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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

Drag Queen Extravaganza Makes Omaha First Stop Of National Tour

Omaha, get ready for a testosterone-driven night of glitz, glamour, and gals the likes of which you've never before seen on the Orpheum Theater stage because on July 4, "The Dixie Queen Road Show" tears into town for the first stop on its one-year national tour.

"The Dixie Queen Road Show" is a two-hour drag queen extravaganza, the star of which is the premiere screening of the film *Dixie Queen*, a somewhat scandalous and ultimately revealing look into the life of Tara Nicole, a drag queen who grew up on a farm in Beaufort, North Carolina and now lives in Wilmington where her peers know her as the "Bitch Goddess of the Port City."

For the next year, The Lady Chablis, and Lady Bunny, two of the most famous drag queens in America, will share the stage with the best local drag queen stars from each road show city in a celebration of the film, *Dixie Queen*. The first half hour will be numbers by local drag queens, the second half hour will be performances by The Lady Chablis and Lady Bunny and the last hour will be devoted to the screening of the film.

Many may know Savannah's jewel, The Lady Chablis (a.k.a. "The Doll") as the star of the book (and Clint Eastwood-directed film) *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* ("I'm the outrageously charming black drag queen who stole the two best chapters!"). The Lady Chablis is also the author of her own book, *Hiding My Candy*.



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The Masquerade

International Ms Leather 18 and International Ms Bootblack 6 will be held July 16-18, 2004. IMsL Weekend 2004 will take place in Omaha, Nebraska; easy to get to and centrally located (just a tad North of Oz). Sparks will light up the skies and there are tons of activities surrounding our city's 150th anniversary that very weekend.

This year's event will have features such as hot leather, S/m, evening fetish demos, static kink displays and more. In a phrase, "More Bang For The Buck"! The rest of the weekend will be host to receptions to include a Welcoming reception sponsored by "The Heartland of America Leather Family", workshops, vendors and THE SHOW- find your way to Rio with our carnival! Don't miss out on the post show Masquerade Ball! This will be a costumed event with prizes awarded.

Highlights of the show will include our 4TH Annual Audience Tattoo Contest. Winners of each audience participation contest will receive one complementary basic registration package to IMsL 2005.

The historic art deco Best Western Redick Plaza will once again be our host hotel, adjacent to Omaha nightspots and local casinos (yes, they do exist), and within walking distance of the contest location. Rooms may be booked at our special rates of \$87-\$117 by calling 402-342-1500. Please, of course, identify yourself as a member of our group in order to receive the discounted rate.

The IMsL organization is pleased to announce that our website www.IMsL.org has changed hands on thanks to our new web designer CyberExperts³.LLC who may be contacted at CyberExpert@Itsolvers4u.com. Another thanks goes out to our generous host Chicagonettech.net.

Information about the contest, itineraries, and our host hotel, as well as registration forms and information concerning the weekend's events can be found on the IMsL website. You will find updates to be made periodically, so check us out.

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Perspectives

By Jon Owens

Healthy Activities

The battle between the arts and athletics is one that has been going on for centuries. We Americans put such an emphasis on sports, especially Cornhusker Football. This is sometimes sort of a weird form of cult like activity.

Sports are important to children, because it teaches them good hand eye coordination. It teaches them also to work as a team. What goes over board is this jock mentality that men have to be butch. Men have to look great by putting them on steroids. I have no doubt as I work out at the YMCA that some of the guys there are doing drugs to look great. I know some of these very people are in our GLBT community. What is wrong with this picture?

We as a society take what is a positive, healthy activity and turn it into a bad thing. Doing drugs does more damage than help. So you look great, but you are shaving years off your life and may have to suffer health loss.

When I first moved here I was walking down the street in my neighborhood on N. 30th, wearing an OU shirt. As these two little old ladies passed me, all of a sudden I heard the other one making a big deal about my shirt. Saying things like how dare he wear and OU shirt! So I am an OU fan? I grew up fifteen minutes from the University of Oklahoma. I may root for a team, but that is no reason to get all upset. It is ok maybe to pick on people, but to get mad about it is another thing. We know this happens, because we hear of fans slashing the tires, among other things, of the out of town guests. We have then carried a sport too far.

One thing that is great about a lot of the gay community is that I do not feel left out, because I can find friends to hang out with, not doing super bowl parties or watching Cornhusker football games. I am not an athlete.

To top it off, It is no secret that the arts are always the first to go in our schools, but hardly ever do we cut athletics. Many GLBT are in love with the arts. Studies even show that people who are in the arts, especially musicians, tend to have higher test scores than non artists. The reason is because it is a skill that requires use of both sides of the brain.

Why do we cut an activity that nourishes peoples souls and makes them better students and people? Being in the River City Chorus is such a release for me. It allows me to escape reality and get lost in music. It is wonderful!

As someone who has studied music and worked with music teachers, there is sometimes this mentality,

especially in elementary schools, that the music teacher is not a real teacher. This is a shame, because I guarantee you that the music teacher had just as much if not more demanding college curriculum. The typical college degree is 124 hours. Music will range from 130-160 hours.

Musicians have their own problems. In the church realm, sometimes you get sacred music majors and organists who oppose contemporary music. These classical music Nazis are doing it for just pure snobbery. Yes, there may be more art in classical forms of writing, but that is not what can nurture someone's soul either. Music is an expression of moods. Let people feel the way they feel.

Aristotle put it this way to be a well-rounded person a person must learn music and gymnastics. A paraphrase into that would mean without gym a person would be a sissy, without music a person would be a big dumb jock.

We all need releases and forms of ways to express ourselves. We need to make sure we do those in healthy manners. That mean not to be snobs. This means not to damage to yourself with drugs. Be competitive only out of sheer fun, not to make something cut throat. Doing unhealthy things always will catch up with you.

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Lady Bunny, who also appears in *Dixie Queen*, is most known as the founder, producer and Mistress of Ceremonies of Wigstock (and star of the film *Wigstock: The Movie*), the 20 year-old Labor Day drag fest that attracts some 35,000 bewigged



revelers. One of the country's hottest drag comedienne, she has been described as "an unholy amalgam of Dusty Springfield, Phyllis Diller, Barbara Eden, and Don Rickles."

"Here is a wonderful opportunity to bring together both the straight and gay communities for not only an unforgettable evening of entertainment, but to also learn about a sub-culture still seen by many as the 'last taboo,'" said Miles Christian Daniels, who wrote, produced and directed the documentary. "The show unquestionably has crossover appeal."

In January of this year, "*The Dixie Queen Road Show*" premiered to a sold-out house at Thalian Hall, a 700-seat performing arts theatre in Wilmington, North Carolina. Daniels then made the decision to take the show to other cities across America. In addition to Omaha, other stops include Seattle, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Houston, Cleveland, New Orleans, and Miami. "It's a winning combination," said Daniels. "In each city we book a prestigious performing arts theatre and—because of its neutrality—people who would not normally go to a midnight drag show at the local gay bar will come out to experience what those in gay and lesbian communities have known for years to be extraordinary fun."

According to Daniels, "*The Dixie Queen Road Show*" is "an A-list event people will talk about for a long time to come."

More About the Film *Dixie Queen*

Dixie Queen is described as "a film that defies gay stereotypes" by writer, producer, and director, Miles Christian Daniels. "Most films about this underworld depict drag queens as one-dimensional caricatures: boozing, drug-addled queens found languishing in seedy gay bars," said Daniels. "What I found was a group of brilliant entertainers who are—first and foremost—painfully human."

Tara Nicole, who is not only a drag queen but also transgender, agreed to the film because she "wanted to help change the public's perception of drag queens." "We are hard-working people," said Nicole, echoing Daniels. "Most films about drag queens portray us as party animals found in freaky nightclubs, and that couldn't be farther from the truth in terms of who we truly are."

In a powerful stereotype-bashing twist, Tara's staunchest supporters are her own family members in rural Beau-

laville, who accept her unconditionally. Her father—a stoic 74-year-old tobacco farmer—says simply, "I don't think she can help it, do you?" Both Tara's father and aunt are interviewed on the family farm where they talk about total acceptance and family bonds.

But, according to Daniels, the most compelling scene is "Oh Happy Day" where Tara and other drag queens talk poignantly about how the issue of religion has been resolved in their personal lives. "Going into the film, I assumed that family and friends stood as the greatest obstacle in embracing one's sexuality, but I was mistaken," said Daniels. "Most I interviewed first heard that being gay was wrong from behind the pulpit—not from mom or dad. Coming to terms with one's identity in the face of a religious system that condemns them to hell, is a distressing and lonely process."



The film, which premiered at the recent New York Gay and Lesbian Film Festival to a sold-out audience has been entered in independent film festivals both here and abroad.

The Local Stars of "*The (Omaha) Dixie Queen Road Show*"

Domonique Divamoore

One of the original and current *N'Joy* cast members, as well as a past Miss Max. Domonique moved here from Lincoln, Nebraska several years ago and has taken Omaha by storm! Domonique puts the "D" in DIVA!

Madame X

Amazingly creative is how Madame X is best described. From her character impersonations to off-the-wall and campy performances, Madame X never misses her mark or fails to entertain.

The Princess

Another original and current *N'Joy* cast member and a past Miss Nebraska Gay National and Miss Q. Over-the-top costumes and simply unforgettable performances. The Princess lives up to her name!

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Katrina Kane

Our Reigning Miss Gay Omaha and a past Miss Max, Katrina has wowed Omaha audiences for the past 17 years with her off-beat performance style. Katrina is known as one of Omaha's Broadway Babies for her theatrical performances.

Montana

A past Empress of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and Miss Gay Omaha, Montana has grace, elegance and beauty; from ballads to dance, she never disappoints the audience!

Chandler

Our current Miss Max and a past Miss Gay Pride and Miss Nebraska Gay National, Chandler's larger-than-life, and often comic style always get the crowd going!

Michelle Michaels

One of Omaha's new stars, she is a recent transplant from Pennsylvania and our current Entertainer of the Year. Michelle embodies the word "entertainment." Outstanding talent, costuming and choreography are her trademark.

Dissent Among the Ranks?

"It's [same-sex marriage] something people should talk about and debate. I'm in favor of the debate." -- First Lady Laura Bush refusing a reporter's invitation to endorse the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning same-sex marriage, to the Boston Globe, May 21.

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(in Omaha, 552-9255)
Sunday-Friday: 10 am-10 pm

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Leather women AND men have found IMsL to be a wildly fun. Soon to come on our website will be our list of notable judges and our innovative, informative, and educational (and most importantly) FUN workshops. Contestant application packets are available now. Please e-mail us for a snail mail kit to be sent to you.

Now, for the laundry list:

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We look forward to seeing you here in July. Please keep checking our site for more IMsL updates. Any questions or concerns should be to our email address, yes; you know where to go... info@imsl.org.



"Expanding My Horizons"

A new group is forming now and its called "Expanding My Horizons".

If you would like to do new or old things, are a single female and have Saturdays available, I would like to hear from you. The basic idea is to get together with 6 to 8 people on Saturdays. I would like a get together on the first Saturday of the month from 6pm to 10pm and the third Saturday of the month from 12pm-4pm.

We will start with a meet & greet to see if you would be interested. There will be a questionnaire we will fill out, to get an idea of what the group would like to do. If you are interested you can sign up for what I call the "Quarter Commitment". The group would initially meet for 3 months. I would like everyone who signs up to commit to 3 months of group activities. At the end of the 3 months, you can come to the next meet & greet and sign up again if you like. The group will be deciding which events we will do. Things like play poker, go bowling, see a movie, play board games. You get the idea. If you are interested, please call 731-0206





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Test Fest 2004

Omaha, NE – June 2004 -- June 27th is National HIV Testing Day and Nebraska AIDS Project is providing additional opportunities for people to get free HIV testing this weekend. National HIV Testing Day is an annual campaign to encourage individuals to receive HIV counseling and testing.

Nebraska AIDS Project will be providing free and confidential HIV testing on Friday, June 25th from 1:00pm -10:00 pm at their Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth. People participating in HIV screening will also receive 2 free AMC movie passes.

On Saturday, June 26th, Nebraska AIDS Project will be providing HIV testing at an HIV and AIDS Awareness event being sponsored by the Urban League Young Professionals Chapter. The Urban League YPC event will take place from 10:00am – 3:00pm and will be held in the OSBN parking lot at 24th and Lake St. There will also be food, door prizes and educational information available at this event. Those participating in HIV testing will also receive two AMC movie passes.

About Nebraska AIDS Project: One of the oldest AIDS service organizations in the country, Nebraska AIDS Project works to eliminate the spread of HIV/AIDS through education and prevention programs targeted to those at risk. NAP provides professional services and compassionate support to people living with HIV/ AIDS, their families and loved ones.

www.nap.org

HRC Backs Sen. John Kerry for President

It may seem like a “dog bites man” non-news-story item, but the Human Rights Campaign endorsement of Democrat John Kerry for U.S. President does have some gay detractors. About a dozen GLBTs picketed outside the HRC Chicago gala last Saturday night because Kerry opposes same-sex marriage. Kerry does oppose the Federal Marriage Amendment, but he does not back same-sex marriage itself.

“Our movement can either decide to follow the failed strategies of the Clinton years, which gave us the Defense of Marriage Act and ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,’ or we can confront those who oppose equal rights, regardless of their party affiliations,” the protesters said in a press release.

“From voting against the Defense of Marriage Act to actively opposing ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,’ John Kerry is a true leader for our community,” said HRC President Cheryl Jacques. “Just six months into his first Senate term in 1985, he introduced a gay civil-rights bill. His aggressive support for our community continued unabated for the years that followed, demonstrated time and again by perfect HRC ratings on GLBT issues in Congress.”

Out Loud Illinois, a group of Illinois GLBTs who have united to raise money for John Kerry’s election for President and George W. Bush’s defeat, held a Pride Week Kick Off June 21 at T’s Restaurant and Bar.

Out Loud Illinois seeks to raise donations of \$25 or more for John Kerry’s presidential campaign from 5,000 Illinois GLBTs and their allies by July 20, 2004.

“We created Out Loud Illinois for the thousands of GLBTs who are looking for a way to give money and energy to the defeat of Bush and the election of John Kerry,” said Coco Soodek, organizer for Out Loud Illinois.

LGBT backers of John Kerry’s candidacy for U.S. president will also march together in Chicago’s Pride Parade.

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Sat., June 26

In-Town Show-Awards

The MAX 7-9 PM \$3
Join us for cocktails & appetizers at 6PM.

Sun., June 27

Monarchs' Step-Down Show

The MAX 9:30 PM \$3

Join TMIM Don and Monroe and their special guests for their final show of Reign 23.

Fri., July 2

Hospitality

Noon-4 PM Doubletree

Out of Realm Show

DC's 7-10 PM \$5

Bus Tour

10:00 PM—1:00 AM—\$5 adm.

Taste the flavor of all the Omaha bars in one evening—and someone else does the driving!

Hospitality

12:30 AM—3 AM—Doubletree

More food & more fun! Adm. with Coronation or Out-of-Town Show ticket ONLY.

Sat., July 3

Hospitality — 10 AM—3 PM

Coronation XXIV

Doubletree—7 PM

Doors open at 6 PM: All tickets will be \$30.00 Complimentary food available.

Hospitality

Following Coronation—3 AM

Join us for more food and fun! Admission with Coronation or Out-of-Town Show ticket ONLY.

July 4

11:30 AM BRUNCH \$20.00

Doubletree Hotel

Tea Dance & Beer Bust & Dinner

3 PM The MAX

Dixie Queen Road Show

8 PM The Orpheum \$20-\$35

Beer Bust & Fireworks

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

SATURDAY, July 3
IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA
CORONATION 24, Doubletree Hotel

SUNDAY July 4
ICE BOWL PICNIC AT DC'S, 1PM,
 DC's Saloon, benefit for the Ice Bowl 2005

DIXIE QUEEN ROAD SHOW, 8 TO
 10PM, Orpheum Theater, tickets \$20 to \$35,
 see article on front page for more information

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Every Sunday

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 Sunday School: 11am

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 10am

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

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM
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WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday
WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm
 AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Faid-
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KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

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HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach
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LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux City,
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MONTHLY EVENTS

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 Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian
 Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

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

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN. 6
 -8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark
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1st Sunday
GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a
 Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to
 reserve a seat up until the day before

2nd Thursday
PFLAG— OMAHA, 7pm, First United Meth-
 odist Church

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

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

2nd Saturday
LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
 Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER
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2nd Sunday
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3rd Thursday
LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday
GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN

6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A,
Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the Rain-
bow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Saturday

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

LAST Sunday

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

Many Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who showed up for the very impromptu show at DC's Sunday June 13th. We had a great evening. Thanks also to DC's for allowing us to have it there, and to all the performers you did a fantastic job! The money that was raised will go to Merlin's Refuge for abused and abandoned animals. With spring moving into summer the refuge has obtained many kittens and puppies from all over, some from as far away as Kansas. Merlin's Refuge, based here in Omaha, is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 so your donations are tax deductible. The Refuge works hard to find loving homes for all their furry friends. For more information you can e-mail Merlins Refuge at the following address; MerlinFrye@aol.com or Monica.Tway@gd-ns.com Also remember July 17th on the patio of the Max from 4-7pm, we will have our annual Bear-B-Q. Cost is \$7 and the meal is potluck so bring what you like to go along with hamburgers and hot dogs.



Wise Words

"It's hard to believe in the year 2004, with Americans being killed in Iraq, with civilians killed in Madrid, that these despicable assholes would conjure up the sanctity-of-marriage blather. This is a nonissue promulgated by thieves and religious zealots to imprison contemporary people in the prison of the medieval mind. They should just call it the Mel Gibson amendment."

-- Singer Lou Reed, denouncing the proposed U.S. constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, to The Advocate, April 27.

"By killing yourself, intentionally or through unsafe sex, you call yourself worthless and expendable. How can you think of a human being that way? Quit punishing yourself for the bigotry in society. Refuse to help the cause of homophobia. Take care of yourself. Learn to love yourself and protect yourself. See yourself and your partner as worth protecting. Treat safer sex as an act of defiance and gay pride, a statement about your love for yourself, a statement about the value of your life."

-- Duane Simolke

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JOY	1516 Jones,	341-7337
The MAX	1417 Jackson	346-4110
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Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

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

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

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

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

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm

LinOma Bares, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org

THE RAINBOW KNOT, a new web site devoted to gay and lesbian weddings, please visit www.rainbowknot.com

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, 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

SINGLE WOMYNS GROUP, Call 731-0206 for more information

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, Saturday 10am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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GLBT and Ally Programs and Services

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

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

(402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 483-5592

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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

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

Iowa Based

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

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

Black Hills Gay and Lesbian Youth And Resource Center, for more information please visit <http://www.bhgayyouth.org>



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Friendshipment Caravan

In June/July 2004, the 15th Friendshipment Caravan will visit over 120 cities in the US. The Caravan to Cuba, organized by IFCO (Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization,) gathers material aid shipments as part of its action/education project in the US to support the Cuban system of equal distribution of resources. All donations will be taken by the Pastors for Peace to Cuba and will be given the Cuban Ecumenical Distribution Committee who designate the aid throughout the island according to greatest need. This aid is being given in opposition to the US blockade of Cuba--a blockade not supported by the United Nations.

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SNAP! Productions

.....will hold auditions for The Lisbon Traviata by Terrance McNally on July 12 and July 13 at 7:00 PM at the SNAP!/ Shelterbelt Theatre at 3225 California Street. Direction by Don Nguyen. Needed are 4 men of varying ages. Performances are August 19-September 12, Thurs-Sat at 8 PM and Sunday at 6 PM. For information call Don Nguyen at 681-9786. For story synopsis visit www.snapproductions.com.

Also....Applications for 2005 Artistic Staff

SNAP! is accepting candidates for the following artistic staff positions:
 Zanna Don't Book, Music & Lyrics by Tim Acito March 3-March 27, 2005 Director, Music Director, Choreographer (paid positions)
 I Am My Own Wife by Martin Denton (subject to Rights Approval) August 25-September 18, 2005 Director
 The Sum of Us by David Stevens will replace I Am My Own Wife if rights are not available Director
 Parade by Alfred Uhry Music & Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown November 17-December 11, 2005 Director, Music Director, Choreographer (paid positions)
 We are also looking for set designers for all productions. Please contact Michal Simpson, Artistic Director, SNAP! Productions, at MSimpson6@cox.net or 346-1773 if you are interested in any of these positions.

HGRA Events List

JULY 2004

Canadian Rockies International Rodeo – Calgary, Alberta, July 2nd thru 4th, 2004 - <http://www.argra.org/>

North Star Regional Rodeo – Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, July 2nd thru 4th, 2004 - <http://www.nsga.org/>

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo – Denver, CO, July 9th thru 11th, 2004 - <http://www.cgra.net/>

Ammie's Art Auction @ The MAX, Friday, July 16th, 2004 The MAX - 1417 Jackson Street – Omaha, NE 68102

Greater Motown International Rodeo Part V – Detroit, MI, July 30th thru August 1st, 2004



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 Omaha, NE 68139-0064

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Famous Quote

"Those who want the government to regulate matters of the mind and spirit are like men who are so afraid of being murdered that they commit suicide."

-- Harry Truman

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What Marriage is For

Following is the text of a letter to the Omaha World Herald, sent regarding a recent article by Jeff Jacoby titled "Same-sex union OK not only judges' fault". May 19th 2004

While certainly not alone in his opinions, I would like to respond to some issues in Jeff Jacoby's article (from New York Times News Service). Perhaps the reason that "the feared negative consequences of same-sex marriage rarely get more than a fraction of the attention paid to its anticipated benefits," is the simple fact that the benefits of treating people fairly outweigh the consequences. I realize that it is anecdotal evidence, but MY marriage has certainly not been strained by granting the citizens of Massachusetts the freedom and equality that is guaranteed under the Massachusetts Constitution. I will also give only a passing nod to the fact that justices are appointed and not elected for a good reason, namely that they make decisions that are honest and fair, not necessarily decisions that will get them reelected. Far from a "antidemocratic threat," this is an important check on the power of lawmakers. Government by the majority should not be at the expense of the minority.

The point which I chiefly wish to address, however, is this "ancient definition of marriage" so many writers, politicians, etc, trot out as an argument against homosexual unions. It seems that only the pretty parts are ever included. My family background (predominantly German and Norwegian) happens to include a great many men who chose their wives based not on love but entirely on the likelihood of producing strong male heirs, a process, I must admit, not too far from judging a heifer at the fair. Temperament was certainly important, but love? Certainly not. Is this the "ancient definition" to which Mr. Jacoby refers? Perhaps he refers to the long-standing tradition of arranged marriages? To quote a couple lines from Fiddler on the Roof: "You've heard he has a temper. He'll beat you every night? Well only when he's sober, so you're alright." These traditions were changed as civilization developed and the criteria for a good mate evolved. The idea of some magical "ancient marriage tradition" completely glosses over the fact that there are many things in these traditions that have been left behind, and for the better.

"We need to convey," writes Mr. Jacoby, "that the fundamental purpose of marriage is to unite men and women so that any children they may create or adopt will have a mom and a dad." This, at least, is a definition that is set in the present tense. However, it still leaves out a great deal. I will agree that it is very difficult for a single parent to raise children alone, even though it may often be safer and more healthy for the child if the biological parents are separated. On the other hand, I find it difficult to believe that it would be made more difficult by a loving and caring partner, whatever the gender of that partner may be. True, society may sometimes make it more difficult for a child with two mommies or two daddies, but that is the fault of society, not the child. Furthermore, if the child is involved enough in the parents' sex lives to be very well acquainted with the specifics of the sexual desires of the parents, then the bedroom door needs to be kept locked, and that goes for us heterosexual parents as well!

I happen to be acquainted with a number of same-sex couples who are involved in raising children, and would defy anyone to show how they love those children any less than a couple that might have biologically produced them. Yet aside from that, I still wonder about his "timeless meaning of marriage." "Same sex marriage," Mr. Jacoby tells us, "says that the sexual and emotional desires of adults count for more than needs of the children." I don't think it means that the desires of adults count for MORE, but they certainly do count. If not, where does that leave the rest of us? Is a couple somehow less important because they choose not to have children? Should a couple feel like they are a failure if they cannot have their own children, or feel forced to adopt in order to pay some debt to society? What about my grandfather, who remarried too late in life to have any more children? Is that marriage somehow less valid because it was not entered into to produce children but so that he could spend the rest of his life in the company of someone that he loves?

It is inevitable, I suppose, that a certain amount of resistance be raised to the idea of allowing the same privileges for same-sex marriages as for so-called "traditional" marriages. As other unpleasant, unfair, and altogether inhuman practices regarding equality of the genders of humanity have met with resistance before, so shall this. Even if enshrining male-female marriages in the Constitution is backed by some silent majority (and I'm not sure it is), it is important to remember that "popular" and "right" are two different concepts. Related, we hope, but different nevertheless. When we consider the message about marriage that we want the next generation to receive, I hope it is a message of love and respect of the needs and feelings of ALL those involved, parents and children together.

That is what marriage is for.

J. L. Jones

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REPUBLICANS PROMISE VOTE

The Family Research Council just reported via their Washington Update email service that Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist joined religious right leaders in a secret telephone conference call this morning in which Frist promised that the Senate will vote on the anti-gay amendment to the US Constitution the week of July 12.

RELIGIOUS RIGHT TO BOMBARD SENATE WITH CALLS

The Family Research Council made it very clear in today's email that religious right bigots will now be blasting Congress with phone calls, faxes, and in-person appeals to pass this amendment. As you know, there's been talk that the Senate doesn't have the votes to pass this amendment, and maybe that's true, but maybe it's not. It's hardly unreasonable to imagine a scenario in which the religious right inundates Congress with angry phone calls and letters over the next month, and then our allies in the Senate cave under the pressure (Lord knows it's happened before). After all, how many Senators have come out in favor of gay marriage? If our enemies can spin this vote as being either for or against gay marriage, you just wait and see how many of our "friends" get cold feet.

REPUBLICANS USING OUR SEXUALITY AS POLITICAL WEAPON

Of equal concern: The Republicans are forcing the vote now so

that it will embarrass the Democrats before their party convention at the end of July in NYC. Yes, they are using our sexual orientation as a political weapon, hoping that any pro-gay Senators will lose votes in the fall by defending us now. So I say, fair is fair. If they have no problem using our sexual orientation as a political weapon, we should have no problem using their sexual orientation and other sexual proclivities as political weapons either. Anyone who supports the FMA, or works for a political person or entity who does, had better watch his back. The days of our community protecting you while you stab us in the back is over.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

So, here's what I suggest we do:

1. Send an email to EVERYONE you know.
2. Call your 2 Senators offices BY PHONE You can contact your Senators via the US Senate switchboard: 202-224-3121 - and you can find their direct phone lines and email addresses here:
<http://thelist.c.topica.com/maacmfkaa7HnBb6Ik3jb/>
3. Help us and other groups who are fighting the amendment. Visit DontAmend.com (<http://thelist.c.topica.com/maacmfkaa7HnZb6Ik3jb/>).

GIVE US YOUR OPINION

The Young Professionals Council of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce is conducting a survey to determine the opinions and perceptions of young professionals regarding living and working in Omaha. The information gathered will be used to provide a voice for the young professionals community, to replace assumptions with quantified data and to provide businesses and organizations with ways in which to engage this generation. Please visit www.omahachamber.org/survey to participate in this survey. Also, forward on to your friends!

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Lesson of the Day

Falmouth, Massachusetts - There was a tremendous clanging coming from the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Falmouth at noon yesterday. One by one, about 20 people marched up to ring the weathered 80-year-old bell.



It was used by a Nebraska farmer's wife to call her husband in from the field. When it was passed down to their son, who moved to Colorado to enter into an interracial marriage, it became part of the family's heritage.

Today, in the custody of the Unitarian Universalists, it is a symbol of civil rights.

Nebraska native Cyrus Kano's father bought the bell the day he was born.

When Kano, who was white, wanted to marry his wife Dorothy Weinz, who was black, he had to take her to Colorado. Interracial marriage wasn't allowed in his home state.

"The lesson of the day is separate but equal is never separate or equal," Rev. Robert Murphy said, standing before the rainbow flag that normally hangs in the religious education room.

Last in line to ring the bell were Steve Goldenberg and Michael Dias, the first same-sex couple to apply for their marriage license in Falmouth.

They took the opportunity yesterday to announce their summer wedding.

Dias donned a yellow "Ask me about May 17th" button he picked up from a Crackle Barrel Restaurant somewhere along Route 95 in the south - coincidentally the day the chain introduced a new menu.

He said it is amazing how much has changed since the pair met in a Boston bar more than two decades ago.

Back then they would flicker the lights right before the cops raided the place.

"As a young man it was dangerous to be gay," Dias said. "You'd be arrested for dancing together."

But yesterday, there was nothing but happy faces toasting their pending nuptials with some juice and a slice of white cake.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street

And More Wisdom.....

"Straight society is really down on blatant gays, and that affects and oppresses all gay people, because gays won't be treated as beautiful human beings until even the most 'flaming faggots' and 'diesel dykes' are respected in our community, as well as in straight society."

-- Brian Chavez

Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world.

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