



The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Presents

the

GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

NEWS FROM CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Gayzette



CFEP would like to announce that we have received a \$2,000 grant from PayPal. Thanks go to our board member, Scott Winkler, who is an employee of PayPal. CFEP will use these funds for our general operating budget.

The Lawsuit! We've been waiting a long time for a decision on the challenge to Amendment 29 (formerly Initiative 416) that CFEP, NAJE (Nebraska Advocates for Justice and Equality) and the ACLU have filed against the State of Nebraska. We are expecting a decision in the latter part of January. PARTY TIME!!!!

We are working with several state legislators who are interested in introducing two bills this session. Senator Landis, of Lincoln, will be introducing a housing non-discrimination bill. We are still interviewing potential senators for our workplace non-discrimination bill. If you, or anyone you know, have experienced discrimination in your workplace or in renting or buying a home, WE NEED TO KNOW!!!!

You can call our office at 402-398-3027 or email us at info@cfep-ne.org. It is always helpful to have documented cases to take to our elected officials.

Happy Holidays and watch the news for the BIG DECISION!!!

Michael Gordon, Executive Director, CFEP



WANTED!!

Chris Barrett & John Miller

You may be the winners of unclaimed prizes!!!!

Please contact ICON's Event Coordinator @

(402)344-2757

ID is required to claim prizes.

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HOLIDAY HOURS

2PM-1AM CHRISTMAS EVE

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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AND SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES

A core base of active volunteers enables the Center to plan and facilitate programs and services. The Center offers many ways to volunteer, so there's truly something for everyone. Whatever volunteer opportunity you choose, volunteering is a great way to give back to our community, meet new people, get involved, and have fun.

We greatly appreciate your interest in becoming more involved. Below are some volunteer opportunities. Some may require training and a longer commitment of several months to a year.

* FRONT DESK RECEPTIONISTS

Help make the Center a friendly place by answering phones, greeting visitors, and providing information referrals. This position is a great way to meet new people and get to know the resources in our community. The commitment involves 3 1/2 hours each week or every other week. Fill out a volunteer profile online by visiting our website at RainbowOutreach.org and if you happen to need easy online access, visit us at 1719 Leavenworth Street to use the free, high-speed internet access provided by the GLBT Center.

* PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Program committees don't require as consistent a time commitment, and typically entail a monthly meeting with a committee of five or more other program volunteers. You'll usually spend a few hours between monthly meetings working on various tasks to prepare for events and programs. Work gets more intensive just before an event you help organize. These committees are a great way to get to work closely with a dedicated group of people, and to really contribute ideas, creativity, and

leadership to the GLBT Center.

The Center currently has a Library Committee and an Activity Committee.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: We need volunteers for the Center Activity Committee to help create, plan and implement social, educational and recreational offerings and special events both at and away from the GLBT Center, such as Open Houses and Center Outings. The Center Activity Committee meets 7-9PM on the first Thursday of each month at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: We need volunteers for the Center Library Committee to help with our GLBT community library: to shelve and catalog titles, to maintain the collection of more than 1,150 books, and to develop and expand related services and educational outreach. A great opportunity for people who love books, like to use their organizational skills, and work well with people. The Center Library Committee meets 7-9PM on the third Sunday of each month at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha.

* OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

If a weekly or monthly commitment sounds too time-consuming for you, other volunteer opportunities are available, which are more sporadic and require less commitment. Many of them are very social and may involve working with large groups of volunteers, while others are more individually focused.

SPECIAL EVENT VOLUNTEERS: Volunteering for special events is a great way to get involved on a short-term basis. The Center hosts many special events including Community collaborations, open houses and more. Help is needed with planning, set up, clean up, selling tickets, and other duties. If you would like to be consider as a potential Special Event Volunteer, please let us know.

CENTER OUTING IN JANUARY - STAR"GAY"ZING AT THE PLANETARIUM





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Ad Deadlines: Friday, Dec. 31, for Publication Jan. 7 Friday, Jan. 14 for Publication Jan. 21st

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

YOU MIND TELLING ME WHY YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME THE LAST FEW WEEKS?

YES, KYLE... I DO MIND TELLING YOU.

WELL... TOUGH. I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL YOU DO.

SUIT YOURSELF.

BREYER... KYLE... THIS ISN'T EASY FOR ME TO TALK ABOUT.

BREYER... WHATEVER THIS IS, WE CAN WORK THROUGH IT.

YOU SAY THAT NOW.

I'M LOST.

KYLE... I'M A BIG GUY. 6'4" ... SIZE 13 SHOE.

GOOD TO KNOW.

STILL LOST HERE, THOUGH.

PEOPLE EXPECT ME TO BE BIG... ALL OVER.

HUH?

DO I HAVE TO SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU?

I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHERE WE'RE GOING ON THIS.

I'M TALKING ABOUT PENIS SIZE. PENIS SIZE?!

YEAH. IT'S ONE AREA WHERE... I'M NOT BIG. NOT AT ALL. IN FACT... I'M PRETTY SMALL.

YOU MEAN... THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT? WHY YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME? BECAUSE YOU HAVE A SHORT PENIS?

YEAH, I...

... DIDN'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT YOU WHEN WE HAVE SEX FOR THE FIRST TIME... AND HAVE YOU DUMP ME.

HAHAHAHAHAHA! HYSTERICAL LAUGHTER. GREAT.

NOT THE REACTION I WAS HOPING FOR. TO BE OPENLY RIDICULED FOR MY SHORTCOMINGS.

NO... BREYER... YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. I'M JUST LAUGHING AT THE ABSURDITY OF THE SITUATION.

YOU HONESTLY THINK I WOULD BREAK UP WITH YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR PENIS LENGTH?

IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE.

IT HAS? TWICE.

WHAT... ON EARTH WERE THOSE GUYS THINKING? TO LET A GREAT GUY LIKE YOU GO... OVER SUCH A NON-ISSUE?

YOU... REALLY THINK IT'S A NON-ISSUE?

ABSOLUTELY, YOU IDIOT. I LOVE YOU.

HEY, I LOVE YOU, TOO.

AND JUST SO YOU KNOW... IT MAY BE SHORT, BUT IT'S THICK.

UM... O.K....

Toward the end of January, enjoy a fun outing with the GLBT Center as we go Star"gay"zing at the Planetarium. This terrific event - a private engagement at Omaha's planetarium - is part of the ongoing outreach at the Center as we begin expanding our programming and services to offer a variety of opportunities to socialize and have fun in a GLBT-affirming atmosphere. More details will be revealed in the next issue of the Gayzette and on our website rainbowoutreach.org after the first of the month.

DECEMBER 26 - DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Add to your holiday weekend with a bit of relaxation. Join us for free treats and beverages at the Day After Christmas GLBT Center Open House on Sunday, December 26, from 2-9PM. Come visit, drop in, hang out, snack and socialize in a relaxing atmosphere. While you're visiting, check out the 1150+ volume library and get your free library card to take one home
1150+ with you. The GLBT Center is located at 1719 Leavenworth in the Old Market District of Downtown Omaha. You can park anywhere in the Old Market and easily walk to the Center (which is less than 3 blocks from other GLBT establishments including the JOY, DC's Saloon, the MAX, Omaha Mining Company, the Diamond, and Connections). We look forward to seeing you at the Day After Christmas Open House!



Greg Fox, the creator of Kyle's B&B, has graciously allowed us to continue running his comic strip until we can find a sponsor. If you have a business and would like to sponsor one or more issues at \$25 per issue (plus you get ad space) please email: news@rainbowoutreach.org and we will get you set up.

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Sundays: 12:00pm – 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.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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

Toronto Lesbians and Police Come to a Settlement

Christopher Curtis, PlanetOut Network

The raid of a lesbian bathhouse party in Toronto, Ontario, has led to an unprecedented settlement by the city's police service. The settlement stems from an incident that took place on Sept. 14, 2000, when police raided a special event called the Pussy Palace, which attracted 355 nearly naked women.

The Toronto Women's Bathhouse Committee filed a human rights complaint, claiming in part that two female police officers checked inside the bathhouse for liquor violations, and then five male officers entered and lingered in private areas. Several of the committee's members filed a \$1.5 million class-action lawsuit.

Several officers named in the complaint said they had launched the raid after anonymous complaints surfaced alleging drug use, physical violence and sexual activity.

In 2002, Judge Peter Hryn of the Ontario Court ruled the defendants' privacy rights had been breached in a situation that did not require urgent police action.

During the defamation trial that followed, Judge Janet McFarland of the Ontario Superior Court declared, "It is no part of a police officer's job to breach the Charter of Rights of any citizen. To do so is misconduct of the most serious kind."

Under the terms of the settlement, the Toronto Police Service will pay \$350,000 to a group of lesbian complainants, and all current and future Toronto police officers -- including police chiefs -- will have to undergo gay and lesbian sensitivity training. When the settlement was reached, both the human rights complaint and the lawsuit were dropped.

"The larger battle here is for the police to understand the community they serve," defendant Hornick went on to say. "That is the most important and exciting part for me."

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

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Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street
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Center Wish List

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

Some items on our Wish List:

- Copy Machine
- DVD Player
- Games (board games, card games, role playing games etc.)
- Laminator (8.5" by 11" or larger)
- Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater resolution, PC compatible)
- Library Materials (Books, Magazines, etc.)
- Monetary Donations (fully tax deductible)
- Overhead Projector and/or Slide Projector
- Paper Shredder (commercial grade)
- Public Address System
- Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long)
- TDD/TTY (Teletypewriter Devices for the deaf)
- TeleBraille (TB) machines for the blind
- Toolbox
- Video Cassette Recorder (VCR)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Florescent Light Bulbs (T12, 40 watt, 48", cool light)
- Manila Envelopes (6"x9")
- Paper Towels/Toilet Paper/Copier-Printer Paper
- Postage Stamps (rolls of 100, any denomination)
- Trash can liners (13 Gal.)

Wish List Contributors: Bob Ewing and Printing Plus- 2 cases of 6 by 9 envelopes, Flatwater Bears-Bookcase, James Lunbeck -Vacuum Cleaner, Judy Hancock-Broom & Dust Pan, Coat Hooks, Ceiling Light Lenses and Games, Marcus Fender-Floor Fan, Ceiling Tiles, Fluorescent Bulbs and Trash Bags, Sarah-Coffee Maker, Cleaning Supplies and Magazines, Sharon VanButsel & Carla Peterson-Books

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RIVER CITY MIXED LEAGUE STANDINGS

Maplewood Lanes		Week 12		
Place	Team Name	Won	Lost	Total Pins
1	Team 15	40	8	24658
2	DC's Saloon	37	11	25502
3	Lords & Ladies	35	15	26314
4	Chicken & Her Noodles	31.5	16.5	20599
5	About That Dirt...	30	18	23823
6	Bowling With Antlers	30	18	18827
7	Old Market Candy Shop	29	19	25286
8	Omaha Hospitality	28	20	24095
9	Flixxtation	27.5	20.5	20834
10	I Got 8	27	21	23151

11	Kumoniwan2layya	27	21	21195
12	Max-A-Millions	26	22	21669
13	Liksalotagilly's	25	23	20502
14	Here 4 Beer	24.5	23.5	19520
15	SPLASH	23.5	24.5	18627
16	Oh Flixx It!	23	25	20435
17	Frank and Beans	23	25	20385
18	Om. Ball Busters	21.5	26.5	19508
19	Bowler Sisters	20	28	22406
20	Gilligans CCB	20	28	19347
21	AJT Dubb	20	28	17028
22	Sausage & Eggs	14	34	17083
23	Gino's Bobbleheads	14	34	18188
24	4 The Beer 2	12	36	18235
25	Myers Electric	7.5	40.5	15330

High Average Women

198- R Richardson
180- T Shellenberger
174- H Kovanda

High Series Women

668 - R Richardson
667- T Shellenberger
592 - N Rogers

High Game Women

259- T Shellenberger
258 - R Richardson
233 - L. Bean

High Average Men

217 - G Schoenfeld
207 - J Schomer
200 - R Hansen

High Series Men

796 - G Schoenfeld
770 - J Schomer
715 - A Randazzo

High Game Men

299 - G Schoenfeld
298 - D Cohen
278 - J Schomer

High Game Team

880-Lords & Ladies
826-DC's Saloon
826-Old Market Candy Shop
High Series Team
2421-Lord's & Ladies
2349-Old Market Candy Shop
2332-DC's Saloon

SNAP! Productions Holding Auditions

SNAP! productions will hold auditions for William Finn and James Lapine's musical "A New Brain". January 24 and 25 at 7PM at SNAP!/Shelterbelt Theatre, 3225 California St.

The ensemble show is nearly completely sung, in a style similar to Finn's "Falsettos". This energetic, witty and touching tale takes us on a surreal semi-autobiographical tour of a songwriter's struggle to find meaning in his life when confronted with the possibility of terminal illness.

As the songwriter fights to survive, he's supported by his lover and a neurotic best friend, doted on by his very Jewish mother, surrounded by disgruntled nurses and animated hospital staff, and tormented by a sadistic frog. Go figure. Ultimately, the songwriter finds salvation in art and music, allowing us to see that humor and joy co-exist in our darkest moments.

Please bring a prepared song. An accompanist will be provided. Cast includes adult roles for 5 men (2 of which can be cast African American), and 4 women (1 role is for a mature actress, 1 role can be cast African American/gospel-belter). The show will run Thurs.-Sun., March 3-27. For more info, email director, Roxanne Wach: roxwach@aol.com



OMAHA PFLAG

Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M.
Location: First United Methodist Church
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Queer News Roundup

San Francisco again takes center stage on gay marriage

After a coast-to-coast airing in family rooms, courtrooms, the Oval Office, and polling places, the debate over same-sex marriage returns this week to the city where an exuberant but short-lived gay wedding march inspired a flurry of imitators and detractors. A trial judge in San Francisco is scheduled to hear arguments Wednesday in a pair of lawsuits that seek to put California on par with Massachusetts, the only state where gay and lesbian couples can legally wed. The lawsuits seek to have the state's "one man, one woman" marriage law declared unconstitutional.

http://www.advocate.com/new_news.asp?ID=14647&sd=12/21/04

Same-sex marriage stance fetches year-end honors for Newsom

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom may be busy tackling his city's homeless problem and budget deficit these days, but his decision to open City Hall to same-sex couples seeking marriage licenses is still resonating beyond the Golden Gate. Time Magazine named the 37-year-old Democrat to its list of "People Who Matter." The designation followed Newsom's selection as "Person of the Year" by the editors of Planet Out, a San Francisco-based media company that operates gay-oriented Web sites around the world. The award recognizes the individual who most profoundly impacted the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

http://www.sacbee.com/state_wire/story/11824122p-12712026c.html

A Time to Remember, a Time to Review

On a day when millions of people from all over the world remembered those who have died of complications from AIDS, a study taken in the United States indicated that the struggle to eradicate the disease is far from over. Surprisingly, new HIV infections among gay and bisexual men increased 11% between 2000 and 2003, according to a report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. New HIV infections among gay and bisexual men also accounted for 44% of people diagnosed with HIV or AIDS during those years.

<http://www.frontiersnewsmagazine.com/page.cfm?typeofsite=article§ion=4&id=1411§ionid=4>

Target becomes target of antigay boycott

Religious groups representing millions of evangelical Christians are calling for a boycott of retail giant Target to protest its recent decision to prohibit the Salvation Army from collecting charitable donations with their signature red kettles outside Target stores. The company said it decided that it could no longer make the Salvation Army the sole exception to its rule against solicitation at stores. But the far-right groups are claiming that the Minneapolis-based retailer has bowed to pressure from gay

rights groups that are upset with the Salvation Army's refusal to offer benefits to employees' domestic partners.

http://www.advocate.com/new_news.asp?ID=14650&sd=12/21/04

Utah Mulls Rights For Gay Couples

A bill to be put before the Utah legislature in the new session could provide some of the benefits of marriage to gay and lesbian couples. But, none of the bill's supporters will call it a gay rights bill. Instead, the legislation has been crafted to give benefits to a wide swath of the state - from unmarried couples to relatives who live together and depend on one another. In conservative Utah, a gay rights bill would most certainly go down to defeat. But, its supporters argue, who could oppose giving benefits to two aged siblings who depend on one another for support.

<http://www.queerfuture.com/article.cfm?section=9&id=5043>

Building A Better World

If anyone had any doubt that the US is far behind its international counterparts in terms of human rights (especially in the area of gay rights), then the last few weeks should have removed any question. All over the US, homophobia continues to spread like an unchecked plague, but the rest of the world showed us what respect really looks like. Perhaps the biggest news came from our northern neighbor, Canada. In a landmark opinion, Canada's Supreme Court recently announced that the government could redefine marriage to include same-sex couples. The court did add that religious officials cannot be forced to perform unions against their beliefs, and the legislation to allow same-sex marriage must still be passed by the House of Commons.

<http://www.lesbianation.com/article.cfm?section=5&id=5045>

At Least We Have Barbra

Year in Review 2004 was not exactly a banner year. Havoc was wreaked on international relations, civilian contractors in Iraq, progressive social policies, Janet Jackson's costume designer, Martha Stewart, Dan Rather, the U.S. Constitution and, of course, our favorite minority group: gays. Oh, yeah, and there was this election ...

<http://www.frontiersnewsmagazine.com/page.cfm?typeofsite=article§ion=72§ionid=72&id=1416>

Vermont Marks 5 Years of Civil Unions

Monday marked the fifth anniversary of the landmark ruling by the Vermont Supreme Court ordering the legislature "to assign to same-sex couples the common benefits and protections that flow from marriage under Vermont law." The ruling led to the creation of "civil unions", making Vermont the first state in the country to formally recognize same-sex relationships. Since then some 7,000 gay and lesbian couples from around the country have affirmed their commitments in Vermont. The ruling was not without its foes.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25TH

Merry Christmas from The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 8TH

HGRA ROYALTY CONTEST, DC's Saloon, contact Paco at 402-203-4680 or email mrhgra@hgra.net for more information

SAT., & SUN., FEBRUARY 5TH AND 6TH

RCMC PRESENTS GREAT WOMEN OF SONG, 7:05PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., Omaha

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17

HIV/AIDS DAY ON THE HILL, 11AM to 1PM, Iowa State Capitol, E. 9th St. and Grand Ave., Des Moines IA

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

4TH ANNUAL HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD BENEFIT, at The Max, hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2001 Troy Haasis

SATURDAY APRIL 9

OMAHA PEACE & JUSTICE EXPO, 1PM to 6PM, Lewis and Clark Middle School, 6901 Burt St., Omaha NE

SAT., & SUN., JUNE 18 & 19

RCMC PRESENTS FAIRY TALES: THE MUSICAL, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, 69th and Dodge

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

1ST METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK Cheryl

474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

Every Monday

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

HIV+ MEN, 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARS-

ALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT 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

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Faid-

ley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

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

GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT, sing

to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

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

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT

have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

HIV TESTING, RESULTS IN 20

MINUTES, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

Every Saturday

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm,

Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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

3rd Monday

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

3rd Thursday

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

3rd Friday

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A,
Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the Rain-
bow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

4th Tuesday

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

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

Oregon High Court Hears Gay Marriage Case

Ann Rostow, PlanetOut Network

The Oregon Supreme Court heard argu-
ments Wednesday in the complicated chal-

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JOY	1407 Harney	449-9147
The MAX	1516 Jones,	341-7337
OMAHA MINING CO	1417 Jackson	346-4110
ACE'S ONLY	1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
	1263 South 16th	344-7818
LINCOLN BARS		
PANIC	200 S. 18th, Lincoln	435-8764
Q	226 S. 9th St, Lincoln	475-2269
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JONES STREET STATION	412 JONES ST, SIOUX CITY	712-258-6922

lenge to the state marriage law, *Li v. Oregon*.

The American Civil Liberties Union, along with Basic Rights Oregon, filed suit last spring on behalf of nine same-sex couples. After a gay-friendly ruling from the lower court, however, Oregon voters passed an amendment to the state constitution defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Nov. 2 general election delayed oral arguments in the *Li* case that were scheduled for later that month. Instead, the justices asked the lawyers to brief the question of whether the lawsuit itself was rendered moot by the new amendment. Not surprisingly, the marriage opponents said yes.

The ACLU, on the other hand, argued that while the institution of marriage may be pre-empted by the amendment, the principles of equality embedded in the state constitution require that gay couples and straight couples be treated the same. As such, same-sex couples should be able to access the same rights and responsibilities of marriage under state law that are available to other couples, albeit using another name or parallel institution.

The high court must also decide the legal status of some 3,000 same-sex couples who were married in Portland's

Multnomah County last spring. The lower court in this case ordered state registrar Jennifer Woodward to register the marriages just as she would register a heterosexual marriage. However, the judge left it to future courts to determine whether those duly registered marriages would be placed on par with others.

Of course, the lower court ruling was issued well before Nov. 2. At that time, the lower court also ordered the Legislature to make certain that marriage rights and benefits were dispersed without sexual orientation discrimination. In essence, the court ordered lawmakers to set up Vermont-style civil unions at the very least, as soon as possible. That demand is under review by the state Supreme Court along with the rest of the previous ruling.

Without the intervention of the amendment, gay advocates had high hopes for a positive decision out of Oregon, which could have become the second state to equalize marriage laws. Now it's possible that Oregon's neighbor to the north will have that distinction.

Washington justices have also fast-tracked a same-sex marriage case, which is scheduled for oral arguments in March. There is no constitutional amendment pending in Washington, where amendments may be initiated only by the lawmakers, not by the citizens.

RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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

Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed

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

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2549 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icn.org

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

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm

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

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

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

NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

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

Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com

Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), theohanagroup@cs.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@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, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride Parade & Festival & National Coming Out Day (NCOD) RC www.rainbowcelebrations.org NE Pride, pride@rainbowcelebrations.org NCOD, NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org

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

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

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

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

Single Lesbians Group, Expanding My Horizons, Call 731-0206 or email devlnhalo2@aol.com, meets 1st or 3rd of each month

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

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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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, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.com, Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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

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

Iowa Based

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

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

South Dakota Based

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

Black Hills Gay and Lesbian Youth And Resource Center, for more information please visit <http://www.bhgayyouth.org>



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