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Los Angeles—Metropolitan Community Churches celebrate the 35th Anniversary of UFMCC and historic founding by Rev. Troy D. Perry.

Omaha, NE—"Coming Out Rally" at UNO is largest ever with 20 GLBTS groups represented.

Omaha, NE—Following 35 days of congregational prayer, MCC-Omaha Board of Directors votes unanimously to continue ministry from the current location at 819 S. 22nd St. New banners in the sanctuary proclaim the congregations' commitment to boldly proclaim the goods news of God's all-inclusive love for all people.

Omaha, NE—City Council members debate local ordinances creating a mandatory 10-day jail sentence for those convicted of "sex in the park" charges.

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## **HEADLINES FOR OCTOBER 2003**

USA—President George W. Bush proclaimed October 13-21 Marriage Protection Week, stating "marriage is a union between a man and a woman."

Nebraska—United States Congress Rep. Tom Osborne is now one of 93 co-sponsors of the Defense of Marriage Amendment: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/webreturn/?url=http://www.house.gov/osborne>

National Media Reports—Polls indicate President Bush's approval rating going down, down, down! Two greatest factors: Iraq and the economy!

Casper, Wyoming—Anti-gay preacher Fred Phelps has announced intentions to erect a monument to Matthew Shepard, the gay college student brutally murdered five years ago near Laramie. But, the monument will be no memorial. The monument, 5 to 6 feet tall and made of marble or granite, would bear a bronze plaque bearing the image of Shepard and an inscription reading "MATTHEW SHEPARD, Entered Hell October 12, 1998."

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# N'JOY 2-year ANNIVERSARY SHOW! FRIDAY OCT. 17TH 9:30PM \$5 COVER



It's going to be the mother of all shows!

Domonique, Alexandra and The Princess are ready to show you what it takes to be the hottest drag show in Omaha. They will be joined by returning N'JOY girl Diva Pluree' from NYC and all the way from Birmingham, Alabama Jordan Kennedy. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the night will be the unveiling of the newest cast member. It's going to be standing room only, so come down early for a good seat!

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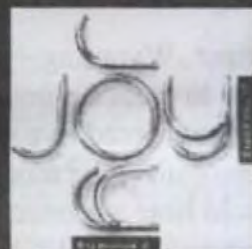
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By  
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Owens

Jon Owens has a degree in Journalism and a minor in music. He aspires to become a priest in the Episcopal Church.

**"PERSPECTIVES" FROM OKLAHOMA TO NEBRASKA.**

It was just about two months ago when I set out to move north across the vast Great Plains. I left my hometown of Moore, Oklahoma, a suburb of Oklahoma City to the city of Omaha.

The cultures of the two metropolitan areas are similar, but yet different.

In Oklahoma City we have what we call "the strip" which is our small GLBT district. There you would find 8 bars/clubs all within two blocks of each other all next to one of the largest gay hotels in the world "The Habanna Inn." There are 13 GLBT clubs total in the city.

The city had several gay or welcoming churches of different affiliations. There was a GLBT community center that put a big emphasis on YGLA, a GLBT Youth group with about 75 teens in attendance. There other emphasis was HIV/AIDS testing.

This city was a tight niche community. It was always surprising how the gay community does road trips. You could take off to Tulsa or Dallas to the clubs and you would always run into people you see out and about in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City was not as glorified as it sounds. Here the hatred runs high for the gay community. The city is full of mega-churches that give Oklahoma the true Bible belt atmosphere. A few blocks away from the gay community lies the Southern Baptist Convention Office, who wants to "save" the community.

There were missionaries that would stand on the street corners in the district trying to get people to start a "new life." Their goal is to save souls. They wanted the GLBT community to start attending "ex-gay" ministry counseling.

Discrimination is well and a live. The ACLU had to step up to bat for the GLBT community of Oklahoma City. A few years ago during PRIDE, the community received permits to put up PRIDE banners, which the mayor of Oklahoma City ordered them all to be taken down, claiming that the city does not support such events. A lawsuit was filed by the GLBT community, who later won the lawsuit.

I started a GLBT organization at my university in rural Oklahoma. Petitions flew to stop such an organization from existing by some of the Christian organizations. It was a fight, but luckily the administration supported our efforts.

In Oklahoma was have a similar law compared to Nebraska's 416. We just call it the "Defensive Marriage Act."

So how does Omaha compare to Oklahoma City? Both cities have a nice arts district, but we do not have an Opera company in Oklahoma City. I think there are more theater companies. The bars/clubs seem to be maintained nicer in Omaha. Not to mention the music is better here.

Surprisingly, I have found Nebraskans to be very welcoming. The community has been very inviting. I am really amazed at some of the civic organizations. I show up to a group called "Front Runners." Here is a group of 40 guys getting together walking and running for an hour. This group not only conversed with me, but also adopted me. I have been invited to many of their social events.

To add to it, I had only been twice and I had three great guys, donate to my charity dinner, which was not a cheap dinner for ministry work. To think people in such short time are willing to jump to your support.

I have found it is easy to donate time in the community. Organizations like the Rainbow Outreach Resource Center were thrilled to have a volunteer. I have heard some people give negative feedback about the community, but they do not have me convinced

Sometimes negative remarks are because people bring issues upon themselves. If we are to call ourselves "family" as we do in the gay community, we have to remember that no family is perfect. Families do fight and sometimes are dysfunctional. Aside from that, I am impressed with this mid-western city.

Remember most people complain about where they live. I have not been to a city yet that people do not say "Why did you move here?" I am not crazy! Happiness is in the company you keep.



# LEWD CONDUCT

Mike Orr, MSGOmaha, Secretary ROC

In the past, I have written about staying out of the parks for the purpose of sex. I have spoken to many men that have been arrested in the parks. Their descriptions of what happened are very similar. It borders on entrapment. That is for you to decide and prove in court. Most men don't take it to court. But some have. It's embarrassing and brings more attention to the individual and perhaps the family.

Recently the Omaha City Council approved a proposal to crack down on prostitution activity in residential areas. And since almost all parks are in residential areas, this information is important.

The proposed changes in the city ordinance would place lewd conduct charges in the same step system that already applies to prostitution charges.

A "lewd act" shall mean any act of a sexual nature which is offensive to the average person of a group which is intended or likely to observe it. This does not mean that if a guy gets into your car - you can do what you want because he knew what he was getting himself into and should not be offended. The guy getting into your car is most likely an undercover policeman. It is his job to get you to say something about a sex act or to get you to touch him. Even if you touch him on the shoulder or hand - it is assault. And you will be arrested.

I suggest that you both leave the park and go some place to talk. Do not talk about sex. Even the suggestion can get you arrested for soliciting a lewd act. Do NOT answer any questions about sex or preferences. You can be arrested if you answer. Example: "So what do you like?" Response: "Oh, I like just about anything. What about you?" You're arrested for soliciting a lewd act. It's that easy.

Upon the arrest of any person for violation of sections 20-112, 20-113, or 20-114 concerning lewd conduct, solicitation of lewd conduct or indecent expo-

sure committed in a park owned or operated by the city, the Omaha Police Department shall, contemporaneously with the arrest of that person, serve upon that person a ban and bar letter to be effective upon the date of conviction for the offense instructing that person that he or she is excluded from all parks owned or operated by the city for a period of two years from the date of said conviction.

Persons found in violation of the ban and bar letter described above shall be physically arrested immediately by Omaha Police Department officers finding them within any park owned or operated by the city and they shall be subject to punishment for trespassing in that park pursuant to section 20-154.

The Omaha Police Department shall maintain a record of individuals who have been arrested in such parks, shall follow up on said arrests to determine the effective date of convictions, and have available for officers apprehending persons in such parks a list of those subject to arrest for trespassing for violating the ban and bar letter. I think this is profiling but you be the judge.

Under the step system, every conviction brings higher minimum jail terms - eventually up to 6 months

With the proposed changes, those convicted of either prostitution or lewd conduct committed in a residential area would be sentenced as if they had an extra conviction. The following are examples of people I have interviewed about their arrest in the parks.

First offense of lewd conduct: ban and bar letter for 2 years and/or \$100 fine, Second offense of lewd conduct: possible 7 days in jail and/or a fine, Third offense of lewd conduct: possible 30 days in jail and/or a fine, Four offense of lewd conduct: possible 6 months in jail or \$500.00

And remember that your name, address, type of arrest, and fine could be printed in the paper for everyone to see. And no one would want that.

## **ANNUAL MEETING RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE CENTER**

**7pm, Thursday, October 23**



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DC's Saloon has always been a staunch supporter of HGRA since HGRA first became an IGRA member association in 1993.

**Mr. Long Arm - Greenwood, MO - [www.mrlongarm.com](http://www.mrlongarm.com)**

This is Mr. Long Arm's second year to be a Platinum Sponsor for the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association.

HGRA is a charitable and social organization. Our purpose is to promote the country western lifestyle in the Gay and Lesbian community: to encourage member participation in local, national, and international rodeos, and to perform charitable duties. HGRA is one of the 24 member associations of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). For the past 7 year, HGRA has held rodeos in Fremont and Springfield, Nebraska. HGRA will be hosting the 2004 Bud Light IGRA Series Finals Rodeo, October 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Omaha, NE.

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The specific purpose of the IGRA is the fostering of national and international amateur rodeo and other equestrian competition and related arts, crafts, and activities to develop amateur athletes and activities for such competition and other activities, which encourage the education on or preservation of the "country-western" lifestyle heritage, such as dance.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO BENEFIT RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

Everyone is invited to an ice cream social to benefit River City Mixed Chorus. It will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9, in Cary Hall at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

In addition to ice cream, there will be other desserts and delectable goodies, as well as entertainment by members of the chorus, which is directed by Mark Kurtz.

Donations at the event will help the chorus travel to Montreal next July to perform at the International Festival of Chorus sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Chorus.

The fundraiser is sponsored by Omaha PFLAG. There are no tickets. If you can attend, please RSVP to Betty Dorr by email at [bobcdorr@aol.com](mailto:bobcdorr@aol.com) or call 402-333-7064. If you can't attend but would like to make a donation, make checks payable to RCMC and mail to: Betty Dorr, 12836 Shirley St., Omaha, NE 68144.

## CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION (CFEP) SPEAKS OUT

As part-time executive director, for Citizens For Equal Protection (CFEP) and I wanted to share exciting progress CFEP and our members have made right, here in Nebraska over the last year and invite you to get involved if you are interested in supporting our work.

Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP) is a non-profit organization advocating equity for Nebraska's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender families. CFEP provides information and referrals, educates the public about key issues, and builds broad support for GLBT equality.

In April, CFEP, NAJE, the ACLU and five very brave couples filed a lawsuit challenging Amendment 29 (formerly Initiative 416). The state has made their motion to dismiss the motion. Lambda legal defense and the National ACLU filed our opposition to motion to dismiss. We will keep you informed about what is happening with the lawsuit.

We have a quarterly newsletter that is distributed to over 6,000 members and a website to keep you updated on local, state and national issues concerning the GLBT community.

CFEP works closely with the lobbying firm representing Nebraska Advocates for Justice and Equality (NAJE) in support of pro-glb legislation. We have created an "activist list" from our database who, are willing to speak to their elected official regarding our issues.

We have developed good relations with several national organizations, including: Lambda Legal Defense, the National ACLU, The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Human Rights Campaign, Gay Lesbian Association Against Defamation, the Gill Foundation and others.

CFEP has also identified and coalition with some gay-friendly groups such as: Nebraskans For Peace, Planned Parenthood, The Nebraska chapter of the ACLU, Nebraska AIDS Project, Methodist for Social Action, and other GLBT friendly religious organizations, and several student groups.

CFEP board members and volunteers speak publicly regarding issues that affect our families.

In August, we held our first annual fund raising event, "Seriously Funny". It was a huge success with over 275 in attendance.

We recently co-hosted a media training led by Calvin Fleming from GLAAD.

On October 9th we participated in National Coming Out Week by hosting an ice cream social before the PFLAG-GLSEN panel at the First United Methodist Church.

These are some of the things that have kept me busy this past year. CFEP would welcome any comments you may have as to how we can be of more service to our community. You can contact our office at 402-398-3027, or you can e-mail us at [info@cfep-ne.org](mailto:info@cfep-ne.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.  
Michael Gordon, Ex. Dir. CFEP



# KAT TURNER ART SHOW AT CAFFIENE DREAMS

A Review by Jon Owens

A sign of the unknown leaves the mind to wonder about the mysterious, as I look upon emerging artist Kat Turner's work. The overview of the selection of acrylic paintings was dark in nature. The choice of Earth-tone colors helped add to the mystery of her work. The very essence of anything that could be scene clear cut was blended and hazy in nature.

I could stand here and say what the pictures resemble, but one thing is sure, art is to be appreciated for what it is and not necessarily to resemble something that we know.

In two of the pictures dealt with doorways. One possibly made from Adobe, by the choice of color another made of stone. One appears to be indoors while the other is outdoors. These give the impression what is special about these doors? Where do they leave? Perhaps a spiritual journey to a place a better place? Who knows! This is for you to decide.

There were a two works that were interesting of nature with red being the primary color. The colors moved in circular motion almost like a pattern of the wind. Perhaps lava burning in the fiery pits of hell or eternal darkness. Even with the red they still seemed grim in nature.

There was another picture that looked as if it was an up-close shot of stones. In the middle of the painting, Turner chooses to use a touch of green. I imagined that the green gave it a transparent look of water.

One of the Paintings stood out from the rest in the choice of going with Blue as the primary color. It almost seemed as if the design was a puzzle made of Turquoise.

Interesting enough there were two pictures done in 3-d depicting faces. The faces looks restrained held back by some sort of force.

To conclude the show the best picture was the night sky just after sunset before it was completely dark. The land was covered in total darkness and yet the sky had a glimmer of light left.

This artwork speaks as atmospheric. Not something necessarily as inspirational, but one that leaves the mind to wonder and adds more of a background. This work maybe seen at Caffeine Dreams until Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

## CLUB PRIDE SHOW IN YORK

The tri-city g/bt is sponsoring Club Pride, an evening with the 2 sexy group. They will be performing their latest, hottest numbers and also will be helping out with the bag drag contest for a night of fun and laughs.

CLUB PRIDE

Oct. 18, 2003

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## ACLU, SLDN AND LAMBDA LEGAL URGE MILITARY'S HIGHEST COURT TO STRIKE DOWN LAW BANNING CONSENSUAL SODOMY

"While the military should have the right to regulate the conduct of its personnel to ensure that military operations run smoothly, it has no business interfering in the private, consensual sex lives of our troops."

Just months after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down all laws prohibiting consensual sodomy in the nation, the American Civil Liberties Union, Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund are urging the military's highest court to strike a similar law from its code of conduct.

The military sodomy law, Article 125, applies both to heterosexual and homosexual sodomy regardless of where the act takes place, meaning that even married couples could be prosecuted for committing sodomy in the privacy of their own home.

Technical Sergeant Eric Marcum was convicted of engaging in consensual sodomy with a fellow airman of the same sex in the privacy of Marcum's own home. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *Lawrence v. Texas* which struck down sodomy laws nationwide and provides a right to privacy for all citizens. The friend of the court brief filed by the groups today argues that in light of this decision Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the military sodomy law, must be struck down as well.

A second friend of the court brief was also filed by noted military sociologist Charles Moskos and eight other social scientists and military experts. Their brief disputes the military's assertion that consensual sodomy undermines unit cohesion or military effectiveness.

"While the military should have the right to regulate the conduct of its personnel to ensure that military operations run smoothly, it has no business interfering in the private, consensual sex lives of our troops," said James Esseks, Litigation Director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the ACLU.

"What a servicemember chooses to do while off duty in the privacy of his or her own home has absolutely no effect on national security," added Art Spitzer, Legal Director of the ACLU National Capital Area.

"The government should not imprison people for private, consensual, adult conduct," said SLDN Executive Director C. Dixon Osburn. "Those who serve our country deserve better than to be subject to a law that is now obsolete."

"This law makes it a crime to have consensual sex behind closed doors-and carries prison terms greater than violent crimes like attempted homicide," said Pat Logue, Interim Legal Director for Lambda Legal and one of the lead attorneys who handled the *Lawrence* case for Lambda Legal. "The U.S. Supreme Court said that these laws violate a fundamental right to privacy." A decision from the court could come as soon as the end of the year.



## AS PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS "MARRIAGE PROTECTION WEEK," ACLU CALLS FOR EQUAL PRO- TECTION FOR ALL AMERICANS

Responding to the President's proclamation of October 12—19 as "Marriage Protection Week," which it says is a thinly veiled attempt to plug the Federal Marriage Amendment, the American Civil Liberties Union today called upon President Bush and Congress to reject a constitutional change denying any legal benefits of marriage to unmarried couples and instead work toward ensuring equal legal protections for all Americans.

"The President should abide by his own proclamation, in which he called for the creation of 'a compassionate, welcoming society, where all people are treated with dignity and respect,'" said Christopher E. Anders, an ACLU Legislative Counsel. "Marriage Protection Week' is nothing but a handout to the far right seeking to unravel the already limited legal protections that gay and lesbian Americans have."

The proposed Federal Marriage Amendment would not simply limit marriages to heterosexual couples. It would bar federal, state and local laws from requiring "that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups." Such language, the ACLU said, would undo various local and state legal protections - civil unions and domestic partner laws - that some same-sex couples currently enjoy. Examples of these rights include hospital visitation and the ability to make medical decisions for an incapacitated partner.

Notably, the amendment does not enjoy broad support among conservatives. Both House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) have spoken out against the measure and columns by former Rep. Bob Barr (R-GA) and former Sen. Alan Simpson (R-WY) object to the amendment on the grounds that states should determine the definition of marriage in their borders.

Interestingly, Barr was the author and primary sponsor of the Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage, for the purposes of federal law, as the union between a man and woman only and stipulates that no state can force another to recognize its same-sex marriages or unions.

Even Vice President Dick Cheney, when asked about officially recognized same-sex marriage, said in a debate during the 2000 election, "I think the fact of the matter, of course, is that matter is regulated by the states. I think different states are likely to come to different conclusions, and that's appropriate."

The ACLU also pointed to the growing public reluctance to support anti-gay initiatives like the Federal Marriage Amendment. The Senate recently re-introduced - with strong bipartisan support - the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. The last time the measure was before the Senate, it failed by only one vote.

"Despite claims by some, not all conservatives support this discriminatory measure," Anders added. "As America grows to accept families of all kinds, Congress needs to reject unfair measures that seek to unsettle our constitutional foundations and ostracize gays and lesbians."

## NEW GAY/LESBIAN CONSUMER ONLINE CENSUS RELEASED

A new survey jointly conducted by GLCensus Partners, Syracuse University, and OpusComm gives an interesting snapshot of gay religious life in the U.S. -- and demonstrates the impact of MCC congregations on the GLBT communities.

Many gays belong to a specific religious group or denomination, but fewer are practicing their religion a recent survey reveals.

More than 6 out of 10 (63.7%) respondents say they are affiliated with a particular religion -- though only 38 percent say they are active, practicing members. The largest segment is Catholics (17.2%), although only 29.5 percent of those members say they are practicing. Six percent of respondents say they are atheists and almost a third (30.3%) say they have no religious preference.

The 2002-2003 *Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census* is the largest and most comprehensive GLBT consumer study ever conducted. The annual study fills the growing need among manufacturers and service providers for detailed information on consumer behavior and preferences of the GLBT community. Among the survey's findings:

- 64% of gay people in the U.S. claim affiliation with a religious group or church.
- 38% of the gay community are active, practicing members of a religious group or church.
- MCC was ranked #3 out of the top 10 religious groups for gays, based on affiliation. Roman Catholic was #1, Methodist was #2 -- Episcopal was #4.
- MCC was ranked #2 in terms of active participation by gays who claim a religious affiliation. 79% of people who are affiliated with MCC also actively, regularly participate in MCC church programs and services -- double the national US. average for the gay community. For comparison purposes, 58% of gay Episcopalians are active, 39% of gay Presbyterians are active in their church, and 29% of gay Catholics are active.

You can read the entire survey results on-line at [GLCensus-08062003](http://GLCensus-08062003).

## GENEROUS SETTLEMENT AWARDED LESBIAN ILLEGALLY FIRED FROM STATE HOSPITAL

Receives Generous Settlement in Discrimination Suit  
Pullman Memorial Hospital and Dr. Charles Guess have agreed to pay a former employee \$75,000 for harassing and illegally firing her solely because she is a lesbian. The case, which the American Civil Liberties Union successfully appealed to the state's Court of Appeals, helped establish important law protecting lesbian and gay government employees from anti-gay discrimination. "I am relieved that I can finally put this painful experience behind me and move on with my life," said Mary Jo Davis, a former sonographer at Pullman Memorial Hospital. "Employees should be judged on their work, not on their sexual orientation. While the money doesn't make up for the indignities I suffered from Dr. Guess and other hospital administrators, it's comforting to know that by standing up for what's right, I have made it easier for other people facing anti-gay discrimination in the workplace."



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# GAYZETTE EVENTS

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

**PRAYER DINNER** 6pm MCCO, 819 S. 22

**RO-BUST POKER WALK** 7pm Begins at Connections, Ends at The MAX

**RAVEN Pre-HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR** 8:30pm Stosh's Saloon, MAX

## FRIDAY, OCT. 31—SUNDAY, NOV 2

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**

**"FALL HARVEST"** For info: <http://www.genderalliance.com>

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** 2—4pm Cary Hall, First United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Benefit for River City Mixed Chorus hosted by PFLAG

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**BINGO AT MCC-OMAHA** 6pm 819 S. 22

## FRIDAY, NOV. 14 & SAT., NOV. 15

**"WHY DO WOMEN GET THE BEST SONGS—AGAIN?"** 8pm, Hot Shops Art Center, 1301 Nicholas, \$15 Minimum Donation, Benefits Nebraska AIDS Project

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**ICON FOOD 4 THOUGHT** 9:30pm MAX

## MON., NOV. 17 & TUES. NOV. 18

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

**ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ** 9:30pm, The MAX

## SAT., JAN. 24 & SUNDAY, JAN. 25

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS WINTER CONCERT** 7:05pm, First United Methodist, 70th & Cass For Ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

## FRIDAY, FEB. 13 — SUNDAY, FEB. 15

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 18—SUNDAY, JUNE 20

**NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION**

## SAT., June 19 & SUN., June 20

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SUMMER PRIDE CONCERT & REUNION WEEKEND** 7:05pm, Strauss Performing Arts Ctr, UNO Campus, For Ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

## 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**

**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

**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. 40<sup>th</sup>

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARS-**

**ALS** 6:45—9:15pm, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**

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

### Every Tuesday

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT**

**GRP** 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr, Nebr Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

**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 Ak-

SarBen 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, [dknoxsa@qwest.net](mailto:dknoxsa@qwest.net).

**AA MEETING, NON SMOKING** 7pm, MCC-OMAHA, 819 S. 22

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

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections

### Every Friday

**SAGE POTLUCK DINNER** 6 - 7:45pm ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

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

**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

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

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-6pm, 291-6781 [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE** 7pm MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

**LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Caffeine Dreams, 7pm

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

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

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm, First Unitarian 3114 Harney, Omaha

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE** Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: [rega@tgforum.com](mailto:rega@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 7 p.m. Call 614-6145 for information.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

**"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR"** 7pm Discussion Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-0330

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**PFLAG- OMAHA,** 7pm, 1st Methodist



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

**FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS  
HIV TEST** UNL campus FFI: 476-0355.  
1-3:30pm

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

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

**GLSEN OMAHA** Brd 9:30am South High

**LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**  
Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

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

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**  
L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Leather or Knot,

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

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

**OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING**  
film 6:30pm First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

**GAY/BI SUPPORT 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

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

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

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

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

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

**LAST Sunday**

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

**OMAHA BARS**

**CONNECTIONS**  
1901 Leavenworth 933-3033

**CLUB OLIS**  
2801 N 16 St 934-4030

**THE DIAMOND**  
712 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St 342-9595

**DC'S SALOON**  
610 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street 344-3103

**FLIXX**  
1019 S. 10th St 408-1020

**GILLIGAN'S PUB**  
1407 Harney 449-9147

**JOY**  
1516 Jones, 341-7337

**The MAX**  
1417 Jackson 346-4110

**OMAHA MINING CO**  
1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

**LINCOLN BARS**

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

**Q**  
226 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln 475-2269

**SIOUX CITY BAR**

**JONES ST STATION**  
412 JONES, SIOUX CITY  
712-258-6922

**Where Can You Find  
The Gayzette?**

**Omaha:**

Aces Bar, 1263 South 16th Street  
Body Mods, 61st and Military  
Club Olis, 2801 North 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  
Liquid Courage Custom Tattoo,  
2936 South 84th 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

**Iowa:**

Adult Emporium,  
Council Bluffs & Glenwood  
Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA

**INTERSEX DEMONSTRATION SENDS A MESSAGE**

A small band of intersex activists rallied in front of the Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) in Hartford, CT on Friday, September 26, 2003 to protest a gender revision surgical procedure scheduled for an unidentified infant. The 'Total Urogenital Sinus Surgical Procedure' was to be observed by participants of a 'Feminizing Genitoplasty and Total Urogenital Mobilization' seminar presented by the hospital.

When Betsy Driver, Executive Director and co-founder of Bodies Like Ours, was alerted to this event, she quickly gathered a group of supporters to draw attention to the presentation and associated surgery by Dr. Richard Rink of the Indiana University School of Medicine. Approximately two dozen people picketed the hospital in a peaceful effort to draw attention to what they perceive as nonconsensual genital mutilation. Several protestors are intersexed people whose surgery as children resulted in assignment to the wrong gender. Their efforts paid off. Not only did Dr. Rink cancel his appearance, CCMC has also invited Bodies Like Ours to present a program on the perspective of adult survivors of early childhood surgery intended to assign an infant to one gender or the other. Several of the protestors, including Driver, are intersexed people whose surgery as children resulted in assignment to the wrong gender.

Following the demonstration, Driver said, "This was a great opportunity for intersex activists to come together with our allies across a broad spectrum to publicly and visibly voice our collective outrage at what is occurring in hospitals around the country five times a day to non-consenting children."

**YOUR  
EVENT  
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**EMAIL: NEWS@ROCC.ORG  
OR  
CALL: 341-0330**



# RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

- BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
- Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org)
- Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm
- Front Runners/Walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)** [www.angelfire.com/home/GALO](http://www.angelfire.com/home/GALO) contact: [unogalo@hotmail.com](mailto:unogalo@hotmail.com) or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>
- GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association** Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22 [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)
- Learning to Exchange Power**, L2EP@aol.com; 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Gilligan's 7pm
- LinOma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124
- Nudist/ Nativist 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](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://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 68102 345-2563, [mccomaha@radiks.net](mailto:mccomaha@radiks.net) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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
- Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality**, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 [naje\\_now@hotmail.com](mailto:naje_now@hotmail.com)
- Nebraska Gay Dads** group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>
- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>, [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net), [ongp@cox.net](mailto:ongp@cox.net)
- Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68132-9998 [Onyximages@hotmail.com](mailto:Onyximages@hotmail.com) Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska**, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NcOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NcOutAbout@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, Web Site: [www.ROCC.org](http://www.ROCC.org), email: [rainbow@rocc.org](mailto:rainbow@rocc.org) Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations**, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event [info@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:info@rainbowcelebrations.org)
- Pride 2003** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 [pride@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:pride@rainbowcelebrations.org)
- National Coming Out Day** P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 [NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto: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](mailto:MargauxPolo@aol.com)
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, Website: [www.genderalliance.com](http://www.genderalliance.com) Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)
- Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)
- WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124

## LINCOLN BASED

- Boondoggles** shop online <http://www.ideviate.net>
- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: [dmoritz2@unl.edu](mailto:dmoritz2@unl.edu) Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay/Lesbian Film Fest**, Deanna Zaffke, [cea@unlserve.unl.edu](mailto:cea@unlserve.unl.edu)
- Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning-Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- 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 [necoalition@yahoo.com](mailto:necoalition@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](mailto:sdorchid@neb.rr.com)
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly [jbkimber@msn.com](mailto:jbkimber@msn.com), Website: <http://pflag.incb.org/>
- Plainsmen**, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Sexuality Education eXchange**, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 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](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu)
- Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880
- Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>



## Transvestites Invade the Orpheum ROCKY HORROR SHOW

An Interview with Artistic Director Jerry Ditter

By Jon Owens

Transvestites are about to invade the stage of the historic Orpheum Theatre with the Rocky Horror Picture Show on Oct. 31 at 9pm and Nov 1 at 7pm.

Scantly clad actors, a club atmosphere in a historic theatre. "It is like having a rock concert in a recital hall," said Jerry Ditter, Artistic Director.

The award winning Rocky Horror Picture Show may surprise some people that it started as a play before Hollywood made it into a famous movie, explained Ditter. "The movie stayed true to the play."

Rocky Horror fans have much forward to look to with this version in its attempt to be "in your face." This incongruous show with transgendered people is a show where anything goes.

"The show does not have gratuitous nudity, but the clothes are tight and sexy. It all has a grunge gothic look to it," said Ditter.

The revealing costumes are not the only touch that adds to the excitement of the show.

"The music has been updated from a 50's sound to more of a rock grunge sound. Frankenferter with is black and adds a different vocal quality. The percussion in the band has doubled in size. Not only the music but the movable lights will add another element to this show."

For some Rocky Horror fans the use of props are a common aspect of participating in the show. Props maybe only used if purchased through the company.

"This is for safety reasons. We have limited items that have been pre-approved for use in the show for the audience. The can be pre-ordered or by a first come first serve basis that night."

Taking the production out of the black box theatre with all of its limitations and onto the proscenium stage allowed the company to expand its ensemble to 40.

"The cast in years past would have 4-6 phantoms, but this year there will be 25 phantoms alone."

Two years ago the rights were released for small theatre companies to perform Rocky Horror Picture Show. The earliest date available to receive the rights was Oct. 31. This quickly became a tradition for the Millennium Theatre.

"Having it on this day makes it less embarrassing for people who want to dress up in costumes and attend, since there will already be people in costumes for Halloween."

"It is very rare that a small theater has enough drive to bring something big to the Orpheum. It is a good show, which anybody will enjoy. It is naughty enough that it is nasty, but leaves enough for the imagination."

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by phone (402) 422-1212 in Omaha or (402) 475-1212 in Lincoln. Tickets can also be purchased at Bakers, Younkers, or Russ's locations in the Omaha/Lincoln area. For more information, call Stages of Omaha at 402-345-8166 or visit online at [www.stagesofomaha.com](http://www.stagesofomaha.com)

## Jon Owens Reviews BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL

Based on the discovery of the Bat Boy by the *Weekly World News* ("Bat Child Found in Cave," June 23, 1992). **BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL** is a musical comedy/horror show about a half boy/half bat creature who is discovered in a cave near Hope Falls, West Virginia. This musical is a groundbreaking blend of pioneering journalism, a marvel of evolution and the power of song.

For lack of a better solution, the local sheriff brings Bat Boy (Kevin Buswell) to the home of the town veterinarian, Dr. Parker (Sam Reimer), where he is eventually accepted as a member of the family and taught to act like a "normal" boy by the veterinarian's wife, Meredith (Anna Rebecca Kunkel), and teenage daughter, Shelley Mary Pennisi).

Buswell does a great job in portraying a beast that becomes reformed. He becomes rather charming with his British accent and the task of becoming educated. He was a true natural. The problem with Buswell as many characters was lack of vocal music technique, with an inconsistency in his vibrato. He was in all quite the charmer.

The music was similar to that of the Broadway Foot-loose. It was popish and rather upbeat.

Riemer too did well in being a respectable man to a sociopath in his jealousy streak of his wife. Again the lack of support in singing detracted from the show.

Kunkel was even a better actress. Here she played a mother in love with her children, but you really could feel the tension between Her and her husband. She had a lovely voice. The problem was just having support to hit the high notes.

The true person who steals the show in this case is Pennisi. She not only was a great actress, but also had no problem musically. She was clear in her diction and yet really played the dame in love all too well.

The set was simplistic, yet it was just enough to leave the imagination open. The use of lighting enhanced the mood from strobe lighting to black lighting. Technically speaking the show was quite interesting.

The director should be commended for choreographing the 12-person cast on such a small stage without making it look over-crowded. The only true issue with the chorus was they did not blend well together in song.

Never the less this is a fun cheesy musical, that has everything from sexual intimacy to just pure fun entertainment and can be seen at the Millennium Theatre till Nov. 9. It is a show that rates high among the acting portion, but with the music portion is a little lacking. Perhaps better support in and less singing from the throat would bring this show to a smashing success.

This musical, while funny, is also a touching sympathetic look at this tortured creature (child) showing us that he was more than a freak, a menace or an abomination. The production features upbeat show-tunes, gospel, pop, rock, tango - no style of music is ignored. And in the end everyone will learn the true nature of the Bat Boy in all of us.



## HGRA TEAM MEMBERS PLACE IN RODEOS

HGRA Team Members competed in the Greater San Diego Rodeo held in San Diego, CA the weekend of September 27-28, 2003. This is the eighteenth rodeo for the 2003 IGRA Rodeo Series that ends in October 2003 with the IGRA Finals Rodeo being held in Tulsa, OK October 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 26<sup>th</sup>



### Chute Dogging

- John J. - 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### Flag Race

- Todd T. - 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### Steer Riding

- Todd T. - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### Break Away Roping

- Todd T. - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### Steer Decorating

- John J. - 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### Wild Drag Race

- Todd T. - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

- John J. - 6<sup>th</sup> Place

### Goat Dressing

- Todd T. - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### All Around Cowboy

- Todd T. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up

**Team Results - Heartland Gay Rodeo Association finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 14 teams.**

Results from the Capital City Rodeo held in Austin, TX September 6-7, 2003.

### Chute Dogging

- Chuck R. - 8<sup>th</sup> Place on Sunday

### Calf Roping on Foot

- Brett H. - 8<sup>th</sup> Place on Saturday

### Flag Race

- Tim K. - 8<sup>th</sup> Place on Saturday

### Steer Decorating

- Tim K. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the weekend

- Rich P. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the weekend

### Wild Drag Race

- Tim K. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the weekend

- Rich P. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the week

- Bryan L. - 5<sup>th</sup> Place for the weekend

### Goat Dressing

- Tim K. - 4<sup>th</sup> Place for the weekend

- Rich P. - 4<sup>th</sup> Place for the weekend

**Team Results - Heartland Gay Rodeo Association 5<sup>th</sup> Place**

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## **PENNSYLVANIA TOWN MUST PAY \$100,000 FOR THREATENING TO TELL TEEN'S FAMILY HE WAS GAY**

### **Tragic Suicide Highlights Importance of Minors' Privacy**

A settlement in the shocking case of a teenager who committed suicide after two police officers threatened to "out" him to his family sends a clear message to government officials to stay out of the private lives of lesbian and gay teenagers, the American Civil Liberties Union said.

"No amount of money can replace what our client lost because of the actions of the police, but in paying this settlement the police department is acknowledging the role it played in Marcus Wayman's death," said David Rudovsky, who represented Wayman's mother Madonna Sterling as a cooperating attorney for ACLU. "And an important part of Marcus's legacy is the message that his case sends to government officials that they must respect young people's privacy about their sexual orientation."

The \$100,000 award brings to a close a lawsuit filed by the mother of Marcus Wayman, a rural Pennsylvania high school football player who was in a parked car with a 17-year-old male friend when police questioned the two, found condoms while searching the car, and arrested them for under-age drinking. At the Minersville police station, officers lectured the two teens about the Bible's condemnation of homosexuality and threatened to tell Wayman's grandfather that he was gay. After the 18-year-old Wayman was released from police custody, he went home and shot himself in the head. Sterling sued the town and the officers for police misconduct, discrimination and violation of the right to privacy.

In an earlier ruling in Sterling's case, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia ruled that police violated Wayman's constitutional rights when they threatened to tell his family that he was gay. The court rejected the argument that lesbians and gay men are not protected by the right to privacy, and ruled instead that "[i]t is difficult to imagine a more private matter than one's sexuality..." The police officers had asked the federal appeals court to let them out of the case on the basis that it was not clear that the right to privacy protects lesbians and gay men. The appeals court denied that request and sent the case back to the lower court for a trial, which ultimately resulted in the settlement.

"We hope Marcus's family can take some comfort in knowing his case has already affected the lives of other gay teens. It tells law enforcement officials as well as guidance counselors and teachers that they can't reveal someone's sexual orientation without facing serious financial consequences," said James Esseks, Litigation Director of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "We've already used the precedent set in this case to help a boy in Arkansas whose school outed him to his parents, and we won't hesitate to use it again whenever a government official violates a young person's right to keep his or her sexual orientation private."

In the Arkansas case, school officials had "outed" 14-year-old Thomas McLaughlin to his parents without his permission.

## **"REAP THE HARVEST" PRAYER DINNER 6PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 FEATURING STONE SOUP**

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## NAP SEEKS MPOWER Coordinator

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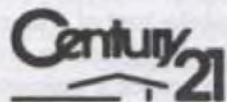
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# HOT LEATHER SHOW TO RAISE MONEY FOR TOYS FOR TOTZ

December 13, 2003, L2EP will be holding their annual Toys for Totz fund raiser. The day will start off with educational meetings move into a hot leather show and raffle and top the night off with dungeon play. This years proceeds will be presented to ICON (Imperial Court of Nebraska) Toys 4 Totz main fundraiser at The Max the following Sunday. Anyone wanting to give donations, auction items or anyone interested in doing a Christmas fantasy please contact Susan at 402-290-2109 or L2EP@aol.com

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2	Gills Choke Artists	9	3	5461
3	Lords & Ladies	8	4	6217
4	DC's Saloon	8	4	5896
5	Omaha Hospitality	8	4	5888
6	Bowler Sisters	8	4	5620
7	Omaha Mining Co	8	4	5527
8	Gilligan's CCB	8	4	5333
9	Lickity Splits	8	4	5309
10	Max Factors	8	4	5166
11	Team Seven	7	5	5758
12	Team Eight	7	5	5601
13	Bowlers Choice	6	6	5529
14	Kumaniwan2layya	6	6	5387
15	N' Joyable	6	6	5036
16	Team Twenty-Three	5	7	5611
17	Power Puff Girls	5	7	5561
18	Gutter Minds	5	7	5451
19	Golden Girls	5	7	5049
20	Gett'n School'd	5	7	4968
21	The Ouutlaws	5	7	4861
22	Mudd Wrestlers	4	8	5355
23	Omaha Ball Busters	4	8	5145
24	Dirty Butter	4	8	5123
25	Oh Damn!	3	9	5371
26	Jungle Juice	3	9	5281
27	Here 4 Beer	3	9	5260
28	Chicken & Her Noodles	3	9	9

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215 - R Hansen

193 - J Schulte

192 - J Schomer

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645 - J Schomer

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## PHELPS PLANS TO ERECT Matthew Shepard "Memorial"

Many are shocked and outraged, but not surprised at the depths Fred Phelps stoops to.

Anti-gay preacher Fred Phelps has announced intentions to erect a monument to Matthew Shepard the gay college student brutally murdered five years ago near Laramie.

But, the monument will be no memorial. Phelps says the monument would be 5 to 6 feet tall and made of marble or granite. It would bear a bronze plaque bearing the image of Shepard and have an inscription reading "MATTHEW SHEPARD, Entered Hell October 12, 1998, in Defiance of God's Warning: 'Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind; it is abomination.' Leviticus 18:22."

The monument would be erected in downtown Casper, Shepard's home town. Phelps has sent details of the monument to the city of Casper city council and there may be nothing the city can do to prevent it.

Phelps said he intends to put up the monument in City Park, already the location of a controversial statue of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments statue was donated to the city by the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in 1965.

After a court battle over a similar monument in the city of Ogden, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that any city that displays a Ten Commandments monument on public property must also allow monuments espousing the views of other religions or political groups on that same property.

Phelps told Casper council in his letter that if it attempts to prevent him from erecting the homophobic monument he's pre-

pared to go to court.

"That is exactly what I said would happen," said Councilwoman Barb Watters. She said she warned the city when it accepted the Ten Commandments statue that the city risked other monuments advocating anti-Semitism and hatred of other minorities. "I think the hate language will find a very cold reception in this community," councilor Paul Bertoglio said. "I think this community's backbone is going to come up and say 'We are not going to accept it.'"

The city council is looking at several options, one is fighting Phelps in court, another is moving the Ten Commandments out of the park, and yet another proposal would be to sell the land the park is on.

Phelps says he doesn't care what the city decides. If he is unable to put the statue in City Park he said he will find another location in the city.

During Shepard's funeral members of Phelps' Westboro Baptist Church demonstrated in front of the chapel.

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