## the GAYZETTE



### International

Nebraska AIDS Project hosts "Dining Out For Life" - An annual fundraising event. Last year, 25 cities and more than 1,800 restaurants in the United States and Canada participated in Dining Out For Life raising more than \$2,000,000 for AIDS service organizations.

Join Nebraska AIDS Project and hundreds of restaurant patrons across

Nebraska as they gather to support the important services that Nebraska AIDS Project provides our local communities. No matter what you're hungry for, deciding where and when to dine out should be easy because Tuesday, April 13 is Dining Out for Life. Choose a participating restaurant, make your reservation, and Nebraska restaurants will serve up a percentage of their sales to Nebraska AIDS Project!

For a list of participating restaurants go to http://www.nap.org/dol.html

Please also see Page 11

## Britain Moves Towards Transgender Marriage Rights

Britain's House of Lords, the upper chamber of Parliament, has voted to let pre- and post-operative transsexuals obtain a new birth certificate and get married as a member of their new gender.

The European Court of Justice has also recently ruled that transgender persons must have equal access to marriage and pension rights. The ruling applies in the 15 nations that presently make up the European Union, including the United Kingdom, and in the 10 countries that will join the union in May.

In 2002, the European Court of Human Rights -- the court of final appeal for citizens of the 45 nations that make up the Council of Europe -- also ruled in favor of transgender persons' right to marry.

#### **Thanks for Donations**

Rainbow Outreach would like to thank all of the people who have donated books in the past few months. Since late December we've added over 300 books to our collection. Many of the newest ones received in the past month have been large art, photography, and collectors books. We've had donations from several members of the community at large, and from the LinOma Bares. The Nebraska Aids Project donated 2 video copies of "Talking to your children.", and the Flat Water Bears donated a new bookcase as we are currently out of shelf space. It feels good to need new bookcases, and WE THANK YOU for your time and effort.

We have more books coming before June, and if anyone or any group wishes, we could use at least three more bookcases, either new, or used but in good shape. Many of the book sections are quite full, but two that need help are African-American and Hispanic. If you haven't been in lately, please come in as Roger is back from his trip to Florida, and we've re-arrangd to better meet your needs. Yours--Chris-ROCC

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## **Perspectives**

By Jon Owens

#### **Personal Images**

You may recall in the last column I talked about our community's image, but there is also a personal image we have to uphold. Some of us may think we have no one to impress, so I am going to do what I want. That is sort of a shallow way of thinking.

It is hard for someone like me who works in the church to want to do some things people get to do all the time. Here is an example: If I was to go to underwear night at the Max. It is not particularly a bad thing to go and have fun in this fashion. In some ways I would love to go, but with me working in a church I have an image to uphold. I'm not saying I want to hold people to that same image but people sometimes hold ministers to a different level.

I have had friends say, "Well who cares if someone sees you there." However the issue would be that I am not held to the

same standards as they are. It is not particularly fair, but that is what I chose for my life.

I also realize just like everyone else I have a tendency to occasionally talk out of both sides of my mouth. I say one thing and do the other making myself a hypocrite at times. That is not a good thing either, but we tend to do that sometimes, because of pressure or pure rebellion. Sometimes we say or do things we should not, because we are trying to find that balance in our life that works for us.

I have let my hair down occasionally thinking I did not want my friends to think I was a stick in the mud and instead I ended up looking like a pure idiot, making my friends almost think I was not real.

Luckily my friends love me and they only want the best for me. True friends care about your image. They want you to

succeed in life. Although society is becoming more excepting of us, we still have a strike against us as GLBT people.

I was talking to my priest the other day about the gay bishop in the Episcopal Church and how many people are mad because of it. But these same people, such as the guy who is leading the attacks against the liberal body of the church, had been divorced and remarried. Now biblically speaking getting annulled or not, if you take the Bible literally, he is still living in sin as long as his first wife is alive and he is living with his second wife. Even St. Augustine of Hippo lived with a mistress for 25 years and had a child and never married. Despite repentance, what about his child? Or these divorced clergy that do get it annulled are they prepared to say they had bastard children?

Sometimes we do not always live up to our own standards and that is ok, because we are not perfect. I am convinced that sometimes we do things more for shock value or just because something is a bit risqué than because we really fully approve. We

want to be able to say we have done something as opposed to saving we never have, whether we approve or not.

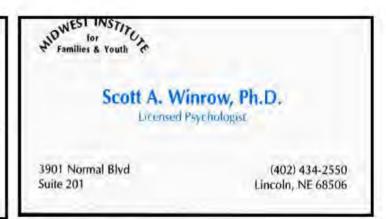
We must keep in mind what our personal image is about and when we fall away from that, find ourselves and work even harder to enhance the image. If we surround ourselves with positive people and good friends this road will be all the easier. Thanks be to God I have wonderful gay friends in this community who care so much about my image.



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\$ 50.00 \$ 15.00

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Ad Deadlines

Friday, April 9 for Publication April 16

Friday, April 23 for Publication April

## Don't Be A Fool OCS SOMOON Is The Place To Be In April

#### Happy Hour 7 Days a Week

2 PM to 7 PM

\$1.00 Draft Beer and \$1.50 Well Drinks

#### Monday

Happy Hour ALL Day Long
2 PM to 1 AM
\$1.00 Draft Beer and \$1.50 Well Drinks

#### Wednesday

Karaoke with Stacy 9 PM to 1 AM \$2.00 Wicked Punch 2 PM to 1 AM \$2.00 Well Drinks 7 PM to 1 AM

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#### Thursday

Dance Lessons with Windell 7 PM to 9 PM \$2.00 Domestic Longnecks 9 PM to 11 PM \$1.50 Domestic Longnecks 11 PM to 1 AM

#### Saturday

\$2.00 Domestic Longnecks 2 PM to 7 PM \$2.50 Souther Comfort 7 PM to 1 AM

Friday, April 9 8:00 pm

Miss DC's Jazmin & Mr DC's Dan Mathews

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"The Gift" 7:00 pm

followed by

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Season Premier Party 9:00 pm



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The Rainbow Celebrations 2004 Pride Committee cordially invites you to the

## RESEPTION

Redick Plaza Hotel - Colorado Room

15th Street and Harney, Omaha

Come enjoy a wonderful evenin**@** 

Join the Rainbow Celebrations 2004 Pride Committee for the unveiling of the official logo, the 2004 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal and Route, the official Pride Merchandise & Apparel, and more!

Great Entertainment, tasty hors d'oeuvres, and cash bar provided. Casual dress.

Please RSVP to 402-415-8769 or rsvp@rainbowcelebrations.org

Socialize 6-7 PM. Reception 7-9 PM. Sponsored in part by Dixie Quicks restaurant.

## Omaha Peace & Justice EXPO

Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 - 6:00 pm UNO's Student Center

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#### PRIDE 2004 RECEPTION

On Friday, April 16, come out and enjoy a free, relaxing evening of socializing and entertainment at a GLBTaffirming event. The Pride Reception marks the launch of 2004 Pride activities leading up to this summer's 19th annual GLBT Pride Parade and Festival. Be among the first to see the 2004 Pride theme and logo and to purchase this year's dazzling array of merchandise. Discover the identity of the new Pride Parade Grand Marshal.

The Rainbow Celebrations Pride Committee invites all members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual ally community to attend the reception in the Colorado Room of the Redick Plaza Hotel at 15th Street and Harney in downtown Omaha.

Dress casually. Free hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will be available all evening. Socialize from 6-7 PM. The reception runs from 7-9 PM. To get to the Colorado Room, use the East hotel entrance (on 15th Street). Head down the hallway, turn right, and enter the double set of doors.

Rainbow Celebrations is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to producing GLBT Pride and Coming Out activities throughout the year. To learn more about getting involved, visit www.rainbowcelebrations.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Pride Reception.



#### River City Mixed League Standings Maplewood Lanes

Week 27 of 29

1	D C's Saloon	78	30	53729
2	N'Joyable	76	32	51265
3	Omaha Hospitality	72	36	53697
4	Gills Choke Artists	67.5	40.5	50074
5	Cocks & Beavers	64.5	43.5	53294
6	Lords and Ladies	61	47	55774
7	Oh Damn!	61	47	49503
8	N'Joy R Balls	61	47	49327
9	Gutter Minds	60	48	50410
10	Bowlers Choice	59.5	48.5	52421
11	Bowler Sisters	59.5	48.5	50595
12	Kumaniwan2layya	59	49	47649
13	Omaha Mining Co	58.5	49.5	51040
14	Beaver & the Boys	55	53	49163
15	Gilligan's CCB	53.5	54.5	48719
16	The One in the Middle	53	55	47893
17	Lickity Splits	53	55	47854
18	Chicken & Her Noodles	51	57	46569
19	Max Factors	49	59	49874
20	Gett'n School'd	47	61	47158
21	Power Puff Girls	45	63	46843
22	Red Hot Salsa	45	63	46625
23	Omaha Ball Busters	44.5	63.5	46164
24	Mudd Wrestlers	44	64	48263
25	The Ouutlaws	43.5	64.5	45873
26	Stosh's Stable	35	73	46187
27	Dirty Butter	30	78	44928
28	Here 4 Beer	26	82	45888

#### Ice Bowl 2005 Committee Set

Ice Bowl has selected its new committee and board for the 2005 tournament. Meetings will be held the third Sunday of every month at Maplewood Lanes if anyone is interested in participating or contact any of the following members:

Co-Director: Jeff McKenzie
Co-Director: Ray Johansen
Treasure: Russ Hollendieck
Secretary: Dave Bridges

Committee Members: Danny Sczeblewski, John Sempeck, Tracy Heintzleman, Josh Diaz, Jerry Schomer, Portia Burch, Joe Reed, Gale Schoenfeld, Heather Kovanda, Rhonda Richardson, Mike Ganau, Robert Presby, Matt Awick, Nathaniel Bledso, Marty Martinez.

## Ice Bowl Awards Recipients with Donations

Over the past weekend Jeff McKenzie and Ray Johansen handed out donations to the following charities on behalf of the Ice Bowl Tournament Committee:

\$500.00 P.W.A Progrm \$200.00 Breast Cancer \$200.00 Secondary Medications \$200.00 Food Bank \$200.00 Resource Center \$200.00 M Power Program

Ice Bowl extends warm wishes to all the charities that received donations. Each of them are in our hearts.

#### **High Average**

#### **High Average Women**

181- R Richardson 179 - N Harrison

176 - P Kerres

#### **High Series Women**

704 – R Richardson 677 – N Harrison 663 – P Kerres

#### **High Game Women**

259– A Reed 254 – N Harrison 253 – R Richardson

#### **High Average Men**

207 – G Shoenfeld 200 – R. Hansen 197 - J Schomer

#### **High Series Men**

714 - R Hansen 710 - G Schoenfeld 696 - J Schomer

#### **High Game Men**

299 – R Hansen 279 – J Schomer 278 – G Schoenfeld

#### **High Game Team**

819 – Omaha Hospitality 804– Lord's & Ladies 803– Omaha Mining Co

#### **High Series Team**

2320–Lords & Ladies 2202-Omaha Hospitality 2193-Cocks & Beavers



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## The Metro Omaha GLBT Center A Vision for the Future! Feasibility

Study Survey-www.rainbowoutreach.org

For those of you who do not know, ROC has been our GLBT Resource Center for 6 years now, located at 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha. The Board of Directors of ROC have authorized this feasibility study to help determine whether the GLBT and supportive Communities would need and use a new Center in metro Omaha. We encourage you to take a moment to complete the survey with your honest opinions. It only takes a few minutes and can be taken at the web site above or you can stop in at the Resource Center and pick up a paper copy. If you have already received the survey and filled it out, the ROC Board thanks you for your time. If you haven't already done so, please take the survey. Your answers do MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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

#### The Flat Water Bears are Moving! & Zoo Trip

The Bears decided in March to move their monthly meeting to the 3rd Saturday of the month at Rainbow Outreach at 7pm. This was not an easy decision to make, but seeing as how many of the members are now working 1 1/2-2 jobs Monday-Friday it will help meeting attendance, and we won't be rushed during

meeting times, meeting will be ROCC 1719 Omaha. The taking over the that day. If you just come on in you! On April find the bears the Henry Doornew exhibits.



at the main gate with lunch after, then meeting time at ROCC.

We would also like to Thank The Max for all its efforts in having us there, we've had a great time. Bear Hugs-Chris F.-President Flat Water Bears

#### New Group for Military Partners

Are you the same tary person? Are like you but don't find them? Do you support straight ceive or just want who understands am trying to orus. A place where friendship, fun and ing the private Everyone is welyoung, old. E-poutpers@yahoo.go



sex partner of a miliyou looking for others know where to safely long for the kind of military spouses reto hang with someone your life? You can. I ganize a group just for we can safely find support while respectnature of our lives. come-women, men, mail scstagepet-

partners@yahoo.com for more information. All correspondence will be kept completely private and any anonymity you wish to maintain will be respected.



#### **GAYZETTE EVENTS**

#### APRJL 11

MISS FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, at the Q in Lincoln, applications available by email at 2sexy@charter.net

TUESDAY APRIL 13 DINING OUT FOR LIFE, see

www.nap.org/dol.html for a list of participating restaurants, proceeds go to NAP for HIV and AIDS prevention and education

FRJDAY APRJL 16TH

Nebraska, 8am to 4:30pm

NEBRASKA PRIDE RECEPTION, Colorado Room at the Redick Plaza Hotel, 15th and Harney, Omaha, 6pm to 9pm, use East entrance, come join the fun, casual dress

THURSDAY APRJL 29
1ST ANNUAL NEBRASKA HIV/AIDS
CONFERENCE, Twenty Years of Progress, Interstate Holiday Inn, Grand Island

SUNDAY MAY 2 OMAHA PEACE AND JUSTICE EXPO

UNO Student Center from 1pm to 6pm

SATURDAY JUNE 5
OMAHA WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT
CRUISE 3RD ANNUAL DINNER/
CONCERT CRUISE, featuring Laura
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Tauni or Sheryl at 467-5737

FRJDAY JUNE 187H
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FRJDAY 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)

**SATURDAY, JULY 3**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA
CORONATION 24, Doubletree Hotel

FRJ., OCTOBER 14—SUN., OCT.17 IGRA FINALS RODEO, Chance Ridge Equine, Omaha; info: www.hgra.net or call 402-203-4680

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHJP SERVJOES:
DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heart-land 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

<u>LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK</u> Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

ACOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 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 RE-HEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

**Every Tuesday OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**,
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

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

**Every Wednesday**WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, 7pm
UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1–4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40 FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

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

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

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

Every Friday

**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

**CLUB OMAHA**, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

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

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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

#### MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Caffeine Dreams, 7PM

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

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

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

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN. 6
-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark
Giesler 476-7000.

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

**2nd Wednesday FLAT WATER BEARS** 7:30pm, The MAX

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Methodist

2nd Friday

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

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

#### 2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

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

L2EP@aol.com Ipm; Leather or Knot,

2nd Sunday

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

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

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

3rd Friday

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

4th Tuesday

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

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N,

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

4th Saturday

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

LAST Sunday

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

## Are you registered to Vote?

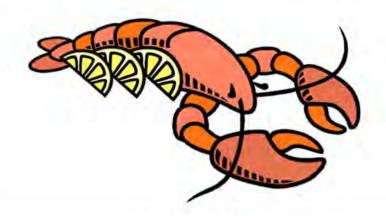
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## Dine Out For Life With ICON & NAP

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is proud to be the host for a fabulous dinner at Dixie Quicks, 1915 Leavenworth, on Tuesday. April 13 as part of Dining Out for Life. Emperor Don and Empress Monroe will be hosting the dinner at Dixie Quicks with 100% of the proceeds going to Nebraska AIDS Project. The cuisine at Dixie Quicks is renowned for its taste and quality. This event will be a sell out, so if you want to enjoy a sumptuous dinner and know that every dime you pay will be going directly to the Nebraska AIDS Project, please contact Dixie Quicks, 346-3549, and reqest a reservation for April 13.





#### **OMAHA BARS**

CONNECTIONS 1901 Leavenworth 933-3033 **CLUB OLIS** 2801 N 16 St 934-4030 THE DIAMOND 712 S. 16th St 342-9595 DC'S SALOON 610 S. 14th 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. 18th, Lincoln 435-8764 Q 226 S. 9th St, Lincoln 475-2269

SIOUX CITY BAR

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

#### RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

#### **OMAHA BASED**

- BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/BiMenNebraska and http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST
- Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Oma-
- Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2549 http://www.glsenomaha.org GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources
- 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
- 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/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
- Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Men's Support Group-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net Website:www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Service 7pm
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
- NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights
- Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 naje now@hotmail.com
- Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/ nebraskagaydads/
- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ OmahaBiMarriedMen
- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegay-

- pride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net

  Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026
  Social/Support Organization for African
  American Males age 21 and over
- Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAboout@vahoo.com
- OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website:www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 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
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330
- Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event in
  - fo@rainbowcelebrations.org
  - Nebraska Pride Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride@rainbowcelebrations.org National Coming Out Day P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108
  - NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org.
- Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com
- River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, www:genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/ transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571 -1344; www.unityomaha.org
- Women's Support Group, Saturday 10am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563
- WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

#### LINCOLN BASED

- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health

- Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and QuestioningWomen's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- **Nebraska AIDS Project,** 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.com, Website: http:// pflag.ineb.org/
- Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 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 Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp 483-5592 Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu
- Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880 Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or email: http:// www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html
- TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/

#### **Iowa Based**

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

#### Thanks for Donations

Rainbow Outreach would like to thank all of the people who have donated books in the past few months. Since late December we've added over 300 books to our collection. Many of the newest ones received in the past month have been large art, photography, and collectors books. We've had donations from several members of the community at large, and from the LinOma Bares. The Nebraska Aids Project donated 2 video copies of "Talking to your children.", and the Flat Water Bears donated a new bookcase as we are currently out of shelf space. It feels good to need new bookcases, and WE THANK YOU for your time and effort.

We have more books coming before June, and if anyone or any group wishes, we could use at least three more bookcases, either new, or used but in good shape. Many of the book sections are quite full, but two that need help are African-American and Hispanic. If you haven't been in lately, please come in as Roger is back from his trip to Florida, and we've rearrangd to better meet your needs. Yours--Chris--ROCC



#### **COWTOWN RODEO RESULTS**

Texas was the host of the second IGRA rodeo of the 2004 season. Heartland Gay Rodeo Association continued this season with a strong showing, coming in 3rdh place overall out of 17 participating associations.

One Heartland cowgirl and one cowboy placed among the top in All-Around. Maggie W. and Tee T. both finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the All-Around competition. Rich P. brought home the Championship Buckle in chute dogging and Jennifer E. won the championship buckle in women's steer riding. Team Heartland will be headed off to compete in Las Vegas April 3-4

#### Miss Fire and Brimstone Pageant

April 11,, 2004 At the "Q" bar in Lincoln NE



For applications write to Tim at 2sexy@charter.net

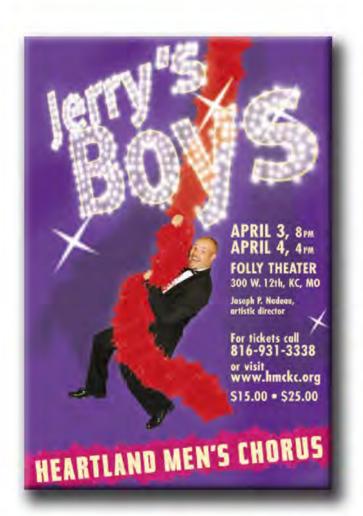
Plan to come early for a good seat.



## Are You Listed?

If your group or organization is not listed on the Resources Page, or if the information listed is out of date, please send us an email at news@rocc.org so we can include you or update your information.





#### **Tap Your Way Into Spring** With The Heartland Men's Chorus in

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www.chsepiscopal.org

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St Augustine of Canterbury 285 South 208th Street 402-289-4058 (In Skyline Ranch)

#### Omaha

Church of the Resurrection Trinity Cathedral 3004 Belvedere Blvd 402-455-7015 (Across from Miller Park)

Omaha

Saint Andrew's Church 925 South 84th Street 402-391-1950 www.standrewsomaha.org

#### **Omaha**

113 North 18th Street 402-342-7010 Papillion

Saint Martha's Church 801 Magnolia Avenue 402-331-1564

Nebraska Episcopalians run foodbanks, work with Habitat for Humanity, send missionaries and volunteers to the Dominican Republic and Guatemala, run www.trinityepiscopal.org daycares and after-school programs, minister to the homeless and much more. We teach children and adults to repect and love one another. We are a welcoming www.stmarthas.org church and invite you to join us.

Omaha Episcopal GLBT Fellowship meets at St. Andrew's every Sunday beginning April 4 from 6-7 PM

## SATURDAY MAY 15 2004 8PM HOYT SHERMAN PLACE DES MOINES A Gala Charity Event A portion of proceeds donated to All Iowa Aids Benefit ARGARET "Brilliant" "One of the funniest comedians in America." THE NEW YORK TIMES TICKETS ON SALE NOW! \$28 - \$38 (515) 244-0507 or WWW.HOYTSHERMAN.ORG For event & hotel information visit WWW.GRDN.COM CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE GARDEN'S GAY ENTERTAINMENT, THE GARDEN Celebrating 20 years PRIDE AND COMMUNITY TO IOWA

#### A Letter to the President

February 24, 2004 President George W. Bush The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I could not avoid you tonight as your support for a federal constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage blared throughout the airport lounge via CNN. As I listened to your confusing messages about family and values and politics, I shared sadness with my fellow travelers about your continuing fear-driven approach to leadership. Your defense of traditional marriage rang hollow; rather, it was a poor endorsement for discrimination, ignorance and your conservative political base.

Uncharacteristically, I decided not to be angry, offended or cynical. Rather, I desperately want to understand you and your allies on this issue, and take the high road in that engagement. So I invite you, Laura and your daughters to spend a day with my family and explain why you are championing such a cause. Spend a day with my life partner of 24 years who is one of the most remarkable human beings you'll ever have the privilege of meeting. A public school teacher, Bob has spent his life in-

spiring students and parents alike with his commitment to a values-laden and creative approach to learning, serving as a strong lifechanging role model for countless young at-risk city kids over the years.

Spend a day with our energetic and cheerful seven year-old son Ben. Ben will treat you to an active day full of homework, piano lessons, lego projects, friends, chores, soccer and baseball. Fully steeped in the values of love, sharing, friendship and learning, Ben is immensely proud of his two adoring and engaged parents, and wonderfully enriched by a diverse and





supportive neighborhood.

Spend a day with our extraordinary community of friends and neighbors, who reflect the America of today and the future - mixed in race, language, background, family structures and ideas - but united in their deep commitment to our children, to creating a better future, to loving our country and to enjoying the richness of life.

Spend a day with our extended family that has supported us with unconditional love through good times and bad. Our parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews spread around the country form the foundation of our world. Over the years we have celebrated countless joyous holidays and celebrations together, as well as helping them in endless ways through illnesses, financial problems, divorces, And other family dramas.

Spend a day with us as we engage in our community as a family and as individuals, as we actively volunteer at Ben's school, as we have headed up the local United Way, and as we have worked tirelessly with many community organizations to improve the lives of our less-fortunate neighbors. Come join us as we sing and pray in church together.

Spend the day with me as the CEO of a fast-growing global digital media company who understands the economic interests of supporting stable communities and families, who must create a vibrant 21st century inclusive workforce through rigorous recruiting and non-discriminatory practices, and who is forever seeking that elusive family-life-work balance.

Spend the day with us as we explain to our son, his friends and cousins, why the world can be a fragile place where people do bad things out of ignorance and fear, where people hate people for silly reasons, where leaders abuse power for political gain at the expense of innocent folks, and where people waste enormous emotion and energy on side issues when domestic and child abuse, poverty, racism, divorce and inadequate health care - the issues truly threatening the American family - go unattended.

Mr. President, please come spend a day with us. And then, over our evening family meal, after we have given our nightly thanks to our loving and hate-free God, explain to this same-sex household just what family values you are defending for the future of America.

Sincerely, Steve D Seattle. Washington

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED BY ICON For Snoball 2004

Snoball 2004 had lots of prizes and lots of winners! A Pucker Package donated by LEO was won by Joe. The four bottles of wine from Vivace's went to Hugh L., Stosh, John L., and Alex at JOY. RCMC tickets went to Martin C. Bar tabs from JOY, FLIXX, DC's and The MAX went to Jim M. and June Y. The Vivace's and M's Gift Certificates were won by Stosh. The COX package was won by Liz C. Congratulations to all the consolation prize winners. The 50/50 cash prize of \$601.00 went to Michael L. The winning didn't stop there! ICON's monarchs Don and Monroe were honored by ICEBOWL representatives Ray and Jeff when they presented two checks to ICON for charities of the monarchs' choosing. A \$500 donation was made to NAP/ PWA and a \$200 donation was made to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. ICON will pass along those donations on behalf of their majesties Don and Monroe and ICEBOWL. Winning the coveted King of Snoball sash was Dan K. His queen for the Ball was Crystal Delight. Miss Crystal sold a whopping 500 raffle tickets.

ICON extends a huge thank you to Snoball hosts Jeff McKenzie and Stella Dallas and their special guests for the evening: Pitty Patt Magnolia Sugerbaker from Houston and Omaha's very own Jennifer Jett. Thank you's also go out to each of the Ball's performers and Emcees: Empress 23 Monroe & Emperor 23 Don, Miss MAX Chandler, Mr. MAX Matt, Larry, Feleena Katz, Michael L., Paco P., Carmelita, and Ammie. And thanks to all of you who attended and/or bought raffle tickets!



#### **Upcoming HGRA Events**

General Membership Meeting followed by IGRA Finals Rodeo Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, 2004 – 2:00PM Location: Round the Bend Steakhouse – 30801 East Park Highway – South Bend, NE 68003 http://www.roundthebendsteakhouse.com/

HGRA Jell-O Shot Sales Saturday, April 10th, 2004 – Starting at 9:30 PM ish DC's Saloon - www.dcsomaha.com

"A Show of Support"
Saturday, April 24, 2004 – Starting at 9PM until 11PM
Location: Connections – 1901 Leavenworth - Omaha, NE

Proceeds: Benefit the Omaha Episcopal GLBT Fellowship, dedicated to stopping teen suicide in our community. Featuring Performances By: HGRA 2004 Royalty Team (Ammie, Paco and Carmen), Tamara Marks and other exciting performers!

"Cowboy Up @ The MAX" Sunday, April 25th, 2004 – Location: The MAX – 1417 Jackson Street – Omaha, NE 68102

#### Guest Editorial

I firmly believe in separation of church and state. I am not a religious person. I do NOT want some groups religious beliefs shoved down my throat and I certainly do NOT want those religious beliefs and influences written into the laws governing this nation. The Constitution was written with this separation in mind. We the people of this country have been lax for far too long and let government take over our lives a little at a time with every new administration in the White House. More and more control over all of us in bite sized chunks that we have been able to swallow without gagging. They convinced us it was better for us and would make us safer.

Then came 911 and the Congress voted in the Patriot Act while in a highly emotional state. Has the Patriot Act done any good? Hell no. It has only enabled Uncle Sam to spy on ANY of us for ANY reason. Has it caught any genuine terrorists? Hell no. It has only enabled them to harass innocent people, some to the point of ruining their lives and leaving them with no legal recourse. This crap has to stop before it tears the country apart.

All of the U.S. Presidents in the last 50 years have been heavily pressured by the religious right. Many of them got into the same bed only later to jump ship when the religious leaders started demanding too much from them, creating controversy and making their jobs and their chances for re-election difficult to near impossible. Religion must be stripped away from politics before it destroys the country. Religion is based on feelings and emotions. Politics is based on logic and equality. At least, that's how the founding fathers had originally set up our most sacred document, the Constitution of the United States of America.

I want my legal rights, not someone else's religious beliefs

PARENTS. Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gave

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.

OMAHA PFLAG

4th Sunday 2:00 P.M.

Location: First United Methodist Church 7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska

P.O. Box 390064 Omaha, NE 68139-0064

John L.

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#### 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 Leav-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

#### **Internet Tidbits**

"In his speech last night, John Kerry said this was the beginning of the end of the Bush administration. I agree. Sure, it may take another five years, but this is it."

-Jay Leno

During last night's debate, John Kerry and John Edwards were so friendly to each other some political experts think that they may end up running together. In fact Kerry and Edwards were so friendly, President Bush accused them of planning a gay marriage."

-Conan O'Brien

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#### Movie Monday

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#### Sunday, April 18

Universal Show Queen, Entertainer Of The Year Raven Returns To THE MAX Don't Miss It!

