

# The GayZette



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## Leo Jarecke. and Jo Knott Honored by IGRA

At the annual IGRA convention, once again HGRA was recognized for its outstanding members. Leo and Jo were given awards from the International Gay Rodeo Association for their tremendous contributions to HGRA and IGRA. The IGRA Board of Directors presented Jo with the Directors Award recognizing her for her support for IGRA. Over the last 12 years Jo has contributed many hours to both HGRA and IGRA. She served as MS HGRA for several years and raised thousands of dollars for charity. She has served on several committees for both the Heartland Rodeo and for the IGRA Finals. Whether Jo's making her famous loose meat sandwiches or serving as a volunteer at rodeos she has always helped in any way she was needed. Jo has also been invited to time at the last 5 Finals rodeos and has won several buckles in the rodeo arena.

Leo was honored by the IGRA Board when he was presented the International Award which recognized him for his continued dedication and hard work for IGRA. Leo is known all over the country for his famous jell-o shots and his Heartland hospitality. Leo has managed the rodeo bar for the past 10 years and he knows how to make his "cowboys" happy. At the Finals Rodeo in 2004, Leo had over \$10,000 in bar proceeds and has been responsible in raising thousands of dollars for charity. His famous "jell-o shots" was vocalized when he received his award. Leo has also served as the vice president for several years and has always made himself available at many HGRA functions. He also competed in the arena 1 time and won his first steer deco buckle. Leo's smile will tell you everything and it will light up a room.

Two local businesses were also honored; The River City Star and Lakota Stables were given IGRA appreciation awards for their support of HGRA. Lakota Stables has been a longtime supporter of HGRA and IGRA. They have had numerous barn dances and hay rides to help raise money for the rodeo and charity. They also provide a venue for contestants to learn more about rodeo during rodeo play days and several royalty contestants have used their horses to film their horsemanship videos. Lakota Stables has also sponsored buckles and contestants and has donated horse stalls, tractors and arena equipment for many of the Heartland Rodeos.

Ron Bradstreet and the River City Star have been very supportive of HGRA and the GLBT community. Ron has provided gift certificates and supported HGRA functions. Prior to his employment as the Director of Entertainment for the RCS,

Ron served as Miss HGRA several times and has raised money for the association and charity. Congratulations to Leo and Jo and thank you to the River City Star and Lakota Stables. You are all very deserving of your awards!



## CFEP Statement on the Passage of H.R. 3685-the ENDA "light" Legislation!

On November 7th, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3685, the substitute Employment Discrimination Act (ENDA), by a vote of 235-184. This version of ENDA prohibits discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation only. The original legislation, H.R. 2015, contained gender identity and sexual orientation.

Citizens for Equal Protection joined over 360 other national, state, and local organizations to oppose H.R. 3685. Known as United ENDA, this coalition urged House leadership to pursue the original, inclusive ENDA and not accept a substitute bill. We, and our coalition partners, are disappointed that the U.S. House of Representatives has forced through a divisive and flawed bill with limited chance of being signed into law. In addition to failing to provide protections for transgender people, legal assessments show this bill fails to adequately protect lesbian, gay and bisexual people.

Additionally, some members of the House will be less likely to vote on a more inclusive version of the bill in the future.

The grassroots mobilization across the country has been astounding and Citizens for Equal Protection is proud to have been a part of it. Like our partners in United ENDA, we will continue to advocate for inclusive employment protections. Elected officials at the state and national level need to know the

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## BINGO FOR \$\$\$

Join your community friends at MCC-O BINGO on Friday, Nov. 30. Doors open at 5:30 PM and there'll be great food: sloppy joes, nachos, hot dogs, soda--all those special BINGO treats! BINGO starts at 6:30 PM and is sure to be an exciting time.

Cost of cards is \$3 for one, \$5 for two, \$10 for 5, and all you want to play for \$20. The cards are good all evening and for every game! Cash prizes of \$3 for singles and \$5 for doubles will be awarded. Prizes will be given for all other specialty games. Those prizes include gift certificates, a clock, Christmas decorations, Logos bag, and a whole lot more.

A special auction will be held at intermission for a tray of Christmas goodies and canisters of homemade peanut clusters! Mmmmmmm!

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha. Hope to see you Nov. 30!

## Thanks for Food Drives For MCC Pantry

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha gives heartfelt thanks to two organizations that provided donations of food and cash that will allow MCC to provide emergency food for the clients of the Nebraska AIDS Project through the winter months.

The River City Mixed Bowling League held a food drive on November 18 which raised 775 pounds of non-perishable food and \$465 in cash to provide fresh meat with each pantry order. The previous Sunday, the Imperial Court of Nebraska collected approximately 150 cans of food as part of their annual Food 4 Thought benefit.

MCC-Omaha provides emergency food to approximately 100 - 150 clients each month and is the only food pantry dedicated to the clients of the Nebraska AIDS Project.



**"Tony Harris, Vice Moderator of MCCO Board, with food donated by River City Bowling League."**

## Need A Break from the Kids? Christmas Shop in Peace

Here's your chance for both! Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha is sponsoring a Kid's Activity Day on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 12:30 until 4:30 PM. We'll entertain your kids FREE and give you a chance to do some shopping or just have an afternoon to yourself!

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## **FBI Shows Gay-Bashing Increase in 2006**

Hate crimes against gays made up 16% of total documented hate crimes across the U.S. in 2006, up from 14% in 2005, the FBI reported Monday.

The rate of all bias-motivated crimes increased 8% in 2006. Hate crimes based on sexual orientation are the third most common type behind race and religion, according to the annual report.

In May the House of Representatives passed the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act -- known as the Matthew Shepard Act -- in a bipartisan vote, and the Senate approved it as well. If enacted, the proposed law would give the federal government expanded jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute violent crimes based on a person's race, color, religion, or national origin as well as their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender, and disability. It also provides assistance to local law enforcement to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated violence, according to an Human Rights Campaign press release. Existing federal hate-crimes law covers only those based on a victim's race, color, religion, and national origin.

"This FBI report confirms what the Human Rights Campaign has known for over a decade -- that hate-crimes protections for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community are long overdue," HRC president Joe Solmonese said in a statement. "We urge Congress to send this legislation immediately to the president's desk, and for the president to sign it into law." (The Advocate)

## **Thousands March in Gay Pride Parade in Argentine Capital**

Thousands of Argentines waving rainbow flags marched in the annual Gay Pride Parade Saturday in Buenos Aires, where some said they still face discrimination in one of the most gay-friendly cities in Latin America.

The capital became the first city in the region to pass same-sex civil union laws in 2002, and this year it played host to soccer's "gay world cup" and saw the opening of the first five-star hotel catering to gays.

But activists said more needs to be done to correct discrimination against gay, lesbian, and transgender people.

"It's a society that...projects an image of equality, but if you really get on the inside, there's discrimination," said Alejandra Victoria Portatadino of the Homosexual Community of Argentina, or CHA.

Dancing atop booming sound trucks and waving from rainbow-flag-draped cars, the revelers snaked through downtown Buenos Aires past the capital's Government House and the iconic Obelisk monument.

CHA leader Marcelo Suntheim said the organization is lobbying to expand same-sex unions nationwide and outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"We need pensions for widows, inheritance rights, and adoption rights," he added.

Since 2002, civil union laws have passed in parts of Mexico and Brazil. And this year, Colombia gave same-sex couples the right to share assets and add partners to health insurance plans. Argentina's first Gay Pride Parade was held in 1992. (Katherine Glover, AP)

## **I Heart Al Gore**

While listening to the former vice president discuss climate change in the backyard of a Los Angeles estate on a chilly Friday night, Advocate deputy editor Rachel Dowd suddenly realizes why the world is better off without Al Gore as president of the United States.

By Rachel Dowd

The evening of October 5, 2007, was unseasonably cold in Los Angeles, forcing the well-heeled crowd gathering in the backyard of Michael and Jena King's Pacific Palisades home to huddle under heat lamps. Paper lanterns swung wildly from the tree branches with every gust of ocean breeze; the lights of downtown twinkled in the distance like a Christmas village in Sweden. From time to time some brave soul would duck her head out from under the fiery halo to snatch a full glass of champagne or a crab cake. That a fund-raiser to benefit Oceana -- an organization dedicated to protecting the world's oceans and marine life from, among other things, overfishing -- would choose seafood as an appetizer is a discussion for another time. Nourishment staves off hypothermia.

Inside, clearly the smarter place to be, the flat-screen television above the mantle showed the Boston Red Sox in the early innings of their eventual win against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim -- a win which would propel the Sox to the American League Championship Series and, ultimately, to their second World Series title. Stick with me here: After an 86-year dry spell that had marked the team as "cursed" (or for those of us who grew up in the Nation, "godforsaken losers that'll break your heart year after year"), the Red Sox have finally unleashed the potential we always suspected they had. Much the same can be said about Al Gore, who two weeks after accepting the Partners Award at Oceana's chilly soiree would be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Stockholm.

Let me start by saying that I never really knew what to make of Al Gore. The vice president is by definition something of an afterthought, but VP to Bill Clinton? You may as well be the wallpaper. And then there was the 2000 election, which was punctuated with Gore's strange claims to have invented the Internet, a painfully bad makeup job during at least one debate, and an awkward attempt at a passionate kiss with Tipper. Even so, I voted for him. I threw my fists in the air when the White House was handed over to a dimwit in his place. I've imagined -- innumerable times -- what this country might have been under his leadership. But seeing Al Gore take the microphone seven years later confirmed that he has hit his stride outside of politics, and that's no mistake.



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## Unity in the Family

Guest Commentary by Robi Zahrus  
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In the gay community there is not a lot of love. We tend to tear apart rather than build. We call others who are gay "family" but treat each other like a red-headed step-child.

I have seen pageants, shows, and fund raisers, and I have heard complaints about all of these rather than support or even see a need for something better and help out. It is easier to criticize and make fun of what so many people banded together to do. Maybe a lot of us are not into drag shows. That's a huge possibility, but whether we find it weird or not we should at least remain silent to appear supportive rather than make jokes at another's expense. One of the greatest ideas I have seen since moving to Omaha was the GLBT Sports league started by Chris and Ed. This was another way to get together without going to a bar or sitting through a drag show. Rather than make fun of something, they saw a need and started to fill it. They wanted another way for us as "family" to get together and have fun and it's been successful.

I still hear the complaints and the mocking, but what I don't see is unity. Does it matter whether we agree with everything someone else does? No, not at all. What matters is if we don't like it that we should remain silent at least so as not to hurt our brother and sister in our "family". The best we could do is show up and support the causes for which they do they work so hard to do. Stop the petty bickering people.

Show love and support each other. Too many times we go out into the city and to our jobs and we have to pretend we are not what we are and try to conform to what is "normal". We should support each other so that we can be proud of who we are. Loving someone of the same sex is not a crime anymore. We deserve respect. Just because what we do in bed with who does not make us any less of a human being than others who do something different in their beds.

If you still feel the need to mock and be critical of what some are doing in the community. Take a moment out of your time and try to find another solution. One that you could support. There are probably others like you who would support your

ideas and help. We may be one family but we have many cousins. That is we are the lesbian and gay community, but not all of us are alike. I'm happy for the diversity which we have in our family. It is awesome to see the passion and excellence which goes on to do the things some us do. The time and effort put into fund raisers is amazing. The planning that goes into our day of Pride and conviction of those involved is something not to be mocked. It may not be as large as New Orleans, California's, New York's, or the ones in my hometown in Florida. It is however an effort by a group of people who try and work hard for our whole "family" and community, and it is often a thankless job with a lot of hurtful criticism. If you don't like what they have done or want some things done differently next year, then get involved. Rather than be hurtful act out with sensitivity and let your comments be heard not in a way which creates conflict but rather do it with some humility. Remember the people who put it on and worked hard are people too and they too have feelings.

Don't act in a way to hurt any of them. Maybe even get onto the committee or at least go to the meetings or even just a few. Participate in some way even if it is small. Support and unity is what our "family" needs. Don't act like a bad neighbor, but as one who is part of our community act in a way that is respectable both inside and outside of our gay culture.

We have a long way to go before others will accept us for who we are, but we have to start first with ourselves and how we treat each other.

Let's see now what you can do and hear the ideas you come up with. I would love to get involved with anything that someone who once criticized and mocked someone else's work has thought of to help our small community here in Omaha. I would appreciate any attempt by anyone to do something better for all of us. I may be new to Omaha, but I talk to a lot of people. I could at least put you in touch with others who share your ideas and help you with meeting places and resources to do whatever it is you desire to make things better.

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HGRA MEETING.** Our next meeting is going to be at Dan & Charley's house in Omaha, December 8th at 7pm. Email Charley at: [CharleyHGRA@cox.net](mailto:CharleyHGRA@cox.net) for directions. It will be another potluck dinner and meeting. Everyone is to bring a dish that they would like us to try, as this will be a taste test of recipes for a future HGRA cookbook.

**SATURDAY APRIL 26th 2008  
NEBRASKA GLBT SUMMIT.** Mahoney State Park, more info later

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST** 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

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

**ONE PROMISE GROUP,** Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

**SECOND UNITARIAN,** 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

**GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER,** 1719 Leavenworth, 2PM to 4PM

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

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM  
FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING,** 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

**WIMMIN'S SHOW,** KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**Every Monday  
A A RAINBOW RECOVERY,** an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**  
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

**GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP  
HIV+ MEN** 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

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

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP** Confidential, meeting at the MCCO Church, 819 S. 22nd St, call 345-2563 for meeting times, all women are welcome

**Every Tuesday  
HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE,** meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session),

Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [ander-son@hastings.edu](mailto:ander-son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at [jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto:jsandeen@hastings.edu) for further information.

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP,** 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

**Every Wednesday  
AA FOURTH DIMENSION,** 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

**WORSHIP SERVICES  
MCC OMAHA,** Bible Study, 7pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 7pm

**HIV TESTING,** 1:30pm to 4 pm walk-in NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in 20 minutes, call 402-552-9260 for info

**HIV TESTING LINCOLN,** 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 2147 South 15<sup>th</sup> 402-476-7000

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK** 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**LGBT AA** 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 9:00 pm DC's

**Every Thursday  
DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON** 7-9pm, DC's Saloon

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP** 7- 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476-9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln

**HIV TESTING** 7- 9pm walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results,

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections Bar

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST,** UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

**Every Friday  
AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING,** 7pm, open to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

**AA LIVE & LET LIVE,** 8:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

**GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT,** 6PM to 10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leav-

enworth Street

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

**GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONYMOUS**, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Kirk at(402) 403-0277

**HIV TESTING** 5-7PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Same day results

**NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING** 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, 2202 St. Marys Ave., Same day results

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST**, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm, University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

**RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY**, 6 to 7:30PM, Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

### Every Saturday

**AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON**, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

**OLDER ADULT DROP-IN**, 4 TO 6PM, at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., for older adults age 50+, single or partnered, Free

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP** 7 to 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 6PM. Email at: omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday OR Sunday

**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION**, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.net for meeting schedules etc.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

**ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE**, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER** L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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

**QOUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING** (gblt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

**PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)**, Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of Governors meeting, 7:15pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

**HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC**, Lincoln NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day results, 200 South 18th Street

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP** 7-8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

**LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN** 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN** 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

**LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**  
Not currently meeting.

**Email Your Event to:**  
**GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

## Who Said That!!!

"Life isn't like a bowl of cherries or peaches, it's more like a jar of Jalapenos - - what you do today, might burn your ass tomorrow. -unknown

When I die, I want to die like my grandfather--who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car." -unknown

"Everybody's got to believe in something. I believe I'll have another beer."  
- W. C. Fields

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**www.rainbowoutreach.org**

**And click on the Publications link.  
George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.  
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)**

# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

**Diamond Foundation**, GLBT Scholarships, Mentoring and Leadership, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see [www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.org)

**Family Foundations** Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

**First Central Congregational Church UCC**, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming

**Flat Water Bears**, (group disbanded)

**Front Runners/Walkers**, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup), Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

**Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for information

**Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://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, not currently meeting

**LinOma Bares**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

**Low Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website:[www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday

Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

**NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC -Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info

**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohanagroup@msn.com](mailto:Theohanagroup@msn.com)

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

**Omaha NE Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact [omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for more info.

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.omahaglbtsports.net](http://www.omahaglbtsports.net) for info

**Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

**Out and About in Nebraska**, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website:[www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Prairie Bares**, nudist group, no further info available, ask Dino A. or David F.

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

**Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

**Rainbow Celebrations, PO** Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**River City Gender Alliance**, P.O. Box 4083

Omaha, NE 68104, call Starla @402.813.1842 Or email [info@rivercitygenderalliance.org](mailto:info@rivercitygenderalliance.org)

**River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

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

**Temple Israel Synagogue**, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**WomenSpace**, no current info is available

## LINCOLN BASED

**GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, Pat Tetreault, Ph.D. Sexuality Education Coordinator University Health Center Health ED Dept. 402.472.7447 for info see <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

**Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer

**Gay & Bi Men's Discussion & Support Group**, Tim, P.O. Box 6341, Lincoln 68506-0341 483-6183

**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**, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000

**Mixed Chorus**, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at [sdorchid@neb.rr.com](mailto:sdorchid@neb.rr.com)

**Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094

**Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>

**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: [ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu](mailto:ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu)

**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

## Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.org)  
Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal  
Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>  
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

### Community Announcements

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If you have a life event, birth, adoption, anniversary, wedding, graduation, memorial or other special announcement that you would like to see in the Gayzette, send it to [Gayzette@cox.net](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net) and we'll be happy to publish it here for free.

## LOST? IDLE FOR A WHILE WITH PASTOR TOM



**MCC** Omaha | 819 S. 22nd St.  
402/345-2563  
Omaha, Nebraska 68108  
visit our website at [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org)  
Join Us for Sunday Worship - 11 am

## Chicken Soup for the Twenty-Something Soul

As many of you know, I am co-authoring *Chicken Soup for the Twenty-Something Soul* with Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen which is due out in June 2008; however so far the manuscript is a little LUKEWARM! Meaning, I need more great stories to inspire twenty-somethings or this edition of Chicken Soup is off the menu. I WON'T let this happen – but I need your help!!!

Special thanks to Lori Ebert, Mark Hartley, Jessica Pettitt, Erin Weed and Shawn Decker (did I forget anyone?) who have already submitted stories. I just KNOW the rest of you have a story for this book, this is a great PR/Marketing opportunity for you!!!! You'll be published with a short bio in this book if your story is selected, PLUS I am going to be selling these books at all my college gigs so you'll be promoted there as well. And it doesn't matter what age you are --I am accepting stories from people of any age, you do NOT have to be in your twenties to contribute AND you get \$200 if your story is published (more details below). Deadline: January 7th

ANYTHING you can do to help this project would be appreciated – forward an email to your database/contact list, post the call out on your website/blog, give me ideas for where I can post this call-out, or send me names of people who you think would be great contributor!

Below are the details and the text you can forward along – I've also attached the story guidelines.

THANK YOU!

\*\*\*Details:\*\*\*

The co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Twenty-Something Soul* is looking for inspirational, moving, or funny stories about the twenty-something experience told from any perspective. You DO NOT need to be in your twenties to contribute! Deadline is January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### What does the story need to be about?

Any story about twenty-something life (career, relationships, family, money, life lessons, fate, travel, risks, acts of kindness, challenges, coincidences, tragedies, and so on) is welcome. A Chicken Soup story will touch the souls of the readers and make them laugh, cry, sigh or just say, "Wow!" A story can be told from any angle: reflecting back on your own experience, being a part of someone else's twenty-something experience, or sharing a story about how a twenty-something has impacted you. I KNOW you have a story in you! More specific guidelines are attached.

### Details on What to Do Next:

1. Go to my website <http://www.christinehassler.com/books.php#chickensoup> and [www.chickensoup.com](http://www.chickensoup.com) to read the "Story Guidelines" which outlines the recipe for a winning Chicken Soup Story.
2. Write your story – approximate word limit is 300-1200 words (please write to the best of your ability, well-written stories are preferred but co-author will edit it for you so don't worry if you aren't a professional writer!)
3. Go to [www.chickensoup.com](http://www.chickensoup.com), click on "Submit a Story" and be sure to select "Twenty Something" as the book title. Fill out the info and just paste your story in the appropriate box.

### What YOU will receive:

If your story is chosen for the final manuscript:

- \$200
- A free copy of the book, and 50% off the book for eternity.
- A bio (if desired) giving you the opportunity to promote your-

self, your business, a cause, etc. in a **NATIONALLY BEST-SELLING BRAND.**

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It's that easy. You can also submit a story that has already been published elsewhere and/or can publish it in the future. Chicken Soup does **NOT** ask to own the rights to your story, just your permission.

**REMEMBER: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE IN YOUR TWENTIES TO CONTRIBUTE!!!!**

**Due Date:**

I really need stories ASAP – but I'll be accepting them until January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please submit directly to [www.chickensoup.com](http://www.chickensoup.com) (click "Submit a Story" and don't forget to select "twenty-something soul" as the title).

**Questions? Need more info?**

Please contact me at [christine@christinechassler.com](mailto:christine@christinechassler.com)

## Christmas with the Crawfords

SNAP! Productions and Shelterbelt Theatre have teamed up again this year to give you the drag romp that the Omaha World-Herald says is "... one of the hottest tickets for the Holiday Season." Christmas With The Crawfords is sort of a "Mommie Dearest: The Musical" with a holiday theme and the show is back for it's fourth hilarious year.

December 13 - 16, 19-23, and December 26-30, 2007 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm for every night except Sunday which has a curtain time of 6:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations are strongly encouraged and may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets prices for this fundraiser are \$20.00 and go on sale Thursday, November 15, 2007.

## Would you like a FREE Copy of the Advocate?

**Stop in at the GLBT Community Center at 1719 Leavenworth and pick up a copy. Free while supplies last. Limit one copy per person while 60 copies of each issue lasts.**



The advertisement for 'THE HORRICK CONDOMINIUMS' is set against an orange background. It features three inset photographs: a view of the building's exterior with a sign that says 'CONDOMINIUMS', an interior view of a modern gym with treadmills and exercise equipment, and a view of a kitchen with a breakfast bar and stools. Below the photos, the text reads 'THE HORRICK CONDOMINIUMS' in a stylized font, with 'Your Home. Downtown.' written in a script font below it.

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# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake  
Certified Personal Trainer



It's the holiday season now and it's also about time for the dreaded cold and flu season. There is nothing you can do to prevent either of these two seasons from surrounding you. You just don't have to throw in the white flag and let them beat you up. You are on your own for now with the mother-in-law visit, the purchase of two dozen presents, and the office holiday party. However, I will give you some advice on how to brace yourself and hopefully prevent the onslaught of the cold and flu.

Wash your hands. Germs are everywhere and you are always coming into contact with them. Don't freak out too much here and walk around in gloves, a mask, and a lab coat. Just be sensible and wash your hands before you eat or handle anything that is going in your mouth. It might be wise to knock off that bad habit of biting your nails. Each time you do that you are giving the germs a place to enter your body.

Consult with the sandman. When your body is in a weakened state, such as from lack of sleep, you are more prone to get sick. Grab those seven to eight hours each night and dream about the night before Christmas.

Make a doctor's appointment and have a flu shot. This gives you added protection against the might warrior of malady. There is no guarantee you will be flu free but it gives you four aces in that health and wellness game of poker. It can also minimize the length and strength of the influenza if you should be caught in its vicious clutches.

Keep your engine humming with that daily dose of vitamins. Get in the routine of taking that multivitamin with your toast and jam every morning. It will provide you with vitamin C, zinc, antioxidants, and lots of other essential buggers. These are all essential to your health and will maintain your body for attacks against the worst of those microbial misfits. Be certain that you only take one pill each day. Your body will only dispose of extra vitamin doses and you can even damage vital organs if you overdose.

Drink plenty of water. The average Joe or Susie needs about eight glasses of agua fria per day. This is 64 ounces of the fluid for those who have a variety of glass sizes in your home. Don't let dehydration zap your power and prepare you for vanquish to the army of germs.

Finally, be aware of your surroundings. Stay your distance from that dunderhead in the lunchroom who likes to sneeze or cough into the air without a tissue or his hand for cover. Those germs are flying freely and looking for some new territory to invade. That could be the day for the meatloaf surprise at the company cafeteria. People like this can't always be avoided but you can do your best to keep them at bay.

You may take all these precautions and still get sick. I did recently. The severity of your sickness will usually not be as potent if you do take care of yourself. My cold sidelined me somewhat but not as long as it could have if I hadn't been vigilant

about maintaining my health. I was still able to keep on chuggin' even though it was at a slightly slower pace. Adhere to these scraps of advice and you should fare well against that cadre of microbe malefactors. Here's to your health this holiday season.

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who sifts through rummage sales in his quest for Danish doilies. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be discovered at [www.goblakefitness.com](http://www.goblakefitness.com).

## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave	991-6470
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

### Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)	435-8764
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)	475-2269

### Iowa:

Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs

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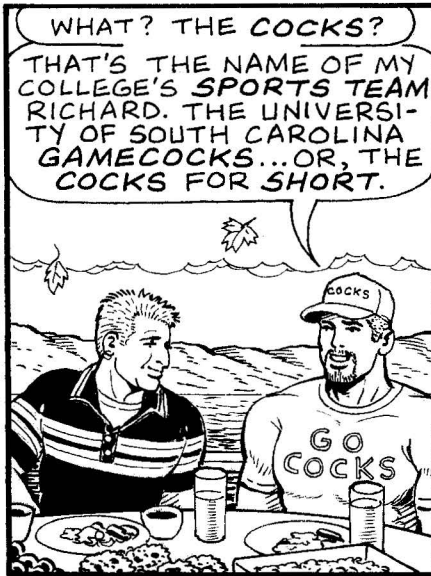
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The "Q"**

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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



ARE YOU TRYING TO SEND US A MESSAGE WITH YOUR T-SHIRT AND CAP, JEFF?



WHAT? THE COCKS? THAT'S THE NAME OF MY COLLEGE'S SPORTS TEAMS, RICHARD. THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS...OR, THE COCKS FOR SHORT.



WHO'S THE MASCOT? CONDOM MAN?

AIN'T YOU FUNNY. NO, IT'S "COCKY", THE GAMECOCK.

THERE'S A MOUTHFUL.

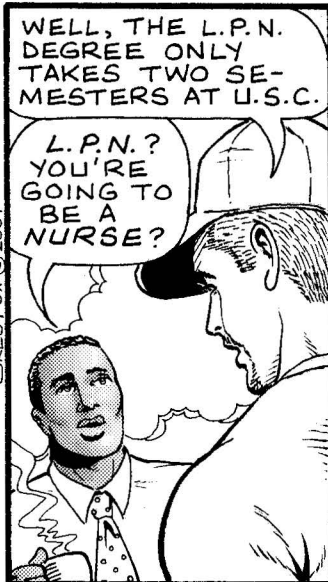
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SPEAKING OF COLLEGE, JEFF...

I'M ALL DONE, KYLE. GOT MY DEGREE LAST JUNE.

THAT WAS QUICK!



WELL, THE L.P.N. DEGREE ONLY TAKES TWO SEMESTERS AT U.S.C.

L.P.N.? YOU'RE GOING TO BE A NURSE?



THAT'S RIGHT, LANCE. HOPEFULLY, AT THE HOSPITAL NEARBY HERE IN HUNTINGTON.

NURSES ARE IN DEMAND PRETTY MUCH ALL OVER.



SO... DOES THAT MEAN YOU PLAN ON STICKING AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE?

LONG AS I GET HIRED, KYLE... ABSOLUTELY.



I REALLY MISSED Y'ALL WHILE I WAS DOWN IN SOUTH CAROLINA. THAT MAY BE WHERE I WAS BORN N' RAISED, BUT...

... THIS IS WHERE I WANNA' MAKE MY HOME.



JEFF, IF YOU NEED A PATIENT TO PRACTICE GIVING SPONGE BATHS TO... I'LL BE GLAD TO VOLUNTEER.

WELL... THANKS, RICHARD.

SHOULD I GET UNDRRESSED?

UM... I'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.



RICHARD... DON'T YOU HAVE A "LEAVE BRITNEY ALONE" VIDEO TO GO MAKE A SEQUEL TO?

LANCE... DON'T YOU HAVE A CORPORATION TO GO SODOMIZE?

MAN, I MISSED THIS PLACE...

## I SPY.....



I SPY.....

Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. Sometimes I'll be expressing views or giving a heads up on persons, places, or things that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons etc.).

I like my mornings as I get ready for the day with coffee, news, and a touch of crazy. Brew coffee then turn on Fox News Channel, Fox and Friends. The anchors are just as nutty, tan, and blonde like the three women who host "Talk of The Town" on Cox channel 17. Later in the day Sheppard Smith keeps getting as orange-redish as these fake bake salon queens. To look good, no, to look team spirited. Fox News needs to switch their emblem from blue to red. CNN has it right. In the evening I like to watch Nancy Grace. For the news, no, actually to see how Boston Legal character "Gracie Jane" can do the campier version of Nancy. It really is a close call because both are kooky comediennes and have big gesturing humor. Oh, this just in, Nancy really is an anchor. It's hard to hear a constructive positive comment on the news these days. Unless I'm watching Daily Show and Colbert Report. But they put a foder on negative news to make us laugh. Same thing with Ann Coulter, only she is just crazy and looks like a masculine drag queen making Omaha's queens look pretty and fem, which they are. Ann thinks she's something, I think, well I can't because I'm laughing too hard.

Okay so practice what I preach. Positive news will be what you get for this issue. Oh you know I will always have something positive to say. Food 4 Thought was a huge success. This was ICON's first huge fundraiser of the year. It did \$4,600 and a stage full of food. The Royal Family hit quota and then some with performances by current and past reign family. Everyone involved with this year's Food 4 Thought will be giving HIV/AIDS affected families a real happy Thanksgiving. The next ICON current reign project will be Toys 4 Tots. Many mini fundraisers will be happening benefiting Toys 4 Tots until the big one on December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 p.m. at The Max. So like And More's performance at Food 4 Thought, "Baby I Can't Wait". ([www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org))

Night of 1000 Stars is December 1<sup>st</sup> and would you like to attend a party without the mess? Past Emperor Dan Kanobe and past Empress Crystal Delight will be hosting a dinner at The Max. Info is [www.themaxomaha.com](http://www.themaxomaha.com) and ask one of Max's friendly bartenders also for the info because they are helping sell tickets besides Dan and Crystal themselves. To make the evening more traditional, Stella Dallas will be hosting a show after dinner. Our community likes some dinner theatre!

See a theme yet? It is red! Wendy Day's AIDS Quilt benefit show brought in a great chunk to help out the quilt while it's here. Many items were raffled or auctioned in the triple digits at the show. Salsa was doing triple duty as the show's emcee, check collector, and auctioneer! Going once, twice, sold!

Triple digits to triple letters. NAP, all these benefit functions named is in one way or another connected to helping NAP. Believe it or not, each one of us is connected with this organization directly or indirectly. If you want to directly help, Gary Winningham is re-boosting the MPower program and

needs some creative help. Go to [www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org) to contact him and find out how to help.

Whoo after all this I need to kick back and let my hair down. Broadway Joe's on Mondays will be having karaoke. Go on in and visit J.D. and Joe in a relaxed atmosphere to find out when you can be a karaoke star!

Websites of the bi-week. [www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org) // [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org) // [www.themaxomaha.com](http://www.themaxomaha.com) // [www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org). So any gripes, comments, or having me check something out? Email me at [orrthumper83@yahoo.com](mailto:orrthumper83@yahoo.com)

## OMAHA GLBT SPORTS UPDATE

By Chris Orr

After two weeks of playing volleyball so far this season, the teams are pretty well evened out. All teams except one have lost a match. As they enter week three, the ten teams are looking quite organized with team shirts and names.

From the basic team, name, and number shirt to shirts that have their info spray painted on them, everyone is having a blast. The brown team is our undefeated team so far and will be playing against the black team.

Will this streak end or continue on? Come watch us play at The Volleyball Center (Westroads Club) every Sunday, with holiday weeks off, from 6 - 8 PM with free admission to spectators.

Dodgeball is going to be played Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 5 PM as a fundraiser for Omaha GLBT Sports.

Want to get involved and play for a bar or organization or just a group of friends? Go to [www.omahaglbtsports.net](http://www.omahaglbtsports.net) or email us at: [league@omahaglbtsports.net](mailto:league@omahaglbtsports.net) for more details.



### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Red 21 21 21 vs. Orange 14 16 10  
Yellow 9 21 21 vs. Green 21 19 19  
Blue 21 24 19 vs. Purple 4 22 21  
White 21 14 22 vs. Black 16 21 20  
Grey 11 9 7 vs. Brown 21 21 21

### November 11<sup>th</sup>

Orange 21 21 16 vs. Yellow 18 18 21  
Green 6 12 13 vs. Blue 21 21 21  
Purple 21 21 21 vs. White 9 15 12  
Black 21 21 21 vs. Grey 5 10 23  
Brown 21 21 22 vs. Red 19 16 20

**SUNDAY, NOV. 25TH**

**The Miss Merry Christmas Pageant  
A Ribbon Foundation Benefit  
9pm**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST**

**1000 Stars Dinner & Show  
5:30pm Dinner  
7:00pm Show  
Reservations Required  
402-346-4110**

**SUNDAY, DEC 2ND**

**"THE HIGHER THE HAIR..."  
Presented by:  
Chandler Chubbs**

**FRIDAY DEC 7TH**

**Amateur Strip Contest 7pm  
NO Underwear Party**

**Annie's Jazz 8pm - 9:30pm**

**Stella Dallas Presents:  
"CHRISTMAS IN MAYBERRY R.F.D."  
9:30pm**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8TH**

**Empress Madeline Feinstein Presents:  
"A WINTER EVENING  
IN IMPERIAL RUSSIA"  
6pm**

**SUNDAY DEC. 9TH**

**ICON Presents:  
"TOYZ4TOTZ"  
9PM**

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