



THE

GAYZETTE

IMsL & IMsBB COME TO OMAHA

"Remember when we used to really play?" Ah, those were the days. Well, isn't it time to get the LEATHER, and on that note, THE SEX back into LEATHERSEX? International Ms Leather 17 and International Ms Bootblack 5 will be held July 18-20, 2003. IMsL Weekend 2003 will take place in Omaha, Nebraska; easy to get to and centrally located (just a tad North of Oz).

This year's event will have more added features such as hot leather, S/m, fetish night time demos, static displays and more, let's just say- More Bang For The Buck! The rest of the weekend will be host to receptions, workshops, vendors and THE SHOW! Highlights of the show will include our 3rd Annual Audience Tattoo Contest and in celebration of the 5th anniversary of International Ms bootblack contest, we will be looking for the hottest boots in the audience. Winners of both audience participation contests will receive comp registration to IMsL 2004

The historic deco Best Western Redick Plaza will once more be our host hotel, adjacent to Omaha nightspots (yes, they do exist), and within walking distance of the contest location. Rooms may be booked at our special \$85 rate by calling 402-341-9363. Please, of course, identify yourself as a member of our group.

The IMsL organization is pleased to announce that our website www.IMsL.org is now up and running thanks to our new host Chicagonet.net. Information about the contest, itineraries, and our host hotel is included, as are registration forms and information concerning IMsL itself. Updates will be made periodically so check us out.

Leather women AND men have found IMsL to be a wild weekend; a co-celebration of our unique lives together. An event for the real leather/Sm/fetish play community on every level. All are encouraged to participate.

Soon to come on the site will be our list of notable judges and our innovative, informative, and educational (and most importantly) FUN workshops. Contestant application packets are available now. Please e-mail us for a snail mail kit to be sent to you. A new project for our previous contestants is our TEAMIMsL e-group on yahoo. This list is available to anyone who ever competed for IMsL or IMsBB. This is another way that we are trying to keep our network "hooked up". Just drop us an email for a private invite.

Now, for the laundry list... do you want to vend (note limited vendor space available)? info@imsl.org...do you want to donate a prize? info@imsl.org...do you want to advertise or exchange advertising? info@imsl.org...do you want to be a contestant ("join the team") or sponsor one? info@imsl.org...do you want to sponsor or hold a reception at IMsL 2003?info@imsl.org.... Get it? If you NEED ANYTHING- please contact info@imsl.org.

Due to stringent airport security, what you are unable to bring, you may purchase at our diversified vendor area in order to enjoy play during the event. Any special requirements may be directed to our email address. PLEASE be careful about including questionable items in your carry on luggage. Leather is RARELY a problem, but ANY metal seems to be, especially items with points and/or sharp surfaces. If you have any doubt, check it. We look forward to seeing you here in July. Please keep checking our site for more IMsL updates. Any questions or concerns should be to our email address, yes, you know where to go...info@imsl.org.



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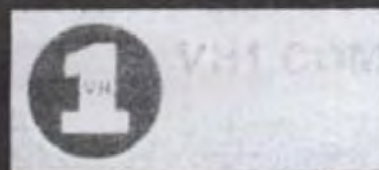
Saturday July 12th
After-hours Foam Party
2am-4am

Thursday July 17th 9pm \$3 cover:
Shann Carr Comedy Show
Laugh, Leather and Love!

Friday July 18th 9:30pm
The N'JOY Show
featuring Nina Montaldoi



Saturday July 19th 6pm:
IMSL: International Ms. Leather
Event will be filmed by VH-1



Sunday July 20th 6pm \$2 cover:
Shann Carr Video Debut

Coming Friday August 1st
 JOY Amateur Calendar Strip Off
featuring Scott Gunz



SOMETIMES IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK

Sharon Van Butsel, Editor, Gayzette

As we all know, coming out is a difficult process and it's one that most of us face every single day. You go to a restaurant and the waiter doesn't ask, but just brings separate checks. Doesn't happen to my grandson when he and his fiancé go out — the waiter sees a man and a woman and automatically brings one check. OR you go as part of a group and have to explain to the waitress which two people are on the same check. Probably why so many just bring one check and let you figure it out. Or you go on a trip and check into a motel and then have to deal with the reaction of the clerk when you say you really just want one bed for the two of you. Or you go to a family gathering with more distant relatives and you get introduced as "my daughter's friend." Carla and I have been "friends" at these gatherings for 15 years now.

However, Carla and I have discovered a place where it's surprisingly easy to be out. And it happened when we went to buy a used truck. We bought our last car (a 92 Explorer) at Paul Gerber on North 72nd Street. (Yes, that's the guy with the really strange commercials.) We got a decent car at a price we could afford and found them easy to deal with. So we went back there to look for a truck. First go round, all they had was a big monster with dual tires (sales person was sure we'd love running around in that "dually.") So we looked elsewhere but finally ended up back at Paul Gerber just as they got in a 93 Chevy Silverado that met all our basic requirements (full size, extended cab, 4 wheel drive). It hadn't even been detailed yet and had such fun stickers on the windows as "Harley Davidson" "Buck Hunters" and "No Fat Chicks." Just the thing for a couple of lesbians — a redneck truck. Anyway, we got the financing at the Credit Union, made the purchase and no hassle at all. Both names on the purchase agreement and on the title application. And just an assumption that both names would be on everything. Such an assumption that I finally asked if they dealt with a lot of same sex couples. The answer was "Yes." And as we were there, another lesbian couple walked in to talk to them about a recent purchase.

I pursued the issue a little and discovered that they really were quite comfortable dealing with same sex couples — not because they are great activists — all they really care about is selling cars. But it was a good feeling to be able to just be a couple in a normal activity.

So, if you're looking for an inexpensive used car, you might check out the guys at Paul Gerber — actually you should talk to Paul Gerber himself. He's always right there to make sure his folks do it the way it should be done because he really likes repeat customers. He personally remembered us from our Explorer purchase two years before and remembered the car we traded in that was ready to fall apart. Anyway, if you go out there, tell him that Carla and Sharon said "hi!"

Thomas Jefferson Would Roll Over in His Grave

Editorial by George Broadway

To support a constitutional amendment to ban such marriages is truly insane. Our country's founders, Jefferson, Franklin and all of the others who very carefully and thoughtfully wrote the Constitution knew that there must be a division between church and state. They knew that such issues were not matters where laws should be created to put down individual groups of citizens in this country and that such laws would infringe on the rights of many of it's citizens and not just the a few. Those fine gentlemen knew where to draw the line. It's just too bad that our officials currently in power don't know where that line is drawn. Such an amendment would legitimize crimes against GLBT individuals. It would start a whole new era of poor legislation which would negatively affect all Americans in some way or another.

No, changing the Constitution for such a bigoted idea is not what our founding fathers had in mind. They wanted the Constitution to reflect compassion and understanding on all of its citizens. Not just for some of them. In all of the articles I have read, there have not been any specifics mentioned about how gay marriage would undermine the sanctity of male / female marriages. What are the horrible consequences that would happen from gay marriage? They never really come out and say. It really boils down to personal beliefs and not legitimate issues. The world wouldn't change. Crime and drug use wouldn't become rampant any more than they are already. The homosexual agenda which the far right keeps referring to is a concocted myth that they use to justify their own beliefs.

The only thing the GLBT community wants is to be treated the same as everyone else and to abide by the same rules and laws as everyone else in the country. And that's exactly what the founding fathers had in mind when they wrote the Constitution. Equality for all citizens. Not just most of them. This is what I was taught in school so many years ago and I firmly believe in it today. If it wasn't a good idea, then this country would have folded up a long time ago. I don't let my personal beliefs cloud my vision of what's right and what's wrong.

If the politicians and religious leaders of this country want to rally for a cause then let them fight the battles against drug use, the poor economy, child molestation and a couple of dozen or so other social problems that already plague this world. Perhaps it's time to tell our political and religious leaders that these are far more important issues than whether Jim and Jerry can get married, live together in peace and love and deal with the same issues as everyone else does.

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OF THE
GAYZETTE
STAFF

MPower Schedules Workshops for Omaha and Lincoln

MPower exists to provide gay/bi men with the tools, skills and support they need to remain HIV negative or to avoid re-infection. MPower is in the business of creating a culture of safer sex and hot, self-confident sexuality.

One component is the MPower workshops, which are three-sessions chocked full of interesting information, unique conversation and plenty of other cool stuff. Plus, you get to meet and get to know other guys in the class. In addition to all of that, each participant receives a \$20.00 gift certificate to the location of their choice for attending all three meetings of the workshop.

So don't dilly dally, **contact Eric** at 402.552.9260 x120 or aricL@nap.org to register to be a part of it all. There are 12 spots open for each workshop - so register soon! When you call or email give your name, email, phone number and address so that we can contact you.

Omaha:

July 12th & 13th
(Saturday and Sunday)
12:00pm - 5:00pm
Watanabe Wellness Center
139 S. 40th Street

Omaha:

August 4th, 11th & 18th
(Monday's)
6:00pm - 9:30pm
Watanabe Wellness Center
139 S. 40th Street

Lincoln:

August 7th, 14th & 21st
(Thursday's)
6:00pm - 9:30pm
Lincoln Center Clinic
220 S. 17th Street

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline.
1-800-782-2437
(in Omaha, 552-9255)
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Maple Manor Apartment Homes

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leatherorknot@leatherorknotomaha.com
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MPower, Nebraska's only sexual health program for gay and bisexual men, is a part of Nebraska AIDS Project and is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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GAYZETTE AD RATES

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| Whole Page | 7 1/2 X 10 | \$100.00 | Half Page | 7 1/2 X 4 3/4 | \$ 50.00 |
| Fourth Page | 3 3/4 X 4 3/4 | \$ 25.00 | Business Card | | \$ 15.00 |

All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad. Checks payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center 1719 Leavenworth St. on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rocc.org. Please call ahead to reserve space.

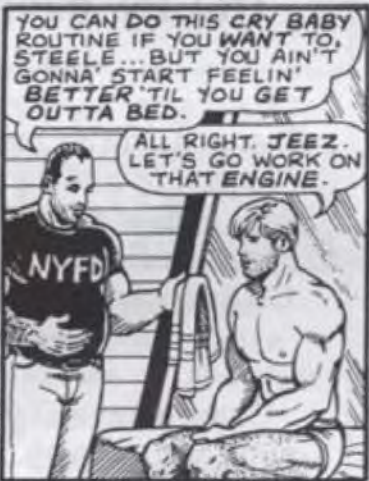
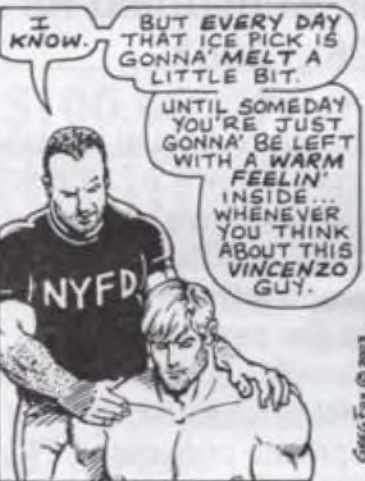
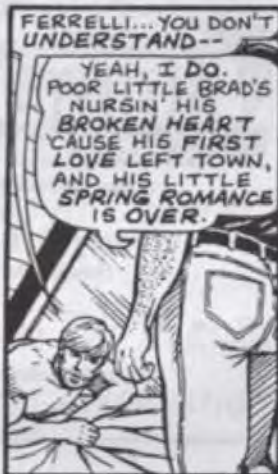
Ad Deadlines

Friday, June 20 for Publication June 27

Friday, July 4 for Publication July 11

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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Nebraska AIDS Project has record turn out for "Test Fest 2003"

NAP provided free HIV tests for 111 people on Friday, June 27th, as part of their programming for National HIV Testing Day.

The HIV screening was conducted with the new OraQuick 20 minute rapid test. Nebraska AIDS Project is conducting a pilot program for the new test in Omaha, which started June 13th.

"It was an amazing day for us. We had hoped to test 50 people and we ended up testing 111 and we had to turn people away. Not only did we have a great turnout, but we had a very diverse crowd come in to get tested. It was a success on so many levels."

- Audrey Hebel HIV Testing and Counseling Coordinator, NAP.

Tri-City event Scheduled for July 26 , 2003

The next Tri-City event will be held at the Isaac Walton private campground which is 4 miles East of Grand Island. Take Bismarck east until you come to a dead end and then turn right. Go through the gates and follow the road until you see the party.

Gates open at 3:00 PM with music all afternoon and evening. A private pool party will follow at a Grand Island hotel for anyone wanting to join in the fun.

Hot dogs, burgers chips and soda will be provided. BYOB or other favorite beverage.

For more information please email to hacki_sac@charter.net and we will get back to you. It's time to cut loose and just have a little fun.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Small 2 bedroom house with yard located at 18th and Bancroft. Rent is \$500 / month. No pets please. Call 714-6213 for information.

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Pricing is very reasonable. Examples: diagnose \$10; Set-up/install programs and/or hardware: \$10 ach; Complete hard drive format: \$50 (includes diagnostics, formatting, and restoration of operating system).

You can contact Chris at: christopher@themaxomaha.com or call 402-558-3251

"Christmas In July"



Hosted by Miss Merry Christmas Holly Day, A Ribbon Foundation Benefit. Special Guest Denver Diva Nina Montaldo. Also performing: Mr. MAX Kelly, Miss Omaha Alexandra Stone, Jennifer Jett, Miss Gay Nebraska Youth Felicia, Dorian Drake, Chandler and many others.

Sunday, July 20 9:30 PM
\$4.00 Cover



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

Location: First United Methodist Church
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska

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Omaha, NE 68139-0064

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Children's Sunday School
11 AM 1-4 Sundays Monthly

Wednesday Services
Every Wednesday -- 7 PM

GAYZETTE EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 11

ICON "OUT OF TOWN" SHOW 7-10PM,
Club JOY

SATURDAY, JULY 12

VOTING FOR EMPRESS OF ICON

10am—1pm, 5pm—7pm, Sokol Hall,
Members Only

ICON CORONATION 6PM, Sokol Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

ICON INVESTITURE OF REIGN 23

Reception 5pm, Show 6pm, The MAX

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

RIVER CITY LEAGUE PRE-

REGISTRATION DAY 3pm,

Maplewood Lanes, Info re: event and fall
league, call Norma Harrison (402) 731-
5706

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC 1-6pm,

Vennelyst Park

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

ICON FOOD 4 THOUGHT 9:30pm MAX

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ 9:30pm, The MAX

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heart-
land Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Tradi-
tional Worship 11am

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22,

345-2563 Worship: 9am & 11am

Sunday School: 11am

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN 1023 N 40
10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

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

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK

Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING,

3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

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

Every Monday

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

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GRP 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr, Nebr
Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 , 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm Ak-

SarBen Lot 5, 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

GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity Cathed-

ral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18 Info: 391-
1950; dknosae@qwest.net.

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 7:45pm

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM, Rainbow

Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach

Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux City,

IA (712) 252-4272,

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presby

Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

Every Saturday

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GRP, 10am, MCC-

Omaha, 819 S. 22 St.

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm,

291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm,

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

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

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

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN,

6-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark
Giesler 476-7000.

2nd Wednesday

"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR" 7pm

Discussion Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-
0330

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Methodist

2nd Friday

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS

HIV TEST UNL campus FFI: 476-0355,
1—3:30pm

SUDS RAPID HIV TEST, (2 hr results) 5 -

10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA Brd 9:30am South High

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING HIV TESTING UNL

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Leather or Knot.

2nd Sunday

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

OUT 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 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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N.

MIDWEST LEATHERFEST 2003

Join Mr. Leather Nebraska 2003, Chuck Ritterbush, at the Midwest Leatherfest 2003, Saturday, August 16th at DC's Saloon. Gather with leathermen and leatherwomen from the Midwest for fellowship and fun, shop with Craig from The Leather Shop out of Kansas City and help support the leather community. All proceeds from this event will support the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth Street, Omaha.

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center serves the local Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and non-gay communities as well as the regional queer communities in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. The Center provides information and services to Community members, students and media, anonymously via telephone or in-person on-sight, educating and fostering personal growth in a safe and neutral environment.

So come out on Saturday, August 16th in your leather to celebrate and support our local leather community. For more details, contact Chuck at MrLthrNE2003@aol.com.

Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220.
3-5:30 pm

4th Saturday

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

LAST Sunday

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

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS to open at The Millennium Theater

The show runs at **The Millennium Theatre** July 17 - August 17, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2:30pm. Ticket prices are \$15 adults, \$12 students, sr citizens, military and TAG members. For reservations, call Stages of Omaha at (402) 345-8166, or online at www.StagesofOmaha.com

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Aces Bar, 1263 South 16th Street
Body Mods, 61st and Military
Club Olis, 2801 North 16th Street
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quix, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Joy, 1516 Jones Street
Liquid Courage Custom Tattoo,
2936 South 84th Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
Metropolitan Community Church,
819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center,
1719 Leavenworth
Stage Right Coffee and Tea House,
16th and Harney
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street

Iowa:

Adult Emporium,
Council Bluffs & Glenwood
Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA

OMAHA BARS

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| CONNECTIONS | 1901 Leavenworth | 933-3033 |
| CLUB OLIS | 2801 N 16 St | 934-4030 |
| THE DIAMOND | 712 S. 16th St | 342-9595 |
| DC'S SALOON | 610 S. 14th Street | 344-3103 |
| FLIXX | 1019 S. 10th St | 408-1020 |
| GILLIGAN'S PUB | 1407 Harney | 449-9147 |
| JOY | 1516 Jones, | 341-7337 |
| The MAX | 1417 Jackson | 346-4110 |
| OMAHA MINING CO | 1715 Leavenworth | 449-8703 |

LINCOLN BARS

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| PANIC | 200 S. 18th, Lincoln | 435-8764 |
| Q | 226 S. 9th St, Lincoln | 475-2269 |

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- Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org
- Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers, 2nd Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm
- Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun. 6pm Wed
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596 <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: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
- Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Men's Support Group-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9 & 11am. Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Service 7pm
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
- NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights
- 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/>
- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>
- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://ONGP.NeBoi.com> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195 omahanegaypride@cox.net
- Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com
- OOUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.oout.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, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info@rainbowcelebrations.org
- Pride 2003 Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride@rainbowcelebrations.org
- National Coming Out Day P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org.
- Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com
- River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, Website: 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
- Women's Support Group, Saturday 10am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563
- WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay/Lesbian Film Fest, Deanna Zaffke, cea@unlserve.unl.edu
- Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning-Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000
- Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln 68508 474-8923 nebcoalition@yahoo.com
- 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 483-5592
- Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu
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SUPREME COURT INTERVENES ON BEHALF OF KANSAS YOUTH

The U.S. Supreme Court today ordered the case of a young gay man back to a Kansas appeals court for further consideration in light of the recent historic ruling on sexual intimacy. The American Civil Liberties Union represents Matthew Limon in this appeal.

Friday morning's Court decision vacated Limon's sentence and instructed the Kansas Court of Appeals to review the case. By doing so, the Court further affirmed yesterday's mandate that states can no longer penalize the sexual conduct of gay people differently. Limon is serving 16 years more in prison than he would if he were heterosexual because Kansas' so-called "Romeo and Juliet Law" (which makes sexual relations with a minor a lesser crime if both people are teens) only applies to opposite-sex relations.

"The 'Romeo and Juliet' law, similar to the Texas law that was struck down recently, treats lesbian and gay people much more harshly than it does straight people who engage in the same behavior, and states can no longer get away with that kind of unequal treatment," said James Esseks, Litigation Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "We hope that this is the first of many wrongs that the recent Court ruling will correct."

In addition to the Kansas law, sexual conduct laws that treat young gay people differently from heterosexuals remain on the books in Texas, Alabama, California, Virginia, and Georgia, Esseks said. The recent *Lawrence v. Texas* decision calls all such laws into question.

The ACLU has developed "Get Busy, Get Equal," a public education campaign designed to help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people take advantage of the recent historic decision to push for equality. To support the campaign, the ACLU has launched a new web site, www.aclu.org/getequal that provides tools for fighting anti-gay discrimination, making schools safer for LGBT youth and getting equality for LGBT relationships.

Limon is appealing a 17-year prison sentence he received because shortly after he turned 18 he performed consensual oral sex on a nearly-15-year-old male at a residential school for developmentally disabled youth where they both lived in Miami County, Kansas. If he had instead performed oral sex on a female of the same age, he would have received 12 months in jail under the "Romeo and Juliet Law," which applies only to heterosexuals.

"Until yesterday, Matthew Limon was facing the likelihood of being in prison until he was 36 years old, while he would have been released before turning 20 if he were heterosexual," said Esseks. "This is a great first step toward correcting the massive injustice that has been done to Matthew Limon."

Under the Kansas law, consensual oral sex between two teens is a lesser crime if the younger teenager is 14 to 16 years old, if the older teenager is under 19, if the age difference is less than four years, if there are no third parties involved, and if the two teenagers "are members of the opposite sex."

Pride Chair 2004 Wanted

Rainbow Celebrations is currently looking for individuals interested in filling the position of Pride Chair 2004. Interested parties should submit a resume and letter of interest by Friday, July 18th via e-mail to jason@rainbowcelebrations.org, by mail to Rainbow Celebrations, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108, or they can be dropped off at the Rainbow Outreach Resource Center at 1719 Leavenworth St.

Interviews will be scheduled for the night of Tuesday, July 22nd. Rainbow Celebrations is also looking for individuals interested in filling the positions of NCOD Chair and Public Relations Chair. If you have questions about any of the positions, please call Jason at 208-2951 or contact him by e-mail at jason@rainbowcelebrations.org.

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Metropolitan Community Churches Hail US Supreme Court Decision Striking Down State Sodomy Laws For Gays

Calling it "The most significant victory for gay and lesbian rights in my lifetime," veteran human rights activist and founder of the predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Churches Rev. Troy D. Perry hailed today's Supreme Court decision striking down state sodomy laws.

In a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of *Lawrence and Garner vs. Texas* today, striking down the state legislature's right to criminalize sodomy for homosexuals. The ruling effectively upholds a right to "privacy and liberty interest" in the constitution for all people, heterosexual and homosexual alike.

"This is a great victory in the fight for equal civil rights for homosexuals," said Perry. Metropolitan Community Churches had filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court urging that sodomy laws be abolished. "What a fantastic day this is! The work Metropolitan community Churches have done for over 30 years to gain equal civil rights for homosexuals makes this celebration all the more sweet."

"For US residents, this is the single most significant legal victory for the GLBT community in US history. It's more than a legal victory -- it is a powerful reminder that love and sexual expression are of equal importance and value to both heterosexual and homosexual families," Perry added.

According to Perry, "Laws that have been used to justify discrimination against gay people are no more. Laws that have been used to intimidate gay people are no more. Laws that have been used to harass the gay community are no more. Sodomy laws in the United states are no more."

"This marks a new the beginning," Rev. Perry said. "We must take pride in this victory, but we must not rest. There are still battles for equality that must be won."

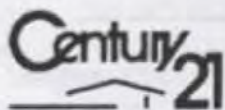
Perry points out, for example, that gays and lesbians still do not have equal rights under marriage laws. MCC conducts 6,000 marriage ceremonies each year. To date, however, none of these unions are recognized under state laws in the US. Perry said MCC will now have even greater fortitude and determination to change that.

With 46,000 members and adherents in 300 congregations in 22 countries, Metropolitan Community Churches is the world's largest church group providing positive, supportive ministry to gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender persons. Additional information is available at www.MCCchurch.org.

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