



THE

GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

REMEMBERING ALAN BAER

by Carla Petersen

Tuesday's news announced the death of Alan Baer, known throughout the Omaha community as a generous philanthropist. Like many in the GLBTS community, I had an opportunity to see Alan's generosity. I remember more than once seeing him out and about in the community talking quietly with one or two people, checkbook in hand. Alan's generosity was directed towards many GLBT groups. The following is just a partial list:

Nebraska AIDS Project

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Imperial Court of Nebraska

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

Rainbow Celebrations

PWA Assistance Fund

Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund

Many in the community have memories of Alan. I remember seeing him riding down the long lane to Progressive Park at one of ICON's Fourth of July Picnics. And that was only a few years ago—he must have been 70 at the time! I remember taking him on a tour of the church MCC-Omaha occupies at 819 S. 22nd Street right after they bought it. And, of course, in his usual style, Alan put a check in my hand for the church on his way out the door. I remember standing in line at the gas station in Carter Lake one Saturday morning, waiting to buy lottery tickets, only to be greeted by Alan—who was also there to buy tickets. And most recently, I was making a request from him on behalf of some group and his immediate response was "Yes!" but then he added, "Send me a reminder. Write it in pencil on a sheet of notebook paper." He repeated those instructions and emphasized the pencil and paper. I followed those instructions, and we received not one check, but two!

Alan will surely be missed by the community. Services for Alan were held Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Georgetown Club. Memorials are suggested by the family for either Nebraska AIDS Project or the Madonna School.

SERVE YOUR COUNTRY: VOLUNTEER JOIN UP TODAY!



RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE CENTER IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD RECRUITS.

Unlike certain Government volunteers, you won't have to sleep in a tent or bivouac with a bunch of men in some 3rd world country or carry around some tacky weapon.

Instead you will be answering questions on the phone (like we could keep you off the phone!) talking with other GLBT folks who drop by the Center and using those creative talents arranging meeting spaces for groups. In between time you can catch up on your reading (we have over 700 books & videos in our library), study for your college classes (you must be a mature 18 to volunteer), surf the net (on our Cox Internet lines), play video games, listen to music, write or photograph articles for The Gayzette or sell advertising, or train to be a GLBT activist (and write exciting articles like this!)

So let's see, a tent in the desert, or a nice comfy gay-friendly Resource Center right here in Omaha...with Pizza Parties and Friday Night Potlucks and movies and the opportunity to work building the NEW Resource Center that will some day replace the current one as a full service facility with unlimited possibilities for serving our community. The choice is yours (at least until the newly elected Congress begins session) so SIGN UP TODAY! It is your PATRIOTIC DUTY! Serve your country by being your own wonderful self and working with other GLBTS folks to build a better world. Training Classes are generally Saturdays at 2:00 pm. For more information, call 341-0330. *There is a special need for retirees to be here weekdays.* And remember, statistically speaking, if he is representative of our country, there is at least a 6% chance that Uncle Sam is Gay.

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FOUNDATION SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

The ICON Foundation is currently seeking board members. The ICON Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization formed in 1996 to provide education regarding the GLBT community, to provide scholarships to allow GLBT persons and their children to further their education, and to provide charitable grants to organizations that serve the GLBT community. Member organizations of the ICON Foundation currently include the Imperial Court of Nebraska and the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund.

Board members would be responsible for the business of the Foundation, including acceptance of other member organizations, IRS reporting of Foundation's financial affairs, and the daily business of the foundation. The affairs of the Foundation are handled in quarterly meetings.

The four available positions are at-large community positions. So current members of ICON's Board & Royal Family, & past members, as well as current members of the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund are not eligible. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of the ICON Foundation or have questions regarding eligibility to the Foundation Board, please contact Sharon V. or Carla P. at 556-9907 or via email at sharlavanpeters@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE

Dec. 15 between services and following the 11AM service, MCC-Omaha will have a Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale in the newly remodeled Social Hall. Boutique organizer Monty invites the GLBTS community to come and shop and enjoy the Christmas season at this fund raiser for MCC-Omaha's Ark of Accessibility Campaign, which is a fund raising campaign to raise \$75,000 over the next three years to make MCC-Omaha handicap accessible.

The Boutique and Bake Sale will have many treats to delight every shopper. Great stocking stuffers are among the many items planned for the boutique. Come check out the newly remodeled Social Hall and enjoy shopping in a GLBT friendly environment! MCC-Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha.

CITY OF HOPE HONORS HGRA MEMBER

City Of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute presented their annual benevolence award to Tamara Marks. This award is given to an individual who gives of themselves unconditionally to fundraising and community outreach. Tamara received this award in Wichita Kansas during the weekend of the International Gay Rodeo Finals.

City of Hope has been involved with HIV/AIDS research since 1982 and continues to be on the leading edge discovering new treatments for AIDS.

They were the first institution in the United States to begin testing the use of bone marrow technology and ribozyme-based gene therapy to treat HIV/AIDS.

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER 6TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR TOYZ 4 TOTZ

Learning to Exchange Power presents the 6th annual Toyz 4 Totz fundraiser November 30. We welcome everyone to join us. The day starts at the Best Western Redick at 1 PM with workshops. This year we have a 3 great workshops including: a single tail workshop, a terminology workshop, and a mummification workshop.

At 7 PM we will meet at **Club Joy 1516 Jones St** for a Meet and Greet. The Hot Leather Fantasy Show starts at 7:30. We invite everyone to come enjoy the Hot Leather Fantasies. This year we also have some numbers performed by ICON members. We will be doing a raffle and auction so bring your money and look for some great bargains. It will be a lot of fun for everyone. Most importantly everything goes to the kids to make it a great Christmas for them. Donations for the raffle/auction is very much appreciated. There will be a table set up the night of the show. After the show, for those that want to play, we will go back to the hotel for a dungeon party until 3 AM. Anyone wanting to play must have dungeon tickets prior to going back to the hotel. No tickets can be sold at the door of the dungeon. They will be available at the workshops and at the show.

The total day package is only \$30 or can be broken down into individual events. Pick what you want to attend. If you want more info or want to donate a raffle/auction item please contact Susan Able L2EP@aol.com

Event Package \$30

1-5 workshops (workshops only \$10) Subject to change

1-2:30 Single tails with Talon & Mist (bring your own whip)

2:45-3:15 Terminology with Amy Jr and Shawnee

3:30-5 Mummification with Amy Marie Meek DeJarlais

5-7 break for dinner (lots of good places to eat nearby)

7-7:30 Meet and Greet at Club Joy

7:30-9:30 Hot Leather Fantasy show (show only \$5)

Raffles & Auction

9:30- 3 Open Dungeon (hotel)

(Dungeon only \$25)

(tickets must be purchased at workshops or after show no dungeon tickets sold at door!!!)

Sunday, December 1st at The Max the moneys raised will be presented to ICON's Toyz 4 Totz Program. Anyone still in town is invited to come and those that live in Omaha I encourage you to attend as Learning to Exchange Power presents ICON with the donation. Last year was over \$1600 lets try to beat that this year!





RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Maplewood Lanes - Week 8

TEAM NAME	WON	LOST	PINS
Gilligans CCB	28.0	4.0	14117
Lords & Ladies	27.0	5.0	18170
Lucky Strix's	25.5	6.5	16011
Omaha Hospitality	25.0	7.0	15856
Max Factors	23.0	9.0	13555
Omaha Mining Co	19.0	13.0	15572
Gill's Choke Artists	19.0	13.0	15000
Angry Beavers	19.0	13.0	14491
F.B.I.	19.0	13.0	12348
Off Broadway	18.5	13.5	16005
Oops!!	18.0	14.0	13292
One Damn Pin	16.0	16.0	14406
Sizzlin'	15.0	17.0	15444
Beaver & The Boys	15.0	17.0	13351
Chicken & Her Noodles	15.0	17.0	12887
Then There Was Frank	14.0	18.0	12190
Rammin Dixon	13.0	19.0	12596
Get'n School'd	13.0	19.0	12443
The Golden Girls	13.0	19.0	10275
Ooutlaws	11.0	21.0	13481
Here 4 Beer	11.0	21.0	12188
Kingpins	11.0	21.0	12043
Fore Play	10.0	22.0	12503
Gary's Gutter Gashes	9.0	23.0	10680
N Joyable	8.0	24.0	11960
Team 26	1.0	31.0	13920

High Scratch Game	MEN	WOMEN
B. Andresen	267	L. Bailey 254
D. Cohen	267	C. Gallaher 237
J. Schomer	247	N. Harrison 236
		A Southerland 236

High Scratch Series	MEN	WOMEN
B. Andresen	724	N. Harrison 618
D. Cohen	707	C. Gallaher 600
R. Hollendieck	653	A Southerland 595

High Average	MEN	WOMEN
D. Cohen	213	N. Harrison 187
B. Andresen	199	C. Gallaher 181
R. Hansen	191	T Shellenberger 176

High Scratch Game (TEAM)	Series (TEAM)		
Lords & Ladies	902	Lords & Ladies	2409
Lucky Strix's	770	Lucky Strix's	2174
Angry Beavers	755	Off Broadway	2102

RAINBOW BOWLERS

Week 1 - Maplewood Lanes

TEAM NAME	WON	LOST	PINS
We 3 Kings	4.0	0.0	1134
Taking Up the Rear	3.0	1.0	1594
Team Seven	3.0	1.0	1587
2D's & An F	2.0	2.0	1134
Man Hole	2.0	2.0	1130
Team 5	1.0	3.0	1537
Ghost Team	1.0	3.0	1538
Technical Difficulties	0.0	4.0	1073

High Scratch Game	MEN	WOMEN
J. Schulte	238	J. Moore 162
D. Cohen	236	Y. Peck 125
R. Hollendieck	209	V. Haynes 101

High Scratch Series	MEN	WOMEN
J. Schulte	671	J. Moore 442
D. Cohen	615	Y. Peck 298
R. Hollendieck	539	V. Haynes 287

High Average	MEN	WOMEN
J. Schulte	223	J. Moore 147
D. Cohen	205	Y. Peck 99
R. Hollendieck	179	V. Haynes 97

High Handicap Game (TEAM)	Series (TEAM)		
Taking Up the Rear	578	Taking Up the Rear	1594
Team Seven	554	Team Seven	1587
Team Five	542	Team Five	1537



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STOP THE HATE VIGIL: SPEECH

Shelby Thompson: President - Rainbow Celebrations Thursday, October 3rd, 2002

"Laurn Paige, Texas
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Allen Schindler, US Navy
Tracy Thompson, Georgia
Kevin Tryals, Texas
Scott Amenfure, Michigan
Laaron Morris, Texas
Mathew Shepard, Wyoming
Brandon Teena, Nebraska

"Hello. My name is Shelby Thompson and I'm the president of Rainbow Celebrations, a newly formed non-profit organization which sponsors and organizes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (or GLBT) events in the eastern Nebraska and western Iowa communities including the annual PRIDE Celebration and National Coming Out Week events.

"I've just read you a short list of names, individuals from the GLBT community whose deaths were hate crimes. Hate crimes occur nationwide, but, as this list illustrates, hate crimes are rampant here in the Midwest, in our towns, our neighborhoods, our homes

"The statistics are alarming. According to FBI Statistics, there were 8063 (eight-thousand and sixty-three) hate crimes reported in the year 2000. Twelve-hundred and ninety-nine of those victims were GLBT.

"Alarming hate crime incidents are still climbing and the percentage of crimes against sexual minorities has nearly doubled in the last 11 years.

"According to the American Psychological Association, of nearly two thousand gay and lesbian people surveyed in Sacramento, California, roughly one-fifth of lesbian women and one-fourth of gay men reported being the victim of a hate crime since age 16. One woman in eight and one man in six had been victimized within the last five years.

"And, perhaps most frightening, over half of the respondents reported antigay verbal threats and harassment within one year prior to the survey.

"No group understands the threat of hate crimes more than our children. An article in this month's Advocate, a GLBT news source, reported that 86% of kids surveyed witnessed bullying in their schools. If our school teachers and administrators turn their backs on bullying and chalk it up to kids just being kids the intensity increases, taunts turn into shoves and shoves become beatings.

"These hate crimes send a threatening message to entire communities. They send a message to society that such crimes

are substantiated. And, even worse, it sends a message to the victims and their loved ones that their pain, torture and deaths are justified.

"Rainbow Celebrations is PROUD to be among the many organizations represented here today. We are PROUD to stand up with our friends in the community and proclaim our utter outrage against these crimes and we are ready to stand with our allies and demand better legislation that will protect our minority brothers and sisters.

"Today's vigil marks the beginning Rainbow Celebrations' eleven-day long National Coming Out Week of events. Coming out is an important step for GLBT people as well as their friends and families.

"On October 11th, National Coming Out Day, many closeted gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people will choose to reveal to the world their deeply hidden secret of their sexual or gender orientation. These brave people face a difficult, dark path. But we can be the light on that path. We can show these people that they may be free of persecution and prosecution.

That, like all people, they may embrace some of the most basic of all human rights: to be FREE of VIOLENCE, FREE of FEAR, FREE of HATRED.

"If you would like more information about National Coming Out Week events, please visit www.rainbowcelebrations.org. Thank you for coming here today and thank you for your part in stopping the hate."

Written by Carrie Spencer and Shelby Thompson

"I LOVE YOU!"

God

Come and See This Sunday!

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Whole Page	7 ½ X 10	\$100.00	Half Page	7 ½ X 4 ¾	\$ 50.00
Fourth Page	3 ¾ X 4 ¾	\$ 25.00	Business Card		\$ 15.00

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

Ad Deadlines: Friday, November 22 for Publication November 29 Friday, December 6 for Publication Dec. 13

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Sunday-Friday: 10 am-10 pm



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

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HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH

Rose Blumkin Performing Arts Center

Sat. Dec. 7

BENEFIT FOR NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The transgender rock 'n' roll musical "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" makes its Nebraska premiere for one show only on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Rose Blumkin Performing Arts Center, 2001 Farnam St. The off-Broadway hit written by John Cameron Mitchell, with music and lyrics by Stephen Trask, has become a cult favorite.

The Omaha production will be presented during "Night of a Thousand Stars," the annual benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project. Directed by Eric Selk, the show features Randall T. Stevens as Hedwig and Andrea Lang as Yitzhak. The rock band, The Angry Inch, includes music director Rod Carlson on keyboards, Luann Cravens on bass, Bill Hoover and Ricky Collins on guitar and Roselle Ledesma on drums.

"Hedwig and the Angry Inch" tells the story of an East German girlie boy named Hansel, who lives his life with the hopes of finding this other half to make himself complete. Hansel agrees to a sex-change operation in order to go to the U.S. with an American G.I. he has met. The operation is botched, leaving one inch of genitalia, and Hansel, now Hedwig, is left to be neither man nor woman.

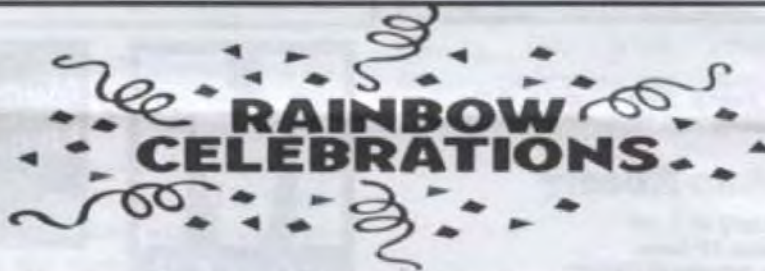
Rocker Hedwig finds herself living in a trailer park in Kansas, lost and alone. She lashes out in rebellion against her physical and emotional mutilation, all the while motivated by an overpowering desire to find her "other half," whoever or whatever that might be. "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" is a poignant meditation on loneliness, gender confusion and the romantic notion that sex is an effort to reconnect two halves of one ideal being.

The NY Times said that "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" brings "theater alive with the pounding sounds of rock 'n' roll and the funny sad voicing of a painful past...it is also an adult, thought-provoking musical about the quest for individuality. Time Magazine's review said, "The most exciting rock score written for the theater since, oh, ever!"



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COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

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Grant Writing	Videographers
Web Site	Pride Committee
Celebrations Planning	Entertainment
Ad Hoc Committees	Festival Coordination
Fund Raising	Volunteer Coordination
History/Archives	NCOD Committee
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SNAP! Productions presents Paul Rudnick's "The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told". From the same mind that produced the hilarious movies In and Out, Addams Family Values and Jeffrey, comes the uproarious comedy, The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told. An outrageous retelling of major events in the Old Testament and the current trials of modern day Manhattanites as only Paul Rudnick could recount.

A stage manager, headset and prompt book in hand, brings the house lights to half, then dark, and cues the creation of the world. We follow Adam and Steve and Jane and Mabel as they experience life in this new world. The second act of the play

follows these same characters as they fight to survive on Christmas Eve in today's Manhattan society.

The New York Daily News says that The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told is "Fabulous and funny . . . You will find yourself laughing uncontrollably throughout the evening." The Village Voice says, "Rudnick's new comedy is the ultimate sugar-free Christmas dessert: If any of its varied flavors happens to stick in your craw, there's a punch bowl full of laughs to wash it down."

Roxanne Wach directs the play which features Todd Brooks, Angie Heim, Jason Jokerst, Mary Kelly, Christine Lafinhan, Brian Margritz, Michal Simpson, Morgan Solomon, Elayne Station.

SNAP! Productions is pleased to present The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told, Nov. 7 - Dec. 1, 2002 at 3225 California Street. There will be no Thanksgiving Day performance. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. 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; \$10.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. The November 17th performance will be sign language interpreted for the hearing impaired

The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told



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See related article on page 1. To volunteer call 341-0330 or email us at rainbow@rocc.org
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December 6th - 8th, 2002

The River City Gender Alliance, one of the Midwest's leading support groups, is proud to host the return of Fall Harvest, an educational and entertaining transgendered weekend.

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- Makeover Artist
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- Hormone Replacement Therapy
- Sexuality

For More Information see our website at www.genderalliance.com/fallharvest.

For Hotel Reservations call the *Redick Plaza Hotel* - 402-342-1500 Toll Free 1-888-342-5339

HASTINGS COLLEGE HOLDS WORLD AIDS DAY VIGIL

Hastings College PHIVE-O (Peer HIV Education Organization) will hold a candlelight vigil in honor of World AIDS Day. The event will be at 8 PM Wednesday, December 4, in the college chapel, which is on the circle drive between 7th and 9th streets off Turner Avenue. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Call Judy Sandeen (402-461-7372) for further information.

LOOKING FOR MALE OR FEMALE ROOMMATE

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COUNTRY GOSPEL CHRISTMAS

Benefit Show at DC's Saloon, 610 S. 14 St.
8 - 10pm, Friday, December 13

The Christmas season is one of the most joyful times of the year. It's the time when we join with friends and family for food, for presents and for listening to familiar carols. The lights shine brightly on the trees and on highly decorated houses. We drive for miles to be with those we hold dear and we search for hours for the perfect gift.

This Christmas one of those perfect gifts may be a gift to make our church accessible to all those who would come and worship God with us. There are many opportunities to contribute to the Ark of Accessibility fund - some very serious and some very entertaining. Among those opportunities is "A Country Gospel Christmas," a benefit show to be held on Friday, December 13 at DC's Saloon. This is an early show 8 - 10pm so even the early birds can take part. We will be requesting a \$2 donation at the door but no one will be turned away.

"A Country Gospel Christmas" will feature performers from MCC as well as friends of MCC from the community. Special guests include the live vocal talents of Ms International Gay Rodeo Association Tamara Marks, Miss HGRA 2002 Ammie Zahn, Mr HGRA 2002 Paco, Miss DC's Jazmyn, ICON Czarina Justine St James, Mr. Gay Pride 2001 Troy Haasis, and more and more and more.

Join us for a night filled with the joy of Christmas and help support the Ark of Accessibility campaign.

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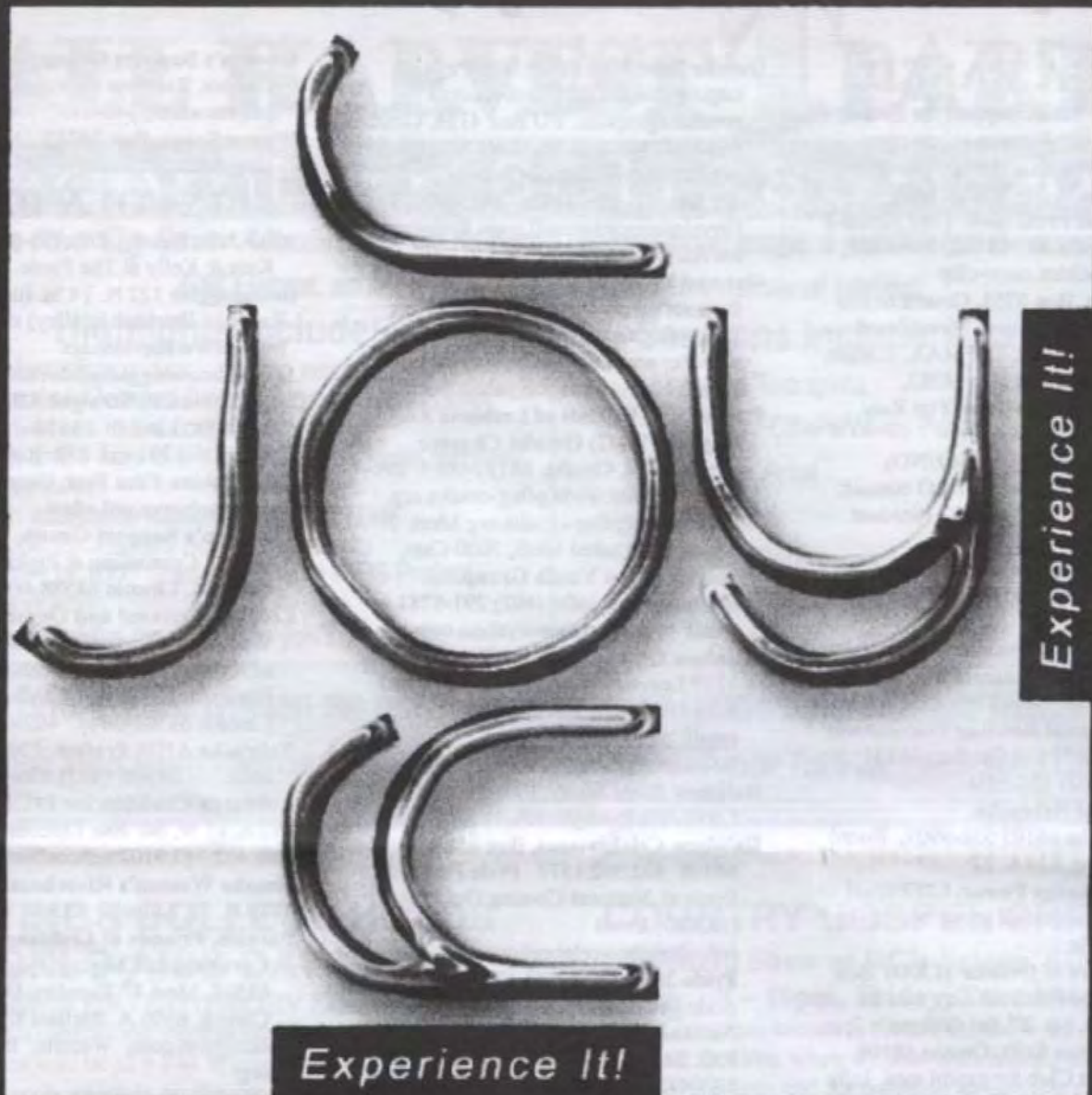
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- Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 <http://www.geocities.com/~cfep>
- Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers, 2nd Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm
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- Imperial Court of Nebraska**,
Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meeting 3rd Mon, 819 S. 22
- Learning to Exchange Power**, L2EP@aol.com, Social, educational group novices in Leather 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 8493, Omaha 68108 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
- Mpower**, c/o Nebr AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 www.mpower-nap.org. Men teaching men about HIV
- Men's Support Group-Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., 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
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Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Wed Eve 7pm
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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 the list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://members.cyberwolves.com/omahanegaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195 omahanegaypride@cox.net
- Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska**, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass,
- Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org
Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations**, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info@rainbowcelebrations.org
- Pride 2003** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride@rainbowcelebrations.org
- National Coming Out Day 2002** P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org
- Real Families**, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: call Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, Website: www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

- Women's Support Group**, Tuesdays 7:30pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 342-0330
- WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

- Alias Jane Band**, (402) 435-8764 Kara & Kelly at The Panic
- Boondoggles** 122 N. 14 St. (under Zero Street Records, Entrance in alley) shop online <http://www.ideviate.net> Email boondoggles@ideviate.net
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay/Lesbian Film Fest**, Deanna Zafike, cea@unlserve.unl.edu
- Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning-Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-2597.
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000
- Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts**, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln 68508 Doug & Bob 402.742.9102 nebcoalition@yahoo.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 Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.com, Website: <http://pflag.incb.org/>
- Plainsmen**, Support for 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** 489-9088
- 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>



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*In Loving Memory of our Mentor,
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when times are roughest.*

- The Club Joy Family

JOY...EXPERIENCE IT!

THURSDAY November 14th

Scotty and Mattress Together Again!

Who knows what will happen when these two are reunited for the first time again behind the JOY bar! Help us make Matt feel welcome as he visits JOY all the way from California! I'm guessing there will be a lot of singing to Moulin Rouge Songs!



FRIDAY November 15th

The N'JOY Show!

Come see Princess, Alexandra Stone, Diva Pluree', and Domonique Divamoore follow up their 1-year anniversary performances! Come Early! Cover \$5

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WEDNESDAY November 20th

CLUB JOY Celebrity Roast!

You know her, you love her, NOW YOU CAN ROAST HER!

JD from Gilligan's will be on stage for a very special roast. Get your stories ready...but remember, she gets the last word!

FRIDAY November 29th

The Weisenheimers on Stage at CLUB JOY!

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TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 20, 2002

set aside to memorialize those who were killed because of transphobic hatred or prejudice.

AMAZING GRACE

by Monica Taher

Western Regional Media Manager

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)

Gwen was laid out in a beautiful black dress, impeccably made up. Her nails were perfectly polished. She looked beautiful. When the family allowed media in and cameras surrounded the casket in the Chapel of the Roses, Gwen's grandmother cried out and fainted. It was just too much.

Last week my colleague Loren Javier and I were in Newark, Calif., to support the community and the family of Gwen Araujo, a 17-year-old Latina transgender teen who was brutally murdered in early October. We arrived expecting that, among other things, we'd be helping to shield the mourners at Gwen's service from a protest by notorious hater Fred Phelps and his band of picketers. Phelps had threatened to protest at the funeral, and media from all over the country were there to cover the event.

Hundreds came to the church that day (though not Phelps, whose clan instead paraded its "God Hates Fags" and "Eddie in Hell" signs outside the grieving family's home the night before). Gwen's relatives and friends carried flowers. Some of Gwen's former classmates wore t-shirts with Gwen's picture and the words, "We really love you underneath it all" lyrics from No Doubt singer Gwen Stefani's latest song. Back when she was going by the name Eddie, Gwen adopted her name in homage to her musical heroine. And in one of many acts of compassion that day, Stefani had called Sylvia Guerrero, Gwen's mom, to offer her condolences.

It was attorney Gloria Allred, hired to represent the family, who had invited and escorted us into the church. And later, as we walked out together, Gloria dropped her professional veneer and began to cry. She hugged me for the longest time, saying, "Thank you, thank you for the work you do." I was so overwhelmed, I couldn't respond.

The outpouring of love and compassion for Gwen and her family was remarkable. Even in a moment of horrific grief, a

palpable sense of hope quietly transformed us. That ability to turn tragedy into hope is something I have seen time and again as the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community has struggled to understand the hatred, intolerance and violence that is so often directed against us.

Our community's search for answers and understanding amid tragedy was apparent during the

days following Gwen's funeral as community leaders, organizations and individuals gathered to honor Gwen's life and memory. Groups like AGUILAS; the Community United Against Violence; the San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center; GLAAD; El Proyecto ContraSIDA Por Vida; the Transgender Resource and Neighborhood Space; and many others from different backgrounds and histories came together to do what we always do at times like these -- speak, cry, honor, pray and work together in hope that it won't happen again.

At Gwen's funeral, students from Newark Memorial High School's production of "The Laramie Project" came to support the family. Dressed in their angel costumes, they lined the sidewalk as Gwen's casket was carried into the church. Afterward, they gathered in a circle to join hands and sing "Amazing Grace" -- and slowly, people in the crowd began to sing with them. I looked around and saw Latino, African-American, Asian, Caucasian, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, heterosexual, old and young people singing together.

The experience reminded me that in too many cases, when tragedy strikes, we're not always there for one another. When Matthew Shepard was murdered, the LGBT community stood united in its grief and outrage. Yet others attacks have not connected us in the same way. When Chicana lesbian Juana Vega or Colombian gay activist Eddie Garzón or African American MTF transgender woman Tyra Hunter or openly gay Two-Spirit teenager Fred Martinez were murdered, fewer people took notice -- despite the work of our community to focus attention on their lives and the intolerance that fueled their deaths.

Make no mistake about it: anti-gay and anti-trans harassment and hate-violence are realities that many in our community face each and every day, whether the nation takes notice or not. And the solidarity and outpouring of support we've seen in response to Gwen's murder tells me that it's up to each of us -- whether we're community leaders or allies, media professionals or high school students -- to tell our stories. Because that's the only way things are going to change.

I hope I never lose my sense of horror at terrible, heinous crimes like Gwen's murder. But I am glad to know that tragedy and mourning are not the only outcomes of such crimes. They can empower and bring a community together. On November 20th, the LGBT community will commemorate the Transgender Day of Remembrance (<http://www.rememberingourdead.org/day>) in different cities around the country. This day has been set aside to memorialize those who were killed because of transphobic hatred or prejudice.

I'll be there on that day, along with hundreds of others. But I look forward to a day when hate-motivated violence is just a footnote in history books -- not the headline in today's newspaper. That's what I and so many others work for every day so people like Gwen can live their lives freely and without fear. *The Transgender Day of Remembrance will be honored during the Sunday Church Service at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha on Sunday, November 17.*



CHICAGO AND BOSTON ADD GENDER IDENTITY TO HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCES

On November 6 The Chicago City Council today voted to pass a measure amending the city's anti-discrimination laws to add explicit coverage for transgender Chicagoans. The bill adds "a person's gender identity, appearance, or behavior," to Chicago's Human Rights and Fair Housing Ordinances, which cover employment, housing, and public accommodations. Sexual orientation was added to the law in 1988. With the Mayor's signature, Chicago will become the twelfth jurisdiction in 2002 to pass a law to add explicit gender identity and/or expression protections to a local anti-discrimination law.

On October 30, 2002, Mayor Thomas M. Menino expanded anti-discrimination protection for over 589,000 citizens of Boston, Massachusetts plus those who visit and work there. Without any fanfare or press announcement, the mayor signed a gender-identity nondiscrimination ordinance overwhelmingly passed by the City Council a week earlier.

Addressing such concerns as employment, public accommodation, lending, housing, credit, insurance, and education, the ordinance adds gender-identity or expression to the list of protections for those who reside, visit, and work within the city. It's also noted as being one of the most comprehensive nondiscrimination languages in the country, especially on public accommodations.

At least one council member had a difficult time with the extension of equal rights to transgenders. In a column written for the South Boston Tribune last summer, Councilman James M. Kelly said, "I can't support this ordinance because cross dressers have the option of dressing as they please after work, out of school, after their job on the construction site, and away from the locker room." In voting against the ordinance, Kelly remarked, "We're solving a problem that doesn't exist."

Council member Kelly's logic completely overlooks the Peter Oiler v. Winn Dixie case where a Louisiana truck driver fired by Winn-Dixie for cross-dressing on his own time. In September, a The 5th Circuit Court judge ruled that indeed an employer may terminate an employee simply for the way they dress (in this case cross-dressing) away from the job. But despite the concerns of council member Kelly, the City Council voted 9 to 1 to pass the ordinance with one abstention and one absence.

Transgender activists are celebrating the Boston victory in a year that has so far seen transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination laws passed in 12 cities and towns, including New York City, Philadelphia, Dallas, Chicago and Buffalo. The eleven other jurisdictions that have passed anti-discrimination laws that include transgender people this year are: Allentown, PA; Boston, MA; Buffalo, NY; Erie County, PA; Dallas, TX; Decatur, IL; New Hope, PA; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Salem, OR; and Tacoma, WA. With the addition of Chicago, there will be a total of 51 jurisdictions in the United States that explicitly include transgender people in their anti-discrimination laws, including 42 cities, seven counties and the two states of Rhode Island and Minnesota.



THE BLUE BARN THEATRE KICKS OFF ITS 2002-2003 SEASON WITH NAUGHTY NOEL!

The Blue Barn Theatre will skewer Christmas again with its original holiday production, *LITTLE NELLY'S NAUGHTY NOEL*, A Steamy Sodhouse Spectacular!

LITTLE NELLY'S NAUGHTY NOEL comes from the demented mind of Tim Siragusa, known for co-writing and starring in such classic hits as *REFORM SCHOOL TIMMY!* *GO-GO BOYS FROM PLANEAT X!* and *HOW GHETTO CLAUSE FUNKED CHRISTMAS*. This time around he takes on our Nebraska prairie heritage and mixes in fabulous costumes, sexy humor, scantily clad performers and

fantas- tic show stopping musical numbers by Jill Anderson. Let's just call it "Little Blouse on the Fairy!" You'll see the evil railroad baron Clitus Bedlum and his sissy sons make a nasty grab for precious prairie land! You'll follow Pa Bergstrom to the mysterious Poppy Palace! And of course, don't forget the Ice Fairy Ballet!

It's a Blue Barn perversion of all you hold dear at the holliest, jolliest time of the year!

NAUGHTY NOEL will star Siragusa and Anderson along with a host of talented Omaha performers willing to push the boundaries of taste and decency. The cast includes Jerry Longe, Stacie Lamb, Terri Fender, Kevin Bensley, Matt Thompson, Joe Krick and Hughston Walkinshaw. Susan Clement-Toberer is directing with costumes designed and built by Travis Halsey & Helen Humble.

NAUGHTY NOEL RUNS November 29 through December 22, 2002, Thursdays through Sundays at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$10 for TAG members and groups of 10 or more. Call the Blue Barn at 345-1576 for tickets and more information.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

THURS. NOV 7—DECEMBER 1

SNAP! THE MOST FABULOUS STORY EVER TOLD Thurs-Sun 341-2757 Shelterbelt Theatre, 3225 California

FRIDAY NOV. 15

SONG FEST & AUCTION MCC 7PM

N'JOY SHOW CLUB JOY 9:30PM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

MR. MISS, MS HGRA 2003 The MAX

WEDNESDAY NOV. 20

JOY Celebrity Roast! Guest: JD from Gilligans! 9pm.

THURSDAY NOV. 21

EMPRESS LITA'S 30 SECONDS TO FAME OR SHAME 9:30pm The MAX

FRIDAY NOV. 22

SOCIAL & BINGO MCC 6PM

GRAND OPENING JONES STREET

STATION, 412 JONES ST, SIOUX CITY, IOWA 712-258-6922

SAT. NOV. 23

FLAT WATER BEARS' THANKSGIVING 5PM, MCC-O Social Hall

FRIDAY NOV. 29

THE WEISENHEIMERS JOY 9:30pm

NAUGHTY NOEL runs thru Dec 22, at the Blue Barn, Thurs - Sun 7:30pm Tickets \$15 for adults, \$12 students/seniors, \$10 for TAG members, groups of 10 or more. 345-1576

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

L2EP TOYZ 4 TOTZ BENEFIT

Workshops begin at 1pm, Redick Hotel Show 7:30pm Club Joy For more information contact L2EP@aol.com or L2EP Box 11341 Omaha 68111

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

WORLD AIDS DAY

ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ The MAX

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

HASTINGS COLLEGE CANDLELIGHT

VIGIL FOR WORLD AIDS DAY 8PM College Chapel Info: Judy Sandeen (402-461-7372)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

NAP "NIGHT OF 1000 STARS"

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH Reception 6pm, Show 7:30pm, Hitchcock Theatre, Rose Blumkin Performing Arts, Suggested Donation \$35 Reservations 208-0150, HedwiginOmaha@hotmail.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND BOU-

TIQUE, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 10am-1pm

MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The MAX, 8:30pm

FRJ-SUN, DEC. 6-8

RCGA FALL HARVEST, <http://www.genderalliance.com/fallharvest/index.htm>

FLAT WATER BEARS' CHRISTMAS

Raccoon River Retreat, IA

SAT. JAN 18 & SUN. JAN 19

RCMC CONCERT "MUSIC OF MAKE BELIEVE" 7:05pm, 1st United Methodist

FEB. 14-16, 2003 ICE BOWL

SAT. JUNE 21 & SUN. JUNE 22

CHORUS PRIDE CONCERT 7:05pm, UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center

FRJ. JUNE 27—SUNDAY, JUNE 29

HEARTLAND REGIONAL RODEO

SATURDAY, JULY 13

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA CORONATION 6PM, Sokol Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, 11AM

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH 819 S. 22, 9am & 11am

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRES 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,

Every Monday

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

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GRP 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr, Nebr

Union, 12 & R, Lincoln, 472-9428

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

OMAHA WOMEN'S SUPPORT GRP

ROC, 1719 Leavenworth, 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF 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 Treatment Ctr

2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity

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

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 9pm,

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM,

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux

City, IA (712) 252-4272,

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue

Presbyterian Church, 1023 N. 40th. Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford for More info

Every Saturday

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

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

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV+

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

2nd Friday

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS

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

SUDS RAPID HIV TESTING, (2 hour

results) 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone,

476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; 1719 Leavenworth

POLY GROUP 7pm; Rainbow Outreach

Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

2nd Sunday
INTEGRITY GROUP 6-7:30pm, St. Marks
Episcopal, 13 & "R" Lincoln

2nd Wednesday
"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR" 7pm Discus-
sion Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-0330

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday
PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm,
1st Meth, Mead Hall

2nd Saturday
GLSEN OMAHA Board Mtg.
9:30-11:30 am South High

3rd Sunday
SOUL FOOD SUNDAY 5-9pm,
CLUB OLIS

3rd Monday
IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR MTG
MCC-O, 819 S. 22nd St., 6:30pm

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+
MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17,
Lincoln, 476-7000.

4th Tuesday
PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian
Church, 6300 A St., Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

4th Saturday
HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone,
476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

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CALL FOR PROGRAMS "COMING HOME QUEER"

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[http://cominghomequeer.
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The University of California Lesbian
Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex
Association invites you to submit a
program for inclusion at the February
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erside, CA.

The deadline for submissions is
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cominghomequeer.ucr.edu/
callforprograms.html](http://cominghomequeer.ucr.edu/callforprograms.html)

Conference tracks include:

- - Student Organizing (ex. politi-
cal activism, student group or-
ganizing,
fund-raising, involving allies)
- -Student Retention (ex. h.s. out-
reach, financial aid/
scholarships, peer mentoring,
safe zones)
- -Campus Climate (ex. hate inci-
dents, visibility, working with
athletics or Greek life)
- -Housing (ex. theme halls, pro-
gramming in the halls, training
RA's)
- - Academic (ex. current re-
search, issues of pedagogy, fac-
ulty mentoring)
- - Arts & Media (ex. alternative
media, film, performance art,
multimedia)
- - Healthy Lives (ex. family is-
sues, spirituality, healthy rela-
tionships, safer sex, drugs &
alcohol)

Presenters will be notified of accep-
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Lincoln 475-2269

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AARON COPLAND: THE LIFE AND WORK OF AN UNCOMMON MAN, by Howard Pollack (Univ of Illinois Press, 2000, 690 p., \$24.95, ISBN 0252069005). One of America's most beloved and accomplished composers, Aaron Copland played a crucial role in the coming of age of American music. This substantial biography is the first full-length scholarly study of his life and work. Howard Pollack's biography examines Copland's musical development, his political sympathies, his personal life, and his tireless encouragement of young composers, presenting a balanced and skillfully wrought portrait of an American original.

THE HIDDEN HITLER, by Lothar Machtan (Basic Books, 2001 [2002], 434 p., \$18.00, ISBN 0465043097). Drawing from a wealth of archival sources, "The Hidden Hitler" focuses on Hitler the man. Lothar Machtan's controversial thesis is that Adolf Hitler was homosexual, and that one cannot begin to understand him, his entry into politics, and the early Nazi movement without a clear understanding of this aspect of his identity. As an intimate portrait of Hitler and a surprising portrait of the homoerotic nature of the early Nazi movement, "The Hidden Hitler" is a major contribution to the biographical literature.

A PROBLEM LIKE MARIA: GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN THE AMERICAN MUSICAL, by Stacy Wolf (Univ of Michigan, 2002, 289 p., \$19.95, ISBN 0472067729). "A Problem Like Maria" examines four of musical theater's greatest stars - Mary Martin, Ethel Merman, Julie Andrews, and Barbra Streisand - through a lesbian feminist lens. Stacy Wolf argues each deftly crafted characters whose defiance of mid-century femininity had immediate appeal to ideological and sexual margins, yet could still play in Peoria. The final chapter scrutinizes "The Sound of Music," illuminating its place in the hearts of lesbian spectators and the queerness of Andrews's troublesome nun. "A Problem Like Maria" is a groundbreaking contribution to feminist studies and a delight for fans of musical theater.

THE MATTER OF IMAGES: ESSAYS ON REPRESENTATION; 2ND EDITION, by Richard Dyer (Routledge, 2002, 183 p., \$22.95, ISBN 0415254957). Now published in a revised second edition, "Richard Dyer's analyses consider representations of 'out' groups and traditionally dominant groups alike, and encompass the eclectic texts of contemporary culture, from royalty to serial killers, political correctness, representations of Empire and films such as "Gilda," "Papillon" and "The Night of the Living Dead."

MASCULINE INTERESTS: HOMOEROTICS IN HOLLYWOOD FILM, by Robert Lang (Columbian Univ Press, 2002, 381 p., \$22.50, ISBN 0231113013). "Masculine Interests" Robert Lang considers how Hollywood articulates the eroticism that is intrinsic to identification between men. He considers masculinity in social and psychoanalytic terms, maintaining that a major function of the movies is to define different types of masculinity. Focusing on several films, Lang questions the way in which American culture distinguishes between homosexual and nonhomosexual forms of male bonding.

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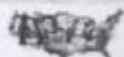
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What We Know About GLBT Seniors

Part III

HEALTH RISKS (Cont.)

ALCOHOL & DRUG USE

While there is no conclusive evidence that alcohol use and other forms of drug abuse are more prevalent among gay men and lesbians, numerous studies document much higher smoking rates among both gay men and lesbians than among heterosexual men and women. The Institute of Medicine's Lesbian Health Study reported twice as many lesbians as heterosexual women are heavy smokers as (6.8 to 7.4 percent of lesbians compared to 3.5 percent of heterosexual women.)

OLD GAY & BISEXUAL MEN AND HIV/AIDS

There are two issues which make HIV/AIDS a particular concern for GLBT elders: the continued transmission of HIV among older populations, especially of men who have sex with men, and the increased lifespan of people with HIV and AIDS due to the new medications which offer the promise, as yet unrealized, of transforming HIV/AIDS into a chronic condition rather than a terminal disease.

Many older gay men are find-

ing it difficult to incorporate safer sexual practices into their sexual repertoire. Although they may be quite knowledgeable about HIV transmission, many express the sentiments of a 67-year-old client who said, "Our people don't use condoms."

Of more than 700,000 Americans diagnosed with AIDS through 1999, 10-11 percent of them were age 50 and older at the time of diagnosis. Women accounted for about 11 percent of AIDS diagnoses for people over 50. About 38 percent of newly reported cases of HIV are men who have sex with men; a disproportionate number of these are African American and Latino men.

The Centers for Disease Control and prevention reported that from 1991 to 1996, people age 50 and older experienced a sharp increase in the incidence of HIV-related illnesses (up 22 percent), while the 13-49 year old age group experienced a nine percent increase. The success of new drug regimens will also contribute to an increase in the number of old people living with HIV in the future.

THE LIFE COURSE OF GROWING OLD

As in many other aspects of American life, men and women can experience the world very

very differently. Many old lesbians report, for instance, that feminism is a much more powerful force in their lives than the political dynamics of gay liberation. However, the impact of the era of gay political liberation, known in short as "Stonewall", and its aftermath, may be the most salient influence in the political and social development of gay men.

There is some indication that gay men experience "accelerated aging," i.e. experience themselves as old at an earlier age than their chronological age. Such feelings can occur as early as age 30.

Many lesbians, on the other hand, have been found to approach midlife and old age with a greater sense of freedom and fulfillment. Women tend to find themselves in a wider, intergenerational circle of friends and family than gay men.

Some GLBT people age with a sense of crisis competence. Many have experienced so much pain and crisis in their lives as a result of homophobia and discrimination, including the ravages of the AIDS epidemic, that they have been, in a sense, in training, learning life skills for the challenges they may face in old age.

Heterosexism is still a fundamental part of the life experiences of most GLBT people. GLBT elders live in a

Social environment of heterosexism. Psychologist Gregory Herek defines heterosexism as "an ideological system that denies, denigrates and stigmatizes any non-heterosexual form of behavior, identity, relationship or community."

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Note: This is part three of a series on GLBT aging issues from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. More information is available online at www.nglftf.org. The report was written by Sean Cahill, Ken South and Jane Spade

Founded in 1973, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force works to eliminate prejudice, violence and injustice against gay, lesbian and transgender people at the local, state and national level. The NGLTF Policy Institute is a think tank dedicated to research, critical policy analysis, strategy development and coalition building to advance equality for GLBT people, and to end institutionalized homophobia.

In the next issue of The SAGE Page, we'll list the fall schedule of events and activities SAGE/Omaha members will be participating in...NEXT EDITION OF THE GAYZETTE!

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