatedly shown clear hostility to the rights of GLBT citizens and other minority groups.

"William Pryor is the most demonstrably antigay judicial nominee in recent memory. It's clear from his record that William Pryor does not belong on the federal appeals court," said Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director of Lambda Legal.

As Alabama's attorney general, Pryor linked the state attorney general's website to anti-GLBT groups such as the Family Research Council and the American Center for Law and Justice, which litigates cases against GLBT rights.

Pryor was the only attorney general outside of Texas to defend Texas's anti-gay sodomy statute. Pryor claimed that states have an interest in singling out same-sex relations for punishment.

In the 2003-2004 session of Congress, Pryor's previous nomination was blocked by Senate Democrats, who claimed Pryor was too extreme to make fair judgments. The president then placed him on the 11th Circuit in a temporary assignment set to expire at the end of 2005.

While in his temporary position on the court Pryor voted to uphold Florida's ban on gay adoption. Florida is the only state in the country that explicitly bans children from being adopted by gays and lesbians.

Iowa Radio Stations Refuse School Gay Bashing Ads

by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff

(Des Moines, Iowa) Radio Iowa, a network of 60 stations has rejected ads aimed at educating people about the problems LGBT students have at the hands of bullies. The ads were produced for the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Edu-

cation Network and are running in six other states.

Learfield Communications, which owns Radio Iowa, rejected the ads calling them controversial.

Last month, legislation that would help curb bullying and harassment in Iowa schools died after a week of stonewalling by Senate Republicans. (story)

The bill would have prohibited students from harassing others for race, ethnicity and sexuality.

"It was very disappointing that any station would turn down this ad based on its content," Liza Byard deputy executive director of GLSEN told the Des Moines Register. "The problem we're trying to address is pervasive."

The one-minute ad features voices of students and parents promoting laws that prevent bullying of gay students.

According to a GLSEN survey of schools nationwide 4 out of 5 LGBT students reported being verbally, sexually or physically harassed at school because of their sexual orientation.

The study also found that inclusive safe schools policies, teacher trainings on LGBT issues and supporting student clubs commonly known as Gay-Straight Alliances are part of the solution to ensure schools are safe and effective environments for all students.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TO CONSIDER MARRIAGE RESOLUTION IN JULY

The 1.3 million-member United Church of Christ announced today that it will consider a landmark resolution at its General Synod this July that could make it the first mainline Christian denomination to support marriage equality for same-sex couples.

The resolution, titled "In Support of Equal Marriage Rights for All," was submitted by the Southern California/Nevada Conference and marks the first time the UCC's General Synod has been asked to directly address the issue of marriage equality.

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If approved, the resolution would declare, among other things, that "the Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirms equal access to the basic rights, institutional protections and quality of life conferred by the recognition of marriage" and call on UCC congregations "to prayerfully consider adopting Wedding Policies at their churches that do not discriminate against gay and lesbian couples."

Also introduced were two other resolutions: one titled "Marriage Is Between One Man and One Woman," submitted by UCC congregations that oppose the freedom to marry, and another (submitted by the Central Atlantic Conference) titled "Marriage Equality," which calls for congregations to pray, study and converse "regarding marriage, covenanted relationships and equal access to civil marriage for all persons."

The Rev. Libby Tigner, an associate minister at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Long Beach, Calif., and spokesperson for the Southern California/Nevada Conference, told the UCC's United Church News that "We believe that all people are created equal in the eyes of God and should be treated equal by our governmental bodies. This is a justice issue."

"There will be very lively conversation, and I hope there will be prayerful discernment among the delegates, because God is still speaking to us about marriage," Tigner added.

United Church News' Rev. J. Bennett Guess also reported that, "In past years, the General Synod - which speaks 'to' but not 'for' the UCC's nearly 6,000 congregations - has sidestepped the issue of same-gender marriage, even while it has affirmed the ordination of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons; called for full civil rights and equal protections; and blessed the idea of 'equal rites in covenant life' (or holy unions) for non-married couples."

"Earlier this year, the Cleveland-based denomination found itself at the center of the marriage debate when it launched a national television advertising campaign that featured a gay couple, among others, being excluded from an unwelcoming, metaphorical church," Guess wrote. "CBS and NBC executives rejected the 30-second ads, calling them issue-advocacy spots. CBS argued the UCC's 'bouncer ad' was a political statement about same-gender marriage - a claim that church leaders flatly rejected."

United Church News also reports that the Rev. John H. Thomas, general minister and president of the UCC, has said he will not comment publicly about the resolution "until he has had an opportunity to listen to different perspectives from within the denomination."

MCC-OMAHA LOOKING FOR TREASURES

Yes, those treasures that fill your home and apartments---that's just what we are looking for.

MCC-Omaha will host a yard sale on the church lawn at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha, on Saturday, May 21. We are looking for those "no longer" desirable treasures that fill your homes to sell at our sale. Donations of all sorts will be accepted--as long as they are in good repair--household items, furniture, dishes, clothes, appliances, knick-knacks, CD's, books, yard and gardening tools, jewelry, TV's, bicycles---if you have it and you don't want it and it's in good repair, bring it by MCC-Omaha May 15-20 and we'll add it to our sale. And we'll say, "Thank you for your donation!"

If shopping is more down your line, we invite you to stop by on Sat., May 21, between 9AM and 2PM and see what bargains you can find. Of course, if you just love Yard Sales and want to come help with set up, sales, and tear down--that'll be welcome too.

Start time for the work crew will be 7 AM, donuts and coffee provided! Come and browse, you might find something you just can't live without! There will be lunch for sale on the grounds!

GAY SUMMIT "SHARING IDEAS-BUILDING BRIDGES"

"Eating food too"

Networking, information & Lunch
Saturday May 21st, 2005

Location: Mahoney State Park between Lincoln & Omaha on I-80 exit 426

NOTE: USE I-80 Exit 426, Because of road construction on Hwy 6

Lodge / Restaurant / Lower level conference room.
Goldenrod and Blue Stem Rooms

We will gather at 8:30 am for a continental breakfast and networking opportunities. The focus of this event is mostly social, fun, friendship. So, if you would like to meet some new people, share ideas, or promote your non-profit group or GLBT business, this is your chance. Lunch will be on site. The lunch will also be a great time to socialize with others. Lunch will be from 11:30 am until 1 pm. The lunch buffet is \$6.25 per person or you may order from the menu. At 1pm we will have brief presentations from various groups and persons. Like, upcoming 2005 pride events, financial planning, Pflag representatives from Lincoln & Omaha, how to use the Internet wisely, a presentation and update from CFEP, Gltb caucus and more. Planned Parenthood will also have a GLBTQ culture display set up. You will also need a park entry permit or you may purchase a daily permit at the gate for \$3.00 per vehicle. So we would suggest carpooling if possible.

Kindly give notice you plan to attend as soon as possible. There is a \$5.00 registration fee to cover the morning food and coffee. For more information call Tim (Lincoln) 402 483 6183, optima2400@alltel.net or Michael (Omaha) at CFEP 402 398 3027, migoromaha@yahoo.com.

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\$1 Off Wells
\$1.50 Domestic Long Necks*

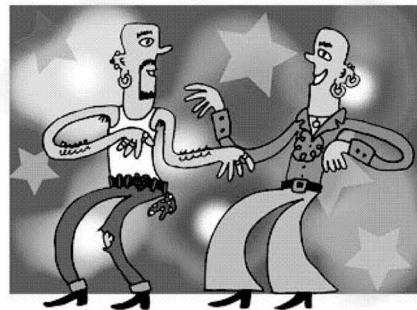
*Never A Cover Charge
1019 South 10th Street @ 10th & Pacific
FREE Parking In The REAR!*

TUESDAY

*Topless Tuesday
Jerret leads the gang of
Omaha's Hottest Shirtless Men*

*Rock Music Night
Shed Your Shirt = \$1 Off Your Drink*

THURSDAY

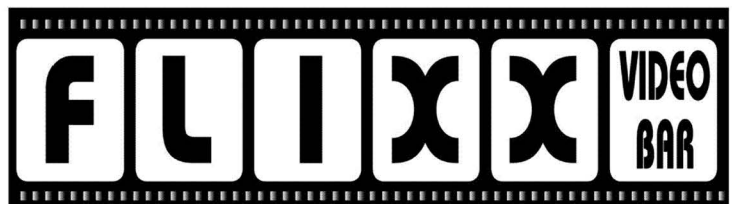


*9pm - 1am
Retro Night
The Greatest
Hits of the
70', 80'S & 90'S*

*Come Dressed In Retro
Get \$1 Off Drinks 9pm - 12am*



*Everyday 5pm - 8pm
\$1 Off All Drinks
Come Meet Your Friends
and Make New Ones*



We've Got The Men - We've Got The Boys THE MAX...We've Got What You Want

Sunday, May 15

**Pride Celebrations
Gay Pride Extravaganza
Disco Bar 9 PM**

Friday, May 20

**Join The River City Mixed Chorus
For An Old-Fashioned BBQ
On The Patio 6 PM**

Saturday, May 21

**See The Hottest Men In Omaha
A National Model Search
Sponsored By
The Men's Underwear Store. Com
Stosh's Saloon 10 PM**

Sunday, May 22

**Livin' Large As
Queen Of The Rodeo
It's Miss HGRA Ammie Zahn
Live At THE MAX
Disco Bar 10 PM**

Sunday, May 29

**Pride Celebrations
Nebraska Pride Idol Finalists
Stosh's Show Bar 9 PM**

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