



THE

GAYZETTE

HIV ! HELLO PEOPLE! ARE YOU LISTENING?

By Mike Orr

Men's Support Group Omaha

Have IQ's suddenly dropped dramatically in the last couple of years?

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS diagnoses overall have risen 2.2 percent to 42,136 reported cases for 2002. About 40,000 new HIV infections are reported in the nation each year.

It is estimated that 850,000 to 950,000 Americans have the AIDS virus. And that AIDS killed 16,371 people across the nation last year.

Although U.S health officials and the Nebraska AIDS Project have been preaching about HIV prevention to everyone, the U.S. health officials have become particularly concerned in recent years by an apparent resurgence of infections among gay and bisexual males.

HIV diagnoses among men who have sex with men surged 7.1 percent last year. New diagnoses in this high-risk group have increased 17.7 percent since 1999, while remaining stable in other vulnerable communities.

Standard HIV tests cannot tell when a person was infected with the virus, leaving open the possibility that HIV was contracted many years before being detected. That could change in the coming months as the CDC implements a new HIV tracking system, which is based on a blood test that it says can determine whether a person had been infected with HIV in the previous six months.

The CDC plans to have the system in place in 35 areas that account for 93 percent of annual HIV infections by 2004. The agency has allocated \$13 million in supplemental funding to state health departments for the program in fiscal 2004.

Be careful. Play smart.

PORTION OF NAMES QUILT TO BE DISPLAYED IN LINCOLN DECEMBER 1—5

A portion of the Names Quilt will be on display in the Great Plains Room of the UNL East Campus Union between December 1 - 5, 2003. There will be an informational display about HIV/AIDS in the city campus union (alcove) Dec. 1 - 3, 2003. The Names Quilt is being sponsored by the University Program Council and co-sponsored by the Sexuality Education eXchange & PERSUNL Program. For more information, contact pat Tetreault @ 472-7447 or visit: <http://www.unl.edu/upc/fall.html>

get the facts - get the test - wear the ribbon

WORLD AIDS DAY DEC. 1

Live and let live. Help us fight fear, shame, ignorance and injustice worldwide. Five people worldwide die of AIDS every minute of every day. HIV has hit every corner of the globe, infecting more than 42 million men, women and children, 5 million of them last year alone.

December 1st is World AIDS Day

Nebraska AIDS Project Staff will be speaking at UNO from 12:00 - 1:00 and conducting HIV rapid testing from 1:00 - 3:00

Nebraska AIDS Project Staff will be speaking at the Women's Community Health Center (5420 N.W. Radial) at 11:30 and Charles Drew will be providing HIV testing and counseling

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If you would like Nebraska AIDS Project to be involved in your plans for World AIDS Day, please let me know. Thank you.

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***Sunday November 16th
JOY Calendar strip off and photo shoot
8pm, No Cover***

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**Our Santa will give you a
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He may not be the real Santa, but I'll bet if you sit on his lap he'll give you what you want!

WAY TO GO, SMITH!



**B O B
S M I T H**

AUTHOR OF *OPENLY BOB*

**Friday Nov. 21st
The N'JOY Show
9:30pm, \$5 cover**

The N'JOY Show is just the thing to do every 3rd Friday. Alexandra, Ashley, Domonique and The Princess give you what you want starting promptly at 9:30pm. Our friends from The Q in Lincoln let us borrow their house show, "Too Sexy" for one night only! Wait until you see the two group numbers the "Too Sexy" girls have worked up for you! Be here early for a good seat!

OUTING OTHERS HAS CONSEQUENCES

A Pennsylvania Town recently had to pay \$100,000 for threatening to tell a teen's family he was gay. This sends a clear message to government officials to stay out of the private lives of lesbian and gay teenagers, the American Civil Liberties Union said today. "No amount of money can replace what our client lost because of the actions of the police, but in paying this settlement the police department is acknowledging the role it played in Marcus Wayman's death," said David Rudovsky, who represented Wayman's mother Madonna Sterling as a cooperating attorney for ACLU. "

One would have to agree that it is not the government's job to pry into the private life of a minor or an adult. It is one thing to deal with criminal behavior, but not someone's identity.

The \$100,000 award brings to a close a lawsuit filed by the mother of Marcus Wayman, a rural Pennsylvania high school football player who was in a parked car with a 17-year-old male friend when police questioned the two, found condoms while searching the car, and arrested them for under-age drinking. At the Minersville police station, officers lectured the two teens about the Bible's condemnation of homosexuality and threatened to tell Wayman's grandfather that he was gay.

There are two issues with this part of the story. The first issue we have two minors doing inappropriate things in a car. Sex is not something to be done in public. Of course wither they actually did something is another story. We are not told if the condoms were used.

The other issue at hand is the police put them in a situation where they played pastor. We have separation from church and state. What if these teens did not believe in God? Then the Bible has no ground for them.

After the 18-year-old Wayman was released from police custody, he went home and shot himself in the head. Sterling sued the town and the officers for police misconduct, discrimination and violation of the right to privacy.

In an earlier ruling in Sterling's case, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia ruled that police violated Wayman's constitutional rights when they threatened to tell his family that he was gay. The court rejected the argument that lesbians and gay men are not protected by the right to privacy, and ruled instead that "it is difficult to imagine a more private matter than one's sexuality..." The police officers had asked the federal appeals court to let them out of the case on the basis that it was not clear that the right to privacy protects lesbians and gay men. The appeals court denied that request and sent the case back to the lower court for a trial, which ultimately resulted in the settlement. "

In the Arkansas case, school officials had "outed" 14-year-old Thomas McLaughlin to his parents without his permission, made him read from the Bible, and disciplined him for talking about his sexual orientation and later for talking about that punishment. An ACLU lawsuit relying in part on the ruling in Wayman's case

brought about a cash settlement for McLaughlin and important policy changes throughout his school district.

The problem with outing people without their consent can cause major backlash. Wayman was obviously scared. Living in a small town and being outed would be awful. He would have to go through school harassed. People in town would probably think of him as a wicked boy for those more conservative families. It is all about telling your own story not someone else's.

I am out in my congregation, but I am also at a relatively conservative church. So I pick and choose whom I decide to tell. I know my boss and co-workers are fine with it, but perhaps some of the older people in the church would be in an uproar and it would be a shame if it were thrown in their face. It would be political suicide for me. If I am going to tell someone I want to do it under my own accord, not because someone decides to make that a deal for me. If I confront the issue I am prepared for the consequences, if someone does it for me, I would not be prepared.

Privacy and respecting confidentiality is perhaps one of the best things we as human beings can provide for one another. It all boils down to the respect and

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING AND REFER- RAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO GLBT COMMUNITY IN LINCOLN AND OMAHA

Friendship Home in Lincoln provides safe shelter for women and children who are homeless due to domestic violence regardless of sexual orientation, crisis intervention services, individual and group counseling, and referral to community services. Services are available to male victims of DV but on a more limited basis. Lincoln also has a Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center that works with same sex intimate partner domestic violence.

In Omaha and Council Bluffs, counseling for victims of domestic violence is available through the YWCA.

All of these agencies provide counseling and referral services regardless of sexual or gender orientation.

If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship, help them get to the resources that can put an end to the violence. Their life may depend on you.

Omaha, YWCA Hotline 342-7273

Lincoln, Rape/Spouse Abuse Center 402-437-9300

**NO ONE DESERVES TO BE HURT.
IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT. GET HELP.**

By
Jon
Owens

Jon Owens has a degree in Journalism and a minor in music. He aspires to become a priest in the Episcopal Church.

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS WITH RAINBOW CELEBRATIONS

2004 LOGO CONTEST

The 2004 Logo Contest is underway. Complete details, rules and requirements for the Logo Contest are available by request if you email PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org and will 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.

Rainbow Celebrations is proud to again sponsor the official Nebraska Pride Celebration in June of 2004 in downtown Omaha. Rainbow Celebrations is a non profit organization run entirely by a volunteer board and committees.

For more information about Rainbow Celebrations, please email info@rainbowcelebrations.org.

RAINBOW CELEBRATIONS ANNUAL MEETING APPROACHES

The Annual Meeting for Rainbow Celebrations will take place on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha. An Annual Report, including a

financial statement, will be given at the meeting outlining the events of Rainbow Celebrations over the past year. All individuals are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Taking place at this meeting will be the Election of Officers for the Rainbow Celebrations Executive Board. The positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected for the 2004 term. Additional positions on the Board will be considered, including the positions of Youth Liaison(s) and Member(s) at Large. Again, all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions concerning Rainbow Celebrations, the Annual Meeting, or any of the positions on the Executive Board, please do not hesitate to ask. You may send questions or comments by e-mail to:

jason@rainbowcelebrations.org or by mail to Rainbow Celebrations, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108.

2004 GRAND MARSHAL NOMINA- TIONS 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.

The Grand Marshal honor is open to any individual(s) who you feel have impacted the entire GLBT Community through their activism, volunteerism or generosity. (Businesses, organizations and corporations are not eligible)

Nomination forms are currently available by request by emailing PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org and are available online at www.rainbowcelebrations.org, and also at many GLBT and supportive establishments through the areas.

All nomination forms must be correctly filled out and submitted to the 2004 Pride Committee by December 1st for consideration by the entire committee. The Pride Committee will contact all potential nominees and then announce the final nominees for statewide vote at the December 9th meeting.

You can email nomination forms or get additional information about the Grand Marshal nomination process by emailing grandmarshal@rainbowcelebrations.org.

PRIDE 2004 PLANNING UNDERWAY

Here is a schedule of the upcoming 2004 Pride Committee meetings: **MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- o November, 25th o December 9th
- (We will skip the 23rd meeting the week of Christmas, but we will maintain the biweekly schedule)
- o January 6th, 20th o February 3rd, 17th
- o March 2nd, 16th, 30th o April 13th, 27th
- o May 11th, 25th o June 1st, 8th, 15th
- o Volunteer Pizza Party – June 17th

All meetings are currently being held at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth Street, Omaha. We are currently in the process of scheduling one additional meeting a month in Lincoln. Please watch for more details in the very near future! We are excited at the chance to include the Lincoln and surrounding areas of greater Nebraska in the planning process of Nebraska Pride!

We currently have representation on the committee from:

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center
UNO GALO, Proud Horizons Youth Group
River City Gender Alliance, Flat Water Bears
River City Mixed Chorus,

Is your organization listed??? Does your organization want to have a voice in the plans for Nebraska Pride 2004?



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

HERE HE COMES, START EDUARDO. ROLLING!

HUH? WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

I'M MAKING A DOCUMENTARY FILM, BRAD. TO ENTER IN THE LONG ISLAND GAY & LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL.

A FILM? ABOUT WHAT?

ABOUT YOU, SLUGGER! GAY BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE ALL OVER THE NEWS THESE DAYS.

"TAKE ME OUT" IS DOING BIG BUSINESS ON BROADWAY... BILLY BEAN HAS A BOOK OUT... AND THERE'S ALL SORTS OF RUMORS FLOATING AROUND ABOUT SEVERAL PRO-BASEBALL PLAYERS!

LIKE IT OR NOT, BRAD... YOU'RE IN VOGUE. BIG TIME!

I'M ALSO STILL IN THE CLOSET, RICHARD! YOU CAN'T MAKE A FREAKIN' FILM ABOUT ME!

NOT A PROBLEM. WE'LL JUST BLUR OUT YOUR FACE IN THE EDITING.

BY THE WAY, JUST A SUGGESTION...

...THE MORE UNDERWEAR SCENES, THE BETTER. WE WANT TO DISPLAY YOUR, AH... ASSETS TO THEIR BEST ADVANTAGE.

HOW MUCH IS HE PAYING YOU TO PLAY CAMERA-MAN, EDUARDO?

NOTHIN'. BUT I GET A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROFITS.

RIGHT. GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

SO, HOW ABOUT ANSWERING SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR VIEWERS?

ANY PARTICULARLY MEMORABLE LOCKER ROOM GUY-ON-GUY SEX YOU'D CARE TO RECOLLECT FOR US?

CHRIST.

THERE AIN'T ANY LOCKER ROOM SEX, RICHARD! AND THIS FILM AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!

FORGET IT!!!

BUT, BRAD...

UH, TIME OUT, GUYS.

I HATE TO BREAK THIS TO YOU, RICHARD, BUT THE LONG ISLAND GAY & LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL IS NEXT WEEK.

THEIR DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS WAS MONTHS AGO.

OH. I SEE.

ALL RIGHT, NEW PLAN. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A NAKED WORK-OUT VIDEO, BRAD? I'LL SPLIT THE ROYALTIES WITH YOU!

I'M GONNA SPLIT YOUR LIP IF YOU DON'T GET OUTTA' MY FACE.

O.K., THE AGGRESSION IS GOOD... WE CAN WORK WITH THAT.

I MEAN IT, RICHARD...

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO BENEFIT RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

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 Choruses sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses.

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.

MEN OF LEO HOST MEET AND GREET AT DC'S

The men of LEO will play host again for a Run 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!

"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 "Espana"

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

BE ONE OF A THOUSAND

Emperor Don and Empress Monroe of the Imperial Court of Nebraska will be hosting its first ever Night of a Thousand Stars Dinner on Saturday, December 6 at The MAX. The MAX will be ablaze with the lights of their renowned Christmas decorations, a perfect setting for this event, as an estimated 200 guests will celebrate the night and help ICON support the work of Nebraska AIDS Project.

Stosh's Saloon will be the venue for a sit down dinner featuring dual entrees of succulent London Broil and Pecan Crusted Chicken by Brandeis Catering. Songstress Annie Welty will provide vocal entertainment following the meal. Seating is limited, and this space will fill fast! November 18 deadline is firm.

The Disco will be transformed into seating for a buffet featuring three entrees catered by the Hometown Garden Café. Lots of seats available for groups of any size. Reservations accepted up to November 30 for this holiday treat.

The rest of the MAX will feature a vast array of the community's finest hors d'ouerves. Walk-in's welcome as long as the delicacies last, but reservations will be honored first. Nov. 30 deadline, please.

Regardless of which venue you choose, you will be invited to join in the gala dessert reception which will be held this year at the Qwest Center. Featured guests at the dessert reception include nationally acclaimed performers Jay Leno and Lionel Richie along with entertainment by Rude Awakening. If you have not received an invitation from the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and would like to attend this event, you can request an invitation by calling 556-9907 and leaving your name and complete address including the zip code or you can pick up an invitation at The MAX after November 6.

Every dollar that you donate this night will go directly to the Nebraska AIDS Project.



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The MAX
Sun., Dec. 14
9 PM

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Jackson Street"**

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Proceeds benefit 100+ children
affected by HIV/AIDS and provide for
the personal needs of PWA's.



Food
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*"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.

LEARNING FROM LARAMIE'S LEGACY

By Cathy Renna, News Media Director, GLAAD

It's hard to imagine it's been five years since I first spoke with Jim Osborn. Then-president of the GLBT student group at the University of Wyoming, Jim called me while huddled beneath a desk in the student center, hiding from the mob of reporters who had converged on his campus to cover the brutal beating of a young gay college student named Matthew Shepard.

When I asked Jim what GLAAD could do to help, his response was immediate and certain: "Get on a f***ing plane!" He meant it in a nice way, of course, but it told me how overwhelming the situation had become. Twenty-four hours and several connecting flights later, I stared out the window of a prop plane window as it descended toward Laramie and wondered just what I was getting myself into.

The impact of that first trip to Wyoming and the trips that followed is difficult to convey, even though snapshots of those experiences are burned into my memory:

- * Viewing more open space and stars than I had ever seen out of the plane's window and realizing it was the stunning Wyoming landscape and my destination.

- * Attending a vigil for Matt attended by more than 1,000 of Laramie's 26,000 residents.

- * Repeatedly explaining to reporters at the courthouse and on campus that, as tragic and horrific as the circumstances of Matt's death were, such hate-based beatings and murders of GLBT individuals were actually commonplace.

- * Trying not to lose my patience as I discussed with journalists why this wasn't "just a robbery" that the overkill that marked Matt's death could not be explained by the theft of \$20 and a pair of loafers.

- * Debunking the so-called "gay panic defense" with reporter after reporter.

- * Seeing Fred Phelps and his entourage parade their "Matt in Hell" and "AIDS cures fags" signs. And then seeing Romaine Patterson and other friends of Matt encircle Phelps' demonstration with their "Angel Action" a powerful juxtaposition of hate and love.

- * Watching seasoned journalists weep while listening to Matt's father, Dennis Shepard, read his victim-impact statement in open court and realizing the historic importance of the media's presence in that small town, covering Matt's murder and the events that followed.

I often speak about my experiences in Laramie. Every time I do, it hits me again: the tremendous impact Matt's murder has had on our culture. And I never fail to stress how much more there is to do to create a world where hate crimes and bias do not thrive.

Whether I'm talking to a reporter or an auditorium of college students, one of the most common

questions I'm asked is, "Why did Matt's murder get so much attention?" Truth is, there's no simple answer to that question, and it's likely we'll continue to explore the real, very complex truths behind that story for a long time to come.

I do know that there are some answers we don't explore enough. For example, we know the people with privilege and power in our community stood up when Matt was killed, prompting the media to take notice. People who identified with Matt leveraged their resources to pressure others into doing something.

It is as simple and yet also more complex than that. However, my phone did not ring off the hook for other hate victims like Latina transgender teen Gwen Araujo or Sakia Gunn and J. R. Warren, both teens of African descent. If we, as a diverse community, do not address issues of race and gender and their impact our movement's response to incidents like this, we will continue to be frustrated by the unfairness and inconsistency of media coverage of hate violence.

But even five years after his death, Matthew Shepard's story remains a point of reference for so many people. His name didn't fade away because people who loved and knew him and many others who never met him at all have kept his memory and his commitment to a world where people love and accept one another alive. Judy and Dennis Shepard started the Matthew Shepard Foundation and through it, work tirelessly to educate and advocate for respect and acceptance. Romaine Patterson, Matt's friend, became a civil rights activist following his death. Moises Kaufman's *The Laramie Project* has brought the first-person stories of the people of Laramie to countless theatergoers (and HBO viewers) across the nation.

Moises' play asked the questions that we still find ourselves asking today: why are people beaten and killed simply because of who they are, how does that impact the rest of us and what role do we all play in the aftermath of such tragedies? There are no simple answers to that question, but what some people don't realize is that the question is just as if not more relevant today than it was in 1998.

In the past few weeks, as journalists have asked about the impact of Matt's murder, they all presume there "surely" has been great change. Has there? They don't know that there are still 36 states where it's legal to fire someone simply for being gay. They don't that know there is still no federal hate crimes legislation or workplace protection that covers GLBT people? And contrary to the mistaken notions of many reporters, we cannot get married in Vermont, Hawaii, or, for that matter, anywhere in the United States.

Sadder still are the statistics that demonstrate that hate crimes are still with us. This summer, when the *Lawrence v. Texas* decision filled the headlines and "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" was the runaway tele-

vision phenomenon, violence against GLBT people surged. Our colleagues at the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs recently confirmed a long-held suspicion: increased visibility certainly promotes education and understanding, but combined with vitriolic denunciations of our lives (as we've seen by the anti-gay right post-Lawrence) it can also incite those with a predisposition to commit bias crimes.

According to the NCAVP, anti-LGBT and HIV-related violence reports tend to increase 8% in July (as people respond to outreach encouraging them to make reports at Pride events). This July's report noted that at the height of the "Gay Summer," reported hate crimes rose an astounding 52%. Similar trends have been seen in other cities, such as Toronto, where reports of anti-LGBT violence have risen close to 30% since the Ontario courts legalized same-sex marriage early in the summer.

Before and after Matthew's murder, GLAAD has often worked with communities reeling from a bias related incident, particularly when the community is calling on the media to bring attention to the issue or when media coverage is sensationalized. It is an often frustrating and complex part of a community's response to hate crimes but the only way to put a face on this issue for the public. From Gwen Araujo to Sakia Gunn to J. R. Warren, we've received and responded to calls from people seeking help and support but far fewer from the media who should be there on the front lines telling their stories.

Here's the reality: I cringe, I cry, I get angry and I get busy every time I hear about someone we have lost. I don't need to feel "there but for the Grace of God go I" to get off my ass. Truth be told, I identified much more with Sakia Gunn's murder than most others. Sakia was a 15-year-old butch lesbian of African descent, stabbed to death when she told a man that she and her friends not interested in their advances because they were lesbians.

I took it personally because I know what it's like to have a man make suggestive comments to my girlfriend. I know the fear of being in that situation and the courage of women like Sakia who stand up for themselves.

During a recent interview about the upcoming five-year observance of Matt's murder, a reporter asked a question I don't get very often. what's the impact been on you, Cathy?" Probably just another question in a list, but I surprised myself by getting very choked up something us "professional activists" don't often do during interviews.

Once off the phone, five years' worth of feelings, faces and memories cascaded through me connecting Matt to the many others since him whose lives have been irrevocably altered or cut short by hate and violence. My hope is that, as our community pauses to remember, we will each of us commit both to remembering Matthew Shepard and to remembering all those whose names and lives we simply can't let fade away.

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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—9pm



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

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

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BINGO AT MCC-OMAHA 6pm 819 S. 22

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 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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

"N'JOY SHOW WITH SPECIAL GUESTS "THE O'S TOO SEXY GIRLS" Club JOY

ASPEN ON STAGE Benefit for Pride 2004 DC's

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

MISS PRIDE ASPEN ON STAGE Club JOY

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

SAT., JAN. 24 & SUNDAY, JAN. 25

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 13 — SUNDAY, FEB. 15

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FRIDAY, JUNE 18—SUNDAY, JUNE 20

NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION

SAT., June 19 & SUN., June 20

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

FRI., OCTOBER 14 — SUN., OCT. 17

IGRA FINALS RODEO Chance Ridge Equine, Omaha; info: www.hgra.net or call 402-203-4680

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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

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 ANONY-

MOUS 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 REHEARS-

ALS 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 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; dknoxsac@qwest.net.

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

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

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE 7pm MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

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, First Unitarian 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday

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

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

SINGLE LESBIANS, Social and Networking group, generally meets first Saturdays at 7 p.m. Call 614-6145 for information.

2nd Wednesday

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 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

OMAHA BARS

CONNECTIONS
1901 Leavenworth 933-3033

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610 S. 14th Street 344-3103

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1019 S. 10th St 408-1020

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1407 Harney 449-9147

JOY
1516 Jones, 341-7337

The MAX
1417 Jackson 346-4110

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1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

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

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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

IT'S HAPPENING IN HASTINGS

ALLY TRAINING — NOVEMBER 16

"How to be an Ally" Training will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16, Wilson Center Auditorium. Sponsored by Alliance, "Making Space: A Place at the Table" will address: how the various aspects of diversity and inclusion apply to everyone; basic information about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community, including definitions, language, and related information; and steps to help move you or your organization beyond being an ally. A chance to discuss issues and answer questions will also be included. Training is provided by Pat Tetreault, Ph.D., Coordinator Sexuality Education eXchange and PERSUNL Co-Chair, Committee on GLBT Concerns, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL — DECEMBER 3

Also, on Wednesday, December 3, at 8 PM at the Hastings College chapel, HC PHIVE-O (Peer HIV Education Organization) will hold a candlelight vigil in recognition of World AIDS Day. All are invited and encouraged to come. Please bring a donation for the Nebraska AIDS Project pantry (non-perishable food item, new and unopened toiletry item, or paper goods).

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OR
CALL: 341-0330**

RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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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.com>, omahanegaypride@cox.net

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men

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

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 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

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Boondoggles shop online <http://www.ideviate.net>

Friendship Home, 437-9302, www.friendshiphome.org

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.ineb.org/>

Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267

Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center, 2545 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE www.rsacc.org

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: pietreault1@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>

JON OWENS REVIEW: MOMMA MIA

Perhaps some of the top 70's songs most loved by the gay community are that from the group ABBA. But what if you were to take 22 of these songs and put it together into a storyline? You then would have Momma Mia, a fun exciting show with an interesting storyline that has a sort of unsteady rhythm.

Some of the music such as "The Winner Takes All" and "Slipping through My fingers fit well into the plot. Other songs were thrown in, but the lyrics were irrelevant as to what was happening on stage, such as "Chiquitita."

The night before the wedding Sophie (Kristie Marsden) invites three men that could each possibly be her father. Marsden presents a fun energetic girl, who is very sociable. Her mother, Donna (Monique Lund), the former lead singer of a '70s-era vocal group, doesn't know the men are coming, and she isn't sure which is the father. Lund was the strongest singer in the cast with her high energy in some of the big musical numbers.

The show had interesting chorus lines as with the male chorus as they hop onstage in scuba outfits, each with one flippered leg in the air, to sing "Lay All Your Love on Me" in manly tones.

Ellen Harvey and Robin Baxter also supply fine comedy as Donna's former backup singers. They also perform several songs with Lund, one number in classic ABBA white bodysuits.

Harvey is quite hilarious as she scares a young worker that has a crush in her. How does she crush him is that she becomes on stronger than the boy can handle. She does this with much attitude in "Does Your Mother Know".

Baxter pursues her beau with a hilarious "Take a Chance on Me." Here she chases after the man she wants. She was quite unlady like, which made the show hilarious. Needless to say there were moments where she would grope herself making it a sexually risqué type comedy at times.

The lighting was quite interesting in how it illuminated certain songs. This made the show literally colorful. On the other note the scene changes were quite amazing in its own right. They were quick and yet the simplicity of it was amazing how changing just a little but gave each scene a unique identity.

The only real negative spin of the show was that the singers were great but perhaps, could have hit those higher notes with more spunk.

It was amazing at the end, how the cast gave a three number encore of ABBA songs. Momma Mia was a wonderful show and well worth seeing. This is where all you "Dancing Queen" s should have been at!

The next in our Broadway series at the Orpheum will be 42nd Street Jan. 6-11

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V DAY

UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS

AUDITIONS for The Vagina Monologues are on: SUNDAY, Nov. 23rd, 1-5 pm & MONDAY, Nov. 24th, 6:00-9:00 pm in the Temple Building, Room 301 (12th & R St.), UNL City Campus.

The Vagina Monologues is based on interviews that Eve Ensler conducted with women - giving voice to many women's experiences. The result is a book and play that is performed yearly and is becoming a global phenomenon.

Performance dates are February 20-22, 2004. Auditions will be readings of four selected monologues (available at the auditions) or you can share a personal story. The theme for VDay 2004 is "Celebrating Vagina Warriors"

For more information about VDay Lincoln, *The Vagina Monologues*, or other opportunities to be involved, contact: Pat Tetreault, Ph.D., Coordinator, Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Center Community Health Education Department 15th & U Streets, lower level, Rm. 12, Lincoln, NE 68588-0618 Call (402) 472-7447, e-mail ptetreault1@unl.edu or by Fax at (402) 472-8010 Proceeds will benefit Rape Spouse Abuse Crisis Center and Fresh Start -Lincoln

SNAP PRESENTS "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 is 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.

THEATRE NOTES

HEARTLAND RODEO ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES CHARITIES FOR 2004 INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO

HGRA has selected its charity partners for 2004. Nebraska AIDS Project, MCC, Youth Emergency Services, Child Saving Institute, and Merlin's Refuge will receive part of the net proceeds from the 2004 IGRA Finals Rodeo, which will be held October 14-17, 2004 in Omaha. 2003 charity donations exceeded \$16,000 and since 1997, HGRA has raised over \$40,000 for charity.

Nebraska AIDS Project Nebraska AIDS Project works to eliminate the spread of HIV/AIDS through education and prevention programs targeted to those at risk. NAP provides professional services and compassionate support to people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and loved ones. More information is available at www.nap.org

Metropolitan Community Church The mission of MCC Omaha is to encourage reconciliation with God through relationship with Jesus Christ. We advocate such a relationship be built upon personal devotion, community life and active service. At MCC-O you will find a family who want to share God's unconditional, all encompassing love with you. More information is available at www.mccomaha.org

Youth Emergency Services Youth Emergency Service's mission is to serve and protect at-risk youth by providing shelter, programs, and advocacy that educate, and promote personal and family growth. Many of their clients are homeless and street dependent teens. Over the last 3 years they have identified over 600 youth living on the streets of Omaha. More information is available at www.yesomaha.org

Merlin's Refuge Merlin's Refuge's mission is to provide long-term care and adoption services for domestic animals in need of a good home. To prevent unnecessary euthanasia of non-terminally ill animals and to provide an alternative to traditional shelters through a no-kill policy, which specifies that animals never be euthanized except when compassion for a suffering animal demands it and no reasonable alternative, exists. They also work to rehabilitate improperly socialized animals that are usually victims of neglect and abuse. More information is available at www.merlinsrefuge.com



Child Saving Institute The Child Saving Institute's mission is to promote the well being of children and their families, empowering them to lead healthy and productive lives by providing services of the highest quality. Their programs include: Emergency shelter care for children in crisis, Therapy for abused and neglected children, Therapeutic Foster Care, and Teen parenting classes for pregnant and parenting teens to name a few. More information is available at www.childsaving.org

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.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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(in Omaha, 552-9255)
Sunday-Friday: 10 am-10 pm

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.

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Friday, December 5 for Publication Dec. 12

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Leather Engineers of Omaha

Meet & Greet

Saturday, November 15th, 9PM

DC's Saloon

Food - Fun - Prizes

HGRA AWARDS ANNOUNCED

HGRA recently held their 2003 Awards Dinner and Election of Officers, the 2003 HGRA Award Recipients are as follows:

President Award:

Dale & Eileen Tramp Jim Edwards Wolf Keller

Founders Award: Paco Perez

Dave McGinnis Award: Leo Jarecke

Ranch Hand Award:

Patty Tipler Carmen Coleman Gary Winingham

Kevin Doyle Monty Fuller Mickey

Rodeo Directors Award: Dave Maguire

Cowboy of the Year: Todd Tramp

Cowgirl of the Year: Maggie Wietzki

Rookie Cowboy of the Year: John Jockinsen

Rookie Cowgirl of the Year: Gloria Shawler

Top Recruiter: Todd Tramp

Fundraising Activities: Leo Jarecke

HGRA OFFICERS FOR 2004

Elections for the 2004 HGRA Board of Directors & Committee Chairpersons was held on Saturday, November 1, 2003 during the HGRA Annual Awards Dinner Celebration. Election results were as follows:

President - Bryn Geerdes

Vice President - Leo Jarecke

Treasurer - Paul Swofford

Secretary - Rod Reed

Public Relations Chair - Brett Hartman

Membership Chairperson - Jason Norton

Rodeo Events Chairperson - Phil Lister

IGRA Trustee - Charlotte Werth

2004 IGRA Finals Rodeo Director - Tamara Marks

HGRA MEMBERS WIN TOP HONORS AT IGRA FINALS

Four members from the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association captured top honors at the IGRA Finals in Tulsa, OK October 25-26. Jennifer Evans won her second consecutive championship in Bronc riding. Bryn Geerdes won chute dogging; this was her second finals buckle having captured calf roping last year. The IGRA rookie cowboy buckle was awarded to John Jockinsen. This was the second year in a row that Heartland has captured the rookie cowboy buckle. Todd Tramp was 3rd runner up to all around cowboy. This is the highest finish we have ever had for a member competing for Heartland in the all around standings.

Team Heartland also had their best finish ever placing 3rd out of 17 teams in the team competition. IGRA's newest association Red River Rodeo Association won the team title. All the members who represented Heartland as competitors and volunteers did a fantastic job and should be very proud of HGRA.

A Heartland member was also honored for the second consecutive year by the City of Hope. Bryn Geerdes was presented the City of Hope's Benevolence Buckle. This buckle is awarded to a member of IGRA who has been instrumental in charitable work and fundraising. This is a tremendous honor for Heartland to be recognized two years in a row.

IGRA Finals Top 8 Finishers

Sam K. - 3rd chute dogging, 2nd barrels, 3rd wild drag

Teeny C. - 4th chute dogging, 7th wild drag

Sheri R. - 3rd barrel racing, 8th pole bending

Mary M. - 8th barrels, 5th pole bending

Todd T. - 2nd steer riding, 3rd chute dogging, 3rd pole bending

John B. - 4th barrel racing, 5th steer deco

Brett H. - 8th flag race, 2nd steer deco

Maggie W. - 7th wild drag, 6th goats

Bryan L. - 6th goats, 7th wild drag

Wolf K. - 5th wild drag

Gloria S. - 5th wild drag

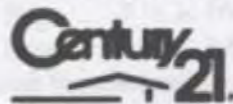
NAJE RECEIVES HRC GRANT

Nebraska Advocates for Justice and Equality (NAJE) would like to announce that they have been the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). HRC is the largest GLBT political lobbying organization in the USA. This is the third year we have received this grant. At this time NAJE is in the process of interviewing a lobbyist. Last year, we had great success with Carter Van Pelt. He came to us from the American Cancer Society and Nebraskans Against the Death Penalty. Carter has moved to New York to complete his masters degree. We have opened many doors in the legislature in the past three years and look forward to identifying more friendly senators. If you would like to volunteer to help, you can call our office at 402-398-3027 and leave a message. Michael Gordon, Chair, NAJE

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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 net work 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 auction items before or during the event. Also, anyone interested in doing a Christmas number or Christmas fantasy for the show please contact meat Susan 402-290-2109 or L2EP@aol.com

If you are still in town Sunday night join us as we present the money raised to ICON's (Imperial Court of Nebraska) Toyz 4 Totz main fund raiser at The Max.

Learning to Exchange Power
invites you to attend

Toyz 4 Totz-2003

December 13, 2003
Workshops 2-5:30
Hot leather show 7:30-10
Dungeon 10-3

Workshops include:

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Tony Bondage

Show includes:

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Hot Leather Fantasies

Dungeon:

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All profits will be given to ICON's Toyz 4 Totz Fund raiser on Sunday night.

Total package \$35



RIVER CITY MIXED LEAGUE STANDINGS Maplewood Lanes

Place	Team Name	Won	Lost	Total Pins
1	N' Joyable	24	8	13965
2	Bowler Sisters	22	10	14621
3	Lickity Splits	22	10	14238
4	Lords & Ladies	21	11	16160
5	Beaver & the Boys	20	12	14980
6	Max Factors	20	12	14692
7	D.C.'s Saloon	19	13	15291
8	Gills Choke Artists	19	13	14535
9	Omaha Hospitality	18	14	15195
10	Bowlers Choice	18	14	14855
11	Gutter Minds	18	14	14646
12	N'Joy R Balls	18	14	14462
13	Gilligan's CCB	18	14	14108
14	Kumaniwan2layya	17	15	14090
15	Omaha Ball Busters	16.5	15.5	13675
16	Cocks & Beavers	16	16	15259
17	Oh Damn	15	17	14488
18	Omaha Mining Co	15	17	14179
19	Chicken & Her Noodles	14	18	13791
20	The Ouutlaws	13.5	18.5	13617
21	Gett'n School'd	13	19	13615
22	Red Hot Salsa	13	19	13503
23	Stosh's Stable	11	21	13929
24	Mudd Wrestlers	10	22	14100
25	The One in the Middle	10	18	12371
26	Power Puff Girls	9	23	13790
27	Here 4 Beer	7	25	13416
28	Dirty Butter	7	21	13153

High Average Women

172 - N Harrison
171 - R Richardson
169 - H. Kovanda
169 - P Burch

High Game Women

254 - N Harrison
248 - P Burch
235 - R Richardson

High Series Women

607 - H Kovanda
592 - N Harrison
577 - R Richardson

High Game Team

779 - Lords & Ladies
753 - DC's Saloon
747 - Gutter Minds
747 - Omaha Hospitality

High Average Men

200 - G Schoenfeld
197 - R Hansen
191 - J Schulte

High Game Men

299 - R Hansen
277 - G Schoenfeld
245 - J Schulte
245 - J Schomer

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710 - G Schoenfeld
645 - J Schomer

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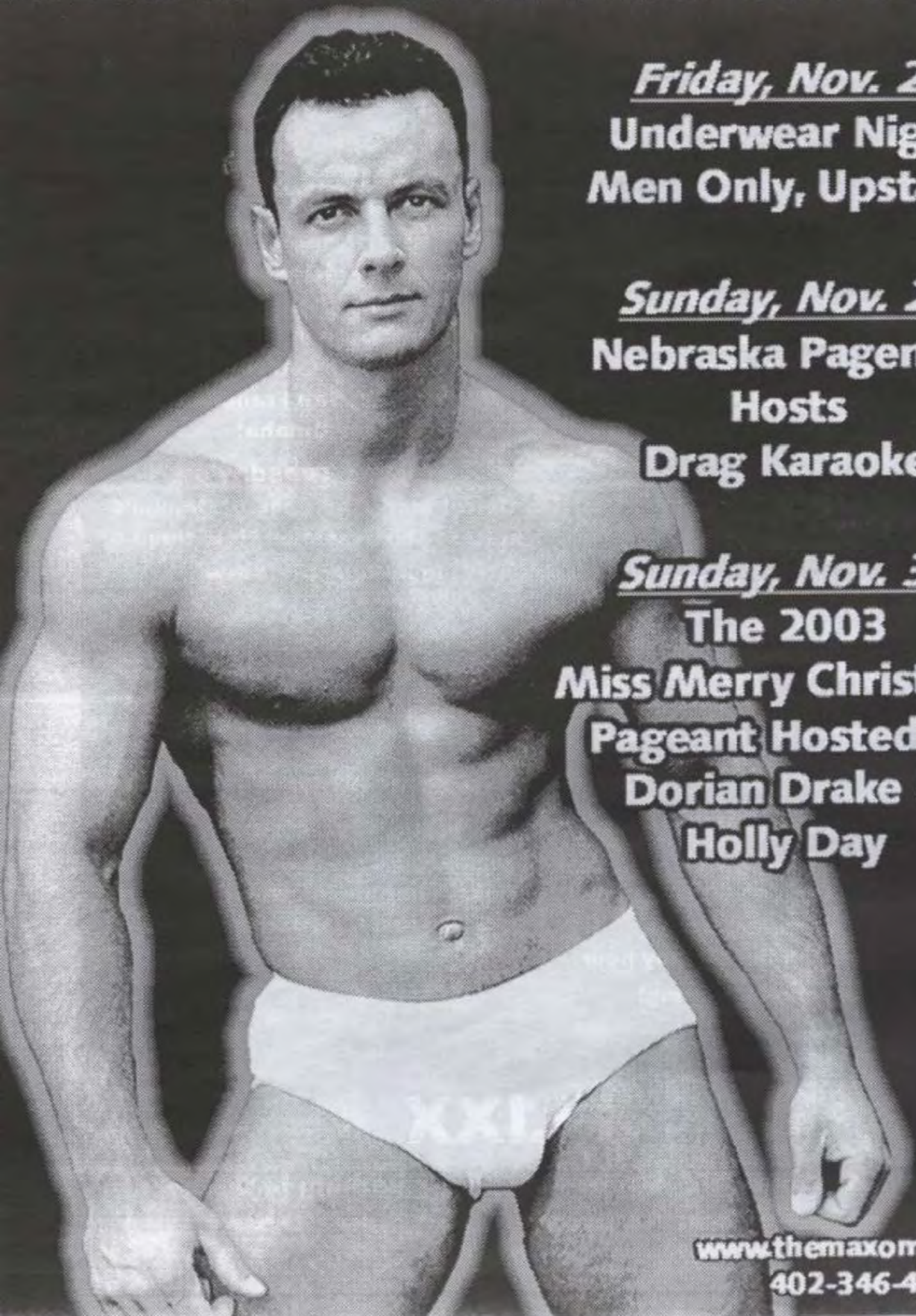
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