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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

ACLU and Lambda Legal Urge Federal Court To Strike Down Nebraska Law Banning Recognition of Gay Couples

LINCOLN, NE – The American Civil Liberties Union and Lambda Legal filed their opening trial brief on October 15th, urging the federal court to strike down a Nebraska constitutional amendment that bars the state and cities from ever granting any type of legal recognition for same-sex couples.

"Nebraska's law treats loving, committed same-sex couples like strangers -- and blocks them from even advocating for basic protections for their families," said David Buckel, senior staff attorney at Lambda Legal. "This lawsuit isn't seeking marriage for same-sex couples, it's seeking a level playing field so that all Nebraskans are full and equal citizens, regardless of whether they're gay or straight."

The ACLU and Lambda Legal brought the challenge to the Nebraska law in April of 2003 on behalf of the Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP), Nebraska Advocates for Justice and Equality (NAJE), and ACLU Nebraska, three advocacy organizations in Nebraska that are prevented from seeking equality for lesbian, gay and bisexual couples because of the law. The federal judge hearing the case issued a favorable decision last fall, allowing the challenge to go forward. The brief filed today asks the court to make a final ruling in the case that strikes down Section 29 as a violation of the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection and ban on laws meant only to punish certain people.

"Nebraska's Section 29 is an extreme and sweeping attack on gay families," said Sharon McGowan, staff attorney for the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "It was designed to punish gay people and completely block them out of the political process. That's something the U.S. Supreme Court has said, on more than one occasion, is unconstitutional."

In the brief, the ACLU and Lambda Legal illustrate the types of harms same-sex couples face through the example of Doreen (D) Moritz, a lesbian who recently lost her 10-year life partner, Elsa Friendt, after a lengthy medical struggle. A state employee without access to any type of family leave protections. Moritz had to negotiate with her employer but was ultimately

able to work out an alternative work schedule in order to take Friendt to medical appointments. Though the couple had executed explicit legal documents outlining their wishes, Moritz had to repeatedly establish her legal position with health care professionals in order to get information to best care for and support Friendt. When Friendt passed away, Moritz again had to negotiate with her employer over her schedule in order to grieve for her partner because she was denied bereavement leave.

At the time of her deepest grief, Moritz was challenged by a funeral home director who insisted that only Friendt's biological family could make decisions about the burial, even though Moritz presented him with legal documentation signed by Friendt stating otherwise. The director relented only after Moritz was forced to engage an attorney.

In 2002, after a bill was introduced before the state legislature that would give same-sex couples the right to make burial arrangements for their partners, Attorney General Jon Bruning issued an opinion stating that it was unconstitutional because of Section 29, and the bill never reached a full vote.

"The proponents of Section 29 pulled a bait and switch on the citizens of Nebraska by claiming this law was about protecting marriage, when in reality it was about harming families," said Michael Gordon, Executive Director of CFEP. "While a win in court won't result in any protections for our relationships, at least we would be able to talk with our elected officials again about



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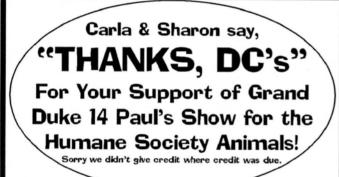
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the types of harms we face and the protections we need for our families."

Section 29 was passed in November 2000 in a heavily debated election that received the second highest turnout in the state's history. The law defines marriages as only between a man and a woman and also specifically voids the uniting of two persons of the same sex in a "civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar same-sex relationship."

"We're not saying that Nebraskans shouldn't have broad discretion in determining what types of laws to pass," said Tim Butz, Executive Director of the ACLU Nebraska. "But that discretion crosses the line when the core principles of fairness and equality at the heart of our Constitution are ignored."



Center Wish List

Do you have something that the Center could use? Contact one of our board members. Please call (402) 341-0330 or email wishlist@rainbowoutreach.org.

Some items on our Wish List:

Copy Machine

DVD Player

Games (board games, card games, role playing games etc.)

Laminator (8.5" by 11" or larger)

Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater resolution, PC compatible)

Library Materials (Books, Magazines, etc.)

Monetary Donations (fully tax deductible)

Overhead Projector and/or Slide Projector

Paper Shredder (commercial grade)

Public Address System

Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft, long)

TDD/TTY (Teletypewriter Devices for the deaf)

TeleBraille (TB) machines for the blind

Toolbox

Video Cassette Recorder (VCR)

Cleaning Supplies

Florescent Light Bulbs (T12, 40 watt, 48", cool light)

Manila Envelopes (6"x9")

Paper Towels/Toilet Paper/Copier-Printer Paper

Postage Stamps (rolls of 100, any denomination)

Trash can liners (13 Gal.)

Wish List Contributors: Flatwater Bears-Bookcase, James Lunbeck-Vacuum Cleaner, Judy Hancock-Broom & Dust Pan, Coat Hooks, Ceiling Light Lenses and Games, Marcus Fender-Floor Fan, Ceiling Tiles, Fluorescent Bulbs and Trash Bags, Sarah-Coffee Maker, Cleaning Supplies and Magazines, Sharon VanButsel & Carla Peterson-Books

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MCC-O HONORED WITH RED RIBBON AWARD

MCC-Omaha was one of twenty individuals/groups honored at the 20th Anniversary of the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004. As part of it's anniversary celebration, NAP selected twenty individuals/groups from over fifty nominations to recognize with a Red Ribbon Award for outstanding service/contributions/support to NAP over its past twenty years. A giant tent covered the NAP parking lot and provided the space for a community-wide reception at which MCC-O and others received their award. The evening included a silent auction, a history display, tours of the Watanabe Wellness Center, and a program honoring each award recipient, as well as the founders of NAP. Accepting the award on behalf of MCC-Omaha was Rev. Barbara Sagat, Senior Pastor (shown in the photo).

MCC-O was recognized for the following contributions to NAP:

- Spiritual Counseling & Support
- · Original test site location
- 20+ years as a food pantry
- Friday lunches since 1996
- Good Samaritan Project/Goodwill vouchers
- Participation in SHOVE, AIDS Walk, 1000 Stars Dinners
- NAMES Quilt
- · Labor Day Fund Raising
- HIV/AIDS Support Group
- Christmas & Thanksgiving Dinners
- Participation in AIDS Interfaith Network



KC and the Sunshine Band Coming to Night of a Thousand Stars

KC and the Sunshine Band will join Nebraska AIDS Project and several thousand of their supporters at Night of a Thousand Stars 2004... A Disco Ball. The 12th Annual Night of A Thousand Stars welcomes individual and sponsors to be part of this year's fabulous black tie soirce and fundraiser. Proceeds from this gala event benefit Nebraska AIDS Project.

Night of a Thousand Stars grows each year as new individuals get involved in the premier fundraising event in Nebraska. Nebraska AIDS Project supporters host pre-parties in their homes, businesses and other venues the night of the gala or another day during the year. Guests at these pre parties or the Patron Party at Hilton Omaha make a donation agreed upon by their party host and Nebraska AIDS Project. This donation allows them to receive a ticket for the main event at the Qwest Center where thousands gather the first Saturday of December to dine on decadent desserts and dance the night away.

This year's party goers will dance to the beats of local favorite, the Personics and disco chart toppers, KC and the Sunshine Band. KC and the Sunshine Band's unique fusion of R&B and funky dance beats rocked the disco era with such hits as Shake Your Booty and Get Down Tonight.

Nebraska AIDS Project was founded in 1984 and operates from five offices across Nebraska and serves all of Nebraska, Eastern Wyoming and Southwest Iowa. As Nebraska's only community based AIDS service organization, our work is vital.

With twenty years experience in HIV prevention and support services Nebraska AIDS Project is recognized as a leader in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the Midwest. All funds from this event will allow Nebraska AIDS Project to continue this vital work and life saving support for thousands of men, women and children in Nebraska, Southwestern Iowa and Eastern Wyoming affected by HIV/AIDS.

For more information on hosting a party or event sponsorship, please contact or Nichole West (402) 552-9260 ext 143 nicholew@nap.org or Stefanie Emrich (402) 552-9260 ext 102, stefaniee@nap.org. General information is available at www.nap.org.

GAYZETTE AD RATES

Whole Page 7 ½ X 10 Fourth Page 3 ¾ X 4 ¾

\$100.00 \$ 25.00 Half Page 7 ½ X 4 ¾ Business Card \$ 50.00

All ads must be camera ready. Payment_must accompany ad, Checks should be made payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha NE 68102 on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rainbowoutreach.org. Please email or call ahead to reserve space. We reserve the right to refuse any ad which we deem to be inappropriate.

Ad Deadlines: Friday, Nov. 5, for Publication Nov. 12th

Friday, Nov. 19 for Publication Nov.

It's been a fun and sexy run for Kyle's Bed & Breakfast. But because we have not been able to find a sponsor we are forced to drop this comic strip in the Gayzette after the next issue. There is still time if you or your business would like to sponsor Kyle's and get some prime ad space with it, please email news@rainbowoutreach.org and let us know.























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"I feel that it is necessary to offer clients a place that is sensitive to their own needs. Omaha has a large population of people who are not being served by the travel professionals, and I believe very much in the issues that affect them everyday. This is only a small part of the necessary changes that need to occur in our society. I want to do what I can."

For more information, or assistance with travel plans, contact Laura Kinney at Destinations Travel Center at 402-397-1314 ext 207. (See advertisement Above)



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QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline. 1-800-782-2437 (in Omaha, 552-9255) Sunday-Friday: 10 am-10 pm

HGRA Events

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 6th, 2004 - 3 PM

Location: Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha - 819

South 22nd Street - Omaha, NE 68108

HGRA Royalty Contest Saturday, November 6th, 2004 Location: DC's Saloon - www.dcsomaha.com 610 South 14th Street – Omaha, NE 68102

20th IGRA Convention – Denver, CO November 11th thru 14th, 2004 - http://www.cgra.net/ and http://www.igra.com/

International Dance Competition – Denver, CO November 13th, 2004

Annual Awards Dinner and Election of Officers Saturday, November 20th, 2004 Cash Bar - 6:30 PM Dinner Served - 7:00 PM Awards/Election of Officers -8:00 PM Location: Angie's Restaurant - 1001 Pacific - Omaha, NE -402.341.8800

Need more info call 402.501.5592 or email brett.hartman@carlson.com



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Ace's Only. 1263 South 16th Street Connections, 1901 Leavenworth The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street Dixie Quix, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha Gilligan's Pub. 1407 Harney Street The Joy, 1516 Jones Street The Max. 1417 Jackson Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth Stage Right Coffee and Tea House, 16th and Harney Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street

If Dick Cheney did drag......





RIVER CITY MIXED LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Maplewood Lane	S	Week 3	
Place	Team Name	Won	Lost	Total Pins
1	DC's Saloon	15	1	7984
2	Lord's & Ladies	12	4	8386
3	About That Dirt	12	4	7981
4	Old Market Candy Shop	11	5	8542
5	Team 15	11	5	7868
6	Chicken & Her Noodles	11	5	6797
7	Her 4 Beer	11	5	6505
8	Omaha Hospitality	10	6	8245
9	Bowler Sisters	10	6	7588
10	I Got 8	10	6	7381

11	Flixxation	10	6	6847
12	Kumoniwan2layya	9	7	7282
13	Max-A-Millions	9	7	7167
14	SPLASH	8	8	6229
15	Omaha Ball Busters	7	9	6151
16	AJT Dubb	7	1	3342
17	Sausage & Eggs	6	10	5657
18	Liksalotagilly's	5	11	6845
19	DC's Bobbleheads	5	11	6234
20	Bowling With Antlers	5	11	5949
21	Oh Flixx It!	4	12	6590
22	Gilligan's CCB	4	12	6524
23	Frank and Beans	3	13	6982
24	Team #24	3	13	4211
25	4The Beer 2	2	14	5752
23 24	Frank and Beans Team #24	3 3 2	13 13	698 421

High Average Women	High Average Men		
178 - T Shellenberger	216 - G Schoenfeld		
175- A Reed	200 – R Hansen		
174- R Richardson	199 – D Cohen		
173 – H Kovanda	199 - J Schulte		
High Series Women	High Series Men		
667 – T Shellenberger	712 - G Schoenfeld		
576- R Richardson	636 - R Hansen		

High Game Team

826-Old Market Candy Shop 780-About That Dirt 762-I got 8 760-Kumoniwan2layya

High Series Team

2257–Old Market Candy Shop 2178-Lord's & Ladies

CLUB JOY LAUNCHES NEW HOUSE DRAG SHOW

FISHnets On Nov. 5th Club JOY will launch the newest addition to it's monthly event list. FISHnets will feature a new house cast with a special guest performer each month. The new show cast will include The Princess, Ashley Simone, Michelle Michaels and Erica JOY and will be the 1st Friday of every month. To kick off FISHnets, JOY is flying in Jordan Kennedy from Nashville, TN. The show will feature single performers, a duet, and a group number. There will also be a pre-show featuring several Omaha singers including Misty (Pride Idol Winner) and Jeff Peck. The pre-show starts at 9pm and FISHnets

kicks off promptly at 9:30pm. Since the Holidays are coming up this event will have a reduced cover of only \$3 starting at 8pm. Come down early, extra seating has been ordered.

The N'JOY show will still be featured every 3rd Friday of the month and "Porn Star Friday" will be the 2nd Friday of selected months only.

Go to www.omahajoy.com for more information





Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M. Location: First United Methodist Church 7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska Web Site: www.pflag-omaha.org

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A LEGEND IS BORN...Friday Nov 5th

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For our very first show we are bringing in Jordan Kennedy from Nashville, Tn.



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GAYZETTE EVENTS

FRJDAY NOVEMBER 5
THE MUSIC OF BACH AND THE BAROQUE ERA, Midland Lutheran College,
Clemmons Hall, 900 N. Clarkson, FremontNE

FRJ., thru Sat., Nov. 5th and 6th RCGA FALL HARVEST, visit http://www.fallharvest.net for more details

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005 BENEFIT, at
The Max, hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2004 John Burns

FRJDAY & SAT., NOVEMBER 5 & 6
RCGA FALL HARVEST, For details and/
or to sign up see www.fallharvest.net

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005 BENEFIT, at The Q, hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2004 John Burns

SAT., & SUN., FEBRUARY 57H AND 67HRCMC PRESENTS GREAT WOMEN OF
SONG, 7:05PM, First United Methodist
Church, 7020 Cass St., Omaha

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 274TH ANNUAL HOORAY FOR HOLLY-WOOD BENEFIT, at The Max, hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2001 Troy Haasis

SAT., & SUN., JUNE 18 & 19 RCMC PRESENTS FAIRY TALES: THE MUSICAL, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, 69th and Dodge

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

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22,
345-2563 Worship: 9am & 11am
Sunday School: 11am

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

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,

MOUS 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. 40th

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARS-ALS, 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

<u>UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-</u> <u>PORT GROUP</u>, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every WednesdayWORSHIP 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. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

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

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. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

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

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

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

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

Every Saturday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE, 7PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

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

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

<u>PFLAG-OMAHA</u>, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

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

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 476-0355, 1-3:30pm

2nd Saturday

<u>LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA</u> Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

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

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 Thursday

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

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

3rd Saturday

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

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

OMAHA BARS

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Here's What Happening with the Imperial Court of Nebraska

October

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*Friday 29th @ DC's - Raven's Halloween Show - 8PM Hosted by Grand Czarina 24 Raven Randt

November

*Tuesday 2nd @ MAX - Election Day Dinner - 6-8PM Hoseted by Empress Crystal - All Amer-

*Friday 5th @ Hot Shops - Art Auction -Hosted by Emperor 23 Don & Prince Royal 24 Andrew

*Friday 12th @ DC's - Food-4-Thought Benefit - 8:30PM Hosted by Michele Korman Princess Royal 20 After Hours Breakfast @ Dixie Quicks to follow.

*Sunday 14th @ MAX - Food-4-Thought - 9PM a benefit to buy food vouchers for NAP clients for Thanksgiving Dinners

*Sunday 28th @ Panic (Lincoln) - Susan's MDA Benefit - 9PM Hosted by Lady Susan Davis

December

*Saturday 4th @ MAX - Night of 1000 Stars Dinner - TBA 2 chices, Buffet or Set down Dinner -More details to follow.

*Saturday 11th @ MAX - Toyz 4 Totz -7PM *New Time and Date* a benefit to buy Christmas presents for children, effected by HIV/AIDS

*Saturdy 18th @ DC's - Christmas in Russia - 8:30PM Hosted by Lady Madeline Feinstein

January

*Saturday 8th @ MAX - E&E Ball -5/6PM



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, email to: 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 Hirsute men and admirers group
- 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, 596-2549 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: 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 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 Bible Study at 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 Equality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community
- Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com
- Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/

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- The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), theohanagroup@cs.com
- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ OmahaBiMarriedMen
- FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK,
- 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field. Omaha
- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or 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 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@vahoo.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 8583, Omaha, 68108, 402-213-6203 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride Parade & Festival & National Coming Out Day (NCOD)

 RC www.rainbowcelebrations.org

 NE Pride, pride@rainbowcelebrations.org
- NCOD, 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
- Single Lesbians Group, Expanding My Horizons, Call 731-0206 or email devlnhalo2@aol.com, meets 1st or 3rd of each month
- **SNAP Productions,** Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Unity Church of Omaĥa 3424 N. 90, Omaĥa, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 57 -1344; www.unityomaĥa.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 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 QuestioningWomen'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
- 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 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
- 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-glbt.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

South Dakota Based

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

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IGRA FINALS RODEO

There were boots and chaps and cowboy hats as Cowboys and Cowgirls from all over the US and Canada came to Omaha and competed in the International Gay Rodeo Finals last weekend. The top 20 in each event were invited here to compete for the title of IGRA Champion. After 2 days of competition, 7 Heartland members were crowned champions. Bryn Geerdes captured her 2nd International title in calf roping, and Belinda Ann her 2nd in steer riding. Sam Kramer and Brett Hartman won their first ever International Finals titles, Brett in Breakaway roping, and Sam in chute dogging. This is the 4th consecutive year that the Heartland women have won top honors in chute dogging. Sam also partnered up with fellow HGRA member Rocky Kuhn in wild drag and they both won buckles in this event. Heartland's Chuck Hildebrant was awarded the top rookie cowboy buckle for 2004.

Team Heartland had its best finish ever in the team points and placed 2nd out of 19 teams. Red River Rodeo Association from Texas took top honors. HGRA also had 2 members win ribbons in the all round standings with Sam placing 4th runner-up in cowgirls and Tee Tramp placing 5th runner-up in cowboys.

In addition to the rodeo, Mr. HGRA Paco competed in the IGRA Royalty contest vying for the title of Mr. IGRA. Even though he did not end up in the top 3, he was a fabulous representative for HGRA and received a standing ovation for his entertainment number Friday night.

Finals Rodeo Director Tamara Marks sends her thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, spectators, officials and contestants.



Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Wednesday: 7:00 PM
Saturday: Alternative Worship 7:00 PM (starts 9/27/03)
819 South 22nd Street (Just south of Leavenworth Street)
Omaha, Nebraska 68103 Phone: 402-345-2563
Web site: www.mccomaha.org

"We have far exceeded our goals and are thrilled with the results. HGRA will be making significant donation to our 5 charity partners."

Ice Bowl Annual Chili Cookoff

With a chill in the air and the Holidays upon us, it is once again time for the Ice Bowl's Annual Chili Cook off.

This year the cook off will be held at the Max on November 21st at 6PM, following regular league bowling. Last year there were over 15 unique chili's entered. Will yours be the winner

this year? Enter and find out! You could win some great prizes. Join the Ice Bowl and get all the chili you can eat for \$5.00. All proceeds to benefit the Ice Bowl Tournament 2005. Look for more details to follow soon.



SNAP! Productions Presents

Kiss of the Spider Woman

A musical with music by John Kander, words by Fred Ebb. book by Terrence McNally and based on the novel by Manuel Puig. Kiss of the Spider Woman explores the complex relationship between two men caged together in a Latin American prison. One of them, a gay window dresser, has been imprisoned for allegedly making sexual advances to a young boy. In order to escape the brutality of prison life, he spends his days dreaming of Aurora, a B-movie actress from the 40s who once played the role of the sinister Spider Woman. His

dreams, however, become more complicated when the warden asks him to spy on his cellmate, a political activist jailed for his

involvement in the Argentinian revolution.

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Broadway Musical, Kiss of the Spider Woman revamps a harrowing tale of persecution into a dazzling spectacle that juxtaposes gritty realities with liberat-

ing fantasies.

Michal Simpson directs this absorbingly intense musical with musical direction by Keefer Peterson and choreography by Wai Yim and Karli Newman. The cast will feature Echelle Childers. Todd Brooks and Eduardo Millan. Rounding out the cast will be Mary Carrick, Bridget Weise, Homera Vela, Ron Osborn, John Rosman, Larry Valenti, Gary Wallace, Al Di Mauro. Rob Saladee, Ruben Sanchez, Robert Williams, Patrick Young, Kevin Steward, Jason Delong and Dave Howard.

Production runs from November 12 - December 5, 2004 at 3225 California Street, Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 6:00 pm on Sundays. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website:

www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00. students, senior citizens, and TAG members. There will be no performance on Thanksgiving.

Our Mission: SNAP! Productions is a nonprofit theatre organization with the mission to provide Educational and Humanistic Support of AIDS-Related Programs and to Promote Understanding and Acceptance of All Members of the Community Through Artistic Expression.

ICON RECEIVES RED **RIBBON AWARD**

As part of the Nebraska AIDS Project's 20th anniversary celebration, 20 individuals and organizations were chosen to receive "Red Ribbon" Awards in recognition of their outstanding support of the Nebraska AIDS Project and persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska was chosen to receive a Red Ribbon Award in recognition of more than 20 years of service to persons living with HIV/AIDS. The award was accompanied with the following description of the services provided by

"Even before the organization of Nebraska AIDS Project, the Imperial Court of Nebraska was involved in the fight to increase awareness of HIV and provide funds for early treatment and research efforts. Since 1983, when the proceeds of the Imperial Court of Nebraska's Labor Day fundraising activities were donated to UNMC for HTLV 3 research, the Imperial Court of Nebraska has been a major source of funds for Nebraska AIDS Project and the needs of people living with HIV disease. In 1984, members of the Imperial Court of Nebraska participated in the organizational meetings that led to the formation and incorporation of Nebraska AIDS Project. The Imperial Court of Nebraska has a long history of providing food and vouchers at Thanksgiving for people living with HIV disease and holiday gifts for children affected by AIDS. The first year they shopped for 12 children. Last year, they provided toys for 166 children. They helped refurbish and furnish the Nebraska AIDS Project Outreach Center at 1723 Leavenworth Street. Since 1997, the Imperial Court of Nebraska has prepared and served a monthly lunch for clients in Omaha. During this time they have prepared 84 lunches, serving approximately 1600 clients. The Imperial Court of Nebraska has participated in AIDS Walk Nebraska, Dining Out for Life, Night of Thousand Stars and numerous other special events. Reign 23 alone provided more that \$23,000 for HIV causes. They have supported the Metropolitan Community Church Food Pantry, a resource for Nebraska AIDS Project clients, and also provide personal care items for clients. The Partnership between the Imperial Court of Nebraska and Nebraska AIDS Project has been an invaluable resource for people affected by HIV and AIDS. Empress Crystal Delight and Regent Emperor Michael Lyons are shown accepting the Red Ribbon Award.

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