

# The Gayzette

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April 7 thru April 21, 2000

## Fund Raisers For Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund April 27-30, 2000

Thurs., April 27  
Connections  
9 - 11 PM  
Raffles & More

Fri., April 28  
Omaha Mining Co.  
6 - 8 PM  
Spaghetti Feed

Fri., April 28  
Gilligan's  
10-Midnight  
Singing & Karaoke Fun

Sat., April 29  
The MAX  
5 - 8 PM  
Beer Bust & Food

Sun., April 30  
DC's Saloon  
4:30--6:30 PM Food  
7 PM Show

## Free Seminar on Government Training Grants

MTS Training will sponsor two free seminars featuring Tom Moloney, Program Coordinator for the Nebraska Worker Training Program, on Thursday, April 27th. The two-hour seminars will be held starting at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the MTS Training facility, 10731 J Street, in Omaha. The Nebraska Worker Training Program is a business incentive program to support the retraining and upgrading of Nebraska's current workforce. The goal of the program is to enhance the skills of employees through grants for training projects. These training projects build productivity; further earning capacity and job security. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, workforce competitiveness, technology application, workforce diversity and marketing. All established, for-profit businesses that contribute to the State Unemployment Insurance Trust (SUIT) fund (except employee-leasing firms) are eligible. For further information, please contact MTS Training



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# ELLEN DEGENERES STATES: I WON'T STAY HOME AGAIN

reprinted from UFMCC Leadership Link  
By Ellen DeGeneres

I remember watching the '93 March on Washington on TV and crying because I couldn't be there. I watched thousands of people who were proud of who they were and I cried because I wasn't proud. I was struggling to be proud, but fearful of losing my career. Everything I worked so hard for could be taken away simply for being proud of who I am. My decision to stop that shame – to stop rationalizing why I didn't need to come out – was the most important decision I've ever made. What I thought was such a tremendous risk has taken me on a spiritual journey I would've never experienced otherwise.

While sitting through the '93 March – closeted and alone – was an awful experience, nothing has devastated me more than the vicious and hateful murder of Matthew Shepard. His death continues to have a profound impact on my life, and the lives of so many others. In the presence of so much hate and violence, it seems impossible to imagine staying on the sidelines. In spite of a horrific loss, Matthew's parents, Dennis and Judy Shepard, have become outspoken and powerful advocates for non-violence, tolerance and love. If the Shepards can find the strength to come out and speak out, we all must find it within ourselves to do the same.

I'll be there with my family because I don't want to lose any more. I don't want us to lose our jobs, just

because of who we love. I don't want to lose any more Matthew Shepards to anti-gay hate crimes. I don't want to lose any more of our youth to suicide. I've learned that truth and love are all that matters. I have tremendous compassion for those who can't, for whatever reason, join us in our celebration. Being a part of this will be my biggest celebration of coming out. I'll get to celebrate with thousands and thousands of people who, for that one day, are surrounded by love and support and pride.

I won't stay home again. We live in a world that would rather not see us – that day in Washington we will be seen. We will stand up and be counted. I'll be at the Millennium March on April 30th to make a statement, and a difference. I hope you'll be there, too.



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## Closet Ball 2000

An Evening with Omaha's  
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The MAX

**Sun., April 16**  
**9 PM**  
**\$4 Cover**



# GBLT Rainbow Outreach Center Celebrates Third Year

The GBLT Rainbow Outreach Center has been open for three years as of March 18th, 2000. In honor of this occasion we would like to invite the whole GBLT community to help us celebrate. We will be having an open house on the 8th of April, 2000, from 12P.M. till 5P.M. Would would be honored if the members of our community would attend, so please come out for the open house. Remember without you there would be no Community Center.

We would like to thank all those people that have made it possible for the center to exist and remain open. The original steering committee, past board members, past board chairs, volunteers, and all those who have helped throughout the three years. We are especially thankful to those who saw fit to support us with their belief in us and what we are trying to achieve. I would like to thank those of you who have memberships in the Center, and encourage others to get one.

But most of all I would like to thank and remember the two gentlemen who helped make it all start to happen, Jim and Jerry. Though they are no longer with us, they live on through their ideals. Without them and their drive to see a place where we as GBLT individuals could come together as a community there would be no Center. So in this our third year as your GBLT Rainbow Outreach Community Center I would like to thank them the most, along with all of those who still support and believe that we as a Community can make something wonderful and lasting.

Thank you, and Peace,  
Bruce Bufkin,  
Chairman, GBLT Rainbow Outreach Community Center

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### Happy Hours:

Mon-Sat 4pm - 7pm  
Sunday Noon to 6pm

The Millennium March on Washington, scheduled for April 30, 2000, will be the fourth national GLBT civil rights march to promote equal rights for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. For more information on the March on Washington for Equality, visit the official website at [www.mmow.org](http://www.mmow.org) or write to [MMOW2000@aol.com](mailto:MMOW2000@aol.com).

## Gays need to stand up and be counted

FROM THE DETROIT NEWS

DETROIT NEWS, March 20, 2000  
615 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI, 48226

By Deb Price

Gay Americans have two valuable opportunities this spring to stand up and be counted: The U.S. census forms arriving in every mailbox and the April 30

Millennium March on Washington for Equality invite us to have a national impact by demonstrating our substantial numbers. Neither invitation is perfect. The census form offers only gay couples, but not gay single people a way to signal our sexual orientation. And march

preparations have been plagued by infighting and missteps.

Yet both the census and march are not-to-be-missed chances to draw attention to our community's strength and diversity.

It's extraordinarily important for the gay census and march totals to be huge because one thing politicians know how to do is count.

The pace of our progress toward full equality will depend, in large measure, on how many elected officials believe they must have gay support to keep winning.

California's exit polls no doubt caught savvy politicians' attention nationwide. In this month's presidential primary, self-identified gay people cast 11 percent of Democratic votes and 2 percent of Republican votes. Overall, the gay vote was 6 percent very likely enough to swing that must-win state when the White House is up for grabs in November. Let's reinforce that message of gay clout: \* Millennium March: It

hasn't been a thousand years since the last gay march on Washington; it just seems like it because we've made so much progress during the Clinton-Gore

administration. We last gathered in 1993, celebrating Bill Clinton's arrival and the end of the hostile Reagan-Bush

years. The march will help energize gay voters to fight to keep the White House in friendly hands. That's a key reason why it's time to put aside reservations about the

march and instead make reservations to be in Washington, D.C., on April 28-30. "It is tremendously empowering to

come to your nation's capital and stand on that mall and demand to be treated

equally," stresses march organizer Dianne Hardy-Garcia. "We do it to send a message to Congress, but we also do it for ourselves to empower and inspire ourselves." This year's highlights include lobbying Congress on Friday; a commitment ceremony for gay couples on Saturday and "Equality Rocks," a concert featuring Melissa Etheridge, Ellen DeGeneres and Garth Brooks.

\* Census 2000: The Census Bureau began counting unmarried couples in 1990, listing the option "unmarried partner" for the first time. Joyce and I joined 150,000 other gay couples clearly a tiny fraction of the true total in leaping at the chance to be counted. This year, far more couples are likely to feel comfortable saying who they are. Even closet couples needn't be fearful because the Census Bureau is required by law to keep names confidential for 72 years. "Our families exist, and we must be counted," stresses Paula Eitelbrick of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Our single people ought to be counted, too. So, we need to tell Congress that the 2010 census should ask about "sexual orientation." Lawmakers are legislating in the dark when they make policies affecting gay people but don't even know how many there are because single people and couples who live apart aren't counted. The U.S. government will get obscure facts from the 2000 census like exactly how many 73-year-old married Hispanic men live in Michigan. But it won't find out how many gay Americans are banned from serving openly in our nation's military. And the Congress that has not yet protected gay workers from discrimination won't find out how many gay people live in poverty. Nevertheless, if we gay couples identify ourselves in record numbers, Census 2000 will learn more than ever about our racial diversity, our incomes and our family responsibilities. The more we stand up for ourselves, the more our community will count.

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## Business Spotlights

Club 15 is now Club M's. So go check out the newly remodeled decor.

One Drake Place, opens next week. That is correct our favorite performer and hair-burner. Has opened his own salon. Troy Crawford opens his new endeavor at Bel-Air Plaza 12100 West Center Road Suite 910. So go check it out.

You have heard about Dixie Quick's, but did you know that there is another "Family" owned dining establishment in town? That is right, Daizy Maze is owned by one of us. It serves the finest vegetarian cuisine in Omaha. So go give it a try.

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## EASTER 2000

*Schedule of Services*

Palm Sunday  
April 16



Worship Services  
8:50 & 10:20 AM

Thursday  
April 20

Footwashing Service 6 PM  
Seder 7 PM

Good Friday  
April 21



Service 7 PM

Fri-Sun.

Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary

Easter  
Sunday  
April 23

Alleluia!  
Come Celebrate  
The Victory!



Sunrise Service 6 AM  
Easter Breakfast 7 AM -- Easter Worship 8:50 & 10:20 AM

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819 S. 22nd St., Omaha (402) 345-2563 mcomaha@radiks.net

## Membership Drive

If you already have a membership in the GLBT Rainbow Outreach Community Center then it is time to renew it for the new year. If you do not have a membership it is time for you to get one.

Single memberships are \$15 and \$20 for a couple. In purchasing a membership not only do you get to use the Center video, book and music Library but you are also providing us with the funds to keep growing. And the more we grow the more we can provide the services that you in our community want and need.



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P.O. BOX 448888, SUITE 100, OMAHA, NE 68144-4888

The GLBT Resource Center  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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# What's Happening

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## Special Events

### Third Year Anniversary

**GBLT Rainbow Outreach Center**

**Open House April 8th, 2000**

**12P.M.-5P.M.**

### River City Mixed Chorus

**Saturday June 17, 7:05 p.m.**

**Josalyn Art Museum Witherspoon**

**Concert Hall**

### Closet Ball

**Sunday April 16th The Max 9 p.m.**

### Sun, April 16th

**CLOSET BALL, ICON**

The Max, 1417 Jackson, \$4 cover

### Thursday April 20,

8 p.m., Nebraska Union, UNL campus. "Looking Queer: Body Image and Identity in GLBT Communities." Dawn Atkins, professor and author of the recently released collection of the same name. Free and open to the public. For information, call 402-472-2597.

### April 24-26,

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Centennial Room, Nebraska Union, UNL

campus. "AIDS Quilt Exhibition." All the Nebraska quilts will be displayed. For information, call 402-474-2117.

### Sun, April 30th

**MILLENNIUM MARCH ON WASHINGTON**

See article for more information

## AIDS WALK

It is scheduled for Sunday, June 4th in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, and Norfolk. Omaha's walk is approximately 4.5 miles long and will begin at the Watanabe Wellness Center at 139 South 40th Street. The route will begin on 40th Street and turn east on Harney Street, then turn north on 13th Street and back west on Farnam Street to the start. The Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call 552-9260 ext. 142.

### Every Tuesday

**MENS SUPPORT GROUP**

Metropolitan Community church  
819 S. 22nd St., 7:30 to 9p.m..

### Every Wednesday

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

metropolitan community church  
819 S. 22nd St., 7 p.m.

### Every Thursday

**LESBIAN CENTERED, DISCUSSION GROUP**

For Info: Lesbincen@village.com  
or call the Resource Center, 341-0330  
6:30 to 8 p.m.

### Every Friday

**FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING**

NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth  
5 p.m. to Midnight

**TWO LEFT FEET 'N' D WESTERN  
DANCE**

**CANCELLED TIL FALL**  
819 S. 22nd St.  
7-9 p.m., \$1 donation requested

**WILD ANNIE'S STRIP OFF**

The Max 1417 Jackson, 7- 9 p.m.

**FREE FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES**

Rainbow Outreach Resource Center  
1719 Leavenworth, 7:45 p.m.

### Every Saturday

**PROUD HORIZANS**

Regular Meeting, 4- 6 p.m.

Sponsored by PFLAG, 291-6781

or e-mail proudhorizans@hotmail.com  
for details

### Every Sunday

**WORSHIP SERVICES, MCC- OMAHA**

8:50 and 10:20 a.m.

819 S. 22nd St.

**WORSHIP SERVICES, LINCOLN MCC**

6:30 p.m., St. Mark's

Episcopal Church on the Campus

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday May 21

GLBT PRIDE Pageant The MAX  
9 PM

### Sunday June 11

GLBT PRIDE Show & Celebration  
The MAX 9 PM

### Sun, June 11th

PRIDE FESTIVAL

### June 23-25

HEARTLAND REGIONAL GAY RODEO

### Sat, July 15th

CORONATION 20; A CRYSTAL NIGHT  
MASQUERADE: A JOURNEY INTO THE  
MILLENNIUM

Imperial Court of Nebraska  
Sokol Hall 13th and Martha

### Sat, October 7th

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY  
Sokol Hall 13th and Martha

### Sunday November 12

Food 4 Thought  
The Imperial Court of Nebraska  
The MAX 9 PM

### Sunday December 10

Toyz 4 Totz  
The Imperial Court of Nebraska  
The MAX 9 PM

## Every Sunday

### RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Mockingbird Lanes, 12:30 P.m.

96th and Mockingbird

### WORSHIP SERVICE

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 and 10:45

7020 Cass St.

#### FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

3114 Harney St.

## Monthly Events

### 1st Saturday

#### RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

Monthly Meeting contact:

1-800-269-3444 orrcga@tgforum.com

for details, Room opens at 4 p.m.

Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

### 2nd Wednesday

Flat water Bears

The Diamond bar, 7:30 P.m.

For info PO Box 3751, or

flatwaterbears@geocities.com

### 2nd Thursday

#### PFLAG MEETING

First United Methodist Church

7020 Cass St., Mead Hall, 7 p.m.

### 2nd Sunday

#### BI CHOICE NE, BRUNCH AND DISCUSSION

Bisexual social and support group

McFoster's Natural Kind Cafe

upstairs, 1-3 p.m. For Info Call

Marcella, 592-4250

### 3rd Saturday

#### SOCIAL NIGHT, BI CHOICE NE

In members home, 7-?? p.m. for Info

Call Teri Ann, 491-0238

### 4th Tuesday

#### NAMES PROJECT OF THE HEARTLAND

e-mail for location,

AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com

### 4th Sunday

#### PFLAG MEETING

First United Methodist Church,

Mead Hall 7020 Cass St. 2 p.m.

Lord Troy & Lady Monroe  
and The Imperial Court of NE Present...



### "Bonnets & Baskets"

Sun., April 23 8 - 10 PM

Club M \$2 Cover

### Yard & Garden Fun in the Sun Work Day

Lunch  
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Sat., April 15  
10 AM - 3 PM

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