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GAYZETTE

BOSTON — Ruling under its state constitution, Massachusetts' highest court issued a landmark decision striking a blow against discrimination and making Massachusetts the first American state to no longer deny couples the right to marry solely because they are the same sex.

Matt Coles, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project said, "The court today recognized that a constitution that protects individual rights does not allow government to say that only some families will be protected."

In the 4-3 ruling, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts found that the state marriage statute violated same-sex couples' rights to due process and equal protection under the state constitution. The Court ruled that the statute must cover same-sex couples and remanded the case to a trial court, ordering it to remedy the constitutional violations in the statute. The Court has also given the state legislature 180 days to consider how it may bring state law into compliance with the decision.

"With its decision, Massachusetts has paved the way for other states to protect the rights of other couples — gay or straight — to share in the benefits ordinarily associated with marriage, such input and access to medical information and medical insurance," said Carol Rose, Executive Director of the ACLU of Massachusetts.

In a practical sense, this ruling will end discrimination against gay couples regarding pension benefits, medical insurance, hospital visitation and inheritance rights. The Massachusetts court's decision to no longer deny the right to marry is clearly the way to go, the ACLU said, rather than to proceed with a dangerous federal constitutional amendment that would, by attempting to ban same sex marriages and destroy all of the domestic partnership laws and other measures that state and local governments have passed to protect same-sex relationships.

Two provinces in Canada — Ontario and British Columbia — now allow same-sex marriages, and three states — Hawaii, Vermont and California — have some legal mechanism for protecting gay couples. More than 100 municipalities have adopted domestic partnership laws.

The Massachusetts case, *Goodridge et al. v. Department of Public Health*, was brought by Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders on behalf of seven couples who want to marry in the state of Massachusetts. The ACLU filed a friend-of-the-court brief in support of the couples. In its brief, the ACLU noted that in much of the country, gay people have no protections for their relationships at all. People continue to be banned from their partners' hospital rooms, kept out of conversations with doctors about emergency treatment and cut out of survivor benefits when their partners die.

Just last month, the ACLU filed a friend-of-the-court brief on behalf of a five-year-old boy who is being denied the Social Security survivor benefits that ordinarily go to a child when a parent dies. The boy was raised by two women, and his non-biological mother and the family's principal breadwinner passed away unexpectedly of an undiagnosed brain aneurysm at 38. The Social Security Administration refuses to recognize the boy as her child, even though she raised him with her partner, supported him and gave him her name. The ACLU pointed to another case in Alaska in which the state denied a woman with dire medical problems health coverage even though her partner worked for the state. Their relationship, the state said, is not one we recognize. But when she applied to that same state for Medicaid, it said she didn't qualify because she was being supported by her partner. (See related articles on pages 3 & 6 of this issue.)



Landmark Decision in Massachusetts

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"MARRIAGE IN THE MAKING"

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled today that same- and opposite-sex couples must be given equal civil marriage rights under the state constitution. The ruling in *Goodridge et al. v. Department of Public Health* makes the state the first in the nation to grant same-sex couples the right to a civil marriage license. Ruling that civil marriage in Massachusetts means "the voluntary union of two persons as spouses, to the exclusion of all others," the court allowed the Legislature 180 days to change the civil marriage statutes accordingly.

Key results from the ruling:

- 1 Same sex couples in Massachusetts who choose to obtain a civil marriage license will now be able to:
 - 2 Visit each other in the hospital, without question;
 - 3 Make important health care and financial decisions for each other;
 - 4 Have mutual obligations to provide support for each other;
 - 5 File joint state tax returns, and have the burden and advantages of the state tax law for married couples; and
 - 6 Receive hundreds of other protections under state law.
- 7 Churches and other religious institutions will not have to recognize or perform ceremonies for these civil marriages. This ruling is not about religion; it's about the civil responsibilities and protections afforded through a government-issued civil marriage license.
- 8 By operation of law, all married couples should be extended the more than 1,000 federal protections and responsibilities administered at the federal level. These rights include the application of federal inheritance laws, social security benefits, the right to unpaid leave to care for a family member, the ability to file joint tax return, and the like. However, the so-called Defense of Marriage Act purports to discriminate against same-sex married couples and deny them these protections. Because no state has recognized civil marriage for same-sex couples in the past, this law has not yet been challenged in court.
- 9 Other states and some businesses *may* legally recognize the civil marriages of same-sex couples performed in Massachusetts the same way they treat those of opposite-sex couples.

The Human Rights Campaign signed onto a "friend of the court" brief in *Goodridge* to support and further explain the case for extending civil marriage rights to same-sex couples under the state constitution. A variety of other civil rights organizations, religious groups, child welfare experts, family and legal historians and others also either signed or filed briefs of their own in favor of extending civil marriage laws to same-sex couples.

Domestic partner laws in California, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Connecticut also allow same-sex couples access to some of the basic benefits and protections afforded to married heterosexual couples. More than 50 cities and counties nationwide offer domestic partner registries where same-sex and sometimes opposite-sex couples can register their relationships. Some of these provide same-sex couples with important legal protections, such as the right to visit each other in the hospital, while others simply recognize the relationship without conveying any benefits.

The issue becomes what will come of this for Nebraskans. Well first off Nebraska is one among only a few states who have defensive marriage enacted into the state constitution. One could begin to write their state representative, but with it being in the constitution, it would be very hard to change.

Because of current federal law structures when same sex couples file taxes in Massachusetts they file their state income tax together, but still have to file their federal taxes separate. The only real way to get things changed in Nebraska is through lawsuits.

There is already a current lawsuit to defeat the constitutional amendment on the state level. The only other way that could make it easier in a lawsuit is for the GLBT community to get married in Massachusetts and move to Nebraska. When the state refuses to recognize the marriage a lawsuit would be filed. Not only could this be changed at the state level, but also I am sure a wave of federal lawsuits will hit all the way till the Supreme Court makes a ruling. In our request for equality be sure to help out the Human Right Campaign in their endeavors. Visit www.HRC.org for more info. Working together we will see legal marriage in the making.

MORE STARS NEEDED TO FILL THE DECEMBER SKY!

You can still turn in your reservation for ICON's first ever Night of a Thousand Stars Extravaganza hosted by Emperor Don and Empress Monroe at The MAX on Saturday, December 6. Spaces are still available for the buffet catered by Garden Café and the more casual fare which features a vast array of the community's finest hors d'ouerves. See a bartender at The MAX for an invitation. Mail in your reply today—by Dec. 1, please. The MAX will be ablaze with the lights of their renowned Christmas decorations, a perfect setting for this event. Don't miss the fun! Regardless of which venue you choose, you will be invited to join in the gala dessert reception which will be held this year at the Qwest Center. Featured guests at the dessert reception include nationally acclaimed performer Lionel Richie along with entertainment by Rude Awakening. Every dollar that you donate this night will go directly to the Nebraska AIDS Project.

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FEDERAL JUDGE SAYS LAWSUIT CHALLENGING NEBRASKA'S EXTREME ANTI-GAY FAMILY LAW CAN PROCEED

A federal judge in Nebraska ruled that a lawsuit can move forward challenging the state's constitutional amendment that bans any legal recognition of same-sex relationships. The American Civil Liberties Union and Lambda Legal represent three statewide advocacy groups challenging the law.

The 13-page ruling denied the State of Nebraska's motion to dismiss the case, which seeks to strike down Section 29, a constitutional amendment passed by the state's voters in 2000. "Section 29 does not just withhold a benefit; it actually prohibits its same-sex relationship couples from working to obtain governmental benefits. If the purpose, as offered by the defendants, of Section 29 is merely to maintain the common law definition of marriage, there would be no need to prohibit all forms of government protection or to preclude domestic partnerships and civil unions," the ruling said.

"By allowing our case to proceed, the judge recognized the harm this law inflicts on Nebraska same-sex couples and their families," said David Buckel, senior staff attorney for Lambda Legal. "This is by far the most extreme anti-gay family law in the country."

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Lincoln in April, charges that the state law violates the U.S. Constitution. The ACLU and Lambda Legal are suing on behalf of Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP), Nebraska Advocates for Justice and Equality (NAJE) and ACLU Nebraska, three advocacy organizations in Nebraska that are prevented from seeking basic protections for lesbian, gay and bisexual couples because of the law. The state responded by filing a motion to dismiss the case.

"We're pleased that the Judge has agreed to give us our day in court, because it's clear that the only purpose of this law is to express disapproval toward gay people, which both the US and Nebraska Constitutions say you can't do," said Amy Miller, Legal Director for ACLU Nebraska Foundation.

Section 29 was passed in November 2000 in a heavily debated election that received the second highest turnout in the state's history. Promoted to voters simply as protection of traditional marriage, the law goes far beyond restricting the right to marry to heterosexual couples. The law specifically voids the uniting of two persons of the same sex in a "civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar same-sex relationship."

"This law makes gay people second class citizens and hurts their families in many ways," said Shelley Kiel of Nebraska Advocates for Justice and Equality (NAJE). "Nebraskans in same-sex relationships can't even lobby their representatives for the right to decide where to bury their lifelong partners, the right to take bereavement leave or the right to hospital visitation or emergency leave if their partners become ill."

Earlier this year, Senator Nancy Thompson introduced a bill that would give same-sex couples the right to make burial arrangements for their partners. In response, Attorney General Jon Bruning issued an opinion on March 10, stating that the bill was unconstitutional because of Section 29.

Members of these plaintiff organizations include Judy Gibson and Barbara DiBernard of Lincoln, who have been living

together as a couple for over 14 years and have made commitments to care for one another for the rest of their lives. Judy suffers from a degenerative disease that requires her to use a wheelchair. Because of Nebraska's law, Barbara, who works for the state university, does not have the option of obtaining coverage for Judy on her university health plan. Barbara is also prevented from advocating for a policy authorizing her to take time off from work to take Judy to her regular medical appointments.

Donna Colley and Margaux Town-Colley of Omaha have been in a committed, loving relationship for over six years and are the proud parents of an 18-month-old son. With a child's needs to consider, Nebraska has made Donna and Margaux especially concerned about what would happen if either of them dies or should become incapacitated. The law makes it impossible for the couple to seek legislation that would allow them to designate each other as the person responsible for making emergency medical decision or funeral decisions.

"The citizens of Nebraska were manipulated into believing this law was about protecting the institution of marriage, when in reality it was a carefully executed campaign of discrimination and hate," said M.J. McBride, President of CFEP.

"Nebraska's law is bad for families, bad for our state and plainly unconstitutional."

The attorneys who are bringing the challenge to the law include Robert Bartle of Bartle & Geier in Lincoln, David Buckel and Brian Chase of Lambda Legal, Tamara Lange of the Lesbian & Gay Rights Project of the ACLU, and Amy Miller of the ACLU Nebraska.

Toyz 4 Totz Leather Day! December 13, 2003

Learning to Exchange Power is having its annual Toyz 4 Totz fund raiser. It will be a day packed with education, an evening of entertainment with a Hot Leather Show at the JOY at 7:30pm, a raffle, auctions, followed by a night of dungeon play.

This year Lord Wolf will again join us with a Whip and Single tail Demonstration. His demonstration and showmanship will entertain as well as educate.

This annual event has proved to be a fun way to raise money for kids with or affected by AIDS. Join us for a fun filled day and a great way to net work with others in the lifestyle.

During the November meeting Learning to Exchange Power has a workshop on Pervertible. Then we put together Christmas stocking or packages for raffle & auction items. Donations are also received from vendors and local retailers. We will gladly accept raffle auction items before or during the event. Also, anyone interested in doing a Christmas number or Christmas fantasy for the show please contact meat Susan 402-290-2109 or L2EP@aol.com Sunday night join us as we present the money raised to ICON's (Imperial Court of Nebraska) Toyz 4 Totz main fund raiser at The Max.

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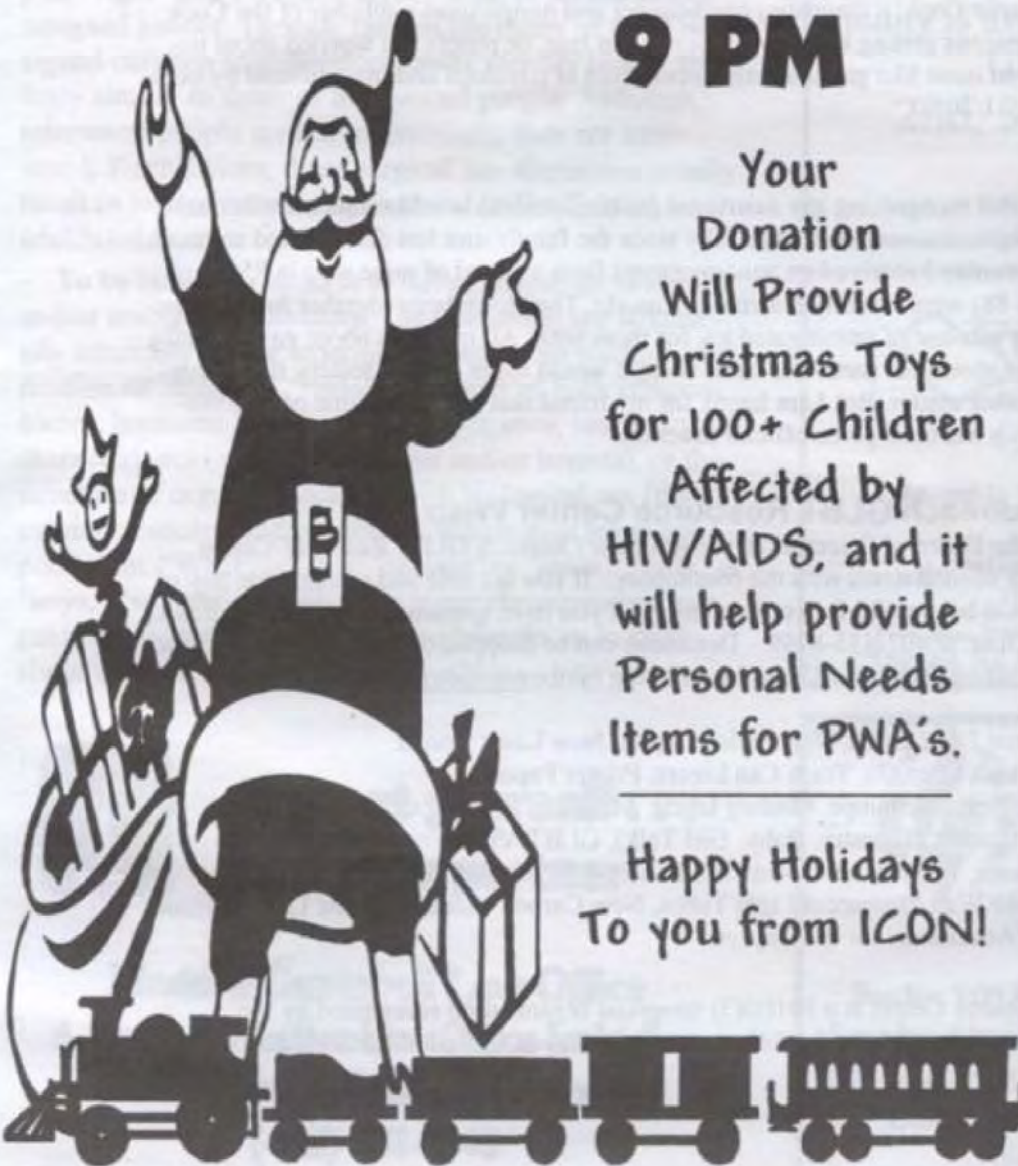
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Tidbits from the News and the Internet

New Poll Shows Support for Gay Marriage

"Massachusetts residents, by a solid margin, said they support the Supreme Judicial Court's landmark decision legalizing gay marriage, according to a Boston Globe/WBZ-TV poll. The poll of 400 people, the first survey of Bay State residents since the court's historic ruling, indicated that 50 percent agree with the justices' decision, and 38 percent oppose it. Eleven percent expressed no opinion. "The poll also indicated that a majority oppose efforts by the Legislature, Governor Mitt Romney, and Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly to block same-sex marriages and allow civil unions instead. A majority, 53 percent, also oppose a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would ban same-sex marriages by defining marriage as an institution between a man and a woman. Thirty-six percent support the amendment."Boston Globe, 11/23/03

People In Glass Marriages.

"Chuck, I've always been curious whether actions like the Defense of Marriage Act - or various proposed Federal and State Constitutional Amendments to make sure that gays don't get married - do anything to reduce the high divorce rate among heterosexuals." News & Views reader

Frivolous and Insignificant

"While gay marriage may be topical at the moment, many analysts suspect the issue will fade as larger matters - namely, peace and prosperity - reassert their traditional place at the center of the presidential race. 'This looks to be a 'big issue' election,' said Charlie Cook, a campaign handicapper and nonpartisan publisher of the Cook Political Report. 'If you've got Americans getting killed and wounded in Iraq, or people are worried about unemployment or underemployment, an issue like gay marriage seems kind of frivolous and insignificant by comparison.'" Los Angeles Times, 11/20/03

The Newlyweds

"My primary fear has always been that recognizing gay marriages (or civil unions) would weaken traditional marriage and morality. These are legitimate concerns, especially since the family unit has deteriorated so much during the past forty years. Yet yesterday I received an announcement from a friend of mine who is 85 years old. He and his gay partner (who is 88) were recently married in Canada. They have been together for 58 years. When I got that notice, my reaction was one of unmitigated joy for them both. All my fears about gay marriage seemed to evaporate when I thought about this particular case. What it would mean for our society if gay marriages became commonplace is another matter. But I am happy for my friend that after a lifetime of commitment, his most important relationship has been given official sanction." News & Views reader

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Wish List

With Christmas fast approaching, the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center would like to share their wish list of needed items with the community. If you are able and can provide any of the following items, the Center would be grateful for your donation. If you have questions about certain items, please contact Troy Haasis, Vice Chair, at 402-415-8769. Donations can be dropped off at the center anytime or you can arrange for pick up by calling 402-341-0330 or by emailing rainbow@rocc.org. Needed items:

Cash or Check Donations, New Front Door Glass, New Office Copier, New Laser Printer
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A MINUET LOOK AT THE INTERSEXED

By Rick

One may become intersexed due to the result of an accident, while most intersexed are born intersexed. To be intersexed is more common than one may think. There is at least one intersexed in every one hundred infants born. One to two out of one thousand infants born, is surgically altered at birth, (The Intersexed Society of North America has labeled this practice "Infant Genital Mutilation") to create suitable genitals to conform to what society considers acceptable for "males" or "females". Most intersexed infants are assigned a "female" sex rather than "male" since medically, it is simpler to subtract than to add.

Numerous physicians believe they can actually create any gender, out of any child, as long as the surface alterations are performed early (generally before the age of two years). Therefore essentially "John" can be made into "Jane" and "Jane" into "John" as long as the genitals appear "right" and everyone agrees to agree on the child's assigned gender. Though, later in life many of these reassigned children may develop gender identity issues, strikingly similar to those of transsexual people. Although, intersexed people are not transsexuals, they are intersexed. Furthermore, these surgical sex alterations usually result in loss of sexual response and in-fertilization in adulthood.

To be born intersexed is to have chromo-anomalies and/or ambiguous genitalia. The intersexed are structurally internally and/or externally, outside the medical clarification of "male" or "female" in terms of ones chromosomes, hormone levels, genital appearance, secondary sex characteristics (such as facial hair and/or breasts), or the structure of organs associated with biological sex (the ovaries, testicles, and/or uterus). Which may leave one pondering, "What makes us "female" or "male," "girls" or "boys," "women" or "men"? Is it our chromosomes, our genitalia, how we (and others) are brought up to think about ourselves, or all of the above?"



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TRANSGENDERED? QUESTIONING? NEED TO TALK?

A representative of the Transgender Community is available at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays
7—9pm



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

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NIGHT OF 1000 STARS Call 402-552-9260 or visit www.nap.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
MISS PRIDE ASPEN, Club JOY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER
LEATHER DAY Benefit for Toyz 4 Totz 9:30pm, The MAX

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ, 9:30pm, The MAX

SAT., JAN. 24 & SUNDAY, JAN. 25
RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS
WINTER CONCERT 7:05pm, First United Methodist, 70th & Cass For Ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

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WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am
LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN 1023 N 40 10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

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

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM
FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

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

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

AA GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

Every Tuesday
UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GRP 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr, Nebr Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

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

Every Wednesday
WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, 7pm
UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm Ak-SarBen Lot 5, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday
GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18 Info: 391-1950; dknoxsac@qwest.net

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING 7pm, MCC-OMAHA, 819 S. 22

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday
SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 7:45pm ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

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

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

Every Saturday
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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE 7pm MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday
LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Caffeine Dreams, 7pm

1st Friday
LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, First Unitarian 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday
RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE
Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rega@tgforum.com

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

SINGLE LESBIANS, Social and Networking group, generally meets first Saturdays at 7 p.m. Call 614-6145 for information.

2nd Wednesday
FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday
PFLAG— OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Methodist

2nd Friday
FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS HIV TEST UNL campus FFI: 476-0355. 1—3:30pm

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

2nd Saturday
GLSEN OMAHA Brd 9:30am South High

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Leather or Knot,

2nd Sunday
INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln

OUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING film 6:30pm First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

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

3rd Friday
GAY/BI SUPPORT FOR HIV+ MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

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

4th Saturday
HIV TESTING Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lin-
coln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:30-3:30pm

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

HASTINGS CONFERENCE

Hastings College will host "10 Ways to Fight Hate on Campus", presented by Southern Poverty Law Center. The training will take place February 18, at noon. Location will be announced at a later date. For further information, contact Judy Sandeen at 402-461-7372.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Aces Bar, 1263 South 16th Street
Body Mods, 61st and Military
Club Olis, 2801 North 16th Street
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quix, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Joy, 1516 Jones Street
Liquid Courage Custom Tattoo,
2936 South 84th Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
Metropolitan Community Church,
819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
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1719 Leavenworth
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ONE NIGHT STAND: FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY! WHO'S IN YOUR STOCKINGS?



Wanting to start your holiday season off right? Looking for a reason to shake the holiday craziness? Wanted to see a show that will put the "holiday hop" back in your step? The MAX Cabaret Series offering of "One Night Stand: For Two Nights Only! Who's in your Stockings?" may be just the right answer for you.

Brandon Higdem, one of Omaha's top actor, director, and cabaret performers brings you the holiday version of his successful original cabaret production from last season. If you are looking for a cast of campy, unforgettable characters played by one man, you have come to the right place. Higdem brings you a personal offering, sharing his *spiritual* side through music; his *southern sincere* side with one of his classic characters Annette Boufay; his *shopping bitter* side with Chad, a disgruntled holiday retail employee; his

sweet side, through his version of The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy who suffers from split personality disorders, and offers you his *naughty* side with Bert, the "Holiday" elf. All of these characters are waiting to share their favorite holiday memories with you. Not only does Higdem bring you each of these characters, but also some of his favorite Christmas tunes – both classic and vocal jazz. You are sure to share side-splitting laughter, maybe a few tears, but also leave the venue with Christmas in your heart.

Decorated to the hilt in its Christmas finest, The MAX is the setting for the cabaret and can be located at 1417 Jackson Street. The event will be held on December 8th and 9th, beginning at 7pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be reserved by calling 402-556-3281.

Higdem will be accompanied by the magical fingers of Mitch Fuller at the piano helm and will also include some special guests to help him ring in the season properly. You can sit back in the beautiful *Stosh's Saloon* at The MAX, enjoy an array of alcoholic beverages to wet your jingle bells, and tap your toes and twinkle away into the starry holiday night.

Every other holiday show this season will pale in comparison to The MAX Cabaret Series offering of "One Night Stand: For Two Nights Only! Who's in your Stockings?" Reserve your \$10 tickets today by calling 556-3281. This show is for Mature audiences only. No children will be admitted.

Brandon Higdem hails from Bismarck, North Dakota, but now calls Omaha his home. He moved to the Omaha area six years ago with a professional acting contract through the Nebraska Theatre Caravan. He graduated with an undergraduate degree in theatrical directing from North Dakota State University.



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Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

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Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680

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

Men's Support Group-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>

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

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

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

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

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

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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: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com

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

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

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

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org

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

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, Website: www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

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

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

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

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

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Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510

(402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
Gay/Lesbian Film Fest, Deanna Zaffke, cea@unlservc.unl.edu

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

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

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

Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln 68508 474-8923 nebcoalition@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center, 2545 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE www.rsacc.org

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

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

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

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This gem of a musical is based on the same 1930's Hungarian play by Miklos Laszlo as the Jimmy Stewart-Margaret Sullivan classic *The Shop Around the Corner* and the more recent Tom Hanks-Meg Ryan movie, "You've Got Mail." Roundabout's 1993 Broadway revival of *SHE LOVES ME* was nominated for nine Tony Awards and won the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Musical Revival.

Directed by Roxanne Wach, with musical direction provided by Mitch Fuller and Ginny May, the stellar cast includes: John Rosman, Jennifer Gilg, R. Tipton Biggs, Ann Downey, Brian Katafiasz, Eric Salonis, Jerry Evert, Don Harris, Terri DeBenedictis, Connie Jo Podendorf and Melanie Kaiser.

Two clerks at this early 1950's European Parfumerie loathe one other at work without knowing that they have been anonymous pen pals for months and have fallen hopelessly in love with one another. With its small cast of eccentric characters aiding and abetting the oblivious lovebirds, this musical is a favorite of theatre lovers everywhere. The classic score includes such tunes as "Will He Like Me?", "Tonight at Eight," "Dear Friend," "Vanilla Ice Cream" and "She Loves Me."

Time Magazine called *SHE LOVES ME* "the perfect musical." With a score by *Fiddler On The Roof's* Bock and Harnick based on Viennese Opera and Hungarian Gypsy music with a smattering of modern Broadway, and a beautifully nuanced book by Joe Masteroff, *SHE LOVES ME* is a perfect ode to romance. And with its festive and animated Christmas finish, it's a wonderful musical to celebrate the holidays as well.

SNAP "CABARET"

"What good is sitting alone in your room?" Come see Cabaret SNAP! Productions' new retelling of the classic Kander and Ebb musical now through December 7. In this revolutionary reinvention of Kander and Ebb's hit musical SNAP! productions brings to life the seedy glamour of the legendary Kit Kat Club. Everything about Cabaret is top-notch from beginning to end. It is wicked, delicious, flawless. SNAP! Productions is pleased to present Cabaret through December 7 at 3225 California. 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, general admission; \$10, students, seniors, and TAG members.

THE LEGEND CONTINUES...AND IT'S A MUSICAL COMEDY!

The legend of Joan Crawford, that is. Yes, Christina, a musical comedy. SNAP! Productions and Shelterbelt Theatres have teamed up to give you a drag romp Christmas With The Crawfords. It is sort of a "Mommie Dearest the Musical" with a holiday theme, and has been packing houses for over ten years (first in San Francisco, now its fourth year in New York).

It's a legend that would have horrified Miss Crawford. After all, she was glamour personified. She won an Oscar. So why is she remembered today as the bitch who beat up her adopted children, drank too much, and was forced to marry a Pepsi executive to save her from a failed movie career? Chock that up to her daughter Christina, whose infamous book "Mommie Dearest," changed the course of the public's perception of Joan forever, fairly or not.

It is this view of Joan Crawford that SNAP! Productions and Shelterbelt Theaters showcases in Christmas With The Crawfords, of course in a lighthearted fashion. Creator Richard Winchester and writer Mark Sargent have fashioned both a parody of and a tribute to the "Golden Age" of Hollywood. The musical takes place on Christmas Eve, 1944. Joan is looking forward to the live radio broadcast from her Brentwood mansion, to be hosted by her friend Hedda Hopper. Suffice it to say the broadcast does not go well.

Perhaps the show's appeal is that it is just a lot of fun. Christmas With The Crawfords is a refreshing antidote for the anxiety-prone times that the holidays are for so many. Where else these days can you see the likes of Joan Crawford singing "White Christmas" as she dusts a staircase, or a grinning, gregarious Ethel Merman leading a rousing Jerry Herman song or Judy Garland offering "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", Christmas With The Crawfords may be the seasonal tonic you need.

Directed by Michal Simpson, with musical direction by Todd Brooks, Christmas With The Crawfords features a top notch cast, and as in any musical, there's a lot of singing and dancing which anyone can enjoy, even those unfamiliar with the people and era covered. The fact that it is mostly men impersonating Hollywood's leading ladies adds a certain "extra dimension" to the roles. And there are all the bitchy lines one would expect in a show like this. Don't we all love a good comeback or two?

SNAP! Productions and Shelterbelt Theater are pleased to present Christmas With The Crawfords, December 16 - 22 and December 27-31, 2003 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, every night except 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 21 and 7:30 pm on New Years Eve, December 31. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. The December 27th performance will be sign language interpreted for the hearing impaired. Wire hangers? Forget about them. It's Christmas...after all.

HGRA HONORED BY CSI



The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association was presented the Ambassadors Award from Child Savings Institute at their annual awards dinner. The award is in recognition of outstanding dedication and outreach efforts to benefit the children and families of CSI.

CSI has been a charity partner of HGRA since 2002 and has received over \$12,000 from the rodeo asso-

ciation. They have also been chosen as one of the charities for 2004.

HGRA President Bryn Geerdes accepted the award on behalf of the association. Geerdes said: "This is the first time HGRA has received such an honor. I'm very impressed with CSI to openly acknowledge and honor a GLBT organization in front of its Board, staff, and other supporters. They are a great organization to partner with and they have the utmost respect for us. Being a Gay organization has never been an issue."

HGRA 2004 ROYALTY TEAM

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association hosted their 2004 Royalty Contest on November 8th at Club Joy. The contestants had to compete in the categories of Horsemanship, Personal Interview, Western Wear, Public Presentation and Entertainment. HGRA is pleased to announce the 2004 Royalty Team. Mr. HGRA Paco, Ms HGRA Carmen, and Miss HGRA Ammie Zahn. These team members will now be eligible to compete for IGRA Titles in October 2004 at the IGRA Finals, which will be held in Omaha, NE October 14-17. Congratulations to Paco, Carmen, and Ammie and good luck in 2004.

NEW EROTIC ARTWORK IN FREMONT

Gallery 239 in Fremont is proud to present the original charcoal drawings of Sunny Baccus, opening Saturday November 29th from 6 to 10pm. The show of mostly black and white erotic figure drawings, also will include acrylic pieces by gallery co-owner Daniel Bel Den and will run until the end of the year.

This is Sunny's first gallery show, although she has shown her work at a solo bar show in Omaha and her drawings currently are on display at the Max and several other metro area locations. She has also been a regular exhibitor at local gay pride events and rodeos, and has donated her work for those and ICON charities as well. Baccus says a lot of her work is gay oriented, something she saw lacking in the local gay community.

"I met Sunny last summer at a function and was immediately very impressed with her work. I told her I was anxious to have her work in my gallery as soon as possible," says Bel Den.

The cozy fledgling gallery, located at 239 West 6th street in Fremont is open Sundays afternoons and Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Contact Daniel Bel Den at 402-720-9435 or Will Moore at 402-719-4714 for more information.

Baccus is self-taught, although she is taking classes at a local college, and has lived in Omaha 7 years. Please see the yahoo photos website below for examples of Baccus' work.

<http://photos.yahoo.com/sunnygrl2528>



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www.rainbowcelebrations.org

ICON & COMMUNITY RAISE \$2,750+ FOR PWA'S

Led by Emperor Don and Empress Monroe and the Royal Family of Reign 23, ICON and the community raised over \$2,750 at Food-4-Thought at The MAX. This money was used to purchase Thanksgiving Grocery Certificates for 96 persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Thank you all for your support. The show featured a bit of the old and a bit of the new, as Monarchs Don & Monroe incorporated their theme for the year into this traditional show hosted by ICON. Muffy Rosenberg joined Don as emcee for the evening. The crowd of 175 was enthusiastic in its response to Muffy's return to the stage after several years of retirement.

The evening was packed with wonderful entertainment from here and the Imperial Courts of Iowa and Minnesota. Add to that the traditional raffle of pies baked by Paul and combined with a flock of little duckies and friends and what else could result but fun! Fun! FUN! Both the Emperor and Empress had baskets to auction—hmmmmmm! Put with that the wonderful collectibles Todd had solicited from Ashley's Collectibles and Fairmont Antiques and the night was nearly complete.

A special thank to the following for their individual donations and auction purchases:

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Every dollar helps and every dollar is important. Thank you! Hope your Thanksgiving was a great one. You made Thanksgiving good for 96 PWA's and their families!

UNL WORLD AIDS DAY PROGRAMMING INCLUDES AIDS Memorial QUILT DISPLAY AT EAST CAMPUS UNION

The University Program Council (UPC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), in conjunction with the University Health Center PERSUNL (Peers Encouraging Responsible Sexuality at UNL) Program, is sponsoring the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The display will open Monday, December 1st, at 5 pm. A program opening the display will begin at 6:30 pm with a proclamation by Mayor Colleen Seng. The program will also include a candlelight vigil and a performance by the Rainbow Chorus.

Other programming taking place includes an informational display by PERSUNL in the alcove of the City Campus Union December 1st - 3rd. Magnets, information, red ribbons and love safely packets will be available at the Quilt display and the display on City Campus. December 1st has also been designated as "wear a red t-shirt and ribbon day" to help raise awareness about the impact of HIV. A number of individuals and groups on the UNL campus have been asked to participate in the awareness-raising project by wearing a red shirt and red ribbon pin on December 1st to remind people that HIV/AIDS impacts everyone. Interested individuals are invited to attend an information meeting on Sunday, November 30th at 6 pm in the City Campus Union for information and a red ribbon pin to wear.

Since 1987, the AIDS Memorial Quilt has been a way to encourage and provide healing, remembrance, education, and prevention in the struggle to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic. More than 42,000 individual 3 x 6 foot memorial panels have been sewn together by friends and family to create a memorial for those who have died of AIDS. The NAMES Project Foundation sponsors the Quilt and has presented portions of the Quilt to more than 13 million people at tens of thousands of displays around the world. The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at the UNL East Campus Union Great Plains Room Monday, December 1st (World AIDS Day), 5 pm - 9 pm, and Tuesday, December 2nd - 4th, 9 am - 5 pm. For more information on the Names Project Foundation and the memorial quilt visit www.aidsquilt.org.

SECTION OF QUILT IN SOUTH DAKOTA

As part of World AIDS Day, 6 sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed on Sunday, November 30 - Tuesday December 2, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church in Vermillion. Quilt display hours are 12 noon - 8 PM on Sunday and 9 am - 8 pm Monday and Tuesday. Co-sponsors GLBA and the First United Methodist Church are planning educational tables and a memorial service. On Sunday, November 30 at 8 PM at the First United Methodist church at 16 N. Dakota in Vermillion. The service and display are both community events and everyone is invited. The theme for World AIDS Campaign 2004 is "Women and HIV and AIDS". Further information about this campaign can be found online at: www.avert.org For further information about this event, you may contact Michael Suing at mfsu-ing@usd.edu or Wendy Stubbs at 677-5307

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2	Bowler Sisters	29	11	18357
3	Lords & Ladies	28	12	20442
4	D.C.'s Saloon	26	14	19301
5	Gill's Choke Artists	25	15	18205
6	Lickity Splits	24	16	17938
7	Omaha Ball Busters	23.5	16.5	16924
8	Cocks and Beavers	23	17	19277
9	Beaver & The Boys	23	17	18442
10	Omaha Hospitality	22	18	19274
11	Bowlers Choice	22	18	18599
12	Gutter Minds	22	18	18270
13	Max Factors	21	19	18502
14	N' Joy R Balls	21	19	18009
15	Kumaniwan2layya	21	19	17249
16	Omaha Mining Co	19	21	17843
17	Gilligan's Pub	19	21	17418
18	One in the Middle	18	22	17805
19	Oh Damn!	18	22	17778
20	Chicken & Noodles	18	22	17350
21	Red Hot Salsa	18	22	16958
22	Mudd Wrestlers	15	25	17788
23	Stosh's Stable	15	25	17236
24	Gett'n School'd	15	25	17000
25	The Outlaws	13.5	26.5	16845
26	Power Puff Girls	12	28	17030
27	Here 4 Beer	11	29	16674
28	Dirty Butter	8	32	16587

High Average Women

175 - R Richardson
171 - N Harrison
170 - P Burch

High Game Women

254 - N Harrison
248 - P Burch
235 - R Richardson

High Series Women

607 - H Kovanda
597 - R Richardson
592 - N Harrison

High Game Team

782 - Cock's & Beavers
779 - Lords & Ladies
758 - Omaha Hospitality

High Average Men

198 - R Hansen
198 - G Schoenfeld
188 - J Schomer

High Game Men

299 - R Hansen
277 - G Schoenfeld
245 - J Schulte
245 - J Schomer

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714 - R Hansen
710 - G Schoenfeld
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