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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

Dining Out for Life Raises Thousands of Dollars for Nebraska AIDS Project

March, 2005-Omaha, NE-Seventy one Nebraska Restaurants teamed up with Nebraska AIDS Project for their Fourth Annual Dining Out for Life event on Tuesday, March 29th. Dining Out for Life gave communities across the state a chance to band together and fight to eliminate HIV and AIDS.

Money received from sponsorships and donation envelopes filled by diners have brought in over \$30,000. "We anticipate meeting or surpassing our goal of raising \$60,000 once our participating restaurants send in their donations," said Jean Imray, Director of Development.

Participating restaurants pledged 25% or more of their sales for designated meals on Tuesday, March 29th 2005 to Nebraska AIDS Project. Thousands of restaurant patrons across Nebraska came together to support the important services that Nebraska AIDS Project provides our local communities. Diners not only dined out for a good cause but also donned red ribbons to show support and made additional donations and entered a prize drawing for a variety of prizes including airline tickets and Omaha Steaks Gift Certificates.

Nebraska AIDS Project provides free and anonymous HIV Testing and Counseling, HIV prevention and education programs and support services to persons living with HIV and AIDS. In 2004 Nebraska AIDS Project administered 1600 HIV tests, reached 35,000 people with HIV prevention and education programs and provided support services to 822 clients living with or affected by HIV or AIDS.

Dining Out for Life 2005 was possible thanks to generous community support and the support of our event sponsors: Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, Nobbies Party Superstore and Pegler Sysco Food Services Company.

Nebraska AIDS Project was founded in 1984 and operates from six offices across Nebraska and serves all of Nebraska, eastern Wyoming and southwest Iowa. As Nebraska's only community



APRIL 2005 CENTER OUTING -ERIC HIMAN AT BORDERS

On Sunday, April 24, 2005, enjoy the talent of out musician Eric Himan at a high visibility gig that is open to all members of the community. Openly gay singer-songwriter, Eric Himan will be making his first stop in Omaha on Sunday, April 24th at 2 pm at Borders Books and Music, 72nd & Dodge. This talented, young musician has been featured nationally in Instinct, OUT, Genre, and The Advocate Magazine. Eric will be promoting "Dark Horse" - his 4th release. He currently appears in the March 2005 edition of OUT. There is no cost to attend this event. No tickets are required.

CENTER OPEN HOUSE APRIL 23

The GLBT Center monthly Open House is 3-5PM Saturday, April 23. The theme is "Naturally Fun" in honor of Earth Day weekend. Everyone welcome. Join us for natural treats and fruit punch at the GLBT Center Open House, 1719 Leavenworth. Drop in, hang out, and socialize. A variety of snacks and beverages will be provided. Dress casual.

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April 15, 2005-April 29, 2005

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(Dining Out for Life, Continued.....)

based AIDS service organization, our work is vital. With twenty years experience in HIV prevention and support services Nebraska AIDS Project is recognized as a leader in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the Midwest. All funds from this event will allow Nebraska AIDS Project to continue this vital work and life saving support for thousands of men, women and children in Nebraska, southwestern Iowa and eastern Wyoming affected by HIV/AIDS.

For more information please contact at Nichole West (402) 552 -9260 ext 127, (402) 203-6167 or nicholew@nap.org. Nebras-ka AIDS Project encourages you to support participating restaurants year round.

Nebraska HIV/AIDS Conference 2005

Making it Work!

Sharing information learned as we move forward in the battle against HIV disease in Nebraska

Didactic presentations, panel discussions, roundtable discussions and opportunities for networking with others.

Sponsored by:

Nebraska AIDS Education and Training Center Nebraska AIDS Project University of Nebraska Medical Center Central Community College

Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 28th The conference will be held at the Interstate Holiday Inn in Grand Island, Nebraska. 7838 South Hwy 281 Grand Island NE 68803 308.384.7770

Registration:

Cost of conference is \$30.00 per person including the Wednesday evening reception, breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Nursing CEU credits. Registration will be available at the conference, but prior registration is encouraged for planning purposes.

Please register by contacting Kay McClure at Central Community College: 308.398.7443.

Scholarships are available by contacting Daniel Cobos, BSN: 402.559.5750 / dcobos@unmc.edu.

Schedule: Wednesday, April 27th 7:30pm - 9:00pm Opening Reception and Networking

Thursday, April 28th 8:00am Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:30am

Welcome and Opening Panel Discussion

9:00am Breakout Session I Peer Education for HIV/AIDS Prevention Judith Sandeen RN, BC

HIV Diagnostic Tests, What to Order and When Ann Fitzgerald, APRN

How to Find Reliable HIV/AIDS Information on the Internet Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, MSLIS

10:00am Breakout Session II Nebraska's Current HIV Testing Results Steve Jackson, BS

Current Recommendations for Testing and Treating STDs Deb Hann, RN

Nebraska Comprehensive Plan and Community Planning for HIV Prevention Christine Stroud, MPA, BS

11:00 Breakout Session III Elements for Successful Rural HIV Prevention Programs: Roundtable Discussion Facilitator: Joe Gerstandt

Current Treatment of Hepatitis C Brenda Armstrong, RN

If You Come We'll Pay You: Exploring Ethics in HIV Prevention Jamie Grayson, BA and Rosey Higgs, BSSW

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\$100.00 \$ 25.00

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Ad Deadlines: Friday, Apr. 22, for Publication Apr. 29th

Friday, May 6 for Publication May 13th

Help Change the World One Step at a Time...



GLBT Center presents 2005 PrideWalk

Benefitting GLBT-allied Organizations

Saturday, August 20, 2005

Register online for the 2005 Pride Walk at

www.PrideWalk.org

or visit the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox





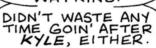










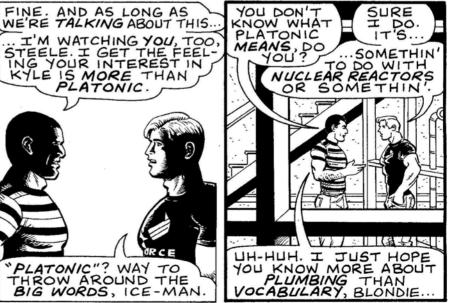




SHIP WITH KYLE?







Website - www.kylecomics.com

E-Mail - KylesBnB@aol.com

12:00 Lunch

1:00pm Breakout Speaker IV Street Outreach in the Heartland: An Experiment in Harm Reduction Jamie Grayson, BA

How to Design Programs to meet the Educational Needs of Rural Health Care Providers: Roundtable Discussion Facilitator: Joseph Hoagbin, MD

Methamphetamine and Nebraska John DeBecker, LADC

2:00pm Breakout Session V Immigration and Healthcare Issues in Nebraska Daniel Cobos, RN, MPH

Aerobic and Resistance Training: Improving Quality of Life and Activity Tolerance for Individuals Living with HIV Michael Rennick, PT. MPH

The Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions Nancy Jo Hansen, BS

3:00pm Breakout Session VI Housing as Health Care Erin Porterfield, MSW

Current Recommendations for HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)
Joseph Hoagbin, MD

Advocacy, Policy and Legislation in HIV Healthcare: Roundtable Discussion Facilitator: Joe Gerstandt

4:00pm Review of Roundtable Discussions

4:30pm Closing Comments and Evaluations

5:00ppm Adjourn

Did you know that you can see the entire Gayzette on our web site?
Go to:

www.rainbowoutreach.org
And click on the Publications link.
George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

HGRA APPROVES 2005 CHARITY PARTNERS

HGRA has selected their 2005 charity partners. One of the goals of HGRA is to support local and state charities through the sport of rodeo and fundraising. Since there will not be a rodeo this year, we will continue to support our charities through fundraising and other activities. Charities were reviewed and voted upon at the March general membership meeting. HGRA is pleased to announce our Charity partners for

2005: Nebraska Aids Project, Merlin's Refuge, Child Saving Institute, and Youth Emergency Services. For more information about our charities, please go to our website at www.hgra.net.

HGRA welcomes the community to help us support the efforts of these organizations.



Jeremy & James
Will be hosting Game Day at the Center
1719 Leavenworth St

Sundays: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Come down and check out the games we have available or bring your favorite game and show us how to play.

Ages 5 - 105.

Parents bring the kids down and play or read some of the books in our Library while they play.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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

GLBT Travel Specialist

Whether you are attending a GLBT event or just want to get away, I can assist in planning a memorable vacation to any destination in the world!

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www.OmahaAreaRealEstate.com





Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M. Location: First United Methodist Church 7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska Web Site: www.pflag-omaha.org

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

HELPLINE (402) 291-67681

Presbyterians Do It Decently And In Order

However You Do It, You're Welcome Here

Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church - 1023 N. 40th, Omaha

> **Sunday Services** 10 a.m.

Rainbow Bible Study 6 p.m. Fri. (Now Reading Same-Sex Marriage: A Christian Ethical Analysis By Marvin Ellison)

Call the church at 551-5207 or Cleve Evans at 733-1360 for more information.



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It is with great sadness to report that the Club Joy has closed it's doors for good.

We will miss the Joy.

But watch the Gayzette for future announce-ments of continuing shows and events that made the Club Joy a real "joy" to visit.

Gayzette Editor

Center Wish List

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

Some items on our Wish List:

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

Wish List Contributors

Anonymous - Books; Anonymous - Games; Anonymous - Videos/DVDs; Bob Ewing at Printing Plus - 2 cases of 6X9 envelopes; Bob Gittins - Cards, DVD Player, Books, Office Supplies, Paper Shredder; Flat Water Bears - Bookcase; Brian Wyant - Books, Open House Food, Website; George Broadway - Computer Equipment, PO Box Sponsor, Printer Ink Cartridges; James Lunbeck - Vacuum Cleaner, Open House Food; Judy Hancock - Bulletin Boards, Chairs and Tables, Calendars, Light Covers, Games, Office Supplies, Open House Food and Beverages, Printer Stand; Marcus Fender - Original Acrylic Painting, Oscillating Floor Fan, 8 Fluorescent Bulbs, Box of Trash Bags; Monty McClean - Books; Sarah - Coffee Maker, Cleaning Supplies, Magazines; Sharon VanButsel & Carla Petersen - Books

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High Series Women

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High Game Women

290- R Richardson 259 - T Shellenberger 252 - N Rogers

High Average Men

220 - G Schoenfeld 209 - D Cohen 206- J Schomer

High Series Men

825 - D Cohen 796- G Shoenfeld 770 - J Schomer

High Game Men

299 - G Schoenfeld 299 - R Hansen 298 - D Cohen

High Game Team

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High Series Team

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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Ace's Only, 1263 South 16th Street (temporarily closed)

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street Dixie Quicks, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street The 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 Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,

1719 Leavenworth St.

Stage Right, 16th and Harney (temporarily closed) Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

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

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Adult Emporium, 1 blk.So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Wednesday 7:00 PM

819 South 22nd Street (Just south of Leavenworth Street) Omaha, Nebraska 68103 Phone: 402-345-2563 Web site: www.mccomaha.org

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A Message from the Club Joy

Hello JOY members and customers! Now that JOY is officially closed I have a couple of people I need to thank and some good news about our shows.

First, I want to thank my good friend Alan Baer for trusting me with his club. People keep asking if I'm sad that the club is closing and of course I am, but the hardest thing for me isn't that we closed the doors, it's that I'm losing one of the things my friend held closest to him. He really loved that club and wanted it to work. I think he would be very proud that we stayed true to the gay community and brought them the best events Omaha has ever seen.

Second I want to thank the best staff in the whole world. The club never would have been a success without you. Each of you put your own mark on JOY and made it what it was. JD and "what the *hit", Hongs great dance music, the front door guys (which no one still believes are a gay couple), Courtney and her boobies, Jeff our hottie bartender, John our incredible hot bar back, the N'JOY girls which really kept us afloat during hard times by packing the house, the FISHnets girls, Eric and John our lighting guys, Kevin and Kerin who helped with everything, past JOY workers like Alex, Allen, Whitney, Scotty and G, my good friend Chi Chi LaRue that flew out here to make sure our last weekend was a huge success and then called me on Sunday to make sure I was okay (and that Saturday rocked!).

I do want to thank one person specifically and that's Adam, our manager. Adam, I never could have done half of this stuff without you. You gave JOY the best web site, the best theme events and I'm so glad we are friends...I'm looking forward to our newest adventure!

Third, I want to thank everyone reading this and all our JOY members. You all are the reason we made it over 4 years!!! Each night when I came to JOY I knew I was surrounded by friends, not just customers. Someone asked me if I was mad I didn't sell the club when I had the chance; not at all. I wouldn't have changed these past fours year for anything. It can't always be about \$\$, sometimes there are more important things.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE JOY SHOWS???

Well, we are still working out the details, but JOY is moving all of its regular shows to a new show bar at Flixx. If you haven't been to Flixx go check it out. They have another side to their bar that they use for birthdays/weddings, etc...and they are getting it ready for us. N'JOY, FISHnets, porn stars, strippers and all of JOY's other special events will be in this new location. There is plenty of free parking in the back lot and the new expanded side of Flixx should be ready for its Grand Opening with the May 6th FISHnets show.

I sincerely want to thank all of you for making owning a nightclub a true "joy" for me.

See you soon at Flixx! All my best, Eric

New Poll Shows Republicans Divided over Anti-family Constitutional Amendment

(New Orleans, LA) —A new Wall Street Journal/NBC poll shows deep divisions in the Republican Party over the question of an anti-family Constitutional amendment. The poll, conducted by Peter Hart and Bill McInturff, shows the Republican Party deeply divided over a number of issues, including the federal marriage amendment. The poll showed 48% of Republicans support Congressional legislation banning same-sex marriage, while 47% of Republicans oppose such legislation. "This poll confirms what we've known for a while - there is no appetite to pass an unnecessary and discriminatory anti-family constitutional amendment, and there is certainly no consensus on this issue within the Republican Party," said Log Cabin Republicans President Patrick Guerriero.

The poll also reveals a continued hesitancy on the part of Republicans to expand the role of the federal government. According to the poll, 50% of Republicans believe the federal government should be less active on "social and moral issues" while only 37% believe it should be more active. "This poll shows that rank and file Republicans are hungry for a return to an ideology of a smaller, limited federal government. Republican leaders should take heed of these results," continued Guerriero.

"The party should focus on those issues that unite Republicans, like winning the war on terror and limiting the size and role of the federal government. A hopeful vision of the future and a united Republican Party, are the keys to building a sustainable GOP majority in the years ahead," concluded Guerriero.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the poll was based on nationwide telephone interviews of 1,002 American adults, conducted March 31-April 3 by the polling organizations of Peter Hart and Bill McInturff and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 points.

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Log Cabin Republicans is the nation's largest organization of Republicans who support fairness, freedom, and equality for gay and lesbian Americans. Log Cabin has state and local chapters nationwide, a full-time Washington office, and a federal political action committee. www.logcabin.org http://www.logcabin.org/ > Christopher R. Barron Political Director

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Contact: Christopher Barron Log Cabin Republicans (202) 347-5306

GAYZETTE EVENTS

FRJDAY APRJL 157H <u>NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05</u>, Prelim #6, at FLIXX, 8PM

SUNDAY APRIL 1771H HOT JAZZ and COOL LEATHER, 9PM, DC's Saloon, a benefit for ADAP

<u>CHANDLER CHUBS SHOW</u>, 9PM, a benefit for Miss Merry Christmas

FRJDAY APRJL 227H EMPRESS' BIRTHDAY SHOW, 7PM, at The Max, Hosted by Crystal Delight

THE MEN OF JDE STUDIOS, 10PM, at Stosh's Bar, The Max

SATURDAY APROL 23RD NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT, hosted by Jazz, at the Panic, Lincoln, 9PM

SUNDAY APRJL 247H LIVE RAW & NAKED, 10PM, Miss Max 21, Felisha Savage hosts "A Girl Exposed"

SATURDAY APRJL 267H ADAP BENEFIT, (AIDS Drug Assistance Program), 8PM, DC's Saloon

SATURDAY APROL 30TRIBUTE TO STEVE VON SEGGREN, a benefit for ADAP, 5pm/6pm Show, Club Joy, a benefit for ADAP

SUNDAY MAY 187<u>NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05</u>, Prelim #5, at Club Joy, 9PM

FRJDAY MAY 67H

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Prelim #8, at the MCC Omaha, 8PM

SATURDAY MAY 7 PR BALL, 6pm, 7pm show, at the Max

SUNDAY MAY 87H NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT, at DC's Saloon, 9PM

FRJDAY MAY 13 BBQ FOR ADAP, (AIDS Drug Assistance Program), 6 to 8 pm, at the Max (on the patio)

SATURDAY MAY 147# NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Prelim #9, at the Panic, Lincoln, 9PM

SATURDAY MAY 21MADELINE FIENSTEIN ONE WOMAN
SHOW, 7PM, 8PM SHOW, at DC's Saloon

FRJDAY MAY 277H NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Wild Card Prelim, at The Max, 8PM

SUNDAY MAY 297H NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL FINALS, at Club
Joy, 9PM

SUNDAY JUNE 57H 2005 PRIDE PAGEANT, Club Joy, 8PM

7HURS—SUN, JUNE 9 7HRU 127H NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005, 20th Anniversary Pride Celebration

SAT., & SUN., JUNE 18 & 19RCMC PRESENTS FAIRY TALES: THE
MUSICAL, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts
Center, UNO Campus, 69th and Dodge

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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
9am & 11am
Sunday School: 11am

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, Noon to 3PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

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

Every Monday

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-HEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

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

Every Tuesday
UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1–4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

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

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

KARAOKE W/STACY 8:30pm DC's

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

GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT, sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

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

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

HIV TESTING, RESULTS IN 20 MINUTES, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

Every Saturday GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT,

have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

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

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

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE,

3-4:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowout-reach.org

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMIT-

TEE, 4:30-6PM 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 Friday

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

2nd Saturday

<u>LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA</u> Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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

3rd Monday

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

3rd Thursday

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+

MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

3rd Sunday CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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

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

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4th Saturday

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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, 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 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm
- LinOma Bares, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Linomabares@yahoo.com or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887
- Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org
 Website:www.mccomaha.org Sunday
 Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am,
 Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
- NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights
- Nebraska Equality.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/
- Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

- The 'Ohana Group,(GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), theohanagroup@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@vahoo.com
- OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website:www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass
- Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330
- Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & 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 MargauxPolo@aol.com
- River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, www:genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/ transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 57 -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 QuestioningWomen's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- **Nebraska AIDS Project,** 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000
- Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.com, Website: http:// pflag.ineb.org/
- Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm.12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094 Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508, 434-3494,
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu
- Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880 Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or email: http:// www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html
- **TriCity GLBT,** serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/

Iowa Based

- Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, http:// www.IowaEquality.org
- Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

South Dakota Based

- Black Hills Pride Committee, for information visit http://blackhillspride.org
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Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Ban Gaining Support

Washington, DC – One month after its introduction in the House of Representatives, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, a bill to repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual personnel, has gained the support 73 Members of Congress. The proposal was introduced in the House on March 2 by Rep. Marty Meehan (D-MA), a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Three Republican lawmakers – Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT), Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) – have joined 70 Democrats as co-sponsors of the bill.

"There is growing, bi-partisan support in Congress for repealing 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" said C. Dixon Osburn, Executive Director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN). "Lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans are ready to answer our nation's call to service and work to protect our homeland and secure our freedoms. Members of Congress are increasingly recognizing the futility of excluding those who want to serve. They should pass the Military Readiness Enhancement Act immediately."

According to a February report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO), "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has cost at least \$200 million to maintain since its inception in 1993. Nearly ten thousand men and women have been discharged under the policy, including 322 language specialists. Another 800 specialists, including intelligence analysts, divers and combat controllers, were fired despite having "some training in an occupation identified . . . as 'critical.'" "We are losing some of the best and brightest talents," Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) told United Press International.

Eight senior retired military officers – and one active duty Lieutenant Colonel – have endorsed Meehan's proposal to repeal the military's gay ban.

"When we deny [gays] their right to military service, we improperly restrict the franchise of citizenship and give in to homophobic prejudice very like the unreasoned racial and gender prejudices of the past," Lt. Col. Allen Bishop, a professor at West Point, recently wrote in the Army Times. Retired Navy Admiral John Hutson, a supporter of the ban in 1993, has also called for the bill's passage. ""If I thought that letting [open] gays in the military now would degrade the mission," he told the Detroit News, "I wouldn't be for it. The military mission is

unique enough that it shouldn't be a social laboratory. But we are at a point now where we can do it. And once you can do it, that creates a moral imperative that means you must do it."

A list of the bill's co-sponsors, and the text of Rep. Meehan's proposal, are available online at www.sldn.org

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Servicemembers Legal Defense Network is a national, non-profit legal services, watchdog and policy organization dedicated to ending discrimination against and harassment of military personnel affected by 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' and related forms of intolerance. For more information, visit www.sldn.org http://www.sldn.org>.

Rainbow Sash Movement Gay Catholics Remember Pope John Paul II

As the 27 year reign of Pope John Paul II came to an end today, March 2, 2005, the Rainbow Sash Movement (RSM) will remember him as a man who was a sign of contradiction; not only outside the Catholic Church but within its walls as well. The RSM cannot impeach his personal integrity, his single minded dedication to what he perceives to be his duty, and his commitment to an almost mystical holiness of life. We also remember he promulgated an extraordinarily voluminous corpus of official documents in addition to being the first pontiff to publish personal theological and religious works while in office. We will remember him as the traveling Pope, who reached out to diverse peoples and religions. He has brought the Jewish/ Catholic dialogue process further than any previous pope. We will also remember the part he played in the crumbling of the Soviet Empire.

However there are a catalogue of woes that John Paul II leaves behind including defections and apathy among younger Catholics, falling Mass attendance across the board, an aging priesthood that seems to be self-destructing, often vicious intramural

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conflicts between progressives and conservatives involving a host of moral and jurisdictional issues, and ever- increasing divorce rates among Catholics.

There are many more things that can be said about Pope John Paul II, but what cannot be said of this Pope is that he reached out to the Gay and Lesbian Community. He did not show that same love and respect for individual Gay and Lesbian People. With all his journeys this was one journey he could not, or would not take. He believed in Universal Truths, he could not allow those truths to be challenged in any way, especially by the reality of Gay and Lesbian lives.

For many Gay and Lesbian Catholics we believe this moment in history is a bittersweet moment. We mourn a lost opportunity of pastoral outreach from John Paul II, we also mourn his death. Going forward we look in hope to a new Pope who may be willing to make a pastoral journey to Gay/Lesbian Community that Pope John Paul II was unable to make.

Cardinals will now start their journey to Rome for the conclave. The Rainbow Sash Movement prays that Cardinals will elect a pope that will renew the Church, and once again bring unity back to it. While most of today's Cardinals are Italian, Americans make up the second greatest group. But it does not necessarily follow that an American could be in the running to be the next pope. Some believe it would be unwise to have an American as pope, while America remains the single superpower left in the world.

We believe the Roman Catholic Church is on the verge of either an irreversible decline or a thoroughgoing transformation. We mourn the passing of a great man, may he finally rest in peace. It is time for a new beginning. ###
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Scouting for All Says the Boy Scouts of America National Leadership Needs to Be Replaced

The Boy Scouts of America once a great youth outdoor program is now a mere shadow of itself. It has become lost down a dark path of immoral transgressions. Recent events have again highlighted that the national leadership of the Boy Scouts of America has brought the integrity of the entire organization into question, and should be replaced.

The national leadership of the Boy Scouts of America imposed a discriminatory policy on all of its members and local councils by excluding gay and atheist youth and adults, stating that such people are immoral because of their sexual orientation and their atheistic beliefs. The national leadership is so self-righteous that they don't even see how this discriminatory policy is extremely destructive and harmful to all youth, and just how immoral such a policy actually is. They don't allow themselves to see how such a policy incites violence towards persons who are homosexual, such as happened in the case of Matthew Shepard, who was murdered by two individuals -one was an Eagle Scout, and the other a Mormon. Institutional homophobia is immoral and is contrary to both the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

The BSA's national leadership is so self-righteous they also don't see their other immoral transgressions. One of their national leaders out of their own national headquarters in Irving, Texas, Douglas Smith, the National Director of Programs and Chairman of the BSA Youth Protection Task Force in 2002, has been arrested for receiving and distributing child pornography. In November of 2002, Smith defended the BSA's policy against homosexuals.

The national leadership of the BSA has allowed many councils to stray far from the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in the name of financial gain by not following the high moral standard proclaimed by both the Scout Oath and Scout Law. They have done this because they seem to be so self-righteous. They seem to act as though they are above the law. The Greater Alabama Council, Birmingham, AL, the Atlanta Area Council, Atlanta, GA and the Gulf Ridge Council, Tampa Bay, FL are currently under investigation for fraud by the FBI for allegedly inflating their membership numbers in order to receive larger donations from some United Ways; city, state and federal government agencies; and private businesses. Other Scout councils that have been found to falsify their membership numbers include Circle Ten Council, Dallas, TX; Los Angeles Council, Los Angels, CA; Longhorn Council, Ft. Worth, TX; Indian Nations Council, Tulsa, OK; Golden Empire Council, Sacramento, CA; Chattahoochee Council, Columbus, GA; Calument Council, Munster, IN; and Bay Area Council, Galveston, TX.

Yes, it is sad to say that, the Boy Scouts of America's national leadership in Irving, Texas has corrupted both the Scout Oath and Scout Law through its own blinded self-righteousness as they struggle to keep the program afloat. They are struggling because they are becoming victims of their own greed and prejudice.

Scouting for All, an organization inspired by Steven Cozza, an Eagle Scout and whose team is made up of many other Eagle Scouts and prior BSA members, is trying to save the Boy Scouts of America by advocating that it embrace the values of both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and by once again becoming a morally straight organization that is inclusive, just as the majority of the World Scouting Movement. We ask that in order to begin this healing process, the national leaders of the Boy Scouts of America step down, in the best interest of the organization, and ultimately in the best interest of all the youth under its charge. We ask that Boy Scouts of America members and local councils demand this change at the top level of the organization in order to help bring the Boy Scouts of America out of its dark moral bankruptcy into the light of a new beginning of hope and renewal.

Scott Cozza, President Scouting for All (www.scoutingforall.org)

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