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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

We're a Family Too

I am a 16 year old girl, in the 10th grade and I make A's and B's and my life is good. My parents are lesbians I have a sister and a brother. My parents are happily married but society says they are not but we say they are. May I ask why gays or lesbians shouldn't have equal rights to be married, raise children together, be covered on each others insurance or have property without any problems? Well, I feel that gays should have the same rights because they don't do anything to harm the society; they just want to be able to have the same rights.

People make a big deal when they see two males holding hands or two females holding hands. This is the same way as a man holding a woman's hand but the only difference is there are one male and one female. Do you think if you give them the same rights as the heterosexuals, it would change anything? Well, I guess it would change something because maybe a lot more people would be open minded instead of closed minded? I also think the world would be a better place if we all could just get along with one another instead of being separated. Why won't we just put this all behind us and see it a different way!

I am writing you because I want to tell you some things about myself and my family. I found out about my mom when I was eight years old and at first I didn't like the fact my mom told me she was a lesbian It wasn't right to me because I thought I was supposed to have a mother and a father. I didn't want to be around her at first but then I thought to myself, why should I dislike her and her partner? Its not going to change the way they live or who they want to be.

I don't understand how people can say that lesbians and gays cannot raise children? That's not true because my parents are lesbians and they take good care of me and my siblings and they are wonderful parents. I talk to my parents about everything that is going on in my life; they don't push me or my siblings away at all. My parents also don't teach us how to be gay, they teach us how to love. When I go to school at times, yes, I do get picked on just because my parents are lesbians, but it's the same if someone wants to pick on you because of your color or if they have better clothes on than you. I don't run or cry, I give my opinion of how I feel about it. I am a very strong person when it comes down to people or anything. This is how my parents raised me.

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Gay Rights Advocates Savor Senate Victory

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Gay rights advocates reveled in the moment after the Senate handed President Bush and his most conservative backers an embarrassing setback by voting to block a constitutional amendment that would have banned same-sex marriage.

But opponents of the Federal Marriage Amendment also acknowledged that with the House of Representatives and voters in 11 states set to take up the issue again, it's too early to declare victory. And conservatives vowed to use Wednesday's Senate outcome as ammunition in the upcoming election.

"The Republicans, at least some of them, have made the political calculation that this is to their benefit to raise," said Michael Adams, education director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "We certainly hope today's vote might have a moderating influence on them to realize it's not the political wedge issue they wanted."

Gay rights organizations have made fighting the amendment their top priority since the president announced his support for it in late February in a speech that complained about "activist judges" on Massachusetts' top court.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court legalized gay marriage in that state, and took issue with San Francisco's renegade experiment in same-sex nuptials.

The amendment's defeat in the Senate was especially welcomed in San Francisco, where Mayor Gavin Newsom was pilloried by Republicans and many fellow Democrats alike this year for allowing more than 4,000 gay and lesbian couples to obtain marriage licenses.

After absorbing months of criticism, Newsom was more than happy to claim a little credit for the failure of the Republicans to gain even a simple majority in the Senate for the amendment. Wednesday's vote had been scheduled to inflict maximum damage on Democrats before they gather in Boston to formally declare John Kerry as their presidential candidate.

"What happened in San Francisco is we put a human face on this debate much earlier than the president and his handlers had anticipated. We also took a lot of the focus and attention away from Massachusetts, so they couldn't build on the momentum around the convention to embarrass Kerry," Newsom said.

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FRIDAY JULY 30TH:

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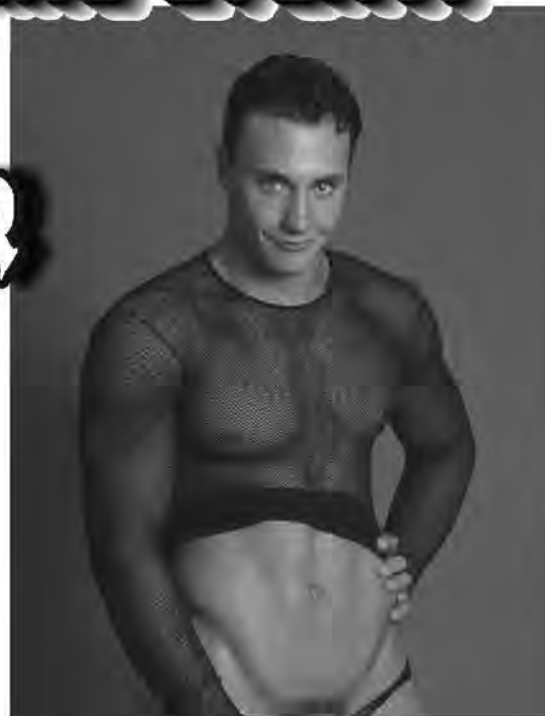
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Perspectives

By Jon Owens

Reactions to "416" the Documentary

With the U.S. senate voting to end the FMA debate with 42 votes and an even a bigger victory by shooting down the Federal Marriage Amendment, having only 48 votes in favor of it, means we as Nebraskans must begin to work harder locally.

Our Senators from Nebraska voted against the amendment, however they favor our state law that discriminates against us. What does this all mean in light of 416?

I took a lesbian couple, whom I highly respect, to see the documentary, to see their reaction to the film and our laws.

Holly Davis and Julie Belian are members of the Episcopal GLBT Fellowship. The day after the documentary we met at Star Bucks to discuss their feelings. Each has a unique view of some of the components of the documentary that failed to work. Holly works with the medical aspect, as she is a physical therapist, while Julie has a master of divinity and is a Creighton Law Professor. The following is some of their thoughts and feelings on the matter.

Holly felt empowered to want to call the ACLU, to get involved and be a spokesperson. She is ready to put up a fight.

"It depressed the hell out of me," said Julie.

"Conservative Christians are the same now as they were in the 70's and that was a very tough time in my life trying to come out. It was the same kind of people in the film that made those same arguments ten years ago."

Julie went on to say, "100 percent of what they say in 416 overtly bars a certain segment of the population and puts us under the equal protection class. We are not a protected class under federal law, but we pass as a class under extreme scrutiny."

Holly picked out many contradictions in the conservative statements in the film. "Take the president of Grace University, who wanted to talk about our identity and how that is irrelevant according to our "creation ordinance," but then who goes back to talk about the importance of our identity later on and how sexuality plays a part in that."

"We don't have the same rights, but it made me mad to hear the professor of philosophy at Kearny say we are just playing house," said Holly. "Some of the other statements made were offensive as well. How can one person dare say that GLBT's don't have God in the center of their life?"

Looking at it from the Christian perspective Julie added more input. We don't read the Bible the same way. Conversations with conservatives can never go anywhere without

scripture and it's interpretation.

The overall consensus on the film, as a group, was that the couples were excellent. The individual gays & lesbians interviewed fit the old stereotypes. A few of the lesbians had the stereotype of being a dyke, while some of the gay men played into it by wearing leather straps. When the press gets a hold of that, it's no wonder why people think they have to protect themselves. Stereotypes were even mentioned by the professor at UNO who stated, "We had to find the cutest lesbians and put them out front. We put butch men on the radio." Getting rid of the stereotype is important and should not be played into.

On the issue of same sex marriage some places do allow gays to marry, such as Canada, where MCC pastor Troy Perry and his partner were married. Like he said, he is married, whether the law in the U.S. says so or not.

What does this mean for Holly and Julie? How do you define marriage? They are a couple that would love to have the benefits, however their real goal is to be recognized by their church and have a wedding. "Being able to come before our friends and recognized by the church in the eyes of God is what we want," said Holly.

CLOSET CLEARING

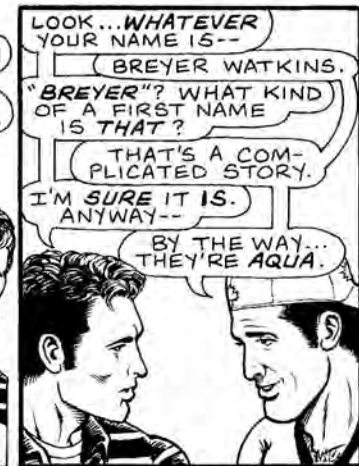
The River City Mixed Chorus will hold its annual Closet Clearing fundraiser on Saturday, August 7 from 9AM to 4PM. This event will be held at 4056 S. 13th Street (just South of Rosenblatt Stadium). This is no ordinary garage sale, you can usually find many treasures at this event. If you would like to donate items, please call our SING LINE at #341-7464, the Chorus would be happy to pick them up. This event will be held rain or shine!

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The Conversation Piece

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I was the first male Home Interiors & Gifts dealer in the nation. Sometimes I would go to a clients house to set up for their show and walk in only to find that all the many hundreds of dollars of merchandise was hanging 3 inches from the ceiling. OH MY Goodness. Before I could even unpack my merchandise, to set up for the show, I had to re-hang all of the client's

stuff, so when the guests come over they didn't think that was the way they were supposed to be hung. As I was re-hanging I gave the client a lesson in proper hanging, only to find out her husband had hung them all when she was gone on a trip and wouldn't re-hang them when she came back.

So when you hang pictures remember that eye level is where the center of the picture should be after it's hung. However, everyone's eye level isn't the same so if you're extra tall or extra small remember to consider that you are not the only ones looking at the picture.

I have been told that I am of average height at 5 foot 7 inches, so when I go into a home and have to strain my neck to see the pictures or if I am looking at the top of the frame, that's bad. I usually don't say anything to my friends or to people I don't know very well, but sometimes I have to if it's really bad.

One statement I hate to hear when helping to hang pictures or watching clients and friends hang pictures is: "Oh It looks good there, (I'll) just leave it". Most people just hang pictures willie nillie and that's fine if you don't care about it, but if you hang them wrong just because your don't know the proper way, you have no excuse now.



OMAHA PFLAG

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

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People say that if you are gay or a lesbian, you are going to hell and I tell them how you know what God is going to do when you are judging people who are different then you. God is looking at that also. I am going to teach my children how to love one another and not hate. That's what people need to learn to do is teach love. That's what my parents taught me and I would like to carry that into my generation. I don't think we should look at one another as different people. People need to understand that God is love and not hate. My parents are the most wonderful people you could ever meet. That's why I am writing this to you so others can know everyone is the same no matter if you are gay or straight. God still love us all.

I would also like to add this; you know when people say that since your parents are gay shouldn't you be gay and my answer is no, why would I be gay because my parents are? That doesn't make sense. And if I was gay it wouldn't be because of my parents. Some teenagers are gay because it's who they are and it's not a choice. What people also don't understand is it's not all about the gays' children, it's also the straights' children that are gay too. This is how I feel. Everybody has equal rights, and they all need love no matter what their decisions are. Parents if you have a gay child love them don't judge them.

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HGRA Events List

AUGUST 2004

L.A. Rodeo – Los Angeles, CA
August 6th thru 8th, 2004 - <http://www.larodeo.com/>

San Francisco Bay Area Regional Rodeo –
San Jose, CA
August 20th thru 22nd, 2004 - <http://www.bayarearodeo.com/>

Salt Lake City Rodeo – Salt Lake, UT
August 27th thru 29th, 2004

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Join Ice Bowl for it's annual Vegas Night August 21, 2004, at Flixx (1019 S. 10th St). Black Jack, Poker, and raffles. Great Prizes! The Vegas Night begins at 7:00 PM.

Bring your friends and a lot of high energy for this event. All proceeds to benefit Ice Bowl 2005 Tournament, President's Day Weekend Feb. 2005. It's all in your hands!




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ROC Board Member Brian Wyant receives Diamond Ram Award from Imperial Court of Nebraska



Brian Wyant receives the prestigious Diamond Ram Award from the Imperial Court of Nebraska in recognition of his generous donation of time and resources to establish and maintain the ICON Website and to establish a special domain for imperialcourtofnebraska.org. Brian has donated many hours of time and immeasurable expertise and talent to produce an elegant and effective website. He is shown receiving his award from the founder of the Diamond Ram Award, 10 year anniversary monarch Connie Henke and the President of the Board of Governors, Michael Lee Lyons.

2004 AIDS WALK NEBRASKA

Mark your calendars now for the 2004 AIDS Walk Nebraska on Sunday, September 12th. For more information, to register for the walk or to volunteer go to our website at www.nap.org or contact Stefanie Emrich at 552-9260 or stefaniee@nap.org.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Ace's Only, 1263 South 16th Street
Body Mods, 61st and Military
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quix, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Joy, 1516 Jones Street
Liquid Courage Custom Tattoo, 2936 South 84th Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth
Stage Right Coffee and Tea House, 16th and Harney
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street

A Letter To The Editor

President Bush keeps saying that "the people," not the courts, need to decide the issue of gay marriage. Funny, he had no problem with the courts, not the people, deciding the last presidential election in his favor.

William from Iowa City

Celebrity Quote

"It's not something I would want to do. I think it's more an attempt to assimilate. I don't know why we have to marry in order to get equality. To me it is a human-rights issue. I believe people should be able to bless their relationships any way they choose. This idea that if we can just achieve marital rights then we're gonna be free is a delusion. Because I can assure you right now, we will never be like straight people!"
-- Boy George to the Houston Voice, April 30.

CFEP Invites You to Have a Giggling Great Time at "Seriously Funny"

Citizens for Equal Protection wants to invite you to our second annual friend and fundraiser event, "Seriously Funny". This year the comedy show, silent auction and cocktail party (cash bar), will be held at the Rose Theater which is located at 20th and Fraram in Omaha. So, save Saturday, August 7th for a laughable good time. Tickets are \$30. You can call our office to reserve tickets (402-398-3027), order on-line at www.cfep-ne.org, or you can purchase tickets at the door.

We are excited to bring to you rising comedienne, Bob Smith, to headline "Seriously Funny". He has appeared on the Tonight Show, The Bob Smith Comedy Half-Hour, Comedy Central's Out there, Politically Incorrect, Entertainment Tonight and Tom Snyder. He is also scheduled to perform at the "R" Family Vacation Cruise sponsored by Kelly O'Donnell.

Bob has won over audiences of all kinds with his traditional stand-up style and dead-pan delivery. Critics have hailed his 'mainstream appeal with a sarcastic style that is low key and wonderfully effective.'" He is currently working on a book, Growing Up Gay, and a screenplay for Steven Spielberg about a gay stand-up comedian. He has written two books: Way To Go (1999) and Openly Bob (1999). To find out more about Bob you can visit these websites: <http://www.comedycontact.com/bsmith.html> and <http://literati.net/Smith>. DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!!!

Midwest Leatherfest 2004 Date Set

Mr Leather Nebraska 2004, Chuck Ritterbush, has set the date for Midwest Leatherfest 2004 for August 28th. This year, he will be teaming up with the Leather Engineers of Omaha to make the event bigger than last year.



To date, events for Midwest Leatherfest 2004 include afternoon workshop sessions followed by festivities Saturday evening at DC's Saloon. Again this year, starting at 9:00pm, you can shop for leather with Craig Heslop from Kansas City, get a new tattoo from Johna with Liquid Courage, or have your body modified with jewelry from Smitty with Big Brain. Other events for the evening include raffles and fantasies. To conclude the event, DC's will be holding an After Hours Underwear Party from 1:30 to 4:00.

Proceeds from this years events will benefit the MCC Church Accessibility Fund and the LEO Run Fund. For more details, please visit the LEO website at www.MenofLEO.com.

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KNOW YOUR LANGUAGE! TIPS FOR THE PUBLIC REGARDING TRANSGENDERED INDIVIDUALS

<http://www.uhs.uga.edu/sexualhealth/gay&lesbian/transgender.html> Who's Who?

Transsexuals are individuals who have a gender identity (the sense of being a man or a woman) different from their anatomical sex. They often seek medical treatment to change their physical attributes to correspond with their gender identity. This treatment may include hormone therapy, electrolysis, and surgery. Psychotherapy and real life experience in the new gender role is required for most medical treatment.

Cross dressers wear clothing usually associated with the gender "opposite" to their anatomical sex. Cross dressing may be part-time in the privacy of the person's own home, public and even full-time. The difference is that crossdressers' gender identity remains the same as their anatomical sex. They usually do not seek medical treatment. Erotic pleasure is sometimes the motivation for crossdressing, especially in younger people. Crossdressers can be attracted to either same-sex or opposite-sex partners, or both.

Intersexed (hermaphroditic) individuals are born with genitals which show characteristics of both sexes or are opposite to their genetic sex. Many are surgically "corrected" in infancy, some grow up to feel like they have had an essential part of themselves taken away without their consent.

Transgenderists live as members of the other sex, but without the extreme need or desire to alter their bodies that transsexuals experience. Some live permanently as members of the other sex, while others assume gender identities outside of the male-female two-gender model (Third Gender). Transgenderists often take hormones, some have other treatments (electrolysis),

but few undergo surgical transformation.

Androgynes, Gender Benders, and Gender Blenders merge the characteristics of men and women in various ways which are sometimes subtle and sometimes shocking.

Drag Kings and Drag Queens present larger than life images of men and women, exaggerating gender stereotypes for entertainment, attention, or self-gratification.

Transpeople/Transgendered People are group nouns which are often used to describe all transgendered and transsexual people (all the above).

The Transgender Community is the term used for the organized community of transgendered people.

ICON Hospitality Suite Raises Funds for 4 Organizations

Over \$350 was raised and donated to 4 area organizations during the Coronation festivities of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. ICON is noted for the generous hospitality suite provided for in town and out of town guests. Hospitality provides food and beverages throughout the weekend. This year ICON invited area organizations to serve as bartenders for the open bar and each group received the tips that were donated. Donations went to Ice Bowl, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, River City Mixed Chorus and the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association. ICON wants to thank each group for their help during the weekend and congratulates them on successful fundraising.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

SATURDAY AUGUST 7

CFEP's SERIOUSLY FUNNY, Annual silent auction, comedy show and cocktail party, Rose Theater, 2001 Farnum, tickets \$30, call 402-398-3027 or go to www.cfep-ne.org to reserve tickets

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12

AIDS WALK NEBRASKA 2004, for more info see www.nap.org or contact Stefanie Emrich at 552-9260 or email stefaniee@nap.org

FRJ., OCTOBER 14—SUN., OCT. 17

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RCGA FALL HARVEST, visit <http://www.fallharvest.net> for more details

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

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

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARS-
ALS**, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Method-
ist 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, 13
9 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm
AkSarBen Lot 5, 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.

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

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-
terian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

Every Saturday

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE,
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 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

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

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 Meth-
odist Church

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

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

2nd Sunday

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

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(glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by
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3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm,
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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 Rainbow 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

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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

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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.iccn.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 2nd 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

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), theohana-group@cs.com

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

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 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info: info@rainbowcelebrations.org

Nebraska Pride Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride@rainbowcelebrations.org

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THE RAINBOW KNOT, a new web site devoted to gay and lesbian weddings, please visit www.rainbowknot.com

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

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SINGLE WOMYNS GROUP, Call 731-0206 for more information

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

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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, 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.r.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 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-glbtc.com/>

Iowa Based

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

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“This effort ended as it should have, and it was a major miscalculation.”

Conservative groups who had championed a nationwide ban on gay marriage to counter recent legal victories by gays and lesbians insisted, however, that public opinion remains in their favor. But while polls show a solid majority of Americans are opposed to gay marriage, less than half want to amend the constitution to prohibit it.

“The senators cannot ignore the will of the American people and expect to remain in office,” said Mathew D. Staver, president of Liberty Counsel, a Florida-based group that has tried to block same-sex marriage in Massachusetts and San Francisco. “The American voters who believe in traditional marriage will remember in November who failed to stand for marriage.”

Six Republicans joined 43 Democrats and one independent in defeating the proposed amendment, which held that marriage within the United States “shall consist only of a man and a woman.” Forty-eight senators voted to advance it.

Thoughts to Ponder.....

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Gay Marriage Amendment Fails In Senate

by Paul Johnson
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(Washington) The Senate handed President George W. Bush a humiliating defeat Wednesday by rejecting a bid to amend the US Constitution to ban gay marriage. But, the issue may not be entirely dead. The House is moving towards a fall vote on its own version of an amendment.

Today's vote was not on the proposed amendment itself but on a procedural motion called cloture. When Republicans earlier this week realized they did not have the two-thirds vote needed to pass the amendment they submitted a second amendment which supporters said would leave the door open to giving some rights to gay couples.

Democrats balked saying Republicans could not have it both ways and refused to allow the second measure to be considered. In an effort to get a vote on both versions of the amendment the GOP invoked cloture to limit debate, in essence removing the possibility of a filibuster.

The Republican Party was deeply divided on the amendment and the Senate leadership was unable to muster the votes needed for cloture. The vote was 48-50, 12 short of the 60 needed to keep the measure alive. Six Republicans joined dozens of Democrats in sealing the amendment's fate.

The hours leading to the vote were filled with emotional and at times angry debate.

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill) said Republicans were trying to "change the subject" of the election away from the war in Iraq and the economy.

"Gay bashing, plain and simple," charged Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.)

But Republicans pressing for the amendment were adamant. "I would argue that the future of our country hangs in the balance because the future of marriage hangs in the balance," said Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) "Isn't that the ultimate homeland security, standing up and defending marriage?"

"If you support ... a mother and a father for every child, you are a hater. If you believe that men and women for 5,000 years have bonded together in marriage, you're a gay-basher. Marriage is hate. Marriage is a stain. Marriage is an evil thing. That's what we hear," said Santorum.

Despite the rejection of the amendment by the Senate, Republicans say they will continue to push to get the amendment into the Constitution.

"I don't think it's going away after this vote," said Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.). "I think the issue will remain alive."

Tuesday night opponents of the amendment got a major endorsement from a leading GOP moderate. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz) announced he would vote against the amendment. The vote left Democrats jubilant and Republicans grasping to save face. The GOP had hoped the amendment would embarrass Democrats and give them a wedge issue in this election year.

For months President Bush has been pushing for the amendment. But, as support within the GOP began to fracture the part is left looking wounded and divided.

The vote was hailed by LGBT civil rights groups.

"This was an attempt to divide Americans that backfired and divided Republicans" said Cheryl Jacques, President of the Human Rights Campaign.

"Despite the best efforts of the Administration to use our relationships and our families to divide America during an election year and use the U.S. Constitution as a political bumper sticker for its cause, the discriminatory Federal Marriage Amendment failed miserably today," said Alan Van Capelle, Executive Di-

rector of Empire State Pride Agenda in New York City.

"Today's vote prevents the defacing of the Constitution for now," said People For the American Way President Ralph G. Neas.

"Unfortunately, it will not put an end to attacks on constitutional principles. This vote was engineered for short-term political gain by those who care little about the long-term harm they are causing to individuals and communities. This White House is all too willing to foment and exploit unfounded fears in hopes of distracting voters and energizing its political base. It is crass and destructive politics at its worst," Neas said.

"Election-year politics may have pushed the amendment, but a commitment to fairness lead to its demise," said Christopher E. Anders, an ACLU Legislative Counsel. "The defeat of this discriminatory proposal is the true victory for American families. The Senate has done the right thing by rejecting attempts to write discrimination into the Constitution."

"Today, we celebrate another victory in history's march toward liberty, and renew our commitment to work for justice and equality under the laws, including the marriage laws," said Reverend Dr. Troy D. Perry Founder and Moderator, of the Metropolitan Community Churches who has been fighting for same-sex marriage for more than two decades.

But Perry had a warning. "Sadly, today's vote only marks Phase One of a crude political strategy by right-wing extremists. This vote reveals another strategy by those who oppose the expansion of liberty and justice. The next predictable step will be a withering attack upon those senators who voted with us. Look for their votes to be twisted and misrepresented in an effort to unseat them in future elections.

"Even more disturbing is the claim by some regressive political leaders that they knew all along they would lose this vote -- but their strategy was to put senators on the record in order to use this vote as a wedge issue in upcoming elections. They presented their amendment as a high-minded attempt to protect "traditional" marriage, when in reality it was a cynical attempt to influence future elections and win power. To use the amendment process for the U.S. Constitution in a naked attempt to manipulate the election process is a sad reminder of the hostility and political oppression still faced by LGBT people."

The Senate vote won the praise of gays in both the Democratic and Republican parties.

"By preventing this vote, Democrats have handed President Bush an embarrassing defeat," said Dave Noble, NSD Executive Director. "Even with the full weight of the Presidency and the Republican Leadership bearing upon them, the Senate soundly rejected George Bush's politics of division and distraction," Noble said.

"As many as 60 Senators were prepared to vote against the amendment," said Log Cabin Republicans' Executive Director Patrick Guerriero. "Rather than face certain defeat, the radical right took the easy way out—by turning this into a largely party-line procedural vote. For six months, the radical right has been clamoring for an up or down vote. Today they are hiding behind a procedural vote because their campaign to write discrimination into the American Constitution has been an unqualified failure," said Guerriero.

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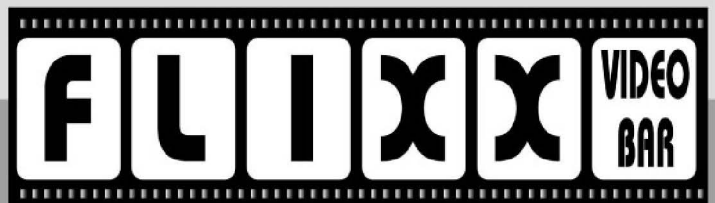
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