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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities



**Congratulations
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Nebraska, Tennessee. Courts Rule Against Marriage

Kevin O'Hanlon, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. -- Same-sex marriage opponents won two major court rulings Friday, with a federal appeals court reinstating Nebraska's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage and the Tennessee Supreme Court dismissing an effort to keep a proposed ban off the November ballot.

Last week, the highest courts in two other states also dealt setbacks to gay rights advocates. The New York court rejected a bid by same-sex couples to win marriage rights, and the Georgia court reinstated a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage there.

In the Nebraska case, the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a judge's ruling last year that the ban was too broad and deprived gay men and lesbians of participation in the political process, among other things.

The amendment "and other laws limiting the state-recognized institution of marriage to heterosexual couples are rationally related to legitimate state interests and therefore do not violate the Constitution of the United States," the appeals court ruled.

Seventy percent of Nebraska voters had approved the ban in 2000.

The Nebraska amendment went further than similar bans in many states in that it barred same-sex couples from many legal protections afforded to heterosexual couples. For example, the partners of gay men and lesbians who work for the state are not entitled to share their health insurance and other benefits.

New York-based Lambda Legal and the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Project sued, arguing it violated gay people's rights.

Attorney General Jon Bruning countered that no one's freedom of expression or association was violated. Opponents "are free to gather, express themselves, lobby, and generally participate in the political process however they see fit," Bruning said.

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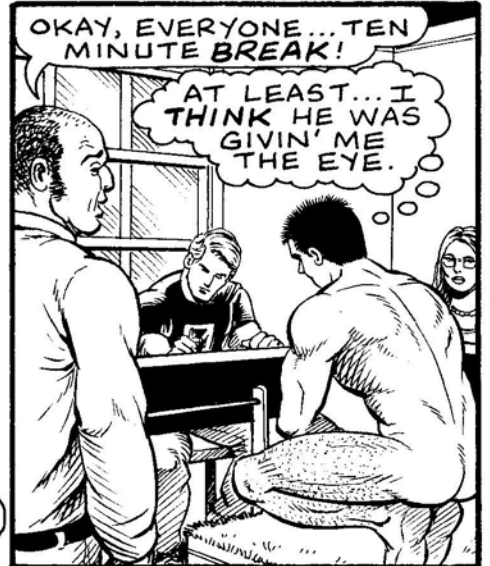


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POSING NAKED FOR A FIGURE DRAWING CLASS IS A GREAT GIG.

ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S A CUTE GUY TO MY RIGHT WHO'S BEEN GIVIN' ME THE EYE THE WHOLE TIME.



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...THAT'S PRETTY CUTTING EDGE. I THINK YOU TWO WOULD GET ALONG--

I'M GAY.

GAY?!

YEAH. I THOUGHT YOU WERE, TOO.



REALLY? YOU KNOW, I GET THAT ALL THE TIME. WHAT IS IT ABOUT ME THAT SEEMS GAY?

YOU MEAN, BESIDES THE FACT THAT YOU ASKED ME OUT ON A DATE?

OH, YEAH, THAT...

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Senior 50+ Group Meeting

A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next meeting is on Saturday, **August 19th**, from 7 until 10PM.

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

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The Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization dedicated to providing education, information, and social services in a safe, neutral environment. The GLBT Center strives to foster understanding, personal growth, and development for all people, specifically (but not limited to) those persons aligned with and/or directly involved with the GLBT community. We are an all-volunteer organization serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) population as well as family, friends and allies in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa.

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

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Center Wish List

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

Some Objects on our Wish List

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

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"Plaintiffs are free to petition state senators to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot. Plaintiffs are similarly free to begin an initiative process to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot, just as supporters . . . did." Forty-five states have specifically barred same-sex marriage through statutes or constitutional amendments.

Massachusetts is the only state that allows same-sex marriage, acquired through a court ruling, although Vermont and Connecticut allow same-sex civil unions that confer the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples.

In the Tennessee case, the ACLU had filed a lawsuit charging that the state failed to meet its own notification requirements for the ballot measure asking voters to ban same-sex marriage.

The high court ruled unanimously Friday that the ACLU didn't have standing to file the suit and dismissed it.

Tennessee already has a law banning same-sex marriage, but lawmakers who supported the proposed amendment said they wanted a backup in case the law was overturned.

Same-Sex Couples React to Ruling

Nabil Molai - KPTM FOX 42 News

Supporters of banning gay marriage won two major court rulings Friday. A federal appeals court reinstated Nebraska's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, making Nebraska the first state to have such a case decided by a federal appeals court.

The decisions leave supporters of same-sex marriage in shock.

"Being shut out of our process as citizens in the State of Nebraska is the most frustrating thing right now," said Troy Fienhold-Haasis.

Troy married his husband Jason in Toronto a little more than a year ago.

Friday morning, Troy found out about the appeals court ruling. The decision overturned a lower court decision that Nebraska's ban was unconstitutional. The ruling keeps same-sex couples from getting any state benefits, including health insurance.

"There are so many rights that are just everyday simple and basic rights that in essence we don't have and now we can't have," Troy says. "If anything happens to Jason and he dies, I can't go and have funeral rights because we're written out of the process here."

Senator Chuck Hagel applauds the decision, saying that it is the decision Nebraskans voted for in 2000. "The Eighth Circuit agreed that there is a rational basis for Nebraskans to want to do that, it's not based on any aments towards homosexuals at all, it's the desire to incant the institution of marriage mostly for procreation," he said.

Same-sex marriage supporters say the ruling is just one battle in a larger war, one they intend to win.

"It's our civil rights fights, and I don't think anybody is willing to just give up, and be rolled over," Troy said.

The gay rights group Citizens for Equal Protection says it has not decided whether it will appeal today's ruling.

The next step in challenging the law would be to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. If the court agrees to hear it, it would be the first same-sex marriage case to reach the high court.



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Hands Around The State Capitol!

Friday, July 21 - 5:00 PM

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A grassroots effort to form a human chain around the Nebraska State Capitol is planned for Friday, July 21st at 5:00 PM. This peaceful protest is in response to the July 14th decision by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, which reinstated Nebraska's ban on same-sex marriage. The ban encompasses more than same-sex marriage, and could effectively deny GLBT couple's in Nebraska the ability to lobby lawmakers.

All members of the GLBT Community, organizations, allies and fair-minded citizens from across the state are encouraged to attend. The human chain will be formed as a statement of solidarity and our unwavering commitment to equality for ALL people in the state of Nebraska.



For more information on this event and the July 14th ruling, please visit the Hands Around The Capitol website at: <http://chain.ineb.org>

This grassroots event is not sponsored by any organization - but is supported by many! Please forward this message to your organization's email list, your friends and family.

Applications Are Now Being Accepted for Pride Chair 2007

Would you like to meet national entertainers? How about being in charge of Nebraska Pride next year? Do you have great leadership skills? Do you want to help make a huge difference for our community? If you answered yes, then maybe you should be the next Pride Chair for Rainbow Celebrations!

The Pride Chair is a position on the Executive Board of Rainbow Celebrations and is required to attend Board meetings as they are scheduled throughout the year. The Pride Chair reports directly to the Executive Board and is responsible to the Board in all aspects of Pride Planning. A resume and letter of intent is required before the Executive Board will interview potential candidates.

The Pride Chair is responsible for the overall planning and execution of the annual Pride Week Events including the Festival and Parade. The Chair must hold regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year; be able to present a preliminary budget for approval (the budget is now upwards of \$50,000); be able to successfully manage the budget on a daily basis; successfully solicit and gain sponsorships from local, statewide, and national corporations; be able to multi task many different areas of pride including but not limited to: parade, exhibitors, entertainment, 5-10 committees, media, volunteers, and general recruitment of

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

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

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

"Being gay or lesbian doesn't have to be a barrier to equal treatment anymore!" Hahne says.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hahne says, "It's my *personal mission* to change the mindsets! And to *liberate everyone* from the restraints!"

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

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

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Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson

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Pride Committee members. The Pride Chair should also be available to travel to the InterPride World Conference (if possible) October 26-29 and the Co-Regional InterPride Conference (if possible) in March 9-11, 2007. The world conference will be held in Portland, Maine while the co-regional will be held in Detroit, Michigan. Cost for the world conference is approximately \$1000+ (transportation, hotel, registration and expenses). The co-regional conference can cost approximately \$500+ (airfare, hotel, registration and expenses).

The position of Pride Chair is the equivalent of a full time job (volunteer – non paid) and demands at least that much attention, time and dedication to successfully produce the Nebraska Pride Celebration which we now sponsor.

The rewards of this position are unlimited: exposure to many wonderful people and organizations; networking with people across the country; working closely with Kansas City Gay Pride, Capital City Pride in Des Moines and TC Pride in Minneapolis to promote our regional prides; meeting national entertainers and speakers and so much more.

If you feel that you have the qualifications to fill the position of Pride Chair 2007, please contact Rainbow Celebrations President Kevin Marik 1.402.525.8459 or at kev-in@rainbowcelebrations.org for more details about applying. Resumes and letters of intent are due by mid August. The 2007 Pride Chair will take office on September 1, 2006. If you would like to find out more about the position, please contact Pride Chair 2006 Troy Fienhold-Haasis 402.415.8769 or at troy@rainbowcelebrations.org.



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**George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)**



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Night of 1,000 Stars....In July?

The first Saturday of every December brings **Night of a Thousand Stars** to Omaha. This annual gala event is a fund-raiser which benefits the Nebraska AIDS Project. Typically prior to the actually event, parties are held not only across Omaha, but the state; where revelers enjoy good fun, friends and good food. The parties also raise donations and sell tickets to the **Stars Party** held later in the evening. Last year alone over sixty parties in Omaha were held prior the evening's exciting main event.



The Imperial Court of Nebraska has been holding annual dinners prior to the **Stars Party** for years now, but this year a change has been made. Rather than hold a typical dinner in December, the Board of Directors of ICON has decided to have a mid-summer picnic with all proceeds to benefit **Night of a Thousand Stars!**

Night of a Thousand Stars Picnic will be held

Sunday July 23 from 1:00PM to 6:00PM in Vennelyst Park. There will be friends, fun, food, volleyball & beer. A \$10.00 donation is all that is needed to get into the picnic itself and tickets for the actual **Stars Party** (December 2, 2006) will be available to purchase for \$20.00.

So, bring your friends and family and help us celebrate the hard work that is being done for Nebraska and our community and join us for **ICON's First Night of a Thousand Stars Picnic!** If you wish to indulge in some adult refreshment, remember to bring an ID.

Please note that the roads around Vennelyst Park are under construction. Go to the park as usual, and turn left on Tucker street and proceed over hill to North Ridge Road. Turn right on North Ridge and follow down hill to Vennelyst Park on the left side of the road.

GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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

JULY 15TH THRU 22ND

GAY GAMES CHICAGO, If you are interested in attending as an athlete or a spectator, then you need to sign up soon. Participants march in by State and we need folks from Nebraska to participate. For more information contact MrBordeaux@cox.net and lets get organized now for this great event this Summer!

SUNDAY JULY 23RD

DIAMOND FOUNDATION, GLBT Scholarship Benefit at The Q, 9:30PM

FRIDAY JULY 28TH

OMAHA KINGSMEN, at Flixx, doors open at 8:45, \$5 cover, 21+

SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH

DIAMOND FOUNDATION, GLBT Scholarship Benefit at DC's, 9PM

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

1ST ANNUAL DIAMOND PRINCESS PAGEANT, AT The Max, 9PM, pageant@diamond-foundation.org for details

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL REUNION SHOW, Old Market Event Center, 9PM

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

DIAMOND FOUNDATION, GLBT Scholarship Benefit at The Q, 9:30PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH

LIGHTING THE FIRST GLBT HOLIDAY TREE, details to be announced

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH

GLBT SCHOLARSHIP DINNER, Old Market Event Center, 6PM

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

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

NA-RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-4648

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA

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

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

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

Every Monday

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

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARS-

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

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

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

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

HIV TESTING 7- 9pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th Results available in one week

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 5PM to 9PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

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HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30-4pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-

MOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Tony at 933-1318

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT

have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

HIV TESTING 5-10pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

Results available in 20 minutes

READING GROUNDS GAYME NIGHT

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RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY, 6 to 7:30PM,

Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

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

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

4-6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

Drop-in to the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN, at the GLBT Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend an hour or two volunteering at the Center - 6PM No special skills or ongoing commitment required. VolunQueers have fun and make a difference.

1st Friday

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

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

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

No Current RCGA Information
Available

1st Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

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

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln OUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

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

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm,

Doubletree Hotel Downtown,
www.icon.impcourt.org

3rd Tuesday

VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN, at the GLBT Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend an hour or two volunteering at the Center - 6PM or 7PM, your choice, whenever it fits your schedule. No special skills or ongoing commitment required. VolunQueers have fun and make a difference.

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

4th Tuesday

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

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530

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

4th Friday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Not currently meeting anymore.

4th Saturday

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

LAST Sunday

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

Email Your Event to:
news@rainbowoutreach.org

SNAP! PRODUCTIONS

"Harold and Maude" finally hits the Omaha stage. SNAP! Productions will bring to light the Colin Higgins' 1971 cult classic film, when it hosts the Midwest Premiere of the play.

Updated for the stage from the film, this wacky black comedy captures the sweet but unconventional relationship between a sedate and self-destructive teen named Harold and a vivaciously original octogenarian named Maude as they set about to defy a world gone mad. A quirky love story for anyone even remotely eccentric, this is one life-affirming gem of a play with a lesson to be learned. That lesson is to free yourself, do what you want to do, and above all else, make yourself happy. Todd Brooks will direct this "Addams Family" meets "Auntie Mame" production. A stellar cast will be bringing out the lives of Harold and Maude along with all the zany people they encounter. The cast includes Tyler Swain, Ruth Rath, D. Laureen Pickle, Jay Huse, Colleen O'Doherty and Joslen Shaw.

"Harold and Maude" will run from August 24 thru September 17, 2006 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays, except September 17 which is at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website:

www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members.

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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

Diamond Foundation, GLBT Scholarships, Mentoring and Leadership, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see www.diamond-foundation.org

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

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

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

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

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Box 3354, Omaha 68103

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, www.icon.impcourt.org

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

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

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

Low Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,

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

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

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anony-

mous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC -Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info

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

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

Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

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

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

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

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

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

OOUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 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

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

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

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

River City Gender Alliance, No Current RCGA Information Available

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

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

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

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

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

WomenSpace, no current info is available

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

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

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

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

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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

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street	342-9595
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth	
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson	346-4110
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street	502-2008
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street	
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.	

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)	435-8764
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)	475-2269

Iowa:

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

**Would you like to have the Gayzette at your
 Place of business? Email your request to:
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Texas Hold'em

Come join us for Texas Hold'em any or all of the following Sundays at DC's Saloon:

Sundays, July 23 and July 30
Sundays, August 6 and 13

We'll play from 4-6 PM! You could win a trophy and "braggin'" rights as the first, second, or third place winner in our tournament.



Here's how this Fund Raiser works:

Buy in each week is \$20

Top three scores are recorded each week.

Whoever has the top three scores come August 13 wins!

You need not be present on August 13 to win! So.....come one week, come two, come three, or come all four! It's your call!

It's easy. It's fun! And there will be tables for all skill levels! Come and learn! Come and rake in the chips! Or come and watch the fun!

Yes, there'll be goodies and DC's has some great drink specials planned. Proceeds will go to MCC-Omaha!

GLBT Softball League

The GLBT Softball League was formed in June. The two persons responsible are Chris O. who is league coordinator and Ed S. who is league administrator.

Games take place every Tuesday at Leavenworth Park on 34th and Leavenworth at 7 P.M. It is provide your own beverage, no charge at the game, and concessions provided by the ding ding man. There are two teams in the league, Snatchers, which is an all women team and the Ballerz, which is the all men's team. The league would like a third or more teams added. You can contact for info gltsoftballomaha@yahoo.com or just show at a game and ask for info. They are 3 games into the

season with 11 game remaining. Both teams would like to thank all who attended to watch the game and hope to see you again next week.

Here are the highlights of June 27th's game. It was a great night to play softball. The temp was low and the humidity was too. There was a good turnout crowd and thank you to all of those who came and supported us that night.

Ballerz had two Grandslams. One by #52 Wendell and the other by #40 Chris O. Ed S snag a pop fly off pichter mound and also an RBI later on in the game. Chris M. had a double with a collision with second base Snatcher Jill.

Snatchers had a tough game with half the team gone and a lot of subs. Ladies scored 5 runs in one inning while A.J. who was pitching snagged a couple pop flies along with short stop Jill.

Game final Ballerz 27 Snatchers 07

After the last game the Snatchers had all there players back and "came to play softball" as Telly, Firstbasemen, said in the first inning. And they had a huge fanbase to back them up to-day too.

Snatchers had made a lot of plays at first base making a lot of 1 & 2 outs. Snatchers strongest area was the left side of the field with Jenni, Tamara, Jill, and A.J. all catching pop flies at least once an inning. First basemen Telly got a lot of action by tagging out Chris O. from the Ballerz twice at home plate during the game. Roxanne who was catcher for the Snatchers had a difficult time dealing with the mud as homeplate was flooded with water from the nights rain before.

Ballerz had a difficult defense as many grounders slid by players and pop flies seemed to have jumped out of their when they were caught. There were many inline drives by the players to get a lot of single base hits. Strongest hitter Wendell got his farthest pop fly caught shocking the team. Chris O. kept gettin tagged at home plate. Justin made the best score of the night by scoring a run and couldnt stop and falling in the mud and water on home plate.

Game final Ballerz 15 Snatchers 16

Snatchers did come to play softball that day. Putting them one game behind in the season of the Ballerz. Come see if they catch up and tie Tuesday July 18th 7 pm 34th Leavenworth Park.



Gay Into Straight America Two Women and a Poodle

on a one-year mission to transform themselves and the world,
one person at a time

They are coming to
Omaha!

Gay Into Straight America, the year-long journey of two women and a poodle that kicked off September 11, 2005, continues to invite people to participate in the initial project of their organization, Stand UP Speak OUT. Robynne Sapp, Dotti Berry, and their standard poodle, Rylee Joy, are committed to meeting and talking with people who are 'wrestling' with their understanding of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning persons. They will be speaking at PFLAG in Omaha on August 10, 2006 and the The Reading Grounds on August 11, 2006. Please visit www.pflag-omaha.org and www.readinggrounds.com for locations and times.



Dotti says, "Our intention is to dissolve differences that separate us, bridge the polarization, and bring people into community. We do this by engaging hearts and minds, not changing hearts and minds, creating authentic connections in the process."

Their journey began in their home state of Washington where they were legally married on March 7, 2005. Their marriage was voided by the state of Oregon in 2005.

Their journey was ignited through their involvement with Soulforce, an organization committed to utilizing the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance to help free oppressed sexual and gender minorities from religious and political oppression.

Another seed was planted with the simple vow of intention they spoke at their spiritual wedding ceremony on July 31, 2004: "We vow to change the world through the expression of our love."

The final catalyst occurred on March 9, 2005 as Sapp and Berry were reading The Advocate Magazine. An article featuring Lars Clausen, a Lutheran minister whose six-week tour StraightIntoGayAmerica was to begin on June 14, 2005, jumped off the pages. Reading Clausen's blog inspired them to "Just do it!" leading them to set September 11, 2005, as the official kick-off date for their yearlong journey.

"We were ecstatic about meeting with Lars face-to-face on Memorial Day, 2005, reveling in our parallel journeys," say Berry and Sapp. "We all agree that the bigger picture is about moving beyond political and religious polarization."

Berry and Sapp say, "We hope to dispel myths and fears that individuals have of GLBT persons and create a safe space for meaningful dialogue. We both feel strongly about treating other people with respect and listening carefully to them, regardless

of differences of opinions."

Though planned events with outreach to groups, organizations, and religious institutions take place, they feel that the everyday interactions which create authentic connections are at the core of their journey. They also invite GLBT persons, particularly youth, as well as queer, questioning persons, and allies to participate, saying, "We feel that each individual is our hope for today, as well as tomorrow, in bridging the differences in our society." A commitment to creating a stronger foundation of understanding about transgender and intersex persons is also important in their journey, and their motto, "Leave no person behind" is a reflection of that commitment. They also realize that much of the wrestling lies within their own community, as people learn how to live authentically and become a part of the solution regarding oppression against them.

Berry, a Life Coach & Diversity Facilitator, who is finishing

her doctorate work in Human Sexuality, and Sapp, a photographer, continue to make their way across America. Although they are excited about and desire people's contributions such as financial resources, special talents, and in-kind gifts, they are dedicated to working in



their areas of expertise as they travel. In June, they will again travel to the east coast to share their journey and present corporate workshops for Sodexo.

They sport rainbow wristbands. When asked "why," they reply, "We hope they lead to engaging one another in more meaningful conversations, creating a tipping point for awareness about the value of diversity of people in our world, and how we are all interconnected. Isn't it time?"

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FRIDAY JULY 14TH

MEN'S LEATHER NIGHT
Leather & Uniform ONLY
Dress Code Strictly Enforced
9pm

SATURDAY JULY 15TH

IMsL 20th Anniversary
Doors open 4:30pm
Show at 6pm

SUNDAY JULY 16TH

"RENT" in Review
9pm

SUNDAY JULY 23RD

"It's ALL Coming off for
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Mr Max Scott Steps Down
9:30pm

SUNDAY JULY 30TH

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9pm

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