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GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

California Bill Would Put Gays In Curriculum

California's Senate will consider a bill that would require schools in the state to teach students about the contributions LGBT people have made in history.

The bill, SB 1437, passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday. It would require schools to buy textbooks "accurately" portraying "the sexual diversity of our society" and would require students to learn "the contributions of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America."

The bill, if passed, could have a national impact, as California is the largest U.S. market for textbooks.

But the measure has drawn swift opposition.

"We're totally opposed to inserting sexual orientation into textbooks in our schools," Karen England, executive director of the public-policy group Capital Resource Institute, told the San Jose Mercury News. "This is more than just accepting it, it's forcing our kids to embrace it, almost celebrate it."

"This is not about discrimination. California is one of the most friendly gay, lesbian and transgender states in the nation," England said. "This is a bold and out-front attempt to do what I think has always been the goal of a small but very loud group." The bill's openly lesbian author, Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Los Angeles, rejects the criticism. "Teaching materials mostly contain negative or adverse views of us, and that's when they mention us at all," she said, noting homosexuality is routinely discussed in class in relationship to pathology. "In textbooks, it's as if there's no gay people in California at all, so forget about it."

"Senate Bill 1437, as it looks to expand the list of categories to include sexual orientation, would be an important step for LGBT students and their allies in California schools," said Eliza Byard, deputy executive director of the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. "According to GLSEN's 2003 National School Climate Survey, we know that LGBT students have a greater sense of belonging when accurate portrayals of LGBT people are included in their school curriculum."

Aejaie Sellers, executive director of the Billy DeFrank LGBT Center in Santa Clara, told the Mercury News she thought the proposal was a good idea.

"Who knows," she asked, "that the author of 'America the Beautiful,' Katharine Lee Bates, was gay?"

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FLIXX's ANNIVERSARY Thursday, April 20th

- 4.21 Wet Boxer Contest
- 4.24 Brokeback Mountain
- 4.28 THE KINGSMEN
- 4.30 Brunch & Bingo
- 4.30 Tea Dance

Beer Blast Sundays
Open to Close

A black and white photograph of a very muscular man, shirtless and wearing white briefs. He is standing with his hands on his hips, looking directly at the camera. His physique is highly defined, with prominent abdominal muscles and broad shoulders. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall of stars or a similar pattern.

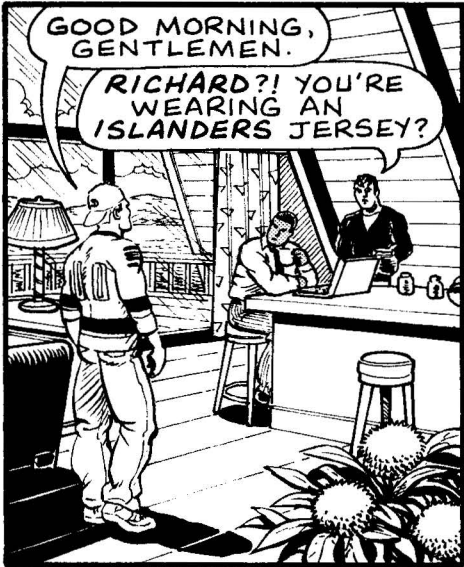
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THAT'S BREYER. YOU'RE RICHARD.

YOU WOULDN'T KNOW A HOCKEY STICK FROM A PUCK.



I BEG TO DIFFER.
 OH, COME ON. YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD EVER SINCE YOUR DATE WITH THAT GUY KEITH.
AND NOW THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON?



ALL RIGHT, IF YOU MUST KNOW... KEITH SAID I WASN'T "STRAIGHT-ACTING" ENOUGH FOR HIM.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN REJECTED FOR THAT REASON.



I BELIEVE IT. **LANCE...**

SO I'VE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.



PLEASE TELL ME IT INVOLVES RELOCATING TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

WAS I TALKING TO YOU, LANCE?



ANYWAY, I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A COUNSELOR NEXT WEEK, TO HELP ME WORK ON THIS.

A COUNSELOR? WHAT KIND OF A COUNSELOR?



SERGEANT TRASK. HE'S HELPED LOTS OF GAY MEN WITH THIS... PROBLEM. HE EVEN HAS A WEBSITE ALL ABOUT THIS.

OOO... A WEBSITE. HE MUST BE QUALIFIED, THEN.

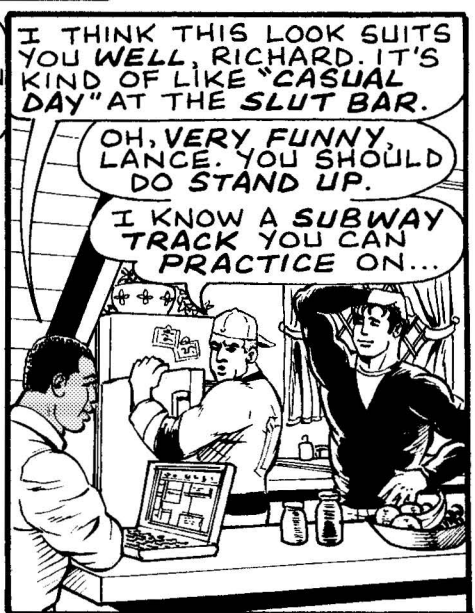
PUT A SOCK IN IT, LANCE... WOULD YOU?



I KNOW, KYLE... YOU THINK THIS HAS "REPRESSION" AND "DYSFUNCTION" WRITTEN ALL OVER IT. BUT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN REJECTED AS MANY TIMES AS I HAVE FOR BEING THE WAY YOU ARE.

AT LEAST LET ME HEAR WHAT THIS MAN HAS TO SAY.

FINE.



I THINK THIS LOOK SUITS YOU WELL, RICHARD. IT'S KIND OF LIKE "CASUAL DAY" AT THE SLUT BAR.

OH, VERY FUNNY, LANCE. YOU SHOULD DO STAND UP.

I KNOW A SUBWAY TRACK YOU CAN PRACTICE ON...

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

Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE

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

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

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

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

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



Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HGRA CROWNS & SPURS

The cowboys and cowgirls of HGRA will be celebrating the Easter holiday at DC’s Saloon on May 15th from 8-11pm. DC’s Saloon will be rockin with the live vocal talents of Brandon, Mackie, and Tamara. They will be joined by Matt, Pete, Terri, Kathy, and the newly crowned Miss DC’s Carmelita Jones. Miss IGRA 2004, Mandy Marbarell will also be joining us. We’ll also have a few surprises. Leona will be cooking up a batch of her favorite jell-o shots and there will be chances to win some great prizes. We hope to see you at the show.



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Senior 50+ Group Meeting

A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next meeting is on Saturday, April 15th, from 7 until 10PM.

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

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



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The First Unitarian Church of Omaha's
Holland Lecture Series talks about

sex...

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Rev. Haffner calls for:

- **A sexual ethic that applies to all without regard to gender, color, age, bodily condition, marital status or sexual orientation**
- **The full ordination of women and sexual minorities and the blessing of same-sex unions**
- **Lifelong, age-appropriate sexuality education**
- **A faith-based commitment to sexual and reproductive rights, including access to voluntary contraception, abortion, and HIV/STD prevention and treatment**

And as Omaha debates residency restrictions on sex offenders, Rev. Haffner, the author of a manual on sex offenders and faith-based communities entitled *Balancing Acts: Keeping Children Safe in Congregations*, will offer useful insight into this difficult problem.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 • 7:30 PM
SCOTT CONFERENCE CENTER • 6450 PINE STREET
(South UNO campus, former Ak-Sar-Ben field area)

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more on Rev. Haffner at: firstuomaha.org

Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing

(Omaha) The Rev. Debra W. Haffner, director of the Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing will be the third speaker in the First Unitarian Church of Omaha's Holland Lecture Series on Wednesday, May 10. The lecture will be 7:30 PM at the Scott Conference Center.

Rev. Haffner will address sexuality in America, how conservative voices have dominated personal and public morality, and the growing progressive faith movement to reclaim sexuality as a life-giving and life-fulfilling gift for all people. The Religious institute calls for:

- A sexual ethic that accepts no double standards and applies to all persons, without regard to sex, gender, color, age, bodily condition, marital status or sexual orientation.
- Full inclusion of women and sexual minorities in congregational life including their ordination and the blessing of same sex unions.
- Lifelong, age appropriate sexuality education in schools, seminaries, and community settings.
- A faith-based commitment to sexual and reproductive rights, including access to voluntary contraception, abortion, and HIV/STD prevention and treatment.

Rev. Haffner is an ordained minister with the Unitarian Church in Westport, Connecticut and is the author of *From Diapers to Dating: A Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Children* and *Beyond the Big Talk: Every Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Teens* as well as several books for congregations on sexual health. She speaks and conducts workshops around the world and appears regularly in the national media. She has a Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and a Masters of Public Health from the Yale School of Medicine.

Rev. Haffner will speak at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 10 at the Scott Conference Center (6450 Pine Street). The event is free and will be followed by a reception. For more information, go to firstuomaha.org.

The Holland Lecture Series, hosted by the First Unitarian Church of Omaha, presents distinguished speakers in the areas of ethics, philosophy, religion and science. In 2005 the series presented Dr. Peter Singer who spoke on the changing ethics of life and Dr. Irving Weissman who discussed the impact of politics and religion on stem cell research.

First Unitarian Church of Omaha was founded over 135 years ago, making it one of the oldest churches in the city. First Unitarian Church is dedicated to supporting each person's free and disciplined search for truth in an atmosphere of tolerance and respect. Together, we share and celebrate life's milestones while we strive to grow both intellectually and spiritually.

Until we can all walk with our heads held high...
Until we can all walk the hallways of education unafraid...
Until we can all walk along the street holding hands safely...
Until we can all walk down the wedding aisle as equals...



...we will walk
to help create
that world...



GLBT Center presents 2006 **PrideWalk**

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When you collect pledges for this year's Walk, not only are you helping beneficiaries, you're also earning fantastic rewards!

Saturday, May 13, 2006

Register and collect pledges online for the 2006 Pride Walk at

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or visit the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.
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Call the church at 551-5207 or
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information.

19th Annual AA Heartland Roundup Keys of the Kingdom

The Heartland Roundup will be held the weekend of April 28th, 29th and 30th at the Regency Lodge. The Heartland Roundup is sponsored by members of the Omaha gay and lesbian AA and Al-Anon community, all AA and Al-Anon members are welcome, as well as anyone who has a desire to stay sober, our mission is to provide a forum for drug and alcohol dependent individuals.

Events throughout the weekend include speakers, workshops, meetings, social hours, a raffle and silent auction as well as a Saturday evening banquet and entertainment. The cost for the Roundup before April 8th is \$25.00 registration only, \$45.00 registration with the banquet, after April 8th is \$25.00 registration only, \$50.00 registration with the banquet, scholarships are available upon request. Registration information may be obtained by visiting our website at (heartlandroundup.org).





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"OUT & ABOUT WITH MCC" BENEFIT SHOW AT DC'S APRIL 28

Join the members and friends of MCC-Omaha for an evening at DC's Saloon, 610 South 14 Street, from 7 – 8:30 pm on Friday, April 28. The evening will feature some of the best performers in the area and some incredible newcomers to the stage. There will be inspiration, comedy, drama, and perhaps some romance.

Performers include: Hostess for the evening Sharon Van Butsel, Pride Idol Finalist Susie Brenner, Mr. HGRA Pete, ICON Princess Royale 24 Jewels, MCC's Monty and Tony, Mr. NE PRIDE Johnnie, Ms HGRA Teri, ICON Empress 20 Feleena Katz, MCC's Kevin, Miss Dee Watson, ICON Emperor 25 Dan Knobbe, Pride Chair Troy Fienhold-Haasis, Grand Czarina 24 Madeline Feinstien, Emperor 16 Royal, Miss Trina Tabloid, Ms Linda Beckstead, Jacquelyn Bordeaux, HGRA's Bryn Gerdes, Prince Royale 24 Andrew, and Ms IGRA Tamara Marks.

You may not recognize all of these performers – even the ones you know well, because some very special numbers are in development and you will see solos, duets, and trios of all varieties. Don't miss this event!



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

Lincoln:

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

Iowa:

Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs

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GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

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

TUESDAY APRIL 18TH
DINING OUT FOR LIFE 2006, Eat out to raise funds for the Nebraska AIDS Project, details later

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

GLBT SUMMIT PLANNING MEETING
Mahoney State Park, 11am, lunch and meeting

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

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

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

SUNDAY APRIL 30TH
DIAMOND FOUNDATION GLBT SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT The Q, 9:30pm

FRIDAY MAY 5TH
PATTY FRAZEE AT READING GROUNDS for a book signing of her new novel "Cirkus", a story set in the Midwest, May 5th, 7:30PM, 40th and Farnam

SATURDAY MAY 6TH
GLBT SUMMIT, Mahoney State Park, Sharing ideas and building bridges, Abel Nebraska Room, 8AM to 4:30PM
MCC SPAGHETTI DINNER, 4:30PM—8PM at the MCCO Church

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

SATURDAY MAY 13TH
GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE

WALK, Have fun, get exercise, and earn great prizes while you raise funds for the Center and your favorite qualifying nonprofit GLBT group (s). Register at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, or online at www.PrideWalk.org

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL Prelim #8, 9pm, location TBA

FRIDAY MAY 19TH
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL WILDCARD NIGHT Old Market Event Center, 7PM

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

SUNDAY MAY 28TH
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL FINALS at the MAX, 8PM, over \$1000 in Prize money

WEDNESDAY MAY 31ST
NEBRASKA PRIDE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION MEETING MCCO Social Hall, 7PM

FRI SAT SUN, JUNE 9TH TO 11TH
2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE

SATURDAY JUNE 17TH AND SUNDAY JUNE 18TH
SPIRIT AND SOUL, presented by the River City Mixed Chorus at the Strauss Performing Arts Center—UNO Campus at 7:05pm. Call 341-7464 for tickets or online at www.rcmc.org

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

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

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-

4648

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, 1PM to 3PM

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

Every Monday
A A RAINBOW RECOVERY, an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

READING GROUNDS OPEN MIC NIGHTS, Music, poetry, comedy or whatever. 40th & Farnam St.,

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

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, using Orasure, results in one week; results in 20 minutes on the last Wednesday of the month. 2147 South 15th #476-7000

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by soft-

ball field, Omaha

LGBT AA 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

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

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MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

CENTER LIBRARY FAIRIES, 7PM. Bookworms become butterflies. Stretch your wings helping the Center library. No experience necessary to volunteer.

Drop-in to the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN, at the GLBT Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend an hour or two volunteering at the Center - 6PM

or 7PM, your choice, whenever it fits your schedule. No special skills or ongoing commitment required. VolunQueers have fun and make a difference.

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

No Current RCGA Information Available

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a

Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

2nd Tuesday

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE,

6PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

FREE MOVIE NIGHT, for fans of GLBT cinema, 7PM, at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth. Snacks and beverages provided. Check www.RainbowOutreach.org for movie selection or show up and be surprised.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

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

2nd Sunday

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

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

3rd Monday

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3rd Tuesday

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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.

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4th Tuesday

CENTER POTLUCK, 6:30PM, 1719 Leavenworth. Everyone welcome. Table service and drinks provided. Bring a dish and a smile to share.

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

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

4th Friday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Not currently meeting anymore.

4th Saturday

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

LAST Sunday

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

Email Your Event to:
news@rainbowoutreach.org

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association

Box 3354, Omaha 68103

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

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

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

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout

Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

River City Gender Alliance, No Current RCGA Information Available

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

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

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

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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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, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

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

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

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

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

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Jennifer Jett Gets Busting at the Saloon

Princess Royale 25 of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Jennifer Jett, is offering Beer Bust at DC's Saloon the third Friday of each month through the summer. Beer Bust runs from 9PM to 1AM and is \$1.00 per glass. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit ICON approved charities such as the Iris-Phoenix Scholarship, Nebraska AIDS Project and MPower. As wild as Jennifer can be, you never know what she may be doing behind the bar. From her Vanna White imitation to her hillbillie rendition of "Jackson", she's sure to keep not only the customers entertained, but waiting for more.

After Hours Nacho Bar and BINGO with Mystic

3-way, four corners, blackout! Get your mind out of the gutter. It's not sexual. It's Mystic Delight presenting an After Hours Nacho Bar and BINGO at DC's Saloon, Saturday, April 29th. Festivities will begin at 1AM and end around 3AM or whenever the BINGO balls stop rolling. \$5.00 will allow you to feast on the nacho bar and gets you 1 BINGO card. Additional BINGO cards will be available for \$1.00 each.

A Few Things From Citizens For Equal Protection

On March 28th Citizens For Equal Protection, or CFEP, hosted a student Lobby Day at the Unicameral. Over 30 students and ten adults met with all eight members of the Education Committee to ask them to advance LB627 onto general file.

LB627 is a bill that would require all Nebraska school districts to adopt an anti-bullying policy. The law would protect all students and is the first time any legislation included gender expression and gender identity.

That evening, after the lobby day, the Education Committee

voted to advance the bill onto general file!!!

We don't expect the bill to be voted on this session, but Senator Gwen Howard, the sponsor of the bill, will be introducing the same legislation next year. Senator Dennis Byars also introduced a resolution declaring a Bullying Awareness Week in September.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Awareness Week or any other CFEP activities, email us at info@cfep-ne.org.

CFEP would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tim Butz, Executive Director of the ACLU. Tim has decided to resign from his position to seek other opportunities. Over the years Tim has been a staunch supporter of GLBT civil rights in Nebraska. Tim is a friend of our community, an ally and a personal friend of mine. He will be dearly missed.

Good Luck Tim!

Michael Gordon
Citizens For Equal Protection
www.cfep-ne.org

Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska Update

Turnabout is finally over and it was a fabulous show. There was standing room only in Stosh's Saloon at The Max. We all had a great time, performers and audience alike. People are still coming up to me saying what a great show it was and how much fun they had. I wish to thank everyone that came to watch the show. Then I want to give a special thanks to all of the performers that gave up their time & talent to be there. The performances that night were fabulous.

The evening started with Miss Apheila Butts/Johnnie doing "Take Me Out Tonight" from Rent. This was followed by great performances by Amber Alert-Kevin, J.J.-Troy, Tiffany Foxx-Jason, Amanda Love-Dan, Natalie Weathers-Dan Matthew plus Esmeralda Juanita Chiquitabanana-Mark Ledbetter, along with Page Turner-Logan & Eric Ryan-Amber in a duet. The boys were represented by Fanta Cee-Nick, Madeline Feinstein-Jon, Marsha Mellow-Will, Erica La Rue-Fred and Destiny-Dustin. One of the biggest highlights was when Dustin did a fabulous Michael Jackson impersonation.

We raised over \$800 for Nebraska Pride 2006. I am now just under \$200 of my personal goal of raising \$6,000. I want to thank everyone that has supported me, as well as help me get close to my goal.

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A Gay Christian?

Michael McManus
July 26, 2005

"I don't think homosexuality is a choice. Society forces you to think it's a choice, but in fact, it's in one's nature. The choice is whether one expresses one's nature truthfully or spends the rest of one's life lying about it." ~Marlo Thomas

Not going to church in my family was not an option. Sure I tried the occasional "I'm sick" here and there but it never worked. I even went to the extreme of putting my head in front of the heater to fake a fever, or putting cold water all over my body to fake a cold sweat; all failed attempts. My father's only response would be "Throw up and prove it."

Most kids would be upset at first after hearing this response, but don't doubt my abilities. If he wanted me to throw up, I was going to give him what he wanted. I went into the bathroom gave a few gags here, and a couple coughs there and low and behold I would throw up. Excited, I would go to tell my dad the news. My dad, pretending he didn't hear the news, would turn to me bright-eyed and smiling saying "Great, don't you feel better now? Now put on your clothes and let's go to church."

Church played a vital role in the development of the person I am today. I still hold dear the morals and lessons I learned as a young boy sitting in Sunday school. But I can't help but question something that condemns the very person that I am. I remember as a child lying in bed, praying to God to change the person that I was.


"Why me?" was the question that crossed my mind every night while tears rolled down my face. Why out of all my friends did God choose me to carry around this burden that shamed me so very much. It took four months of counseling, (Christian counseling meant to change my sexuality), numerous books, and constant prayer for me to finally accept the person that I was: a gay Christian.

I'll never forget the day I was sitting in a Sunday service and our pastor introduced a guest speaker. It was a man who was once gay but was changed by the power of God. I sat there dumbfounded. Is this guy a joke? Why on earth would someone think that you would have to change the way you love to make anyone happy? Still to this day it makes me angry and saddened to think of that poor young man.

The Bible is filled with verses condemning "sin" in general. And I agree that many of these "sins" are wrong and punishable. But to say as Leviticus 20:13 states "If a man lie with another man as he lie with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they should surely be put to death"-ridiculous. Yes I do believe I just called something out of the Bible ridiculous, let me explain.

This passage was taken from the part of the Bible that contains the Jewish Holiness Code, which were laws enforcing and protecting holiness. However this holiness code also permits polygamy, prohibits sexual intercourse when a woman has her period, bans tattoos and bans wearing clothes that are made from a blend of textiles (cotton/polyester blend). Why is it that the only part of the holiness code that we still choose to follow today is the part on homosexuality?

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Sodomy is another word that often comes up when discussing homosexuals and their sexual acts. The funny thing is sodomy has nothing to do with homosexuals.

According to the Bible, Abraham's brother, Lot, moved into the city of Sodom. Lot was sitting at the city's gate when he saw two angels approaching. They needed a place to stay so Lot opened his home to the two men. Before the men lay themselves to bed, all the men of Sodom, young and old, surrounded the house and asked Lot to bring out his guests so they "might know them."

Might know them....hmm...I still stare at this phrase wondering how these simple words could honestly mean that all the men in this one town were homosexual and wanted to sexually know these two angels. Long story short, God destroyed the city of Sodom because of the immoral life these sodomites were living. But when you do more research on this topic you find out that the prophet Isaiah claimed that Sodom was destroyed for lack of doing justice (Isaiah 1:10; 3:9). Jeremiah, another prophet accused Sodomites of adultery, lying and the unwillingness to repent (Jeremiah 23:14). Not once is homosexuality mentioned anywhere near the story of Sodom. Yet the sexual relationships that homosexuals have are still surrounded by that one word, "sodomy."

In all actuality, there are 362 admonishments towards heterosexuals but only six towards homosexuals. With that said, the admonishments surrounding homosexuals are mere interpretations of biblical text.

As you can see this is something I am extremely passionate about. The important thing to remember is that there is no God (or whoever you believe in) that would ask you to change the person you are inside. Just because I may fall in love with a man does not destine me to a life of turmoil and pain in hell.

The Bible is something that I still hold dear and close to my heart. It's the interpretations of the Bible that I choose to ignore and brush aside.

Religion is meant to give guidance, hope and inspiration; not to condemn, depress and belittle any individual person.

I know that was a lot to take in, but I hope I opened up your minds to something new and interesting. If this was something that truly caught your attention, I recommend the book *Stranger at the Gate* by Mel White.

This book got me through years of questions, doubts, and fears, truly a book everyone should read once in their lifetime. Check

out my column next time for a more lighthearted article about metrosexualism: the new frontier.

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FUMC Holding Workshop

Learn how some church congregations effectively minister to, welcome and embrace their gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members and families. First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., will sponsor an ecumenical workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, entitled *Connecting Hearts--Enhancing Inclusive Ministries*.

Rev. Troy Plummer of Chicago, executive director of the Reconciling Ministries Network, is the keynote speaker.

Pre-registration is \$10, registration at the door \$15, (\$5 for students). Lunch included.

Child care available. Questions? Call Rev. Chad Anglemyer, 556-6262; Betty Dorr, 333-7064, or Michael Gordon, 344-3262.

The Reconciling Ministries Network is a national organization of United Methodist people, churches and other groups who favor full inclusion of GLBT people in the United Methodist Church.



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