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GAYZETTE

MCC-O ADOPTS LIBERTY KIDS

Fifty children from Liberty School will receive Christmas gifts from the congregation of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC-O). Each child will receive a toy and an article of clothing. For details on how to help with this project call the church office at 402.345.2563.

L2EP JOINS TOY DRIVE

Sat., Dec. 13, L2EP once again supports ICON's Christmas Project, "Toyz-4-Totz," providing toys for 100+ children affected by HIV/AIDS. There's a hot leather show at JOY from 7:30-10 p.m., and during the day there'll be workshops starting at 2 PM at the Redick. For details contact Susan at 402.290.2109 or email l2ep@aol.com.

TOYZ 4 TOTZ OF PWA'S

The Imperial Court of NE, Emperor Don & Empress Monroe invite you to join them Sun., Dec. 14 at 9 PM at The MAX for the "Toyz-4-Totz" show. Send donations to ICON, Box 3772, Omaha, 68103. Toy donations are also welcome. Bring them to the show!



ICON MONARCHS DON & MONROE HOST A NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS DINNER AT THE MAX

For details see story inside this issue. Invitations Available until Nov. 18.

TEENS FED BY BEARS

The Flat Water Bears will hold their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha on Sun., Nov. 16. Guests for their dinner include clients of the Youth Emergency Services (YES), which helps homeless and runaway teens. For more info. on how you can help call Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center at 402.341.0330 and ask for Chris.

GROCERIES FOR PWA'S

Reign 23 Monarchs Don and Monroe will host "Gathering the Family for New Beginnings" aka Food 4 Thought, a fund raiser to provide Thanksgiving Grocery Vouchers for 100+ PWA's on Sun., Nov. 16, at The MAX, 9 PM. Donations are welcome. HGRA has begun the community support with \$100 donation raised in October at Bloody Mary Bingo at DC's. \$3,000 is needed to purchase vouchers. Send donations by Nov. 12 to ICON at Box 3772, Omaha, 68103.

LIBERTY CAPS

Any time from now through March 1 bring kids' gloves, caps, & socks to MCC-O at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha, and help them keep Liberty School children warm this winter. Call 402.345.2563 for more info.

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Friday October 31st: A JOY Halloween! Over \$900 in Prizes! Costume Contest at 12:30am!

1516 Jones St.
Omaha, NE
402-341-7337
www.omahajoy.com



It's the scariest night of the year and the place to be will be at JOY! We will be giving out cash for the top 3 costumes PLUS for every person paying cover between 8pm-10pm will receive a coupon for their first drink for free!

Saturday Nov 1st: Chandler Miss Gay NE National at Large Benefit Show 8:30pm

Chandler is raising money to go to Nationals so come down and show your support! She has an all star cast including N'JOY girl Ashley Simone, Shayla Slate, Quincy Valentine, Jazmin, The Q's Faleasha Savage & Madame X! \$3 cover starts at 8pm



Friday Nov. 7th Chad 10" Donovan! 8pm!



Nov. 7th: JOY's 2004 Calendar Strip Off featuring Porn Star Chad 10" Donovan!

8pm: Autographs
9pm: Amateur Strip Off
10pm & Midnight: Chad strips and shows you his 10" of pure fun!

Sunday November 9th: Ce Ce Russell has been a long time favorite at the Gay 90's and now she is bringing her act to JOY. What makes this show extra special is that the entire N'JOY Show Audition Cast will be performing together once again! That's right,

they were just too good not to be seen again here at JOY so we are bringing them all back! See Ce Ce along with Destiny, Michelle Michael, Fantasia, Faleasha Savage, Paige Turner and Ebony Richards! \$5 cover
Ce Ce is famous for her Whitney Houston, Diana Ross and Tina Turner numbers!

CeCe Russell Nov 9th 9:30pm From the Gay 90's in Minneapolis!



Our Community Is What We Make It

Clearly, well-established organizations in our community need to consider how they "market" themselves, if they do it at all. Local organizations could do better at educating teenagers about the value of our community life and incredible achievements. We could plan benefits and other fund raising functions while considering access for gay teens. There is an untapped group here that that needs to be included in our community plans. A teenagers education should not come from experiences found in a local park. As organized businesses, support groups and outreach programs, we should offer alternatives to teens.

We have the Metropolitan Community Church at 819 South 22nd Street, just south of Leavenworth Street. A great place to meet terrific people and understand that it is alright to be gay.

There are also several clubs and bars. Check out "Where Can You Find The Gayzette". You'll find names and their addresses. Call ahead to check for special shows, benefits, and drink specials. We are proud of all of our local clubs and bars. Support our local gay owned businesses.

The Nebraska AIDS Project created an outreach program called Mpower. This program is designed to educate men who have sex with men, Women on Top, women who have sex with women. And NAP is currently working or restructuring an outreach program for teens. All the programs at NAP are fantastic educational programs. They also need volunteers is almost all areas. Call them at 552-9260.

It is obvious to me that a community teen program is needed. And the GLBT Resource Center is going in that direction. They plan to create an outreach program with members from local teen gay/lesbian support groups. Our community would benefit greatly from a program such as this. We look forward to watching it grow. Mike Orr, Men's Support Group

Omaha GLBT Rainbow Outreach Center Elects New Board Members

On October 23, 2003 the Center elected new members to their board of directors. There are going to many changes in the future and the community is invited to participate. The Center expects growth beyond their current location and with outreach programs. If you have an idea or would like to talk to a member of the board, drop by at 1719 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68108, give them a call at (402) 341-0330, or email them at rainbow@rocc.org.

The Executive Board Members are:

President: _____ George Broadway _____

Vice President: _____ Troy Haasis _____

Treasurer: _____ Barbara Gallagher _____

Secretary: _____ Mike Orr _____

Other new Board Members are:

James Lunbeck, Matt Binfield, Joseph Germain, Jymie Story, and William Blanchard.

Congratulations to the new ROC board. They want to accomplish some great things during their term on the board. With dedicated help from the Community, it will happen!!

Continuing their Board terms are Lynn Rogers, Chris Feistner and the Rainbow Celebrations representative position.

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE FOR QUEER IOWA STUDENTS

On November 8th and 9th, 2003, students and educators from around the state will gather in Iowa City as the University of Iowa's Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Allied Union (GLBTAU) hosts the 2nd annual Queer Iowa Student Conference—a great opportunity for the youth of Iowa to get involved. The theme of the conference is "Creating a United Front for Social Change." The purpose is to unite, educate, and empower queer high school, college, and university students, organizations, faculty and staff, in an effort to increase social, political, and personal awareness of issues, obstacles, and achievements affecting their lives. Activities will include workshops, presentations, discussions, and entertainment, which will help attendees establish and maintain connections all over the state of Iowa and surrounding regions. The goal is to bring fresh ideas on how to make GLBT students, staff and faculty on all campuses, be they high school, college or university, more positive and prosperous, and to begin to build a network. For more information, email glbtai@uiowa.edu, or call the GLBTAU at (319)335-3251, or visit <http://www.uiowa.edu/~glbtai/> to get the details. This year the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Allied Union celebrates it's 33rd year at the University of Iowa: it's one of the oldest University recognized and funded LBGTA groups in the United States.

NEBRASKA PRIDE 2004 THEME CONTEST

The 19th annual Nebraska Pride Celebration needs a theme! Are you creative? Do you have a great idea that would be great for Pride? Would you like your theme to be seen by over 100,000 throughout the Midwest next Summer? Rainbow Celebrations is asking the community for ideas and theme submissions. You have the chance to have your idea become the official theme of Nebraska Pride 2004.

If chosen, your theme will be seen on the cover of the official 2004 Pride Guide, adorn the much sought after shirts and merchandise, appear on the web site and be seen in all the ads placed throughout the entire Midwest! Get your ideas in by **October 11th** to be considered for judging by the 2004 Pride Committee.

The only guidelines are: 1) please keep in mind that your theme will be seen in public around the city, state and Midwest, 2) you may use Pride and/or 2004 in the theme if you wish, and 3) Pride and/or 2004 does not have to be in the theme.

If you think it is a good theme, then submit it to the Committee. Please email your idea to PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org. PLEASE type THEME in the subject line. You may also mail your theme submission to Rainbow Celebrations, Attn: THEME, PO Box 8583, Omaha NE 68108 or you can call 866-NE-PRIDE for more information. The winning theme and the individual who submits it will be recognized at the 2004 Pride Reception and in the official 2004 Pride Guide! The winner will also receive a prize package yet to be determined.

Commemorating the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion over 34 years ago, Rainbow Celebrations is proud to again sponsor the 19th annual GLBT Pride Parade and Festival for the state of Nebraska and surrounding region.

The 2004 Nebraska Pride Celebration is scheduled for Friday, June 18—Sunday, June 20, 2004 in Omaha.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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

Annual Animal Blessing

October 4th will be our annual Blessing of the Animals in the gardens at 10:30am. All people are welcome to attend and bring their pets to be blessed! We do ask that all pets be leashed or confined in some fashion-for safety's sake! Dogs, cats, rabbits, fish, turtles ... or even cows are welcome-None of God's creatures will be refused a blessing! If your pet is unable to attend, you may bring a photo and we will bless your companion in that way. If you are interested in helping with this special service please see Reverend Sagat.

Have YOU taken the Survey?

If you haven't, you should. Help define the future of a new GLBT Community Center in Omaha. Tell us what YOU want in a new Community Center. Go to www.rainbowoutreach.org and take the



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www.mpower-nap.org

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

MPOWER, Nebraska's only sexual health program for gay and bisexual men, is a part of Nebraska AIDS Project and is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

GAYZETTE AD RATES

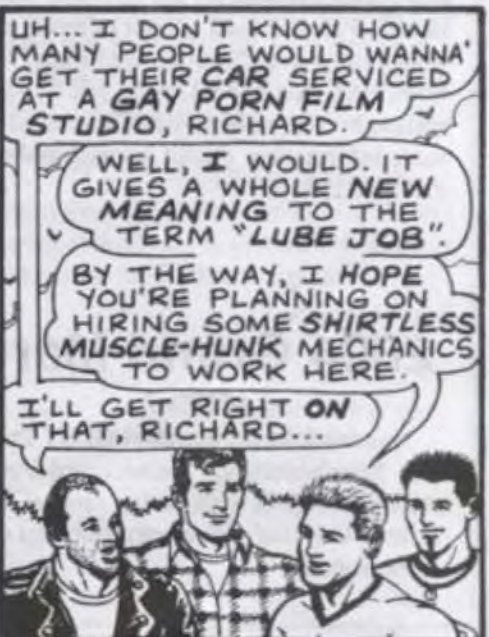
Whole Page	7 1/2 X 10	\$100.00	Half Page	7 1/2 X 4 3/4	\$ 50.00
Fourth Page	3 3/4 X 4 3/4	\$ 25.00	Business Card		\$ 15.00

All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad, Checks payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center 1719 Leavenworth St. on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rocc.org. Please call ahead to reserve space.

Ad Deadlines

Friday, June 20 for Publication June 27

Friday, July 4 for Publication July 11



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River City Mixed Chorus to hold Ice Cream Social

Everyone is invited to an ice cream social to benefit River City Mixed Chorus. It will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9, in Cary Hall at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

In addition to ice cream, there will be other desserts and delectable goodies, as well as entertainment by members of the chorus, which is directed by Mark Kurtz.

Donations at the event will help the chorus travel to Montreal next July to perform at the International Festival of Chorus sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Chorus.

The fundraiser is sponsored by Omaha PFLAG. There are no tickets. If you can attend, please RSVP to Betty Dorr by email at bobcdorr@aol.com or call 402-333-7064. If you can't attend but would like to make a donation, make checks payable to RCMC and mail to: Betty Dorr, 12836 Shirley St., Omaha, NE 68144.

National Coming Out Day Chair Needed for 2004

Rainbow Celebrations is currently seeking individuals interested in serving as National Coming Out Day Chair(s) for 2004. The NCOD Chair(s) shall be responsible for the NCOD Celebrations including an event on October 11th. The NCOD Chair(s) shall set and preside over regularly scheduled NCOD Committee meetings, shall serve as a spokesperson for the NCOD Committee and shall perform the general supervision of its affairs. Additionally, the NCOD Chair(s) will serve as a voting member on the Rainbow Celebrations Executive Board. Please e-mail a letter of intent and/or resume to jason@rainbowcelebrations.org or mail to Rainbow Celebrations, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha NE 68108. Please submit information by November 14th if interested in the position. For more information, e-mail jason@rainbowcelebrations.org or call 208-2951.

2004 Grand Marshal Nominations now being accepted

Nominations for the 2004 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal honor are now being accepted by the 2004 Pride Committee. Nominations will be accepted from throughout eastern Nebraska and western Iowa communities through December 1st. A statewide/region wide voting process will begin December 13th and run through January 24th. The 2004 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal will be announced during the 2004 Pride Reception on Sunday, March 21, 2004 at a location to be announced.



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The Metro Omaha GLBT Center A Vision for the Future!

Feasibility
Study Survey—www.rainbowoutreach.org

For those of you who do not know, ROC has been our GLBT Resource Center for 6 years now, located at 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha. The Board of Directors of ROC have authorized this feasibility study to help determine whether the GLBT and supportive Communities would need and use a new Center in metro Omaha. We encourage you to take a moment to complete the survey with your honest opinions. It only takes a few minutes and can be taken at the web site above or you can stop in at the Resource Center and pick up a paper copy. If you have already received the survey and filled it out, the ROC Board thanks you for your time. If you haven't already done so, please take the survey. Your answers **DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

The Imperial Court of Nebraska
Emperor 23 Don & Empress 23
Monroe
& the Royal Family of Reign 23
Present....

Food 4 Thought

*"Gathering the Family
for New Beginnings"*

**Sunday
Nov. 16
9 PM**

\$3
Cover

The MAX



Proceeds Benefit
100+ Clients
of Nebraska AIDS
Project with
Thanksgiving
Grocery Vouchers.

2004 LOGO CONTEST Begins!

The 2004 Logo Contest officially began on Sunday, October 19th. Complete details, rules and requirements for the Logo Contest are currently available by request if you email PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org and will soon be available on the web at www.rainbowcelebrations.org. Contest Rule forms are also available at the Rainbow Outreach Resource Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha.

You can also email PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org for more information regarding the 2004 Logo Contest which will run through December 1, 2003. The 2004 Nebraska Pride Logo will grace the cover of the official 2004 Pride Guide, the Pride Tshirts and Apparel, the official Pride Merchandise, and all advertising throughout the Midwest region during Pride season! Your logo has the potential to be seen by over 100,000 persons during Pride 2004!

The 2004 Logo will be chosen by the Pride Committee out of submitted designs and ideas and will be revealed to the public at the 2004 Pride Reception on March 21, 2004 at a location to be announced.

Rainbow Celebrations & the 2004 Pride Committee

....are proud to announce the theme for the 19th annual GLBT Pride Celebration to be held June 18-20, 2004 in downtown Omaha:

Show Your True Colors

The 2004 theme was chosen out of 30 submitted themes at the Pride Committee meeting Tuesday evening, October 14th. The winning theme was submitted by Troy Haasis of Omaha (Pride Chair 2004) and the committee congratulates him on his winning theme.

The official 2004 theme will grace the official 2004 edition of the Pride Guide, adorn the official Pride apparel and merchandise and will be used extensively in promotion of the 2004 Pride Celebration across the Midwest region!

2004 Pride Committee Meeting Schedule:

November 11th and 25th
December 9th
January 6th and 20th
February 3rd and 17th
March 2nd, 16th and 30th

April 13th and 27th
May 11th and 25th
June 1st, 8th and 15th
Volunteer Orientation Pizza Party - June 17th

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA)

October 20, 2003 - Omaha, Nebraska - www.hgra.net

HGRA Contestant Representation at the 2003 IGRA Finals Rodeo

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association is proud to be represented at the 2003 IGRA Finals Rodeo being held in Tulsa, OK October 23-26, 2003 by 22 of its members. The following individuals have been invited to compete in the 2003 IGRA Finals Rodeo due to their efforts over the 2003 rodeo season: Teeny B. Bryan L. Todd T. John B. Jennifer E. Mark M. Larry T. Brett H. Paco P. Maggie W. John J. Sheri R. Bryn G. Wolf K. Gloria S. Al W. Tim K. Mary T. Tom S. Karen K. Kelly T. Mary M.

HGRA Members Volunteering at the 2003 IGRA Finals Rodeo

Ten HGRA Members have volunteered/appointed to help put on the 2003 IGRA Finals Rodeo in Tulsa, they are: Kim D. - Arena Director & Royalty Judge Dee Z. - Assistant. Arena Director Tamara M. - Assistant Scorekeeper and Royalty Contest Paul S. - Timer and Royalty Contest Auditor Jo K. - Timer Char W. - Timer Gary R. - Royalty Judge Mikey - Rik K. Assistant Chute Coordinator Brett H. - Royalty Horsemanship Judge.

About The HGRA

HGRA is a charitable and social organization. Our purpose is to promote the country western lifestyle in the Gay and Lesbian community: to encourage member participation in local, national, and international rodeos; and to perform charitable duties. HGRA is one of the 24 member associations of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). For the past 7 year, HGRA has held rodeos in Fremont and Springfield, Nebraska. HGRA will be hosting the 2004 Bud Light IGRA Series Finals Rodeo, October 14th-17th, 2004 in Omaha, NE. HGRA P.O. Box 3354 Omaha, NE 68103-3354 402.203.4680

About The IGRA

The specific purpose of the IGRA is the fostering of national and international amateur rodeo and other equestrian competition and related arts, crafts, and activities to develop amateur athletes and activities for such competition and other activities, which encourage the education on or preservation of the "country-western" lifestyle heritage, such as dance.

The above information is provided courtesy of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association. © 2003 HGRA - Omaha, NE.

2003 National Coming Out Day Events a Big Success

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who participated in the National Coming Out Day Events for 2003. This year's events were extremely successful and were well attended. Events for the week began with an Interfaith Service on Sunday, October 4th and ended with the 20th Annual AIDS Candlelight Interfaith Memorial Service on Sunday, October 12th. Other events included an Ice Cream Social, Panel Discussion, Rally at UNO, Youth Dance, "Out in the Old Market" Shopping, Dessert Reception, and a Community Picnic. Thank you also to all the individuals on the National Coming Out Day Planning Committee and organizations who helped with the planning of these events. National Coming Out Day events for 2004 will prove to be bigger and better than this year. Visit www.rainbowcelebrations.org over the next year for information on upcoming events and ways that you can get involved!!



CLASSIFIED ADS

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Do you have something to sell? A room or apartment to rent? Looking for that special something or someone?

Place an ad here !

Are You Listed?

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

COMPUTER REPAIR

Chris Tucker's personal computer repair business protects privacy of individuals who have "sensitive" material on their computer. Chris can diagnose and fix problems no matter how small. He can install programs, hardware, drivers, upgrade processor, memory or a new hard drive.

Pricing is very reasonable. Examples: diagnose \$10; Set-up/install programs and/or hardware: \$10 ach; Complete hard drive format: \$50 (includes diagnostics, formatting, and restoration of operating system).

You can contact Chris at: christopher@themaxomaha.com or call 402-558-3251

New Day!

Transgendered?
Questioning?
Need To Talk?

A Representative of the Transgender Community is available at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays

7 to 9 PM

Starting October 11th



OMAHA PFLAG

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.

Location: First United Methodist Church
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska

P.O. Box 390064
Omaha, NE 68139-0064

HELPLINE
(402) 291-6781



MCC.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF OMAHA

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Wednesday: 7:00 PM
Saturday: Alternative Worship 7:00 PM (starts 9/27/03)

819 South 22nd Street (Just south of Leavenworth Street)
Omaha, Nebraska 68103 Phone: 402-345-2563

Web site: www.mccomaha.org

GAYZETTE EVENTS

Saturday November 8th

HGRA ROYALTY CONTEST, 7pm, at the Club Joy

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

ICON FOOD 4 THOUGHT 9:30pm MAX

ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2-4PM Cary Hall, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Benefit for River City Mixed Chorus hosted by PFLAG

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BINGO at MCC-OMAHA, 6PM, 819 S. 22nd Street

FRIDAY NOV. 14 & SAT., NOV. 15

WHY DO WOMEN GET THE BEST SONGS, AGAIN? 8pm, Hot Shops Art Center, 1301 Nicholas, \$15 Minimum Donation, Benefits Nebraska AIDS Project

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

ICON FOOD 4 THOUGHT, 9:30pm, at the MAX

MON., NOV. 17 & TUES., NOV. 18

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS & SWING CHOIR PRESENT A HIGH SCHOOL REUNION, 7:35PM, The MAX, Tickets \$15, Call 402-341-SING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

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)

FRIDAY, FEB. 13—SUNDAY, FEB. 15

ICE BOWL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY JUNE 13—SUNDAY, JUNE 20

NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION

SAT. JUNE 19 & SUN., JUNE 20

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SUMMER PRIDE CONCERT & REUNION WEEK-END, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Ctr., 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

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

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. 40th

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

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 Ak-SarBen 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 So. 22nd St.

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

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 Tuesday

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

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.

"WHY DO WOMEN GET THE BEST SONGS - AGAIN?"

THE HOT SHOPS ART CENTER
1301 NICHOLAS
NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 2003
8:00 P.M.
\$15.00 (Minimum Donation)
Refreshments provided by "España"

The sequel to the successful musical review is finally here. Featuring Roger Bennett, Mark Morello, and Robbie Valenta, all under the musical direction of Ms. Bernadette Smith. The women of the musical stage, opera, and cabaret, must make way for the men of the stage. The music of Sullivan, Porter, Gershwin, and an array of others to be featured. All proceeds benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project. For more information call 556 7026

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

SINGLE LESBIANS, Social and Networking Group, generally meets first Saturdays at 7PM, Call 614-6145 for information

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 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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING (glibt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

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- 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
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- Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm;

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- Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
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- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000
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- 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
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Momma Mia !!

An Interview by Jon Owens

A mother. A daughter. 3 possible dads, and a trip down the aisle you'll never forget! The smash-hit musical "Momma Mia" walks down the aisle of the Orpheum Theater for 8 performances only. The musical is based on songs of ABBA.

A mother confronts her past as three men return to the Greek island they've not visited for 21 years just as her 20 year old daughter is about to be married. The story telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship, and every night everyone's having the time of their lives. MAMMA MIA!, a funny, poignant tale of family and friendship, became a smash hit in London immediately following its opening on April 6, 1999. Continuing to sell out on Broadway, in London and throughout its North American tour, the musical, essentially about true love, explores the fabric of family in the relationship between a mother and her soon-to-be-wed daughter.

Pepper, a guy who works for the mother of the daughter, falls for one of his friends. *The Gayzette* interviewed cast member and comic relief character Gerard Salvador, playing the part of Pepper, who is performing currently in Ft. Worth about the upcoming show.

"This is my first Broadway touring show. I have been in many regional theatre productions, but not quite like this. I am pretty excited." Salvador said.

Salvador has been out of college for two years after earning his bachelor's of Fine Arts at New York University.

"I started out as a classical singer. This was boring! My friends were majoring in theatre and I was kind of intrigued by it. So I ended up staying in theatre."

What would possess such a person to do theatre full-time one may ask?

"There is something about getting an audience response eight times a week. How you grow into a role. My role has changed overtime and yet I am still the same character. Audiences differ and it is important to have those responses. Some audiences are more conservative than others."

"Momma Mia a musical where you are moving all the time. People who come to see the show have fun and definitely have a good time."

Theatre is not the only limit for Salvador in his aspirations.

"I want to keep doing what I am doing. Perhaps do TV/Film. My heart though is theatre. I would like to make it to Broadway. Theatre is also a steadier job. I am a crazy optimist..... as long as I am happy."

Salvador talks to *The Gayzette* as a gay cast member. He explains the cast is half-gay and half-straight.

"A lot of the Broadway community is gay. Being gay is a part of my life. Working on Broadway there is not really discrimination. It is all about talent."

25-year-old Salvador came out at age 15.

"It was a little scary, but I was not confused. I just started acting out of romance and feelings I had for other guys. It was not that hard since I grew up in New York. I am very close to my family, so it never has been an issue."

Sorry guys Salvador is taken!

"I am dating one of the cast members. I did not want to date anyone in the show. We were gathering as a group for dinner one night and we were the only two that showed up and since then we have been dating. It is what I call "Instant Date." When free time is an option Salvador loves to explore the city, looking at art museums and other city attractions. The other passion is reading books.

"I am on the David Sedaris Kick. I also just bought the last Harry Potter book. I guess I follow the trend."

This tour has created some memories of Salvador's favorite places.

"I have loved Atlanta, Seattle and California. Mainly because these are places where my family has been in the audience. I am looking forward to making my first trip to Omaha, since I have a cousin there.

Tickets are still available by calling 402-422-1212 in Omaha or 402-475-1212 in Lincoln and at the Omaha Auditorium box office and all TicketMaster outlets. Tickets also available on line at www.ticketmaster.com <<http://www.ticketmaster.com/>>. Groups of 20 or more call 888-255-2200 for discounted group tickets. Ticket prices are \$25 - \$60. Performance Dates and times: Tuesday, Nov. 4 through Saturday, Nov. 9, evenings at 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m.; Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Ten reasons for Conservatives to Oppose the Federal Marriage Amendment

By Chuck Muth

Even if you oppose gay "marriage," the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) is a bad idea. As we observe "Marriage Protection Week," here are 10 reasons for conservatives to oppose it.


- 1. There are much bigger fish to fry.** Aside from the war on terrorism, there's also the Senate Democrat filibusters of strict-constructionist judges, ballooning budget deficits due to out-of-control government spending, Social Security reform, a new prescription drug entitlement that would be the largest expansion of government since the Great Society and, of course, the 2004 elections. Look, if conservatives are going to spend time, effort and money amending the Constitution to protect the family, they should instead focus on repealing the 16th Amendment, which gave us the income tax and the IRS!
- 2. Government shouldn't be involved in marriage in the first place.** This is exactly why we have a problem with prayer in schools. If we hadn't let the government take over the education of our kids there wouldn't be any prayer-in-schools controversy. Ditto marriage. The problem isn't keeping gays out of marriage, but keeping government out of it. 3. Divorce and unwed motherhood are far more harmful to the American family than gay marriage ever could be. Instead of focusing on how to prevent some people from getting married, maybe we should focus on ways to discourage more people from getting divorced.
- 4. The Constitution was never intended to serve as a tool of social engineering.** If conservatives thought it was wrong to use a constitutional amendment to codify equal rights for my mom, my sisters, my wife and my daughters, why is it now OK to tinker with it to define marriage?
- 5. Conservatives have strongly supported the 10th Amendment and oppose federal intervention in state issues where it has no jurisdiction.** Marriage is quintessentially a state issue.
- 6. FMA is a solution in search of a problem.** No state court has yet to rule in favor of recognizing "gay marriages." But even if one or more states do recognize gay marriages, federal law already defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman. And while FMA proponents say the Full Faith & Credit clause of the Constitution would force states to recognize gay marriages from other states, other legal scholars contend it won't. Shouldn't we at least wait to see if something is broken before trying to fix it?
- 7. FMA won't work anyway.** As Richard Lessner of the American Conservative Union points out, federal judges these days routinely ignore the original content of the Constitution. What makes anyone think they'll abide by a new amendment?
- 8. It'll likely lose.** Recent polls show a majority of folks who oppose gay marriages also oppose a constitutional amendment to ban them. And although there's a good chance of getting a two-thirds majority in Congress to pass such an amendment, it is highly unlikely that three-fourths of states would approve it.
- 9. For some opponents of gay marriage, the FMA is nothing but a fund-raising ploy to stir up fears to keep their organizations flush with cash.** One should evaluate the rhetoric and arguments of FMA supporters with a jaundiced eye. Some have a financial stake in inflaming the masses on this issue even if it's not in the nation's best interest.
- 10. And, lastly, what's the real danger here? I mean, if gay "marriages" are recognized, does that somehow diminish my own marriage ... or yours? No.** Does that mean heterosexuals will suddenly stop pining for the opposite sex and "turn gay"? No. Will gay marriage mean men and women will stop having children and doom mankind to eventual extinction? Come on. FMA is a huge camel's nose under our constitutional tent. Conservatives should shut this effort down before it opens an even bigger can of worms.

Chuck Muth, the executive director of the Nevada Republican Party from 1995 to 1996, is president of Citizen Outreach, a non-profit public policy organization in Washington, D.C., that advocates limited government. The views expressed are his own and do not necessarily reflect the views of Citizen Outreach.


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The Episcopal Church welcomes you!

"Perspectives" By Jon Owens

Division in the church over homosexuality has been an issue for over 30 years. Only a few churches are well on the road to true equality with GLBT members. Churches like the United, Church of Christ, the MCC, Unity, and the Unitarian churches have looked beyond the issue and now even a bigger Christian denomination has chartered into unknown territory. This being the Episcopal Church of the USA (ECUSA).

For this columnist I am excited about the advances of the church being an openly gay aspirant to the priesthood in this particular religious affiliation. The Episcopal Church is a branch of the Anglican Communion, which is the second largest Christian denomination in the world, with 77 million members. The ECUSA is a small province with 2.5 million members.

What has made this church so popular in today's media. The first is the diocese of New Hampshire is going to consecrate an openly gay bishop. The church also decided to allow same sex unions to be local option, which is just acknowledging something that has been going on for years.

This was decided by a majority vote at the Episcopal Church's national convention last summer. It was not a big majority and has led to much controversy. Churches and even whole diocese want to break away from the control of the ECUSA. They would rather be under the control of a conservative bishop much like the ones found in Africa. African nations tend to be very evangelical and fundamentalist in their theology.

The group that is proposing such actions in the American Anglican Council. This is the same group who opposed the ordination of women and wanted to keep the style of worship from the 1928 prayer book. Meaning they are more into a penitential order and like to pray using "thee, thy, and thou."

The makeup according to gay consumer reports puts the Episcopal Church at # 4 in number of gay people that claim a religious affiliation. The participation rate of these people is 58 percent.

What is going to happen?

The first problem is there are churches that will want to leave or at least with hold money to the diocese or national church. This makes the upper administration hurt, especially since some of these churches are particularly wealthy parishes. There are even rumors that there are a couple of churches in Nebraska that would be apart of this schism movement or protest.

Legal issues happen when a church leaves a denomination. Who owns the buildings and the endowments? Do they belong to the parish? Or the diocese? Or the national church? The answer technically is the national church, but people will still go to court to fight over the issue and have a possibility of winning if the judge is sympathetic to the cause. Cases have swung in victories for either group in years past.

Protests are beginning to happen as African churches send grant money back to the USA saying they do not want our money, which comes from a sinful church. The Anglican Communion has decided to do a year long study on the effects of schism. The Anglican Communion is quite clear that they will also not tolerate the ECUSA's action. The problem is can they hold out forever considering the ECUSA is the richest province in the entire Anglican body? Money does speak!

Other ecumenical bodies, such as the Roman Catholic Church have spoken how dialogue could be hurt between the two denominations if ECUSA goes forth.

What is to happen in the future is hard to say. My prediction is the Episcopal Church will lose 10 percent of its membership over this issue. With all this strict conservative movement with the Roman Catholic Church I would think liberal Catholics would find a new spiritual home in the Episcopal Church as the tradition and rituals are very similar more so than any other protestant church.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams might ask Bishop-elect Gene Robinson to step down. This would be a shame and the church should stand its ground!

Schism or justice..... What will the church decide? My only hope is that those GLBT people who have been shunned from the church will start opening their hearts to the churches that are on the forefronts to be inclusive. Is the GLBT community ready to help support the Episcopal Church or any gay friendly church for that matter? The time has come for a community that was shunned by the church to help her in her time in need.

HGRA NEWS AND EVENTS

November 1st is the annual awards dinner at Caniglias. We will be presenting \$15,000.00 to our 4 charities. We will also be recognizing members and presenting them with awards for their contributions to HGRA and the community. Any one interested in attending should contact Brett.hartman@carlson.com.

Just a reminder, on Nov 8th the HGRA Royalty contest will be taking place at Joy starting at 7:00pm. Our Ms HGRA 2003 Mackie will also be performing her step down number. Come on out and cheer on the contestants as they compete for the title of Mr., Ms., and Miss HGRA 2004. Our website is under construction, but should be back up soon. Thanks to the entire GLBT community for your continued support.

Why Politics Matters

By George Broadway

I belong to quite a few Yahoo groups and some of the messages that come through are pretty run of the mill. But every so often, one comes through that just hits home. The following is one of those messages from another member of a Yahoo group. It really inspired me and I hope it does the same for you too:

"I feel compelled to throw my 2 cents in here. I was shopping this past Sat. on Melrose with my friend. We were practically accosted by several breeders with clipboards asking if we were registered voters. Of course we said yes, at which point we were harangued to sign the repeal petition of the lap dance law. I looked directly into his face and told him verbatim..."Why would I, a gay man, sign a petition for some slut to wave her coochi in your face. I don't recall you standing behind us gay men who want the right to marry another man and be recognized in the eyes of the law." He replied by saying that's different. I said "Why?, do you think gay people should have different laws than straight people?" He just looked at me with that ...DUH I DUNNO look on his face....These are the people who vote Republican...ones who have absolutely no grasp of what politics are about in the first place....Twenty years from now they will be running our country...
*****A SPECIAL NOTE TO THE YOUNGSTERS IN THE GROUP*****

I have a picture frame on my desk with a poem in it. It states:

"If you dream of a world in which you can put your partners picture on your desk, then put his picture on your desk and you will live in such a world.

And if you dream of a world where you can walk down the street holding your partner's hand, then hold his hand and you will live in such a world.

If you dream of a world in which there are more openly gay officials, then run for office, and you will live in such a world.

If you dream of a world in which you can take your partner to the office party, then take him to the party. I do, and now I live in such a world."

Things are quickly changing for the GLBT Community, sometimes too quickly. But if we are not persistent in achieving our goal of equality for all citizens, then those who are opposed to us gaining that equality will likely win out in the end. It's up to all of us to keep working towards this goal. No one else is going to do it for us. It just doesn't work that way. Be proud of who you are and be proud of being a member of the GLBT Community. I know I am. And above all else, make your views known and your voice heard.

The Leather Engineers

.....of Omaha would like to thank the community for their support during our run this past September. Run attendees came from as far away as Atlanta, New Orleans, Nashville, Kansas City and Minneapolis to help us celebrate our 8-year anniversary. WE also had a great turn out from our brother club from Des Moines, the Corn Haulers. As some of you may know, LEO designated DC's as our home bar recently, and presented them with a plaque during the weekend. A very special thank you to Charley, Dan and David for all their help and support. Just in time for the weekend DC's installed a new trophy case to house the trophy's LEO has obtained from our travels across the country. We think it makes a great addition to DC's, and are very proud to be able to display them.

During the weekend's activities we were able to raise a little over \$700.00 for our designated charity the River City Mixed Chorus, and were honored to have them sing the National Anthem for us at our dinner on Saturday night.

The men of LEO will play host again in 2005 as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary. So to get things off to a good start we will be hosting a Meet & Greet next month on November 15th at DC's and invite everyone down for a great time. We will be providing food and some entertainment to kick off a great night at our home bar. We hope to see you there!

Cabaret

"What good is sitting alone in your room?" Come see Cabaret - SNAP! Productions' new retelling of the classic Kander and Ebb musical - November 13 through December 7. The revolutionary reinvention of Kander and Ebb's hit musical Cabaret, will be the divinely decadent theatrical event of the season!

SNAP! productions brings to life the seedy glamour of the legendary Kit Kat Club. Everything about Cabaret is top-notch from beginning to end. It is wicked, delicious, flawless.

Cabaret is a musical featuring music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb. It has a book by Joe Masteroff and is based on the play by John Van Druten and has stories by Christopher Isherwood. Musical numbers include "It Couldn't Please Me More", "Wilkommen", "Cabaret", "Don't Tell Mama" and "Two Ladies".

Bill Bohannon directs this timeless musical, while Mitch Fuller music directs. Choreography will be by Michal Simpson and Wai Yim.

SNAP! Productions is pleased to present Cabaret, November 13 - December 7, 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 November 15th performance will be sign language interpreted for the hearing impaired. Check with Box Office for date and time.

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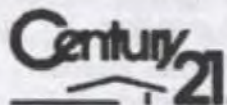
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