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LGBT Leaders Laud Rosa Parks

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The death of civil rights icon Rosa Parks, a black woman who refused to relinquish her seat to a white man on an Alabama city bus 50 years ago, drew tributes from many influential figures Tuesday, including LGBT rights leaders who claim her as an inspiration. Parks died Monday at the age of 92.

For her defiance on the Montgomery bus in the winter of 1955, Parks was arrested and fined. The incident led to a citywide bus boycott and to successful challenges to the Jim Crow laws that conferred second-class status to black Americans. It also precipitated Martin Luther King Jr.'s transformation into a major civil rights leader.

President George W. Bush said Tuesday that "her show of defiance was an act of personal courage that moved millions," adding that she "transformed America for the better."

"She sat down in order that we might stand up," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"Parks' legacy should be a reminder to us all that it is our responsibility and right to fight injustice and inequality with every breath and step that we take in hopes of making this world a better place," said Jasmyne Cannick, co-chair of the National Stonewall Democrats Black Caucus.

Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said, "By insisting on the dignity and respect every human being deserves, Parks boldly moved the country toward fairness."

The head of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), a national organization fighting the military's ban on openly gay personnel, also invoked Parks as a continuing source of motivation.

"There are many buses ahead of us yet," said SLDN's C. Dixon Osburn. "As we continue to confront inequality and segregation in our country, we still have the stellar example of Rosa Parks' gracious activism to guide and inspire us."

George Takei, I'm Gay!

George Takei, who as helmsman Sulu steered the Starship Enterprise through three television seasons and six movies, has come out as a homosexual in the current issue of *Frontiers*, a biweekly Los Angeles magazine covering the gay and lesbian community.



Takei told The Associated Press on Thursday that his new onstage role as psychologist Martin Dysart in "Equus," helped inspire him to publicly discuss his sexuality.

Takei described the character as a "very contained but turbulently frustrated man." The play opened Wednesday at the David Henry Hwang Theater in Los Angeles, the same day that *Frontiers* magazine featured a story on Takei's coming out.

The current social and political climate also motivated Takei's disclosure, he said.

"The world has changed from when I was a young teen feeling ashamed for being gay," he said. "The issue of gay marriage is now a political issue. That would have been unthinkable when I was young."

The 68-year-old actor said he and his partner, Brad Altman, have been together for 18 years.

Takei, a Japanese-American who lived in a U.S. internment camp from age 4 to 8, said he grew up feeling ashamed of his

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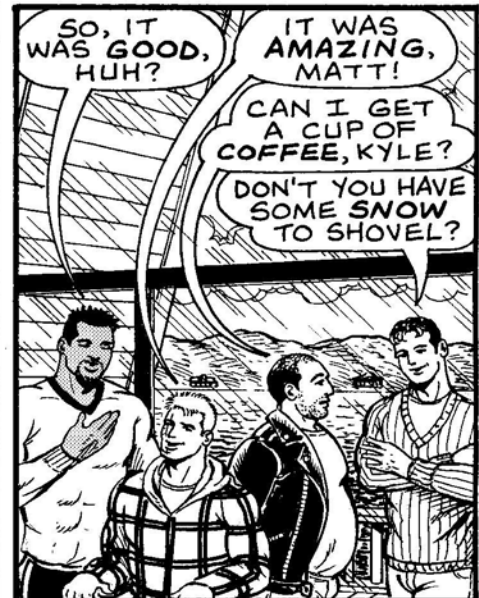
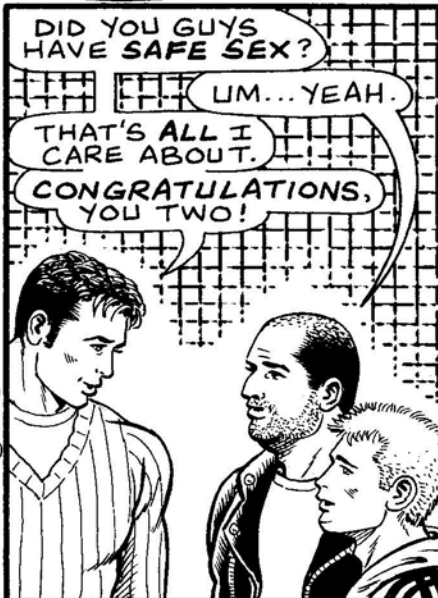
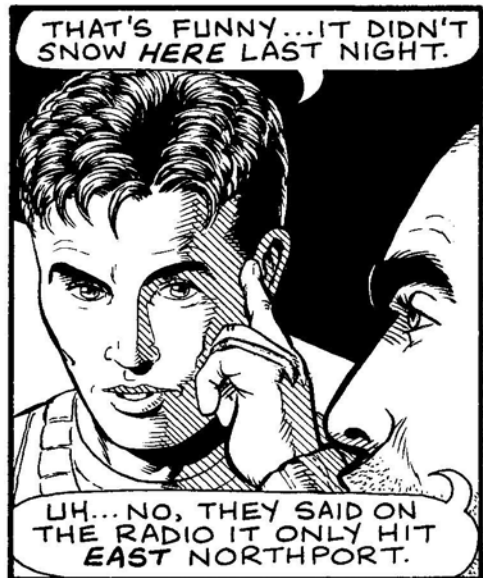
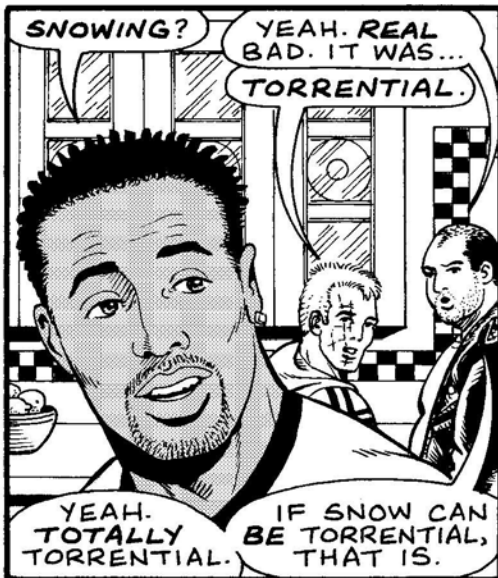
ethnicity and sexuality. He likened prejudice against gays to racial segregation.

"It's against basic decency and what American values stand for," he said.

Takei joined the "Star Trek" cast in 1966 as Hikaru Sulu, a character he played for three seasons on television and in six subsequent films. He received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1986.

A community activist, Takei ran for the Los Angeles City Council in 1973. He serves on the advisory committee of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program and is chairman of East West Players, the theater company producing "Equus."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Miss Susan Advises Judge Concerned

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

Dear Miss Susan,

I'm very worried about a ten-year-old girl whose custodial determination I have under advisement. A psychologist (and renowned researcher from the local junior college) testified that if the mother is given custody, the child can expect to be ridiculed for the rest of her life because her mother is a defiant and hostile lesbian. This is a very sweet little girl. Should I deny custody to the mother, even though I have concerns about the alcoholic father?

Love,
Judge Concerned

Dear Judge Concerned,

I can only imagine how anguishing it must be to have the fate of a child in your hands. In weaker moments, I may envy your black robes and your diceys, but I never envy the difficult custodial determinations that judges are often called upon to make. While you alone must determine what is in the best interests of the child, I may be able to offer some observations to assist in your decision.

The first thing to realize is that no one is perfect. As human beings, every parent is certain to have both "good" qualities and "bad" qualities. Thus, in every custodial determination, the court will be called upon to choose between two flawed individuals. Rather than dwell on parental deficiencies, the court should focus its attention on the needs of the children.

Arguably, one factor a court could consider is a child's need to be free from social stigma. In *M.P. v. S.P.*, the trial judge awarded custody to the father instead of the lesbian mother. On appeal, the father argued that the custodial determination should be upheld because the children would be embarrassed by their mother's sexual orientation.

The Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court was not convinced by the father's argument. The court observed that awarding custody to the father would not lessen any alleged embarrassment for the children. The court noted that "neither the prejudices of the small community in which they live nor the curiosity of their peers about defendant's sexual nature will be abated by a change of custody." The children would be subject to embarrassment whether the mother had custody or not. It was beyond the court's power to shield the children from the social consequences of their mother's sexual orientation.

Moreover, the court suggested that sheltering children from

difficult realities may not be in the children's best interests. While the court candidly admitted that the children might face some adversity if the mother were given custody, it also held out hope that the children might learn valuable lessons along the way. For instance, the children would certainly learn "that we do not forsake those to whom we are indebted for love and nurture merely because they are held in low esteem by others." Indeed, the court concluded that removing the children from their mother's custody would deprive them of those qualities that they would need to cope with any social stigma that could flow from their mother's sexual orientation.

In a similar case, *Conkel v. Conkel*, the Ohio Court of Appeals determined that popular disapproval of homosexuality should play no role in parent-child adjudications. The Conkel court found guidance in *Palmore v. Sidoti*, where the United States Supreme Court confronted social stigma flowing from interracial relationships. In *Palmore*, the trial court awarded custody to the father because he feared that the child would be stigmatized by her mother's cohabitation with an African-American. In reversing the custody decision, the Supreme Court stated that "private biases may be outside the reach of the law, but the law cannot, directly or indirectly, give them effect."

Returning to your question, I would urge you to consider whether the child's interests will be served by reflexively denying custody to the mother. Assuming for a moment that the child will be ridiculed for the rest of her life, granting custody to the father will not reduce the child's exposure to ridicule. Her mother will still be a defiant and hostile lesbian. (What exactly is a defiant and hostile lesbian? I'm thinking of founding a group called "Defiant and Hostile Lesbians" (DHL) to advocate for lesbian legal rights.) In any event, I'm not sure that the child of a lesbian mother has any greater potential for embarrassment than a child whose mother is obese.

Putting all issues of social stigma to the side, the question before the court is whether an alcoholic father or a defiant mother is better equipped to meet this little girl's needs in the future. Although each faces personal challenges, I'm sure that both of her parents love her very much. However, custody should be awarded to the parent who can best see to her physical and emotional well-being, regardless of that parent's sexual orientation.

Very truly yours,
Miss Susan

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

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MCCO BINGO OMAHA, 6 TO 10PM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
THE CASE FOR SCIENCE FICTION, 1 pm, discussion about how science fiction has affected our society and more. Author Michael L. Wentz will host. At The Reading Grounds, see www.readinggrounds.com for more information

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH
MCCO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 1PM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 1ST
TROY YGNACIO SORIANO, will be reading from his new book "The Beginning: An Allegory" at The Reading Grounds. See www.readinggrounds.com for more information

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD
TOYZ 4 TOTZ BENEFIT, 2 to 4pm
Roundtable discussion, 7pm show auctions and raffles, 10pm to 1am spend some time in the dungeon. Package is \$20 or \$5 for show only. L2EP@aol.com for more info.

SATURDAY MAY 13TH
GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE WALK, Raise money for the Center nad for your favorite qualifying group. Details will follow in later issues of the Gayzette.

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH TO 11TH
2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

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

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

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL 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, 9am and 11am services

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

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.

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40

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

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

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

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

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

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

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

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GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA, For

details call Jeri at 614-6145

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

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

1st Saturday

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

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

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

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(gltb 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

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

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

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

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

4th Friday

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

4th Saturday

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

LAST Sunday

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

Email Your Event to:
news@rainbowoutreach.org

HIV Rates Surge Among Gay German Men

Ben Townley, Gay.com U.K.

Gay men in Germany are still bearing the brunt of the country's HIV/AIDS problem, according to new figures.

Overall HIV figures soared by 20 percent in the first six months of this year, according to figures from the government's disease center, the Robert Koch Institute. Gay and bisexual men accounted for nearly 60 percent of the new cases, according to the figures, with the disease center fearing the message of prevention is failing to reach a new generation of gay men.

According to the statistics, men who have sex with men are now at double the risk of contracting HIV than those of 12 years ago, according to Reuters Health.

The leaning of figures toward gay men mean that men in general are more than seven times more likely to contract HIV in the country, compared to females. And although there are warnings that younger men are failing to adhere to the message of safer sex, some believe the statistics point to apathy throughout all ages.

The majority of those men living with HIV are now aged 25-45.

The number of new HIV diagnoses continues to rise across the European Union, including both western and eastern regions.

Responding to what many HIV experts are calling a "crisis," the German government has said it will look into new developments to target gay men and ensure the ever-increasing rate of HIV is halted.

"The German health minister considers this a serious development and says the rise in HIV infections is worrying," ministry spokesperson Dagmar Reitenbach said in a news conference, according to Reuters.

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RAINBOW OUTREACH 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 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.icon.impcourt.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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-glb.com/>

Iowa Based

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

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: MCC HOSTS REPEAT VIEWING OF FILM "FISH CAN'T FLY"

7pm SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

In an effort to share with the public the full story about "ex-gay" change programs and the devastating effects they can have on LGBT there has been a nationwide series of screenings of the documentary Fish Can't Fly by author and activist Wayne Besen and filmmaker Tom Murray. The first Omaha showing was hosted by MCC-Omaha.

These "ex-gay" survivors' stories must be heard in order to stop the damage daily perpetuated against LGBT youth and adults, damage done by ministries who dishonestly persuade people that change is possible. Fish Can't Fly poignantly exposes the pain, confusion, loss and heartache endured by victims of "ex-gay" programs and celebrates the power of coming out.

The showing of Fish Can't Fly, an 83-minute documentary, and the following discussion will increase community awareness of the damage done through the "Ex-gay" movement.

Invite all your friends, your family, your neighbors to hear the actual experiences of people who have participated in the ex-gay movement. A repeat showing of the film will be shown at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha at 7pm on Saturday, November 12.

"Hello, is this the Fire Department?"

"Help! Send someone over quickly!" the old woman screamed into the phone. "Two naked bikers are climbing up toward my bedroom window!"

"This is the Fire Department, lady," the voice replied. "I'll have to transfer you to the Police Department."

"No, it's YOU I want!" she yelled. "They need a longer ladder!"

LGBT Student Poll: 9 in 10 Harassed

By Jen Christensen, PlanetOut Network

Despite the growing number of gay kids who come out in high school, still a great majority do not feel safe at school. A new poll released Tuesday -- the first of its kind -- shows their concern may be well-founded.

Ninety percent of LGBT students polled (vs. 62 percent of non-LGBT teens) say they have been harassed or assaulted in just this past year.

The startling results come from a Harris Interactive poll conducted on behalf of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). "From Teasing to Torment" is the first national survey on bullying in American schools to include questions about anti-gay harassment.

The poll of over 3,400 students also showed that being gay or being perceived as gay was the second most common reason students report being harassed. The top reason kids are harassed at school is their appearance.

"This study clearly illustrates the prevalence of bullying and harassment in America's schools and that students who experience harassment are more likely to miss classes, which can impact a student's ability to learn," said Kevin Jennings, founder and executive director of GLSEN. "It also shows how having anti-harassment policies in schools --particularly those policies that include sexual orientation or gender identity/expression --can be associated with students feeling safer at school."

The majority of teachers (85 percent) polled in this survey said they have a duty to keep school a safe place for gay students. But there may not be an actual school policy to help these teachers actively prevent anti-gay harassment. Less than half of those polled have a school anti-harassment policy that includes sexual orientation or gender identity.

And even if teachers are interested in helping protect students, students may not tell them about the problem. The poll showed the majority of all students (57 percent) -- gay and straight -- said they are not going to report incidents of harassment to teachers or other school personnel.

"The survey shows how we need to bridge the gap between the support that teachers say they provide to students and students' perceptions of teachers' willingness to take action," Jennings said. "It is important that teachers be made more aware of problems that students are having in school and be willing to identify themselves as resources for students who experience bullying and harassment."

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Visit: Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth. Free Parking. Walk-in Hours: Sun. 1-6PM, Mon. 1-3PM, Tue. 7-9PM, Wed. 7-9PM, Thu. 1-3PM, Fri. 1-9PM, Sat. 1-4PM. Closed most major holidays.

Write: Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, PO Box 8583, Omaha NE 68108

Email: GLBTcenter@RainbowOutreach.org

Click: www.RainbowOutreach.org

Call: (402) 341-0330

Center Wish List

Do you have something that the GLBT Center could use? Please call us at (402) 341-0330 or email wishlist@rainbowoutreach.org

Some Objects on our Wish List

Items for Raffles (event tickets, etc.); 6ft-tall 5-shelf Bookcase; Games (board games, card games, roleplaying games, chess, puzzles); Laminator (8.5"x11" or larger); Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater, PC compatible); Library Materials (GLBT-related Books, Magazines, Books on Tape, Videos, DVDs); Overhead Projector; Public Address System; Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long); Toolbox; VCR; TDD/TTY (Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf/Teletypewriters); TeleBraille (TB) machines for the Blind.

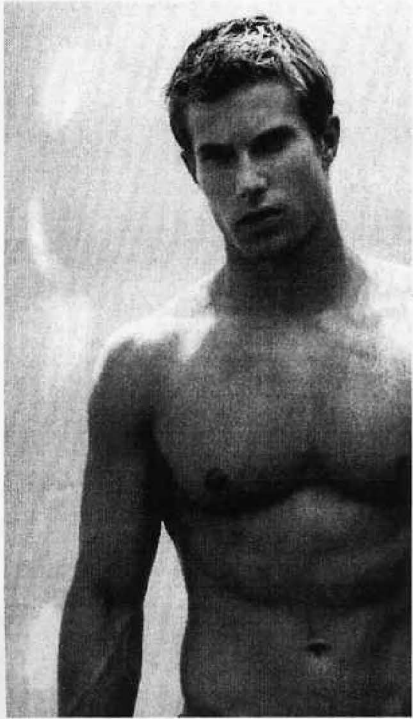
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