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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

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Networking, Information, Social Opportunities & Lunch  
Saturday May 6th, 2006

Location: Mahoney State Park between Lincoln & Omaha on I-80 exit 426  
Ashland NE 68003

Lodge / Restaurant / Upstairs level conference room.  
**Abel Nebraska Room**  
8:00a – 4:30p

We will gather in the morning and have a continental breakfast and networking opportunities then we will begin group discussions. The focus of this event is mostly social, fun, friendship and to have a good time. So, if you would like to meet some new people, share ideas, or promote your non-profit group or GLBT business, this is your chance. Lunch will be on site. The lunch will also be a great time to socialize with others. Lunch will be from 11:30 am until 1 pm. The lunch buffet is \$6.25 per person or you may order from the menu. At 1pm we will have brief presentations from various groups and persons. Like, upcoming 2006 pride events, financial planning, PFLAG representatives from Lincoln & Omaha, a presentation and update from CFEP, The GLBT caucus and more. Businesses and community organizations will also have tables. There will also be a community table to place business cards, brochures, and materials. Please bring these items to share. We will conclude our day by heading out for an evening picnic meal (Burr Oak Picnic Shelter). You will also need a park entry permit or you may purchase a daily permit at the gate for \$3.00 per vehicle. So we would suggest carpooling if possible.

We encourage you to make reservations NOW if you plan to stay overnight in a lodge or a cabin room. Weekend stays require a two-night minimum on weekends. Call the park directly for these accommodations at 402 944 2523.

Kindly give notice you plan to attend as soon as possible. There is a \$10.00 registration fee to cover the Facilities, Morning Food and Coffee. Tables are available while they last for \$20 and includes one admission. For more information call Tim (Lincoln) 402 483 6183, [ontima2400@atttel.net](mailto:ontima2400@atttel.net), Michael (Omaha) at CFEP 402 398 3027, [migoromaha@hotmail.com](mailto:migoromaha@hotmail.com) or Phyllis 402 327 9998 [pwebb@neb.rr.com](mailto:pwebb@neb.rr.com)

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## BINGO...BINGO...BINGO

IT'S MCC-O BINGO TIME AGAIN! WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO at that! Friday, February 17. Food at 6 PM -- BINGO at 6:45 -- Early Bird Bingo at 6:30. CAKE/PIE AUCTION TOO!

You bring your fabulous, but "not quite your style" and not yet packed away Christmas gifts--those are our White Elephant prizes! For each FABULOUSLY GREAT PRIZE you bring, we'll enter your name in a special drawing!

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## Senior 50+ Group Meeting

A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next meeting is on Saturday, February 18th, from 7 until 10PM.

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

**Don't be an old Scrooge, come on down and have some fun!**



*Saturday February 25, 2006, 7PM - Midnight*

## Metro Omaha GLBT Center presents CASINO NIGHT

Poker and Other Games...



COME OUT AND PLAY! Socialize and have fun while supporting your Center. Every \$5 donation gets you a raffle ticket and 20,000 worth of "Rainbow Currency" to play during Casino Night.

Rainbow Currency acquired during the evening can be used to get more raffle tickets for chances to win prizes. Raffle drawings will be held at the end of the night (ticket holders need not be present at the drawings to win). Don't know how to play? We'll teach you.

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha  
(402) 341-0330 [www.RainbowOutreach.org](http://www.RainbowOutreach.org)  
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**Jeremy & James**  
 Will be hosting Game Day at the Center  
 1719 Leavenworth St  
 Sundays: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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

Ages 5 – 105.

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

## Helping the Center is Easier than Ever!

**The Center is now accepting donations of household items that can be sold on eBay to raise money!**

We accept donations during regular Center hours or arrange for local pickup.

We are currently accepting the following types of items:

Clothing & Accessories  
 Working Electronic Equipment  
 Houseware & Giftware  
 Tools  
 Jewelry  
 Books  
 Music CD's  
 DVD's & VHS tapes  
 Video Games  
 And more....

If you are not sure if we can accept an item, call (402) 341-0330 and we will be happy to assist you!

**Please Remember; All Donations to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!**



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## An Evening in Paris

Please Join Empress 24 Crystal DeLight and Regent Emperor 24 Dr. Michael Lee Lyons for "An Evening in Paris...A Romantic Valentine's Day Dinner. This Event will be at The MAX, Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14 at 6:00 PM. The evening will consist of a fantastic French Meal and Entertainment. What a way to spend an evening with that special Sweet-heart!! The cost is only \$20.00 for a Single and \$35.00 for a Couple. Reservation can be made by calling Crystal at 346-4110 or Michael at 344-2757. The Seats will go fast so call today!! All proceeds from the evening will benefit Proud Horizons Youth Group. See you there!!

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

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

**Ad Deadlines:** Friday, Feb 10, for Publication Feb 17th      Friday, Feb 24, for Publication Mar 3rd

# F L I X X VIDEO BAR



## MARDI GRAS

In the best of New Orleans tradition, join us as we celebrate **FAT TUESDAY!** February 28th 9pm-Close



### Every Day is a PARTY...

-  **Monday Madness**  
\$1.00 Domestic Longnecks
-  **Topless Tuesdays**  
\$3.00 Long Island Iced Teas
-  **Papi Chulo Wednesdays**  
\$2.00 Coronas & Jose Cuervo shots
-  **Studio 54 Thursdays**  
Hits from the 70's & 80's  
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-  **Diva Fridays**  
Party with the Divas  
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-  **Spectacular Saturdays**  
\$2.00 Captain Morgan drinks
-  **Sassy Sundays**  
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All night happy hour, open to close.



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The last Friday of every Month...  
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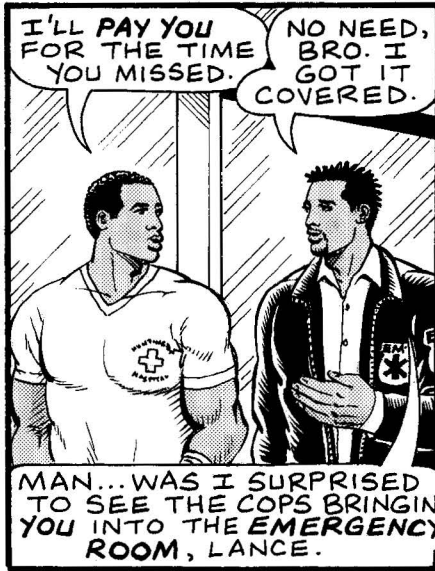
# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



THANK YOU FOR OFFERING TO GIVE ME A RIDE HOME, MATTHIAS.

NOT A PROBLEM, LANCE.

MY SHIFT HERE WAS ALMOST OVER, ANYWAY.



I'LL PAY YOU FOR THE TIME YOU MISSED.

NO NEED, BRO. I GOT IT COVERED.

MAN... WAS I SURPRISED TO SEE THE COPS BRINGIN' YOU INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, LANCE.



I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WOMAN CALLED THE POLICE ON ME.

IT'S A GOOD THING SHE DID.

YOU MIGHTA' BLED TO DEATH, OTHERWISE.



SHE SHOULD HAVE CALLED AN AMBULANCE! NOT THE POLICE!

AGREED. SO SHE'S AN IDIOT.

AT LEAST YOU'RE ALIVE.

THAT'S NOT THE POINT.



YOU HONESTLY THINK THIS IS A UNIQUE OCCURRENCE?

WHAT PLANET HAVE YOU BEEN LIVIN' ON?



BUT IT WAS MY CAR!

YOU NEED TO GET OUTTA' YOUR CORPORATE H.Q. AND OPEN YOUR EYES, LANCE.

THIS KINDA' THING HAPPENS TO US ALL THE TIME.



NOT TO ME.

YEAH, WELL... NOW IT DID.

I WANNA' SEE THAT ARM WHEN WE GET HOME, BY THE WAY. MAKE SURE THEY STITCHED YOU UP RIGHT.

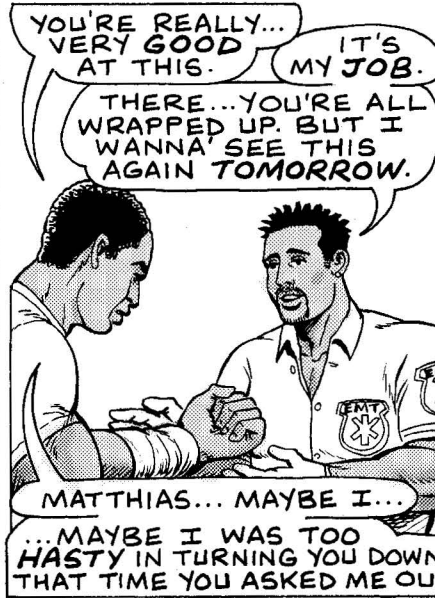
IT'S FINE...



SHORTLY, BACK AT THE B&B... HERE'S A PIECE OF GLASS THEY MISSED. YOU'RE LUCKY YOU DIDN'T SLICE AN ARTERY.

I GUESS IT'S MY LUCKY DAY.

OOO... IS THAT ACTUALLY A JOKE FROM BIG BAD MR. POWERS? LET ME MARK THIS ON THE CALENDAR.



YOU'RE REALLY... VERY GOOD AT THIS.

IT'S MY JOB.

THERE... YOU'RE ALL WRAPPED UP. BUT I WANNA' SEE THIS AGAIN TOMORROW.

MATTHIAS... MAYBE I...

...MAYBE I WAS TOO HASTY IN TURNING YOU DOWN THAT TIME YOU ASKED ME OUT.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET DINNER SOMETIME?

I'LL HAFTA' SEE IF I CAN FIT YOU INTO MY SCHEDULE, LANCE.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE THIS EASY, ARE YOU?

I WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT...



**“Attention: Omaha area GLBT homeowners in trouble! There is a solution!”**

*Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE*

Many Omaha area gay and lesbian homeowners who have had trouble with credit cards and so on have found that there is *one* place in Omaha where they can be treated with respect.

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At last, finding financial help doesn't have to be like a “coming out” at Thanksgiving dinner with everyone pointing fingers, and finding fault.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson**



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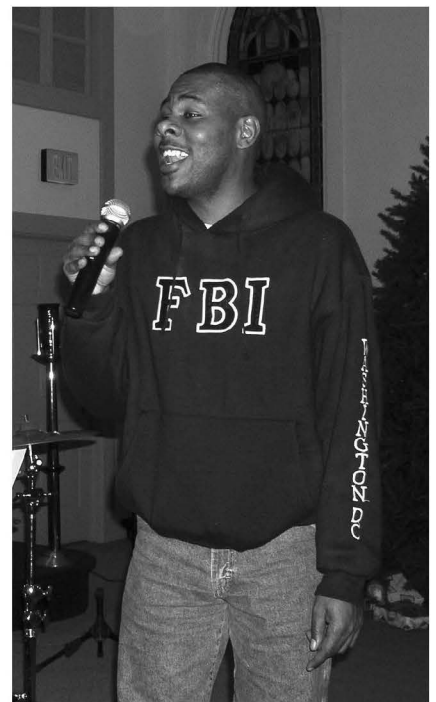


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(the social hall next to FLIXX)  
1019 South 10th Street, Omaha*

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*Contact the Church office at 345-2563 if you would like  
more information.*



## Miss Susan Advises Judge Scandalized

The following is an adaptation from Miss Susan's Etiquette Tips for the Socially Conscious Judge: A Guide to Honorable Conduct Toward Gays and Lesbians in the Courtroom, originally published in the St. Louis University Public Law Review in the Spring of 2005. The entire article is being published in the Gayzette in serial form by special arrangement with the law firm of Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O.

Dear Miss Susan,

In a recent family relations case, three credible witnesses testified that a lesbian mother was seen holding hands with another woman at a Unitarian Church picnic (an organization that is known to be a haven for lesbians). A framed photograph of the mother embracing the same woman in front of the Statute of Liberty was also introduced into evidence. I am concerned that the children will suffer from irreparable gender identity confusion if they are exposed to the lascivious behavior of their mother. Mothers are supposed to be role models for their children! I grudgingly granted visitation to the mother, but only in the presence of a heterosexual employee of the state department of social services, and never in the presence of another homosexual. Do you think I should have gone further and denied all contact between the mother and the children?

Love,  
Judge Scandalized

Dear Judge Scandalized,

I'm not sure why you restricted visitation at all. The mother in this case appears to be a patriotic, church-going woman who is in a committed and loving relationship. I would say that she is an ideal role model for her children. Nevertheless, I see that you are concerned about the impact that the mother's new relationship may have on her children. I may be able to address those concerns by examining decisions of other courts in similar cases.

In *Pleasant v. Pleasant*, the trial judge ordered supervised visitation for a lesbian mother. The judge initially offered the mother unsupervised visitation if she would agree not to exercise visitation in the presence of "any other person of known homosexual tendencies" or at "any gathering or place of a 'homosexual nature.'" The mother candidly told the judge that she would not be able to abide by his conditions. The trial judge was concerned because the mother was involved in a relationship with another woman and because she had attended a gay pride parade with her son. In a rather amusing episode, the judge asked whether there had been any "unmasculine" men at the pride parade. When the mother denied that she had seen any unmasculine men, "the judge argued with her about the presence of so-called 'unmasculine' men."

On appeal, the Appellate Court of Illinois found that the restrictions were unwarranted. The court noted that "there is a strong public policy to preserve the relationship between a parent and child," and liberal visitation is generally preferred. Visitation should only be restricted if the child would be endangered by visitation. Since the court found no evidence that the

child had been harmed by his mother's relationship or by the trip to the pride parade, the restrictions on visitation were removed. The court noted that the child appeared to have enjoyed the pride parade.

Applying a slightly different standard, Maryland's highest court reached a similar conclusion in *Boswell v. Boswell*. In *Boswell*, the trial judge restricted a gay father's visitation by prohibiting overnight visits and to exclude the father's male partner from being present during visitation. In addition to the father's partner, the visitation order also excluded "anyone having homosexual tendencies . . . or [ ] anyone that the father may be living with in a non-marital relationship."

On review, the Maryland Court of Appeals began with the presumption that "the child's best interests are served by reasonable maximum exposure to both parents." As in *Pleasant*, visitation could only be restricted if the child were subject to actual or potential harm. The court emphasized, however, that a finding of actual or potential harm must be supported by evidence rather than stereotypes or personal bias. The court found no evidence that the children had been harmed by the relationship. Therefore, the restrictions were removed because they were not in the children's best interests.

*Pleasant* and *Boswell* illustrate the importance of contact between non-custodial parents and their children. Although it is sometimes difficult for a child to adjust to a parent's new relationship, the parent is still an important part of the child's life. If it isn't too late, I would urge you to reconsider your decision to restrict visitation in this case. You should ask yourself whether the mother's relationship with another woman really endangers the welfare of the children. On taking a second look, you may see that the best interests of the children are better served by a more liberal visitation schedule.

Very truly yours,  
Miss Susan

Miss Susan is a fictional advice columnist created by Bradley Z. Haumont and Susan Ann Koenig, two attorneys at Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O. based in Omaha, Nebraska. Please don't confuse Miss Susan with either of the authors. She is really much taller and much funnier than either of us.

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MCCO Bingo Continues from front page.....

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\$3 per card or \$5 for two cards or \$10 for five cards. Nachos, sloppy joes, soda, coffee, and more. Invite your friends; come and make new friends! You are a guaranteed winner at MCC-O BINGO!

Yep! We've set some snow dates: Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 18 & 19); So, if it's snowing on that Friday, Feb. 17, call 345-2563 by 4PM that Friday for snow date and time. Hope to see you Feb. 17!

MCC-Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St. in Omaha.



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## February 5, 2006

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The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street  
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street  
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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 St.

#### Lincoln:

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

#### Iowa:

Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs  
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# GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

**ALEX KAVA**, New York Times bestselling author at The Reading Grounds midtown bookstore for a reading and book signing, 7PM

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

### **MIDWEST BEST READING SERIES**

David Phillip Mullins will be the guest of UNO's creative writing workshop. 7PM at the Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam St., Call 502-2008 for details or check online at [www.readinggrounds.com](http://www.readinggrounds.com) (free event)

## SATURDAY MARCH 4TH

**HEARTS A FIRE**, Dance Party and Show, 1st Inn Gold Hotel, York Nebraska, doors open at 8pm, see [www.Tri-City-GLBT.com](http://www.Tri-City-GLBT.com) for more information

## SATURDAY MAY 13TH

### **GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE**

**WALK**, Raise money for the Center and for your favorite qualifying group. Details will follow in later issues of the Gayzette.

## SATURDAY JUNE 17TH AND SUNDAY JUNE 18TH

**SPIRIT AND SOUL**, presented by the River City Mixed Chorus at the Strauss Performing Arts Center—UNO Campus at 7:05pm. Call 341-7464 for tickets or online at [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

## FRIDAY JUNE 9TH TO 11TH 2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Every Sunday

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: [EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST**, info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org)

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

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am services

**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN**, 1023 N 40 10am service

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

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

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

### **UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

### **HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM**

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

**WIMMIN'S SHOW** KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

### **GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-**

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

### Every Monday

#### **GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**HIV TESTING**, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

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

### **A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**

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

### Every Tuesday

#### **UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-**

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

### Every Wednesday

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**MCC OMAHA**, Bible Study, 7pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

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

### **FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK**

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

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

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 8:30pm DC's

### Every Thursday

**GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT**, sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

**HIV TEST** 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections

### Every Friday

**GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT**, 5PM to 7PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays.

### **FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS**

**HIV TEST**, UN-L 472-7447, 3-4:30pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE

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

### **GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-**

**MOUS**, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Joe at 932-8066 or Tony at 933-1318

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

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-6pm, 291-6781 [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

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

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE**, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit [rainbowoutreach.org](http://rainbowoutreach.org)

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE** Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: [rcga@tgforum.com](mailto:rcga@tgforum.com)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, First United Methodist Church



## 2nd Saturday

**CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit [rainbowoutreach.org](http://rainbowoutreach.org)

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

## **LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**

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

## 2nd Sunday

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

## **OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING**

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

## 3rd Monday

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR** 6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., [icon.impcourt.org](http://icon.impcourt.org)

## 3rd Thursday

**LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

## 3rd Friday

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

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

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

## 3rd Saturday

**CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE**, 1pm to 2PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see [www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)

**CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE**, 2pm to 3PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see [www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)

## 4th Tuesday

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

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

## 4th Friday

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

## 4th Saturday

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

## LAST Sunday

**REAL FAMILIES** Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email [MargauxPolo@aol.com](mailto:MargauxPolo@aol.com)

**Email Your Event to:**  
[news@rainbowoutreach.org](mailto:news@rainbowoutreach.org)

## NBC Closes the Book of Daniel

A new television show about a pill-popping priest who talks to Jesus has been pulled from the NBC schedule for igniting little faith from viewers after just three weeks on the air, network sources said on Tuesday. The Book of Daniel, starring Aidan Quinn as a conflicted Episcopal minister with a Vicodin habit, debuted to mediocre ratings January 6 and sank steadily in the Nielsens in its two subsequent broadcasts. NBC has scheduled no further episodes beyond last Friday's telecast, and the drama, originally slated as an eight-part limited series, is not expected to return to the airwaves, network insiders said.

Besides proving to be a ratings dud, the show spooked some advertisers and sparked objections from the conservative American Family Association and several of NBC's smaller affiliate stations over its portrayal of Christian themes. A total of nine affiliates, including stations in Nashville, Tenn., Little Rock, Ark., and Terre Haute, Ind., refused to air at least some episodes of the show.

NBC Entertainment president Kevin Reilly told a gathering of TV critics on Sunday he was disappointed with Daniel's ratings and that "it's been tough sledding on the advertising front." Controversy can cut both ways in the TV business, making some advertisers reluctant to sponsor a show while sometimes generating publicity that helps build an audience.

Last spring Reilly told Reuters that NBC's development of the show was inspired in part by the success of religion-themed novels like the Left Behind series and Mel Gibson's movie The Passion of the Christ. Daniel, however, was a far cry from Passion or the conventional Easter-season TV specials that portray Christ in a biblical context.

On the NBC show—from gay creator Jack Kenny (Titus, Wanda at Large)-Christ, played by newcomer Garret Dillahunt, appears as an imaginary confidant to the Reverend Daniel Webster, an Episcopal rector beset with a host of family intrigues and pressures. His daughter sells marijuana, his teenage son sleeps with the daughter of a church elder, his brother-in-law embezzles church funds, and his sister-in-law has a penchant for sexual threesomes. Perhaps the sanest member of the family is his older son, a gay Republican.

Airing in a Friday night time slot that has proven especially difficult for NBC, a unit of the General Electric Co., the show averaged just 7.6 million viewers overall in its first three weeks. By comparison, NBC's most watched show this season, Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, draws about 14.6 million viewers. (Steve Gorman, Reuters)

## Heard Around....

Last year, both Groundhog Day and the State of the Union Address fell on the same day. As Air America Radio pointed out, "It is an ironic juxtaposition: one involves a meaningless ritual in which we look to a creature of little intelligence for prognostication, and the other involves a groundhog.

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

# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

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

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://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](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers group

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

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

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

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**  
Box 3354, Omaha 68103

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

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22 [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Fri Gilligan's 7pm

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

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

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

**NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

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

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

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohana-group@msn.com](mailto:Theohana-group@msn.com)

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

**Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanebrgaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanebrgaypride@cox.net) or [ongp@cox.net](mailto: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](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamer, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

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

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

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

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

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

**River City Gender Alliance**, [www.genderalliance.com](http://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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

## LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

**Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center

(sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

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

**Mixed Chorus**, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at [sdorchid@neb.rr.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: [rcga@tgforum.com](mailto:rcga@tgforum.com)

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094  
**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

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

**Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880

**Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth**

1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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

## Iowa Based

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

**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site:** [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)



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## **Rainbow Celebrations 2006 PRIDE Kick Off Show**

The 2006 Pride Kick Off & Reunion Show will be Saturday Feb. 6th at 6:00 PM in Stosh's Saloon at the MAX. Join the Nebraska pride committee as they unveil the official 2006 Pride logo and theme and introduce this years Grand Marshal Nominees.

Also featured will be Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2006 Johnnie Richards and many of the past Pride Title holders in a very special reunion show to benefit Nebraska Pride 2006.

Cocktails and hord'vours at 6:00 pm show starts at 7:00pm, \$3.00 cover. Come early and join us for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Nate Tedrow PR Chair Rainbow Celebrations

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## Is "Gay" Okay?

Michael McManus

I'm often put in awkward situations because of my sexuality. It's never intentional, but I feel ridiculous nonetheless. It happens in the car when someone says, "that's so gay." At work when someone calls a co-worker a faggot, and even at home when my sister calls me a "fudge packer". I know the people using these words aren't trying to be hurtful, but at the end of the day, it's still on my mind.

The one thing that most people don't understand is that all I want is acceptance. I don't want to be singled out as that one "gay guy," who everyone is afraid to offend or hurt. It shouldn't even be an issue. These words shouldn't be used whether I'm around the people saying them or not.

I've had a pretty easy life and thankfully never really had to deal with discrimination, but what about those who have? What about that boy who cried every night because his classmates called him a "faggot", or that young girl who is crying right now because someone just called her a "dyke." It's not as funny when you look at the big picture, the harsh reality that these words have.

Even if you're gay yourself, calling someone else "queer" in a joking manner is unacceptable. A queer person is a reality, not something funny. What are we trying to accomplish by using such words? We are only showing others that it's OK to get a good laugh at the expense of someone else.

You'll find in the black community that the word "nigga" is sometimes used quite frequently. It's normally okay to use the word only if you're in the black community, but only if that's the case. I wonder if those using this word ever think about where the word originated? I doubt their ancestors would laugh at a comedy special using this word in every other sentence. I just don't find it funny.

How can we teach acceptance and fight discrimination when we ourselves are using the words that are ultimately discriminating?

When I was younger I didn't even know what the word "gay" meant. In middle school if you dropped your books, you were gay. Forget your lunch, you're so gay. Do something embarrassing? Well then you're even gayer than before. I had no clue what I was saying, and what made it worse was that I was truly the "gayest" guy in school.

The only time I ever heard the word "gay" was when it was followed by something negative. It wasn't until high school when I truly found out what the word meant. Needless to say I felt like a complete fool.

I'm not going kid anyone here; I sometimes slip these derogatory words myself. So I'm as guilty as anyone else. The thing we need to understand is that there were so many people before us who fought for the right to be openly gay, to marry someone of a different color, or even to move into a certain neighborhood. These words were all thrown their way, people died because of them and fought to get them erased.

Unfortunately, here we sit in the year 2006 laughing at the expense of others and calling people gay. As often and unintentional as it happens, calling someone gay is just not OK.

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## Super Bowl of Live Vocalists!

Nebraska Pride IDOL, the annual live vocalists singing competition, sponsored by the new Diamond Foundation, has announced that Nebraska Pride IDOL 2005 Wayne Moore will be stepping down from his title and duties on Sunday, February 5. Wayne has taken a job with Resurrection MCC in Houston, Texas and will be moving in mid February. Because of this, he is unable to compete the requirements of the Pride IDOL title. The first runner up at last May's FINALS competition, Jeremy

Young, has agreed to be elevated to the Nebraska Pride IDOL 2005 title for the remainder of the term (until the May 2006 FINALS).

The Nebraska Pride IDOL has responsibilities to attend and perform at the 9 upcoming preliminary events for Season 3 of Nebraska Pride IDOL - beginning on February 18 here in Omaha. The reigning Pride IDOL must also help plan, attend and perform at the FINALS each May and also at that Summer's annual Nebraska Pride Celebration.



Show to Benefit Camp Kindle  
Nebraska Pride IDOL and the Diamond Foundation are proud to present 100% of the proceeds from this special show to Camp Kindle. Camp Kindle is the charity partner of Nebraska Pride IDOL and helps to bring HIV/AIDS infected or affected kids - age 7-14 - to summer camp in Nebraska, free of charge. In 2005, Nebraska Pride IDOL was able to provide Camp Kindle with a complete cabin of sponsorship at \$3000!

On Sunday, February 5 at 9 pm, Nebraska Pride IDOL presents a "Step Down & Crowning Show" at the MAX. The original Pride IDOL 2005 Wayne and our new Pride IDOL Jeremy have each invited special guests Brandon Higdem, Kim Egeberg, Jason Fienhold-Haasis, and last year's finalists Leiloni Brewer, Lori Adams, Susie Brenner to perform during the show. Nebraska Pride IDOL 2004 Misty Stokes, as well as last year's second runner up Shausha Lee will additionally grace the stage this evening. Toward the end of the night, Wayne will present his final number as Pride IDOL and Jeremy will step up and perform as the new Pride IDOL.

Season 3 - Nebraska's Search for a Star begins...  
If you are a live vocalist, you can check out [www.nebraskaprideidol.com](http://www.nebraskaprideidol.com) for complete details about the new Season 3 of Nebraska Pride IDOL. You might end up singing your way to a grand prize of \$500 and the opening performance spot for the National Headliner at Nebraska Pride 2006! First runner up will again win \$250 and second runner up will win \$100. Season 3 of Pride IDOL Preliminary competition begins Saturday, February 18 at The MAX in Stosh's Saloon at 7 pm. Prelims will continue through mid May throughout eastern Nebraska in various locations, ending with the Wild Card Competition for all the first runner ups at the Old Market Events Center on May 20. 10 lucky, but talented finalists will then compete to a sold out audience at the 2006 FINALS on Sunday, May 28 at The MAX. All proceeds from Season 3 of Pride IDOL will again be split 50/50 with Nebraska Pride and Camp Kindle. For complete details call 402.415.8769 or visit [www.nebraskaprideidol.com](http://www.nebraskaprideidol.com)





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## **Gay/Lesbian Catholics Workshop in Omaha**

New Ways Ministry, a national Catholic ministry of justice and reconciliation for lesbian/gay people, presents a daylong workshop entitled Building Bridges: Gay and Lesbian Catholics and the Church, at Lower St.

John's Parish at Creighton, University, 2500 California Street, Omaha, on Friday, February 3, 2006, 8: 30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The program for the day includes presentations on the full-range of Church teaching on homosexuality, lesbian/gay development and spirituality, family issues, and pastoral outreach.

All are welcome: pastoral workers, gay/lesbian people, their families and friends, social workers, counselors, educators.any one interested in strengthening the bonds between lesbian/gay people and the institutional Church.

Registration can be completed by sending a \$45 check made out to New Ways Ministry. to 4012 29th Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland 20712. At door registration is \$55. Scholarships are available.

## **LOCAL BAND "BRIGHT EYES" WINS NOD FROM GAY COMMUNITY**

The popular Omaha-based band, Bright Eyes, will receive honors for including gay and lesbian characters in one of its videos.

The video to lead singer Conor Oberst's "First Day of the Rest of My Life"

is taken from last year's "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning" (Saddle Creek

Records) and will receive a Special Recognition Award at the 17th Annual GLAAD Awards.

The award, from Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, is given for the video directed by "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" writer/director John Cameron Mitchell which features shots of straight and gay couples sitting on a couch listening to the song for the first time.

Visit [www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org) for more information about the GLAAD Awards and visit [www.saddlecreekrecords.com](http://www.saddlecreekrecords.com) to learn more about Bright Eyes.



# The Men OF THE MAX Have A Heart On For You This February

Friday, February 3

Chris Hosts Our Amateur Strip Off  
At 7 PM & At 10 PM Upstairs.  
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If Anything Red Pops Up!

Sunday, February 5

Rainbow Celebrations Hosts  
A Spectacular Variety Show  
For The 2006 Scholarship Fund

Saturday, February 11

Kick Off Pride 2006  
With A Pride Tribute Reunion Show  
Hosted By Johnnie Richards

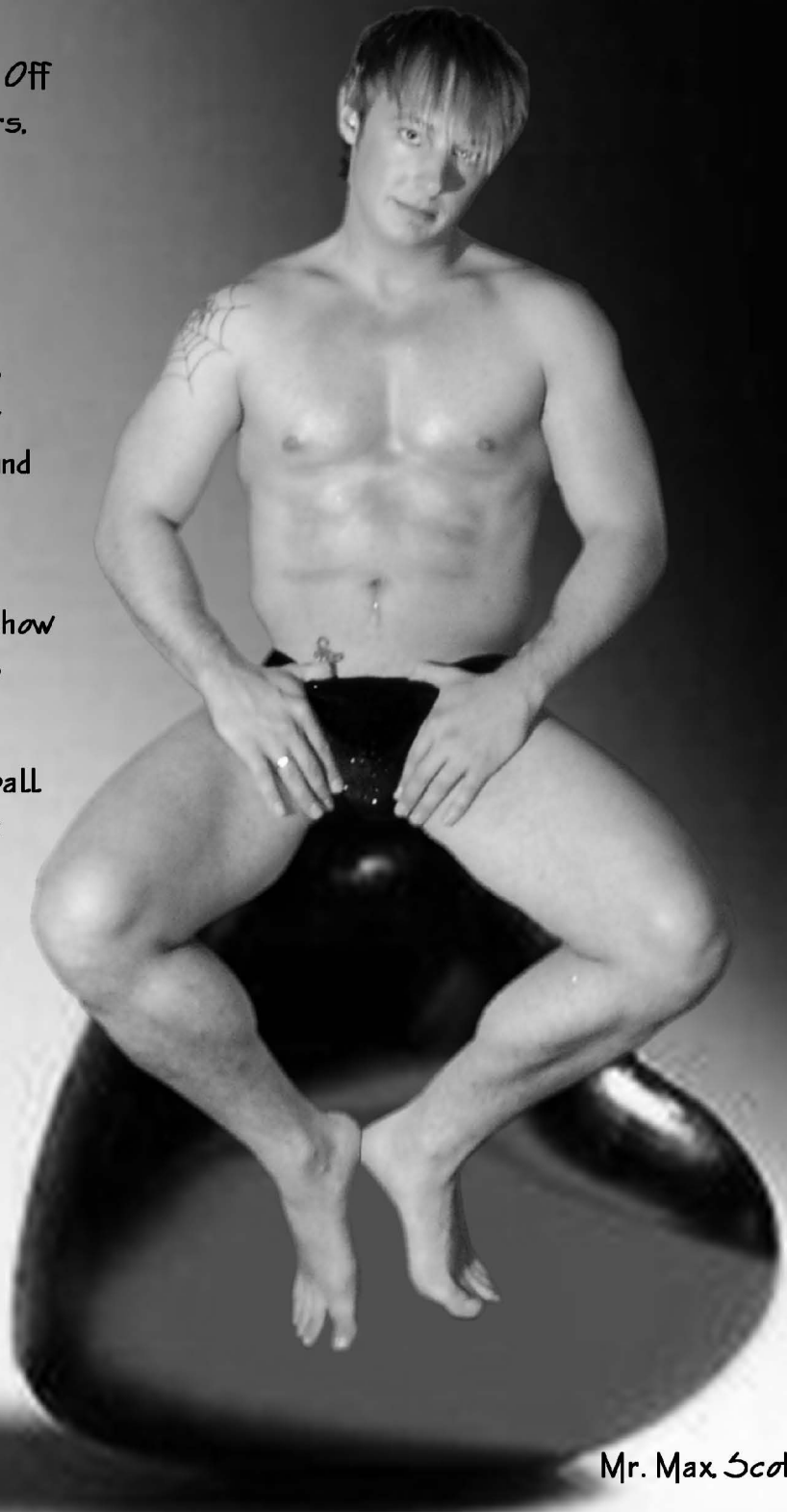
Sunday, February 12

It's Our Annual Black Hearts Ball  
Hosted By Mr. Max 12, Matt

Tuesday, February 14

Crystal Delight Is  
Cooking Up Romance  
Join Us For  
A Special Valentines Day  
Dinner & Show

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Mr. Max Scott