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Nebraska Families Pull Kids From Orlando 'Gay Days' Band Trip

Kearney, Neb. -- The parents of band members from a Nebraska high school are pulling their teenagers from a scheduled band trip to Orlando, Florida, during the city's "Gay Days."

Shelly Rodehorst of Kearney is among those who says she will not expose her children to homosexual behavior. She believes homosexuality is morally wrong.

She has pulled her son, a senior percussionist, and her daughter, a junior clarinet player, from the June trip.

Kearney High band instructors say only a few students have pulled out of the Florida trip because of Gay Days, but gay rights advocates say it is a big deal.

Gay advocate Andy Melichar says the parents, "because of their own fears, have decided not to let their kids go. And who's really suffering is the kids."

MASSACHUSETTS ISSUES MARRIAGE LICENSES TO SAME-SEX COUPLES

'This is a historic day for our community as same-sex couples in Massachusetts no longer face legalized discrimination under state law,' said HRC President Cheryl Jacques.

WASHINGTON — History was made today as Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, said the Human Rights Campaign.

"This is a historic day for our community as same-sex couples in Massachusetts no longer face legalized discrimination under state law," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques. "In a country that guarantees equality under law, it's heartening to see same-sex couples and their children in Massachusetts being provided with the same rights, protections and responsibilities that most families....."

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State GOP Convention Shuts Out Gays

By Eric Johnston

The Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) blasted the head of the North Carolina Republican Party Wednesday for denying them access to the state GOP convention this weekend, but the group of GLBT Republicans also declined an invitation from rival Democrats to their state convention.

The North Carolina chapter of the LCR purchased a table at the North Carolina state convention on behalf of Log Cabin in early April. But just days ahead of the convention, North Carolina GOP Chairman Ferrell Blount returned the money, along with a stinging letter, which read, "Homosexuality is not normal," and informed the group it would not be allowed table space.

"The North Carolina Republican Party and the Log Cabin Republicans do not seem to share the same agenda," the letter also read.

LCR Executive Director Patrick Guerriero condemned Blount for "dividing" the party.

"Log Cabin Republicans believe that at a time when our country is at war, we ought to be bringing Republicans together, not dividing them, and certainly not excluding them from their own state convention," he said in a statement issued Wednesday.

The National Stonewall Democrats, a group of GLBT Democrats, promptly invited the LCR members to share table space at district Democratic conventions in North Carolina this Saturday.

"The Democratic Party has a big tent, and the Stonewall Democrats have a big enough table to share space with the Log Cabin Republicans," said Kathy Heggemeier, spokeswoman for the Stonewall Democrats in Wake County, N.C.

When asked by the PlanetOut Network if the group will accept, LCR spokesman Christopher Barron said, "Absolutely not."

"I thank them for the invitation, even though the

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Perspectives

By Jon Owens

Making the Transitions

Everyday we make transitions. Be that society, work, or personal. There can be stress and tension built transitions.

Our society is now going through a transition with gay marriage legal in Massachusetts. There is tension among conservatives. As time moves on, our views in American society are becoming more and more polarized. Part of this, some would say, is the diminishing of the middle class. The gap between income brackets is widening. Some would also say religion is becoming more and more polarized with the growing evangelical fundamentalist movement across America. In the mean time more mainline Protestants are making steps to welcome the gay community.

What it is coming to is an "us versus them mentality." This is a shame. I often think it takes all types, meaning conservatives and liberals, to make things work. Can't we all get along and work together. The result is the political power is shifting. Liberals have won a battle, which means conservatives are going to bump up the stakes a notch. It will take several years for the air to clear in reality. Transitions are slow. I know in my faith there are still some churches holding out against female ordination and we have been doing that since the 1970's. There is still racial discrimination and we started to break that up decades ago. The reality is tensions will be thick for a while and the topic of homosexuality will be common to hear in everyday conversations at home and in the work place.

We deal also with transitions in work all the time. There are layoffs, supervisors change, new software systems are being used. This is sometimes put into our lives as stress. It seems that right when you have gotten familiar with one system and way of doing things the company will start to implement yet another "new and more efficient way of doing things." Work transitions can be hard, but it is important to not let the anxiety get to you. Worry does no one any good. It is important in times like these to let our work stay at work and our home be our home. Taking it one day at a time. You can worry and stress out, but is that going to keep your job? The answer is no! Worry and fear is really a mentality and something to be overcome. If you do your best, that is what you should focus on and if the day comes when something happens, be prepared to transition.

I have a week and half at one job. I am transition in trying to find another job. Am I worried or stressed? No! I just take it one day at a time believing in faith that something is bound to turn up. That is hard to do sometimes. Faith enables us to withstand what we don't understand. I also know that things

have a way of working out for the best in the end. No matter what happens, the sun will still rise and set and the world will keep spinning. It is not the end.

We also have personal stress in our life. We deal with friends and family and most often what we call "drama." That is ok too. It is best to take serious moments that need to be taken seriously, try to be light hearted when possible, shrug and let things role off your shoulders. Change is but a mere essential to our everyday life and we continue on down life's road.

Coors Supports Gay Marriage Ban

By Gwen Florio, Rocky Mountain News

Pete Coors, whose brewing corporation generally wins kudos from the gay community for its equal-opportunity benefits and policies, said Monday he'd support amending the Constitution to define marriage as being solely between a man and a woman.

"It's important that we set this record straight for all judges in the future," Coors said in a radio debate with former Congressman Bob Schaffer, his opponent for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate. "It's unfortunate that we have to use the Constitution in this manner."

George Stillings, president of the Colorado chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay GOP group, said his organization was troubled by Coors' support of the amendment. The Adolph Coors Co.'s policies extending benefits to same-sex partners led the group to think Coors was a candidate it might endorse, Stillings said.

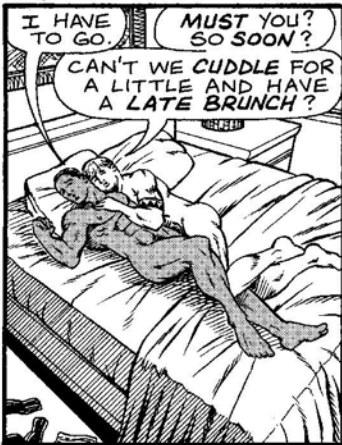
Schaffer, who supports the amendment, never was under consideration for endorsement by the group, Stillings said. Coors said he would only support the amendment as written by U.S. Rep. Marilyn Musgrave of Colorado. If that amendment comes up for a vote, he said on Fort Collins' KCOL radio, "I'm for it."

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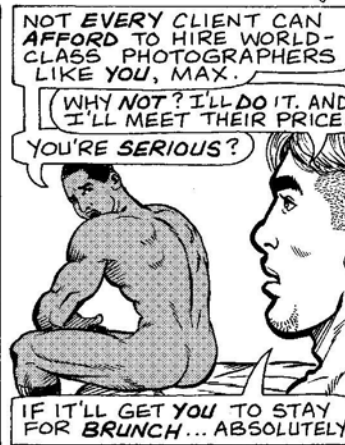
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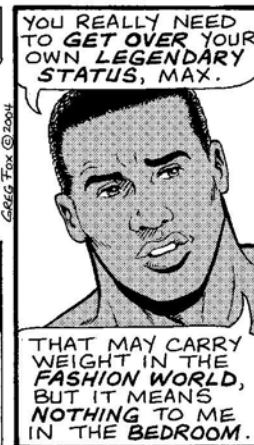
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Stonewall Democrats are obviously using this to make some partisan hay, and that's unfortunate because we need to be working together," said Barron.

Barron said despite being rejected from the state party convention, LCR members remain dedicated to making change within the Republican Party, adding, "We're quite happy where we are."

THIRD ANNUAL OMAHA WOMYN'S DINNER AND CONCERT CRUISE

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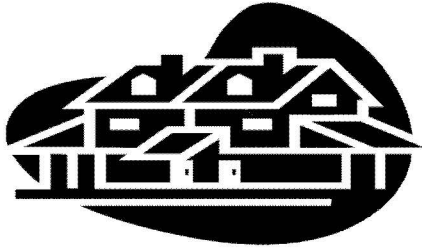
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RCMC Coming Events

On Saturday, July 17th, forty members of Omaha's River City Mixed Chorus (RCMC), director Mark Kurtz, accompanist Ale-tia Fenceroy, soloist Kristie Woods, and ASL interpreter Christine Lafinhan will leave for Montreal to represent the state of Nebraska at the International GALA Festival VIIe. This festival for members of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Chorus-es is held every four years at a new location. During the week more than 5,000 individuals from 164 GLBT musical groups will be performing.

Choruses are coming to participate from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, France, Ireland, and South Africa. RCMC is proud to be the only GLBT chorus representing Nebraska at this festival and to be presenting the world premiere of director Mark Kurtz's new commissioned piece "Making Our Way, Finding Our Groove!".

In order to help with the expenses of this event - registration fees, travel, hotels, our ASL interpreter and professional soloist, and additional instrumentalists on-site - RCMC is holding our First Annual Architectural and Landscaping Tour on Saturday June 5 from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. This will be followed by a Wine and Cheese Reception at the Omaha Community Play-house from 4:00 - 6:00, which will feature a performance by the chorus and a silent auction of mixed media works by local artists.

The Architectural and Landscaping Tour showcases 7 properties, including that of Eddith Buis, the Omaha artist who was responsible for creating the John Doe project. Featured gardens are mostly in the mid-town area of Omaha and include those at 1218 South 12th Street (Townview Terrace), 3602 Pacific Street, 3620 Pacific Street, 1020 South 38th Street, 4775 Decatur Street, 819 N 41st Ave, and 1725 South 91st Avenue.

Tickets for the Architectural and Landscaping Tour are \$20. Those for the Wine and Cheese Reception, chorus performance, and silent auction of original art are \$25. Tickets to both are available for \$40.00. They can be purchased on the chorus web site (RCMC.org), by calling the RCMC sing line (341-7464), from any chorus member, or at all of the gardens the day of the tour. Please come, enjoy, and help the chorus pay their way to represent Nebraska at this wonderful musical event in Montreal

"LA CAGE AUX FOLLES"

The smash Broadway musical by Harvey Feirstein and Jerry Herman, "La Cage aux Folles," is scheduled for opening May 21 at Chanticleer Community Theater, running through June 6 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Laureen Pickle is Musical Director; Debbie Kelley will choreograph the show and Michal Simpson is Staging Director. Ernie Gubbels is designing lights, Rhonda Hall is in charge of props, Connie Podendorf and Jane Keller are stage managers and Dave Podendorf is sound designer.

Cast members include: Michal Simpson, J. Todd Reagan, Roger

Bennett, Trude Grosenbach, Jesse Cozad, Eduardo Millan, Amanda Rounds, Steven Knox, Tara Kennedy, Ron Osborn, Erik Nelson, Wai Yim, Garret Higginbotham, Mallory Rennels, Therese Rennels, James Tobey, Liz Heim, Matt Yohe, Scott Fowler, Theresa Oberdofer, Fred Goodhew, Lynne Freyer-Socha, Al DiMauro, Mary Carrick, and Brandon Michalski .

The story line, most recently made into a movie titled "The Bird Cage," involves a couple who own a transvestite bar in the South of France and the "accidental" son of one of them who returns home to announce wedding plans. The problem arises when the future in-laws, extremely right wing politicians, come to meet Jean-Michel's parents, gay lovers who not only own the night club but are female impersonators as well. Adapted from a popular classic French play, "La Cage" was winner of the 1984 Tony Award and includes such popular songs as "I Am What I Am" and "The Best of Times."

For ticket information, contact the theater management at 323-9955.

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This evening of special music will be June 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Stosh's Saloon at the Max. Ticket price is \$10 per person, advance reservations are suggested as seating will be limited. Leave message at 553-5229. Must be 21 and there will be cocktail service available.

If you are looking for something unexpected this is a night for you! Come start the Pride Celebration early. You won't want to miss this.

Mr./Ms. Leather Nebraska Contest

Jun 11th is the date for this year's Mr./Ms. Leather Nebraska contest. Contest is set to begin at 8:00 p.m. Besides the interesting contest this years title holder, Chuck, will be giving a end of title year performance. Congratulations and thanks to Chuck for his work this year. There is still time to grab an application for those who wish to join in the fun of the leather family.



Editorial

The American Blood Lust

Yee Hawwww pardners! Boy do I feel energized and exhilarated! We finally got a President who has the guts to strap on his six shooters, toss on his cowboy boots and 10 gallon hat and attack those slimy terrorists in Iraq. It makes me feel proud to be a gun carrying American member of the NRA. I'll bet you do too! Come on, admit it now.

I can hardly wait until this little skirmish in Iraq is finished so we can move on to the next country in the Middle East and clean their clocks too. It's so exciting I could wet my drawers. Too bad it took something like 9/11 to get our government to finally act and attack these freaks in Iraq.

Why, I am so inspired that I'm going to send a big check to the Republican National Party today in support of our government and its policies. We gotta keep Bush and friends in office for at least another 4 years. So what if the President and his folks had planned the attack on Iraq before he even took office and so what if he stretched the truth about why we had to attack them. Weapons of Mass Destruction my ass. Ha! Who cares? We needed a good war for this country. After all, that's why we keep such a big and modern military force for, isn't it? To go kick butt somewhere in the world. To right a wrong no matter how much it hurts anybody here or in the invaded country. And of course everyone knows that war is good for the economy. Someone has to make those planes, bombs, guns and those big ole Hummer trucks they drive. Boy, I'll bet I could really bag the big ones on the next hunting trip if I had one of those Hummer trucks!

So what if we tortured some of those Iraqi soldiers to get information. Stripped em naked and piled them up like a game of Twister gone bad. Good for those GI's running that prison in Iraq. It serves them Iraqi towelheads right. Don't mess with the US or you old boys will get your butts burned by the good ole boy from Texas!

I'm making myself sick just writing this tripe above. What's really sad is that I have spoken with so many people who actually believe all of this crap. It's scary as hell. Why is it that so many Americans support making war on a small country on the other side of the planet that has not been any threat to our own shores? Sure, Saddaam was a bad man and deserved to be thrown out of power, but should we have attacked them just because our government felt it was ok to do so? Feeding page after page of phony reasons and documents to the American public on national TV so soon after 9/11 when everyone's emotions were running so high, that most Americans felt the administrations blood lust and supported it totally. The countries that supported Desert Storm in the early 90's wouldn't bite on this one. Now they are glad they didn't and I can't blame them. America's credibility has been dragged through the mud as a result of the Iraq war and Bush's barbaric stance and we have become the "bad guys" in the eyes of most of the world.

Oh but we're doing away with terrorism..... NOT! We have definitely stirred up a hornet's nest that will take decades to subside. This country will now have to watch it's every move and watch everyone in it. Big brother will be watching all of us much more closely. And what if we do go after another country after Iraq? Who will it be? Syria, Jordan, Palestine or maybe North Korea. Well maybe not North Korea. They have the H bomb and I think it's safe to assume they would use it on us or on our troops invading their country. So, what if Iraq has an H bomb or 20 stashed in those "forbidden to attack" mosques? The perfect hiding place. After all we as much as told them we wouldn't blow those up. Suppose as a last resort they detonate them. Good bye Baghdad and several other Iraqi cities. Along with most of our coalition forces there. If you think this blood lust costing more than 700 American soldiers so far is bad enough, well how about close to a hundred thousand or even more who would be killed by an H bomb or twenty. Not to mention all of the millions of innocent Iraqi citizens that would die. When will our leaders ever learn not to butt into the business of the rest of the world?

My point is that this country cannot continue being the world's police force and certainly not the aggressor as we are in Iraq. Some day one of them will detonate one of those missing Russian nukes and the cost will be unimaginable, both to us and to the world. As a kid in school we learned about wars that America has fought. Someone attacked us and we fought back. Someone attacked an ally country and we helped them fight back. Why did we break the rules and "start" this war? It's not the American way. Why do so many Americans have this blood lust? I just hope in the end that those who support the war in Iraq (and wherever else we attack next) see the flag draped coffins coming home on the planes. That's part of war too. It could be one of their friends or a relative.

George Broadway
Gayzette Editor

GAYZETTE EVENTS

SUNDAY MAY 30

PRIDE IDOL - LIVE VOCAL COMPETITION, Club JOY, 9:30pm, Audience vote=50%, hosted by Rainbow Celebrations

MONDAY MAY 31

ICON MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC, Venenelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st. St., (North on 30th to Bonderson St., West one block to 31st., North on 31st. To park entrance), \$10 admission, ID required, free food pop and beer, free bus rides from the Max, 1 to 6 PM

TUESDAY JUNE 1

EMPTY BOWL LUNCHEON, multiple restaurants serving many dishes at Embassy Suites in Lincoln, from 11am-1pm. The event is designed to commemorate National Hunger Awareness Day, tickets \$25

THURSDAY JUNE 3

SNAP!fest AIDS PROJECT BENEFIT, see page 14 for details, 7PM reception, 8PM show, tickets are \$25 each, call 341-2757 to reserve tickets

FRIDAY JUNE 4

HGRA BUSTIN' OUT, 9—11PM at the Panic in Lincoln, hosted by Tamara Marks

BOOTS AND BOXERS NIGHT, DC's Saloon, wear your boots and boxers and get \$1 off your first drink

SATURDAY JUNE 5

OMAHA WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE 3RD ANNUAL DINNER/ CONCERT CRUISE, featuring Laura Love in concert. For more information call Tauni or Sheryl at 467-5737

ICON and HGRA SPURS & CROWNS, DC's Saloon, Omaha Horsduerves served from 5pm - 6pm, Show from 6pm - 9pm \$5 cover charge, Joint fundraiser with ICON Host - Tamara & Paul

HGRA General Membership Meeting

followed by IGRA Finals Rodeo Meeting Saturday, June 5th, 1:00PM, Chance Ridge Equine Center, 506 North Skyline Drive, Elkhorn, NE

FRIDAY JUNE 11

MR./MS. LEATHER NEBRASKA CONTEST, 8PM, DC's Saloon

SUNDAY JUNE 13 (corrected date)

8TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA PRIDE PAGEANT, at The MAX, 8pm, contestant info pride@rainbowcelebrations.org or call 402-208-2951

MON., TUES., JUNE 14 & 15

The MAX Cabaret Series, "Our Time", 7:30PM, Stosh's, Call for reservations

THURSDAY JUNE 17

CFEP ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER, 6PM, Unitarian Church at 3114 Harney in Omaha, please RSVP at 402-398-3027, two \$500 GLBT Scholarships winners will be announced at the meeting

FRIDAY JUNE 18TH

MR./MS. LEATHER NEBRASKA CONTEST, DC's Saloon, for info email to omahajoe@hotmail.com

FRIDAY JUNE 18—SUNDAY, JUNE 20 NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION

SAT. JUNE 19 & SUN., JUNE 20

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SUMMER PRIDE CONCERT & REUNION WEEKEND, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Ctr., UNO Campus, For ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

SATURDAY, JULY 3

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA CORONATION 24, Doubletree Hotel

SUNDAY JULY 4

ICE BOWL PICNIC AT DC'S, 1PM, DC's Saloon, benefit for the Ice Bowl 2005

FRJ—SUN JULY 16, 17 AND 18

IMsL WEEKEND 2004 & INTERNATIONAL MS BOOTBLACK, For complete event information, see www.IMsL.org

SATURDAY AUGUST 7

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

FRJ., OCTOBER 14—SUN., OCT. 17

IGRA FINALS RODEO, Chance Ridge Equine, Omaha; info: www.hgra.net or call 402-203-4680

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: Jon@standrewsomaha.org

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

Every Monday

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS 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

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

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

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm AkSarBen 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

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

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

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

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

Every Saturday

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

7PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

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

1st Saturday

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

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

SUDS RAPID HIV TEST. (2 hr results) 5-10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS

HIV TEST. UN-L 476-0355, 1-3:30pm

2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glbt 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

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 Saturday

HIV TESTING Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:00-3:00pm

LAST Sunday

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

DRAG QUEEN EXTRAVAGANZA MAKES OMAHA FIRST STOP OF NATIONAL TOUR

New York, NY – Dubbed “the country’s most off-beat, sick-adelic drag queen extravaganza,” *The Dixie Queen Road Show* will make its debut on the main stage of the 2,500 seat Orpheum Theatre in Omaha, Nebraska on Sunday July 4, 2004, the first stop of a one-year national tour.

“Here is a wonderful opportunity to bring together both the straight and gay communities for not only an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

“In each city we book a prestigious performing arts theatre and – because of its neutrality – people who would not normally go to a midnight drag show at the local gay bar will come out to experience what those in gay and lesbian communities have known for years to be extraordinary fun.”

The debut of The Dixie Queen Road Show is from 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, July 4 at Orpheum Theatre in Omaha, Nebraska. Tickets go on sale May 15 at the City of Omaha Civic Auditorium Box Office (402-444-4750) and through ticketmaster.com. Ticket prices range from \$20 for gallery seating to \$35 for premium. For more information, contact HM Rifken Productions at dixiequeen@hmrifken.com.

OMAHA BARS

CONNECTIONS	1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
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

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

SIoux CITY BAR

JONES STREET STATION	412 JONES ST, SIOUX CITY	712-258-6922
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RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed

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

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2549 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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.com>; email to: [\[pride@cox.net\]\(mailto:pride@cox.net\) or \[ongp@cox.net\]\(mailto:ongp@cox.net\)

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

Out and About in Nebraska, website: \[www.travel.to/outabout\]\(http://www.travel.to/outabout\) Email: \[NeOutAboout@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com\)

OUUT \(Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance\) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, \[www.ouut.org\]\(http://www.ouut.org\)

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

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

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

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

Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day \(NCOD\) Event \[info@rainbowcelebrations.org\]\(mailto:info@rainbowcelebrations.org\)

Nebraska Pride Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 \[pride@rainbowcelebrations.org\]\(mailto:pride@rainbowcelebrations.org\)

National Coming Out Day P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 \[NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org\]\(mailto:NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org\)

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

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, \[www.genderalliance.com\]\(http://www.genderalliance.com\) 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: \[www.rcmc.org\]\(http://www.rcmc.org\)

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 \[www.snapproductions.com\]\(http://www.snapproductions.com\)

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; \[www.unityomaha.org\]\(http://www.unityomaha.org\)

Women's Support Group, Saturday 10am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts](mailto:omahanegay-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000

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

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), theohanagroup@cs.com

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 483-5592

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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

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

Iowa Based

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

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The Metro Omaha GLBT Center A Vision for the Future!

Feasibility
Study Survey—www.rainbowoutreach.org

For those of you who do not know, ROC has been our GLBT Resource Center for 6 years now, located at 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha. The Board of Directors of ROC have authorized this feasibility study to help determine whether the GLBT and supportive Communities would need and use a new Center in metro Omaha. We encourage you to take a moment to complete the survey with your honest opinions. It only takes a few minutes and can be taken at the web site above or you can stop in at the Resource Center and pick up a paper copy. If you have already received the survey and filled it out, the ROC Board **thanks you** for your time. If you haven't already done so, please take the survey. Your answers do **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Are You Listed?

If your group or organization is not listed on the Resources Page, or if the information listed is out of date, please send an email news@rocc.org so we can include you or update your information.



MCC

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Saturday: Alternative Worship 7:00 PM (starts 9/27/03)
819 South 22nd Street (Just south of Leavenworth Street)
Omaha, Nebraska 68103 Phone: 402-345-2563
Web site: www.mccomaha.org

Seeking Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Military Veterans

If you are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (GLBT), and you are a veteran of the U.S. armed forces, we invite you to participate in an anonymous, web-based research study being conducted by a team of GLBT and GLBT-friendly researchers at the University of Washington. The survey will ask questions about your history and experiences as an LGBT person in the military, your health and mental health, your experiences with healthcare, and your relationships with others. Some of the questions are personal and some may feel sensitive. For more information, please go to <http://depts.washington.edu/uwvet/consent.htm> or contact us at uwvet@u.washington.edu. Please remember that we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information sent by email.

Continued from Front Page...Mass. Issues Marriage Licenses

in the state already take for granted."

The first licenses were given at Cambridge City Hall as the clock struck midnight on May 17. Same-sex couples across the state are lining up to receive marriage licenses. There is a three-day waiting period in Massachusetts before couples can marry, however it can be waived by a court. Each of the seven plaintiff couples in *Goodridge v. The Department of Public Health* — the groundbreaking case that made these marriages possible — will marry today. The case was successfully argued by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders.

"All of us here at HRC commend the incredible work of GLAD in making this day possible," added Jacques.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that LGBT Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

Famous Quote

Indeed, Miss Manners has come to believe that the basic political division in this country is not between liberals and conservatives but between those who believe that they should have a say in the love lives of strangers and those who do not.

Miss Manners (Judith Martin)

Nebraska AIDS Project Benefit

SNAP! Productions has decided to make the opening night of their SNAP!fest 2004: 6th Annual New Works Festival a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project. The event, to be held June 3, 2004, will kick off the festival. SNAP!fest will present the new musical, "The Big Voice: God or Merman?"

"The Big Voice: God or Merman?" is a show by the creators of the smash hit "The Last Session." It is a mesmerizing blend of nostalgia, one-liners, sarcasm, tragedy and silliness. SNAP! Productions is proud to workshop this piece in Omaha. Having already garnered major awards including the LA Drama Critic award and Best Musical Score 2002, the creators, Steve Schallchlin and Jim Brochu, will be performing this autobiographical piece themselves. Basically, faith meets show biz in this hysterically funny "solo for two" about two gay men—a Catholic from Brooklyn and a Baptist from Texas—who pursue religion, find theater, fall in love, fall apart, put their lives back together and sing about it. Epiphanies possible, laughter guaranteed!

Come out and support the Nebraska AIDS Project by witnessing theater in the making. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. Tickets for the benefit are \$25.00, and include a 7:00 pm reception, the 8:00 pm show, and a post-performance discussion. Call 402-341-2757 to reserve your tickets. The show starts at 8:00 pm and the box office will be open one half hour before show time. Seating in the theater at 3225 California Street is limited, so don't delay!

OUTRAGEOUS OUTRAGE

There's been a lot of outrageous rhetoric coming from a number of so-called religious leaders since Monday's start of legal gay marriages in Massachusetts, but this one takes the cake: "Like mile markers in time, certain calendar dates stand in memory as not only historic, but momentous," writes R. Albert Mohler Jr. for the Baptist Press on Monday. "Dates like Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 11, 2001, represent far more than mere days on a calendar. Now, May 17, 2004, must be added to that list."

And you wonder why so many people don't take people like Mohler seriously on this issue? Comparing gay marriage to the Japanese sneak attack at Pearl Harbor and the terrorist sneak attack against the World Trade Center/Pentagon in which thousands died? What's next? Blaming gays for the September 11 attacks in the first place?

Oh. That's right, Falwell and Robertson have already done that. Never mind.

Chuck Muth, CitizenOutreach.com





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4th Sunday 2:00 P.M.

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

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

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A Very Short Story.....

The girl was supposed to write a short story in as few words as possible for her college class and the instructions were that it had to discuss Religion, Sexuality and Mystery. She was the only one who received an A+ and this is what she wrote:

Good God, I'm pregnant, I wonder who did it.

River City Mixed Chorus

1984-2004



“20 Years of Pride”

Saturday & Sunday, June 19 & 20, 2004

7:05pm

Strauss Performing Arts Center

UNO Campus

Featuring guest artist Kathy Tyree and the debut of a commissioned piece entitled
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Tickets: \$12.50 in advance; \$14 at the door; \$10 students, seniors and groups of 10 or more.
To order, please call our Sing Line at #341-SING (7464) or online at www.RCMC.org



GALA Choruses, Inc.

The River City Mixed Chorus is a member of GALA – Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses.

Bush Denounces Gay Weddings

by Paul Johnson
365Gay.com Newscenter

(Washington) President George W. Bush isn't sending bouquets to same-sex couples marrying today in Massachusetts, the first state to legally endorse gay unions.

In a statement released as the President was observing the 50th anniversary of the landmark civil rights ruling in *Brown v. The Topeka Board of Education* Bush accused Congress of foot dragging in passing a constitutional amendment limiting the rights of gays.

"I called on the Congress to pass, and to send to the states for ratification, an amendment to our Constitution defining and protecting marriage as a union of a man and a woman as husband and wife," the president's statement said.

"The need for that amendment is still urgent, and I repeat that call today."

"The sacred institution of marriage should not be redefined by a few activist judges," Bush said referring to the justices of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts which struck down that state's ban on gay marriage.

Later, Bush praised the justices of the Supreme Court for their ruling in *Brown* which banned the concept of separate but equal in education. The case is considered the catalyst for all civil rights rulings which followed, and has been cited in numerous gay rights cases.

"This president needs a high-school civics lesson, fumed Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director of Lambda Legal.

"It's dishonest and irresponsible to attack a court for doing its job. The court's job is to make sure that everyone's constitutional rights are protected, and that's exactly what happened in Massachusetts.

"President Bush is putting himself in the company of segregationists who made the same attacks on judges who upheld the constitutional rights of African-American people exactly 50 years ago today, after *Brown v. Board of Education*. These are different issues and a different generation, but the same old smear tactic. It didn't work to circumvent our system of justice 50 years ago, and it won't work today," Cathcart said.

Bush comments also drew criticism from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"The president's hypocrisy is appalling," NGLTF Executive Director Matt Foreman told 365Gay.com.

"When a 'few activist judges elected him pres he didn't complain, but when justices impose the rule of law in Massachusetts he wants to write discrimination into the Constitution." The Human Rights Campaign accused the President of "trying to turn the camera away from the nation's foreign policy and economic problems"

"President Bush is attempting to lead this nation into

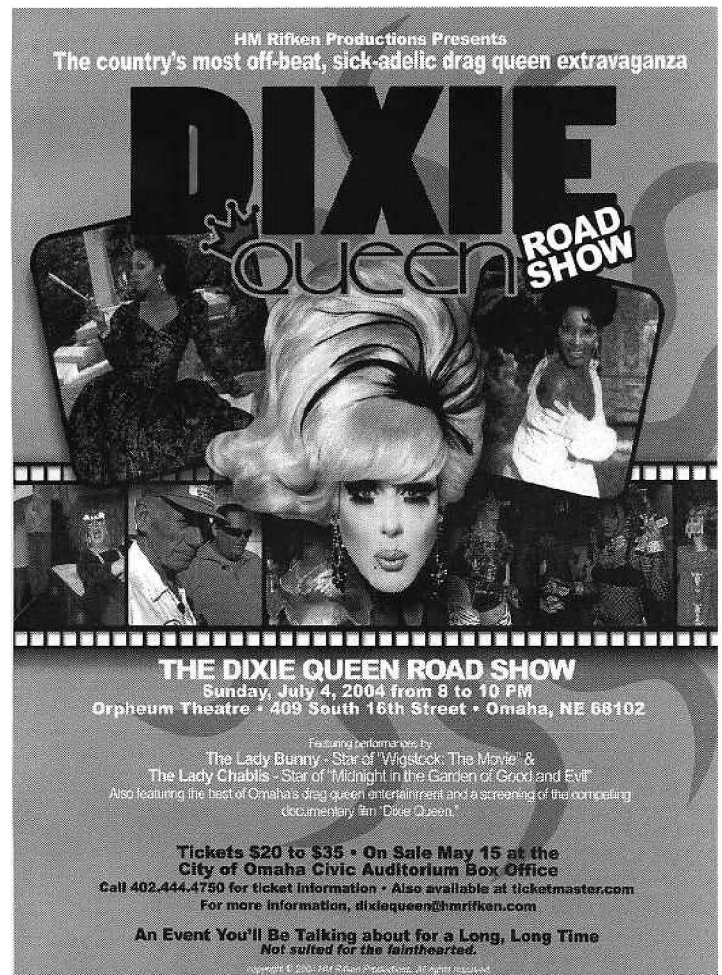
discrimination. We will not let him hurt our families," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques.

Gay Democrats also assailed Bush for using the anniversary of an historic civil rights case to attack gays.

"Today the President denounced judicial activism in one statement while praising the same actions as judicial courage in another, said John Marble, Communications Director - National Stonewall Democrats.

"President Bush's speech today on *Brown vs. Board of Education* is a classic argument for civil recognition of same-sex marriage," said Marble.

"In denouncing separate and unequal institutions, President Bush praised the courage displayed by courts who 'ruled against prevailing opinion in order to expand the rights of all Americans'. Unfortunately, I think the irony of his remarks is lost on him."



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For more information, dixiequeen@hmrifken.com

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June

Boots and Boxers Night Friday, June 4th 9:00 PM

wear your boots and boxers and get \$1 off your first drink

"Spurs and Crowns" Saturday, June 5th 7:00 PM

a joint event presented by HGRA and ICON

Mr/Ms Leather NE Contest Friday, June 11th 8:00 PM

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Theater Review

Riverdance

The moon shines down midst the foggy outdoors. Suddenly the sunlight begins to appear as the Irish Dance Troupe begins to Riverdance on stage.

This impressive dance would be a combination of tap and clog dancing. The women have a bit of pivoting that gives it a bit of a ballet feel. The stunning part of the dance is there is little to know upper body movement in the dancing, but it is very swift and flowing art form.

The next scene is focused on the Riverdance Singers. Their music quality was very clear. It had a very new age sound with a soprano that sounded much like Enya. This group of seven had a great blend. It was amazing how they were able to pull off such overtones with a small entourage.

The other aspect of the show was how gently it integrated other cultures other than Irish. One could see they had it planned, not just to be politically correct, but to really give a balance. One of the groups featured was the Moscow Folk Dancers. This group danced with an acrobatic flare that really lit up the stage.

Another culture represented was the female Spanish dancer, who brought out the traditional dance of flogging with her dress. The dances from other cultures would sometimes be done in conjunction with the Irish dancers. This allowed the dance to become more visually appealing as you could compare the two styles.

Not only can one compare the two styles one could see the fierce Irish in competition with the other dancers. In the Countess Cathleen, lead Irish Dancer Melissa Convery is able to fend off the Moscow male dancers. The women in this dance had toughness to them allowing them to appear strong.

Other competitive dancing would be in trading taps. Lead Irish Dancer Padriac Moyles goes toe to toe against American tap dancers. It was hilarious seen. As the Irish put it dancing you must be tall and straight and the tappers were much more flexible in their moves. Of course in the end they realize they both were about the same speed of the number of steps in their dance. They learn not to be competition but to respect the differences.

The band was phenomenal. The solos in the band ranged from violin to armpit style bagpipes. The most impressive person in the band I would say would be the percussionist. His ability for rhythms and tones to a hand held drum hypnotized the audience.

"Riverdance" was a show with life and energy. It is a show that deals with the immigration, which really shows the true melting pot of America.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street

One Liners

The pope runs all over the world condemning homosexuality, dressed in high drag. Now I ask you!

I was raised Roman Catholic, and according to the Catholic Church it's okay to be homosexual, as long as you don't practice homosexuality. Which is interesting, because I think it's okay to be Catholic, so long as you don't practice Catholicism.

Bob Smith

I do not impersonate females! How many women do you know who wear seven inch heels, four foot wigs, and skintight dresses?

RuPaul

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Jee wiz Jerret is hot.



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