



The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Presents

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GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

Nebraska Pride Spaghetti Feed

By Nate Tedrow PR Chair

Rainbow Celebrations the producers of Nebraska Pride are hosting a Spaghetti Feed on Saturday March 4th from 4-6 pm at MCC Omaha – Social Hall located at 819 S. 22nd street. in Omaha.

Join the Nebraska Pride 2006 Committee for an evening of fun and food!

All proceeds will benefit Nebraska Pride and Rainbow Celebrations. \$5.00 gets you a plate of Spaghetti, salad and bread. Show Your Pride Join Us.

GenderYOUTH Leadership Summit

The Gender Public Advocacy Coalition will host its annual GenderYOUTH Leadership Summit in Washington, DC from May 18 – 20, focusing on Death by

Gender: Mobilizing Against Violence. Youth leaders from across the nation will converge in the nation's capital for three days of education, training, and mobilization against the pervasive violence – ranging from taunting and bullying to murder – caused by gender stereotypes.

The Summit is a rare opportunity for youth leaders to connect with other youth human rights activists from various colleges and regions of the country to share ideas, pool resources, and take action! The Summit includes a sneak preview of the new film, Straight-laced, addresses from speakers like TJ Jourian of the "TransGeneration" series, National Gender Lobby Day, a unique chance to educate elected officials about gender issues, and interactive workshops on community organizing, peer-to-peer outreach, and messaging.

For more information about the GenderYOUTH Leadership Summit, or to register, please call the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition at 202-462-6610 or visit us online at www.gpac.org/summit.

Saturday February 25, 2006, 7PM - Midnight

Metro Omaha GLBT Center presents CASINO NIGHT

Poker and Other Games...



COME OUT AND PLAY! Socialize and have fun while supporting your Center. Every \$5 donation gets you a raffle ticket and 20,000 worth of "Rainbow Currency" to play during Casino Night.

Rainbow Currency acquired during the evening can be used to get more raffle tickets for chances to win prizes. Raffle drawings will be held at the end of the night (ticket holders need not be present at the drawings to win). Don't know how to play? We'll teach you.

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
(402) 341-0330 www.RainbowOutreach.org
The Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Donations are tax-deductible. Visa & MasterCard accepted.

Senior 50+ Group Meeting

A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next meeting is on Saturday, February 18th, from 7 until 10PM.

If you're 50 or older, or like to socialize with your older peers, share your experiences and viewpoints, then this group is for you. Not into the bar scene? Then stop in for a visit, enjoy some great conversation, and make some new friends. The event is free and open to everyone.

Don't be an old Scrooge, come on down and have some fun!



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

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

Ages 5 – 105.

Parents bring the kids down and play or read some of the books in our Library while they play.

CENTER WINDOW DISPLAY

Come check out the GLBT Center front window display - a tribute to Brokeback Mountain, the gay-themed love story nominated for eight Academy Awards including Best Picture. The Center is located at 1719 Leavenworth in downtown Omaha. The display will be up until Sunday, March 5, the night of the 78th Annual Academy Awards.



Helping the Center is Easier than Ever!

The Center is now accepting donations of household items that can be sold on eBay to raise money!

We accept donations during regular Center hours or arrange for local pickup.

We are currently accepting the following types of items:

- Clothing & Accessories
- Working Electronic Equipment
- Houseware & Giftware
- Tools
- Jewelry
- Books
- Music CD's
- DVD's & VHS tapes
- Video Games
- And more....

If you are not sure if we can accept an item, call (402) 341-0330 or email: auctions@rainbowoutreach.org and we will be happy to assist you!

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Fourth Page	3 ¾ X 4 ¾	\$ 25.00	Business Card		\$ 15.00

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

Ad Deadlines: Friday, Feb 24, for Publication Mar 3rd Friday, Mar 10, for Publication Mar 17th



Welcome to Omaha!

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ICE BOWL 2006!

Bowlers: Bring in your Ice Bowl Pass For \$1.00 off Regularly Priced Drinks all weekend of the tournament!



WET BOXER CONTEST
SATURDAY, Feb 25th @ 11:00pm
\$100 First Prize



THE RETURN OF THE KINGSMEN!

February 24th Doors open @ 9pm
 \$5 Admission @ the Door
 Old Market Events Center (Next To Flixx)



Sunday Brunch & Bingo

February 26th 12-4pm

\$15/ person includes a wonderful meal & bingo with fantastic prizes! Please call 408.0882 to reserve a spot!



Upcoming Events...

ACADAMY AWARDS PARTY

...A Benefit for Nebraska Aids Project

Join us for this landmark event on MARCH 5th, 2006!
 The evening begins with a WINETASTING featuring the Wines of Francis Ford Coppola @ 6pm...call 408.0882 or email for more information.



1015 SOUTH 10th ST, OMAHA, NE 68108
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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



WHOA. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

IT'S CALLED TRIMMING THE TREE.

AND GOOD MORNING TO YOU, TOO.



"TRIMMING THE TREE"? ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU DO TO CHRISTMAS TREES?

YOU KNOW, I'VE NEVER UNDERSTOOD THAT EXPRESSION.

SINCE WHEN DID "TRIMMING" BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH DECORATING?



HOW ABOUT "TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS"?

YEAH, THAT ONE BOTHERS ME, TOO.



AH, THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

YOU KNOW, BREYER, I DO HAVE A HANDY-MAN WHO TAKES CARE OF ALL THE... TREE-TRIMMING.



YEAH. A HANDYMAN WHO SPENDS HALF THE YEAR OFF PLAYING BASEBALL.

OH? YOU'D PREFER BRAD BE AROUND HERE MORE OFTEN?

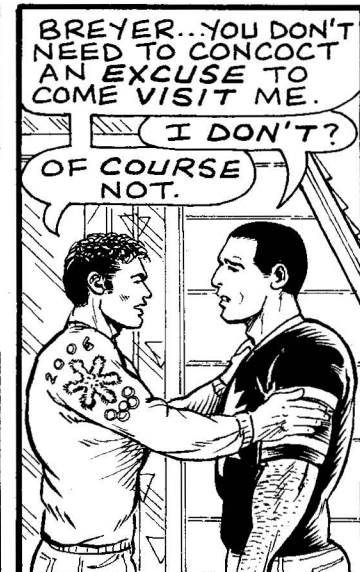
I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR.



THE BIGGER QUESTION, OF COURSE, IS WHY YOU FELT THE NEED TO COME HERE AND TRIM THE TREE.

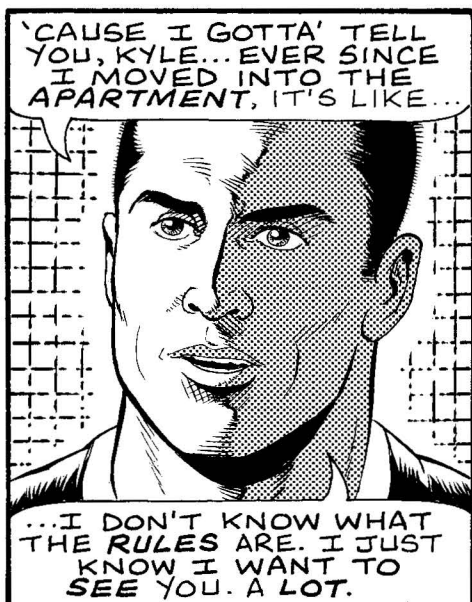
'CAUSE...

...I DON'T LIKE UNKEMPT BLUE SPRUCES, KYLE. IT'S JUST... NOT RIGHT.



BREYER.. YOU DON'T NEED TO CONCOCT AN EXCUSE TO COME VISIT ME.

I DON'T? OF COURSE NOT.



'CAUSE I GOTTA' TELL YOU, KYLE... EVER SINCE I MOVED INTO THE APARTMENT, IT'S LIKE...

...I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE. I JUST KNOW I WANT TO SEE YOU. A LOT.



HOW ABOUT THE RULE IS...

...YOU CAN COME HERE WHENEVER YOU WANT.

I LIKE THAT RULE.

YEAH. SO DO I.

BY THE WAY, WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE WEARING CHAPS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?



OH. RIGHT. IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY.

YOU FORGOT, HUH?

UM... YEAH.

HOW ABOUT IF I FINISH TRIMMING THE TREE WITH NO PANTS ON TO MAKE UP FOR IT?

LOSE THE SHIRT, TOO, AND YOU'VE GOT A DEAL...

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

Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson

Miss Max Pageant A Success

THE MAX was once again the center of the Gay Entertainment World on Sunday, January, 29, as DO Productions and THE MAX hosted the 2006 Miss Max Competition. The Miss Max Pageant has a tremendous history of Entertainment and is only second to Miss Gay America, as the longest running Female Impersonator Pageant in America.

Five contestants took the stage this year and competed in numerous categories. Interview, Costume, Talent, Evening Wear, On Stage Presentation and the Miss Max exclusive, Swimwear. All of the contestants wowed the overflow crowd. Erica Joy performed with Batman & Superman with a wonderful Wonder Woman themed talent. and, Carmelita Jones gave the night a special Spanish flavor. Trina Tabloid gave us her special brand of creativity and Madame X was a powerhouse in every category. But, there can only be one winner.

The MAX is please to announce Miss Robbie Jean Baker as Miss Max 22. Robbie Performed live for her talent selection and was stunning in her brown beaded evening wear. Our new blonde bombshell is ready for a year filled with excitement and has lot of entertainment ready for Omaha and the Midwest. Watch for more information about Robbie Jean and her future performance at www.themaxomaha.com.



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*Congratulations Mike and Lynn
on your Civil Union
Saturday, February 4th, 2006*



MOVIE NIGHT AT SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006 for a movie night at Second Unitarian Church, located at 3012 S. 119th St. The church's Welcoming Congregation Committee will be showing the documentary "416," which explores Initiative 416, the measure that outlawed gay marriage in the state of Nebraska.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and refreshments will be served. The movie will start at around 6 p.m. and runs for approximate-

ly 80 minutes.

Following the movie, Amy Miller of the Nebraska ACLU will answer questions and give an update on recent activity involving Initiative 416. That will be followed by a discussion featuring other special guests.

Please bring your friends to this educational and entertaining event. There is no cost but a free will donation will gladly be accepted. For more information please go to the church's website, www.secondunitarianomaha.org and for the documentary, www.416themovie.com.

Miss Susan Advises Judge Candidate

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

Dear Miss Susan,

I'm up for re-election next month, so I'm anxious not to offend any gay or lesbian voters. Unfortunately, I get really flustered when a homosexual appears in my courtroom. Are they called "lesbians" or "homosexual women?" And what exactly is a "lipstick lesbian?" Is the word "gay" an adjective or a noun? When is it appropriate to say "queer?" When they show up in pairs, should I assume that they are paramours? Please help! The election is coming up very soon!

Love,
Judge Candidate

Dear Judge Candidate,

Good luck in the upcoming election! I admire your willingness to learn how to respectfully address your gay and lesbian constituents. I think you'll find that the terminology is not so difficult. As with many other endeavors, ordinary common sense will serve you well. For example, I'm sure you already know that the word "homo" is unconscionably rude and should not be used in polite company.

Of course, a sterling vocabulary is not achieved simply by eliminating colorful middle-school taunts from everyday usage, so I am happy to answer your questions about proper word choice. The terms "gay" and "lesbian" are generally inoffensive and can be correctly used as either nouns or adjectives. The phrase "homosexual woman" is new to me, but it sounds awkward and overly clinical, so I would advise you to avoid it. A "lipstick lesbian" is just a very feminine lesbian. This is a slang term, so you should probably avoid it as well.

The word "queer" is more problematic. In the past, the word "queer" was a mean-spirited euphemism for "homosexual." For older gays and lesbians, the word has strong negative connotations. However, the word has been reclaimed, and it is not uncommon for younger gays and lesbians to self-identify as "queer." My own rule of thumb is that I don't use the word "queer" when speaking to anyone who is older than me. As a judge, though, you may wish to be more cautious and avoid the word altogether.

When you see gays and lesbians in groups of two, you should not assume that they have an intimate relationship. They may just be friends. I'm sure you have friends of the opposite sex with whom you are not intimate. Gays and lesbians are not so different.

If it turns out that they are a couple, I would caution you to avoid the word "paramour." A paramour is an illicit lover. The word "illicit" means unlawful, and there is nothing unlawful about gay or lesbian relationships. Instead, I would recommend

that you say "life partner" or "companion."

I hope that these suggestions on word choice will help you feel more comfortable when you see gays and lesbians in your courtroom. Remember that common sense and good manners will assist you in nearly every situation you encounter. Again, I wish you well in the upcoming election.

Very truly yours,
Miss Susan

Miss Susan is a fictional advice columnist created by Bradley Z. Haumont and Susan Ann Koenig, two attorneys at Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O. based in Omaha, Nebraska. Please don't confuse Miss Susan with either of the authors. She is really much taller and much funnier than either of us.

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"Got Pride"

Rainbow Celebrations producers of National Coming Out Day and Nebraska Pride 2006 will be holding an Operating Budget Meeting on Friday February 24th. The meeting will be held at 4816 Webster St. in Omaha to discuss and set an operating budget for the organization. This meeting is open to the public.

Other Meeting Dates

Tuesday Feb. 21st 7PM CFEP/RC Office
1105 Howard St., Suite 2
Tuesday March 7th 21st 7PM CFEP/RC Office
1105 Howard St., Suite 2
Tuesday March 21st 7PM CFEP/RC Office
1105 Howard St., Suite 2
For More Info call 402-578-9261



2006 Nebraska Pride Theme Logo and Grand Marshal Nominees Announced

OMAHA, NE – Rainbow Celebrations is pleased to announce that the 2006 Pride Committee has selected “United by the Colors” as the official 2006 Nebraska Pride theme, and that there are three extremely qualified Grand Marshal Nominees for the 2006 GLBT Pride Parade which will be held in downtown Omaha on Saturday, June 10, 2006.

Grand Marshal Nominees for the 2006 honor include Troy & Jason Fienhold-Haasis, Tony Harris and Carla Petersen & Sharon Van Butsel. The two couples and one individual represent countless years of service, thousands of hours of volunteerism and a spirit that represents the real meaning behind the GLBT Communities of Nebraska.

The Fienhold-Haasises, legally married in Toronto, Canada last June, have been at the forefront of the Nebraska Pride Celebration for five years as well as devoting thousands of hours of charitable work to other GLBT organizations in Nebraska. Harris, an active member of the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, has served numerous positions within the church, as well as actively supporting many organizations and events within the Omaha GLBT Community. Petersen & Van Butsel, two individuals well know in the Imperial Court of Ne

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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,
1719 Leavenworth St.

Lincoln:

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

Iowa:

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



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GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY FEB 17TH TO 19TH ICE BOWL IN OMAHA

**FRIDAY FEB 17TH
MCC-O WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO**
Food, fun and lots of prizes, 6-10pm, MCC
Social Hall

**SATURDAY FEB 18TH
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #1, The
Max, 7pm

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST
ALEX KAVA**, New York Times bestsel-
ling author at The Reading Grounds midtown
bookstore for a reading and book signing,
7PM

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD
MIDWEST BEST READING SERIES**
David Phillip Mullins will be the guest of
UNO's creative writing workshop. 7PM at
the Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam St., Call
502-2008 for details or check online at
www.readinggrounds.com (free event)

**SUNDAY FEB 26TH
NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT** hosted by
Mr. Pride Johnnie Richards, The Q, 9:30pm

**FRIDAY MARCH 3RD
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #2,
8pm at FLIXX Video Bar

MCC OMAHA FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY
7:30pm, MCCO Church

**SATURDAY MARCH 4TH
HEARTS A'FIRE**, Dance Party and Show,
1st Inn Gold Hotel, York Nebraska, doors
open at 8pm, see www.Tri-City-GLBT.com
for more information, 8pm, \$5 cover, door
prizes and raffle

**NEBRASKA PRIDE SPAGHETTI DIN-
NER** MCCO Social Hall, 4-6pm, \$5 per
plate

**SUNDAY MARCH 5TH
5TH ANNUAL OSCAR NIGHT BENE-
FIT** The Max, Red\Carpet 7pm, Show
9pm

**FRIDAY MARCH 10TH
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #3,
TBA

MCC OMAHA PRAYER DINNER
6:30pm, MCC Social Hall

**SATURDAY MARCH 11TH
GROUNDHOG PROM**, 28th Annual
event, 7:30pm, Mid-America Center
Council Bluffs, Iowa

SUNDAY MARCH 12TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT hosted by Mr.
Pride Johnnie Richards, DC's Saloon, 9pm

**SUNDAY MARCH 26TH
NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT** hosted by Mr.
Pride Johnnie Richards, The Max, 9:30pm

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 29TH
ERIC HIMAN & LEVI KREIS IN CONCERT**
8PM at MCC Omaha

**SATURDAY APRIL 1ST
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #4, The
Reading Grounds, 8pm

**SUNDAY APRIL 2ND
TURNABOUT ON BROADWAY** Where the
Pride Bois become Pride Girls, benefit for NE
Pride, The Max, 9:30pm

**FRIDAY APRIL 7TH
FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY** MCC Omaha,
7:30pm

**SATURDAY APRIL 22ND
MADELINE FEINSTEIN'S ONE WOMAN
SHOW** For the Diamond Foundation's GLBT
Scholarship Fund, The Max, 7pm

**SUNDAY APRIL 23RD
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #5, DC's
Saloon, 9pm

**FRIDAY APRIL 28TH
MCCO BENEFIT SHOW** DC's Saloon, 7pm

**SUNDAY APRIL 29TH
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #6, MCC
Omaha, 8pm

**SUNDAY APRIL 30TH
DIAMOND FOUNDATION GLBT SCHOL-
ARSHIP BENEFIT** The Q, 9:30pm

**SATURDAY MAY 13TH
GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE WALK**
Raise money for the Center and for your favorite
qualifying group. Details will follow in later is-
sues of the Gayzette.

**SATURDAY MAY 6TH
MCC SPAGHETTI DINNER**, 4:30PM—8PM
at the MCCO Church

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL Prelim #7, 9pm at
The Q, in Lincoln NE

**SATURDAY MAY 20TH & 21ST
HGRA RODEO**, Sarpy County Fairgrounds,
Springfield NE

**SATURDAY JUNE 17TH AND
SUNDAY JUNE 18TH
SPIRIT AND SOUL**, presented by the River
City Mixed Chorus at the Strauss Performing Arts

Center—UNO Campus at 7:05pm. Call 341-
7464 for tickets or online at www.rmcc.org

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH TO 11TH 2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL
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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

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm,
Maplewood Lanes,
GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER,
1719 Leavenworth, 1PM to 3PM

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

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or Rick at 402-476-3144

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

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

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

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

Every Wednesday
WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

READING GROUNDS OPEN MIC NIGHTS, Music, poetry, comedy or whatever. 40th & Farnam St., www.readinggrounds.com 502-2008

HIV TESTING, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40 St.

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK
6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday
GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT, sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

Every Friday
GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 5PM to 7PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays.

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

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONYMOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Joe at 932-8066 or Tony at 933-1318

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday
LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

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

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

1st Sunday
GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

2nd Thursday
PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday
CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit www.rainbowoutreach.org

FREE MATINEE MOVIE, at the GLBT Center, 1:30PM. Bring a snack to share, everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday
INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln

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

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

3rd Thursday
LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday
CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1pm to 2PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE, 2pm to 3PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

4th Tuesday
PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

4th Friday
LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA Monthly Beer Bust, 9pm, DC's Saloon

4th Saturday
FREE MATINEE MOVIE, at the GLBT Center, 1:30PM. Bring a snack to share, everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month

LAST Sunday
REAL FAMILIES Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

Email Your Event to:
news@rainbowoutreach.org

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers group

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

GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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 3rd Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org

Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 4th Fri Gilligan's 7pm

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

Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

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

Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohana-group@msn.com

Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>

Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanebrgaypride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamer, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

Rainbow Celebrations, Box 241733, Omaha, 68124, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPo@aol.com

River City Gender Alliance, www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.

Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer

Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450

Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center

(sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000

Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267

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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

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

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

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

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

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

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Nebraska charitable organization, have dedicated their lives to helping any and all groups, persons and organizations which ask for their help.

During the 2006 Kick-Off Party, held on Saturday, February 11 in Omaha, Kevin Marik, Rainbow Celebrations President said, "The Nebraska GLBT Community could not have asked for more qualified, supportive and dedicated nominees for the 2006 Grand Marshal honors. It has been our organization's pleasure to work side by side with all of the 2006 Nominees."

Also unveiled during the event, was the official 2006 Nebraska Pride logo, designed by Jason Fienhold-Haasis, and chosen from over 20 submissions in the annual Logo Contest. The logo, a rainbow design of the actual words of the theme, "United by the Colors" will adorn the official 2006 Pride merchandise, the cover of the annual Pride Guide publication as well as on all press materials leading up to the June Celebration.

"It is again an honor to have my design selected as the official Pride logo," Fienhold-Haasis stated. A design of

his also was selected for the 2003 Celebration in Nebraska. For his efforts, Fienhold-Haasis received a \$100 check and the honor of seeing his design as the image of the 2006 Celebration.

The 2006 Nebraska Pride Celebration will be held the weekend of June 9-11, 2006 in downtown Omaha. The 2006 Nominee who is selected by the state wide voting process will be announced during the April Pride Reception to be held at the Redick Plaza Hotel in downtown Omaha. This year's Grand Marshal will lead the 2006 GLBT Pride Parade as it winds through downtown Omaha in June.

Marik said, "We are very excited to be able to again plan and produce the annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebration for the Nebraska Community. This is the fifth year in which Rainbow Celebrations has been privileged to

provide this annual Celebration with the generous support of many sponsors and donors. Attendance has grown, exhibitors have increased year to year, and the caliber of entertainment on the Pride Stage continues to be unmatched in the Midwest"

Celebrating its 21st year in 2006, Nebraska Pride, sponsored by Rainbow Celebrations, began in 1985 with a small group of activists marching with candles, flags and signs down 16th Street in Omaha. Over the years, the Nebraska Pride Celebration has grown into the largest GLBT Pride gathering in the state of Nebraska and western Iowa, with an estimated attendance in excess of 9,000 people at the 2005 anniversary celebration. Rainbow Celebrations is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization recognized under section 501(c)4 of the IRS tax code.

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

Reading Grounds Now Selling Used Books

Customers who frequent the Reading Grounds midtown bookstore/coffeehouse for its wide selection of new books, magazines, gourmet coffee and brewing attitudes, have one more reason to stop in—used books.

"We didn't plan on carrying used books," says owner Cindy Collins, "but our customers have been asking for them ever since we opened last June. We're happy to announce that we now offer a section of used fiction and non-fiction books.

"What started out as a way for customers to help support our business in its struggling start-up stage by donating used books that would generate a little store income has made customers who enjoy a good bargain happy as well," explains Collins.

The Reading Grounds offers live music, author book signings, open mic nights and many other events and is located at 40th & Farnam Sts., open 9am – 9pm Tuesday – Thursday, 9am – 11pm Friday & Saturday, and noon – 6pm Sunday. Event details and dates can be found at www.readinggrounds.com.

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Hastings College Alliance will provide Ally Training on February 20th in Hazelrigg Student Union Room B, at 5-7 pm. Refreshments and informational packets will be provided.

Ally Training seeks to make interested students, faculty, administrators, employees, and community members aware of the issues surrounding the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) community. The training seeks to not only to educate and promote awareness, but to provide tools to those who want to confront hate and ignorance on a daily basis. Ally Training will teach you to Speak Up! Speak Out! Stand Up! and Stand Out! in support of safety, respect, and dignity for the GLBT Community.

For further information, contact JohnCarl Denkovich at jdenkovich@hastings.edu.

Come Back to the Five and Dime

SNAP! Productions presents Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, by Ed Graczyk.

In a small town dime store in West Texas, the Disciples of James Dean gather for their twentieth reunion. One of them, an extra in the film "Giant", has a child whom she says was conceived by Dean on the set. The ladies' reminiscences mingle with flash backs to their youth; then the arrival of a stunning and momentarily unrecognized woman sets off a series of confrontations that upset their self deceptions and expose their well hidden disappointments.

"Full of home spun humor [and] ... surefire comic gems." N.Y. Post.

Todd Brooks directs the powerful drama with a cast that includes Mary Kelly, Connie Lee, Teri Fender, Barb Ross, Sara Planck, Therese Rennels, Sarah Ludlow, Liz Kendall and Tyler Swain.

Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean will run from March 10 - April 2, 2006 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time.

Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. The play will be sign language interpreted for the hearing impaired by Gary Beck on April 2, 2006.

As always your support and attendance is greatly appreciated!

So, I'm Pee-shy

Michael McManus

Those of you who read "How Typical" on a regular basis know how passionate I am about the material I discuss. This week's topic is no different. It's something that I have dealt with all my life, and an obstacle that many fellow Gateway readers experience daily. I, Mike McManus, am pee-shy.

Yes you heard me right. I suffer from something I call "Pee-a-phobia," or the fear of peeing in public places.

This problem was quite evident when I made a trip to the local probation office the other day to take a drug test. Now I'm no druggie, and stray away from anything ending in "uana" or "caine," but I do get tested every once in awhile due to my DUI.

Anyway, it was a routine drug test. He gave me the plastic container and told me to "do what you do." Now normally this wouldn't be a problem, but this probation officer (I'll call him Stu), insisted on standing next to me while I relieved myself.

I walked over to the porcelain urinal and began thinking about trickling water. No luck. Then I started thinking about streams and rivers, still no luck. I couldn't do it! I literally stood there for five minutes, and nothing happened. After awhile Stu turned to me confused and asked, "Having a problem Mr. McManus?" Well Stu, yes I am having a problem. I can't pee with you stand-

ing next to me! Although that was my thought, I instead politely told Stu I was going to need 10 minutes and numerous glasses of purified water. He smiled and showed me to the "prep room."

I quickly took a seat and began indulging myself in about nine or 10 glasses of chilled H₂O. The room was pretty bare, with only a marker board and clock on the wall, giving me plenty of time to dwell on the task at hand. About 10 minutes passed before Stu re-entered the room.

"Are you there yet Mr. McManus?" Stu asked.

"Why yes [Stu], I do believe I am about there." I quickly replied

I put down my glass of water and made the trip to the desolate and damp bathroom. Stu once again took his place next to me but this time decided that he would turn on the water faucet to give me a little kick. I unzipped, positioned myself and was ready to go for the gold. However, I still wasn't feeling it. I tried every possible option. I tugged, pulled, jiggled, shook, and continued to think about flowing water sources, but no avail! I reluctantly turned to Stu and said "Well [Stu], this just isn't working out," and I zipped up. Stu, this time not acting so friendly, asked "More water?"

Once again I found myself sitting in the barren room. This time I tried a different approach and began double fistng the glasses of water. The worst part was that the water jug was in the hallway by the offices, so every time I needed a refill everyone saw me and smiled. I tried being sneaky by taking different routes, but their eyes always caught me. It didn't help that every time the jug dispensed water it made a loud gulping sound, as if it was purposely doing it to inform the secretaries that I was yet again at the water jug.

This time around Stu gave me an extra 20 minutes to regroup, a kind gesture on his behalf. He came in, opened his frail mouth and said "Third time's a charm." I let out a polite laugh and once again took the trip to the small urinal.

I positioned myself and began the procedure once more. Wait, wait, I feel something. Could it be? It was much like seeing a light at the end of a dark tunnel; I could feel something turning inside me. At this time, Stu turned the water faucet on high to give me that extra bolt, and it worked. All the hard work and dedication that Stu and I put into the test finally paid off. I quickly zipped up, fastened the cap to the container and handed Stu the prize.

Stu smiled as if I just gave him a gift. It was a gift: a gift of determination, willpower, and sacrifice. A gift of urine.

I left the bathroom with a smile on my face and a relief in my groin. Although I felt a bit waterlogged, I felt whole and ready for whatever life threw my way.

So why am I discussing my pee-a-phobia story with you? Well, dear reader, let me tell you why.

We all have obstacles in life that we need to overcome. I overcame mine, so what's holding you back from climbing past yours? Life is full of obstacles, but none that can't be turned into opportunities. I consider my drug test a prime example. I now feel comfortable with peeing in public. Keep this story in mind and remember, you are not alone.

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Quote..... Unquote

"The MINUTE someone impugns your patriotism for opposing this war, turn on them like a snarling dog and explain what loving your country really means."

Molly Ivins January 20, 2006

Dining Out for Life

Please join Nebraska AIDS Project on Tuesday, April 18th for Dining Out For Life 2006, the premier annual event involving the generous participation of restaurants throughout Nebraska and Southwestern Iowa. Participating restaurants pledge a percentage of their day's sales, and diners enjoy a fabulous meal for a good cause! All funds raised through Dining Out For Life will benefit the work of Nebraska AIDS Project in its effort to eliminate the spread of HIV through education and prevention programs and providing services and compassionate support to people living with HIV and AIDS, the families and loved ones. Mark your calendar and Dine Out on Tuesday, April 18th.

For a complete list of participating restaurants please visit www.diningoutforlife.com and click on the Nebraska ribbon. For more information, please contact:

Pam Monsky, Development Director, 402-552-9260, x. 142 or email pam@nap.org
Sarah Grossman, Development Associate 402-552-9260, x. 139 or email sarahg@nap.org



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