

President Voices Support for Marriage Amendment Amidst Vocal Opposition

President George W. Bush threw his ideological weight into the looming battle over the civil rights of gay, lesbian, intersex, and transgender Americans. The National Transgender Advocacy Coalition (NTAC) decries these efforts to destabilize gay and gender-variant families in the hopes of garnering reelection support through religiopolitical bigotry.

In a televised interview with ABC News Primetime's Dianne Sawyer on December 18th, President Bush stated, "If necessary, I will support a constitutional amendment which would honor marriage between a man and a woman, codify that."

The President's reference to the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA), which has been introduced in both the House and the Senate, brings joy to those who would deny gay, lesbian, intersex and transsexual families the more than 1,000 federal benefits that accrue to heterosexual families. Even with this pronouncement, archeonservative organizations such as the Family Research Council still criticized the president for offering any hope of government recognition of same sex family rights. Meanwhile, Bush's actions bring cries of outrage from those who would be victims of constitutional bigotry and discrimination.

"One would expect the President would exhibit more leadership and less tendency to buckle under to extremist elements that make up his party's base," said Vanessa Edwards Foster, Chair of NTAC. "Once again, we're bitterly disappointed."

Foster added that the FMA will "throw intersex and transgender citizens' marriages into chaos, and may well deny them the right to marry anyone."
"Many moderates in the GOP, and even conservatives like Vice-President Cheney, have voiced their displeasure with taking on such a specious bill," Foster added. "Clearly the knee-jerk right-wing political machine is alive and well and dominating America."

As tensions and rhetoric rise, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has called for volunteers to participate in acts of civil disobedience. A widely distributed NGLTF announcement urges lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or other fair-minded people willing to engage in direct acts of civil disobedience to e-mail their contact information to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force at ngltf@ngltf.org in order to be included in planning actions across the country.

President Bush seemed to offer some wiggle room by adding, "Whatever legal arrangements people want to make, they're allowed to make, so long as it's embraced by the state," The proposed Constitutional amendment, however, says that no state law shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred on unmarried couples or groups.

Although Mr. Bush is not really offering anything to those not included in the heterosexual definition of marriage, Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council wrote, "I am concerned that the President thinks counterfeit institutions such as same-sex unions are OK and do not threaten to devalue the real thing. Counterfeit marriages called "civil unions" pose a serious threat to the health of our culture, and while the President may believe this is an issue to be resolved at the state level, he should use his moral leadership to steer states away from such culture-threatening unions not encourage them by showing indifference or political tolerance."

"The Federal Marriage Amendment would undermine United States' Constitution. There is a part seemingly forgotten by those who would deny anyone but themselves rights," stated Jerry McCracken of FTM Informational Network. "How is it that the 'Christian Right' are the only ones allowed civil rights in this day and age? Our forefathers must be turning in their graves at this assault on civil liberties."

"Marriage is a legal agreement more than a religious agreement," added NTAC chair, Foster, "but even considering the religious concept of marriage, why should one faith have precedence over other faiths which have no problem with same-sex unions? Allowing one religion the ability to change the constitution virtually sanctions it as the state-recognized religion."

...........The National Transgender Advocacy Coalition (NTAC)
The FMA is an attempt to make discrimination a guiding principle in the fundamental law of our land, the U.S. Constitution. The purpose of the president's declaration is to appearse the uncharitable appetite of his religious right supporters. Organizations like the FRC clearly want no tolerance shown to GLBT families.

In this season of peace, it's time for all Americans - Christians, Jews, Muslims, atheists and pagans, gays, and straights alike - to call for an end to intolerance, and an end to Republican attacks on the family. NTAC urges all Americans to stand up for civil freedom and civil equality. Write and call President Bush, Vice President Cheney, members of Congress, church leaders, anti-gay organizations, and the media and tell them to end prejudice and to end attacks on gay, intersex, and transgender couples and their children. Comments for the president may be called in to (202) 456-1111. Congressional contact information may be obtained at the NTAC website at www.ntac.org

"The President should drop this FMA folly," added NTAC's Foster, "and focus on important issues such as bringing more jobs back to America!"

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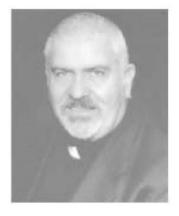
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Perspectives

By Jon Owens

"Service is to be top priority"

Many of us who tend to do our weekend getaways at the clubs are either flattered or find getting checked for an ID is a nuisance.

I spent one weekend going out as I usually do every Friday in the Omaha area and am use to getting checked for an ID as I am only 23.

For some it is flattering to be checked as it can make you feel young while for others it can be a problem. I have never had trouble at any of the bars until one day I went into the "Joy." They asked me for my ID which I produced. He then told me my ID was invalid, because of the expiration date so then I handed him my driver's license that has not expired, but has no picture.

The reason it has no picture is I now live in Omaha and still have a residency in Oklahoma. When you have to renew your driver's license via mail, because you are out of state they send you a license valid without photo and signature.

The doorkeeper then told me it was not a valid ID. It was not that he could not look at the expired license with the valid one and compare to see that all the information was the same.

After this the doorkeeper proceeded to tell me it was not valid, I told him that state of Oklahoma said it is valid, he then got real snotty and told me that the state of Nebraska does not recognize it, which is actually false. Every state recognizes another states valid driver's license.

Luckily, I had a Las Vegas sheriff's card on me and he took that. (Unless he lived in Nevada he probably never had seen one of these ID's anyway.) Perhaps I should have made a bet with him over ID validity so I could have made some money on the side.

I do not blame the doorkeeper for doing his job. Heck I applaud him in keeping the bar from getting in trouble by letting minor's in. The issue becomes the way he talked to me. The fact he was loud and obnoxious rather than just saying sorry, this ID would not work.

I never once got an attitude back and just like everyone else I am a paying customer. This doorkeeper should learn he is there to be of service to people; not to have an attitude. Luckily afterward I was able to speak to the owner who assured me he would make sure his doorkeepers would have better training on ID cards.

Perhaps it is in the best interest of any owner of an establishment or a bar to know what is a valid ID and what is not before putting them on the door by themselves. There are books that will show pictures of what all the forms if identification look like. Above and beyond I encourage all who work to remember there is never a need to be obnoxious and to remember when we are doing a job it is about service with a smile.

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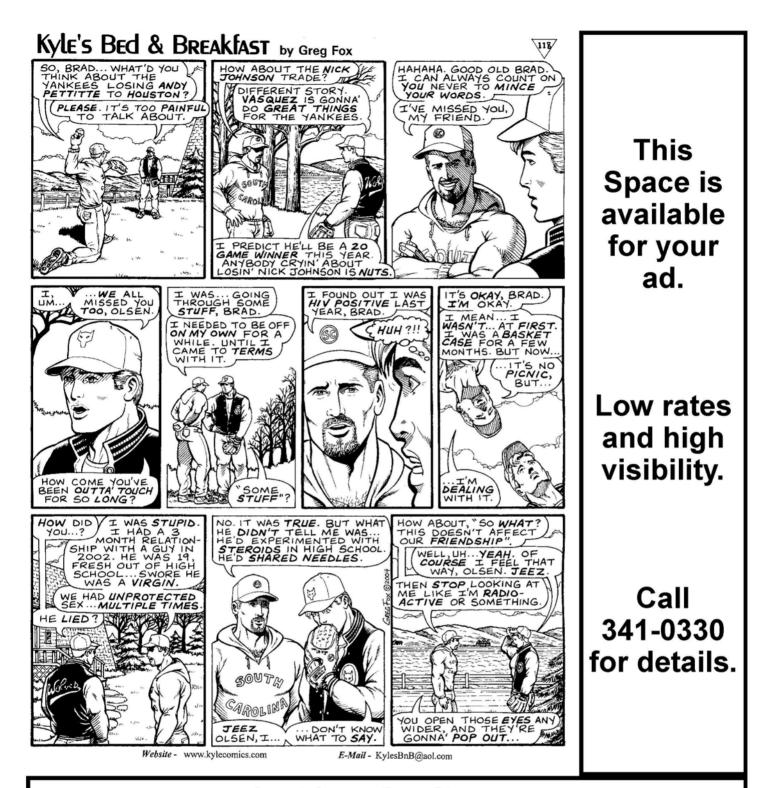
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2004 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal Nominees Announced

Rainbow Celebrations' 2004 Pride Committee is proud to announce the 2004 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal Nominees. The 2004 Nominees come from many areas of the GLBT and Ally communities in the state of Nebraska <u>and</u> represent many years of dedication! These nominees have been nominated by various individuals and approved by the 2004 Pride Committee:

Eric Anderson, Dr. Wally Bacon, Jason Fienhold, Judy Hancock, and D. Moritz

Because of their experience, dedication and selfless devotion to the many causes they have been involved in, any one of these nominees will make a great Grand Marshal. The honor of Grand Marshal is one of the highest honors bestowed upon an individual in the GLBT and Ally communities. Unfortunately, there is only one Grand Marshal Honor awarded per year – therefore, the choice is given to the statewide community to make. Voting will continue until midnight on February 14th. All postmarked ballots must show a valid postmark from the US Postal Service by February 14th.

You can vote in one of three ways this year:

1) MAIL IN BALLOT: Using a printed Official ballot obtained from various sources throughout the state. You can also obtain an Official ballot by emailing grandmarshal@rainbowcelebrations.org and requesting one is sent via email to you. An official ballot is also available in the Gayzette. Printed ballots may by mailed to: Rainbow Celebrations, Grand Marshal Vote, PO Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108 or dropped off in person in a sealed envelope at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha.

Only official ballots will be counted in the final vote tally. Ballots with additional writing on them, write in nominees, or more than one name circled WILL BE DELETED.

****Any evidence of ballot stuffing, tampering or any other voting inaccuracies will be taken seriously and investigated by the Executive Board of Rainbow Celebrations and the 2004 Pride Committee before inclusion in the final vote tally.

2) BALLOT BOXES: Rainbow Celebrations also provides balloting boxes and ballots at over 15 locations throughout eastern Nebraska for your convenience in voting. Please watch for location updates as new voting locations are added each year during the Grand Marshal Voting. Locations confirmed for 2004 are (listed in no particular order):

> Nebraska Aids Project MCC Church - Omaha First United Methodist Church Dietz United Methodist Church Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center The Lotus Soul Desires Stage Right The MAX Club JOY DC's Saloon Connections **Omaha Mining Company** FLIXX Video Bar The Q The Panic Unitarian Church - Lincoln

Ballot Boxes will be available at above locations by January 15th. Please email grandmar-shal@rainbowcelebrations.org with any questions in regard to ballot box locations.

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3) ONLINE BALLOTS: To vote online for your choice of nominee, please visit www.rainbowcelebrations.org/vote. You can read about each nominee and then click the nominee's picture of your choice to vote. An email box will automatically open in a new window on your screen. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE OR TYPE ANYTHING NEW INTO THE EMAIL. Simply click "send" and your vote will be transmitted. You will receive a confirmation email upon receipt of your vote.

***Only one vote per email address will be accepted. Duplicate votes from the same email address during the six week balloting WILL BE DELETED.

Congratulations to each of the 2004 Grand Marshal Nominees. The results of the voting for the 2004 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal will be announced during the Pride 2004 Reception scheduled for March 21st in Omaha and March 27th in Lincoln. The 2004 Grand Marshal will also appear on the Grand Marshal page of the Rainbow Celebrations website on Monday, March 22nd.

Celebrating its 19th year in 2004, Nebraska Pride, sponsored by Rainbow Celebrations, began in 1985 with a small group of activists marching with candles, flags and signs down 16th Street in Omaha. Over the years, the Nebraska Pride Celebration has grown into the largest GLBT Pride gathering in the state of Nebraska and western Iowa, with an estimated attendance in excess of 5,000 people at the 2003 events. Rainbow Celebrations is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization recognized under section 501(c)(4) of the IRS tax code.

It is the mission of Rainbow Celebrations to foster events that honor the integrity, history and diversity of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people in the State of Nebraska and surrounding communities and create unity within the GLBT and Heterosexual Communities. Rainbow Celebrations serves the eastern Nebraska, metro Omaha and western Iowa communities. Rainbow Celebrations is not affiliated or partnered with any one organization, but regularly supports many worthwhile non profit organizations in the state of Nebraska. For more information about Rainbow Celebrations, Nebraska Pride or Nebraska's National Coming Out Day Celebration, please email info@rainbowcelebrations.org.

In the next issue we will bring you the bios of the candidates. Or you can go to www.rainbowcelebrations.org/vote to view them.



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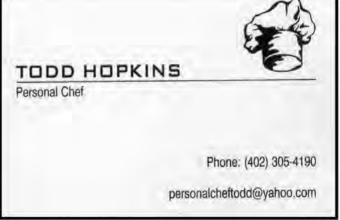
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River City Mixed League Standings Maplewood Lanes

Place	Team Name	Won	Lost	Total Pins	
1,	N'Joyable	49	15	29457	
2	D.C's Saloon	47	17	31047	
3	Lords & Ladies	41	23	32988	
4	Omaha Hospitality	41	23	31631	
5	Bowler Sisters	40.5	23.5	29790	
6	N'Joy R Balls	37	27	29169	
7	Oh Damn!	37	27	28964	
8	Gills Choke Artists	36.5	27.5	28980	
9	Cocks & Beavers	35.5	28.5	31246	
10	Bowler's Choice	35.5	28.5	30495	
11	Omaha Mining Co	35.5	28.5	29998	
12	Gilligan's CCB	34.5	29.5	28520	
13	Max Factors	34	30	29489	
14	Gett'n School'd	33	31	27654	
15	Lickity Splits	32	32	28142	
16	The One in the Middle	31	33	27690	
17	Chicken & Her Noodles	30	34	27694	
18	Kumaniwan2layya	30	34	27631	
19	Omaha Ball Busters	29.5	34.5	26713	
20	Beaver & the Boys	29	35	29378	
21	Gutter Minds	29	35	29217	
22	Red Hot Salsa	29	35	27096	
23	Power Puff Girls	26	38	27374	
24	Stosh's Stable	22	42	27683	
25	Mudd Wrestlers	21	43	27932	
26	The Ouutlaws	19.5	40.5	26773	
27	Here 4 Beer	16	48	26840	
28	Dirty Butter	15	49	26729	

Massachusetts Gay Marriage Amendment Call Rejected

The state's highest court Tuesday rejected an attempt to force the Legislature to vote on a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

The Supreme Judicial Court held that a single justice of the court was right last year to rule that the Legislature did not have to consider an amendment to the state constitution backed by Massachusetts Citizens for Marriage.

Massachusetts Citizens for Marriage, a Wellesley group, sued to force the secretary of state to deliver the amendment to the Legislature for consideration. But the Supreme Judicial Court said the secretary of state does not have the power to compel a legislative vote.

The anti-gay-marriage group had complained that the Legislature intentionally allowed time to run out on the 2000-2002 session without addressing its proposed constitutional amendment. Then-acting Gov. Jane Swift turned for help to the Supreme Judicial Court, which ruled she did not have to bring the Legislature back to vote on the amendment.

This is the second victory in two months for Massachusetts proponents of gay marriage. In November, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the gay marriage cannot be prohibited in Massachusetts. It gave the Legislature 180 days to craft suitable legislation to allow the marriage of gays.





High Averages

High Average Women

179 - R Richardson 173 - N Harrison

173 - P Burch

High Series Women

639 – R Richardson 607 – H Kovanda 599 - N Harrison

High Game Women

254 – N Harrison 248 – P Burch

246 - R Richardson

High Average Men

201 – R Hansen 200 – G Schoenfeld 191 - J Schomer

High Series Men

714 - R Hansen 710 - G Schoenfeld 656 - J Schomer

High Game Men

299 – R Hansen 277 – G Schoenfeld 253 – M Wierzbicki

High Game Team

804 – Lords & Ladies 782 – Cock's & Beavers 758 – Omaha Hospitality

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2320–Lords & Ladies 2166-Omaha Hospitality 2161-DC's Saloon



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FRJDAY, JAN 91H

"All Live, All Broadway", Andrew Janzen and Angel Rae, Club Joy

SATURDAY JAN 10TH

E&E BALL, The MAX, 5pm cocktails, 6pm show

THURSDAY JAN 15TH

"INTERNATIONAL FOODS", THE MAX, HOSTED BY Crystal Delight

SATURDAY JAN 17TH
"ALL THE WOMEN WE WANTED TO

BE", FLIXX, hosted by Bruce Bufkin and Dan Knobbe, Silent auction and appetizers, benefiting secondary medicines

SATURDAY, JAN. 24 & SUNDAY JAN. 25 RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS WIN-

TER CONCERT, 7:05PM, First United Methodist Church, 70th & Cass, for ticket info call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

FRJDAY JAN 23—25 MCCO 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELE-

BRATION, see page 3 for full details

SUNDAY FEB. 8TH

4TH ANNUAL BLACK HEARTS, hosted by Emperor 21 Matt, 9:30pm The MAX, a benefit for Proud Horizons GLBT youth

FRJDAY, FEB. 13-SUNDAY, FEB. 15 ICE BOWL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY FEB 14TH

VALENTINES DINNER, hosted by Crystal Delight, The MAX,

SUNDAY FEB 22ND

TURN-ABOUT SHOW, The Max, A night where boys become girls and the girls get to stay boys

FRJDAV FEB 271H

LENT FISH FRY, hosted by Crystal Delight, The MAX

SUNDAY MARCH 7TH

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FRJDAY MARCH 26TH

80's FLASHBACK, hosted by Crystal Delight, Club Joy, Return to the decade where big hair and mall clothes were king

FRJDAY JUNE 18—SUNDAY., JUNE 20 NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION

SAT. JUNE 19 & SUN., JUNE 20 RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SUM-

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FRJ., OCTOBER 14—SUN., OCT.17

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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

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

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

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

Every Monday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-

HEARSALS, 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

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP.

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

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

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING, 7PM. MCC-Omaha, 819 So. 22nd St.

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 7:45pm ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330 CALL FOR SCHEDULE

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM,

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LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

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

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

Every Saturday

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SER-

VICE, 7PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-

6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP, Caffeine Dreams, 7PM

1st Friday

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

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm,

Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum.com

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN. 6

-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

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

2nd Wednesday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday

PFLAG-OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Methodist

2nd Friday

SUDS RAPID HIV TEST, (2 hr results) 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

2nd Saturday

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

GLSEN OMAHA Brd 9:30am South High

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone, 16th & U. Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:30-3:30pm

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Leather or Knot,

2nd Sunday

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

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

3rd Monday IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

3rd Friday

GAY/BI SUPPORT 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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N,

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220.

4th Saturday

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

SNAP! Productions

.....will hold auditions for the play Stop Kiss on Monday, January 26 at 7 PM and Tuesday, January 27 at 7 PM at the SNAP! /Shelterbelt Theatre at 3225 California Street, Omaha, NE. Stop Kiss will run Thursdays-Sundays November 13-December 7, 2003.

Lara Marsh is directing this compelling play. The auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. All roles are available. We are looking for 3 men and 3 women.

Stop Kiss is a poignant and funny play about the ways, both sudden and slow, that lives can change irrevocably. After Callie meets Sara, the two unexpectedly fall in love. Their first kiss provokes a violent attack that transforms their lives in a way they could never anticipate.

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- Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers. 2nd Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm
- Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596 http://www.glsenomaha.org
- GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838,Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772,
 Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd
 Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org
- Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm
- **LinOma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
- Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Men's Support Group-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net Website:www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Service 7pm
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
- NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights
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- Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com
- OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, 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, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass
- Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info@rainbowcelebrations.org
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 P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108
 NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org.
- Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com
- River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, www:genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/ transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 577 -1344; www.unityomaha.org
- Women's Support Group, Saturday 10am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563
- WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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- (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer **Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
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- Nebraska AIDS Project, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000
- Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln 68508 474 -8923 nebcoalition@yahoo.com
- Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.com, Website: http:// pflag.ineb.org/
- **Plainsmen,** Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm.12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp 483-5592 Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu
- Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880 Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or email: http:// www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html

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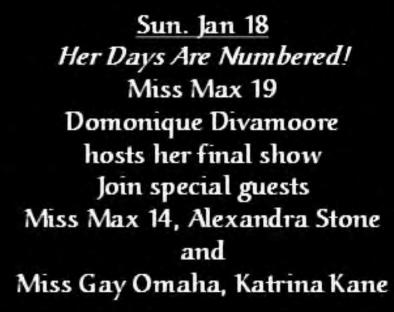
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