

The Gayzette

May 19 — June 2, 2000

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US RAISE \$2650.00

Gary and Steve write: *We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported and participated in our fund raisers for the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund. With your help, we were able to raise \$2,650.00 over the four days of events. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!*

LINCOLN HAS NEW GLBT PUBLICATION

A new "outrageous" GLBT publication hit the streets recently—*Stepping Out*. Its home base is in Lincoln. Deadline for the mid-month publication is the 5th of each month. For more information email juliehuddle@juno.com

PRIDE GUIDES NOW AVAILABLE IN MOST GLBT ESTABLISHMENTS

Everything you want to know about the upcoming PRIDE Parade and Festival is now in print and available from most GLBT establishments in Omaha. The free Pride Guide give you the line-up location, the Parade route, and the location of the Pride Festival. Plus it is packed with ads from GLBT supportive businesses who appreciate your patronage. Here's some of the places you will find a Pride Guide: NAP, MCC-Omaha, First Methodist Church, The MAX, The Diamond, Omaha Mining Co., DC's, Gilligan's, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, Connections, and coffee shops in the Old Market.

Keep the Party Goin'

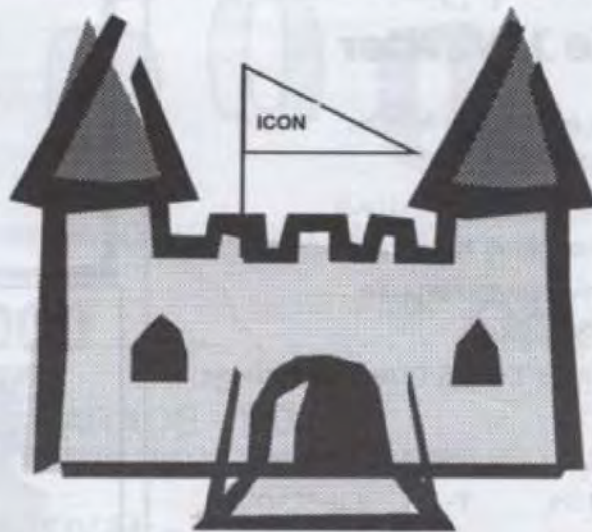
Mon., May 29
Memorial Day

Who will be the Monarchs
In the 20th Reign Of
All Nebraska?

?Feleena?

?Roger?

?Paco?



PICNIC AT
VENNELYST

THEN HEAD
FOR
THE MAX

WHERE ICON'S
CANDIDATES
WILL "SHOW"
YOU A GREAT
TIME!

SHOW
STARTS AT
8:30 PM.

Published by the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center
1719 Leavenworth St., Omaha (402) 341-0330

GRIEF/LOSS GATHERING OPEN TO ALL

Loss of a job — Loss of a friend — Loss of a home —
Loss of resources — Loss of a life-partner. How do we
deal with these? June 4 at 12 noon, Ms. Ann Marie Aita
will facilitate a discussion of grief and loss at Metropolitan
Community Church of Omaha for all who are interested in
participating. A quick lunch will follow the 10:30 Worship
Service and precede the Grief Gathering. A donation
basket will be available to cover the cost of lunch. The
community is invited and encouraged to take advantage of
this opportunity to gain more understanding about coping
with the natural losses that occur in all our lives! MCC-
Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha.

AREA PRIDE EVENTS

Kansas City	June 10
Omaha	June 11 Parade at 1 PM, starting at DC's
Des Moines	June 18 March at 1 PM at the Capitol

**Thanks Steve & Gary
For Fund Raising For The
Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund
The ICON Foundation Board**

YOUR "FAMILY" JEWELER

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All types of Jewelry Repair
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Omaha, Ne 68104 T-Th 12-5:30

341-1094 Sat 9-3:00

Sharing space with Greg Bourne Clocks

PRIDE SHIRTS FOR SALE

Pride, Inc. is now selling the 2000 Pride Shirt. Each shirt
sells for only \$12. They are available in all sizes from S
to XXXL. The shirt is a white tee with the PRIDE 2000
logo printed pocket-size in full color! The shirts will be
available at ICON's Memorial Day Picnic May 29. And
members of the Pride Committee will be out and about
selling them in the community from now through June 11
To pick up a shirt Monday through Friday, call Carla at
MCC-Omaha 345-2563.

CANDIDATES APPROVED

At their May 15 meeting, the Board of Governors of the
Imperial Court of Nebraska approved three candidates to
run for Monarch positions for Reign 20. Running for
Empress 20 will be Miss Feleena Katz. Running
unopposed she will be voted on with a Yes / No ballot.
Running for Emperor 20 will Mr. Roger D. and Mr. Paco
Perez. The campaign officially opens Sun., May 21, with
the candidates' introduction at the PRIDE Pageant. The
candidates do their first show on Monday, May 29, at The
MAX, 8:30 PM following the Memorial Day Picnic.



**METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY
CHURCH
OF OMAHA**

Alive in Christ!

Worship Every Sunday 8:50 & 10:20 AM 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha 345-2563

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GLBT Community!

Tim Reeder
415-6595



RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE CENTER IN DANGER OF CLOSING

The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center has served the Omaha GLBT community for over three years, but it now faces a crisis that may result in its closing. Many positive things are still happening:

- Loyal volunteers staff the Center on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Evenings.
- The Gayzette is still being published every two weeks.
- The library is still open and stocked with over 400 titles of interest to the GLBT Community.
- Free Movies are shown every Friday Night.
- The Phone Line provides information on area resources for ten to fifteen different callers each week. An additional seven to ten people drop by the Center each week.
- The Center provides meeting space for small groups and committee meetings.
- The Imperial Court of Nebraska maintains office space in the Center.
- So why is the Center in danger of closing?
- The Board of Directors has dwindled to a handful who have reached the point of exhaustion trying to keep the Center open. There are 8 open positions on the Board.
- Additionally, there is a desperate need for help with publication of The Gayzette. Volunteers are needed for ad sales, reporting, typing, compiling, delivering, and distributing the Gayzette.
- The last concern is, of course, money. The \$1300 grant received from the Gill Foundation has gone to pay the monthly expenses of the Center. (Rent - \$300, Telephone - \$88, Utilities -- \$97, Insurance -- \$25, plus miscellaneous expenses). The Gayzette produces some income, but not enough.

What happens to the Center is up to you, the members of Metro Omaha's GLBTS community. If you choose to get involved and to help support the Center, it will stay open and start to expand its programs. If you don't, the doors will close by the end of June. If you want to help keep the Center open, please call 341-0330 and leave a message for Sharon or call 556-9907 or email sharlavanpeters@aol.com.

The choice is up to you.

PRIDE 2000

MARCHING INTO THE NEW CENTURY

JUNE 11, 2000

OMAHA

PARADE - 1:00

STEPS OFF FROM 14TH & JACKSON AND WINDS THROUGH THE OLD MARKET

FESTIVAL - 2:30 - 6:00

HEARTLAND OF AMERICA PARK - 10TH & FARNAM

To participate as a vendor or sign up your group for the parade, contact Terri Ann at grrl4nu@hotmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 20 thru June 11, 2000

Friday, May 19

HGRA Charity Ball Prelims – Des Moines, IA
9:30pm – Faces, LTD "It's a Texas Country Ball"
10:30pm – Blazing Saddle "Itty Bitty Country Showtime"
11:30pm – Dally's Pub "Twist & Shout Country"

Saturday, May 20

HGRA Charity Ball
Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines
Tickets \$20 – Available at DC's Saloon Th-Sat
6pm – Cocktails & Live Music
7pm – Steak Dinner Served
8pm – Show Time 9pm – Dancing

Sunday, May 21

Frontrunners RUN/WALK
Field Club Trail, 39 & Marcy, 10am

AIDS Candlelight Service, 7:30pm
St. Cecelia's Cathedral, 40th & Webster

Laura Lee Benefit Show for HGRA
DC's Saloon, 7pm

Pride 2000 Pageant, The MAX, 9pm

Sunday, May 28

Frontrunners RUN/WALK Burke High 10am

Monday, May 29

ICON Memorial Day Picnic, 12n-6pm
Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31, Omaha

ICON Celebrates Summer Show
The MAX, 9pm

Sunday, June 4

GRIEF/LOSS Gathering, 12noon
Ann Marie Aita Facilitates Discussion of Grief and Loss, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

AIDS Walk Nebraska,
Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, Norfolk

Reception and Organ Concert following
Services at 6:30pm, MCC-Lincoln,
St. Marks on the Campus, 12 & R

Sunday, June 11

Pride 2000 Parade, Omaha
1pm Step-Off, 14th & Jackson
Festival following at Heartland Park of America

GLBT Pride Show The MAX 9pm

Saturday, June 17

River City Mixed Chorus Concert,
7:05pm, First United Methodist Church

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

Worship Services, First United Methodist
7020 Cass, 8:30am & 10:45am

Worship Services, MCC-Omaha
819 S. 22 St, Omaha, 8:50am & 10:20am

Worship Services, Heartland United Methodist
Bellevue West High School, 10:30am

Worship Services, First Unitarian Church
3114 Harney Street, 11am

RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE
Mockingbird Lanes, 12:30pm

Worship Services, MCC-Lincoln
St. Mark's Episcopal, 14 & R, 6:30pm

Every Tuesday

Men's Support Group, MCC-Omaha,
819 S. 22 St., 7:30pm – 9pm

Karaoke with Stacy at Club M, 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

Frontrunners Run/Walk, 6:30pm
AkSarBen, Lot 5

Every Thursday

LESBIAN CENTERED DISCUSSION GROUP
6:30pm – 8pm Info: Lesbiancen@ivillage.com
or LesbianCen@aol.com

Karaoke with Stacy at Connections

Every Friday

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

Friday Night Movies, Rainbow Outreach
GLBT Resource Center, 7:45pm

Wild Annie's Amateur Strip Contest
The MAX, 7-9pm

Every Saturday

Proud Horizons Youth Group
Regular Meeting: 4pm – 6pm
Sponsored by PFLAG: 291-6781 or
e-mail: proudhorizons@hotmail.com

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MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Monday**
ICON Royal Family Meeting
 Stosh's Saloon, The MAX, 7pm
- 1st Friday**
Shamanic Journey Drumming Groups
 First Unitarian Church, 7-9pm
- 1st Saturday**
River City Gender Alliance Meeting
 Room Opens at 4pm, Meeting at 7pm
 For Details Contact: 1-800-269-3444 or
 rcga@tgforum.com
- 2nd Sunday**
Bi Choice NE, Brunch & Discussion
 McFoster's Natural Kind Café, Upstairs
 1 - 3 pm, for Info Call Marcella: 592-4250
- Learning to Exchange Power PO Box 11341,
 Omaha 68111; L2ep@aol.com Novice Leather
 Group; 1pm; DC's Saloon;
- 2nd Wednesday**
Flat Water Bears The Diamond Bar, 7:30pm For
 Details: PO Box 3751, Omaha 68103 or flatwater-
 bears@geocities.com
- 2nd Thursday**
PFLAG - Omaha Chapter
 First United Methodist Church
 7020 Cass, Mead Hall. 7pm
- 2nd Saturday**
GLSEN Meeting 4pm
- 3rd Monday**
Imperial Court of Nebraska
 Board of Governors Meeting
 MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 6:30pm
- 3rd Saturday**
Bi-Choice NE Social Night 7pm - ?
 Members Homes, Teri Ann, 491-0238
- 4th Sunday**
PFLAG - Omaha Meeting
 First United Methodist, Mead Hall
 7020 Cass, Omaha. 2pm
- 4th Tuesday**
Names Project of the Heartland
 E-mail AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, June 23 -- Sunday, June 25**
Heartland Regional Gay Rodeo
 Sary Co Fairgrounds, Springfield, NE
- Saturday, July 15**
The Imperial Court of Nebraska
 Coronation 20: An Imperial Crystal Midnight Mas-
 querade: A Journey into the Millennium, Sokol
 Hall, 6pm
- Saturday, August 12**
"It's a Beautiful Thing" Benefit for NAP
 at local Salons
- Saturday, September 16**
Art From The Closet
- Saturday, October 7**
National Coming Out Day, Location TBA
- Sunday, October 22**
All Iowa AIDS Benefit, Des Moines, IA
- Sunday, November 12**
ICON Food 4 Thought The MAX, 9pm
- Saturday, December 2** *Night of 1000 Stars*
- Sunday, December 10**
ICON Toyz 4 Totz The MAX, 9pm

WANT TO ADVERTISE IN THE GAYZETTE?

Advertising in the Gayzette is the best bargain around. The Gayzette is published every two weeks with a distribution of 500 - 1000 copies. Ad prices are:

Full Page (7 1/2 by 10")	
\$100	
Half Page (7 1/2 by 5 or 3 3/4 by 10")	\$50
Quarter Page (3 3/4 by 5" high)	\$25
Business Card (1 7/8 by 3 3/4")	\$15

To place an ad in the Gayzette, submit camera ready copy to Sharon Van Butsel or Carla Petersen at 556-9907 or 345-2563.

Deadlines for advertisements and articles are the Saturday before publication.

Deadline	Publication
5/27	6/2
6/10	6/15
6/246/29

DO YOU HAVE NEWS FOR THE GAYZETTE?
 DO YOU HAVE DATES FOR THE CALENDAR?

Please email your information to
 Sharlavanpeters@aol.com.

The Deadline for the Next Gayzette is May 27
 for publication June 3.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINUES BAN ON GAY COMMITMENT CEREMONIES LOCAL IMPACT TO BE FELT

A promise made during the trial of Jimmy Creech in Grand Island will come true on June 4. While taking part in the non-violent protest at the second trial of Jimmy Creech, The Reverend Mark Kemling declared his intent to continue to challenge the United Methodist stand denying same sex couples the right to commitment ceremonies. As an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, Rev. Kemling stated he was well aware of the consequences of this decision and declared his intent to force Bishop Martinez to again convene a tribunal to address the issue of same sex unions. Rev. Kemling, a long time advocate for oppressed minorities, will have his opportunity when he presides at a commitment ceremony for two gay men on June 3 at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. As quoted in a World Herald article by Julia McCord, Kemling said, "I was greatly disappointed that the United Methodist Church would decide to continue its discriminatory policies," Kemling said. "It is my belief that we should be extending the full ministry of the church to all people, no matter who they love."

The much publicized non-violent demonstration at the General Conference of the United Methodist Church resulted in the arrest of three Nebraskans. Among the 172 arrested were PFLAG president and member of First United Methodist Church, Betty Dorr, Joy Johnson also of Omaha, and Molly Vetter of Lincoln. Also arrested was The Rev. Jimmy Creech former pastor of First United Methodist Church of Omaha.

While the United Methodist Church continued to deny the rights of gays and lesbians, Omaha has several congregations who affirm the rights of the GLBT community. First United Methodist Church has recently been named to be an official reconciling congregation, recognizing their mission to provide a welcoming place of worship for all people. Also maintaining an positive position with regards to the ommunity is Heartland United Methodist, worshipping at present in Bellevue West High

*The Imperial Court of Nebraska
Invites You To Join Them...*

MONDAY MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC VENNELYST PARK

\$8 Adm.
ID Required
NO PETS

FREE Bus Ride
From The MAX

9100 N. 31st St., Omaha

MUSIC
FUN
FREE FOOD
VENDORS
BEER
POP
VOLLEYBALL
SUN
FRIENDS
CASH BAR

DIRECTIONS: From Downtown, go north on 30th St. to Bondesson—just south of I-680. Go west on Bondesson to 31st St. (1 blk.). Then go north on 31st and the street winds right to the entrance of the Park.



THE RAINBOW RESOURCE PAGE

OMAHA BARS

CONNECTIONS, 1901 Leavenworth 933-3033
DC'S SALOON, 610 S. 14th Street 344-3103
GILLIGAN'S PUB, 1407 Harney 449-9147
THE DIAMOND, 712 S. 16th Street 342-9595
THE MAX, 1417 Jackson 346-4110
OMAHA MINING CO 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

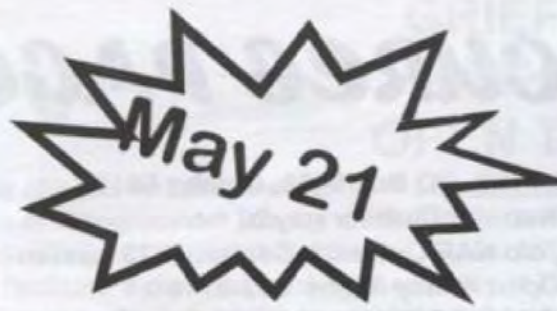
LINCOLN BARS

Q, 226 S. 9th Street 475-2269
PANIC, 200 S. 18th 435-8764

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

ALIAS JANE BAND, Lincoln (402) 435-8764
Kara & Kelly at the Panic
BICHOICE NEBRASKA, 9504 R Plaza, #106, Omaha
68127 (402) 592-4250 or QUEST15@juno.com
Discussion Group meets Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm
COMMITTEE FOR GLBT CONCERNS, 218 Andrews,
Lincoln 68588-0333 (402) 472-1880
Deanna Zaffke & Pat Tetreault
FLATWATER BEARS, PO Box 3751, Omaha 68103 or
flatwaterbears@geocities.com
Group for hirsute men and their admirers,
meet 2nd Wednesday at Diamond Bar, 7:30pm
FRONT RUNNERS/WALKERS, PO Box 4583, Omaha
68104 (402) 496-3658
Fun Run/Walks 10am Sundays, 6pm Wednesdays
FTM NEBRASKA; FtMNebraska@aol.com;
(402) 820-1267
GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP, Counseling & Psy-
chology, Discussion Group for Gay Men
UNL Health Center, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618
(402) 472-7450
GAY, LESBIAN AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NET-
WORK, PO Box 6051, Omaha 68106
GAY/LESBIAN/BI/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE 2229 J St.,
Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION, PO Box
3354, Omaha 68103 (402) 897-1689
IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA, PO Box 3772, Om-
aha 68103 (402) 556-9907 Board of Governors
Meeting 1st Monday, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22
LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA (LEO) PO Box
8181 Omaha 68108 Gay men interested in leather
lifestyle
LESBIAN CENTERED: Lesbianscen@ivillage.com
LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP, Women's Resource
Center, UNL Health Center, Rm 340, Lincoln 68558
(402) 472-2597

LINOMA BARES, PO Box 8493, Omaha 68106
Nudist/Naturist Club for gay/bi men
MPOWER, c/o NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leaven-
worth, Open Friday Nights 342-8716
MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP, c/o MCC-Omaha, 819 S.
22 345-2563; email Mike @ mike2tom@radiks.net
NAMES PROJECT OF THE HEARTLAND, Meet 4th
Tuesday, For info: 332 N. 36th Ave, Omaha 68131
(402) 933-3940; AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com
NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT, Watanabe Wellness
Center, 139 S. 40 St., Omaha 68131; 552-9260
Confidential Testing Monday and Thursday Eve
OMAHA WOMEN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE, 4949 N. 73
St, Lincoln, 68507 (402) 467-5737 2nd Sunday in
September
ONYX IMAGES, PO Box 31026, Omaha 68132-9998
Fraternity for African American Men
PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS
(PFLAG) Omaha Chapter (402) 291-6781 Meet 2nd
Thursday & 4th Sunday; First United Methodist
Church, 7020 Cass, Omaha
PARENTS, FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS,
CORNHUSKER CHAPTER; PO Box 30128, Lin-
coln 68508 Barbara Kimberly,
jbkimber@email.msn.com
PROUD HORIZONS YOUTH GROUP, Omaha, Meet
Saturday Afternoon, for info: (402) 291-6781
RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY, 6pm, Lowe Ave Presbyte-
rian, 1023 N. 40 St., Omaha; Info: 733-1360
RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS, 261 S. 60th St, Omaha
68106 (402) 551-6517
RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE, Box 8076, Omaha
68108 emailrcga@tgforum.com; 1-800-269-3444
Social/Support Group for transgender/transsex-
ual/crossdressers and supporters
SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Intergenerational
Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian
Videos at 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46th
STRAIGHT SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP - Lincoln,
(402) 489-9088
TREVOR-24-HOUR NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE for
GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078
WOMEN IN TRADES/YWCA, 1432 N Street, Lincoln
68508 ; (402) 434-3494 Martha Hakenkamp/Barb
Cheshier
WOMENSPACE, PO box 24712, Omaha 68124 Quar-
terly Newsletter (402) 588-4529 Mary Spillane
YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, Lincoln (402) 434-9880
YOUTH TALKLINE, Lincoln Fridays & Saturdays
7pm - Midnight (402) 473-7932



PRIDE 2000

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May 28

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Catch Your
FREE Bus Ride
HERE

For ICON's Memorial Day
Picnic at Vennelyst Park

Picnic Adm. \$8 — ID Required

Then at 8:30 PM

May 29

*Join ICON's Candidates As
They "Show" Us What
They're Made Of!*

1417 Jackson

The MAX

346-4110

Sunday's 5-9 PM
Scotty's Beer Bust
\$4 Well Drinks
\$1 Food

Mon—Wed Beer Bust
9—Close
Fiesta Thursdays
Margaritas \$1

7-9 Friday's
Wild Annie's Strip Off
\$50 Prize Weekly
\$150 Prize for Finals