



The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Presents

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# GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

## A Special Thank You

The Center would like to thank Scott, Diana and the rest of the crew for all the time, energy and donations that was put into the Blue Ball. The Blue Ball was held on Sept. 9th, at the Max. The night was filled with exceptional entertainment, and the feedback we received was very positive. We truly thank everyone for all that was done. The Center is very grateful for community members like you.

## Citizens For Equal Protection

Nebraska's Statewide GLBT Advocacy Organization  
Would like to invite you to our annual fundraising event,

### "Seriously Funny"

Seriously Funny is a comedy show, silent auction with appetizers and cash bar!

T. Marni Vos, a hilarious local talent from Lincoln, will be our headline entertainment for our third annual event. Find out more about T. Marni on her website: [www.TMarniVos.com](http://www.TMarniVos.com)  
When: Saturday, October 1st. Door opens at 6:30, Show starts at 7:30

Where: The Bemis Art Center located at 12th and Leavenworth in the Old Market in Omaha.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or you can purchase them at the door. Or, online by visiting our website: [www.CFEP-ne.org](http://www.CFEP-ne.org)  
Why: Just for a few laughs, few drinks, have a good time and to celebrate the overthrow of Amendment 29 (Initiative 416)!  
Call Michael at 402.398.3027 to reserve tickets.

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# Hold On to the Rainbow

Come join Deanna Carmichael  
and friends as they  
"Hold On to the Rainbow"

Friday October 14th  
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM  
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street

This is a benefit for the  
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha  
Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Center.



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**Jeremy & James**  
 Will be hosting Game Day at the Center  
 1719 Leavenworth St  
 Sundays: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Come down and check out the games we have available or bring your favorite game and show us how to play.

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# HGRA & DC's Saloon

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OCTOBER 28, 2005

COCKTAILS 7 PM SHOW 8 PM

Costume Contest, Jell-O Shots, Performers  
and Other Treats.

Proceeds to HGRA, MCC and YWCA

## Midwest Best Reading Series Brings Local Authors & Writers Together

On Thursday, October 13, the Reading Grounds will host the first in a sequence of author reading/lectures called "Midwest Best Reading Series," sponsored by University of Nebraska at Omaha's Writers Workshop, The Crop.

"The main objective of the series," says Crop president Catharine Dixon, "is for established writers to share their knowledge and experiences with other writers."

Visiting authors, such as Neil Azevedo (Ocean, Grove Press, 2005) who begins the series, will informally speak on the topics of their choice and read from their own work. Local author/Poet Steve Langan will lead off the next in the series on Thurs., Nov. 10, 7pm.

The Reading Grounds is located at 3928 Farnam St. (40<sup>th</sup> & Farnam), Omaha, 502-2008. See [www.readinggrounds.com](http://www.readinggrounds.com) for future details and dates on this series.

## On a Lighter Note...

Youngest son asked his father: "Daddy what is the difference between "potential" and "reality"?"

Dad: I will show you, Dad turned to his wife and ask her: "Would you sleep with Tom Cruise for 1 Million Dollars?"  
Wife answers: "Yes of Course! I would never waste such an opportunity to be a millionaire"

Then Dad asked his daughter if she would sleep with Will Smith for 2 million dollars?  
Daughter: "Wow! Yes Yes! I will, that's my fantasy"

So Dad turned to his elder son and asks him: Son, will you sleep with Denzel Washington for 1 Million dollars?  
Elder Son replied: " Yeah! Why not? Imagine what I could do with 1 Million dollars, I would never hesitate!"

So the Father turns to his younger son and said: "You see son, "POTENTIALLY" we are sitting on 4 Million dollars, But in "REALITY" we are living with 2 prostitutes and 1 gay!

# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



# INTRODUCING MISS SUSAN

The following is an adaptation from Miss Susan's Etiquette Tips for the Socially Conscious Judge: A Guide to Honorable Conduct Toward Gays and Lesbians in the Courtroom, originally published in the St. Louis University Public Law Review in the Spring of 2005. The entire article will be published in the Gayzette in serial form over the next several issues by special arrangement with the law firm of Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O.

Dear Gayzette Reader,

Imagine for a moment that you're a judge, and you're loving life. The governor is a close, personal friend of the family. You recently joined the most exclusive country club in town. Your youngest daughter just graduated from Harvard Law School with honors. Best of all, you have the satisfaction of sitting on a long, hard (but surprisingly comfortable) bench whenever you are not relaxing at the golf course. You—and only you—make the difficult decisions that no one else is qualified to make. You are at the pinnacle of your legal career. Life is good.

Then, from out of nowhere, "The Gay Issue" rears its well-coifed head, and suddenly you feel unbalanced. Your law clerk just came out of the closet. Your spouse is nagging you to officiate at a cousin's same-sex wedding in Boston. Yesterday you received a survey from the American Civil Liberties Union testing your knowledge of gay and lesbian legal issues. Tomorrow, a bisexual teacher will appear in your courtroom on a name change matter. Next week, you must preside over a custody battle between two lesbian mothers who, until quite recently, were raising a child together. The room starts to spin, and you find yourself feeling nostalgic for the simple days of your first year in law school.

Never fear, Miss Susan is here! For more than thirty years, I've been the queen bee of gay and lesbian jurisprudence. Through my extensively syndicated advice column, I've helped thousands of judges reason through the most flummoxing of gay and lesbian legal issues. Moreover, I've been able to impart crucial words of wisdom to the judicial elite that make this country great. Now, for the very first time, I am thrilled to publish some of my most inspirational columns for the edification of the gay and lesbian community at large. For the next several issues of the Gayzette, you will be treated to fascinating insight into areas as diverse as criminal law, adoption law, family law, and name-change law.

As you delve into my letters, you may notice an overarching theme—that good manners and good law often coincide. (In fact, my personal motto is "Good Manners and Good Law Often Coincide." I embroider it on pillows in my spare time.) My philosophy is that if judges can remember to be polite, to be respectful of others, and to acknowledge the essential humanity of every living person, they will almost always be guided to the correct legal conclusion. Keep this in mind as you read the questions and answers that follow in the issues to come.

Very truly yours,

Miss Susan

Miss Susan is a fictional advice columnist created by Bradley Z. Haumont and Susan Ann Koenig, two attorneys at Koenig &

Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O. based in Omaha, Nebraska. Please don't confuse Miss Susan with either of the authors. She is really much taller and much funnier than either of us.

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## A Little Gay History

1566 - 1st known execution in North America of a person for same-sex sexual activities (by the Spanish in Florida).

1610 - Virginia adopts "sodomy laws" of England, making sex between 2 men a capital crime punishable by death.

1777 - In a move seen as "liberal" at the time, Thomas Jefferson proposes a revision of Virginia law to reduce the penalty for sodomy from death to castration (never enacted).

1778 - Gorthold Enslin becomes 1st American discharged from the army for sodomy.

1860 - Walt Whitman publishes first "Calamus" poems in Leaves of Grass celebrating his "love of comrades."

1869 - Hungarian psychologist Benkert invents the word "homosexual" to describe people attracted to the same sex.

1924 - The Society for Human Rights, America's first gay rights organization, is founded in Chicago. Police and media harassment forces its disbandment in less than a year.

1942 - US military revises code on homosexuality. Previously, soldiers could only be expelled if witnessed committing "sodomy." Now, being gay is enough for dismissal.

1945 - World War II ends. The Veterans Benevolent Association is founded in New York to fight dismissal of gay soldiers.

1950 - Undersecretary of State John Puerifoy speaks of a "pervert peril" in testimony before Congress leading to "witch hunts" for gays who work in the government.

1953 - Newly elected President Eisenhower bans employment of gays by executive order, (not repealed until 1975).

1958 - One Magazine, a publication affiliated with Mat-tachine, wins a case against the US Postal Service, which had

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**“Attention: Omaha area GLBT homeowners in trouble! There is a solution!”**

*Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE*

Many Omaha area gay and lesbian homeowners who have had trouble with credit cards and so on have found that there is *one* place in Omaha where they can be treated with respect.

No “better than you” attitude, no “b.s.”, no guilt just for being gay or lesbian.

At last, finding financial help doesn’t have to be like a “coming out” at Thanksgiving dinner with everyone pointing fingers, and finding fault.

Mindy Hahne, of Service First Home Mortgage in Omaha’s Midtown area works at a GLBT friendly outfit that *specializes* in helping Omaha area GLBT homeowners in need.

Hahne says she takes great pride in being gay and lesbian friendly. And treating the folks she helps like family.

“A lot of people in the GLBT community don’t realize that even *without* gay marriage, or civil unions, there are already several equal protections in place for gay and lesbians as real property owners! Maybe because *no one else* wants to tell you about them!” Mindy says.

“Being gay or lesbian doesn’t have to be a barrier to equal treatment anymore!” Hahne says.

Hahne has helped many gays and lesbians over the years, many personal friends.

“I am the one person in town that *specializes* in helping gay and lesbian folks with debt consolidation, cash out, credit repair and so on!” Hahne says.

“These are good people with damaged credit reports and/or hard to prove income! Not through any fault of their own! I *specialize* in helping the gay and lesbian community get a *fair shake* from the financial industry!” Hahne says.

Hahne says she has a lot of connections to Wall Street money, “I have personal relationships with investors *nationwide*, even *internationally*! Fair-minded people who want to fund loans for people with past credit problems!” she says.

“Many of them have a social conscience! And they take pride in helping gay and lesbians in particular! Just like I do! They use my *proprietary* system as their own little bit of “*social activism*!” Hahne says.

These investors are people who buy ‘pools’ of mortgages of 50 million dollars at a whack! 50 million bucks! It’s taken me 4 long years and it’s been *really* hard to find these ‘fat cats!’ People who are ‘like-minded’ about what I do for the Omaha gay and lesbian community!” Mindy says.

“Not only is it *illegal* to discriminate against the GLBT community, it’s just plain *wrong*!” Hahne says. “The self-limiting perceptions held by some in the community are just as much of a problem as the crooked people who perpetrate the discriminatory practices themselves!” she says.

Hahne says, “It’s my *personal mission* to change the mindsets! And to *liberate everyone* from the restraints!”

“I grew up in a house where we didn’t have much money! And my parents understood just how money *really* works even less! Nowadays, it’s a lot of fun for me to help people get control over their money and their lives!” Mindy says.

Mindy Hahne can be reached at 934.9248 x1010. “I’m *really busy*, so those who don’t get a live answer from me need to leave a detailed message and then give me at least 24 business hours to return the call!” Or to lean more, you can call 800-223-6724... option 1... then ext 8619. Just listen in to the free recorded message.

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# NEBRASKA/TEXAS TECH TICKETS SILENT AUCTION

To Benefit Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha

Go Big Red! MCC-Omaha is excited to offer an opportunity to community members to show their Husker Pride by participating in a silent auction to benefit the church and provide the winner with two tickets to the Nebraska/Texas Tech game on Saturday, October 8, 2005. The tickets are for Seats 18 & 19 in Row 91, Section 20. Entrance is Gate 2. Game time to be announced.

Phone a friend? Ask the audience? Go 50/50 with someone special! Get the word out! This auction is open to anyone and everyone! May the truest Husker fan win!

Bids will be accepted over the phone at (402) 345-2563 or in person at the church from now until 1:00 PM Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005. (You can leave a message on the voice mail, just clearly state your name, your phone number, and your bid--the tickets are being offered as a pair. One price gets you both tickets.) The winner will be notified by phone Oct. 2. Payment must be made in cash or a money order no later than 4 PM on Oct. 3 unless prior approval has been arranged with the church Assistant Treasurer, Carla Petersen.

Inquires may be addressed to:  
boardofdirectors@mccomaha.org. Put as the subject line: "NE Tickets, Reply Carla". Let's see how much Big Red Fever there is out there. It's time for all you Husker Homo's to come out of the closet and into the stadium!

## NEBRASKA PRIDE SURVEY

Your Opinion Matters in the future of the Nebraska Pride Celebration!

The Nebraska Pride Planning Committee would like to hear your opinions on a variety of topics! Your answers will help determine what direction the annual Nebraska Pride Celebration takes as we plan for upcoming festivals. Events, entertainers, food, beverages, ticket price, advertising, volunteers - it is all covered. Everyone talks about what they like and don't like after Pride; but very few people take the time to attend the planning meetings or actually become a Pride Committee member or volunteer.

This is your chance to let us hear what you think - without attending a meeting or doing any work (although we'd like to invite everyone to get involved in the 2006 planning meeting). The next 2006 Planning Meeting is October 18 at 7 pm. For more details about getting involved, please visit the Nebraska Pride Website at [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

TAKE THE SURVEY ONLINE at <http://survey.perseus.com/2a960e91.htm>  
Or call 212.6302 to request a survey be mailed to you. Please provide your name and correct mailing address if requesting a

survey via the phone.

Results of the Nebraska Pride Survey will be posted after the first of January 2006.

### *A Little Gay History, continues... ..*

banned distribution of any publications on homosexuality through the mails as "obscenity," before the Supreme Court.

1965 - Gay and Lesbian people picket outside federal offices in Washington to protest the government's employment discrimination against gays. First public protest by gay people in the nation's capital.

1969 - STONEWALL: Angered by police harassment, patrons of the Stonewall Inn, a New York gay bar, fight back during a raid, initiating several days of violence known as the "Stonewall Riots."

1973 - The American Psychiatric Association votes to remove homosexuality from a list of illnesses, ending a century of efforts to "cure" gays by psychologists.

1974 - Elaine Noble becomes the 1st openly lesbian or gay person elected to a state office (Massachusetts State House of Representatives).

1980 - Embracing support from the "Moral Majority," Ronald Reagan wins the presidency having pledged to "resist the efforts...to obtain government endorsement of homosexuality."

1981 - A new disease appears disproportionately among gay men, earning it the tag "gay cancer" and the name "Gay-Related Immune Deficiency." Later known as AIDS.

1982 - Wisconsin becomes the 1st state to ban employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Today Nebraska and Iowa allow discrimination.)

1983 - The first Gay Games are held in San Francisco.

1986 - In California, Becky Smith and Annie Afleck become the 1st openly lesbian couple to be granted legal, joint adoption of a child.

1987 - 500,000 attend the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is displayed for the 1st time.

1988 - The National Education Association adopts a resolution calling for every school district to provide counseling for students struggling with their sexual orientation.

1988 - Lesbian and gay men celebrate the 1st annual National Coming Out Day, October 11.

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## **CENTER POTLUCK OCTOBER 11**

October GLBT Center Open House/Potluck - the theme is "Be Yourself!" to celebrate National Coming Out Day on October 11. Everyone welcome to attend.

We will be having a potluck at 7PM. Bring a dish to share. Utensils, plates, and cups provided, along with a variety of free beverages. Come visit and socialize at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Old Market area, Omaha. Dress casual.

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## **Where Can You Find The Gayzette?**

### **Omaha:**

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth  
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street  
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street  
Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth  
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney  
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha  
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street  
The Max, 1417 Jackson  
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street  
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 Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.  
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

### **Lincoln:**

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)  
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)

### **Iowa:**

Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs  
Mikes Place, 162 West Broadway, Council Bluffs  
Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA



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# GAYZETTE EVENTS

## **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**OMAHA KINGSMEN PERFORMING,** 10PM to Midnight, at Flixx, 10th and Pacific, \$5 cover

## **ALL OF OCTOBER**

**AIDS AWARENESS MONTH,** October is AIDS Awareness Month. The Nebraska Red Ribbon Community (NRRC) will be sponsoring the second annual Human AIDS Ribbon event in Omaha, NE on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. Join us as we form a human AIDS ribbon at Levi Carter Park to publicly celebrate and honor the lives of those we have lost and to express our determination to fight and end HIV and AIDS. Participation is FREE. Register for the event at [www.nebraskahivtesting.org](http://www.nebraskahivtesting.org) or call (402)560-5089.

## **SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST**

**BARN DANCE AND HAYRIDE,** Lakota Stables, 8pm to Midnight, see page 15 for more information

**SERIOUSLY FUNNY,** the annual CFEP fundraiser will be held at Hot Shops, 13th and Nicholas St., Doors open at 6:30 and show begins at 8pm, silent auction and cash bar, tickets are \$25, local Lincolnite T. Marni Voss will perform

## **SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH**

**BOOK SIGNING AND WRITER'S WORKSHOP,** teacher Brian Jay Corrigan, J.D., PhD, will be reading from and signing his latest novel *The Poet of Loch Ness*, at noon at The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam St., Following the book signing, Corrigan will hold a writer's workshop, "The Business of Fiction: A Nuts-and-Bolts Approach to How to Improve Your Chances of Publishing Your Novel." The workshop will begin around 2:00pm; cost of admission is the purchase of Corrigan's new book *The Poet of Loch Ness* (\$23.95), a love story of profound beauty and emotional power that takes place in Scotland.

## **SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH**

**416 THE DOCUMENTARY,** The Reading Grounds, is sponsoring a free showing of the award-winning locally made documentary, "416," on Sunday, October 9, 2005, at 7:00pm at the bookstore located at 3928 Farnam St. (40th & Farnam), Omaha, NE.

## **TUESDAY OCTOBER 11TH**

**NCOD,** National Coming Out Day 2005. See [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org) for more details about local NCOD activities.

**NCOD COMING OUT DAY COMEDY NIGHT,** Join Omaha comedian Jeri James, the 2005 NCOD Committee and The Reading Grounds for an evening of comedy, entertainment and Gay Game Shows! Jeri

James will entertain with her special brand of humor, including her version of Johnny Carson's "The Amazing Carnack," Let's Make a Deal, The Dating Game, and a gay/straight audience quiz, 7PM at The Reading Grounds, 40th & Farnam

## **FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH**

**OMAHA KINGSMEN PERFORMING,** 9PM DOORS OPEN, show begins at 9:30pm, at Flixx, 10th and Pacific, \$5 cover

## **FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST**

**PRIDE MALE STRIP SHOW,** 7:30PM, DC's Saloon

## **TUESDAY OCTOBER 25TH**

**GREAT PLAINS ART COLLECTION,** 7:30PM, 1155 "Q" St., Lincoln NE, for info email [dbibernard@unl.edu](mailto:dbibernard@unl.edu)

## **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH**

**GLBT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER,** Dinner & Auction 6:00 pm hosted by Nebraska Pride Foundation & Jade Esteban Estrada, [nebraskapridefoundation.com](http://nebraskapridefoundation.com)

## **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH THRU 7TH**

**FALL HARVEST,** Mar a Keisling, Founder and Executive Director for Transgender Equality, will be the keynote speaker, for more information visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallharvest>

## **SATURDAY MAY 13TH**

**GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE WALK,** Raise money for the Center and for your favorite qualifying group. Details will follow in later issues of the Gayzette.

## **FRIDAY JUNE 9TH TO 11TH**

**2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE**

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

*Every Sunday*

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP,** St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: [EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,** info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org)

**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

**NA RAINBOW GROUP,** Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-4648

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

## **UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,**

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

## **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,

**GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER,** 1719 Leavenworth, 1PM to 3PM

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

*Every Monday*

**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

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

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

## **A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

*Every Tuesday*

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

*Every Wednesday*

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 7pm

**HIV TESTS,** 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

## **FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK**

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

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

*Every Thursday*

**GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT**

sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

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

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections

*Every Friday*

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST**

UN-L 472-7447, 3-4:30pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE

**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 Joe at 932-8066 or Tony at 933-1318

**GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT**

have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

**HIV TESTING**, RESULTS IN 20 MINUTES, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

*Every Saturday*

**GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT**

have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

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

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

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

*1<sup>st</sup> Friday*

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

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

*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday*

**CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE**, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

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

*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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday*

**CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE**, 7pm to 8PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for

details see [www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)

**CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

7pm to 8PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see [www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)

*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday*

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Friday*

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE**

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday*

**CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit [rainbowoutreach.org](http://rainbowoutreach.org)

**FREE MATINEE MOVIE**, at the GLBT Center, 2:30PM, Bring a snack to share, everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*

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

**OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING**

(glt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Hamey

*3<sup>rd</sup> Monday*

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR** 6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., [icon.impcourt.org](http://icon.impcourt.org)

*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday*

**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*

**FLAT WATER BEARS** 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

*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*

**LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**

Monthly Beer Bust, 9pm, DC's Saloon

*4<sup>th</sup> Saturday*

**FREE MATINEE MOVIE**, at the GLBT Center, 2:30PM, Bring a snack to share, everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month

**HIV TESTING** Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:00-3:00pm

*LAST Sunday*

**REAL FAMILIES** Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email [MargauxPolo@aol.com](mailto:MargauxPolo@aol.com)

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**Rainbow Outreach**  
  
GLBT Resource Center

# 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 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

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

**Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers group

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

**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, 712-325-0117 <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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22 [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Fri Gilligan's 7pm

**LinOma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: [Linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:Linomabares@yahoo.com) or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887

**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 Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

**NAP Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

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

**Nebraska Gay Dads** group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

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

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

**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)

**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**, Box 241733, Omaha, 68124, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.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 [MargauxPol@aol.com](mailto:MargauxPol@aol.com)

**River City Gender Alliance**, [www.genderalliance.com](http://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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**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)

**WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

## LINCOLN BASED

**GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: [dmoritz2@unl.edu](mailto: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 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**, 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. 73, 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, Barbara Kimberly [jbkimber@msn.com](mailto:jbkimber@msn.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

**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** 402-429-6094

**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 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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

## Iowa Based

**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)

## South Dakota Based

**Black Hills Pride Committee**, for information visit <http://blackhillspride.org>

**Black Hills Gay and Lesbian Youth And Resource Center**, for more information please visit <http://www.bhgayyouth.org>

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## FREE SHOWING OF "416" DOCUMENTARY

The Omaha independent bookstore, **The Reading Grounds**, is sponsoring a free showing of the award-winning locally made documentary, "416," on Sunday, October 9, 2005, at 7:00pm at the bookstore located at 3928 Farnam St. (40th & Farnam), Omaha, NE.

How do you define marriage? "416" is an award-winning documentary that focuses on Nebraska's initiative 416. Passed into law by Nebraska voters in the 2000 general election, initiative 416 is considered the most extreme and comprehensive "defense of marriage" amendment in the United States and has become a model both for other state constitutions and for the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Overturned by the courts in the spring of 2005, the state of Nebraska is now appealing this recent ruling to a higher court. The outcome of this decision will affect not only Nebraska, but also other states with similar defense of marriage amendments.

Seating for this event is limited and available on a first come/first served basis. For more information, contact Cindy or Angie at The Reading Grounds, 402-502-2008 or visit the store's website at: [www.readinggrounds.com](http://www.readinggrounds.com).

How do you define marriage?



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### *A Little Gay History, Continues.....*

1989 - Denmark becomes the first nation to legalize gay marriage.

1990 - President Bush signs into law the Hate Crime Statistics Act, the 1st federal law to include the term "sexual orientation."

1992 - Colorado passes Amendment 2, prohibiting local entities from enacting civil rights protection for lesbians and gays in the future. In 1996, the Supreme Court will uphold the district court's decision declaring "A State cannot so deem a class of persons a stranger to its laws."

1993 - Massachusetts becomes the 1st state to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation against public school students.

1993 - President Clinton's promised lifting of the ban on gays in the military meets with such Congressional and military establishment opposition that he signs the so called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" compromise.

1993 - Norway becomes the 2nd nation to legalize gay marriage.

1995 - Coors Brewing Company and Walt Disney Company begin offering health benefits to domestic partners of their employees.

1996 - The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would have prohibited discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation, fails in the Senate by a vote of 50-49. It is the 1st time a vote on lesbian and gay civil rights has come before the full Senate.

1997 - Ellen DeGeneres and her television character, Ellen Morgan, come out. Ellen is the 1st prime time show to feature an openly gay or lesbian lead character. Right-wing groups call for a boycott of ABC and its "anti-family" parent company Disney. The boycott fails.

# **BOB KNOWS BEST**

Dear Bob,

*I've been hearing a lot about the ex-gay movement lately. What is this movement about? Is there a group here in Omaha?*

Chad

Dear Chad,

The ex-gay movement claims that GLBT people can become heterosexual or otherwise leave homosexuality behind through the combination of counseling, prayer and other controversial therapies. The ex-gay movement is largely practiced by evangelical and fundamentalist Christians and mainly confined to the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The most important fact about 'reparative therapy', also known as 'conversion' therapy, is that it is based on a belief of homosexuality that has been rejected by every major health and mental professions. The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Counseling Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, the National Association of School Psychologists, and the National Association of Social Workers, together representing over 475,000 health and mental professional, have all taken the position that homosexuality is not a mental disorder, therefore there is no need for a 'cure'. These organizations do not support efforts to change young people's sexual orientation through 'conversion therapy' and have raised serious concerns about its potential to do harm.

The ex-gay movement has actually been around since 1973, when John Evans and Rev. Kent Philpott started, Love In Action. In 1993, after a long time friend committed suicide after being unable to change his sexuality, Evans left the movement stating, Love In Action is "destroying peoples lives."

Love In Action has made recent headlines again when a 16 year-old male posted on his blog that his parents were forcing him to go to the Love In Action Refuge (LIA/R) camp in Tennessee. The postings received international attention that led to an investigation by the Tennessee Department of Health. The department found that the group had been operating illegally. LIA/R claimed they would change their policy in order to comply with state guidelines, but has yet to do so. The Department of Health has given LIA/R until Sept. 30th to comply with state guidelines before it is shut down.

From speaking to community members, I have heard there are ex-gay groups at a few churches in Omaha that meet from time to time. But from researching area churches, I was unable to find one that publicized it on their website. I do know that many ministers will schedule a session with parents of gay youth or church members about what they can do to 'cure' their sexuality. Most also offer reading materials and videos as well.

If you have a question, please send an email to: BobKnows-Best@RainbowOutreach.org. You may also send your letter to: Rainbow Outreach Center, C/O Bob Knows Best, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108.

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We will use the name or an alias of your choosing on any questions we select for inclusion. We will also attempt to privately answer as many questions as possible.†

## **BARN DANCE AND HAYRIDE**

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Miss Michelle Michaels

*Friday, October 7*

Scott In A Thong?  
Matt In A Jock?  
Kelly In Nothing?  
Paco In A Three Way?  
Find Out At  
UNDERWEAR NIGHT  
Men Only - Upstairs Bar

*Sunday, October 9*

"DIVAS IN THE CITY"

Hosted By Chandler Chubbs  
Miss Merry Christmas 2005  
Starring Anjila Cavalier  
Miss Gay Nebraska US Of A

*Sunday, October 16*

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