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GAYZETTE

Gay Marriage: Is D.C. Next?

by Paul Johnson, 365Gay.com Newscenter,
Washington Bureau Chief

Washington, D.C. – Same-sex marriage may be come coming to George W. Bush's own front door.

District of Columbia City Administrator Robert Bobb said Friday that officials are looking into whether the city can legally perform same-sex marriages.

Interviewed on American University radio station WAMU, Bobb said that Mayor Anthony Williams has asked the Corporation Counsel to look into the legal and constitutional issues.

The city already has a domestic partners law on the books, but Williams came out last week in favor of same-sex marriage. Williams said he is "on record as far back as the 1998 campaign in recognizing that marriage ought to apply to everybody."

Asked about the President's backing on a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, the mayor says he's glad Congress cleared the way for the District to implement its domestic partners program in early 2001. The city's health department has been issuing domestic partner registration certificates since July of 2002.

In the two weeks since San Francisco began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples nearly 4,000 couples have married, the most notable being Rosie and Kelli O'Donnell on Thursday.

On Friday the mayor of a small village north of New York City performed more than twenty marriages for same-sex couples. Last week a suburb of Albuquerque, New Mexico issued marriage licenses to about about 100 gay and lesbian couples before the state Attorney General put a stop to it. Chicago's mayor Daley has also said he would not object to same-sex marriages in the Windy City.

In May same-sex marriage will be legal in Massachusetts.



THIS JUST IN: THE WORLD HASN'T ENDED

"...The astonishing thing that opponents of gay marriage might keep in mind is that during the 3,400 plus gay I-do's in San Francisco, the world has not ended. It hasn't even changed much. It's the same dangerous place it was yesterday morning and all the mornings before that. . . . The republic remains intact as well. There have been no reports of battalions of high school kids storming out of class demanding to sign up as gay men or lesbians, no reports of people being dragged off the streets and being sold into homosexual slavery. The situation in Iraq remains about the same as it was before last week. The Democratic candidates for president continue to pound one another. There will be an election in November. The sun will rise tomorrow."

L2EP Donates to Troops in Iraq

During their February meeting/munch, the power exchange education and outreach organization L2EP collected donated items for needy troops in Iraq. The items, which were sent directly to the troops, included books and magazines; small soaps, shampoos, hair conditioner, cleansing wipes, and fingernail polish; and baked goodies such as brownies and homemade cookies.

If you or your organization would like to send items to soldiers in Iraq, L2EP will be happy to forward your donations. Please contact Susan at L2EP@aol.com.

Some of the items most frequently requested by soldiers include reading materials and toiletries.

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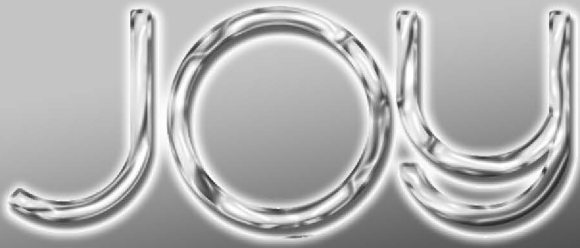
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Tickets to the Gala Banquet are \$40. To attend, visit www.rainbowcelebrations.org/gala

Money raised at the Gala will help benefit Nebraska Pride 2004!

The Rainbow Gala Banquet is a highlight of the InterPride Regional Conference, bringing together Pride Coordinators from 16 central US states. All members of the general public who support equality and human rights are encouraged to attend this Gala celebration.

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Perspectives

By Jon Owens

Enhancing Our Communities Image

By Jon Owens

With the big battle for equality we as GLBT people need all the help we can get. What would it take to enhance our image so that we could look good enough to bring the moderates into our favor?

There are ways to enhance our image. We as a community are good at supporting and taking care of our own. We raise tons of money for groups like the Nebraska AIDS project. Unfortunately there are people that are naive out there and think that is a gay issue, which of course it is not at all.

There are some other charities in which we could get involved as organizations. I could see the possibility of the Frontrunners sponsoring a house for Habitat for Humanity. Think of all those cute guys being butch building a house. That is hot! Sorry got myself carried away there. (I can say that since I am a member and they can hang me later!)

The point being, to think outside the box and outside the community. I thought this out, because I work as a volunteer every Tuesday for Habitat for Humanity in helping with community and church relations. One of the ladies I work with said churches are great about wanting to help build and so are college groups; it would be great if we could get the gay community involved.

There are several other charities that would be outside our realm, which could be interesting. Perhaps an organization would want to volunteer in sponsoring a refugee and help them resettle into Omaha. Can you imagine what it would be like if a right wing Christian refugee was sponsored by a gay organization; it could change the heart of that family.

Or another idea would be to get a group to go in and read to the children in the public schools.

One particular group that does quite well with this is the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association which donates all of their profits to charity and one of those charities is the Child Saving Institute. This has brought more families to the rodeo, and for a lot of families, this established a first contact for people who did not know anyone who was gay.

The possibilities are endless. I think sometimes we tend to get caught up in our own community that we need to

invest in the community at large, which would create a positive image for the advancement of our gay family.

New Day!

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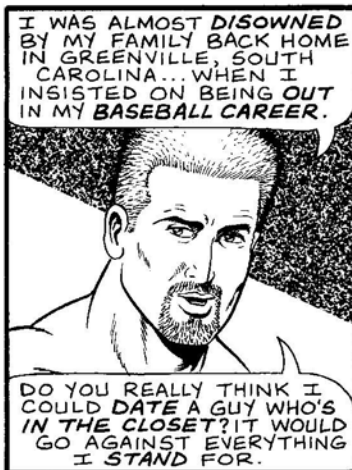
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Crystal Meth Widows

By Calvin Fleming

When I read The New York Times article, “The Beast in the Bathhouse,” by Andrew Jacobs, I couldn’t help but remember waiting for Martin outside of the Midtowne Spa in the middle of the night. Sitting on a curb, I asked myself over and over, “What the hell am I doing here, stalking him?” Maybe it was because I was the only one left that cared and I knew he needed help. Every time I ended up at this place, I would try and convince myself this time would be different and I could somehow convince him to end his affair with Tina (you may know her as crystal meth).

I’d become all too familiar with the routine: The party n’ play (PNP) usually began on a Friday night. He’d spend hours, if not days, on the prowl online or in the bathhouse seeking out new and riskier sexual adventures with countless partners under Tina’s hypnotic trance.

By Monday morning, Tina would release her grip. He’d finally return home, skip work, and begin his list of excuses before falling into a deep depression. I’d sometimes call to remind him to take his meds and to hydrate, hoping his viral load didn’t explode even when I wanted to kill him for using yet again.

And then, I waited. I pretended to trust him. I hoped and prayed it was the last time, like he promised. And when I decided to give him another chance, I’d hold my breath, knowing we would likely end up in the same place four-six weeks later and have to start all over again.

If this sounds familiar, you’re like me — what my friends call a ‘Crystal Meth Widow.’ We’re an ever-growing legion of men tired and worn out from trying to help our friends, boyfriends or partners defeat their addiction and/or new HIV infection.

And no one is really talking about it. It’s a dirty, little secret for us gay men. We acknowledge there is a problem, but then our community hesitates to respond. Our hesitation may stem from not wanting to judge anyone—for using drugs, being positive and/or for (God forbid) being sexually active.

It seems as if we’re now in an era where we’re afraid to speak the truth. It’s understandable considering the consequences are losing our dwindling HIV prevention funding or being placed on a federal grant investigation “hit list.” And let’s be honest,

other gay organizations remain silent because it means talking about our sex lives outside of monogamous matrimony—which isn’t an easy sell to non-profit major donors.

Our community needs to wake up to this new HIV crisis. While the White House plans to spend billions on abstinence-only propaganda, they will also not hesitate to cut our prevention and research budgets. And they show no concern in slashing funds that will place those who can’t afford HIV medications on waiting lists.

Imagine that you just tested positive, but you must wait 6-9 months before you may or may not become eligible to receive assistance to pay for your life-saving drugs. This is now a reality in ten states, with another six states across our country ready to implement a ‘death’ list to help balance a budget. And this still is not scaring us away from our PNP escapades!

Are we going to watch each other die on a waiting list or are we going to step up to the plate and take charge of our own destinies? Instead of bowing down in silence, a first practical step is to start talking about sex and drugs more openly and honestly to each other and in our media.

Studies show, and my common sense say, that there is a direct link between crystal meth addiction and the rising HIV infections. If you’re high, you’ll make poor choices. So, questions we must ponder: Why do we implicitly condone its use? Why aren’t there more resources available to deal with the reality of addiction? Why are we using it to begin with? And why aren’t our HIV prevention messages working?

I’ve seen one answer to these questions in the form of “A Community Manifesto: A New Response to HIV and STDs,” published by a coalition of HIV/AIDS organizations in Seattle. The Manifesto states that men who have sex with men must take personal responsibility, and that engaging in unsafe sex with a non-monogamous partner was comparable to committing an act of violence against that person.

The Manifesto set off an unbelievable frenzy of media coverage and conversation in Seattle. Some applauded its boldness, while others said the Manifesto went too far and was placing too much blame on HIV-positive men. Others said it was more empty rhetoric, while still others wanted specific actions taken. But more important than any single reaction is that people were actually talking about the issues, whether they agreed or disagreed with the Manifesto’s messages.

Similarly, “The Beast in the Bathhouse” is igniting discussion in New York, such as a town hall forum moderated by Harvey Fierstein. Continued on next page Hopefully, they serve as reminders that marriage is one of many issues that we urgently need to address. And it’s time to drag Tina out of the closet and expose her for what she is really doing to our community.

As ‘Crystal Meth Widows,’ there’s not one answer that could give us back whom we lost. I take some comfort in knowing that Martin may recover with help from his Crystal Meth Anonymous meetings and other support groups that take our place. But after a

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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1-800-782-2437
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year as a widow. I am determined to not let anyone else I know fall prey to Tina again.

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Voice your opinion on the GLAAD Forums and Discussion Boards at <http://www.glaad.org/>

Resources/Links:

Read the Manifesto - <http://www.homohealth.org/taskforce/manifesto.htm>

Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA) - <http://www.crystalmeth.org>

CMA Meetings Around the U.S. - <http://www.crystalmeth.org/schedules.htm>

Stepping Stone - <http://www.stepsingstonesd.org>

More Links:

<http://www.crystalneon.org>

<http://www.tweaker.org>

<http://www.crystalrecovery.com>

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About the organization: L2EP (Learning 2 Exchange Power) is a completely pansexual group whose aim is to teach Safe, Sane, & Consensual power exchange play, as well as to help novices to learn about the leather community as a whole. L2EP provides educational programs designed to teach the safety aspects of all leather related activities as well as to help members understand they are not alone but part of a very diverse community. L2EP supports the local, regional, and international leather community. To learn more, contact Susan at L2EP@aol.com or visit <http://www.l2ep.com>.

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Hosts Princess Royale 19 Stella Dallas, Emperor 17 Jeff McKenzie, and the Imperial Court of Nebraska are pleased to announce that Pitty Patt Magnolia Sugarbaker, Empress X of the Houston Chapter of the International Court will be the featured guest at Snoball 04: *Do You Remember the 70's*. Joining Miss Pitty Patt will be Omaha favorites Muffy Rosenburg, Jennifer Jett, and Ammie Zahn--to name a few. Emperor Don and Empress Monroe will be present for the festivities. Mirrorballs, black lights---it's the 70's all over again! You won't want to miss it! Snoball begins with Appetizers and Cocktails in Stosh's Saloon at 6 PM on Saturday, March 20. The show begins promptly at 7 PM. Admission is \$3. Purchase raffle tickets for a cash prize and help someone on ICON's Royal Family or Board earn the title of Snoball King and Snoball Queen. There'll be several "consolation" prizes as well.

I find it interesting..... that in this day and age of insider trading, kickbacks and many other similar activities being declared illegal and prosecuted by the law (just ask Martha Stewart), why is it that politicians can accept big money with a few lax restrictions? For instance, President Bush has received over \$500 million dollars to his re-election campaign just from the very companies which he has allowed to participate in the rebuilding of Iraq. It would seem to me that this would be considered a conflict of interest and that prosecution would be warranted. I suppose it's once again a case of what would get the average Joe a prison sentence, gets another Joe re-elected to office. It just doesn't add up now does it? GeorgeB

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4	Omaha Hospitality	58	34	45485
5	Lords & Ladies	54	38	47363
6	Bowler Sisters	51.5	40.5	43178
7	N'Joy R Balls	51	41	41797
8	Cocks & Beavers	50.5	41.5	44911
9	Gutter Minds	50	42	42743
10	Oh Damn!	49	43	41889
11	Lickity Splits	49	43	40839
12	Omaha Mining Co	48.5	43.5	42970
13	Bowlers Choice	47.5	44.5	44328
14	Gilligan's CCB	47.5	44.5	41432
15	Kumaniwan2layya	47	45	40518
16	Gett'n School'd	46	46	40183
17	The One in The Middle	45	47	40374
18	Max Factors	44	48	42593
19	Beaver & the Boys	44	48	41805
20	Chicken & Her Noodles	41	51	39789
21	Omaha Ball Busters	40.5	51.5	39114
22	Mudd Wrestlers	40	52	40725
23	Power Puff Girls	40	52	39498
24	Red Hot Salsa	38	54	39456
25	The Outlaws	34.5	57.5	39477
26	Stosh's Stable	32	60	39894
27	Here 4 Beer	25	67	38798
28	Dirty Butter	21	71	38354

SNAP! Productions presents

Stop Kiss, a play by Diana Son.

A poignant and funny play about the ways, both sudden and slow, that lives can change irrevocably. After Callie meets Sara, the two unexpectedly fall in love. Their first kiss provokes a violent attack that transforms their lives in a way they could never anticipate.

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Lara Marsh directs this compelling drama that features a cast that includes Erika Hall, Teri Fender, Jake Adolphson, Andrew McGreevy, Tara Kennedy, Michael Taylor-Stewart, and Shayna Flatowicz-Farmer.

SNAP! Productions is pleased to present **Stop Kiss**, March 4 - 28, 2004 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website:

www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$10.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. The March 5th performance will be sign language interpreted for the hearing impaired.



High Averages

High Average Women

180 - R Richardson
177 - N Harrison
173 - P Kerres

High Average Men

207 - G Schoenfeld
203 - R. Hansen
194 - J Schomer

High Game Team

804 - Lords & Ladies
790 - DC's Saloon
782 - Cocks & Beavers

High Series Women

704 - R Richardson
607 - H Kovanda
605 - N Harrison

High Series Men

714 - R Hansen
710 - G Schoenfeld
657 - J Sanders

High Series Team

2320 - Lords & Ladies
2166 - Omaha Hospitality
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Show Reviews

By Chris Sowards

"Scag" Drag at its best. I am talking about the annual ICON show called "Turn About". A show about boys who would be girls, are boys and girls that would be boys, are girls, which took place on February 22 at The Max. When I first heard about the show, I was kind of freaked out about the thought of it. I have now changed my mind.

I will have to give the "ladies" of the night props, as having done drag, I know what they when thru that night. I realize that many of you "ladies" have been performing for quite some time that were there that night, but please do some more up beat songs instead of some boring love song. Don't get me wrong, I like love songs just as much as the next person, but when I come to a night club I want to hear some up beat songs.



As for the "guys" of the night. Darlings, I love each and everyone of you for doing drag, but a couple of you need to stay in drag. Monroe, I don't know you very well. What I have seen of you as a lady performer, you do very well so please keep up the excellent work.

Chris, our DJ for the evening, keep up the good work. I do have one thing to ask. Keep changing Ammie's voice to a lower pitch. Ammie actually sounded like a man even thou he didn't look like one (he was even out of drag). Ron, aka Ammie Zahn was the MC for the evening. Ammie, hun, you were a guy that night, so dress the part. Which means, NO BOAS girl!

ICON did pick a charity for the evening. The charity was AIDS/HIV Education for Men of Color. I have never heard of that charity, but I am sure that they will get a lot of much needed money from the benefit. Way to go ICON!

For a rating on this show, I have to to give it 4 lip liners.

A bit about myself. My name is Chris Sowards and I am a 21 year old gay male and I moved to Omaha 4 months ago with my boyfriend. My stage name is Anita Cox and I was born on the Q stage in Lincoln, Nebraska. I found out that being a female impersonator wasn't for me when I met my boyfriend.

When I write an article for the Gayzette, not only will you find articles where I am a critic about shows at gay bars, but you will also get to know some of our performers in the Omaha and Lincoln area thru interviews. About the rating scale, 5 lip liners means that I loved the show and only 1 lip liner means that the show needs a lot of improvement. In the next issue I will be interviewing, Chandler Chubbs, our new Miss Max 20.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

HGRA JELLO SHOTS, 9:30PMish, DC's Saloon

SUNDAY MARCH 7

EMPRESS MONROE'S B-DAY, 10 Years Plus Show, Club Joy, Your favorite established entertainers that have been performing for 10 plus years

SATURDAY MARCH 13

HGRA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND IGRA FINALS MEETING, 1PM, NAP, 139 South 40th St

SUNDAY MARCH 14

NOT SO MISS GAY STATES PAGEANT 9PM at the Max

SATURDAY MARCH 20

SNOWBALL 2004, 7pm IN Stosh's Saloon, at The Max

SUNDAY MARCH 21

THE 41ST PARALLEL ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR PAGEANT, 9pm, the Max

FRIDAY MARCH 26

80's FLASHBACK, hosted by Crystal Delight, Club Joy, Return to the decade where big hair and mall clothes were king

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

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WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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Every Monday

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Every Tuesday

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, 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

GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18 Info: 391-1950; dknoxsae@qwest.net.

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING, 7PM, MCC

-Omaha, 819 So. 22nd St.

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

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HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Caffeine Dreams, 7PM

1st Friday

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1st Saturday

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GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN. 6

-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

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2nd Wednesday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Methodist

2nd Friday

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LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Leather or Knot,

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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3rd Monday

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

3rd Friday

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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

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 Saturday

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GILLIGAN'S PUB	1407 Harney	449-9147
JOY	1516 Jones,	341-7337
The MAX	1417 Jackson	346-4110
OMAHA MINING CO	1715 Leavenworth	449-8703

LINCOLN BARS

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Q	226 S. 9th St, Lincoln	475-2269

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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

Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers, 2nd Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm

Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed

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, 596-2549 <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 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm

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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

Men's Support Group-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Service 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

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

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

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pride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net
Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men

Out and About in Nebraska, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 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, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org

Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info: info@rainbowcelebrations.org

Pride 2003 Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride@rainbowcelebrations.org
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P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 NCOD@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 MargauxPolo@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

Women's Support Group, Saturday 10am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

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, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000

Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln 68508 474-8923 nebcoalition@yahoo.com

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 483-5592

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/>

Theater Review

Cats, A Review by Jon Owens

Mystical and lyrical *Cats* performed at the Orpheum with "memories" to last an audience a lifetime. *Cats* by Andrew Lloyd Webber was strange and eerie yet breathtaking.

The show, *Cats* was adapted from T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cat's* and was turned into a musical story that peers into the life of the alley cat. *Cats* became the longest running musical in Broadway history, concluding its 18-year run September 10, 2000. It also holds the longest running of tours since 1983 and has won more than 15 awards including Tony awards for best book, best musical and best costumes. More than 8.2 million people have seen the show and many of them have seen it more than once.

That cast starts off with the cats wandering through the alleys and wandering through the audience. This gives the impression that you are a part of the show. The cats know you are there and allow you to observe what is about to take place. In comparison to performances I have seen in the past, this portion was a bit downplayed.

That cats walked slyly and when the company broke into dance, the moves were crisp and clean, but seemed to lack a bit of energy. It was interesting to watch how that cast interacted with one another and the audience. In theater, there is what is called a 4th wall where the performer pretends there is nothing beyond the stage, but this is not true to *Cats*. I again feel as if they could have interacted more together and with the audience more than they did.

In this production if you are close enough to an aisle you may get the pleasure of a cat gazing into your eyes and making funny faces at you or saying "twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here. I have seen where cast members have jumped into people's laps and brushed up against you. And where there would be a lot of hissing, but that was not in

this particular cast's style.

The show brought out the best of tap in the Old Gumbie *Cats* and shows that even a fat cat can make the best of life.

During intermission it was interesting that the stage was left open with *Old Deuteronomy* on stage watching the audience. This was a nice touch to keep the show alive and breathing with observation.

The chorus had a nice blend. The soloists sang well and in character. I was quite impressed with the clean diction and the ability to hear the actors through the orchestra.

Cats offers an analogy and a depiction of society from the outside looking in that many shows do not offer, which in essence makes it a powerful story even with its weak plot line.

The choreography was phenomenal and the show kept you in a trance. The next time *Cats* rolls around, you too may want to try to see the Jellicle's ball.



Are You Listed?

If your group or organization is not listed on the Resources Page, or if the information listed is out of date, please send us an email at news@rocc.org so we can include you or update your information.



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REAL ESTATE

Guest Editorial

The past week in America has been politically and socially charged to say the least. During this time we've heard everything from social security to gay marriage, but what has really hit home has been the transportation of National Guard units from here in the Heartland. On Tuesday February 24th, I had several friends leave Southwest Iowa with 600 other men for Afghanistan for a 15-24 month call of duty.

This has been particularly hard for the people of Southwest Iowa, even with our long history of National Guard duty dating back to 1838. The hard part comes in from the heavy losses we suffered during WWII, the heaviest of any area of the nation. Our men and women saw duty from North Africa to Omaha Beach to Bataan. There was not a spot on the globe that didn't have someone from the 34th Infantry. In the European theater alone the 34th Infantry suffered 21,362 battle casualties, including 3,737 killed and 3,460 missing. The men of the Division were honored with countless awards and decorations, including 10 Medals of Honor and 15,000 Purple Hearts. During the course of World War II, the 34th Division amassed 517 days of combat. One or more 34th Division units, including the 168th Regiment, were engaged in actual combat for 611 days. The Division was credited with more combat days than any other division in the European theater. These numbers were just the ones from Europe and WWII. This lists go on and on, and then this week it started all over with many more being transported out of our lives to spots so remote you can't find them on the map.

It has been with great sadness I've written all this. How people

dealt with all this in the past I don't know, but for me its been a hard week knowing friends have left and may not be seen again. I keep hearing in my head the last part of the movie Hair, where Treat Williams enters the plane with countless others, then the sight of Arlington National Cemetery. I suppose people get numbed to the idea of friends, lovers, relatives going off to the military. I guess all we can do is hope and pray they come back alright.

Chris Feistner-Flat Water Bears President-Rainbow Outreach Board Member



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NYC Politicians Join Gays To Demand Bloomberg Permit Weddings

(New York City) The pressure is mounting on New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Sunday, city politicians joined gay demonstrators to demand Bloomberg follow the lead of San Francisco and New Paltz and let gay and lesbian couples in the city marry.

City Council Speaker Gifford Miller headed a delegation of New York council members and state Assembly members at a rally on the steps of city hall to prod the mayor. "In this city of tolerance, diversity and unity it is past time that Mayor Bloomberg gave the civil right of marriage to same-sex couples and immediately instruct the city clerk to begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples," Miller said.

He then accused President Bush of trying to use the Constitution to discriminate against gay couples by calling for an amendment that would ban gay marriage.

Some 200 members of the city's gay community applauded and cheered the support of the elected officials.

One gay couple, holding a sign saying, "28 Years in Love - Equality Now," said they planned to emigrate to Canada if Bush is successful in his campaign for a constitutional amendment.

"We've been together half a lifetime," said architect Timothy Hare, hold the hand of his partner David Bell. "Now we're about to become unconstitutional." Others held signs saying, "Stop The Hate," and "Let My People Marry."

Speakers at the protest said it was within Bloomberg's power to instruct the clerk to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

"The city clerk is following New York State law, which does not permit gay marriages," Bloomberg spokesman Ed Skyler said. "Advocates for it should spend their time persuading Albany to change the law, ather than calling on the city clerk to break it."

Skyler said that if the law was changed to permit gay marriage, Bloomberg would make sure the law was followed.

Bloomberg told a New York radio program on Friday that he does not support the President's call for a constitutional amendment.

Last week three New York City Democrats introduced a motion

in council to condemn a proposed amendment to the US Constitution.

On Friday the mayor of the tiny hamlet of New Paltz, about 80 miles north of New York began marrying same-sex couples. He performed ceremonies for more than 20 couples Friday and more than 1000 other couples have registered.

In San Francisco, the first US city to allow gays to marry, more than 3,400 couples have tied the knot.

Gay marriage will become legal in Massachusetts in May.

New York Should Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-Sex Couples

Marriage Equality New York Press Conference
City Hall
February 29, 2004-02-29

Following is the statement by Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried at the press conference:

Mayor Bloomberg should instruct the city clerk to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. There is nothing in New York State law that says same-sex couples cannot get married.

Stable family relationships help build a stronger society. For the welfare of the community and fairness to all New Yorkers, same-sex couples should have the same rights as others to the legal and social protections, responsibilities and benefits of civil marriage. I have introduced legislation in the Assembly, and Senator Tom Duane has introduced in the Senate, that would ensure the right to marry for same-sex couples.

This issue is not only about whether couples can share their property and inherit from each other. It is about whether their love, relationships and families are human. Because if they are, they are entitled to be in the human institution of marriage.

The public policy question is not a religious issue. Just as a priest is not required to marry a couple if one partner is divorced, or a rabbi is not required to perform a marriage between a Jew and a non-Jew, no religious organization would be required to bless same-sex marriages.

The legal institution of marriage works for society as a whole. If same-sex couples want to join that institution, we should welcome them.



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was of special importance to the Nebraska AIDS Project. The "TurnAbout" Show has been presented by ICON for several years. It is a "Strictly for Fun" Show where those who normally appear as males are required to perform in Drag and those who normally perform as females perform as males. A



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Statement By Rev. Troy D. Perry

Moderator, Metropolitan Community Churches

Today, the President of the United States endorsed a constitutional amendment barring the legal recognition of same-sex marriages -- a shameful stand that violates the president's pledge to be a "uniter, not a divider."

History will record that President Bush has played to the worst of politics -- pitting one group of Americans against another. A constitutional amendment as proposed by President Bush would mark the first time in U.S. history an amendment has been used to deny legal rights to a minority group within this country.

The President has taken exactly the wrong stand. The promise of this nation is "liberty and justice for all." By his actions today, the President has squandered an opportunity to expand the rights of America's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens in a regrettable effort to pander for re-election votes.

The reality is that same-sex marriage in no way threatens the marriages of our heterosexual friends and neighbors. *Every year, Metropolitan Community Churches perform more than 6000 same-sex weddings which celebrate love, commitment and relationship.* These are noble ideals which should be honored and celebrated -- not attacked and denigrated.

Our community must now face the very real threat of increased hostility because of the President has fanned the flames of divisiveness. That LGBT communities have long been targets of anti-gay hate crimes and violence, and the use of LGBT people as a wedge issue to gain votes will only feed hatred in this country.

The predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Churches know something about the effects of hate. As I reported to the White House Conference on Hate Crimes, *21 MCC churches have been the targets of firebombing and arson, and many more have been vandalized and desecrated in anti-gay hate crimes -- solely because of the sexual orientation of our members. The President's actions leave our people fearful, and subject to a new wave of anti-gay discrimination.*



Hatred, bigotry, and discrimination must not be enshrined in our nation's Constitution. Today I call upon all people of goodwill to reject the politics of divisiveness and to unequivocally oppose this proposed constitutional amendment.

/signed/

Rev. Troy D. Perry

Moderator, Metropolitan Community Churches

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Aces Bar, 1263 South 16th Street
Body Mods, 61st and Military
Club Olis, 2801 North 16th Street
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quix, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Joy, 1516 Jones Street
Liquid Courage Custom Tattoo, 2936 South 84th Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
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 GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth
Stage Right Coffee and Tea House, 16th and Harney
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street

Iowa:

Adult Emporium, Council Bluffs & Glenwood
Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA

Internet Tidbits

And you have probably heard that President Bush wants to have a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. That's right. He wants to fix that flaw written into it by those idiots Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.....

Tonight Show with Jay Leno

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