



The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Presents

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GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

MAY 2005 CENTER OUTING SPRING INTO SPRING FESTIVAL AT LAURITZEN GARDENS



On Saturday, May 14, 2005, join us for a wonderful Center Outing as we enjoy the outdoors at the "Spring into Spring Festival" at Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center. This great group activity is part of the ongoing outreach of the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center. Take advantage of this opportunity to socialize and have fun in a GLBT-affirming atmosphere.

This fantastic festival celebration will feature ever-popular performance art by The Living Garden® where garden characters The Fountain, The Rock and Vine-to-Vine "come alive." This amazing group from Orlando, FL will engage guests as they turn into an animated fountain, rock and grapevines for visitors

to interact with and be entertained by. Performances will be scheduled throughout each day of the festival.

The festival will also include plant sales by Lauritzen Gardens as well as displays, sales and information from over a dozen area garden clubs and plant societies. The Greater Omaha Iris Society, Wild Thymes, West Omaha Garden Club, Midwest Ground Association, Midwest Geranium Club, Great Plains Pond Society, South Omaha Horticultural Society, City Sprouts, the Omaha Herb Society and others will be in attendance. Hundreds of plants found at Lauritzen Gardens, such as purple hyacinth bean, emperor's candle bush, candy lilies and hibiscus will be for sale. This annual event is the only time a wide variety of plants (more than 5,000) is available for purchase at Lauritzen Gardens.

Guests can enjoy walking through the outdoor gardens or they may take a narrated ride on the tram. The festival will also include live music, strolling performers, children's hands-on activities, festive food and more!

General Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and free for kids under 6. Tickets purchased on-site at Lauritzen Gardens.

Please rsvp the GLBT Center if you plan to attend by either emailing rsvp@rainbowoutreach.org or calling the Center Switchboard (402) 341-0330.

Let us know how many are in your party. We will meet in the lobby of the Botanical Center at Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft Street, Omaha, at 1PM on Saturday May 14th. The Botanical Center closes at 5PM. Dress casual.

EARLY TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR JUNE 2005 CENTER OUTING

Great savings! Get your tickets early to save money to the June 2005 Center Outing to see the Friday June 24th SNAP! performance of the 2003 Tony Award-winning, gay-themed play TAKE ME OUT. Visit the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, to purchase discounted tickets in person or log on to www.rainbowoutreach.org to buy your discounted tickets online. We look forward to seeing you at this great Center Outing on June 24th!

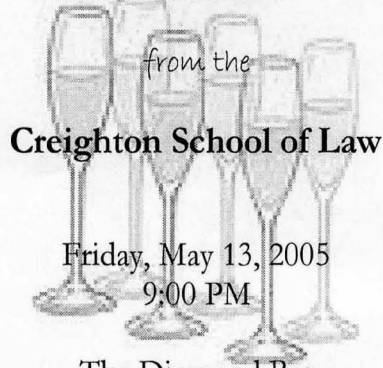
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CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

in honor of

**BRADLEY ZANE HAUMONT's
Graduation**



Creighton School of Law

Friday, May 13, 2005
9:00 PM

The Diamond Bar
712 South 16th Street
Omaha, Nebraska

All are welcome. Admission is free.
In lieu of a gift, please bring a donation for the
Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund.

Connecticut Passes Civil Unions Bill

Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell signed a bill granting civil unions in the state less than one hour after it passed legislature.

Connecticut is now the second state to offer civil unions to same-sex couples. It is the first state granting civil unions without having to be forced to do so by the courts. Vermont was the first state to legalize civil unions. Massachusetts is the only state which allows same-sex marriage.

The bill gives same-sex couples many of the rights of marriage.

The House voted 85-63 last week after defining marriage as being between one man and one woman. The addition of the definition of marriage had been set by Governor Rell as a requirement before she would sign the bill.

The Senate version of the bill excelled through with a 27-9 vote a week earlier but without the marriage definition. The Senate approved an inclusion of the definition of marriage be added to the bill.

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski said he would press that state's legislature to approve a civil unions bill this year.

International Ms Leather 19 and International Ms Boot Black 7

International Ms Leather's 2005 Reality Show...BRING IT!
IMsL, where fear IS a factor!

Singletail, cane, flogger, spatula, imagination...BRING IT!
Sir, boi, boy, girl, Ma'am, pup, sentient being, innocent by-
stander...BRING IT!
Female, male, trans, gay, straight, curved, bi, tri (try) any-
thing...BRING IT!
Old or New Guard, mouth guard, what's a guard?...BRING IT!
Heavy player, novice, voyeur, or just a pervert...BRING IT!

International Ms Leather is in its 19th year and International Ms
Boot Black in its 7th! Although we think we've seen it all,
there's always something new out there.

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Fourth Page	3 ¾ X 4 ¾	\$ 25.00	Business Card		\$ 15.00

All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad. Checks should be made payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha NE 68102 on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rainbowoutreach.org. Please email or call ahead to reserve space. We reserve the right to refuse any ad which we deem to be inappropriate.

Ad Deadlines: Friday, May 6, for Publication May 13th Friday, May 20 for Publication May 27th

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



**GLBT Center presents 2005
PrideWalk**

Benefitting GLBT-allied Organizations

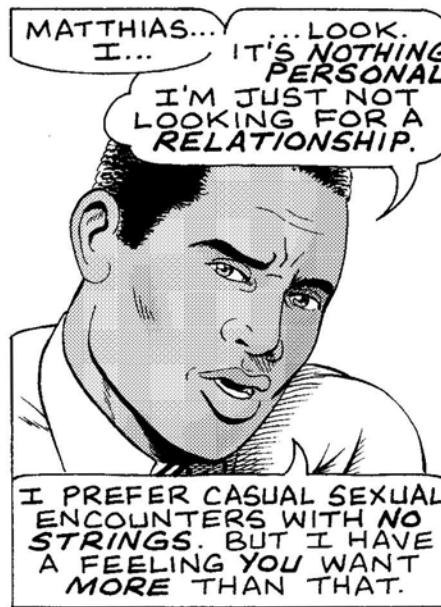
Saturday, August 20, 2005

Register online for the 2005 Pride Walk at

www.PrideWalk.org

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

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



(July IMSL Continues from Page 3)

If you think you have it, or are curious about it...BRING IT! July 15-17, Omaha, Nebraska.

The Set: This is a three-day weekend full of parties, workshops, shows, women, men, etc. and shopping (never forget the shopping!)

The Commercial: If you would like to enhance this event and promote your own company by being a part of our vendor fair; advertising in our full page program; donating much appreciated prizes for contestants; gifts for dignitaries, packet stuffers or cash for event sponsorship, please email BareImages@cox.net or obtain forms at www.imsl.org.

The Reality: Leather contests have changed and that isn't necessarily a bad thing; think of it as a new door opening. Through this door, we have the opportunity to mix all of our factions and to teach, learn and truly have the community for which we have been striving - it's more than just a speech topic!

The Challenge: It is time to redefine what a titleholder should and can do for the community and why we continue to run contests each year. Our task is not, nor ever will be, finished. There are still new people to welcome and mentor, new stigmas to overcome, causes to champion, a place for people to reunite with community members, some who have led the way, some who are finding their way, and to acknowledge those whose voices still resonate with the passion of what drives us day to day.

The Challenge for IMSL: A group of women will undergo the scrutiny of a panel

of esteemed judges' questions, their speeches evaluated, their fantasies penetrated. One will emerge as the new IMSL. She will be a woman who represents the leather community chosen for her merits and abilities. Whatever your unique contribution...BRING IT!

The Challenge For IMsBB: Bootblacks compete for IMsBB as they perform their craft for the delight and appreciation of their community and its followers. If you have never seen a Bootblack doing their thing, you have truly missed out of some of the most ritualistic erotic ac-

tion treasured by all of us...BRING IT!

The Info: The women's contingent of our community cannot be overlooked! We are people with diverse erotic and emotional preferences spanning generations, inclusive of color, gender, and erotic triggers. Who could ask for a better group to call family? You are instrumental in the future of IMSL/IMsBB. BRING IT!

If you are a woman, over 21, with a strong desire to represent the women in the lifestyle, and the ability to build platforms and bridges within and outside of the community at large, then we invite you to join the Class of 2005 at IMSL/IMsBB Weekend. You needn't have a current title to compete. This is an open invitational event for both IMSL and IMsBB. Contact www.IMsL.org to download applications for the entire event.

Stay tuned: Put the fun and the purpose back into contests; redefine and revitalize them. People-watch. Network. Play. You'll feel the energy.

It's all good...BRING IT!

Jeremy & James
Will be hosting Game Day at the Center
1719 Leavenworth St
Sundays: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

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

Ages 5 – 105.

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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

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

Go to:

www.rainbowoutreach.org

And click on the Publications link.

George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.

(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

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



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Iowa GOP Lawmakers Support Bullying of GLBT students

Republicans in the Iowa Senate say they will use "every method that's legal" to block legislation that will add sexual orientation to a law aimed at reducing bullying in Iowa schools.

Because the Iowa state Senate is balanced with 25 Republicans and 25 Democrats each party has two chairs, and both must sign off on which measures will be debated.

Senate co-President Jeff Lamberti (R) said he will use his power to prevent the bill from coming to the floor for a vote.

Iowa law requires school boards to have a policy on bullying. The GOP says including sexuality in the policy would create special rights.

The bill would require public and private schools to add harassment prevention goals to their school improvement plans by Jan. 1, 2006. It specifically identifies intimidation based on age, race, religion, national origin, gender and sexual orientation.

Not all Republicans are in favor of blocking the legislation. State Senator Mary Lundby (R) said harassment of students is too important to Iowa parents for the bill to die without any further debate.

Governor Tom Vilsack (D) is a strong supporter of strict bullying policies, and has condemned the GOP for these tactics.



Center Wish List

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

Some items on our Wish List:

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

Wish List Contributors

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

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RIVER CITY MIXED LEAGUE STANDINGS

Place	Team Name	Maplewood Lanes		Week 28 of 29		Won	Lost
		Won	Lost	Place	Team Name		
1	Team #15	92	20	14	Flixxation	51	61
2	DC's Saloon	90	22	15	Liksalotagilly's	50.5	61.5
3	Lords and Ladies	76	36	16	Bowler Sisters	50	62
4	Omaha Candy Shoppe	69.5	42.5	17	Myers Electric	49.5	62.5
5	Chicken & Her Noodles	65.5	47.5	18	Frank and Beans	49	63
6	Omaha Hospitality	65	48	19	Gino's Bobbleheads	48	64
7	I Got 8	64	48	20	Omaha Ball Busters	47.5	64.5
8	About That Dirt	63	49	21	SPLASH	47	65
9	Kumoniwannalayya....	60	52	22	4 The Beer 2	44	68
10	Max-A-Millions	59.5	52.5	23	Gilligan's CCB	43	69
11	Oh Flixx It!	55.5	56.5	24	Sausage & Eggs	43	69
12	Bowling With Antlers	55	57	25	DBL Stuffed Oreoz	37	75
13	Here 4 Beer	54.5	57.5	26	Triple BS	19	89

High Average Women

198- R Richardson
181- T Shellenberger
176- H Kovanda
176 - N Rogers

High Series Women

717- R Richardson
667- T Shellenberger
661 - N Rogers

High Game Women

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

High Average Men

222 - G Schoenfeld
208 - D Cohen
206- J Schomer
204 - R Hansen

High Series Men

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

High Game Men

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

High Game Team

890-Team #15
880-Lords & Ladies
843-DC's Saloon

High Series Team

2465-Lord's & Ladies
2406-DC's Saloon
2405-Team 15

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Ace's Only, 1263 South 16th Street (temporarily closed)
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quicks, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,
1719 Leavenworth St.
Stage Right, 16th and Harney (temporarily closed)
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

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

Iowa:

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



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CHURCH OF OMAHA

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FAC

with the River City Mixed Chorus



Friday May 20 6:00pm – 8:00pm
The MAX - 15th & Jackson St.

Join us on the patio for an informal social gathering with members of the River City Mixed Chorus. We will fire up the grill and serve hamburgers, hot dogs and some tasty side dishes for only \$5.00 a plate. Homemade desserts will also be available for purchase.

**The chorus will also perform musical selections from its upcoming concert
Fairy Tales – The Musical at 7:30pm.**

This event will be held in Stosh's Saloon if the weather does not cooperate.

TULSA RODEO RESULTS

Team Heartland finished 5th place out of 11 teams at the first annual T-Town Rodeo in Tulsa. No buckles were won but a good time was had by all. Not only were we represented by contestants in the arena but also had the 2 timers Char and Jo and the rodeo announcing was done by Tamara. Here are the overall weekend results by contestant:

Teeny – 2nd overall chute dogging – 4th over all calf roping – 6th wild drag

Tim K. – 5th chute dogging – 8th wild drag

Brett H. – 3rd in both steer deco and breakaway roping

Roger P and Dan N.
2nd steer deco

The next rodeos will be held in Las Vegas and Little Rock April 22-24th. Good luck to all our members who are heading out to compete.



National Gay and Lesbian Task Force On the Election of Joseph Ratzinger as Pope

"Today, the princes of the Roman Catholic Church elected as Pope a man whose record has been one of unrelenting, venomous hatred for gay people, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

In fact, during the reign of John Paul II, Cardinal Ratzinger was the driving force behind a long string of pronouncements using the term 'evil' to describe gay people, homosexuality, and marriage equality.

As a long-time Catholic from a staunchly Catholic family, I know that the history of the church is full of shameful, centuries-long chapters involving vilification, persecution, and violence against others. Someday, the church will apologize to gay people as it has to others it has oppressed in the past.

I very much doubt that this day will come during this Pope's reign. In fact, it seems inevitable that this Pope will cause even more pain and give his successors even more for which to seek atonement."

- Matt Foreman
Executive Director



GAYZETTE EVENTS

Stosh's Show Bar, The Max

SUNDAY MAY 1ST

DALLAS GOT CHUBBS?, Chandler Chubbs hosts, Disco Bar at the Max, 10PM

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Prelim #5, at Flixx Video Bar, 9PM to 12PM

FRIDAY MAY 6TH

UNDERWEAR NIGHT, upstairs Game Bar at the Max, 9PM to close

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Prelim #7, at the MCC Omaha, 819 So. 22nd St., 8PM

SATURDAY MAY 7TH

THE PR BALL, 5pm, 7pm show, at the Max, in Stosh's Show Bar

SUNDAY MAY 8TH

MOTHERS DAY SHOW, Miss LauraGrey hosts, Disco Bar at the Max, 10PM

NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT, at DC's Saloon, 9PM

FRIDAY MAY 13

A "DAD" BENEFIT, Michele Korman hosts a Bar-B-Que, 6pm, at the Max (on the patio)

CHAMPAIGN RECEPTION, see page 2 for details, Congratulations Bradley!

SATURDAY MAY 14TH

GLBT CENTER OUTING, "Spring into Spring Festival", details at the Center, 1719 Leavenworth or www.Rainbowoutreach.org, visit the Lauritzen Gardens here in Omaha!

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Prelim #8, at the Panic, Lincoln, 9PM

SUNDAY MAY 15TH

A BENEFIT FOR GAY PRIDE, AT The Max in the Disco Bar

FRIDAY MAY 20

A GOOD OLD FASHIONED BBQ, The River City Mixed Chorus hosts, 6pm, at the Max (on the patio) see page 9 in 4/29 issue

SATURDAY MAY 21

CENTER OPEN HOUSE, 3 TO 5pm, at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Everyone is welcome, free snacks and refreshments

MADELINE FIENSTEIN ONE WOMAN SHOW, 7PM cocktail hour, 8PM SHOW, at DC's Saloon

SATURDAY MAY 21

A NATIONAL MODEL SEARCH, TheMensUnderwearStore.com hosts, 10PM,

SUNDAY MAY 22ND

LIVIN LARGE AS QUEEN OF THE RODEO, Miss HGRA Ammie Zahn hosts, 10pm, at the Max in the Disco Bar

FRIDAY MAY 27TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05, Wild Card Prelim, at Old Market Event Center (next to Flixx), 1015 So. 10th St

SUNDAY MAY 29TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL FINALS, at The Max, 9PM to 12PM

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH

WOMYN'S DINNER CONCERT/CRUISE, Beth Mullaney in concert, cruise from 5 to 8pm, Contact Tauni or Sheryl at 467-5737 for more information

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH

2005 PRIDE PAGEANT, at The Max, 8pm to Midnight, \$5 cover

THURS—SUN, JUNE 9 THRU 12TH

NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005, 20th Anniversary Pride Celebration in Omaha, 15th and Jones Street

SAT., & SUN., JUNE 18 & 19

RCMC PRESENTS FAIRY TALES: THE MUSICAL, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, 69th and Dodge

FRIDAY JUNE 24TH

GLBT CENTER OUTING TO SNAP! Performance of "Take Me Out", details and discount tickets available at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth or www.rainbowoutreach.org

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22, 345 -2563 Worship: 9am & 11am Sunday School: 11am

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE
UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

Every Monday

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

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

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

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

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

GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT,

sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

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

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

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

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

Every Saturday

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

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

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

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

1st Saturday

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE, 3PM TO 4:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE, 7pm to 8PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 7pm to 8PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

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

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

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING
(gblt 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

3rd Sunday

CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 7PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

4th Tuesday

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

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

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

4th Saturday

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

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BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

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

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

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association

Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

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

NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

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

Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com

Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

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

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / 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: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

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

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

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

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

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

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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

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

Iowa Based

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

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

South Dakota Based

Black Hills Pride Committee, for information visit <http://blackhillspride.org>

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ICE BOWL 2005 RESULTS

Over 250 bowlers from 17 states participated in this years event. The top 3 winners in each category are as follows:

SINGLES

1.	Scott Dwyer	Omaha, NE	836
2.	Michael Montoya	Minneapolis, MN	825
3.	Clark Thompson	Denver, CO	805

DOUBLES

1	Jeremie Metz & Steve Tarvin	Bellevue, NE	1557
2.	John Engel & Kerry Meline	Eden Prairie, MN	1523
2.	Kris Tande & Clark Thompson	St. Louis Park, MN	1523

TEAM

1.	Git'er Done Gary Miller Ralph Ostermann Nicole Rogers Christopher Lodes	Sioux City, IA Sioux City, IA Omaha, NE Omaha, NE	2884
2.	Bottoms Up John Lindsten John Engel Michael Montoya Kerry Meline	Eden Prairie, MN Eden Prairie, MN Minneapolis, MN Minneapolis, MN	2878
3	3 Guys & A Queen Jeremy Gibson Scott Dwyer James Fuller Gary Flowers	Omaha, NE Omaha, NE Omaha, NE Omaha, NE	2877

ALL EVENTS

1.	Michael Montoya	Minneapolis, MN	2391
2.	Paul Welch	Leavenworth, KS	2331
3.	Dennis Steeves	Olathe, KS	2310

Navajo Nation Outlaws Same-Sex Marriage

Christopher Curtis, PlanetOut Network

The tribal council of the Navajo Nation outlawed same-sex marriages in a unanimous vote on Friday. The Dine Marriage Act of 2005 restricts marriage to a man and a woman, and prevents plural marriages and marriages between close relatives. "Dine" is the Navajos' name for themselves.

The ban will affect the 255,543 members of the Navajo Nation, which extends into the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. "Men and women have been created in a sacred manner. We need to honor this," delegate Harriet Becenti told the Associated Press (AP). "Times have changed, and we are no longer really teaching our children. We want our people to realize that support is in existence for a man and woman."

Delegate Lorenzo Curley told the AP that Navajo leaders want to send a message to the tribe's young people. "We want to say to them, 'Hold on fast to your society, your roots, your values,'" he said. "We are here to defend the foundation of our society. That's what is at stake here." But critics of the measure claim its sponsor, delegate Larry Anderson of Fort Defiance, Ariz., is rewriting Navajo cultural history.

The Navajo history actually honors men who take on the role of women. According to Bruce Pierini, author of "The Gendered Body: Sex and Gender Constructions in Navajo," the position was called "nadleeh," and it was one of the most highly venerated positions among Native Americans in North America.

While several Native-American cultures have a tradition honoring "two-spirit" people, who would marry members of the same sex, efforts to fight same-sex marriage on reservations have intensified.

In August the Cherokee National Tribal Council in Oklahoma voted to define marriage as between a man and a woman after two women successfully filed for a tribal marriage application.

Jay Smith Brown, senior communications manager for the Human Rights Campaign condemned the Navajo vote, saying, "Discrimination is wrong in every culture."

Bob Knows Better

Dear Bob,

For five years now, my partner and I have been sharing an apartment. We have both saved up and would like to buy a house together but do not know what legal steps need to be taken. Should we buy a home together? Or should one of us buy the home and then split the bills? What would happen if we ever broke up?

-Home Sweet Home

Dear Home Sweet Home,

Owning your home is almost always a better solution than renting. You build equity and have more design freedom. It is completely possible to own the home together as long as you take the necessary steps before buying. I think it is great the two of you are considering buying a home together!

Before making a significant purchase such as a home or a car, every GLBT couple should ask this question first; "What do we owe our partners financially if we ever break up?"

The law does not give GLBT couples the same protection as heterosexual couples; therefore if you and your partner ever split down the road, you may have no legal rights to property and finance you may have otherwise had in a heterosexual relationship. Make sure you consult with a GLBT-friendly lawyer prior to your purchase so you can draft a legally binding "Partner Agreement".

I also suggest you both read up on GLBT financing. An excellent book I have read is, GAY MONEY by Per Larson. Stop by the Resource Center and check out a copy from the extensive and free library!

Dear Bob,

My boyfriend and I have been disagreeing on how to spend our weekends together. Every weekend we go to the bars to meet our friends and hang out. We never go anywhere else. I have suggested we do something else for a change... anything besides the bar, but he refuses. I know he doesn't have alcohol problems because he hardly even drinks. I am really tired of doing the same thing every weekend! How do I get my boyfriend to do something new?

Thanks for your suggestion,
Jeff

Dear Jeff,

Lots of guys prefer to go to the gay bars to hang out because they feel unsafe outside of a gay setting. Take into consideration your boyfriend may not be out of the closet at work or to family. He may fear being seen 'Out' in public. If this is the case, think back to before you came out and how uneasy you may have felt in this situation.

If your boyfriend is out; Think about how long he has been out. If he is fairly new to the whole 'Scene', the bar could be an

exciting place where he feels accepted for who he really is for the first time in his life.

I would suggest planning a get together with your friends from the bar at one of your homes. A barbeque, movies, or games can be a great time showing your boyfriend that fun really does exist outside the bars!

Breaking the monotony with a small house gathering will eventually lead to a date to the movies or even (GASP!) a night out at the Theatre.

If you would like to ask me a question, please send an email to: BobKnowsBetter@RainbowOutreach.org. You may also send your letter to: Rainbow Outreach Center, C/O Bob Knows Better, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108.

Minnesota State Senator Paul Koering Comes Out

Minnesota State Senator Paul Koering, a Republican, has recently come out of the closet. Koering was the only Republican to oppose a floor vote on a proposed constitutional ban on Same-Sex marriage in Minnesota on April 7th.

Supporters of the constitutional amendment said it would prevent courts from allowing same-sex marriages, even though state law already prohibits them.

Democrats said a gay-marriage ban would trample the civil rights of a minority without helping troubled heterosexual couples. They criticized the bill for diverting attention from pressing problems facing schools, the health care system and economy.

The state Senate rejected the effort to force a floor vote on a constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage. An estimated 2,500 GLBT and Allies opposed to the ban rallied outside the Capitol.

Cow Humor?

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that our government can track a cow born in Canada almost three years ago, right to the stall where she sleeps in the state of Washington? And they tracked her calves to their stalls.

But they are unable to locate 11 million illegal aliens wandering around our country. Maybe we should give them all a cow....

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