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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

First Metro Area Pride Prom is Huge Success

Last October at the Coming Out Day panel there was a question from a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) sponsor, "Do you think we could do a formal dance? You know, like a prom?"

Over the next seven months Proud Horizon Youth Group facilitators, several GSA sponsors, and a handful of youth met periodically to dream and plan what they might do. They picked a date after other school proms and before the summer activities began. Flyers went out to over a dozen schools in the Omaha and Council Bluffs area.

Students told friends that on Saturday, May 21st, a small group of students and adults would gather to transform a church multi-purpose room into a special place for fun, formals, friends and music. By 7 PM it was transformed for a prom unlike any other Omaha or the surrounding area has seen.

While the planning committee's formal evaluation is not complete, the smiles, laughter, dressed up youth dancing and reports of positive comments still being heard on Monday are some indication of how the youth felt.

Since this was the first time such a dance was attempted in the Omaha area, the planners were concerned that no one would come. They had hoped for 50 youth, dreamed that maybe 100 would come. When the last dance was over, the count from chaperones staffing the admission table was that a mere 111 youth attended Omaha's first annual Pride Prom. What a fabulous beginning to what could become an annual tradition for the LGBT youth and their allies in the greater Omaha/Council Bluffs area.

LOCAL POET RAISES AIDS AWARENESS AT THE READING GROUNDS

OMAHA, JULY 7, 2005, Actor, playwright, poet Brian E. Bengtson will appear at The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam St., Omaha, July 7, 7 pm - 9 pm, to read from his latest work *First Chill: A Collection of Poetry* (published 2005 by PublishAmerica) and to sign autographs. The Reading Grounds will donate 10 percent of sales from the book to the Nebraska Aids



Project (NAP).

With "First Chill," the Nebraskan poet establishes himself as a unique and passionate voice for Omaha, gay men, anyone facing HIV, and anyone who ever felt loneliness or longing. He celebrates all of those people and more in this diverse volume, separated into five distinct sections.

Bengtson has been featured in many national Gay/Lesbian magazines and HIV/AIDS journals, such as *Hurakan*, *David's Place*, *Bay Windows*, and *Poetry Motel*. He served four and a half years as Poetry Editor for *The New Voice of Nebraska* (one of the state's oldest

and longest-running GLBT magazines until it folded in 1998). The Reading Grounds bookstore and gourmet coffee lounge offers new books, magazines, gifts, sandwiches and desserts and values personal growth and discovery. Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9 am - 9 pm; Friday and Saturday, 9 am - 11 pm; Sunday, noon - 6 pm; closed Monday. More details about Bengtson and his work may be found at www.readinggrounds.com.

CENTER OPEN HOUSE - JULY 2

Saturday, July 2, 2005 is the July GLBT Center Open House. The theme this month is "Free To Be Me" - celebrating the American Pursuit of Happiness.

Everyone welcome. Bring your friends. Join us for treats and drinks at the GLBT Center Open House from 1-4PM. Drop in, hang out, socialize, and check out what the Center has to offer at 1719 Leavenworth, Old Market area, Omaha. A variety of snacks and beverages will be provided. Dress casual.

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NEW NA SUPPORT GROUP

The NA Rainbow Group will be meeting 6 PM each Sunday at the Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street, in Omaha. Narcotics Anonymous is an international, community-based association of recovering drug addicts with more than 31,000 weekly meetings in over 100 countries worldwide. The NA program started as a small US movement that has grown into one of the world's oldest and largest organizations of its type. For more information about the NA Rainbow Group, contact Kip K. at 612-4648.



CENTER WORKSHOP ENJOY A DAY OF PLANTING!

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- * Get great growing tips from experienced gardeners.
- * Take home the plant you start!



We look forward to having you join us for this free Center Workshop. There are four sessions for this workshop: 1-3PM, 3-5PM, 5-7PM, 7-9PM on Friday, July 15, 2005. All ages, orientations, genders welcome. Dress casual. You must rsvp to register for this workshop, so call the GLBT Center Switchboard (402) 341-0330 or email workshops@rainbowoutreach.org to let us know which workshop session you would like to attend.

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Saturday, August 20, 2005

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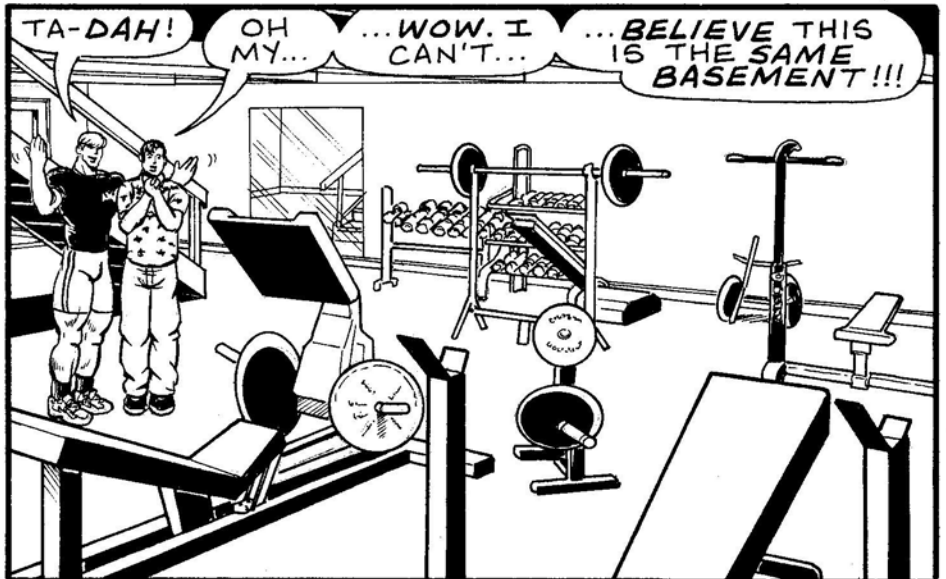
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ARE YOU READY? SHOULD'N'T WE HAVE AN OFFICIAL UNVEILING CEREMONY, BRAD? WITH EVERYONE ELSE?

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O.K...



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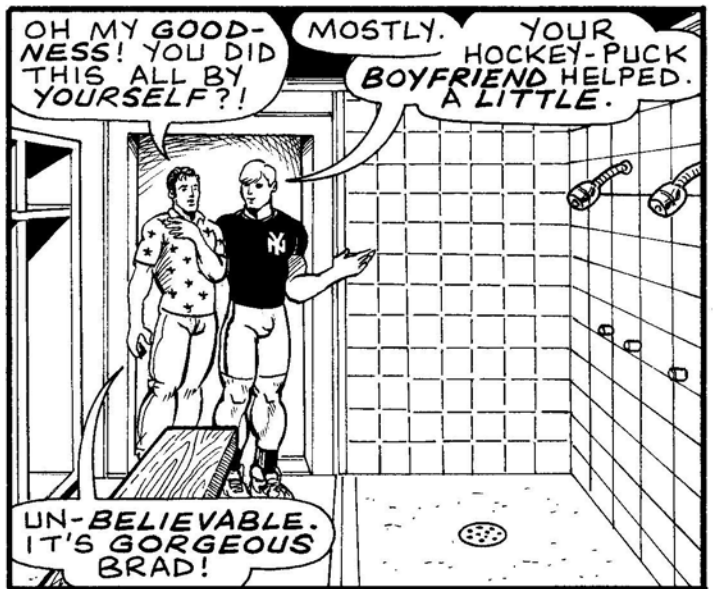
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AMAZING!



AND WHAT ABOUT THE...? LOCKER-ROOM SHOWER?

RIGHT THIS WAY!



OH MY GOODNESS! YOU DID THIS ALL BY YOURSELF?!

MOSTLY. YOUR HOCKEY-PUCK BOYFRIEND HELPED A LITTLE.

UN-BELIEVABLE. IT'S GORGEOUS BRAD!



SO, WHADDYA' SAY WE TAKE AN INAUDIBLE SHOWER TOGETHER... TO OFFICIALLY CHRISTEN THE PLACE?

YOU MEAN... AN "INAUGURAL" SHOWER?

UH... YEAH, WHATEVER. HOW ABOUT IT?

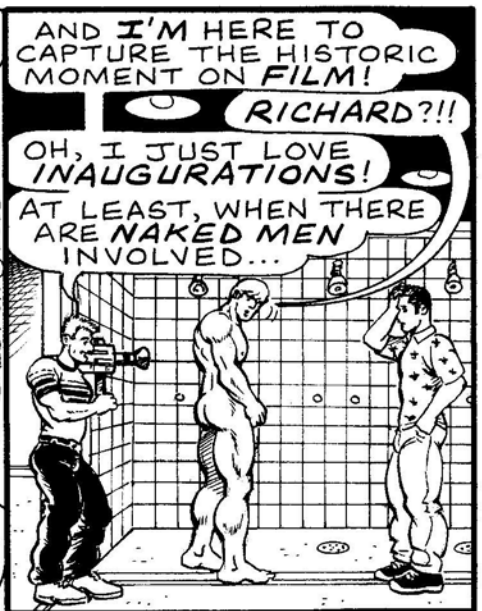


DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BRAD. YOU'VE DONE A BEAUTIFUL JOB HERE... BUT I'M GOING TO CONTINUE USING THE OLD SHOWER, UPSTAIRS.

I'M TOO SHY FOR GROUP SHOWERS.

ALL RIGHT, KYLE. THAT'S COOL.

BUT I'M GONNA GO AHEAD AND... "INAUGURATE" THIS SHOWER!



AND I'M HERE TO CAPTURE THE HISTORIC MOMENT ON FILM!

RICHARD?!!

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

PROTECT YOUR FOUR-FOOTED FAMILY MEMBERS

Many GLBT people and allies own pets. We all invest a lot of heart, time, money and energy in their care. Here are some ways to further safeguard these unconditionally-loving companions.

Many people have heard about the harmful effects of second-hand smoke on humans, but too few realize the impact on animals in their care. Cats and dogs are vulnerable. According to Veterinarian Jill Engelstad of the Strohbehn Veterinary Clinic in Council Bluffs, the lungs of cats and dogs are particularly sensitive to the impact of second-hand smoke. It can especially exacerbate health problems in aging animals. Pet owners are encouraged to shield their four-footed friends as much as possible so they can enjoy a longer, better quality of life with their beloved pets.

A frequently undiagnosed condition in older cats is thyroid



troubles. When you see an older cat that seems energetic and spry, it can be a symptom of a hyperactive thyroid, which causes the feline metabolism to speed up. Essentially, the cat burns itself out in old age. Your veterinarian can do a simple blood test to see if this is the case. Then you can do a range of things to correct the problem - anywhere from surgery and radiation to just giving your cat pills that keep the thyroid in check. Without treatment, a cat runs a substantial risk of a lethal stroke, so knowing about this fairly common problem can save cat owners some preventable heartache.

Dog owners should beware collars. You often see dogs with collars being walked on leashes. The hidden danger is that a collar puts strain on the neck bones of a canine. Over time, these bones become loose and a sudden jolt (a startled movement by the animal) can dislodge one - instantly paralyzing the dog from the neck down. At this point the dog will have to either be put down or undergo risky surgery to remove the displaced bone in hopes of restoring movement to the dog's extremities. To save yourself from this frightening scenario, get rid of that collar and get a walking harness instead for your leash. One loop of a harness fits over the dog's head and then a second loop snaps around the dog's chest behind the front legs. This configuration moves the stress off the neck and onto the torso when you attach your leash. You can then walk your dog all over without worrying about neck damage.



The aforementioned cat thyroid problem and dog neck problem were experienced by pets of GLBT Center volunteers. While one pet cat perished before being diagnosed, it did ultimately save another pet cat from suffering the same fate, and the paralyzed dog survived expensive emergency surgery at the Iowa State University Vet Med Center and now walks briskly once more, although with a rigid gait. Help spread the word and let your fellow pet owners know how to avoid these problems so they can enjoy more quality time with their favorite animals!



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Original N'JOY Show Cast pictured.



N'JOY!

Friday July 15th
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Bob Knows Best

Dear Bob,

I really like this guy I have been dating. We go out almost every night and end up staying over with each other a lot. We get along great and enjoy most of the same things.

I've had several room mates, and have one right now, but I have never lived with a boyfriend. I would like to take our relationship to the next step and get our own place. Do you think it is too soon? How can I tell?

-Next Step

Dear Next Step,

Unfortunately, I do not know how long you and your boyfriend have been together, so I can not tell you it is or is not too soon to move in together. What I can tell you is this; When you feel it is time to take the next step-Go For It!

Sometimes we humans are so scared to ask are partners about life changing decisions that we hold back and do not communicate. This can be very damaging to the relationship.

I suggest telling your boyfriend you feel ready to make this next step of commitment to your relationship. Express to him that this is something you have been thinking about and feel it is the right time to do it.

If he is ready for the next step, great! I suggest spending one week together to see how it goes. Even though you enjoy similar activities, it does not mean that you will make perfect room mates.

When you move in with someone, you learn a lot about them; Like who puts the lid back on the tooth paste and who doesn't like to pick up their dirty socks off of the floor.

If things go well the first week, take a few days off from each other and try it again, but this time for two weeks, and so on until you find the right apartment or house that you can move into.

If he is not ready to move in, he will tell you. Do not feel rejected by his honesty. His honesty will only strengthen your relationship.

Dear Bob,

I was wondering if you had a recommendation for types of condoms to use.

Omaha Reader

Dear Omaha Reader,

There is so much information in regards to the proper use of condoms, I simply can not list everything in this column. I have listed below a brief recommendation. I encourage you to research this further at AVERT.ORG. They have extended information on the proper usage of condoms.

There are two types of 'Male' condoms, polyurethane and la-

tex. There have been studies suggesting that each condom is more effective, so it is not clear as to which types is more reliable. However, the likelihood of breakages is very small for both types if the condoms are used correctly.

Latex condoms can only be used with water based lubricants, not oil based lubricants such as Vaseline. Using oil based lubricants can destroy the latex making it ineffective.

Some people may experience an allergic reaction to latex condoms. In this case you can use polyurethane condoms instead.

Polyurethane condoms are made out of a thin type of plastic. Polyurethane condoms tend to be more expensive than latex condoms. With polyurethane condoms, both oil and water based lubricants can be used.

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

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By submission of your letter or email, you give us the right to publish your question in the Gayzette and on the web site. We reserve the right to edit or modify your writing for clarity as we see fit.

We will use the name or an alias of your choosing on any questions we select for inclusion. We will also attempt to privately answer as many questions as possible.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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Old or New Guard, mouth guard, what's a guard?...**BRING IT!**

Heavy player, novice, voyeur, or just a pervert...**BRING IT!**

International Ms Leather is in its 19th year and International Ms Boot Black in its 7th ! Although we think we've seen it all, there's always something new out there. If you think you have it, or are curious about it...**BRING IT!** July 15-17, Omaha, Nebraska.

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

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

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

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

The Challenge for IMsL: A group of women will undergo the scrutiny of a panel of esteemed judges' questions, their speeches evaluated, their fantasies penetrated. One will emerge as the new IMsL. She will be a woman who represents the leather community chosen for her merits and abilities. Whatever your unique contribution...**BRING IT!**

The Challenge For IMsBB: Bootblacks compete for IMsBB as they perform their craft for the delight and appreciation of their community and its followers. If you have never seen a Bootblack doing their thing, you have truly missed out of some of the most ritualistic erotic action treasured by all of us...**BRING IT!**

The Info: The women's contingent of our community cannot be overlooked! We are people with diverse erotic and emotional preferences spanning generations, inclusive of color, gender, and erotic triggers. Who could ask for a better group to call family? You are instrumental in the future of IMsL/IMsBB.
BRING IT! If you are a woman, over 21, with a strong de-

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

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

It's all good...BRING IT!

Weekend Events Welcome Pastor Wayne Moore to Omaha

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha would love to invite the entire community to share in the installation of our Interim Pastor, Rev. Wayne Moore. The entire weekend of June 24-26 will be one of celebration, fun, and wonderful worship.

We will kick off the weekend with a welcome reception Friday, June 24, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on The Patio at The MAX. You must be over 21 to attend.

Although many of you have had the opportunity to meet Pastor Moore, we want to invite you to come on down as we officially welcome Pastor Wayne to our community. We also want to thank Bruce and Stosh at The MAX for sponsoring this event!

Our next event will be on Saturday June 25, at MCC-O, 819 South 22nd Street. This event will be a Cabaret--MCC-Style, featuring talent from our own congregation and from some of our community supporters and friends. Come on down and enjoy the fun and celebration, not to mention you'll hear some pretty good music too. Thanks to Rick R. and Sharon VB for hosting this event.

The Capstone of our weekend will be the Installation Service itself. This will take place at the church during our Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Join in this special time when Pastor Wayne is officially installed as Interim Pastor of MCC-Omaha. Tentatively scheduled as co-presiders for this service will be Fred Zydek, the first pastor of MCC-Omaha and Rev. Graylan Keefe, Pastor of First MCC of Kansas, Wichita, Kansas. Following the service from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. will be a Pastoral Brunch in the Social Hall. All events at the church are open to the entire community.

So come and join the celebration and fun and worship at MCC-Omaha all weekend long. This is your church, and we want you to be part of it. All events are free and open to the general public!!!

Reintroduction of Homosexual 'Marriage' License Bill Will Fuel Petition Drive for California Marriage Amendment

Sacramento - Assemblyman Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) has announced he intends to "gut and amend" a bill to enable him to continue his attack upon marriage and the voters. Leno wants to insert homosexual "marriage" licenses into a bill that has already passed the Assembly, enabling him to pass the new bill through the Democrat-controlled state Senate, thus manipulating the system to give his defeated bill another chance of passing the Assembly floor later this summer. Leno's action comes two weeks after his counterfeit marriage bill, AB 19, was defeated on the Assembly floor, despite three attempts to pass it. "Mark Leno, be careful what you wish for," responded Randy Thomasson, president of Campaign for Children and Families (CCF), a leading West Coast pro-family organization which helped lead the six-month campaign to defeat AB 19. "The Democrat politicians' addiction to homosexual 'marriage' guarantees that a constitutional marriage amendment protecting marriage rights for a man and a woman will qualify and pass on next year's ballot."

In late July, VoteYesMarriage.com, a statewide marriage protection movement, will begin circulating petitions to protect marriage and marital rights for one man and one woman. The Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative was submitted to the Attorney General's office on May 19. The initiative's website is www.voteyesmarriage.com.

"The Democrat politicians' obsession with destroying the essence of marriage will keep this issue front and center for California voters," said Thomasson, an organizer of VoteYesMarriage.com. "It's ironic. San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom inspired voters in more than a dozen states to protect marriage in their state constitutions. Now Mark Leno is annoying and aggravating average Californians, who will respond in force by signing petitions to place the Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative on the ballot."

Center Wish List

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

Some items on our Wish List:

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

Wish List Contributors

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

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Iowa Senate Co-President Says Vote on Gay Marriage Amendment Unlikely

by O.Kay Henderson, Radio Iowa

The leader of Democrats in the Iowa Senate says they will not cave to pressure on gay marriage. Senate Co-Leader Mike Gronstal, a Democrat from Council Bluffs, says it's "pretty unlikely" that the Senate will vote to allow a statewide vote on an amendment to the state constitution banning gay marriage. "We already have a state law that outlaws gay marriage," Gronstal says. Gronstal says he can't quite understand what Hurley's group is after. "First, they don't want (gays and lesbians) to get married...and then if they actually get married and they decide they don't want to be married, (Hurley's group) doesn't want to let them get divorced," Gronstal says. "I don't quite understand what their concern is," Gronstal says when Republicans were in control of the Senate in 2004, the constitutional amendment on gay marriage failed. Gronstal says he doesn't see the amendment passing in a Senate that's now equally divided with 25 Democrats and 25 Republicans. Gronstal made his comments during taping of the Iowa Public Television program "Iowa Press."

Chicago Breaks Ground on LGBT Center

Jen Christensen, PlanetOut Network

Chicago's largest LGBT social services agency broke ground Tuesday on the Center on Halsted, a new \$20 million community center that has been 20 years in the making.

Community leaders expect the center to offer a wide variety of activities and services in the heart of the city's vibrant gay neighborhood.

In planning for the building, center leaders traveled to lesbian and gay centers in Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco, and hoped they could create a place that would combine the best of all of them.

The \$20 million center will be home to more than 40 Chicago-area organizations. Its other amenities are almost too numerous to list: a 175-seat theatre, a gym, classrooms, a computer center, a rooftop garden and more. The list of available services will include programs for domestic violence survivors, youth counseling and education services, individual therapy, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted disease programs. All will be housed under one roof.

"The beauty of the plan is that we can have so many different

groups from all walks of life in one center," said Modesto Tico Valle, the center's deputy executive director. "We can create a real synergy here with all these groups meeting each other and not duplicate each other's efforts."

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, who attended the ground-breaking, said the center was a real "beacon of hope" for the community. Daley and tennis legend Billie Jean King are honorary co-chairs of the center. A rooftop garden will be named for Daley; the recreational space will be named for King.

The 135,000-square-foot building itself will be three stories high. A Whole Foods market will be the building's retail anchor. The building, at 3656 N. Halsted, was built in the 1920s and originally housed a car dealership. When the city bought the property, the facility became a maintenance garage.

The center's leaders struck a deal with the Chicago City Council to purchase the Lake View site from the Chicago Park District back in May 2001. They promised to keep the original facade of the building, which contractors are now taking apart brick by brick. Once the facade is removed, demolition of the building will begin.

The San Francisco-based architecture firm Gensler Architecture Design & Planning Worldwide designed the building.

Organizers have already raised \$15 million to build the center, the money a mix of private and public funds. A \$5 million grant came from the Illinois FIRST program, which is a state infrastructure improvement grant. A \$75,000 grant came from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation based on the center's design elements, which include solar hot water heating, a

natural light and ventilation system and rainwater harvesting systems.

Leaders hope the Center on Halsted will open in 2006.

U.S. Episcopalians Defend Gay Bishop

Eric Johnston, PlanetOut Network

Leaders from the U.S. Episcopal Church addressed Anglican leaders from around the world on Tuesday in Nottingham, England, to defend a decision to ordain an openly gay bishop.

The meeting, called the Anglican Consultative Council, is an international gathering of bishops, priests and lay people from the 38 national Anglican churches that meet every three years.

The 77 million-member Anglicans Communion is struggling to deal with homosexuality, with the North American churches generally taking a more inclusive stance. More-conservative leaders, mainly in Africa, Asia and South America, hold to the view that homosexuality is a violation of Scripture.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.
Stage Right, 16th and Harney (temporarily closed)
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

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

Iowa:

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



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In February, Anglican leaders asked representatives of the U.S. Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada not to attend the council meeting. The decision to ostracize the two North American churches was in response to the U.S. consecration of Bishop V. Gene Robinson, a gay man living in a same-gender relationship, and the decision by the western Canadian diocese of New Westminster to authorize the blessing of same-sex unions.

Despite excluding them from the meeting, Anglican leaders did ask the North American churches to send representatives to the council to explain the theology behind their decisions.

Members from the U.S. delegation addressed the council for about 90 minutes, asking members to focus on unity. They presented a 130-page paper, prepared by six theologians and one historian.

One passage from the publication said: "Might Christ the Lord, unfolding the mystery of his redeeming work, be opening our eyes to behold a dimension of his work that we had not understood?"

"We were there to explain the rationale behind decisions made that were upsetting to the rest of the communion," said the Rev. Susan Russell, one of the presenters. Russell, who is president of Integrity USA, an organization representing gay Episcopalians and their supporters, said her group was well received by the council.

Russell spoke to the PlanetOut Network by phone from Nottingham. She said that after the presentation, Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, the head of the U.S. church and another one of the presenters, made the statement, "We didn't go there to change minds, but I think we touched some hearts."

Episcopalians who oppose their church's stance also sent observers to the meeting.

Cynthia Brust, spokeswoman for the American Anglican Council, said while the audience was polite and attentive, the council members she spoke with afterward had not changed their opinions, and neither had she.

"From my perspective I was not persuaded to change my point of view that the Scripture is very consistent that sexuality needs to be confined between a man and a woman in marriage," she said. "I think the Episcopal Church made a terrible decision, one that was costly to them theologically, and I think our differences remain irreconcilable."

Russell took the opposite view.

"I experienced the breadth of the church looking in hope that our differences are reconcilable," she said. "I would say Jesus is a lot more interested in finding ways to reconcile our differences than he is in finding ways to split the church."

Anti-Gay Marriage Rally in Madrid

Thousands of people in the Spanish capital, including a squadron of bishops and a legion of nuns, have answered a call from the Catholic church to protest against gay marriage. The issue has divided Spaniards, most of whom describe themselves as Roman Catholic in a country where the church traditionally wields great influence but is seen by many as increasingly out of step with popular feeling. Spain's Catholic church recently dubbed gay marriages "a backward step on the path of civilization" but a majority of the electorate supports the Socialist government's liberal social agenda which will see same-sex unions become law by the summer pending final approval by the Senate.

Gays Set Group Hug Record

GERMAN gays and lesbians marching in the northern city of Hamburg on Saturday said they set a new world record for a group hug, with 16,000 people embracing each other for 10 seconds.

"This march should bring people together, regardless of whether people are homosexual or heterosexual," said drag queen Olivia Jones, one of organizers.

Braving cold and rainy weather, the marchers beat the previous group hug record set last year by 5117 Canadian high school students.

Police said overall around 22,000 people attended the so-called Christopher Street Day parade, a Gay Pride march which is held in numerous cities in Germany and elsewhere in Europe to mark the Stonewall riots following a 1969 police raid on a gay bar in New York City.

Crowd Protests Against Gays In Warsaw Poland

Hundreds of people took to the streets of the Polish capital on Saturday to denounce gays and demand tough new laws against homosexuality. The show of force - called The Normal Parade - was organized by the militant Polish Youth, an offshoot of the ultra conservative Law and Justice Party. The rally was called in response to last weekend's Pride parade in the city in which several members of Polish Youth were arrested when they tried to break up the march. The parade had been banned by Warsaw mayor Lech Kaczynski but Pride organizers ignored his order.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

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FRIDAY JUNE 24TH

GLBT CENTER OUTING TO SNAP!

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

FRIDAY JUNE 24TH

BQO ON THE PATIO The MCC is holding a BBQ and meet and greet for their new Pastor, 6pm at the Max Patio Bar

THE VICTIMS OF DESIRE are in the house with a stripper cabaret, 10pm at the Max Show Bar

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH

THE IN TOWN SHOW hosted by ICON, at the Max in the Show bar, Cocktails at 6pm, Show starts at 7pm

SUNDAY JUNE 26TH

END THE MONTH WITH THE NEBRASKA ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR, THE PRINCESS at the Max, Disco Bar, 10pm

FRIDAY JULY 1ST

UNDERWEAR NIGHT, at the Max, 9PM to Close in Stosh's Bar

SATURDAY JULY 2ND

GLBT CENTER OPEN HOUSE, 1 TO 4 pm, 1719 Leavenworth St., Join us for treats and drinks

FRIDAY JULY 8TH

MR. GAY YOUTH NEBRASKA, is hosting a cocktail party and show benefit for HGRA & CRCC, 7PM cocktails, 8PM show starts, at the Max

SUNDAY JULY 10TH

MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS HERSELF, and special guest Duwana Moore from Baltimore. Disco bar 10PM

FRIDAY JULY 15TH

ENJOY A DAY OF PLANTING, CENTER WORKSHOP, FREE, Visit 1719 Leavenworth or see www.rainbowoutreach.org for

details and to register in advance. It's FREE

SATURDAY JULY 16TH

IMSL Ms. INTERNATIONAL LEATHER AND INTERNATIONAL BOOTBLACK, at the Max, Stosh's Show bar, 6 to 10 pm

SUNDAY JULY 17TH

COWBOYS VS COWGIRLS, HGRA hosts a Bar B Que and Bingo at 5PM on the Max patio followed by a show in the disco bar at 9pm

FRIDAY JULY 22ND

JDE STUDIOS BOYZ ARE BACK, The boyz you want, the men you need, Stosh's show bar, 10pm at the Max

SATURDAY JULY 23RD

ICON HOST INVESTITURE, Stosh's show bar, doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm

SUNDAY JULY 24TH

TAKING OFF; A YEAR IN REVIEW, Mr. Max, Brandon, invites you to join him as he steps down, at the Max, in the Disco bar at 10pm

SUNDAY JULY 31ST

THE ARTIST BEJA FROM WISCONSIN, At the Max, Disco bar at 10PM

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

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

NA RINBOW 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 ser-

vice, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE
UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,
3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

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

Every Monday

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

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

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

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

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

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

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

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

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

1st Saturday

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

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

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE

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

2nd Saturday

CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

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

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

3rd Thursday

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

3rd Friday

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

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

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, 2:30PM, Bring a snack to share, everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month

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

LAST Sunday

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

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RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 11am, Sunday School 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

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

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

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

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

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

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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

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

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

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

South Dakota Based

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

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

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Iowa Court Won't Challenge Civil Union Ruling

Mike Glover, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa -- The state Supreme Court refused Friday to tamper with a lower-court decision that dissolved the civil union of two women, saying the conservatives who sued were not harmed and had no standing in the case.

The high court noted that it was not judging the merits of the claims by the legal arm of the Des Moines-based Iowa Family Policy Center, a church and a handful of state legislators.

"Rather, our task is to determine whether these plaintiffs are the proper parties to bring this action," the court wrote.

Their lawsuit challenged a ruling by Judge Jeffrey Neary that let Kimberly Jean Brown end her civil union with Jennifer Sue Perez. The two were joined in March 2002 in Bolton, Vt., according to Brown's divorce petition. Neary granted a divorce, later altering the ruling to say it terminated a civil union.

The plaintiffs argued that the judge had overstepped his authority by recognizing gay marriage, but the Supreme Court disagreed.

"We fail to see how the district court's action in dissolving a civil union of another couple harmed in any specific way these plaintiffs' marriages and for this reason, they have shown no legally recognized interest or personal stake in the underlying action," the high court said.

The court also rejected an argument by Matthew Wentz, pastor of the Church of Christ in Le Mars, that the decision threatened his ability as a minister to solemnize marriages.

Messages left Friday for officials with the Iowa Family Policy Center and three state lawmakers who were plaintiffs in the case were not immediately returned.

The judge, who won a retention vote last fall, declined to comment on Friday's ruling.

Gay Leaders to Ring NYSE Closing Bell

Andrew Noyes, PlanetOut Network

The world's leading equities market will recognize the contributions made by the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to American business and the U.S. economy when members of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) ring the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday.

The bell-ringing, slated for 4 p.m., is timed to coincide with a number of cities' Gay Pride celebrations, NGLCC co-founder Chance Mitchell said. This is the first time in history that an LGBT-specific group has had the opportunity to ring the NYSE's closing bell, he said.

NGLCC board member Walter Schubert will do the honors. Schubert, founder of the Gay Financial Network and the first openly gay member of the NYSE, will be joined at the podium by Mitchell and NGLCC co-founder Justin Nelson, as well as other NGLCC leaders and NYSE officials.

"I'm really excited about this," Schubert said. "It's a historic event and a momentous milestone in the movement toward equality that the world's largest stock exchange so recognizes the community during the month of June."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm beginning to believe that one of the last frontiers left for radical gesture is the imagination. At least in my ungoverned imagination I can f**k somebody without a rubber, or I can, in the privacy of my own skull, douse Helms with a bucket of gasoline and set his putrid ass on fire or throw congressman William Dannemeyer off the Empire State building. These fantasies give me distance from my outrage for a few seconds. They give me momentary comfort. Sexuality defined in images gives me comfort in a hostile world. They give me strength." -- David Wojnarowicz, Writer/Performer/Artist

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

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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.

No “better than you” attitude, no “b.s.”, no guilt just for being gay or lesbian.

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 402.934.9248 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!”

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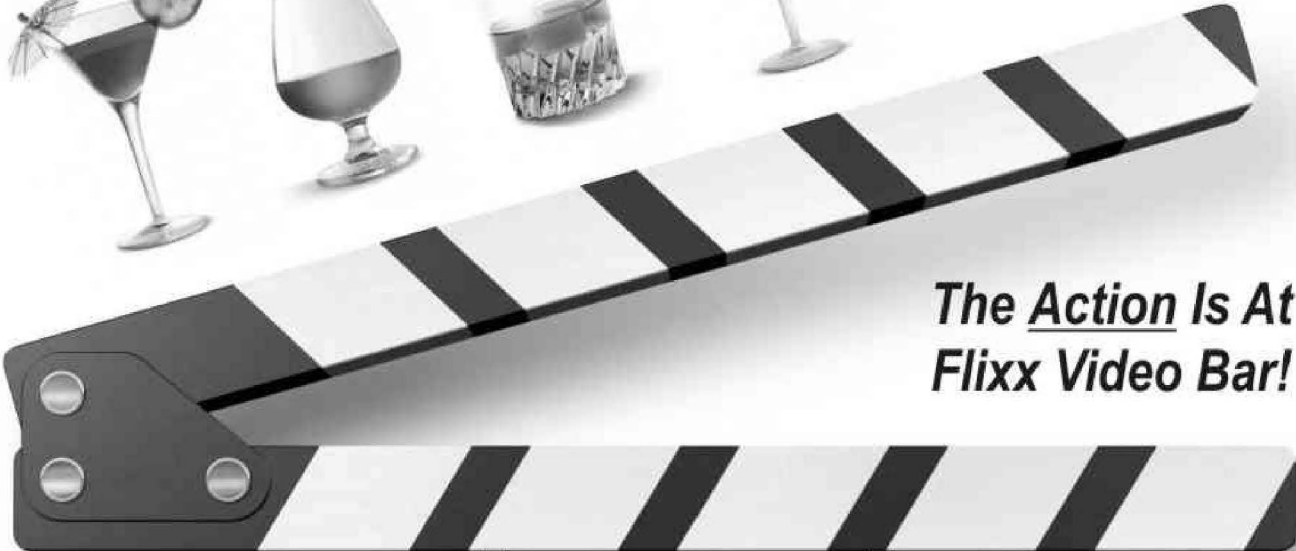
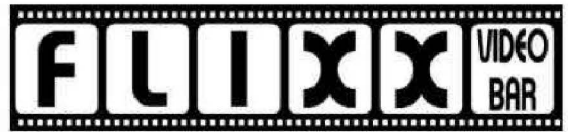
My wife made me join a bridge club. I jump off next Tuesday.

I'm so ugly...I worked in a pet shop, and people kept asking how big I'd get.

I went to see my doctor. "Doctor, every morning when I get up and I look in the mirror...I feel like throwing up; What's wrong with me?" He said .."I don't know but your eyesight is perfect."

I went to the doctor because I'd swallowed a bottle of sleeping pills. My doctor told me to have a few drinks and get some rest.

Some dog I got. We call him Egypt because in every room he leaves a pyramid. His favorite bone is in my arm. Last night he went on the paper four times - three of those times I was reading it.



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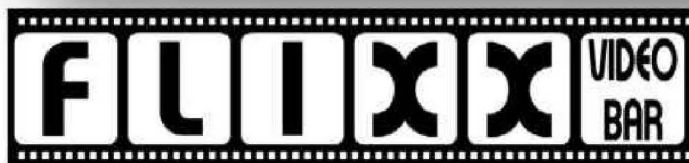
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