



EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

## CANADIAN COURT RECOGNIZES SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

A legal victory by Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto made Canada the third nation in the world to recognize same-sex marriages, following in the footsteps of Denmark (1997) and the Netherlands (1998).

A three-judge Canadian court ruled that the Ontario government must recognize same-sex marriages under the law. Prohibiting gay couples from marrying is unconstitutional and violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, according to the court's unanimous decision. The decision marks the first time a Canadian court has ruled in favor of recognizing same-sex marriages under the law. The court ruled on the issue after two Toronto couples, one gay and one lesbian, sued the Ontario government, which had refused to accept their marriages as legally valid.



Joe Varnell and Kevin Bourassa were one of those couples. Their wedding took place at Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto in January 2001. But government officials refused to register the marriage. Early press stories reported:

"Bourassa wiped away tears of joy and thanked supporters as he stood on the front steps of the courthouse Friday morning in Toronto. Varnell told reporters that for the first time he finally feels like a human being. "We've finally come to the point in this country where all families are going to be treated equal," he said. "The courts heard us. They have finally made it clear that this country can't continue to discriminate."

The Ontario Superior Court has given Ontario two years to extend marriage rights to same-sex couples.

While the legal decision marks a significant victory that will have impact across Canada and around the world, Ontario Superior Court Justice Heather Smith suspended the ruling for two years, giving Parliament time to redefine the term marriage. It is also likely that the decision will be appealed to the Canadian Supreme Court.

The couples married in 2001 using an ancient Christian tradition of reading banns (asking in church on three Sundays if anyone objects to a couple's marriage) -- a legal alternative to city-issued marriage licenses under Canadian law. After the ceremony at the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, which received media attention from around the world, the couples were given marriage certificates from Rev. Brent Hawkes. The government refused to recognize the marriage as valid, however.

The couples, along with Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, launched a lawsuit to have their marriages recognized. The case was heard last November along with a lawsuit brought earlier by eight gay and lesbian couples who had been refused marriage licenses by the City of Toronto.

In 1970, MCC filed the world's first lawsuit to recognize same-sex marriages in California. The attempt was not successful, but MCC has continued the fight for equal rights for more than three decades.

## PRIDE 2003 CHAIR(S) APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

Rainbow Celebrations is now accepting applications for Pride 2003 chair(s). Those wishing to apply can do so by mail, e-mail or telephone. Nominations will be accepted until midnight on August 1st, 2002, and if possible should be accompanied by a letter describing the candidate's objective for Pride 2003 and a description of their community-related involvement. Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108 402/502-1577 email: shelby@rainbowcelebrations.org

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## TRANSGENDER MAKE-UP ARTIST ON LINE

Maria Bryant is a transgendered makeup artist new to Des Moines from Pittsburgh. She is a former makeup stylist for Revlon and now have a site called Transformations By Maria that offers makeup sessions for Crossdressers and Transsexuals. It also has a new online shopping page to purchase makeup items that I recommend, often for a discount. We hope you find this link useful!

## FREE BAND CONCERT SIOUX FALLS

Saturday, July 27 from 7 pm to 9 pm Sister Gin from Mankato MN will be presenting a free concert at the McKennan Park band shelter in Sioux Falls. The free concert is provided by the Sioux Empire Gay and Lesbian Coalition.

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# GAYZETTE EVENTS

**FRJ, JULY 26 — SUN, JULY 28**  
**INT'L MS LEATHER, INT'L MS BOOT-  
BLACK, "RUMBLE IN JUNGLE" JOY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**  
**ICE BOWL 9 PIN NO-TAP TOURNAY**  
10:30am, Maplewood, \$40 entry, 556-5556

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**  
**MR MAX CONTEST**, The MAX

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**ICON INVESTITURE OF THE ROYAL  
FAMILY OF REIGN 22**, 6pm, The MAX

**MON & TUES, AUGUST 12 & 13**  
**BRANDON D. HIGDEM**, The MAX

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**  
**ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC**, Vennelyst Pk

**MON, SEPT 23—WED, SEPT 25**  
**ANNIE WELTY**, The MAX

**SAT, NOV. 23**  
**FLAT WATER BEARS' THANKSGIV-  
ING"** 5PM, MCC-O Social Hall

**SATURDAY, NOV. 30**  
**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER  
TOYZ 4 TOTZ BENEFIT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
**ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ**, The MAX

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
**NAP "NIGHT OF 1000 STARS"**

**FRJ-SUN, DEC. 6-8**  
**FLAT WATER BEARS' CHRISTMAS,"**  
Raccoon River Retreat, IA

**SAT, JAN 18 & SUN, JAN 19**  
**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS CON-  
CERT "THE MUSIC OF MAKE BE-  
LIEVE"** 7:05pm, 1st United Methodist

**FEB. 14-16, 2003 ICE BOWL**

**SAT, JUNE 21 & SUN, JUNE 22**  
**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS PRIDE  
CONCERT "OUR COMMON  
GROUND"** 7:05pm, UNO Strauss Per-  
forming Arts Center

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Every Sunday**

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, 11AM  
**1ST METH** 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am  
**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY  
CHURCH** 819 S. 22, 9am & 11am  
**HEARTLAND METHODIST** at Union  
Meth 27 & R, Omaha, 9:30am; 682-9552.  
**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am  
**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN**,  
1023 N. 40, Omaha 10am  
**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**,  
3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

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

**LAMBDA TV** Lincoln Cable Chl 13, 12 am

**LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK**  
Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

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

**CABARET**, Q, 226 S. 9th St., Lincoln  
**QUEER AS FOLK** 9pm The MAX, DC's

**Every Monday**  
**HIV TESTING**, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"** Meet-  
ing Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.

**Every Tuesday**  
**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-  
PORT GRP** 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr,  
Nebr Union, 12 & R, Lincoln, 472-9428

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

**OMAHA WOMEN'S SUPPORT GRP**,  
ROC, 1719 Leavenworth, 7:30pm

**Every Wednesday**  
**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY  
CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm  
**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

**HIV TESTS**, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK** 6:30pm  
AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

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

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 8:30pm DC's

**Every Thursday**  
**SAGE GOES OUT TO DINNER** 6 pm,  
ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

**GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, 6:30pm, Trinity  
Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18  
Info: 391-1950; dknoxsa@qwest.net.

**HIV TEST** 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections

**Every Friday**  
**SAGE POTLUCK DINNER** 6 - 9pm,  
ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

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

**LAMBDA TV**, Lincoln Cable Ch 13, 3pm

**HIV TESTING**, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach  
Center, 1723 Leavenworth

**LGBT AA** 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux  
City, IA (712) 252-4272,

**Q DREAM BOYZ**, Q, 226 S. 9 Lincoln

**Every Saturday**  
**LAMBDA TV** Lincoln Cable Ch 13, 3 p.m.

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

**KARAOKE** 9pm, The Panic, Lincoln

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday**  
**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE** Room  
Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or  
email: rcga@tgforum.com

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**  
**FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS HIV  
TEST** UNL campus FFI: 476-0355. 1-3:30pm

**SUDS RAPID HIV TESTING**, (2 hour results)  
5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**  
**LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**  
Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

**HIV TESTING** UNL campus. Cornerstone, 476-  
0355. 1:30-3:30pm

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**  
L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Rainbow Outreach  
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
**INTEGRITY GROUP** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks  
Episcopal, 13 & "R" Lincoln

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**  
**"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR"** 7pm Discussion  
Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-0330

**FLAT WATER BEARS** 7:30pm, The MAX

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**PFLAG—OMAHA**, 7pm, 1st Meth, Mead Hall

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**  
**GLSEN OMAHA** Board Mtg, 9-11am South high

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**SOUL FOOD SUNDAY** 5-9pm, CLUB OLIS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**  
**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR MTG** MCC-O,  
819 S. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., 6:30pm

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**  
**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church,  
6300 A St., Lincoln, 7 p.m.

**YOUTH HIV TESTING** Lighthouse, 2530 N,  
Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
**HIV TESTING** UNL campus. Cornerstone,  
476-0355 1:30-3:30pm

**WHO WILL BE CROWNED PRINCESS  
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**Club Olis, 934-4030**

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**The Diamond, 342-9595**

712 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha

**DC's Saloon, 344-3103**

610 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha

**Gilligan's Pub, 449-9147**

1407 Harney, Omaha

**JOY, 341-7337**

1516 Jones, Omaha

**The MAX, 346-4110**

1417 Jackson, Omaha

**Omaha Mining Co., 449-8703,**

1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

**Panic, 435-8764, 200 S. 18<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln**

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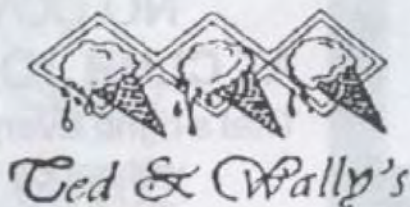
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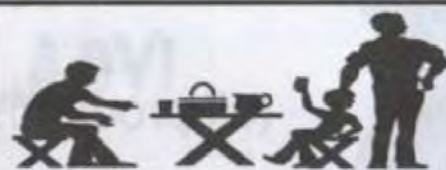
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Sunday: 8pm SIX FEET UNDER

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## GLBT NEWS

Courtesy of Citizens for Equal Protection

### BUSH SIGNS DEATH BENEFITS BILL

President Bush signed a bill June 24 that will allow same-sex and other unmarried partners of public safety officers killed in the line of duty to collect federal death benefits. The Mychal Judge Act was named after the gay New York City Fire Department chaplain who died in the Sept. 11 attacks.

<http://www.hrc.org/familynet/newsstand.asp?ID=1555>

### NEW JERSEY LIKELY TO BE MARRIAGE BATTLEGROUND

Lambda Legal announced plans June 26 to file a lawsuit in New Jersey state court on behalf of seven same-sex couples who have been denied marriage licenses. This landmark court case seeks equal treatment for same-sex couples in the state.

<http://www.hrc.org/familynet/newsstand.asp?ID=1558>

### BILL WOULD EXTEND BENEFITS TO DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., introduced legislation June 27 that would extend health, retirement and life insurance benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees. The measure is a companion bill to one previously introduced in the U.S. House by Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.

<http://www.hrc.org/familynet/newsstand.asp?ID=1568>

### QUEBEC LAW OFFERS EQUALITY FOR GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS

A new law in the Canadian province of Quebec gives same-sex couples the same parental rights and obligations extended to heterosexual couples. Pensions, health insurance, tax laws, inheritance and other benefits will now apply to families equally.

<http://www.hrc.org/familynet/newsstand.asp?ID=1559>

### APPEALS COURT REJECTS COMPLAINT OVER TRANSGENDER PERSON

A federal judge ruled June 20 that the Minneapolis school district met its legal obligations when it offered alternate facilities to a teacher who objected to using the same restroom as a transgender employee.

<http://www.hrc.org/familynet/newsstand.asp?ID=1553>

### TRANSGENDER TRUCKER DENIED ACCURATE DRIVER'S LICENSE

Melissa White, a male-to-female transgender woman who moved from Illinois to Georgia, believed that the legal changes she made in Illinois - including changing her sex on her driver's license - would be honored with full faith and credit in Georgia. But the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles refused to honor the license and instead designated her as male.

<http://www.hrc.org/familynet/newsstand.asp?ID=1547>

## MARK WEIGLE

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Mark

### TO MEMBERS OF PRAIRIE LIFE FITNESS CENTER

Are you, or is someone you know, a member of Prairie Life (the fitness club)? They do not recognize or allow for domestic partners or household/family memberships for unmarried couples (to my understanding this is regardless of gender). If you or someone you know is a member, please consider putting a comment in their comment box (or otherwise letting management know) that you disagree with this discriminatory practice.

### THE MAX: CABARET FEATURES BRANDON D. HIGDEM



The MAX will present two offerings in the MAX Cabaret series. The first will feature Brandon D. Higdem, cast member of "Who Will Love Me As I Am," in *The Unleashing*, a One Night Stand for Two Nights Only on August 12 & 13, 2002. Brandon's music talents are unsurpassed as are his comic abilities.

Then, September 23—25, Annie Welty returns to the state in three nights of One Woman Cabaret. Annie's voice has delighted audiences for a decade. This will be an opportunity to experience the spectrum of her talents, not just one or two pieces.

Tickets for both Cabaret performances will be on sale at the main bar of the MAX.

### MCC TO HOLD 9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Reverend Barbara Sagat will be leading a special Memorial Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, September 11 at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Call the church at 345-2563 for more details.

On the following two Wednesdays (Sept 18 and 25) MCC will host services at 7pm focusing on how Christian can deal with grief and loss. The community is welcome to attend.



# GAY/LESBIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2003 FELIPA AWARD

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) seeks to honor an organization or an individual that has made significant contributions toward securing the full enjoyment of the human rights of all people and communities subject to discrimination or abuse on the basis of sexual orientation or expression, gender identity or expression, and/or HIV status, anywhere in the world. Through this award, we hope to bring about public recognition to an organization or individual committed to the struggle for human rights. We seek nominations for organizations and individuals from all regions of the world and from as wide a range of communities as possible. We welcome nominations for younger as well as more established organizations and individuals. The award recipient will receive a cash award. The individual award recipient or one designated representative from an organizational award recipient will be flown to the United States to be honored at an annual springtime ceremony.

The Felipa Awards is named in honor of Felipa de Souza, a woman convicted and tortured in Brazil by the Portuguese Inquisition in 1591 for having sexual relationships with other women.

In reviewing the candidates, the following criteria will be considered and evaluated:

- a) Demonstrated leadership and a record of outstanding achievements in the field
- b) Practical work in the field and in difficult circumstances
- c) Demonstrated capacity to establish links and build lasting coalitions with others struggling for human rights, gender equality, and/or social and economic justice
- d) Predominant activities in developing countries or with marginalized communities
- e) Potential impact of the award in supporting and strengthening candidates' work in the future

A final decision regarding the award will be made by the Board of Directors of IGLHRC in consultation with IGLHRC's International Advisory Board and staff. The Board of Directors will release its decision in February 2003.

Felipa nominations are accepted year-round. Felipa nominations should be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the address below before October 1st 2002 in order to qualify for the 2003 award. If you do not receive a confirmation by November 1st, this may mean that your nomination did not reach us in time; we will file your nomination for consideration in the next yearly cycle. Nominations may be made by anyone, including the candidates themselves. We no longer accept nominations for posthumous awards. If possible, nominations should be submitted in English, although we can accept nominations in most languages.

All nominations must include:

- 1/ Full contact information for both the nominator and the candidate. This includes: name and address and where available phone, fax, and email.
- 2/ A letter of nomination. This letter should not be more than 3 pages long (about 1,500 words) and should answer the following questions:
  - a) Is the candidate a leader in the field and does the candidate have a record of outstanding achievements in the field?
  - b) What are some examples of the candidate's practical work in the field (particularly those carried out under difficult circumstances)?
  - c) Has the candidate established links and built lasting coalitions with others struggling for human rights, gender equality, and/or social and economic justice?
  - d) What proportion of candidate's work takes place among or benefits marginalized communities and/or communities in the developing world?
  - e) What would be the impact of the award in supporting and strengthening candidate's work in the future?

3/ Two letters of support

4/ For organizations, nominations must also include the mission statement of the organization.

Nominations (either individual or organization) can also include additional and optional supporting materials such as brochures, newsletters, newspaper clippings, photographs, videos, or other descriptions of the candidate's work. Deadline for nominations: October 1st, 2002. Please send your nominations to:

By Mail:  
Felipa Awards, IGLHRC  
1360 Mission St., Suite 200  
San Francisco, CA 94103

By Fax:  
Felipa Awards, IGLHRC  
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For more information, please go to <http://www.iglhrc.org/felipa/index.html>



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## RESOUCCE CENTER TAKES PART IN AMERICAN EXPRESS DIVERSITY FAIR

The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center took part in the American Express Diversity Fair. According to ROC President Lynn Rogers, it was all in all a very productive afternoon. ROC gave out 75 or so Gayzettes. Quite a few people knew about the Center, including some who had been to American Express's booth at Pride. One woman was wearing one of the rainbow lights ROC had for sale and asked where she could get more. Lynn and April (ROC board member) showed some of the books from the library and had the banner on the front of the table. There was a steady stream of people in clumps of 4 or 5 for the whole 3 hours;

While there, Lynn and April discussed the Chicano Awareness Center with their main diversity person (speaks fluent Spanish, German, etc.) and she gave us some contact info, and suggested we talk to KBBX (Spanish language station about some Public Service Announcements (PSA's) for the Center, especially looking for translators who could help get good copies of our stuff to their community. We spoke with the Mexican Consul who was there and he mentioned the problems with translations...in Iowa for example, the police/jails did bad translations into Spanish, and it is causing problems. Part of this discussion revolved around gay and lesbian films in Spanish from directors like Pedro Almodaró. A number of women took domestic violence flyers. One of the organizers was from Lincoln and discussed the Panic and ROC outreach to Lincoln.

## CHORUS NOTES

The River City Mixed Chorus will soon start its 19th Season as the only GLBT Arts organization in the area. The Chorus is holding auditions for singers during the month of August and is looking for singers in all voice parts but especially new women singers are needed. Please call the Singline (341-7464) and leave your name and telephone number for our membership chairperson to contact you to set up the audition.

The Chorus rehearses on Monday evenings from 6:45—9:15 pm at First United Methodist Church starting on August 26.

Our concerts from this new season will be "The Music of Make-Believe" on January 18 & 19 at First United Methodist Church and our Pride Concert, "Our Common Ground" on June 21 & 22 at UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center at 7:05 each evening. For season ticket information, please call our Singline (341-7464).

Election for new River City Mixed Chorus Board members and officers were held and the following members were elected:

Stan Brown — President	Joe Reed — Vice President
Dave England — Treasurer	Jon H. — Secretary
Jaim F & Michael M. — Fundraising	
Bruce B. — Membership	Brian A. — Marketing
Patrick C. — Members	Edie R. — GALA
Valarie H. — At Large	

Please join us for this exciting new season with the River City Mixed Chorus as we continue to celebrate who we are through music in 2002 — 2003.



Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center is totally volunteer operated. Join us in helping keep the Center open to the public from 9 am to 9 pm Monday thru Saturday.

**BE PART OF A WINNING TEAM!  
PICK UP A VOLUNTEER  
APPLICATION ANYTIME DURING  
REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS,  
OR CALL 341-0330 TO SIGN UP.**

\*Retirees, we are open in the daytime. It's a perfect time to come by or to volunteer. We've got the coffee pot running, the TV is on in the background, and we have 700 books you can read and movies to watch and tables to play cards on. And there's always someone here to talk to...and new people stopping by all the time 9 am to 9 pm.

\*Students, if you are over 18 you can we want you: to help answer the phones, work with window displays, help plan programming and help make decisions. Flexible schedules available. Pick up a volunteer application today!

\*Performers, we are looking for volunteers to read their poetry, play their songs and be a part of the scene, coffeehouse style. This could be fun!

\*For more information call the Volunteer Coordinator at 341-0330 or stop by the office anytime at 1719 Leavenworth Street in beautiful downtown Omaha!



## ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

1—6pm

Vennelyst Park

9100 N. 31

\$10 admission

Includes beer, soft drinks & food



# RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

- BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
- Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 <http://www.geocities.com/-cfep>
- Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.angelfire.com/home/GALO) contact: [unogalo@hotmail.com](mailto:unogalo@hotmail.com) or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network-Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596  
Website: <http://www.glsenomaha.org>
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**  
Box 3354, Omaha 68103 800-561-6918
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, NE 68131
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 819 S. 22
- Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com); Social, educational group novices in Leather Lifestyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)**  
P.O. Box 8101, Omaha, NE 68108-8101  
Gay men in leather lifestyle, Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Gilligan's 7pm
- LinOma Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68108  
Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
- Mpower**, c/o Nebr AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org).  
Men teaching men about HIV
- Men's Support Group-Omaha**, c/o MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 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](mailto:mccomaha@radiks.net)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org)  
Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Wed Eve 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](mailto:naje_now@hotmail.com)
- Nebraska Gay Dads** group list exchange emails posted to the list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage**  
<http://members.cyberwolves.com/omahanegaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195  
[omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net)
- Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68132-9998  
[Onyximages@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com)
- 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)
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**,  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330,  
Web Site: [www.ROCC.org](http://www.ROCC.org),  
email: [rainbow@rocc.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@rainbowcelebrations.org)
- Pride 2002** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108  
[pride2002@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:pride2002@rainbowcelebrations.org)
- National Coming Out Day 2002**  
P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108  
[NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org)
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267,  
Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING  
Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076,  
Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, email: [rega@tgforum.com](mailto:rega@tgforum.com),  
Website: [www.genderalliance.com](http://www.genderalliance.com)  
Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling I**, 12:45pm,  
Sundays, Mockingbird Bowl, Omaha:
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm,  
Sundays, Broadway Bowl, Council Bluffs, IA: Dan White (402)734-7055
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)
- Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90,  
Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am  
Wednesday evening worship 7pm;  
571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)
- Women's Support Group**, Tuesdays 7:30pm, Rainbow Outreach Center,  
1719 Leavenworth, 342-0330

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124  
Newsletter, Concerts

## LINCOLN BASED

- Alias Jane Band**, (402) 435-8764 Kara & Kelly at The Panic
- Boondoggles** 122 N. 14 St. (under Zero Street Records, Entrance in alley) shop online <http://www.ideviate.net>  
Email [boondoggles@ideviate.net](mailto:boondoggles@ideviate.net)
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay/Lesbian Film Fest**, Deanna Zaffke, [cea@uniserve.unl.edu](mailto:cea@uniserve.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, 402/472-2597.
- 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, Stacie 499-3671, Kris or Traci 438-7810
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly [jkbkimber@email.msn.com](mailto:jbkimber@email.msn.com), Website: <http://pflag.incb.org/>
- Plainsmen**, Support group for 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
- Sexuality Education eXchange**, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 489-9088
- 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](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu)
- Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880
- Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth**  
1-800-850-8078



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