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# GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

## SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS! - THE 19TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA GLBT PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Come celebrate the 19th Annual Nebraska Pride Parade & Festival with thousands of other gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual allies on June 18-20, 2004. Here are highlights:

Friday - June 18, 2004

### THE FREEDOM PARTY

A night of Freedom and Unity - Nebraska Style! Join the GLBT



and Ally communities of Nebraska, western Iowa and the surrounding region for a night of fun and celebration from 7-11 PM on Friday, June 18,

at 15th and Jones Street in downtown Omaha. Food, a bigger Bud Light Pride Beer Garden, and a few surprises await all who wish to proclaim our Freedom this Pride! Enjoy some of the best regional entertainment and Freedom Party headliner Jade Esteban Estrada, the sizzling Latin sensation and our Pride Emcee Flo!!



**Jade Esteban Estrada**

Saturday - June 19, 2004

### PARADE

Cheer on or take part in the 19th annual Pride Parade. Invite your friends and family. The fun begins at 11 AM in downtown Omaha along Jackson between 10th Street Bridge and 15th Street. The Nebraska GLBT Charity Giant Rainbow Flag was made possible by the generous sponsorship of over 50 individuals, businesses and organizations! Sewn by Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 2002 Anastasia Worthington, the flag continues to be a perennial centerpiece of the annual GLBT Pride Parade. As the huge flag passes during

the parade, you are encouraged to donate money by throwing it onto the flag or placing it in the accompanying buckets. All donations collected from the Nebraska GLBT Charity Giant Rainbow Flag go to a charity organization, whom we are proud to announce for 2004 is the Lincoln chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). As you enjoy the parade, don't forget to wave to the 2004 Grand Marshal, Eric Anderson. To help highlight the wonderful participating individuals and organizations, the parade will have Emcees this year who will provide information and commentary for the crowd of spectators over a public address system at the Judges Stand at Jackson & 14th Street. Our 2004 Parade Emcees are Ms. Ammie Zahn, a former Miss Max and the current Miss HGRA 2004, and Ms. Domonique DivaMoore, a former Miss Max and a current member of the N'JOY show cast.

### FESTIVAL

After the Parade, enjoy a day and evening of great celebration, tasty food and wonderful entertainment at the 2004 Pride Festival. This year the Bud Light Beer Garden will be three times larger along with lots of vendors and great food. Highlights of the Kidz Korner include Child safety booths, clowns, balloons, rainbow crafts, Discovery Toy play area, family pictures, and much more. The Kidz Korner is staffed this year by the newest local family organization, the 'Ohana Group which serves GLBT parents, their children, and their allies. 'Ohana is the Hawaiian word for family. Another great festival highlight is the Commitment Ceremony. Rainbow Celebrations proudly offers all GLBT couples the chance to stand before family and friends and say "I DO" at the Nebraska Pride Commitment Ceremony.



**Ann Lincoln**

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# CELEBRATE PRIDE WEEK AT JOY!



**Thursday June 17th  
Porn Star Boyfriends  
Adam and Alex**



**FRIDAY JUNE 18TH  
THE N'JOY SHOW  
9:30PM**

**SATURDAY JUNE 19TH:  
PRIDE FOAM PARTY  
10PM-1AM**



1516 Jones St. Omaha, NE  
402-341-7337  
[www.omahajoy.com](http://www.omahajoy.com)

On Sunday June 20th get to JOY early for some great drink specials and then catch the bus to the Post Pride Party in Lincoln. The bus leaves at 8pm so you can catch the 9pm show at The Q. Then when the bar closes, jump back on the bus and it will bring you back to Omaha. N'JOY your night and leave the driving to us!

# Perspectives

By Jon Owens

## Self-Hating Queens

Are you familiar with the term self-hating queen? Let me tell you I have heard the term, but never truly seen the reality of it till a few months ago.

Self-hating queens are commonly found to sometimes be GLBT Republicans. They are often commonly found in churches that have issues with gay people. To clarify it even more these people many times have what I call "reverse discrimination syndrome."

What these people tend to do is separate political and religious issues, compartmentalize them and keep them separate from themselves. These are the gays that are against gay marriage. They join political affiliations that tend to discriminate against GLBT people, like the Republican Party. Now, I know some gay republicans, and sexuality is the least of their concerns. I cannot imagine how they can put who they are on the back burner. Perhaps they just think of things bigger than themselves? I don't know.

To top it off, these are the same people who go to church and will get mad that there is a gay bishop in the pulpit. I feel sorry for GLBT clergy. People think there is this archaic point of clergy, and that they are not allowed to do the same things as other people. It may be true, but at the same time, why is it ok for a person to do something like date someone of the same sex, but their pastor is not allowed to do it? It is ridiculous!

Within the context of "reverse discrimination syndrome," these people also have a tendency to have a fear of women at a church altar, and they sometimes discriminate against other GLBT people. They are gay men that attack lesbians or transgendered people. They become racists. How can a gay person put themselves above all others.

I am concerned when a gay man has issues with women at the altar of a church. It is not only inconsistent ethically, it is inconsistent theologically.

I had this experience when I visited a church within my own denomination. There were many gay men in this church and I was drilled on my beliefs, as I am entering the priesthood. They wanted to know which seminary. Then the topic of female ordination came up. A gay man, of all people, said lets not desecrate the altar. Well you know that the church is not going to burn down if a woman was to reside at mass. I could handle this statement from a straight man, but a gay man?

Who is he to say his lifestyle is ok, but that a woman

who is in no way questioning that they were born this way, can say God discriminates at the altar? Maybe this man needs to look at himself and decide that his views are inconsistent. He either believes in an all inclusive God or he does not. If he does not, it is time for him to change and become an ex-gay. If there is nothing wrong with being gay (which there is not), then he needs to shut up and start loving diversity. This would allow him to be himself and allow others to be themselves without feeling that no matter what that person does it will never be good enough, because of the way they were made.

Inconsistencies only breed ignorance. No one should elevate themselves over another person. No one can think it is ok for them to do something and not ok for another to do the same thing.

## Bear's Toga Party in June

Come join the Flat Water Bears for their annual event, June 18-19-20 at Van Meter, Iowa. This is the 7th year in a row for the event at Raccoon River, and will be headlined Saturday evening with a Roman Bear Toga Party. The event is \$45/person non-member, \$40/person member and we do accept members of other Bear groups at the member rate.

For your admission you have three days worth of meals, entertainment, and lodging. If you are a camper make sure to bring your camping gear as there is plenty of room for tents and campers.

For more info you can e-mail us at:  
[flatwaterbears@geocities.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@geocities.com)

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**Only \$50 per issue. Please consider sponsoring one or more issues to keep it in the Gayzette.**



***THE OFFICIAL  
2004  
PRIDE PAGEANT***



***SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH  
8 PM - CLUB JOY***

## Duplex For Rent



**2 Second Floor Bedrooms, Formal Dining Room, Basement, Deck, 1 Off Street Parking Stall, Central Air, Newly Remodeled Kitchen, Washer and Dryer Included,  
1 Block from Hanscom Park**

**Non-Smoker, No Pets Preferred but Not Excluded**

**Call Bob at 670-9119 for Information**

### QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

**Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline.  
1-800-782-2437  
(in Omaha, 552-9255)  
Sunday-Friday: 10 am-10 pm**

## Are you registered to Vote?

Make a difference in your life and the lives of your friends and loved ones, get registered.

It's quick, painless, free and best of all YOU will have made a difference !! So stop by any Post Office or you can also download and print the form from <http://www.sos.state.ne.us/forms/pdf/vr.pdf>

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Officiated by the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, this special ceremony provides a great chance for all persons to stand together and proclaim that we support loving relationships within our community. Roses, pictures and wedding cake will be provided for the unity celebration after the ceremony!



**Robin S.**

Show Your True Colors!

Sunday - June 20, 2004

### POST PRIDE PARTY

Gather your friends, relax and watch a great show with the newly crowned Nebraska Pride Titleholder and special guests. Join Rainbow Celebrations, the many volunteers who make Nebraska Pride possible, and the staff and owners of the Q for a casual night of fun. And the show promises to be bigger and even more entertaining than the fantastic one last year. Look for Special Guest entertainer Ann Lincoln. Finish Nebraska Pride 2004 on a high note, surrounded by friends, at the Post Pride Party 8 PM-Midnight at the Q in Lincoln on Sunday June 20.



**Linda Imperial**

### LEARN MORE

To volunteer your help, to get your Pride gear, or to learn more details, visit us at [www.rainbowcelebrations.org/pride](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org/pride) on the web. We look forward to seeing you at Nebraska Pride 2004!



And of course, our Emcee, **FLO**



## Nebraska Sees Slight Decrease in New AIDS Cases

New AIDS cases reported in Nebraska dropped from 71 in 2002 to 60 last year, while new HIV infections remained level, with 47 cases reported for both years, according to the state Health and Human Services' HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report. Steve Jackson, HIV counselor and testing coordinator for HHS, said the decline in AIDS cases could be the result of better testing and heightened awareness about the disease.

The report found that the Latino population posted the biggest increase in new AIDS cases last year, with 15 cases reported--more than double the seven cases recorded for 2002. Twenty-eight new AIDS cases were reported among whites for 2003, a drop from 34 cases in 2002. New cases among African-Americans also declined from 28 in 2002 to 13 last year. For Native Americans new AIDS cases remained the same, with two cases reported each year. Two new AIDS cases were reported among Asians last year; in previous years no cases were recorded. More Nebraskans are getting tested for HIV, which could explain the reduction in AIDS figures, said Charles Houseman, public education coordinator at HHS. Last year HHS reported that 7,300 residents were tested, up from 6,231 in 2002. (AP)

## "Expanding My Horizons"

A new group is forming now and its called "Expanding My Horizons". If you would like to do new or old things, are a single female and have Saturdays available, I would like to hear from you. The basic idea is to get together with 6 to 8 people on Saturdays. I would like a get together on the first Saturday of the month from 6pm to 10pm and the third Saturday of the month

from 12pm-4pm.

We will start with a meet & greet to see if you would be interested. There will be a questionnaire we will fill out, to get an idea of what the group would like to do. If you are interested you can sign up for what I call the "Quarter Commitment". The group would initially meet for 3 months. I would like everyone who signs up to commit to 3 months of group activities. At the end of the 3 months, you can come to the next meet & greet and sign up again if you like. The group will be deciding which events we will do. Things like play poker, go bowling, see a movie, play board games. You get the idea. If you are interested, please call 731-0206





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# Lincoln Pride 2004

Lincoln Pride 2004  
Sunday, June 20th  
noon - 8 pm  
18th & N Street, Lincoln, NE

Music, food, booths, fun!!

1st annual "Drag Race" starts at 11:15 am on 6/20/04. Prizes for best dressed, best character portrayal, best use of pride colors, and most humorous.

The Rules: All contestants under 19 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian All genetic male contestants must wear an evening gown that comes below the knee and tennis shoes; wigs are optional.

All genetic female contestants must wear a suit coat and tie. Tuxedos and mustaches are optional.

Race may be run or walked.

Pride will furnish water bottles so stay hydrated and have fun!

To register, visit: [pride.ineb.org](http://pride.ineb.org)

Brought to you by Lincoln Pride Committee. Check out the web site at: [www.pride.ineb.org](http://www.pride.ineb.org)

also

1st Annual Ms. Lincoln Pride Pageant  
June 5th, 2004 at the Panic, 18th & N Street  
9 pm

## Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) MPOWER Summit in Lincoln

MPOWER is going to have a seminar in Lincoln starting Monday June 14th at 6:30pm (Nebraska AIDS Project, Lower level).

This seminar will meet for the next two weeks, same time and place. FREE Dinner each night with a \$25 gift card to either Wal-mart or Target at the end of the seminar. If you are interested in coming to all three nights please get back to me. Topics of discussion are HIV101, Living with HIV, STD's and Club Drugs and many more.....There are only 12 slots available for this seminar.

For more information contact Alex,  
MPOWER Coordinator [www.MPower-Nap.org](http://www.MPower-Nap.org)  
139 South 40th Street, Omaha, NE 68131  
(402) 552-9260, Ext.#118  
Hotline (800) 782-2437  
Fax: (402) 552-9251

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

# HGRA Events

Bustin' Out  
Friday, June 4th, 2004  
The Panic, Lincoln  
Show from 9pm - 11pm  
Host - Tamara Marks

Performers - Travis T, Carmen Ms HGRA, Ammie Zahn Miss HGRA, Paco Mr HGRA, Julie Brown Ms IGRA (from Little Rock), Sherry Phillips Ms IGRA 2002 1st Runner Up (from little Rock), Mandy Barbarell Miss IGRA (from Kansas City), Mackie, Willie Shafter, Sheeza Mann

General Membership Meeting followed by IGRA Finals Rodeo Meeting

Saturday, June 5th, 2004 - 1:00PM

Location: Chance Ridge Event Center - 506 North Skyline Drive - Elkhorn, NE

Spurs & Crowns  
Saturday, June 5th, 2004  
DC's Saloon, Omaha  
Horsduerves served from 5pm - 6pm

Show from 6pm - 9pm

\$5 cover charge

Joint fundraiser with ICON

Host - Tamara & Paul

Performers - Carmen, Ms HGRA, Ammie Zahn, Miss HGRA, Julie Brown, Ms IGRA 2004 (AR),

Sherry Phillips, Ms IGRA 2002 1st Runner Up (AR), Mandy Barbarell, Miss IGRA 2004 (MO), Mackie, Ms HGRA 2003, Bob, from LEO, Lilly White, Monroe, Empress of NE, Erika, Des Moines, Matt Finken, ICON, Aspen Brooks, Miss Gay Pride NE

Rodeo Wichita '04  
Wichita, KS  
June 11-13, 10024

NAP Gayrage Sale Drop Off

Friday, June 25th, 2004 - 5PM to 8PM

Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) - 139 South 40th Street - Omaha, NE 68131

NAP Gayrage Sale

Saturday, June 26th, 2004 - 8AM to 5:30 PM

Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) - 139 South 40th Street - Omaha, NE 68131





# Review

By Jon Owens

## “416”, The Documentary

“Equality Before the Law” is the Nebraska state motto, but this motto is merely a lie in our state. How do you define marriage? Here is your chance to see both sides of the issue and truly decide if marriage is what you want.

“416” is a documentary that takes you behind the scenes to see how politics work in establishing our current Defense of Marriage Amendment in Nebraska.

In 1996, the federal government approved the defense of marriage act defining marriage between a man and a woman. This also allowed states to ignore gay marriage from other states.

In 1997, history was made in Nebraska with Jimmy Creech being held on church trial for doing a same sex union at the First United Methodist Church. In addition Vermont passes Civil Unions. This brought concerns to the State of Nebraska alarming conservatives that Nebraska could soon have “counterfeit marriages.” The Christian right now makes its moves primarily with the Church of Later Day Saints (Mormon), Roman Catholic Church and many evangelical bodies.

“416” allows us to see the characters behind the conservative movement, who stopped at nothing to prevent gays to have any chance at equality in Nebraska. The amendment not only stopped marriage, but barred civil unions and domestic partnerships.

There was also the liberal side that fought hard to preserve the rights of gays, but, having far less money (\$10,000) than the conservatives (\$750,000), most of the conservative money coming from people out of state.

The fight was tough, but not over. Representatives also filmed in the documentary include the ACLU in conjunction with Citizens for Equal Protection. The film gets into legal ramifications by having interviews from law professors, many of whom talk about the legal strategy.

This film makes good use of prominent figures. It even cuts to the heart of the issue of the religious debate over homosexuality. Part of the interviews dealt with biblical debate. There were representatives for conservatives from the Mormon Church, Grace University and the head pastor from Christ Community, a church in West Omaha. The liberal side of the issue was represented by MCC pastors.

There is even more, when issues about hate crimes against GLBT people are brought up. All of this linked together brings up the subject of present day ramifications. The documentary film also interviewed several GLBT couples, who talked about their love and how the present legal situation affects them.

The battle is not over. There are steps to fight 416. “416” captures the heart of the real issue of marriage. No matter what side of the issue you are on, this documentary is a fair and unbiased film that is worth seeing. The editing is clean cut. Some of the statements are even comical, allowing this interesting documentary to be not quite so intense.

Support the premiere of “416.” It is guaranteed to trigger some emotion within you. The premiere will be July 9-10 at

the Omaha Community Playhouse. Tickets are \$8. For tickets and group sales call 402-212-3424.



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## France's First Gay Wedding Faces Official Split

PARIS (Reuters) – A public prosecutor challenged France's first gay wedding Monday, only two days after the male couple exchanged marriage vows in the southwestern town of Begles.

France's ruling conservatives and the opposition have locked horns over gay marriage ahead of the European elections this month, with the government starting proceedings to suspend the Green mayor who married the couple despite warnings he was breaking the law.

Prosecutor Bertrand de Loze wants to summon the couple to court for a hearing, which the couple's lawyer said did not surprise her.

"It does not disturb me. This hearing will allow us to discuss the issues seriously in front of the judge, away from political speeches," said lawyer Caroline Mecary.

Justice Minister Dominique Perben had already declared the wedding invalid. Green mayor Noel Mamere has said he would appeal if the marriage was annulled and take the case to the European Court of Human Rights if necessary.

Some two thirds of French people are in favor of same-sex weddings, a recent poll by Elle magazine showed.

French law already allows civil unions between homosexuals but gays say this puts them at a disadvantage in terms of tax, inheritance and parenting rights.

# GAYZETTE EVENTS

## **FRIDAY JUNE 11**

**MR./MS. LEATHER NEBRASKA CONTEST**, 8PM, DC's Saloon

## **SUNDAY JUNE 13 (corrected date)**

**8TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA PRIDE PAGEANT**, at The JOY, 8pm, contestant info, email pride@rainbowcelebrations.org or call 402-208-2951

## **MON., TUES., JUNE 14 & 15**

**The MAX Cabaret Series**, "Our Time", 7:30PM, Stosh's, Call for reservations

## **THURSDAY JUNE 17**

**CFEP ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER**, 6PM, Unitarian Church at 3114 Harney in Omaha, please RSVP at 402-398-3027, two \$500 GLBT Scholarships winners will be announced at the meeting

## **FRIDAY JUNE 18TH**

**MR./MS. LEATHER NEBRASKA CONTEST**, DC's Saloon, for info email to omahajoe@hotmail.com

## **FRIDAY JUNE 18—SUNDAY, JUNE 20 NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION**

## **SAT. JUNE 19 & SUN., JUNE 20**

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SUMMER PRIDE CONCERT & REUNION WEEKEND**, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Ctr., UNO Campus. For ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

## **SATURDAY, JULY 3**

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA CORONATION 24**, Doubletree Hotel

## **SUNDAY JULY 4**

**ICE BOWL PICNIC AT DC'S**, 1PM, DC's Saloon, benefit for the Ice Bowl 2005

## **DIXIE QUEEN ROAD SHOW**, 8 TO

10PM, Orpheum Theater, tickets \$20 to \$35

## **FRJ—SUN JULY 16, 17 AND 18**

**IMS L WEEKEND 2004 & INTERNATIONAL MS BOOTBLACK**. For complete event information, see www.IMSL.org

## **SATURDAY AUGUST 7**

**CFEP's SERIOUSLY FUNNY**, Annual silent auction, comedy show and cocktail party, Rose Theater, 2001 Farnum, tickets \$30, call 402-398-3027 or go to www.cfep-ne.org to reserve tickets

## **FRJ., OCTOBER 14—SUN., OCT. 17**

**IGRA FINALS RODEO**, Chance Ridge Equine, Omaha; info: www.hgra.net or call

402-203-4680

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

### **Every Sunday**

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

**1ST METHODIST** 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Worship: 9am & 11am Sunday School: 11am

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am

**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN** 1023 N 40 10am

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

**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,

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

### **Every Monday**

**HIV TESTING**, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**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**

**OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT 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, 13

9 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**

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

**HIV TEST** 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections

### **Every Friday**

**LAMBDA TV**, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

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

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

### **Every Saturday**

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

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**, 7PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St

**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**

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

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN**, 6-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

### **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 Meth-



odist Church

**2nd Friday**

**SUDS RAPID HIV TEST**, (2 hr results) 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST**, UN-L 476-0355, 1-3:30pm

**2nd Saturday**

**LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**  
Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

**HIV TESTING** UNL campus. Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:30-3:30pm

**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

**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**

**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

his wife or wives. (II Sam 5:13; I Kings 11:3; II Chron 11:21)

C. A marriage shall be considered valid only if the wife is a virgin. If the wife is not a virgin, she shall be executed. (Deut 22:13-21)

D. Marriage between a believer and a non-believer shall be forbidden. (Gen 24:3; Num 25:1-9; Ezra 9:12; Neh 10:30)

E. Since marriage is for life, neither this Constitution nor the constitution of any State, nor any state or federal law, shall be construed to permit divorce. (Deut 22:19; Mark 10:9)

F. If a married man dies without children, his brother shall marry the widow. If he refuses to marry his brother's widow or deliberately does not give her children, he shall pay a fine of one shoe and be otherwise punished in a manner to be determined by law. (Gen. 38:6-10; Deut25:5-10)

G. Divorced people may not remarry without being considered adulterers. (Math. 5:31-32) (Mark 10:4)  
Adulterers shall be stoned to death. (Lev. 20:10)

## The Presidential Prayer Team.....

..... is currently urging us to: "Pray for the President as he seeks wisdom on how to legally codify the definition of marriage. Pray that it will be according to Biblical principles. With any forces insisting on variant definitions of marriage, pray that God's Word and His standards will be honored by our government."

Any good religious person believes prayer should be balanced by action.

So here, in support of the Prayer Team's admirable goals, is a proposed Constitutional Amendment codifying marriage entirely on Biblical principles:

A. Marriage in the United States shall consist of a union between one man and one or more women. (Gen 29:17-28; II Sam 3:2-5.)

B. Marriage shall not impede a man's right to take concubines in addition to

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**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers group

**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](http://www.angelfire.com/home/GALO) contact: [unogalo@hotmail.com](mailto: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**  
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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22 [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Gilligan's 7pm

**LinOma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://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](mailto:mccomaha@radiks.net) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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](mailto:naje_now@hotmail.com)

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

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

**Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegay-](mailto:omahanegay-)

[pride@cox.net](mailto:pride@cox.net) or [ongp@cox.net](mailto: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](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto: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 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event in-

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**THE RAINBOW KNOT**, a new web site devoted to gay and lesbian weddings, please visit [www.rainbowknot.com](http://www.rainbowknot.com)

**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](mailto:MargauxPo-lo@aol.com)

**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, [www.genderalliance.com](http://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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**SINGLE WOMYNS GROUP**, Call 731-0206 for more information

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://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](mailto: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

**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](mailto:sdorchid@neb.rr.com)

**The 'Ohana Group** (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), [theohanagroup@cs.com](mailto:theohanagroup@cs.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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly [jbkimber@msn.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

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

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





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## Famous Quotes

"Those who are prejudiced against gays start out by saying  
homosexuality isn't natural 'because animals don't do it.' When  
it's pointed out that yes, animals certainly do, they simply flip-  
flop and say 'well, people aren't animals!'"

- Bill Stosine

### LIVE AND LET LIVE

"So now gay and lesbian couples can legally get married in  
Massachusetts. The media is certainly making a big deal about  
this right now. Let's just leave it at this: You let me know  
when what is going on in Massachusetts today has an affect on  
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but other than whatever mental anguish you permit this situa-  
tion to cause you, let me know how else you're affected."

Talk show host Neal Boortz

"Gays and lesbians have experienced a dramatic rise in ac-  
ceptance over the last two decades, according to a new Los  
Angeles Times Poll. Almost seven in 10 Americans know  
someone who is gay or lesbian and say they would not be trou-  
bled if their elementary-school-age child had a homosexual  
teacher. Six in 10 say they are sympathetic to the gay commu-  
nity, displaying an increasing inclination to view same-sex  
issues through a prism of societal accommodation rather than  
moral condemnation. On questions ranging from job discrimi-  
nation to adoption to whether homosexuality is morally wrong,  
responses indicate that as gays and lesbians have become more  
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# Are You Ready?

## GLSEN-Omaha Annual Event Will be on June 17

GLSEN-Omaha (Gay Lesbian Education Network) will have its Annual Event on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. At this event will we award three \$1,000 dollar scholarships to local high school graduates, have a guest speaker and hear up-dates on the status of safe schools for all.

Come celebrate eight years of making a difference in our public schools.

For more information call the GLSEN phone line at 596-2549 or the web site at [www.glsenomaha.org](http://www.glsenomaha.org)



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## No Vaccine in Near Future

From PlanetOut News.com

One of the men who jointly discovered that HIV leads to AIDS says a vaccine is unlikely to appear in the near future, warning that scientists working on the project are doing so with "two hands behind their backs."

Speaking as he collected an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Professor Robert Gallo said that despite ongoing work to find it, a viable vaccine is unlikely to appear in the next few years.

He said that, because of the risk associated with the virus, traditional ways to develop a virus are unlikely to yield success in the development of an anti-HIV product.

"Because of the danger, we cannot make a vaccine out of [weakened] viruses. We also won't be allowed to make a vaccine from a 'killed' virus, as there is the risk that not all the viruses are destroyed," he told the Jerusalem Post.

The rapidly changing virus also makes it impossible to attack the outer layers of the virus, since it becomes immune to any antibody attack as it mutates, Gallo continued.

But he says a vaccine is possible in the future.

"There have been many advances in the last three to five years that indicate it is do-able," Gallo told the newspaper.

## Pope Meets Bush, Denounces Gay Marriage

by Malcolm Thornberry  
365Gay.com Newscenter  
European Bureau Chief

(Vatican City) Same-sex marriage represents nothing more than "self-centered demands" erroneously depicted as human rights, Pope John Paul II declared Friday, following a meeting with President George W. Bush.

While much of the meeting focused on the Church's opposition to the war in Iraq the two were able agreed on their opposition to gay marriage.

Immediately after the meeting with Bush, the pontiff held a separate audience with visiting U.S. bishops where he told them that the church's position on same-sex unions must be driven home in the face of "erroneous yet pervasive thinking."

"It is your special responsibility for evangelizing culture and promoting Christian values in society and public life," the Pope told the bishops.

This included not only gay marriage but abortion, the aged pope said, slurring his words making him difficult at times to understand.

"Rights are at times reduced to self-centered demands: the growth of prostitution and pornography in the name of adult choice, the acceptance of abortion in the name of women's rights, the approval of same sex unions in the name of homosexual rights," he said.

He urged church leaders to be courageous despite detractors



who call the church bigoted.

"Ambiguous moral positions, the distortion of reason by particular interest groups . . . are just some examples of a perspective of life which fails to seek truth itself and then abandons the search for the ultimate goal and meaning of human existence," John Paul said.

## News from CFEP

CFEP would like to invite everyone to our Annual Meeting. Where: First Unitarian Church. 3114 Harney St. Omaha, NE. When: June 17, 2004 at 6:30 PM.

Come and meet the board members, talk about our issues and find out what CFEP has been up to.

We need your help. The Nebraska Historical Society is in the process of inducting a new member into the Nebraska Historical Society's Hall of Fame.

Every five years the society inducts a new member who has contributed to the betterment of Nebraska. The commission, selected by the Governor, chose Sen. Kenneth Wherry. CFEP doesn't feel that Sen. Wherry would be considered a good candidate for any honor.

Wherry was a United States Senator during the McCarthy era and was labeled the "Homo-Hunter". Sen. Wherry, in our opinion has NO place in any hall of fame. Check out our website [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org) to read the whole story. The commission will re-vote on the final choice on June 21st in Lincoln. There will be no more public debate on this issue. As it stands now, the vote is 4-3 for Wherry.

CFEP is asking you to send a letter to all seven members of the commission to express your concern for this nomination. You can contact the commission by sending letters to:

Commission member  
c/o Larry Sommer  
P.O. Box 82554  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2554

Commission members: Harold Anderson, Mildred Curtiss, Dennis Mihelich, James Denney, Michael Schuyler, Ron Naugle and Larry Sommer.

Don't forget to save the date for Seriously Funny. Seriously Funny, our annual fund-raiser, will be held on August 7th at the Rose Theater, located at 20th and Farnam in Omaha.

Silent Auction, appetizers and cash bar will start at 7 PM. A great comedy show will follow! Tickets are \$30. Reserve your tickets by calling our office at 402-398-3027. Or, purchase tickets on-line at [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org).

## CELEBRATE THE 4TH! WITH ICE BOWL

Join Ice Bowl at DC's Saloon for a fourth of July Fixin's and Indoor Rodeo. The fun begins at 1:00 PM. All proceeds to benefit the Ice Bowl 2005 Tournament. \$5.00 cover includes Fixin's and Rodeo.

## SNAP!fest 2004

Some people go searching and find God. Some go searching and find Ethel Merman. And some have the talent and inspiration to combine those searches into a funny and affecting musical. Steve Schalchlin and Jim Brochu's *The Big Voice: God or Merman?* is the musical being showcased at this year's SNAP!fest 2004: 6th Annual New Works Festival.

From Steve Schalchlin and Jim Brochu, the creators of the smash hit *The Last Session*, comes another musical that will have you laughing through tears. *The Big Voice: God or Merman?* is a mesmerizing blend of nostalgia, wit, one-liners, sarcasm, tragedy and silliness (plus a single costume change that guarantees laughs). Essentially, it's musical storytelling.

SNAP! Productions is proud to workshop this piece in Omaha. Having already garnered major awards including the LA Drama Critic Circle award for Best Musical Score 2002, Steve and Jim will be performing this autobiographical piece themselves. Steve and Jim tell all! Faith meets show biz in this hysterically funny "solo for two" about two gay men—a Catholic from Brooklyn and a Baptist from Texas—who pursue religion, find theatre, fall in love, fall apart, put their lives back together and sing about it. Epiphanies possible, laughter guaranteed!

The Chicago Tribune says, "Given all the religious opposition to gay couples who consider themselves married, one can understand why Jim Brochu and Steve Schalchlin turned to the theater for spiritual sustenance. And by the end of *'The Big Voice: God or Merman?'* this performing duo has arrived at the public conclusion that the man upstairs actually was channeling his guidance via Ethel herself."

SNAP! Productions is pleased to present SNAP!fest 2004: 6th Annual New Works Festival, June 3-June 20, 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](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. The June 5th performance will be sign language interpreted and the June 3rd performance will be a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project.

# DEFYING THE ODDS, THE RAINBOW RIDE GRANNIES ARE HALF-WAY HOME

Amid death threats and hateful protests, Carrie and Elisia Ross-Stone, the lesbian grandmas who are riding bicycles on the Rainbow Ride Across America, persevere.

The Ross-Stones are lesbian civil rights activists and grandmothers to Jareth, age 2. They are riding their bicycles from San Francisco to New York City to raise awareness and get support for equal civil marriage rights.

With their journey more than half-way completed, Carrie and Elisia feel they are doing what they set out to do.

After 5 weeks and 2,100 miles on the road, they have met with many supporters of LGBT equality and have faced a few foes. They met with elected officials in several cities, including the Mayor of Salt Lake City Utah who spoke out in support of equal civil marriage rights. They have met and rallied with progressive groups from African American, Latino, Native American, Feminist, and Youth organizations, who are working together with the LGBT community to create positive social change in America.

The pair even paid a visit to the office of Marilyn Musgrave, the sponsor of the mean-spirited Federal Marriage Amendment. During their travels, Elisia and Carrie took a side trip to Laramie, Wyoming. There they spent a quiet day reflecting upon the extreme consequences of unjust laws that inspire some to act out violently toward members of oppressed groups who are deemed "unworthy" by the government and a few religious organizations.

The Rocky Mountains proved a formidable climb for the 50 year-old women who see the literal ups and downs as symbolic of the struggle for LGBT equality. In addition to their physical aches and pains, Carrie and Elisia have also been the targets of death threats and insults from hate-mongers.

But these women believe they are making a difference in the struggle for equal civil marriage rights.

Because they dare to openly protest inequality, they inspire others to do so. When people meet them face to face, they are often forced to rethink the usual stereotypes about what gay and lesbian families look like, how they act, and what they do. The youthful and athletic grannies also challenge the stereotypical image of a "grandmother."

With five more weeks and over 1,000 miles left to travel, there is still much work to be done. Over the next few weeks Carrie and Elisia will be in the following cities:

Springfield, IL on June 11, 12, and 13; Indianapolis, IN June 19 and 20; Columbus, OH on June 26 and 27; Pittsburgh, PA on July 1, and finally in New York City for the end of the Rainbow Ride on July 10.

If you would like to learn more about Carrie & Elisia or the Rainbow Ride Across America, please call 716-435-0965. To see photos and read their ride journal, please visit [www.RainbowLaw.com](http://www.RainbowLaw.com) and follow the links to the Rainbow Ride Across America.

## Where Can You Find *The Gayzette*?

### Omaha:

Aces Bar, 1263 South 16th Street  
Body Mods, 61st and Military  
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

## One Liners

Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

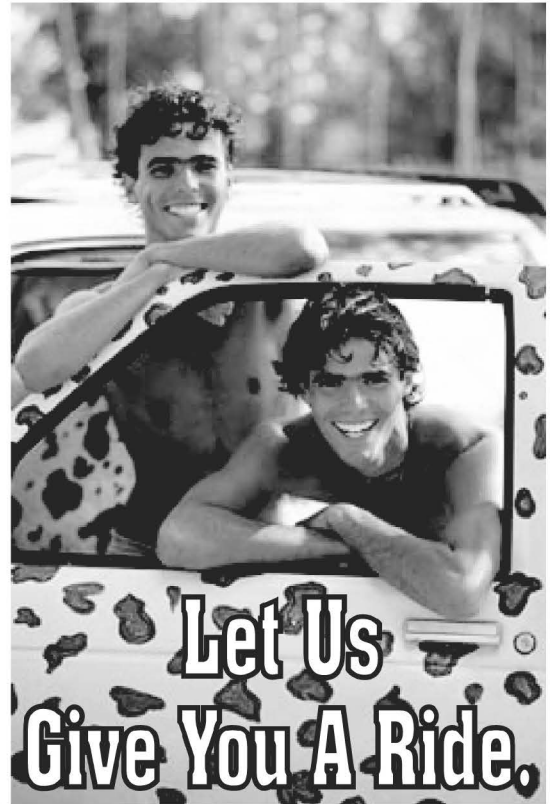
All those who believe in psycho-kinesis, raise my hand.

I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.



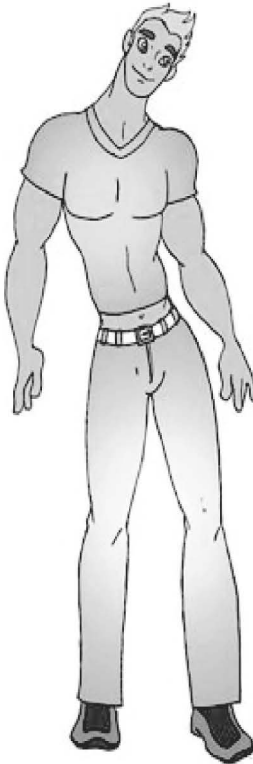
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