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EVENTS OF INTEREST

# GAYZETTE

## IOWA CONSIDERING GAY ADOPTION BAN

Iowa is considering a bill sponsored by Sen. Kenneth Veenstra ( R ) that would bar gays and lesbians from adopting children or being foster care providers. The bill was introduced into the state senate human resources on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> for discussion.

And wouldn't you know it. Senator Veenstra got all of his valuable research from the Washington D.C. conservative organization, Family Research Council. So you know the information isn't one sided. And it just might have some half-truths in it also.

"Over the past several decades I've observed cultural changes in our state that in the last few years have created a slippery slope that is negative, not positive. The majority of evidence-based research says this is not a good environment to have a good impact on children. There is a disproportionate amount of instability in same-sex relationships and a disproportionate amount of susceptibility to disease. That instability produces a disproportionate amount of domestic violence and a disproportionate amount of child abuse." As you might have guessed, Sen. Veenstra probably got "word of the day" toilet paper for Christmas.

However Sen. Robert Dvorsky ( D ) said that Sen. Veenstra is a very, very, very conservative person. He really believes this is a good thing to do. I doubt the bill would have much support. It may pass committee, but I don't think it will be brought up on the floor. We're trying to find good foster homes, and it's difficult to do this. I don't know why we would restrict ourselves. If you find good candidates- whoever they are - that would take good care of the kids, that's who you should go with." Finally, someone in Iowa that's not afraid to speak his mind about another Senator. Iowa, you got yourselves a good senator there. Hopefully Senator Dvorsky will run for Governor of Iowa someday and maybe the Whitehouse.

## DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS TO IOWA STATE EMPLOYEES

Iowa - a conservative state-has shocked the central states by entering into a two-year contract with Iowa state employees that extends health and dental benefits to domestic partners, including those of gay employees. This contract goes into effect July 1, 2003. There are those that think it's bad for business. House majority leader Chuck Gipp ( R ) believes the provision is too controversial at the statehouse. Even though it is something that is being done in other states, he feels that this is a social policy. Governor Tom Vilsack ( D ) defended the extension of health care benefits to domestic partners of state employees.

# PRIDE 2003

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# RIVER CITY MIXED WEEK 23

## Maplewood Lanes

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
Lords & Ladies	69.0	23.0	52495
Lucky Strix's	64.5	27.5	46532
Gilligan's CCB	58.0	34.0	40350
Omaha Hospitality	56.5	35.5	45081
Sizzlin'	54.0	38.0	45736
Off Broadway	53.5	38.5	46409
Beaver and the Boys	53.5	38.5	40782
The Run/Omaha Mining	52.5	39.5	44115
The Bowler Sisters	50.0	42.0	42289
Chicken and Her Noodles	49.0	43.0	38510
Then There Was Frank	49.0	43.0	37010
Gill's Choke Artists	48.5	43.5	42753
Max Factors	48.0	44.0	39377
F.B.I.	48.0	44.0	36923
N Joyable	48.0	44.0	36656
Oops!!	47.0	45.0	39310
The Golden Girls	44.0	48.0	32469
Here 4 Beer	42.0	50.0	35728
Kingpins	39.0	53.0	36356
Get'n School'd	38.0	54.0	35558
Angry Beavers	37.0	55.0	40142
Outlaws	37.0	55.0	38845
Rammin Dixon	36.0	56.0	36544
Gary's Gutter Gashes	36.0	56.0	32152
Fore Play	34.0	58.0	36235

HIGH SCRATCH TEAM GAME		TEAM SERIES	
Lords & Ladies	902	Lords & Ladies	2456
Sizzlin'	807	Lucky Strix's	2225
The Run/OMC	800	Sizzlin'	2194

HIGH SCRATCH GAME MEN		WOMEN	
B Andresen	287	N Harrison	266
J Schomer	279	N Harrison	256
D Cohen	278	L Bailey	254

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES MEN		WOMEN	
B Andresen	741	N Harrison	694
D Cohen	731	T Shellenberger	643
J Schomer	715	R Richardson	595
		A Southerland	595

HIGH AVERAGE MEN		WOMEN	
J Schomer	215	N Harrison	190
D Cohen	210	R Richardson	175
B Andresen	200	H. Kovanda	175
R Hansen	196	A Southerland	174
D White	192	L Bailey	164



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## Maplewood Lanes

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
2D's & and F	41.0	11.0	17775
Man Hole	32.0	20.0	17886
Taking Up the Rear	27.0	25.0	20140
Team Seven	25.5	26.5	19339
We Three Kings	22.0	26.0	14057
Worth the Wait	21.5	30.0	18277

HIGH SCRATCH GAME MEN		WOMEN	
J Schulte	247	S Pallas	193
R Hollendieck	244	S Pallas	190
D Cohen	236	V Haynes	173

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES MEN		WOMEN	
J Schulte	681	PJ Thomas	516
R Hollendieck	637	S Pallas	508
R Hollendieck	623	V Haynes	439

HIGH AVERAGE MEN		WOMEN	
J Schulte	197	S Pallas	152
D Cohen	185	C Schaffert	125
R Hollendieck	181	V Haynes	122

HIGH TEAM GAME		HIGH TEAM SERIES	
Taking Up the Rear	622	Taking Up the Rear	1735
Man Hole	590	We 3 Kings	1622
We 3 Kings	579	Two D's & and F	1607




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If you are not up for a whole weekend of education and play why not try just the Dreams Hot Leather Show (\$5 at door). This year we are at Club Joy. We meet for the pre show meet and greet at 7 and the show starts at 7:30. We hope you will join us. There will be raffles and auctions and hot leather fantasies. This year's raffle & auction benefits go to: The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (NCSF) is a national organization committed to altering the political, legal, and social environment in the United States in order to guarantee equal rights for consenting adults who practice forms of alternative sexual expression. NCSF is primarily focused on the rights of consenting adults in the SM-leather-fetish, swing, and polyamory communities, who often face discrimination because of their sexual expression.

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# GRAND MARSHAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

Rainbow Celebrations' Pride 2003 Committee is pleased to announce the following 2003 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal nominees:

Carla Petersen & Sharon Van Butsel and  
Bob & Betty Door

The Nebraska GLBT community was asked to nominate individuals which have shown leadership, commitment and dedication to the many issues and facets of the Nebraska gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. This year, two couples have been nominated for their outstanding work on behalf of our community! The 2003 Grand Marshal will lead the GLBT Pride Parade on June 21. The Grand Marshal is the highest honor of prestige awarded by the GLBT community in Nebraska. Rainbow Celebrations has posted complete biographies at [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org).

State wide voting is now available at [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org) by mail using the included Grand Marshal Ballot, or by voting at any Grand Marshal ballot box which has been placed at some of the following locations: MCC, Rainbow Outreach Center, The MAX, Club JOY, DC's Saloon, Gilligan's, Omaha Mining Company, Connections, Club Olis, The Diamond, FLIXX, and other businesses throughout the Omaha and Lincoln areas. Please visit [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org) for a complete listing of ballot box locations.

**PLEASE VOTE ONCE FOR THE NOMINEE OF YOUR CHOICE.**

The 2003 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal voting will conclude on Monday, April 8 and the Grand Marshal will be announced at the Pride 2003 Reception on Saturday, April 12 at the Sheraton Omaha Hotel Grand Ballroom beginning at 2 pm. The first Grand Marshal in 2001 was awarded to Scott Winkler for his activism on behalf of the GLBT communities. In 2002, the first business, The MAX, was recognized as the Grand Marshal for their 18+ years of community support to the many groups in Nebraska and beyond. Who will be voted as the 2003 Grand Marshal???

**CARLA PETERSEN & SHARON VAN BUTSEL** - Volunteer is their middle name! 15+ years of work in various GLBT organizations in Nebraska, including Pride, Rainbow Celebrations, ROCC, ICON, New Voice, Gayzette, MCC-O, Angle, Soulforce, etc.

**BOB & BETTY DORR** - both Presidents of PFLAG, parents of a gay son, and leading peace activists on behalf of all GLBT issues throughout Nebraska, GLSEN, GLBT Lobby Day, Pride, Soulforce, First United Methodist Church.

## PRIDE 2003 NEEDS YOU! LESS THAN 4 MONTHS AWAY...

Did you have fun at Pride 2002? Would you like to have a large part in helping plan Pride 2003? Join Rainbow Celebrations Pride 2003 Committee next Tuesday, March 11 at 7 pm for the next Pride 2003 Meetings. All meetings are open to the public and participation is requested from all GLBT and supportive groups and businesses in the eastern Nebraska and western Iowa region. Plans are already underway for the largest and most inclusive Pride Festival and Parade in Nebraska's history - come be a part of it this year! Committees are being formed which need chairs and members. Meetings have been scheduled through Pride this coming June. So get your calendar out and make plans to be at each and every meeting to help make this year's Pride even more successful than 2002!

The following dates have been reserved for Pride 2003 Committee meetings:

March 11 and 25

April 8 and 22

May 6 and 20

June 3, 10, 16 and 19

Come see how OUR festival is planned and produced!! Come join other who want to be a part of something great! Come be a part of YOUR community celebrations! Come be a part of PRIDE 2003! For more information about Pride, please visit [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org), email [PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org) or call 402.415.8769.

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## Official 2003 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal Ballot

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**BOB & BETTY DORR**

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# PRIDE 2003 ANNOUNCES NEW NEBRASKA PRIDE TRADITION 30' X 60' PRIDE FLAG

To honor the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the Rainbow Pride Flag, Rainbow Celebrations' Pride 2003 Committee Chair Troy Haasis has announced a campaign to gain sponsorship for Nebraska's first "giant" pride flag!

The purpose of this flag is multi:

- to gain more exposure for Pride and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the rainbow Pride Flag
- to give the annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade an eye opening entry!
- -And most importantly, to help raise monies, which will be directly donated to various health charities across Nebraska on behalf of Pride each year!

Current plans are for the giant flag to measure 30 feet by 60 feet – literally covering the city street as it passes by! The creation of this flag will entail many, many yards of flag material to ensure that it stands up to the test of multi year use. Plans have already been made for the purchase of the material and the creation of the flag is also being planned.

What does this offer your organization or business?

Rainbow Flag sponsorships for \$50 each are being offered to all organizations, businesses or individuals who wish to see this tradition started. Your sponsorship will entitle you to having one or more persons (depending on number of sponsorships you pay for) help carry the flag at the start of the annual GLBT Pride Parade. Your individual will wear a t-shirt with your organization or business name on it so that all parade spectators will see your commitment to the GLBT community of Nebraska!

The tradition, which is planned to start in 2003, is as follows:

- when the rainbow flag passes by, spectators lining the parade route will have the chance to throw money onto the flag,
- at the end of the parade, Rainbow Celebrations will collect all monies off of the flag,
- a donation will be made each year to a health related charity on behalf of Pride & the Flag sponsors

We have chosen to earmark the monies for health charities since they affect all persons. The donations will not be limited to one specific charity, but all health charities will be eligible to be chosen on a yearly basis.

All sponsors of the Rainbow Flag will be introduced to the community and media at the Pride 2003 Reception Saturday, April 12 at the Sheraton Hotel Grand Ballroom Downtown Omaha.

As Pride 2003 is quickly approaching, if you would like to take advantage of this wonderful sponsorship or if you have any questions regarding the Rainbow Flag Tradition, please contact Rainbow Celebrations' 2003 Pride Chair Troy Haasis at 402-415-8769 or by email at [PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org). You can also make checks payable to Rainbow Celebrations and mail them to: Rainbow Celebrations, Rainbow Flag, PO Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108.

We look forward to having you join us this summer for the biggest and best Pride Parade and Festival Nebraska has ever experienced! More people, more fun, more PRIDE!



HEARTLAND  
MEN'S CHORUS

## MEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS CONCERT ABOUT GAYS IN THE MILITARY

Kansas City's 120-voice gay men's chorus presents *The Few, The Proud*, a tribute to gay men and women who have served in the US Military from the Revolutionary War up to the present day. Despite bans, censure and discharge, gay men and lesbians have always been there, bravely serving the country they love. *The Few, The Proud* uncovers this little-known history and celebrates the contributions of these heroes.

Based on Randy Shilt's book *Conduct Unbecoming*, this original concert will share moving stories in word and music. Joining the Chorus to narrate the program will be Col. Margaret Cammermeyer—her story of discharge after a brilliant military career after she came out as a lesbian was made famous in the 1996 TV-movie *Serving in Silence* starring Glenn Close. Also joining the Chorus on the stage of the Folly Theater will be Kansas City resident Mrs. Patricia Kutteles. She is the mother of PFC Barry Winchell, who was brutally murdered at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in 1999, because fellow soldiers thought Winchell was gay.

The concert will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2003, 8:00 PM and Sunday, March 30, 2003, 4:00 PM at The Folly Theater, 300 W 12<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO. Tickets are \$25 & \$15 and can be charged by phone: HMC Office 816-931-3338 or ordered on the Web: [www.hmckc.org](http://www.hmckc.org)

## SENATOR CHAMBERS DESERVES OUR THANKS

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha introduced a bill to protect gays from job discrimination which failed to advance to the legislative floor on a 4 to 2 vote in the committee. Chambers and Sen. Paul Hartnett of Bellevue were the only committee members voting in favor of the bill. Sen. Don Preister of Omaha abstained. Sens. Carroll Burling of Kenesaw, Jeanne Combs of Friend, Bob Kremer of Aurora and Floyd Vrtiska of Table Rock voted no.

In an effort to advance the issue, Chambers offered a gay rights amendments to a bill on how cities and towns handle municipal improvement projects. Chambers said workplace discrimination against gays is an evil that he feels he has a responsibility to address. Chambers said that since state law already protects gay people from hate crimes, it should also protect them against job discrimination.

In a email release, CFEP states that Ernie Chambers is going above and beyond the call of duty -- as usual -- raising gay rights issues on every bill where he sees an opportunity for an amendment. The email encourage every GLBT person to send a handwritten note to Chambers showing him that people appreciate his efforts. Chambers has said many times that he doesn't hear from people when he does this kind of work. Send your notes of encouragement to: Ernie Chambers, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

**Save the  
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Club Patrick's L,D	La Casa Pizzeria L	Tandoor 50% L,D
Dundee Dell L,D	McFoster's L,D	Taxi's L,D
Indian Oven D	Pasta Villa - Gering L,D	

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Additional restaurants will be added. Please check the updated list of participating restaurants at one of the following websites and make plans to dine out on April 22, 2003.

**[www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org) or [www.diningoutforlife.com](http://www.diningoutforlife.com)**

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

Call 552-9260 for more information or to host a restaurant.

# GAYZETTE EVENTS

**FRJ, MARCH 7 — SUN, MARCH 9**

**DREAMS TO REALITY** <http://dreamstoreality.freesevers.com/hotel.html>

**FRJDAY, MARCH 7**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE & DINNER** 6pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St

**AMATEUR STRIP OFF** 9pm, CLUB JOY

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

**ICON SNOBALL "DRESS BLUES & DEBUTANTES" FEATURING KC'S HEARLAND GAY CHORUS & RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS** 9pm, The MAX

**JOY CELEBRITY ROAST: DORIAN DRAKE!!!** 9PM, CLUB JOY

**FRJDAY, MARCH 14**

**MADNESS ROCCS AT CLUB JOY** 8:30pm, Benefit for Resource Center

**FRJDAY, MARCH 14 — SAT, MARCH 16**  
**LEATHER IN LINCOLN** Panic & Q

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

**PIGGY OF THE NIGHT** Club JOY

**ST PATRICK'S DINNER** Connections

**SUNDAY, March 16**

**MISS NEBR NATIONAL MONICA WEST STEP DOWN** 9:45pm The MAX

**MONDAY, MARCH 17**

**JOY OPEN ST PATRICKS**, 4pm-1am

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

**"HURRAY FOR HOLLYWOOD" PRIDE BENEFIT** 6-11pm, The MAX

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**MALE REVUE** 9pm, Club JOY

**FRJDAY, MARCH 23**

**PORTFOLIO MEN** 10pm The MAX

**JOY POST OFFICE OPEN** Begins 9pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

**NOT SO GAY STATES** 9pm The MAX

**"MISS FIRE & BRIMSTONE"** Q, Lincoln

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

**MISS NEBR NATIONAL** 9pm, MAX

**FRJDAY, APRIL 11**

**CELEBRITY ROAST: JEFF MCKENZIE** 9PM, CLUB JOY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

**PRIDE 2003 RECEPTION** 2pm, Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel Downtown

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

**ICON CLOSET BALL** 9pm, The MAX

**FRJDAY, APRIL 18**

**PORTFOLIO MEN** 10pm The MAX

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

**AMERICAN DIABETES BENEFIT VARIETY SHOW** The MAX

**FRJDAY, APRIL 25**

**WEISENHEIMERS** 9-10PM CLUB JOY  
**JOY POST OFFICE OPEN** 9pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

**PRIDE BENEFIT SHOW** The MAX

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

**ICON PR BALL** 6pm, The MAX

**SUNDAY, MAY 25**

**PORTFOLIO MEN** 10pm The MAX

**MONDAY, MAY 26**

**ICON MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC** 1—6pm, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31 Omaha

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1**

**CANDIDATE SHOW** 9:30pm, The MAX

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

**MISS GAY OMAHA ALEXANDRA STONE** 10pm The MAX

**FRJ, JUNE 20 & SAT, JUNE 21**

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**SAT, JUNE 21 & SUN, JUNE 22**

**CHORUS CONCERT** 7:05pm, UNO

**FRJ, JUNE 27 — SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

**HEARTLAND REGIONAL RODEO**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

**EMPRESS' STEP DOWN** 9:30pm, MAX

**FRJDAY, JULY 4**

**ICON PICNIC** 1-6pm, Hill Haven

**SATURDAY, JULY 13**

**ICON CORONATION** 6PM, Sokol Hall

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**

**ICON INVESTITURE OF REIGN 23**  
Reception 5pm, Show 6pm, The MAX

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC** 1-6pm, Vennelyst Park

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**ICON FOOD 4 THOUGHT** 9:30pm MAX

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**NIGHT OF 1000 STARS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ** 9:30pm, The MAX

## WEEKLY EVENTS

*Every Sunday*

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

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

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

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am

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

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**

3424 N. 90. Omaha. 9am. 11am

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

**LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK**

Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

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

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING**

3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-**

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

*Every Monday*

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

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**

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

*Every Tuesday*

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

**PORT GRP** 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr,  
Nebr Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

**OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**OMAHA WOMEN'S SUPPORT GRP**

ROC, 1719 Leavenworth, 7:30pm

*Every Wednesday*

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**MCC OMAHA**, 7pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

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

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK** 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

**LGBT AA** 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*

**GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, 6:30pm, Trinity

Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18

Info: 391-1950; dknoxsae@qwest.net.

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

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections

*Every Friday*

**SAGE POTLUCK DINNER** 6 - 7:45pm

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

**FREE FRIDAY MOVIE** 7:45PM,

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

**LAMBDA TV**, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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

**LGBT AA** 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux

City, IA (712) 252-4272,

**GLBT AA** 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue

Presby Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

*Every Saturday*

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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

## MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

PRIDE PLANNING MEETING 7pm, NAP  
Outreach Ctr, 1723 Leavenworth

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR" 7pm Discus-  
sion Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-0330

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

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

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Methodist

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday

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

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA Brd 9:30-11:30am South  
High

### LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING UNL Campus, Cornerstone,  
476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER  
L2EP@aol.com 1pm; 1719 Leavenworth

POLY GROUP 7pm, 1719 Leavenworth

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR MCC-O,  
6:30pm

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

N'JOY GIRLS ON STAGE 9:30pm, Club  
JOY

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

WEISENHEIMERS Club JOY

### 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

PRIDE PLANNING MEETING 7pm, NAP  
Outreach Center 1723 Leavenworth

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone,  
476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

# "Gender Bender"

**Saturday, March 22nd  
9PM to Midnight**

**Connections**

**1901 Leavenworth -  
Omaha, NE**

**Proceeds will benefit the  
Heartland Gay Rodeo  
Association**

## Where Can You Find Us?

During the past few months ROCC has been busy finding new spots in both Iowa and the surrounding Omaha area to display *The Gayzette*. We currently have twenty-three, soon to be twenty-four spots for pick-up. Here is our list for your information.

### Omaha:

Aces Bar, 1263 South 16th Street  
Body Mods, 61st and Military  
Club Olis, 2801 North 16th Street  
Connections, Bar 1901 Leavenworth  
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street  
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street  
Dixie Quix, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth  
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street  
The Joy, 1516 Jones Street  
Liquid Courage Custom Tattoo,  
2936 South 84th Street  
The Max, 1417 Jackson  
Metropolitan Community Church,  
819 South 22nd Street  
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth  
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St  
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St  
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street  
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center,  
1719 Leavenworth  
Stage Right Coffee and Tea House,  
16th and Harney  
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

### Lincoln:

Boondoggles, 1324 P Street  
Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street  
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street

### Iowa:

Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park  
Iowa

### Coming Soon:

Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha

## OMAHA BARS

**CONNECTIONS** 1901 Leavenworth 933-3033

**CLUB OLIS** 2801 N 16 St 934-4030

**THE DIAMOND** 712 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St 342-9595

**DC'S SALOON** 610 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street 344-3103

**GILLIGAN'S PUB** 1407 Harney 449-9147

**JOY** 1516 Jones, 341-7337

**The MAX** 1417 Jackson 346-4110

**OMAHA MINING CO** 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

## LINCOLN BARS

**PANIC** 200 S. 18<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln 435-8764

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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](http://www.cfep-ne.org)
- Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm
- Front Runners/Walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)** [www.angelfire.com/home/GALO](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, 596-2596  
Website: <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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22
- Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com); Social, educational group novices in Leather Lifestyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Gilligan's 7pm
- LinOma Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68108 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
- Mpower**, c/o Nebr AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org). Men teaching men about HIV
- Men's Support Group-Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@radiks.net](mailto:mccomaha@radiks.net)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org)  
Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Service 7pm
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260  
Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
- NAP Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights
- Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality**, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 [naje\\_now@hotmail.com](mailto:naje_now@hotmail.com)
- Nebraska Gay Dads** group list exchange emails posted to the list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/>

- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://members.cyberwolves.com/omahanegaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195 [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net)
- Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68132-9998 [Onyximages@hotmail.com](mailto:Onyximages@hotmail.com) Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska**, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)
- 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, Web Site: [www.ROCC.org](http://www.ROCC.org), email: [rainbow@rocc.org](mailto:rainbow@rocc.org)  
Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations**, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event  
[info@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:info@rainbowcelebrations.org)  
**Pride 2003** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 [pride@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:pride@rainbowcelebrations.org)  
**National Coming Out Day**  
P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108  
[NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:NCOD@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 [MargauxPolo@aol.com](mailto:MargauxPolo@aol.com)
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, Website: [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)
- Women's Support Group**, Tuesdays 7:30pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 342-0330

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124  
Newsletter, Concerts

## LINCOLN BASED

- Boondoggles** 1324 "P" St. (In the Back Room of the Coffeehouse) shop online <http://www.ideviate.net>  
Email [boondoggles@ideviate.net](mailto:boondoggles@ideviate.net)
- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752. 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/Lesbian Film Fest**, Deanna Zaffke, [cea@unlserve.unl.edu](mailto:cea@unlserve.unl.edu)
- Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning-Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000
- Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts**, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln 68508 474-8923 [nebcoalition@yahoo.com](mailto:nebcoalition@yahoo.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> Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly [jbkimber@msn.com](mailto:jbkimber@msn.com), Website: <http://pflag.incb.org/>
- Plainsmen**, Support for FtM's (Female to Male), Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- 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** 483-5592
- Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, contact: Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](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.>



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**THE FAST RUNNER** by Zacharias Kunuk (Canada, 172 minutes, 2002)

*The Fast Runner* is a masterpiece. It is, by any standard, an extraordinary film, a work of narrative sweep and visual beauty that honors the history of the art form even as it extends its perspective. *The Fast Runner* also abounds with humor and sensuality. The combination of dramatic realism and archaic grandeur is irresistibly powerful. The Fast Runner includes some unforgettable sequences. The most astonishing scene has already become something of a classic, a word that will quickly be bestowed on the film as a whole." -A.O. Scott, *The New York Times*

*The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat* is an astonishing epic film made by and about the Inuit peoples of the Canadian arctic, telling a story of a crime that ruptures the trust within a closely knit group, and how justice is achieved and healing begins. Director Zacharias Kunuk and his writer, Paul Apak Angilin, collected oral versions of an Inuit legend from several elders, collated them into a story, submitted the story to the elders for suggestions and then filmed it as a collaborative expression of the group's memory. The "fast runner" of a title is a man who must run naked through the snow and is presumed to be dead, but survives; the three-hour film was entirely shot on location, and shows the tenacity and creativity of a people making a home of a frigid wilderness." -Roger Ebert, *Chicago Sun-Times*



# MORVERN CALLAR

A Film by LYNNE RAMSAY

'MORVERN CALLAR' is unrated and has a running time of 97 minutes.

## SYNOPSIS

(written by Lynne Ramsay and Liana Dognini)

It's winter in a remote Highland seaport in the West of Scotland. 21-year-old Morvern Callar, a low paid employee in the local supermarket, wakes on Christmas morning to find her boyfriend has committed suicide and is dead on the kitchen floor.

What can she do?

She opens his Christmas presents to her, puts on her new steerhide jacket, takes her new Walkman and goes to work, stocking shelves and scrubbing floors until she meets her best friend Lanna for a night out.

She tells everyone that 'he's' left her and left town. Nobody really understands - but then again Morvern is not really one for saying much about herself.

She returns home - he has left her money in the bank and his unpublished novel on a disc.

She doesn't know what to do.

She'd like him back but.... she changes the author's name on the novel to her own and sends it to a publisher, she hides the body in a cupboard and with the money he's left her she buys a package holiday to southern Spain for Lanna and herself.

In the bright southern light of Spain cracks emerge in the relationship between Morvern and Lanna. Whilst Lanna is content to hang out in the tourist resort clubbing and having a good time, Morvern is watching, thinking and planning.

The friendship cannot last. They split up.

As Lanna boards the plane back home with a tan and her holiday snaps Morvern is drinking Champagne with two London publishers discussing the finer points of the deal for 'her' brilliant new novel, being offered more money than she ever dreamed of...

2002 British Independent Film Awards

Winner, Best Actress - Samantha Morton

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**Friday, March 14 - Thursday, March 27**  
**Show Times Daily at 5, 7:15, & 9 p.m. with**  
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## GREETINGS FROM THE ICON EVENT COORDINATOR!

As one of my new duties as the Event Coordinator, I will keep the GLBT community informed on shows and events ICON is hosting. Keep these on your refrigerator as reminders so you can attend!!

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

The MAX-9:00PM Snoball. "Dress Blues and Debutantes" Look for some special singing guest to come in from Kansas City's Heartland Choir as well as our own talent here in Omaha from River City Mixed Chorus.

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Connections-Join Judy as she prepares a St. Patrick's Dinner.

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

JOY-9:30PM Princess Royal Monroe presents "A Night in Havana"

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Max-9PM Not-So-Miss-Gay-States Pageant. Watch out as Michael Lyons aka: Miss Merry Christmas, Nellie Lee... (Shouldn't he be a drag queen by now?) and last years winner Penelope Presley host this spoof on pageantry. *Needed Contestants!* Pick up your applications to run in this hilarious pageant.

Watch for more information in future issues.  
Matt

## RODEO PLATINUM SPONSORS

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA) is proud to announce the 2003 Platinum Sponsors for the 7<sup>th</sup> Heartland Rodeo "The Little Rodeo With A Big Heart" being held June 28-30, 2003 at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Nebraska.

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HGRA is a charitable and social organization. Our purpose is to promote the country western lifestyle in the Gay and Lesbian community: to encourage member participation in local, national, and international rodeos; and to perform charitable duties. HGRA is one of the 22 member associations of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). For the past 6 year, HGRA has held rodeos in Fremont and Springfield, Nebraska. HGRA will be hosting the 2004 Bud Light IGRA Series Finals Rodeo, October 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Omaha, NE.

The specific purpose of the IGRA is the fostering of national and international amateur rodeo and other equestrian competition and related arts, crafts, and activities to develop amateur athletes and activities for such competition and other activities, which encourage the education on or preservation of the "country-western" lifestyle heritage, such as dance.

## SNAP! PRESENTS "BREATHE"

SNAP! Productions presents Breathe, a new musical by Dan Martin and Michael Belo. Breathe is a collection of seven vignettes exploring various aspects of gay and lesbian life from an inspirational point of view. "...at times recalls the work of William Finn or even Stephen Sondheim. Not a pastiche of pop stylings but a unified and quite beautiful composition. A very likeable and moving show..." says Chris Jones, Chicago Tribune. "...has the power to penetrate even the most hardened of hearts. Full of a life-loving spirituality, its deeply felt celebration of humanity, and specifically the emotional lives of gay men and lesbians is a bittersweet antidote to the modern ailment of cynicism." says Bryon Upton, Windy City Times.

Michal Simpson directs and Fred Goodhew will music direct the play which features James Tobey, Derrick Crawford, Teri Fender, Angie Heim, Kevin Smith.

SNAP! Productions is pleased to present Breathe, March 6-30, 2003 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$10.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. A performance will be sign language interpreted for the hearing impaired. Check with Box Office for date and time.

## WHOOSH! MERGES ART AND PERFORMANCE FOR ONE NIGHT

It's Art! It's Theatre! It's Performance! It's Amazing! It's WHOOSH! A follow up to last years' Style Parables, don't miss the hep happening of the year! For one night, we're merging art, dance, music and theatre and who knows what will happen! You'll flip your mudflaps, Daddy-O! Wander through the enormous Hot Shops Art Center in this self-directed tour of rough and ready performance art. The event is produced by Eddith Buis, Tom Swanson, Tim Siragusa and Roxanne Wach, in conjunction with the Car Dreams art show at 13th St. Gallery.

In the interest of keeping a random element, writers drew an actor's name, an automobile ad slogan and a random photo, image or article to incorporate into an actor-specific 5-minute monologue. The actors are assigned a location in the labyrinthine Hot Shops Art Center, and patrons wander through the event at their own pace. Much in the way one would view a visual art show, audience may choose to stay and listen to a monologue or might come back to it later. The effect of the evening will be a different experience for everyone. The event will culminate with a surprise finale.

The event is sponsored by Hot Shops Art Center, Omaha Weekly Reader and Slam Omaha, in cooperation with Theatre Arts Guild, 13th St. Gallery and StageTix.com.

- WHOOSH!: merging art and performance
  - March 22, 2003, one night only
  - 7-10pm at Hot Shops Art Center, 13th and Nicholas Streets
  - Tickets: \$10 at door, \$8 advance at [www.StageTix.com](http://www.StageTix.com)
- A benefit for 13th St. Gallery and Theatre Arts Guild Scholarship.

# TID-BITS FROM THE MID-WEST

## Utah house passes hate-crimes bill after 6 years

On Friday, February 28, the Utah house of representatives approved a bill that would increase penalties for hate-motivated crimes. It took only six years of trying to get a hate-crimes bill passed. With a vote of 38-35 the bill was finally approved in the Utah house. During voting, the house was quiet. And when the votes were counted, those in the public gallery burst out with applause. Those special rights that lawmakers had always voted down finally were passed. The bill will now go to the senate for consideration.

I have to say that no GLBT person I know wants any special rights. We want the same rights and protections that every American citizen is granted by law. No one wants to hear about gay-phobia; "I thought he was gay - so I beat his head in with a hammer." Now it's up to the Senate. Hopefully those nut balls who threaten or commit acts of violence or destroy property motivated by bias against the victim's race, color, gender, disability, nationality, ancestry, religion, or sexual orientation, will have to pay harsher penalties.

## So-long Scouts

It was reported on Friday, February 28, that the Hawkeye Area council of the Boy Scouts of America ended its relationship with the Johnson County, Iowa, United Way. Last year the United Way adopted an anti-discrimination policy that included gender identity and sexual orientation. This policy prohibited affiliated agencies from discriminating and the Boy Scouts didn't like it. The Scouts were so angry that they could no longer hate gays, they decided to end its relationship with the United Way. What lengths organizations will go to be allowed to hate. Good redds Scouts. I think your finally getting the message. "NO MORE HATE!"

## Gay 90's

If your planning a trip that includes some really hard dancing in Minneapolis soon. You should call ahead if your plans include a trip to the Gay 90's Club. It was reported that the fire department inspectors shut down the second floor because of fire safety concerns. It appears that the club was cited for a few fire-code violations a couple of weeks ago, that included a blocked fire exit that had a padlock on it. And there were disputes about crowd limits in the upstairs rooms. All this transpired because of the Rhode Island nightclub fire that killed 97 people and of course the local KMSP-TV visit that was doing research to see just how safe are nightclubs. But it can be reported that the night club manager, Jim Hanson is cooperating with officials to reopen the second floor space safely and soon. But as Jim said, "I hope they are checking every club in town."

# ICE BOWL 2003 HAS RECORD TOURNAMENT

Ice Bowl 2003, in our 11th year, had an outstanding tournament with a record 308 bowlers entering this year. We truly lived up to our name finally with the snow storm Friday evening. However, the inclement weather did not stop the bowlers. Out of the 308 bowlers 195 were from out of state (15) coming from as far as Hawaii, Texas, California, Arizona, Alabama, Virginia, and Ohio to name a few states.

We want to thank all of the bowlers for entering this years event as well as all those people that assisted the board throughout the year and with the tournament itself. Special thanks to Della Carlson, Scott Rezek, Jeff McKenzie, Jerry Schomer, Joe Reed, Tracy Heintzleman, Scott Delp, David Johnson, Dave Jones and Steve Skelly for all their help during the tournament.

Special thanks to the following Merchants for their Contributions towards the tournament success.

Lawless Distributing (Budweiser of Omaha), Mockingbird Lanes, Maplewood Lanes, Gilligan's Pub, Tom Kelly's Pro Bowl Shop, Bowler's Choice Pro Shop, Club Joy, DC's Saloon, Omaha Mining Company, Storm, Over Our Heads Saloon, Krispy Kream, Janousak Florist, The Max, Runza's, Mr. C's, Steakhouse, The Sheraton Hotel, Art House, HGRA, The Candy Shoppe, It's All Good Catering, and NAP.

The following are the top 5 winners of each event:

### SINGLES

Name	City	Score
Alec Youn	Houston, TX	786
Dwain Gannard	Marrero, LA	775
Jack Jackson	Minneapolis, MN	768
Alan Van Zandt	St. Joseph, MO	762
Greg Dawson	Minneapolis, MN	755

### DOUBLES

Bruce Broughton	Chicago, IL	1464
Joe Schulte	Omaha, NE	
Jeremy Gibson	Omaha, NE	1455
Paul Pirami	Northfield, MN	
Jim Hersan	Minneapolis, MN	1425
Deb Rojas	Minnetonka, MN	
James Goad	Bellevue, NE	1407
Frank Petello	Omaha, NE	
Nick Corriere	Minneapolis, MN	1404
Brian McKee	Dayton, OH	

### TEAM

Alfredo Hasson	St. Louis, MO	2835
Gene Perrin	Omaha, NE	
David Brown	St. Louis, MO	
Scott Cady	Minneapolis, MO	
Darlene Eaton	Eagan, MN	2818
David Heil	Kansas City, MO	
Ryan Ramos	Kansas City, MO	
Greg Schutta	Springfield, MO	



Michael Tomlinson	Olathe, KS	2784
Larry Trenary	Olathe, KS	
David Willis	Houston, TX	
Rodney Wormell	Houston, TX	
Jim Burns	St. Paul, MN	2754
Nick Corriere	Minneapolis, MN	
Richard Kraemer	Dayton, OH	
Brian McKee	Dayton, OH	
Kim Finley	Ashland, NE	2729
Lee Harrison	Ashland, NE	
Tim Sacks	Omaha, NE	
Terri Schellenberger	Omaha, NE	

### INDIVIDUAL ALL EVENTS

Dwain Gannard	Marrero, LA	2233
Alan Van Zandt	St. Joseph, MO	2199
Susan Rutschke	Eagan, MN	2175
David Brown	St. Louis, MO	2173
Alec Youn	Houston, TX	2170



# CHER CONCERT - SOLD OUT ....but not for the lucky winner!

On Saturday, April 19th, Cher is bringing her Living Proof Farewell Tour to the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs! This is a once in a lifetime chance to see her up close and personal without having to drive 2 or 3 hours away.

The bad news is that IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES THE CONCERT SOLD OUT!!! Only 8000 tickets were made available for this concert.

BUT.....Pride 2003 is offering you a chance to win a pair of 26th Row - Main Floor Tickets to see Cher's final live concert tour performance here in the Midwest!

Yes, the Pride 2003 Committee and Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 2002 Anastasia Worthington have secured not only two 26th Row Main Floor tickets, but you also will get a stay in a Designer Suite and Dinner for two at the AQUILA BISTRO courtesy of the Sheraton Omaha Hotel! The lucky winner will also receive a much sought after concert t-shirt (before the concert even gets here), the Cher Biography and the 100 page Cher Scrapbook!

Raffle tickets will be sale now from Anastasia, any Pride 2003 Committee member or by visiting [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)! For \$5 a ticket, you can buy a chance to win an evening with Cher!

The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, April 12 during a Pride 2003 Benefit starting at 8:30 PM at Club JOY. Buy your raffle tickets early and make plans to be at JOY on April 12 to see if you and a friend will be spending an evening with Cher! Tickets will also be available at the Hooray for Hollywood Oscar Benefit on March 23 at The MAX and during the Pride 2003 Reception on April 12th at the Sheraton Hotel Grand Ballroom.

Rainbow Celebrations, Pride 2003, Miss Gay Pride Nebraska Anastasia and the Sheraton Omaha Hotel are proud to be able to bring this unique opportunity to you on behalf of Pride 2003 - "Embracing the Future With Pride!" All proceeds will directly benefit Pride 2003 on June 20 and 21.

## SHOW YOUR COMMUNITYSUPPORT! BE A PRIDE 2003 SPONSOR!

Do you, your business or your corporation wish to take a stand against intolerance? Are you willing to step up to the plate and say, "I support the GLBT community!" Then Pride 2003 Sponsorship is just for you! The 2003 sponsorship levels offer something for everyone. Whether you wish to give \$25 or \$10,000 - there is a sponsorship level for you.

Pride Chair 2003, Troy Haasis announced the sponsorship levels at the recent Executive Board meeting of Rainbow Celebrations. With approval of the Board, sponsorship donations are now being accepted for Pride 2003.

New this year to the sponsorship program are the Associate and Presenting Sponsor levels. With the \$5,000 and \$10,000 levels available, Haasis hopes that several GLBT friendly corporations will step forward to show their support of the annual Pride Celebration. Meanwhile, the \$25 - \$100 levels have been retained for individuals and households who also wish to support the 18th annual Pride Parade and Festival. No amount is too small as a donation to help defray the associated costs of producing the Festival.

Also, new for 2003 sponsorships are the gifts of the official Pride Coffee mug and Pride coaster sets for the \$50 and \$100 sponsorship contributors. Sponsor who give at the \$500 level or above will receive among the many benefits a 10'x10' canopy tent booth during the festival. Pride is not possible without the generous support of you and the many supportive businesses and corporations through Nebraska!

More complete information regarding the 2003 Sponsorship program is available at [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org) or by calling 402.415.8769.

## IGBO BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

For any bowlers interested in attending other bowling tournaments such as ICE BOWL the following is a list of upcoming events:

DATES	TOURNAMENT/CITY	CONTACT
March 14-16	SPIT Memphis, Tn	(901) 682-5266
	LINT London, Ont.	(519) 438-0648
March 23-24	English Bay Cup	
	Vancouver BC	(604) 687-5201
	Ladies Invit, Dallas, TX	(972) 620-9355
April 11-13	Mens Scratch, Dallas, TX	(214) 219-2423
	Gotham Open, New York City, NY	(210)933-6028
April 17-21	SLUT Salt Lake City, UT	(801) 832-9745
	DIXIE Invitational, Atlanta, GA	(404) 873-4364
April 25-27	MAKIT Kansas City, MO	(913) 432-6539
	Western, Calgary, Alberta	(403) 228-1952
May 2-4	OK Classic, Oklahoma City, OK	(405) 525-8368
	COMIC, Columbus, OH	(614) 253-6038
May 21-26	GREAT, Rochester, NY	(716) 442-6753
	SIT, Orlando, FL	(407) 894-2423
May 30- June 1	IGBO XX!!!, Phoenix, AZ	(602) 705-7118
	Rosebowl Classic, Portland, OR	(503) 649-7804
June 6-8	LOVIT, Los Angeles, CA	(818-891-1236
	GIFT, Cleveland, OH	(216) 252-3509
June 20-22	DIGLIT, Denver, CO	(303) 229-3349
	HOTT, Austin, TX	(512) 833-8103
June 27-29	POKIT, Garden Grove, CA	(714) 558-1920

For more information on any of these tournaments you can reach the IGBO web site at [www.igbo.org](http://www.igbo.org).

## AUDITIONS FOR "JEKYLL & HYDE"

Stages of Omaha is excited to announce auditions for the Broadway musical phenomenon, Frank Wildhorn's *Jekyll & Hyde*. Auditions for *Jekyll & Hyde* will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13 at 6:00pm at The Millennium Theatre.

A true musical theatre phenomenon, *Jekyll & Hyde* attracted legions of loyal fans even before beginning its smash-hit Broadway run in 1997.

An evocative tale of the epic battle between good and evil, *Jekyll & Hyde* is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story about a brilliant doctor whose experiences with human personality create a murderous counterpart. Convinced the cure for his father's mental illness lies in the separation of Man's evil nature from his good, Dr. Henry Jekyll unwittingly unleashes his own dark side, wreaking havoc in the streets of late 19th century London as the savage, maniacal Edward Hyde.

*Jekyll & Hyde* is pure pulse-pounding theatre, with that same macabre combination of fun and fright that fuels such classics as "Sweeney Todd" and "The Phantom Of The Opera," and a lush, romantic pop score that includes one hit song after another.

Stages of Omaha will hold auditions for the Omaha premiere of this smash-hit musical on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 11 and March 12 beginning at 6:00pm at The Millennium Theatre. The cast requires 15 men and women. Please prepare two contrasting musical pieces, no more than 4 minutes total. Cold readings will be used. Rehearsals begin March 24, and will be held M-F, 7-10pm at The Millennium Theatre.

The show will run May 1—June 1, 2003, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at 7:30pm and Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm. For more information, call Stages of Omaha at (402) 345-8166. The Millennium Theatre is located on the first floor of the Union Place Building on the corner of 16th and Jackson Streets at 601 S. 16 Street, two blocks south of the Orpheum Theatre.

## AFL-CIO TAKES TRANS- GENDER-INCLUSIVE STAND

The AFL-CIO Executive Council, representing over 13 million employees in the United States, spoke out against all forms of bigotry and hatred. In a statement posted to the Executive Council page at the AFL-CIO website <[www.afl-cio.org](http://www.afl-cio.org)> on February 27, labor leaders recognized that much work remained in making equality a reality for all Americans. This is the first time that the AFL-CIO leadership specifically included transgendered people in a call for an end to bias.

"Employment, housing and other forms of discrimination, as well as acts of violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity and gender expression, continue unabated."

Donna Cartwright, a member of the AFL-CIO Pride at Work National Executive Board said, "This is a wonderful day for transgender people, and a proud day for the labor movement. The AFL-CIO's action in recognizing that transgender and gender-different people need protection against discrimination and hate crimes is in the best traditions of labor solidarity and support for human rights."

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINION REGARDING FUNDING CUTS

Citizens for Equal Protection is constantly on the watch for news and information about civil liberties activity in Nebraska. This week, a matter has been brought up to the Appropriations Committee in the State Legislature. In an attempt to fix budget problems, the Appropriations Committee has been toying with the idea of removing all state funding for Nebraska Equal Opportunities Commission, the Commission for the Status of Women, the American Indian Commission and the Mexican-American Commission. Even though the combined budget for all of these offices is only \$2 million dollars, the Appropriations Committee believes that removing the Funding for these offices will help balance the \$692 million dollar shortfall.

The members of CFEP encourage you to contact the senators that represent the Appropriations Committee and tell them how much harm this would do to our state. The offices that they are attempting to close help preserve the civil liberties of several specific minority groups in Nebraska. If removed, these minority groups will have a much harder time finding help when their rights have been violated.

The senators on the Appropriations Committee are listed below with their contact information.

Sen. Wehrbein District 2 – Committee Chair  
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1445 "K" St.  
Lincoln, NE 68509

## NATIONAL LEADERS AT LOWE AVENUE

On Sunday evening, January 26, Lowe Avenue was privileged to host a potluck supper and discussion featuring three national leaders of the More Light movement within the Presbyterian Church USA. Our guests were the Rev. Janie Spahr, Minister Director of That All May Freely Serve; Martha Juillerat, National Program Director of the Shower of Stoles Project; and Michael Adee, National Field Organizer for More Light Presbyterians. About twenty people from the Omaha area attended the meeting. There were eight members of Lowe Avenue, plus guests from Church of the Master, Mosher-Pilgrim, and Church of the Cross in Omaha and Grace Presbyterian in Council Bluffs.

After a wonderful potluck meal organized by Nancy Hess and Jeannie Roussell, Martha, Janie & Michael talked about their work over the years for full inclusion of all persons within the Presbyterian Church. There was too much information to summarize it all here, but some of the highlights were:

----50% of the perpetrators of violent crimes against gay, lesbian, and transgendered people state that their religion motivated them to commit their crimes

----During the 1990s when Martha and her partner Tammy spoke at many presbytery events all over the Midwest, they received several death threats, but everywhere they went someone approached them needing to talk about their personal struggles with the church and its attitudes. When she spoke in Omaha, a farmer from a rural congregation in our presbytery shared with them how his son had died of AIDS but no one in his church would discuss this with him.

----The Shower of Stoles began by accident when Martha asked for those negatively impacted by the church's anti-gay policies to send stoles as a display for a one-time event when she was forced to resign her ordination. Expecting about 20, she received 80 within a few weeks—and then they kept on coming. Today the Shower of Stoles has over one thousand stoles from gay, lesbian, and transgendered clergy and elders representing twenty different denominations and five countries.

----Janie shared that one of her main goals in traveling the country is to allow Presbyterians to say "I've met some of those gay people and they aren't too bad."

----The negative impact of G-60106.b in the Book of Order on all single people was pointed out

----Michael Adee told us that the #1 bestseller in gay and lesbian bookstores in the United States is What The Bible Really Says About Homosexuality by Daniel Helminiak, showing how much interest in Christianity there is in the lesbian and gay community

----In attempting to change injustice in the church, we should remember the parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge and how simple persistence in one's witness is important in overturning negative policies

In the weeks to come the session of Lowe Avenue will be considering their response to the issues raised during this visit.

## CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION HOLDS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

CFEP is inviting all who are interested to come to a Volunteer Orientation night on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at our office located at 1105 Howard Street, Suite 2. This is just above the Spaghetti Works. Come in the door marked "Vendors Square", come on up the stairs and to the left. The meeting will start at 7 PM and should not take over an hour. We are looking for volunteers to help in the areas of: Database management, special community projects, media, governance and lobbying, letter writing campaigns, fund-raising and more! We hope you will come and see how you can help. Or, if you can't make at that time, call our office at 402-398-3027 to schedule a time when we can meet with you. Visit our website at: <http://www.cfep-ne.org>. Send us an e mail at: [info@cfep-ne.org](mailto:info@cfep-ne.org).

## THE KANTARAS DECISION, LEGAL TRANSSEXUAL MARRIAGE

Relying on expert medical testimony and careful review of Florida statutory requirements, Circuit Court Judge Gerard O'Brien has ruled that Michael Kantaras, a post-transition female to male transsexual, is legally male and that his marriage to Linda Kantaras was legal.

Florida law states that, "Marriages between persons of the same sex ... are not recognized for any purpose in this state. ... For purposes of interpreting any state statute or rule, the term "marriage" means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the term "spouse" applies only to a member of such a union."

Judge O'Brien's ruling is of national importance. Florida joins California and New Jersey, in which state courts have ruled that transsexuals may marry in their new gender, at odds with Texas, Kansas, and Ohio, whose courts have rendered the opposite decision.

Michael Kantaras met and married his wife after he had completed sex reassignment surgery. Although Linda Kantaras was aware of Michael's transgender history, it wasn't an issue until Michael initiated divorce proceedings. Linda argued that, despite hormones and surgery, Michael remained female and that the marriage was null and void.

Michael's claim to be male was supported by detailed medical testimony of three of the country's leading experts on transsexualism

Not to be forgotten in the proceedings and the legal decision are the Kantaras children. Michael adopted Linda's son after they married. They later had a daughter conceived by artificial insemination. The children are now 11 and 14 years old and have been in their father's primary custody during most of the past year. Michael Kantaras is glad that the long wait is over and that he and his children can get on with their lives.

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*Sunday, March 9*

*Dress Blues & Debutantes ICON's SnoBal '03*

*A Very Gay Military Ball, Featuring KC's Heartland Men's Chorus*

*Sunday, March 16*

*Miss Nebraska National In Review*

*Hosted By Quinci Valentine, Featuring Madame X & Chandler*

*Sunday, March 23*

*Take A Walk On Our Red Carpet, It's Oscar Night At THE MAX*

*All The Glamour Omaha Has To Offer*

*Hosted By Miss Max 19 Domonique Divamore & Miss Max 17 Ammie Zahn*