



THE

GAYZETTE

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL PLANNED FOR 7 PM—SEPT. 5 IN GENE LEAHY MALL

IN RESPONSE TO MURDER OF SELENA ALVEREZ-HERNANDEZ



On July 31, Selena Álvarez-Hernández was murdered in Council Bluffs. Selena was stabbed eight times and left for dead. The police department has not named any suspects or a motive. Omaha's local mainstream media reported the death of a gay "cross-dresser," "transvestite" or completely ignored her gender identity altogether and reported on the death of "Nelson" Álvarez, even though her family gave out a photo of Selena. There have not been any new leads in the case. Please help spread the word. If you knew Selena or may have any information, contact Sgt. Mann at 326-2509. He oversees Detective Todd Weddum, who is assigned to the case.

Rev. Nancy Brink and her partner Maria Lopez (from Northside Christian Church) are offering bilingual grievance counseling and support.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Rev. Barbara Sagat, Pastor, is planning a vigil for Friday, Sept. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Gene Leahy Mall in Omaha, NE, to honor Selena and all victims of crime.

A planning meeting for the Candlelight Vigil will be held Friday, August 22, at 6:30 PM at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to participate in planning this vigil, please call the MCC-Omaha Church Office at 402-345-2563.

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Answers to "Greenie" Contact Police with Info.

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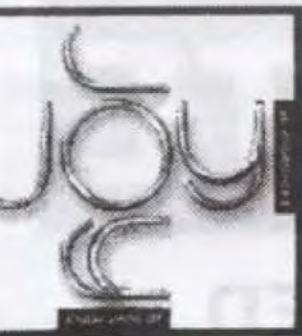
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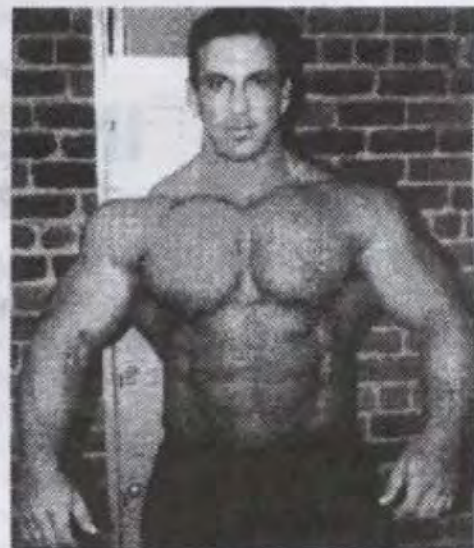


Sunday August 24th:
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GOD'S AND/OR NATURE'S MARRIAGE AND FAMILY PLAN?

GUEST EDITORIAL by P.D. Petersen

God has a plan for marriage and family? Didn't know that. Nature has laws about such? Are these writ in DNA code? Have biologists been keeping secrets from us? I thought social customs -- like whom you slept with, hitched up with, and/or raised children with and how you reigned in or set free the hormones and genitals that bring humans together sexually -- evolved with human cultures, so, for instance, Hebrews and other Semitic folks, especially Abrahamic ones rumored to converse with God and angels, practiced polygamy plus concubinage.

Islam, the religion of submission to God's plan, put a brake on the polygamy inherited from the Semitic traditions and the Hebrew Bible by limiting a man to no more than four wives at one time, whom he must treat equitably. This quadrigamy was ameliorated somewhat by divorce. Whenever a man divorced one wife of his four, he could marry another wife but was forbidden to marry a woman who was a close blood relation or was one of his father's former wives, nor could he marry the sister of one of his present wives, as did Jacob (a.k.a. Israel) in the Hebrew Bible.

Some Himalayan peoples, whether Buddhist, Hindu, or pagan I don't recall from student days, practice polyandry -- one wife for multiple husbands, often brothers. There's a convenience in that, if you think about it, as long as the brothers love one another and take turns at bedtime chores. *Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum* (Behold how and good and pleasant for brothers to live in union!) sings the Old Testament Psalmist (Ps. 132 LXX/133 Heb.).

Most pagan Romans and Greeks practiced legal monogamy, although, because of divorce customs, their one-spouse-at-a-time practices were in effect serial polygamy or serial polyandry not unlike the custom of many contemporary Americans. Roman marriage law, not the Bible, is the root of most western marriage law.

Germans, whether pagan, Arian, Catholic, or Lutheran, practiced monogamy except on the warpath, which was pretty often, when any woman was fair game for the warrior. Martin Luther, deeply committed to the sanctity of marriage after years of devoted monastic monkey business, sanctioned at least one case of bigamy involving an important Protestant prince, Philip the Magnanimous, Landgrave of Hesse. The blessed biblical theologian and professor of ethics, the father of evangelicalism, determined that in God's plan for marriage bigamy was preferable to divorce which was not only discouraged by Jesus but it shamed a woman (back then anyway) and left her bereft of support. He counseled that Philip should keep and care for his first and older wife, the result of a traditionally arranged marriage, when the Landgrave married a younger, easier to love trophy wife. Indeed, when England's King Henry VIII, Defender of the Faith, sought to have the pope end his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, Luther wrote to Queen Catherine -- a persecutor of Lutherans -- that she should stand her ground against divorce and annulment. When it came to quarrying God's fuzzy plans from the pitfalls, ambiguities, contradictions, and downright fictions of Holy Scripture, Martin Luther was a genius. For him the Bible's acceptance of polygamy took precedence over Justinian (Roman imperial) law and over Catholic canon law.

Melanesians and Polynesians, if anthropologists told us the truth, have been among the most creative, family-wise, of this planet's humans. They have communities which practice man-boy homosexuality as part of premarital pedagogy and prepara-

tion of the young (how Greekly ancient of them!). They also had communities where the most important male adult and pedagogue in a family is the children's maternal uncle, not their bio-father(s). Why, some of the Pacific Island folks, undisturbed for millennia by popes, evangelists, or mullahs, even practiced a rarity among humans who lived in close communion with nature: families headed by one male, usually the sperm-donating father, and one female, who incubated and nursed the children. Imagine that! Almost like suburbia in the 1950s. (But suburbs, so we learned when the covers were lifted, proved not so overtly monogamous.)

Now in the 2003rd year of the common era comes the Roman Inquisition, a.k.a. "Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith" (euphemisms are fun!), to tell us that God has a plan which, *mirabile dictu!*, is also mother nature's law for marriage and family. These are the guys who once-upon-a-time confined a sick old man named Galileo for advocating that the earth turned on its axis daily as it revolved around the sun. These are the committee whose brilliant, sainted cardinal and theologian, Robert Bellarmine, tortured and barbecued Giordano Bruno in a public square in Rome for, among other acts of free thought, pushing much the same notion that the earth was one planet orbiting with several others in a solar system with the sun at center.

So much for the papacy's infallibility when it reads and explicates nature's laws.

'Tis strange how bigots, whether seated in magnificent cathedrals, houses of parliament, the White House, or at a Fox News desk, so readily find themselves in accord with both natural law and God's plan. So gifted with wisdom! So divinely hatefilled!

Riddle me this: if God and/or nature's law so planned the family in accordance with the divination of the Roman Inquisition, how is it that God and/or nature causes numerous heterosexual marriages, whether blessed by priest, minister, or justice of the peace, to produce so many homosexual children? There are few, if any, exceptions to the common observation that it takes heterosexual intercourse to make a gay person.

Could it be that God in his infinite wisdom and her tender mercies and/or mother nature devised a way to deter a bit of the profligate bisexual breeding that threatens this planet with overpopulation and at the same time to provide a population of gay persons who either alone or as same-sex couples might adopt otherwise parentless or rejected children?

Sounds like what medieval theologians called the economy of God, the notion that God does what it necessary for salvation and wastes nothing. If you believe God and/or nature wise and creative, conservative and un wasteful, then God's and/or nature's gay children are integral to the divine and/or natural economy, *oikos-nomos*, the "law" of the household, the community of humans on earth.

Could it be that the pope and his men (there haven't been many women running the Roman Inquisition these past eight centuries) are in violation of God's and/or nature's plan for the care of the earth and the care of orphans? We know for sure popes have often erred. That may be why today's Vicar of the Son of God in Rome opposes capital punishment, his infallible predecessors having oft wrongly used it with fiery gusto for many centuries.

Hey, what if there isn't a divine or natural plan? Suppose we humans have to figure out how to love one another, protect the planet, and care for the young on our own, by ourselves alone? Good grief! What an adult responsibility!

"WALK TALL AND PROUD, GAY AND STRAIGHT"

THOUGHTS SHARED ON THE OCCASION OF MARY & CHERYL'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On August 17, nearly 200 people gathered to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Mary & Cheryl. Mary shared the following.

"I want to share some statistics about this gathering with you. The most represented group is schoolteachers. The smallest represented group is those who are former students of Cheryl's, there are two. Within the group of schoolteachers there are several current and retired English teachers from just one school. It is the next three groups that may tell you something about Cheryl and I. There are 8 current, retired, and former ministers and priests; there are 5 current and retired social workers; and there are 4 lawyers. Looks like we have lots of ways to meet our emotional, spiritual and legal needs.

Many of you know how Cheryl and I met. For those who don't, I will share my recall of that evening. It was a Friday night, August 17, 1973. We had both gone to the CAVE (the infamous gay bar of the 60's and 70's) each with a different group of friends. This is a very short story. I asked her to dance, and we have been dancing together ever since.

At the last Retired Lesbians Breakfast Club, we were talking about the recently published message from the Catholic Church on Same Sex Marriage. This led us to a discussion of changes we have seen since we all realized we were lesbians. Everyone there has known for 20 years or more that she was a lesbian. Some of us for more than 40 years. Needless to say we have seen a lot of changes. I laugh a little when I think about how we made you come down the alley to get to this party. Many of you, like Cheryl and I, remember sneaking out of the alley, into the entrance of the "Cave" bar. There was no sneaking today. We walk tall and proud, gay and straight. I truly believe that someday marriage will be legal for all of us. We need to come out of the closet as far as we can for our personal situation, and continue to walk tall and proud.

You all mean so much to us. You nourish us, sustain us, build us up, and support us. We all do it, each for the other. Today is not so much about celebrating a 30 year anniversary as it is a celebration of community. You are all part of our community and for that, we are ever thankful.

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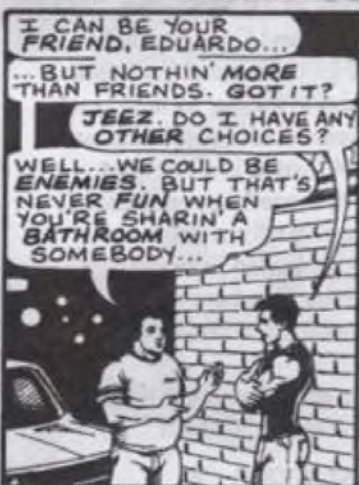
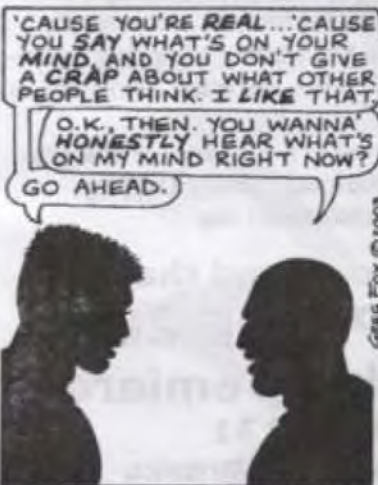
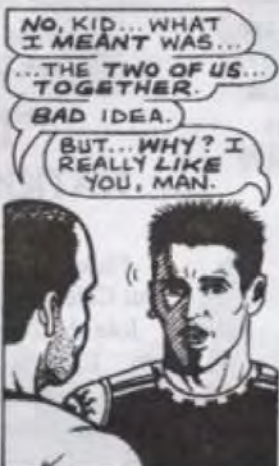
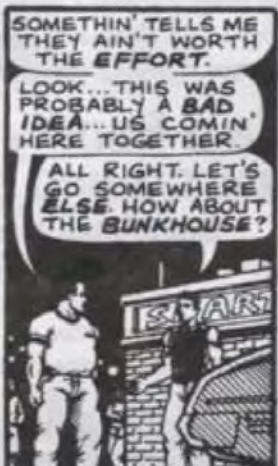
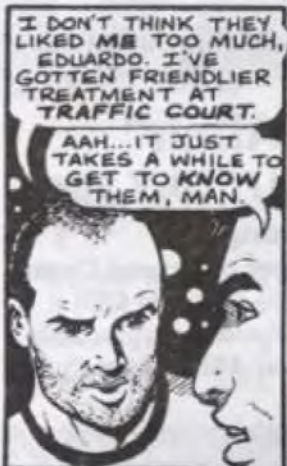
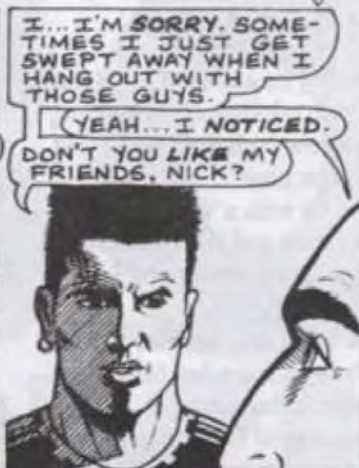
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Toyz 4 Totz Leather Day! December 13, 2003

Learning to Exchange Power is having its annual Toyz 4 Totz fund raiser. It will be a day packed with education, an evening of entertainment with a Hot Leather Show including raffle and auctions, followed by a night of dungeon play.

This year Lord Wolf will again join us with a Whip and Single tail Demonstration. His demonstration and showmanship will entertain as well as educate. Other workshops to be announced.

This annual event has proved to be a fun way to raise money for kids with or affected by AIDS. Join us for a fun filled day and a great way to network with others in the lifestyle.

During the November meeting Learning to Exchange Power has a workshop on Pervertible. Then we put together Christmas stocking or packages for raffle & auction items. Donations are also received from vendors and local retailers. We will gladly accept raffle or auction items before or during the event. Also, anyone interested in doing a Christmas number or Christmas fantasy for the show please contact me at Susan 402-290-2109 or L2EP@aol.com

Sunday night join us as we present the money raised to ICON's Toyz 4 Totz fundraiser at The Max.

GLSEN/PFLAG

"TRAIN THE TRAINER"

The GLSEN/PFLAG-Omaha Speakers' Bureau will hold its 6th Train the Trainer certification workshop, Saturday, September 6, 2003, from 8:30 until 12:00 noon, at 1st Methodist Church's Ada Mead Hall located at 70th and Cass Streets.

Six years ago, GLSEN-Omaha and PFLAG combined their talents and energies to form one speakers' bureau to help teach the community respect for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The bureau's present format is a two part presentation: GLSEN-Omaha provides a one-hour educational presentation and PFLAG provides panelists for a one-hour question and answer session. People interested in becoming speakers or panelists (or both) need to be members of either PFLAG or GLSEN and attend the workshop to become "certified."

The event is free. Interested people should contact Betty Dorr for reservations at 333-7064 by August 29, 2003.

AIDS WALK SEPT. 7

Nebraska AIDS Walk will be held in Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Hastings, and Scottsbluff, Ne on September 7.

Register for the walk at www.nap.org. <<http://www.nap.org>> You can participate individually or as part of a team. Volunteers are needed, as well as donations of food for walkers and door prizes. For further information, contact any NAP office.

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Open GLBT AA Meeting

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Begins Thursday Sept. 4 at 7pm

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Will meet Thursdays at 7pm every week!

"It's A Family Affair" NCOD 2003 BENEFIT SHOW

Sunday, August 24, 9:30 PM
The MAX, 1417 Jackson

Join Rainbow Celebrations as we host a benefit to raise money for the National Coming Out Day Celebration this year. Details are still being put together at this time, but we promise it will be a show you won't want to miss.

Confirmed to perform:

Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 2003 Aspen Brooks
Mr Max 12 Matt

Rainbow Celebrations President Jason,
Miss Not-So Gay States 2003 Paige Turner
Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 1999 Ashley Simone
Mr Gay Pride Nebraska 2001 Troy

Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 1998 Chandler and others.

We look forward to seeing you there!

"It's a Family Affair" NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY 2003 Committee Meeting

Plans are underway for a complete week of National Coming Out Celebration events - educational, supportive and fun!

Join the 2003 NCOD Committee on Tuesday, August 26th, 7 pm, Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth Street, Omaha.

Planned events during the week long celebration October 2nd - 12th will include a Stop the Hate Vigil, a coming out speakers panel, an interdenominational service, a community picnic, the 3rd annual "Out in the Old Market" shopping experience, a youth event, a dessert reception, and other events still in the planning.

If you would like to get involved in the committee or if you have any questions concerning National Coming Out Day, please e-mail NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org

Make plans to attend the NEBRASKA PRIDE 2003 Memories Film Premiere Sunday, August 31

Club JOY - Omaha, Nebraska

8:00 PM - Light Appetizers

9:00 PM - Film Premiere with highlights shown throughout the evening.

Performances by: Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 2003 Aspen Brooks - Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 1999 Ashley Simone - Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 1998 Chandler - Rainbow Celebrations President Jason - Mr Gay Pride Nebraska 2001 Troy and others. . .

Prizes will be given away during the evening and Pride 2003 Merchandise (on clearance) will be available for purchase. Rainbow Celebrations is a non profit volunteer organization which sponsors the annual Pride Celebration and National Coming Out Day Celebration for Nebraska and western Iowa. For more information, please visit <http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org>

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Chute Dogging

- Maggie W. - 1st Place
- Jennifer E. - 3rd Place
- John J. 5th Place



Flag Race

- Sheri R. - 2nd Place
- Todd T. - 2nd Place
- Brett H. - 3rd Place

Goat Dressing

- Bryan L. - 1st Place
- Maggie W. - 1st Place
- Brett H. - 8th Place

Break Away Roping

- Larry T. - 4th Place

Steer Riding

- Todd T. - 1st Place

All Around Cowgirl

- Maggie W. - 2nd Runner Up
- Sheri R. - 3rd Runner Up
- Jennifer E. - 4th Runner Up

Barrel Racing

- Sheri R. - 1st Place
- Jennifer E. - 2nd Place
- Mary T. - 6th Place
- Maggie W. - 7th Place
- Brett H. - 5th Place

Steer Decorating

- Brett H. - 1st Place
- Teeny C. - 4th Place
- Bryan L. - 4th Place

All Around Cowboy

- Todd T. - 3rd Runner Up

Pole Bending

- Sheri R. - 1st Place
- Jennifer E. - 3rd Place
- Maggie W. - 4th Place
- Todd T. - 3rd Place

Wild Drag Race

- Todd T. - 1st Place
- Bryan L. - 3rd Place
- Maggie W. - 3rd Place
- Teeny C. - 4th Place
- Kim D. - 7th Place
- Bryn G. - 8th Place

Team Results

Team Heartland finished 1st out of 17 teams!

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

ERIC'S FIRST SHOW! "THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKING" To Raise Awareness for AIDS Walk on Sept. 7, Club JOY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS PERFORMS AT "ARTS ON THE Green", 11:30am, Fountain Court, The Joselyn

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

RIVER CITY LEAGUE PRE-REGISTRATION DAY 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, Info re: event and fall league, call Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

"IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR" NCOD 2003 BENEFIT, 9:30pm, The MAX

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

NCOD PLANNING MEETING 7pm, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

THURS. AUG 28—FRIDAY, AUG. 29

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

"AUNT MIKE'S UNDERWEAR PARTY" On the Patio, The MAX

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

FOAM PARTY 10pm, Club JOY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

NEBR PRIDE 2003 MEMORIES FILM PREMIERE 8pm: Light Appetizers, 9pm: Film Premiere & Show, Club JOY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC 1-6pm, Vennelyst Park

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING 7pm, MCC-OMAHA, 819 S. 22 St.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

VIGIL IN MEMORY OF SELENA Call MCC-O for details, 345-2563

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

GLSEN/PFLAG "TRAIN THE TRAINER", 8:30am - 12noon, First Methodist Ada Mead Hall, 70 & Cass, Omaha, Contact Betty Dorr for reservations at 333-7064 by Aug. 29.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

AIDS WALK NEBRASKA, Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Hastings, Scottsbluff, Call 402-552-9260 or visit www.nap.org

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

TASTEFULLY SIMPLE/PAMPERED CHEF PARTY, MCC-Omaha, Benefit for Handicapped Accessibility Fund

FRIDAY, SEPT 12—SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

AN EVENING AT FLUXION GALLERY A Benefit for Nebraska AIDS Project, Call 402-552-9260 or visit www.nap.org

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

PET BLESSING 10:30am, MCC-Omaha,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

MARSHA STEVENS IN CONCERT, 7pm, MCC-Omaha,

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

ICON FOOD 4 THOUGHT 9:30pm MAX

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS Call 402-552-9260 or visit www.nap.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER LEATHER DAY Benefit for Toyz 4 Totz 9:30pm, The MAX

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ, 9:30pm, The MAX

SATURDAY, JAN. 24 & SUNDAY, JAN. 25

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS WINTER CONCERT 7:05pm, First United Methodist Church, 70th & Cass For Ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

SATURDAY, June 19 & SUNDAY, June 20

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SUMMER PRIDE CONCERT & REUNION WEEK-END 7:05pm, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, For Ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

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

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

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. 40th

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

AA GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GRP 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr, Nebr Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

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

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 AA 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; dknoxsa@qwest.net.

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING 7pm, MCC-OMAHA, 819 S. 22 Begins Sept. 4

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 7:45pm ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

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 Presby Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

Every Saturday

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, First Unitarian 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.

2nd Wednesday

"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR" 7pm Discussion Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-0330

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Methodist

2nd Friday

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS HIV TEST UNL campus FFI: 476-0355. 1-3:30pm

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

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA Brd 9:30am South High

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 1pm; Leather or Knot,

2nd Sunday

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

OUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

film 6:30pm First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

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

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

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. 1:30-3:30pm

LAST Sunday

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

SHE WROTE "FOR THOSE TEARS I DIED" AT AGE 16

SHE FOUNDED BORN AGAIN LESBIAN MUSIC

SHE'S THE INSPIRATION FOR A WHOLE GENERATION OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSICIANS

SHE'LL BE PERFORMING AT MCC-OMAHA,

7PM, OCTOBER 11

SHE'S MARSHA STEVENS

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

OMAHA BARS

CONNECTIONS	1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
CLUB OLIS	2801 N 16 St	934-4030
THE DIAMOND	712 S. 16th St	342-9595
DC'S SALOON	610 S. 14th Street	344-3103
FLIXX	1019 S. 10th St	408-1020
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

PANIC	200 S. 18th, Lincoln	435-8764
Q	226 S. 9th St, Lincoln	475-2269

SIOUX CITY BAR

JONES STREET STATION	412 JONES ST, SIOUX CITY	712-258-6922
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RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

- BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
- Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org
- 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, 596-2596 <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
- 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 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
- 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.NeBoi.com> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195
- 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 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.out.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@rainbowcelebrations.org
- Pride 2003** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride@rainbowcelebrations.org
- National Coming Out Day** 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, 402-991-8845, Website: www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org
- WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124

LINCOLN BASED

- Boondoggles** shop online <http://www.ideviatec.net>
- 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/Lesbian Film Fest**, Deanna Zaffke, cea@unlserve.unl.edu
- 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.incb.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>

SNAP! PRESENTS VISITING MR. GREEN

SNAP! Productions presents *Visiting Mr. Green*, a play by Jeff Brown. Mr. Green is a devout Jew who only eats kosher, says his prayers regularly, and strictly observes the laws and customs of his faith. He knows and cares little about the "modern" world and with the passing of his wife has all but lost the will to live.

Ross Gardiner is a hotshot executive with American Express who wears designer suits. He knows little about his Jewish heritage and is going through his own struggles because his lifestyle goes against the traditions of his family and religion.

What happens when the hand of fate brings the two together? They learn a lot about each other and themselves. In the simplest of terms, *Visiting Mr. Green* is a play about what can happen when life seems overwhelming and someone comes through the door and changes your whole perspective. Chance not choice bring together a young man and an older Jewish widower and their relationship grows reluctantly with wit, wisdom and warmth.

Jan Reardon directs the play which features Norm Filbert and Michal Simpson.

SNAP! Productions is pleased to present *Visiting Mr. Green*, August 28 - September 21, 2003 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 September 5th performance will be sign language interpreted for the hearing impaired. Check with Box Office for date and time.

MARGARET CHO

In Lincoln, Friday, Sept. 19

Margaret Cho is coming to Lincoln on Friday, September 19. The show is 9 until 10 at night, at the Roco Theatre, 13th and P in Lincoln. Tickets will not sell at the door. They are only 25 dollars so they will go fast and go on sale to the public on Wednesday, August 27. They can only be purchased at/from the Roco, so those not willing to drive down to Lincoln need to call the theatre with their credit card ready.

In Iowa City, Friday, August 29

Margaret Cho is coming to Iowa City, Iowa on Friday, August 29 at 8pm at Hancher Auditorium. This stop is part of her Revolution Tour 2003—with her raw humor, queer perspective, and incredibly funny way of approaching issues of oppression. She is just plain hilarious. This event is a fundraiser to assist women living in poverty access reproductive health care services.

There will be a dessert reception following the performance. Tickets are \$25, \$40, and \$50; dessert tickets are an additional \$25. Tickets are available through the Hancher Box Office: 1-800-HANCHER or on line via <http://www.emmagoldman.com> This performance features mature content.

Jason Stuart: "My Big Fat Gay Jewish Comedy Tour Hits Omaha!"

Jason Stuart is returning to Omaha to headline *Jokers Comedy Club* from Sept. 3-6 with his new stand up comedy show "*My Big Fat Gay Jewish Comedy Tour*" for more info call - 402.345.4584. He is thrilled to be the first openly gay comic to perform at this comedy club.

Jason Stuart is set to be the first openly gay comic to appear on the new hit talk show on MTV "*THE TOM GREEN SHOW*". With Hollywood going sooo gay..... That is, Ellen in a big fat fish head in "*FINDING NEMO*" and Bravo set for 3 new gay themed shows.... including "*QUEER EYE FOR THE STRAIGHT GUY*"..... not to mention the recent Supreme Court ruling! The time has never been so right for this outrageous actor and comic to move into mainstream. Or as Jason says "I want to move on up to that de-luxe apartment in the sky, with George and Weeze from "*THE JEFFERSON'S*".

Jason was seen as a dramatic actor in an episode of the Lifetime Network drama "*Strong Medicine*" starring Patricia Richardson (*Home Improvement*). Jason plays the role of a talk show host on a cooking program. And is also set to co-star in the indie feature "*A Day Without A Mexican*", he will play a restaurant owner "Mr. Schiff", who caters to the rich and famous. The film stars Yareli Arizmendi ("*Like Water For Chocolate*") recently scene on "*Six Feet Under*" and is directed by filmmaker Sergio Arau. Jason has just completed a role in the short film "*Space*" playing a gay married man!

You may remember Jason for his hilarious recurring role as "Dr. Thomas" the gay shrink on the hit ABC sitcom "*My Wife & Kids*" starring Damon Wayans. He's also appeared on "*Will & Grace*," "*The Drew Carey Show*," "*Charmed*," "*Providence*," "*Murder, She Wrote*," HBO's "*Gia*" and more.

Jason Stuart also completed a dramatic role in the indie film "*Letting Go*" by filmmaker Barbara Daoust. He plays the role of a man; in the late 1980s that finds out he is HIV positive and decides to die with dignity. Jason says, "I have been looking forward to doing some serious work and growing as an artist. The film now is gearing up to do the Festival circuit.

And if that's not enough, Jason Stuart (star/producer) and Michael Gallant (producer/director) have won Best Picture at The Barcelona International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival for their film "*10 Attitudes*" last summer. The romantic comedy co-stars Alexandra Paul, Judy Tenuta, David Faustino, Sean Kanan, Lydia Nicole, Sheila Kay, Mitch Hara, Scott Kennedy and Jim J. Bullock. The dogma style, improvisational film premiered at The Philadelphia International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival to standing room only. The film was screened to sold out crowds at The Austin, Tampa, Phoenix, Indiana, New Zealand, and of course, Barcelona International Gay & Lesbian Film Festivals. The film will be released by the end of the year, awaiting the completion of the new soundtrack by Grammy winner David Benoit. Check out the website: www.10attitudes.com

LAST CALL FOR: ROAR III - LEO RUN - SEPT 12-14

The Leather Engineers of Omaha are proud to announce their upcoming run this September 12-14, 2003. This will be the third run LEO has produced here in Omaha. Our theme for this year is "Back to Basics" of the leather lifestyle. LEO is a member of the Mid America Conference of Clubs, and will have attendees from across the country joining us for this weekend. A run is basically a time for those interested in leather to gather together as a group and strengthen the bonds of friendship and fun. In other words, it's a party weekend. The cost for the weekend is \$50.00, and includes lunch on Saturday and dinner on Saturday night the 13th of September. Our host hotel for the weekend is the Best Western - Redick Plaza on 15th & Harney Street. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 342-1500. You must mention that you are with the LEO group to receive our rate of \$80.00 per night, plus taxes. We have a limited number of rooms, so you must book your room by August 20th to be placed into our block. Run applications are available at DC's or on our website at www.menofleo.com. We must receive your application by August 30th, 2003. Completed applications can be sent to LEO, PO Box 8101, Omaha, NE 68108. If you have any questions, please see any LEO member or email LEODaddy1@aol.com

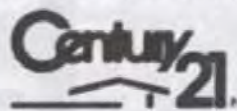
RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING PRE-REGISTRATION DAY

Free Bowling at Pre-Registration Day-Sunday, August 24, 2003 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Come practice up and register your team at Maplewood Lanes, 3030 N. 101st Street, Omaha, NE. If you are unable to attend please contact **Norma at (402) 731-5706**. The River City Mixed League will start it's new season on Sunday September 7, 2003 at 3:00 PM. Please come out and join us.

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STOSH SAYS "TAKE IT TO THE MAX"

Don't forget on Tuesday's we show "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy" & "Boy Meets Boy" in our Upstairs Bar starting at 9pm!! Check our website at: www.themaxomaha.com for all of our Weekly Specials!!

Some upcoming events...Friday, Aug 29 "Aunt" Mike hosts his last **Patio Underwear Party** for this season...the Theme for this one is The "White Party", come see how all those hot baskets look in black light!!!...This will be our last one on the Patio, but don't worry, we will keep having underwear parties....but inside.

Thursday & Friday, August 28 & 29 **360Presents** will be here on a **Model Search** for the hottest men in the Midwest!! You've seen the videos at The Max, and the videos are seen in all the gay bars across the country, come and see if you have what it takes to be in one of the videos yourself!!

Great news!! We just booked **Hedda Lettuce** out of New York City!!! She is this country's **Premeire Drag Comediane!!** She will be here at the end of September...keep watching the newsletter or the website for details.

Christopher just updated the website with a whole brand new Intro....Check it out, I think it looks fantastic!!!!

Have a great weekend, and come party with us!!

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BOOK BY REV. TROY PERRY

Rev. Troy Perry's brand new book, "**Ten Spiritual Truths For Gays & Lesbians**" (*and everyone else!*) can now be ordered by visiting www.MCCchurch.org.

Rev. Perry writes, "This book has been 35 years in the making - and I believe it will be one of my most important and lasting contributions to the GLBT communities. In the pages of this book I share the 10 greatest spiritual lessons I have learned during more than three decades of ministry and activism. These spiritual lessons literally changed the course of my life...and they can change yours, too!"

A limited number of first-edition copies are also available on-line.

Steve Loomis of MCC Albuquerque Fights "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

LTC **Steve Loomis**, a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, recipient of the Purple Heart and member of **MCC Albuquerque (NM)**, filed suit July 7 with the U.S. Court of Federal Claims challenging the constitutionality of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the federal sodomy statute, among other claims. The challenge is based on the recent U.S. Supreme Court opinion in *Lawrence v. Texas* which declared the Texas sodomy statute violated the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of a right to privacy. LTC Loomis is seeking to reverse his 1997 discharge from the United States Army. To learn more about this court challenge, visit www.SLDN.org



Audition Dates & Times

Do You Want To Sing With Us?

We are 42 members strong - and growing! The River City Mixed Chorus will be holding auditions in August for our 2004 concert season. The audition process is very informal and stress-free. You do not need to have a piece prepared. Please call our Sing line at #341-7464 to reserve an audition time.

Auditions will be held the week of August 25 at First United Methodist Church at 69th & Cass.



Nebraska ARTS Council

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

Arts on the Green

On Saturday, August 23, at 11:30am at Joslyn Art Museum in the Fountain Court, the River City Mixed Chorus will be singing for the Arts on the Green Festival. Please join us at this exciting arts event with performances of other local groups throughout the day and stop by our booth outside under the tent from 11am - 7pm.

GALA Festival

Finally the Chorus is planning and fundraising for our trip to Montreal, Canada, next July for the GALA Festival. The Festival will be a week long event with performances from 150+ Choruses and small groups from around the world. This is our chance to sing before an audience of 2,000 people and represent Nebraska and the Midwest. Please consider making a donation to our GALA Fund or get involved as a Fifth Voice member to help us with our concerts and fundraising events. Call 341-7464 to volunteer or for more information.

River City Mixed Chorus Announces 20th Season

The River City Mixed Chorus is very proud to be celebrating their 20th season in 2003-2004. The Chorus will be performing Winter Concerts on Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25, both evenings at First United Methodist Church. Past Chorus favorites will be featured as we look back over the past 20 years as the only GLBT Arts Organization in state and one of the oldest GLBT Mixed Choruses.

The Summer Pride Concerts will be part of our Reunion Weekend on Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20, started at 7:05pm at the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center. Besides more past Chorus favorites, the Chorus will be premiering an original commission piece by our director, Mark Kurtz, in celebration of our 20 anniversary. We will also take a look back at Gay Pride history during the last 20 years as we celebrate during Pride 2004.

For more information about our upcoming season and to order season tickets, please call our Singline 341-SING (7464) or contact us at P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103. Season tickets are available for \$20 per person for both concerts.

The River City Mixed Chorus will be holding auditions this month and is looking for singers in all voice parts but especially Women Singers. Please contact us at 341-7464 to set up an audition.

Please mark our concert dates in calendars and join us for a wonderful season full of great music and new and old friends as we celebrate our past 20 years.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MCC-OMAHA

Membership class for anyone interested in learning more about MCC and MCCO will be held on Sat. Aug. 30th from 10:30-4:00pm. This is a great chance to meet people, learn about our congregation and find a ministry that appeals to you! Anyone is invited to attend!

Please remember the following activities and events in the weeks ahead!

For all 12-step members-an Open GLBT AA Meeting will begin Thursday Sept. 4 at 7pm and will meet every week!

Friday, Sept. 5th will be the vigil in memory of the life of Selena, the woman who was murdered in Council Bluffs. More information will be available soon.

Sept. 7th will be the resumption of Sunday Morning Choir practice. All are invited to join and sing with this amazing group of talented musicians! See Rick for details.

Sept. 11th will be a Tastefully Simple/Pampered Chef Party sponsored by Monty to raise money for the Accessibility Fund. Everyone is Welcome. Call MCC-O for time

Sat., Sept. 27th will be the first Saturday Night Contemporary Service at 7pm! Plan on attending this exciting worship experience!

Thursday, October 2 is the Stop the Hate Vigil planned by the city. It would be great to have a nice turnout of MCCO members!

October 4th at 10:30 is the time to bring all your furry friends to Church for our annual Animal Blessing. If your interested in helping, please let me know!

Saturday, Oct. 11th at 7pm World Famous Singer/Songwriter Marsha Stevens will be in concert at MCCO! This free concert is open to all people and is a great time to introduce your friends to MCC! Marsha is a gifted singer whose music is known around the world, and her beautiful voice will touch and feed your soul. Make sure to be here for this unforgettable evening. Let's make sure that everyone knows about this wonderful worship opportunity!

There is so much happening, and so much to look forward to! If you would like to become involved in any of the many activities and events, please be sure and let me know!

Also, please remember MCCO's pantry in your weekly shopping. We are always in need of nonperishable food items, and meat to help those who seek assistance. Donations can be brought on Sundays or during the week when the office is open.

God Bless All of You this week. See You In Church,

Rev. Barb Sagat

ARGENTINE MCCERS CELEBRATE FIRST CIVIL UNION IN LATIN AMERICA

Rev. Alejandro Soria, pastor of the MCC Buenos Aires (Argentina) and his partner of eight years, Oscar Benítez, became only the second same-sex couple in Argentina to register their relationship under Buenos Aires new Law of Civil Union, a law that provides many of the legal benefits of marriage to same-sex couples.

The event was carried by television stations and in the Argentine press.

"For us, this is an important step toward equality for gays and lesbians. We will now work at the national level for new laws that permit same-sex adoptions and a change in the inheritance laws," said Soria.

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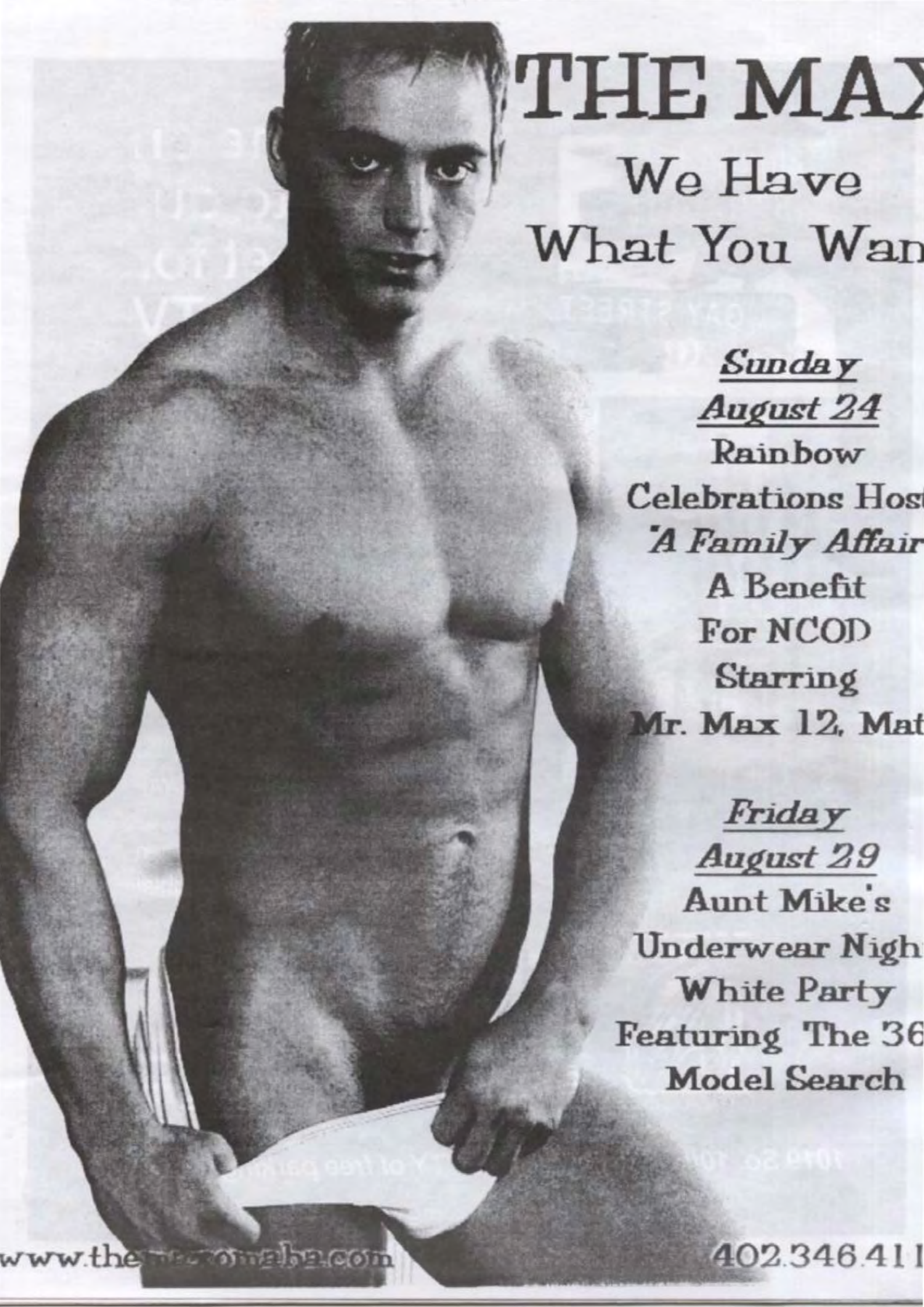


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