

# The GayZette



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## The Best of Gay Omaha Award Show This Weekend

LC Entertainment, Inc presents the first annual "Best of Gay Omaha" Award Show Sunday, August 19, 2007 at The MAX starting at 9:30 PM.

The ballots are in and the winners will be announced the evening of the show with performances by Courtney DuMae, Miss Fanta Cee, Misty Stokes, Ryan Klaus and "Overall Entertainer of the Year" nominees Faleasha Savage, Holly Day, Jennifer Jett, Reyna Del Mundo and Ashley Simone.

Other categories for the evening include Best Male Performer, Best Female Performer, Best Drag Performer, Best Live Vocalist, Best Duet/Trio, Best Group, Best Newcomer and Best Original Costume.

For more details, visit [www.themaxomaha.com](http://www.themaxomaha.com) or contact Lana Caine at [LCEntertainInc@aol.com](mailto:LCEntertainInc@aol.com).

## N.J. Church Group Sues Over Gay Ceremony

A church group sued New Jersey on Monday over the state's investigation of a complaint that the group refused to allow a lesbian couple to hold a civil union ceremony at a beachfront pavilion it owns.

The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, a Methodist group, alleges that by finding enough reason to investigate the complaint, the state's Division on Civil Rights is threatening to prosecute the group in order to force it to allow such ceremonies to take place.

The investigation is the first of its kind for New Jersey, which began allowing same-sex couples to enter into civil unions in February.

Harriet Bernstein and Luisa Paster of Ocean Grove filed the complaint after the association rejected their application to use the pavilion and returned their \$75 deposit. The group said it

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## The Real Eyes of Tammy Faye: A legacy beyond the mascara

By Miles Christian Daniels

Tammy Faye had barely taken her final breath before columnists, bloggers, critics and fans alike were typing away. "Legacy of Greed" read one headline. Emotive. Extravagant. Some went as far as saying she wouldn't even make it to the pearly gates, much less get a free pass in.

For me, however, it's taken a few weeks to figure out how I'd like to remember her. After all, I'd had a long, scrappy history with the lady many knew only by her cumbersome eyelashes.

Maybe, just maybe, Tammy Faye was The Real Thing.

Jim and Tammy were regulars on the television set in our house. We vacationed at their theme park. Belonged to the same Protestant denomination. And my parents still talk about the newlywed evangelist couple who, driving a black Cadillac, came to their country church in Wanchese, North Carolina. Many there today will tell you that Jim and Tammy are responsible for their born-again experience. This was, of course, years before their ascent to fame and the collapse that would ensue.

I was just ten-years-old when the scandal broke as front-page news, and as would most, I too ended up dismissing the Bakkers as frauds - the wolves in sheep's clothing I'd been warned about.

It wasn't until I came out as a gay man that I'd learn that Tammy Faye was much more than an overly made-up, loony, pop culture caricature.

Like the Bakkers, I tried my hand at full-time ministry. I became a youth pastor and served as a regional youth representative for North Carolina District Council of the Assemblies of God. But at the forefront of my good intentions was the ever-

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*(Tammy Faye story, Continued from page 1)*

looming reality that I am gay, there is nothing I can do to change that, and the denomination in which I was baptized and now served, would never allow an openly-gay man to operate in any position.

Disillusioned by this reality, I left ministry and dismissed organized religion altogether. The very thought of it made me nauseous, nervous. Even going to church with mom on Mother's Day was unthinkable.

Then, I saw *The Eyes of Tammy Faye*, the documentary about Tammy's life. I had read that drag queen superstar, Rupaul, was the narrator so I took a deep breath and watched it. So much of what I'd assumed was true. Tammy Faye did come across as an emotional wreck. Trivial things made her cry. She was at times outlandish and her make-up was god-awful.

But behind the clunky mascara was something unquestionably authentic. And, without overstating it, christlike. Although she would have been justified in doing so, she harbored no malice. Not towards Jim Bakker and not toward other celebrity ministers like Jerry Falwell who had said and done horrible things to her.

And, her love for even the gravest "sinner" - including people like me -- was something the staunchest atheist could not write off.

I continued to follow her life via the internet and television appearances. I monitored her battle with cancer through notes she'd post on her webpage. "It's little old me. Just wanted to give you an update," began one. Her stardom never went to her head. I laughed at her refusal to visit a nudist colony with her cohorts on *The Surreal Life*. And, when her bestseller, *I Will Survive ... And You Will Too*, was released, I couldn't put it down.

Unaware of what was happening, Tammy Faye was gradually changing my opinion of the church and its so-called Christians. After all, like me she was an outsider, often criticized by her evangelical counterparts. Her unconditional acceptance of all people was too much for many.

The night before she died, Tammy gave her final interview to Larry King. When asked what she'd like to be remembered for, without missing a beat, "Well, my eyelashes," she said. From Jan Hooks famous parody on *Saturday Night Live* to the documentary about her life, the clunky mascara, often smudged from her easily-triggered tears, likely resulted in many dismissing the televangelist as nothing more than a kook.

But for those of us who cared to take a closer look, our memory will be of an individual who helped us take the first step toward something we'd once walked away from.

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rejected the application because the church does not recognize same-sex unions.

"In an apparent distortion of the First Amendment, they are claiming that they have the right to discriminate against people who do not share their religious tenets," Bernstein said.

The organization said if the group were to allow civil union ceremonies for same-sex couples to take place, it would constitute approval of such unions. The lawsuit also says the state's investigation has forced the association to limit use of the pavilion for weddings out of fear of prosecution.

"The government can't force a private Christian organization to use its property in a way that would violate its own religious beliefs," said Brian Raum, a lawyer for the Alliance Defense Fund, which is representing the association.

In a statement, Lee Moore, a spokesman for the state's attorney general, described the lawsuit as "premature," saying the division hasn't come to any conclusion about the case.

"To date, the Division on Civil Rights has asserted nothing beyond its right to initiate an investigation to determine whether there has been a violation of the law against discrimination," Moore said.

Moore said it was the first investigation to deal with the issue of where a civil union ceremony could be performed since the civil-unions legislation became law. He said the state had previously received two complaints having to do with receiving job benefits.

The association said it uses the pavilion for a variety of programs, such as a Sunday-morning worship service and a Bible school class, and has rented the pavilion for wedding ceremonies.

Bernstein said that in the past, the pavilion has been used for civil wedding ceremonies as well as for people of all faiths to get married. She said it's also used for concerts and impromptu gatherings. (Rebecca Santana, AP)

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Along with bowling on August 26, we will be holding a fundraiser for our friend, Lee Harrison.

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See: [http://www.myspace.com/mr\\_gay\\_pride\\_ne](http://www.myspace.com/mr_gay_pride_ne)

There will be lots of swimming, fun, live entertainment, DJ, food from Omaha Steaks, games, prizes, and MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!!

Hope you can make it- the last one was a BLAST!!!

Check out my MySpace page for all current events and pool party details.

My victory show is also coming up in a couple of weeks, August 26th, 9:00 p.m. at The MAX- hope you can make it, I have a phenomenal line up for this show!!!

Hope to see you there!

Johnny and Gary

## NCOD Chair Announced

Congratulations to Kevin Marik on his appointment as National Coming Out Day (NCOD) committee chair. He will lead Rainbow Celebrations' efforts toward NCOD celebrations on October 11th. Since our Bylaws hold the NCOD Chair as a board of directors position, Kevin resigned from his Member at Large position.

The board immediately filled that position with Dino Andrade. Dino has been on the board previously, and has always reliably supported RC and Pride. Congratulations to Dino, our newest Rainbow Celebrations board Member at Large!

At our next board meeting, 7 pm, Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at the CFEP/RC Office, 1105 Howard Street, we will select the Chair to lead the Nebraska Pride 2008 committee. If interested in applying, contact Nate.

The executive board Secretary position is open. If interested in filling this important position, contact Mark.

Heads up: Most Rainbow Celebrations Board positions will be up for election at our Annual Meeting in December. If you are interested in the success of this organization and would like to contribute your time and talents please contact Nate or Mark.

## NAP and MPower on a Mission

One of our missions in the Education Department at Nebraska AIDS Project is to inform all our populations, not just the gay community about the importance of protecting ourselves from

contracting sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and HIV. It is important that we take care of our self and encourage all our friends and acquaintances to do the same.

The MPower Coordinator has become very visible in the gay community outreaching and promoting the importance of safe sex. Here is something for you to think about. In Omaha, during the month of July, there were 9 newly diagnosed HIV+ gay/bi-sexual clients. Do you know if you were sexually active with one of these men?

In Lincoln there were 2 new clients. Taking it upon your self to get tested and knowing your status is the best way to help stop the spread of not only HIV but all STDs.

NAP's Free HIV testing schedule in Omaha is as follows: (402) 552-9260

Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. and  
Fridays, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Watanabe Wellness Center

The Watanabe Wellness Center is located 1/2 block south of 40th and Dodge Street in Omaha.

NAP's Free HIV testing schedule in Lincoln is: (402) 476-7000

Wednesdays, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Nebraska AIDS Project

Third Tuesday of every month (August) 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at The Panic Bar

Lincoln's NAP office is located at 2147 South 15th Street. The Panic Bar is located at 200 South 18th Street in Lincoln, NE

NAP is very excited and wants to commend and say thank you to the owners of the Panic Bar in Lincoln for allowing us the opportunity to actually test in their establishment. "Thank You Kelly Erisman and Kara Kugler" for caring for our community the way you do.

MPower Coordinator and volunteer counselors will continue outreaching at each of the Omaha and Lincoln gay bars one night per month. See list below:

1st Sunday, at Flixx in Omaha	9:00 to 11:00 p.m.
1st Tuesday, at The Max in Omaha	8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
1st Thursday, at The "Q" in Lincoln	8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
3rd Tuesday, at Panic in Lincoln	7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
3rd Thursday, at DC's Saloon in Omaha	8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

This outreach is for gay/bi-sexual men only. Each participant that sits down for 10 minute counseling session and demonstrates proper use of condom will receive a free drink coupon that can be used that night only.

Nebraska AIDS Project and its Education Department are al-

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Thursdays	7:30PM - 9:00PM
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\* Closed Most Major Holidays.  
(402) 341-0330 [www.RainbowOutreach.org](http://www.RainbowOutreach.org)

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd**  
**MCCO RIVERBOAT CRUISE**, board at 6:40pm, cruise 7-9pm, see ad in this issue

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH**  
**The 23RD ANNUAL OMAHA WOMEN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE**, 5:30PM to 8:30PM. For more information call Tauni or Sheryl at 402-467-5737

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH**, ELCA, 3647 Lafayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, [www.augustanalutheran.com](http://www.augustanalutheran.com)

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**, Now meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Fellowship starts at 6PM, services begin at 6:30PM, Everyone Welcome! Doors open at 6PM.

**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP** Confidential, meeting at the MCCO Church, 822 S. 22nd St, call 345-2563 for meeting times, all women are welcome

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

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

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

**HIV TESTING**, 1:30-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in one week

**HIV TESTING LINCOLN**, 4-7 pm, using Orasure, results in one week; results in 20 minutes on the last Wednesday of the month. 2147 South 15<sup>th</sup> #476-7000

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK**  
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**DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON**  
7-9pm, DC's Saloon

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

**HIV TESTING** 7- 9pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>  
Results available in one week

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections Bar

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

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

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



**GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT**, 6PM to 9PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

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

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

**HIV TESTING** 5-10pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>  
Results available in 20 minutes

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

**READING GROUNDS GAYME NIGHT**, Music, laughter & board games. 23yrs. Old & up, 40th & Farnam St., 502-2008

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

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

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

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

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**  
**CENTER MOVIE FAN NIGHT** 7:30pm, Free movie at Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth St. Popcorn and beverages provided. Everyone is invited.

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday**  
**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

**81<sup>st</sup> Sunday**  
**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**  
**CENTER LIBRARY FAIRIES**, 8PM. Bookworms become butterflies. Stretch your wings helping the Center library. No experience necessary to volunteer. Drop-in to the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

**GAMES NIGHT**, 7pm to 9pm, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

**CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE**, 7PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit RainbowOutreach.org

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**  
**ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE**, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**PFLAG-OMAHA**, 7pm, First United Methodist Church  
**OMAHA GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, usually meets at The Reading Grounds, but changes at times. Contact omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net for more info.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**  
**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER** L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
**INTEGRITY** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**  
**CENTER MOVIE FAN NIGHT** 7:30pm, Free movie at Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth St. Popcorn and beverages provided. Everyone is invited.

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

**VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN**, at the GLBT Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend an hour or two volunteer-

ing at the Center - 6:30PM or 7:30PM, your choice, whenever it fits your schedule. No special skills or ongoing commitment required. VolunQueers have fun and make a difference.

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**  
**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN** 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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

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

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**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**  
**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.  
**GAMES NIGHT**, 7pm to 9pm, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday**  
**LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS-OMAHA**  
Not currently meeting.

**LAST Wednesday of each month**  
**READING GROUNDS NAKED WORDS**  
**OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT**, The Reading Grounds, 40th & Farnam St., 7:00 PM

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# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

- BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
- Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)
- Diamond Foundation**, GLBT Scholarships, Mentoring and Leadership, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see [www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.org)
- Family Foundations** Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856
- First Central Congregational Church UCC**, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming
- First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)
- First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming
- Flat Water Bears**, (group disbanded)
- Front Runners/Walkers**, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha
- Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup), Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association** Box 3354, Omaha 68103
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)
- Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](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, not currently meeting
- LinOma Bares**, Info: [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or call Eric at (712)433-4731 or Dave(712)420-3809
- Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's
- Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108

- 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website:[www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm
- NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info
- NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community
- Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)
- Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive
- The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohanagroup@msn.com](mailto:Theohanagroup@msn.com)
- Omaha Bi Married Men** Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>
- Omaha NE Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)
- OMAHA GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, usually meets at The Reading Grounds, but changes at times. Contact [omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for more info.
- Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, PO Box 3672, Omaha, NE 68103
- 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: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@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**, PO Box 8488,

- Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)
- River City Gender Alliance**, P.O. Box 4083 Omaha, NE 68104, call Starla @402.813.1842 Or email [info@rivercitygenderalliance.org](mailto:info@rivercitygenderalliance.org)
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)
- Temple Israel Synagogue**, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive
- Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)
- WomenSpace**, no current info is available

## LINCOLN BASED

- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, Pat Tetreault, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@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 & Bi Men's Discussion & Support Group**, Tim, P.O. Box 6341, Lincoln 68506-0341 483-6183
- Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning-Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000
- Mixed Chorus**, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at [sdorchid@neb.rr.com](mailto:sdorchid@neb.rr.com)
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>
- Plainsmen**, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Sexuality Education eXchange**, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) Comprehen-



sive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

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

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

**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tricity-glb.com/>

**UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lin

coln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu)

**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508, 434-3494, **Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880

## Iowa Based

**Council Bluffs Equality**, [www.cboquality.org](http://www.cboquality.org)

**Iowa Equality**, GLBT-allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site**: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

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ways looking for sincere people who want to make a difference to volunteer. If interested, please call either NAP office and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator. Omaha's office number is (402) 552-9260. Lincoln's office number is (402) 476-7000.

MPower will be hosting Bingo for Life on October 4th, 2007. The purpose of the event is a fundraiser for Nebraska AIDS Project and to bring awareness to prevention programs offered through NAP's Education Departments: MPower, Many Men Many Voices, El SIDA, Ujima, The Bridge, Community Promise and Street Outreach. Watch for details coming out early September. There is a 2nd planning meeting scheduled for August 20th. Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Watanabe Wellness Center

Address: 139 South 40th Street (1/2 block south of 40th and Dodge Street)

If you would like to help with this gala event, please contact Gary Winingham at (402) 552-9260 x122.



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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



HERE'S YOUR LAP-TOP, LANCE.

YOU FIXED IT?!



YEAH. YOUR INVERTER BOARD HAD A FAULTY CONNECTION.

UNBELIEVABLE.

THE COMPUTER REPAIR SLACKERS AT MY OFFICE COULDN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF IT.



YEAH, WELL... SOME OF THOSE CORPORATE COMPUTER TECHS ARE PRETTY CLUELESS.

AT MY OLD JOB, I USED TO FIX A LOTTA' THEIR SCREW-UPS.



I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU.

UH... I'M ALREADY IN A RELATIONSHIP, LANCE.

WITH A PRETTY SCARY GUY, I MIGHT ADD.



I MEANT A BUSINESS PROPOSITION... NOT A SEXUAL ONE.

FROM WHAT I HEAR...

...THOSE TERMS ARE KINDA' INTERCHANGEABLE FOR YOU.



NOT THIS TIME. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A COMPUTER TECH AT MY OFFICE?

FOR REAL?



LOOK... THE PRESIDENT OF MY FIRM HAS HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH ALL THE INCOMPETENT COMPUTER TECHS WE EMPLOY.

HE'D HIRE YOU IN A SECOND, DAVE.



I ALREADY HAVE A JOB.

AS WHAT? THE RECEPTIONIST AT NICK'S GARAGE? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

HEY... IT'S A GOOD JOB.



I LIKE WORKING THERE.

DOES IT PAY SEVENTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR? WITH FULL MEDICAL BENEFITS?

BECAUSE, THAT'S THE STARTING SALARY FOR COMPUTER-REPAIR TECHS AT MY FIRM.



O.K., I MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THIS.

I THOUGHT SO.

I DON'T HAVE TO SLEEP WITH YOU OR ANYTHING, DO I?

NO, I ONLY SLEEP WITH CLIENTS.

HOW ETHICAL OF YOU...



# Zanna, Don't!

...arrives on stage and gives SNAP! Productions another Omaha premiere. This musical fairy tale flies at you with a delightfully fresh pop score that flirts with funk, r&b, classic musical theatre, country and more. Let Zanna, Don't! cast its magical charm on you. In these uncertain times, a show like Zanna, Don't! is just the sort of professional, escapist entertainment that we all owe it to ourselves to indulge in. Touted as a cross between Grease and Hairspray with a heaping spoonful of Footloose on top, Zanna, Don't! makes you embrace high school again with all its angst and fun.

Zanna, Don't! turns the world upside down. Boy-friends and girlfriends, we are not in Kansas anymore! The musical is set in a universe where same sex relationships are the norm. So, what happens when the captain of the high school football team falls in love with the overachieving straight-A student who is a girl? Duh... the drama department presents a musical about the acceptance of heterosexuality. Trouble brews, mayhem ensues, and Zanna must risk everything he knows to make the world a safer place for his friends and true love. Zanna, Don't! is a spectacular example of a musical comedy with such a positive message and clean-cut script that the entire family can attend together. It is the definition of a feel-good production!



Come see Zanna, Don't!, the Off-Broadway hit, winner of the GLAAD Media award, 4 Drama Desk nominations and the Outer Critic's Circle nomination for best musical production. Join the cast that includes Stephen Michael Shelton, Jerry Woiderski, Dan Chevalier, Johnny Mack, Jeremy Gillmore, Caitlin Mabon, Katie Spicka, Megan Van Alstine, Jenny Priesman, John Remington, Scott Fowler and Connie Jo Podendorf as they tackle love and relationships and the frustration of feeling out of place.



Todd Brooks and Scott Fowler direct the zany musical comedy, Zanna, Don't!, which runs from August 23–September 16, 2007 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, September 16th show will start at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! Productions website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members.



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# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake  
Certified Personal Trainer



Introspection is defined as an examination of one's own feelings and thoughts according to the Merriam Webster Dictionary. Introspection can lead you to better understand yourself and ultimately to achieve greater happiness. This greater happiness can help you follow the yellow brick road to better health. I will present dozens of questions for you to contemplate. Get ready to challenge yourself to a smorgasbord of self-discovery. For best results, I recommend you answer honestly Pinocchio.

- What is the angriest moment you have ever experienced?
- Are you more of a voyeur or an exhibitionist?
- What person do you trust the most?
- When do you feel most relaxed?
- Whit whom have you had the best sex?
- What has been your proudest moment?
- What is your greatest fear?
- What have you always wanted to do but haven't?
- Where did you experience your greatest happiness?
- When did you last lie?
- What are your pet peeves?
- Who are you most intimidated by?
- Have you ever considered suicide?
- What part of your body would you like to replace?
- When did you first feel sexual?
- Whom have you most wanted to hurt?
- Have you ever driven your car naked?
- Who would you want as your guardian angel?
- Whom do you secretly admire?
- What was the happiest year of your life?
- What bad habit do you enjoy the most?
- What is the largest amount of money you have found?
- When was the last time you dreamed you were falling?
- What is the most expensive car you have driven?
- What movie character do you most resemble?
- Would you like to live in the future or the past?
- Have you ever watched someone die in person?
- What photograph of you is most revealing?
- Who is most jealous of you?
- What secret will you take to your grave?
- What is the longest span you've gone without sex?
- How do you want to die?
- Who has influenced you the most?
- What is your earliest childhood memory?
- When did you last cry during a movie?

These questions should be just the beginning. Sit down and make a bigger list if you'd like. Knowledge is power. The more you know about yourself, the better equipped you'll be to go out and face the world. Introspection is just like a massage or a relaxing spell in the hot tub. You'll feel like a million

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Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
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### Omaha:

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The Max, 1417 Jackson	346-4110
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street	502-2008
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

### Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)	435-8764
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## LEAVE GAY MARRIAGE OUT OF THE CONVERSATION

At Least Until Next November

By Miles Christian Daniels

As a gay American with a lot at stake next November, I watched closely last Thursday's Presidential debate, the first-ever focused exclusively on our rights. The panelist's concerns ranged from abolishing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," to employment non-discrimination laws, to how ours compares to the civil rights struggle of African Americans. Answers were mostly predictable, safe, and showed candidates do scrutinize polls.

All but two Democratic hopefuls showed up for the two-hour event. Republicans, though invited, knew better. After all, the small number of potential gay voters isn't worth alienating their non-gay constituency – especially those more conservative.

Driving the dialogue was whether or not these politicians endorse gay marriage. This clearly weighted most heavily on the minds of the panelists and "civil unions" was not an acceptable answer. The unwavering emphasis on this issue, not whether or not the candidates called it marriage or civil union, frightened me.

Barack Obama, citing the more than eleven hundred federal rights available to opposite-sex couples, said that he would "fight hard" to make sure those same rights are available to us. He was careful, however, to refer to this as a step toward "civil unions," not marriage. Edwards, while sympathizing with gay people, stated that his political viewpoints have not changed. He didn't mince words and made clear his opposition to same-sex marriage.

Hillary Clinton, the frontrunner, was asked why she opposed gay marriage. "I prefer to think of it as being very positive about civil unions," she said.

I've considered passionate and persuasive arguments from both sides of the debate. These range from "Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve" to child rearing to economic. And I've seen what happens when some politicians try to press the issue.

In 2004, Mayor Gavin Newsome ruffled feathers when he let gay couples marry on the steps of San Francisco City Hall. This

was shortly after "activist judges" made Massachusetts the first state to allow legally-recognized gay marriages. While some saw these as steps in the right direction, others like me attributed this to why voters in eleven states passed constitutional amendments banning gay marriage that year. We felt it was too far, too fast and – even worse – believed these noble gestures may have been directly related to the reelection of George W. Bush. A CNN exit poll showed that "moral issues" topped the list of why voters came out for the 2004 election – above jobs and slightly above the Iraq war.

Three years later, most Americans are still not ready to grant marriage rights to same-sex couples.

Last August, a survey released by The Pew Research Center found that fifty four percent favor civil unions. Call it marriage, and that figure drops to thirty five. Even those who support gay marriage are on the fence about whether or not now is the time to be pushing for it. Only fifty one percent of supporters believe we should.

This doesn't mean we should drop the issue altogether. But might we at least consider letting it rest until next November? Not doing so may result in our losing not only another election, but even more federal rights. After all, the same candidates who said they were not comfortable with the word "marriage" last Thursday also confirmed their support for things like our right to adopt, overturning "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and most spoke in favor of civil unions.

In spite of setbacks, gay Americans have made noteworthy political and social progress in recent years. Some forget that just ten years ago Ellen DeGeneres caused a national frenzy when she "came out" on her sitcom. Ratings plummeted. Advertisers yanked their spots. And the show was soon canned.

Today, Ellen's daytime talk show has won Emmy's and is one of television's most viewed. Gay characters also have a strong presence on cable and broadcast networks, including a gay couple who will move to Wisteria Lane (*Desperate Housewives*) this fall.

In Massachusetts, gay couples can marry and in four other states, our civil unions are legally recognized. Earlier this year a poll from Harris Interactive showed that fifty five percent of Americans believe we should be allowed to serve our military without hiding our sexual identity. And support for gay adoption rights has grown steadily during the past decade.

My fear is that if this divisive issue continues to define our current civil rights struggle, especially during this already volatile election year, the end result will again be a "moral values" President, one conservatives trust to uphold their ideals. And if "gay marriage now" means repeating what happened in 2004, this gay American will take civil unions any day. After all, if we aren't careful we might end up with someone like Mitt Romney, just as conservative as our current President, but – quite possibly – a whole lot snarler.

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## Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League Softball

It was an interesting two weeks of play on the sports league. Two runaway games from the same team and two games of great defense. The Wolves VS. Shockers game started off as a slow moving game of getting a run on the board.

Once the Wolves figured out that grounders were better than pop fly's their runs started to come in. Shockers, missing a couple players from their line up, just didn't have their strongest night.

Team Rated was the best team the past two weeks with runaway games. When they played the Rejeckz it was like scoring basketball. Rejeckz has got to find a groove and stick to it.

When Rated played the Wolves they kept the defense so high that the Wolves didn't score until the 6th inning.

When the Rejeckz played against the Shockers previously they were beaten 26-3 Shockers. This time it was shown that Rejeckz's defense has been working out a little bit. As the games progress and get stronger so do the players.

The league would like to thank our score keeper Sarah and our umpires: Ed, Chris O, Chris G, Hank, J.D.

Below are Weeks 4 & 5 and the games played scores.

Remember that we play every Tuesday and Thursday night @ 34th & Leavenworth Park @ 6:30 PM. Free admission to all who attend.

**SCORES:**

Week 4			
Wolves	11	VS.	Shockers 5
Rated	50	VS.	Rejeckz 7

Week 5			
Rejeckz	4	VS.	Shockers 7
Wolves	1	VS.	Rated 11



## Problem Password

A woman was helping her husband set up his computer, and at the appropriate point in the process, she told him that he would now need to enter a password. Something he could remember easily and will use each time he has to log on.

The husband was in a rather amorous mood and figured he would try the shock effect to bring this to his wife's attention.

So..! ..when the computer asked him to enter his password, he made it plainly obvious to his wife that he was keying in....

P...  
E...  
N...  
L...  
S...

His wife fell off her chair laughing when the computer replied:

**\*\*\*PASSWORD REJECTED.... NOT LONG ENOUGH\*\*\***

SUNDAY AUGUST 19TH

Best Of Omaha Awards Show  
An LC Production  
10pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 26TH

Pride Victory Show  
10pm

SUNDAY SEPT 2ND

NO SHOW  
Dance ALL Night Long!!

SATURDAY SEPT 1ST

"Miss Carmalita Says Y.E!S"  
Benefit for  
The Youth Emergency Services  
6:30pm Doors Open  
7pm Show

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

**MEN'S NIGHT**  
Amateur Strip Contest 7pm  
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