



THE GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

CHORUS CONCERT JAN. 20



River City Mixed Chorus invites you to an evening's entertainment. RCMC will present its Winter Concert on Saturday, January 20th at First United Methodist Church at 7:05 PM. First United Methodist is located at 72nd and Cass Streets in Omaha. Come show your pride and enjoy the messages of our song. The first half of the concert will include a variety of choral music and encompass a diverse and global perspective. A motet by late Baroque era composer, Grzegorz G. Gorczycki of Poland, will be a delightful start to the concert. Included in our

program will be settings of a Native American text, a Nova Scotian melody, and a Shaker tune. Joining the chorus for a Jamaican piece will be the talented Therese Laux on percussion.

A recently composed piece, 'Teach Me How', will be combined with two selections from Sing For The Cure to begin the second half of the concert. These pieces have been commissioned by fellow GALA choruses to raise breast cancer awareness. Sing For The Cure, 'a proclamation of hope', was commissioned by The Women's Chorus of Dallas and the Turtle Creek Chorale benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Breast cancer has a higher rate of incidence among women who have never given birth, which includes many of our lesbian sisters. Information from the Susan G. Komen Foundation will be available at the concert. Performing as a soloist with RCMC for these pieces will be Omaha's Lauren Pickle. Pieces from Broadway and popular music will complete the second half.

River City Mixed Chorus is in its 17th season of building bridges of respect and understanding through music. River City Mixed Chorus is Nebraska's only member of Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, Inc. (GALA). GALA seeks to strengthen and inspire the Gay and Lesbian community. GALA Choruses is an international organization of 180 member choruses around the globe.

RCMC will be under the direction of Brian Jay, interim director of the chorus, for the January 20th concert.

Contact the 'SING' line, 341-SING, to reserve your tickets now!

MCC-O SAYS THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Metropolitan Community Church has been blessed during this last year, thanks to the generosity of the community, especially the performers, organizations, bar owners, and businesses of the community. The Imperial Court gathered over 1000 cans of food for the MCC-O Pantry (and The MAX made a matching donation of \$1000 to Food 4 Thought) and Bob Ewing and LEO raised money for the fence fund. Printing Plus generously prints MCC's Newsletter every month and there are regular donations from businesses and from donors who prefer to remain anonymous. Performers spend hours preparing to go on stage and then donate all their tips to some project at the church. For all of these generous contributions, MCC says thanks with a grateful heart.

In a small gesture of thanks, MCC-Omaha will host a special evening at The MAX on January 21. There is NO COVER for this event. Just come and enjoy.

MCC SAYS THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

THE MAX, 1417 JACKSON

FREE FOOD: Beginning at 5 p.m. for as long as it lasts

FREE SHOW: Starting promptly at 8pm and ending by 10:30pm **NO COVER**



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MR. PRIDE 2000 SAYS...

Well, I have not received any questions so far so here is a little piece of advice.

"Pay off all interest bearing notes (credit cards, School Loan etc.), and you will have more expendable money in the long run."

Till we chat again...

To send any "fun" questions to mrpride2000@home.com

MTV TO RUN LIST OF HATE-CRIMES VICTIMS

MTV will interrupt its regular programming for 17 hours next week to run a continuous list of hate-crimes victims' names. The list will be aired beginning at 10 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday to mark the start of a yearlong public service campaign against discrimination. It will run without commercials and will cost MTV about \$2 million in ad revenue. "Our hope is, it really gets the attention of our audience and motivates them to get involved," Brian Graden, the network's programming president, said. The campaign was prompted in part by an internal debate at the network over its promotion of rap star Eminem, whose lyrics have been criticized by activists as anti-gay. The network also plans to air a made-for-television movie next week about the murder of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard. The movie has not been authorized by Shepard's parents, Judy and Dennis, who are working with actress Goldie Hawn on a made-for-TV movie to air later on NBC.

2001 PRIDE THEME & LOGO CONTEST

Put your ideas on paper and send them to PRIDE, Inc., P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108. Deadline for ideas is March 15, 2001. Ideas should be submitted in black and white and in color if possible. Winner will receive a PRIDE 2001 prize, yet to be determined.

Submit a theme and logo that tie together. The winning combination of theme and logo will be used in PRIDE 2001 publicity and on PRIDE 2001 souvenirs. Theme and logo become the property of PRIDE, Inc. Theme and logo should be suitable for t-shirt and button reproduction.

LAMBDA LEGAL LOOKING FOR PERSONS DENIED AS ADOPTIVE OR FOSTER PARENTS BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION

We are concerned about the Health and Human Services System's ban on lesbian and gay foster parents and are looking into possible strategies to address it.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, if you've been denied a foster parent license due to your sexual orientation or if you're concerned about the policy and would like to learn more about it, please contact either, Colleen Sullivan at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. at 120 Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10005, (212) 809-8585, csullivan@lambdalegal.org, or the Metropolitan Community Church at 819 South 22nd Street, Omaha, NE 68108, (402) 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net.



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WHO WEARS
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ENJOY PIZZA AND A MOVIE

**RAINBOW OUTREACH CENTER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2001**

Donation: \$5.00 Members: \$2.50

GEORGE CUKOR'S "ADAM'S RIB" With Spencer Tracy & Katherine Hepburn

ADAM'S RIB

Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, Judy Holliday
Turner/MGM; Directed by George Cukor
Black and White, Not Rated 101 Minutes, 1949

Tracy is the prosecutor and Hepburn, his wife, is the defense attorney in this witty and sophisticated comedy classic bearing the indelible mark of George Cukor. Judy Holliday is the defendant accused of trying to murder her unfaithful husband. The legal battle carries outside the courtroom as the two lawyers come to new terms in their own marriage.

•George Cukor – Though publicly in the closet his entire career, this "A-list" director, as all Hollywood knew, was gay as a blade. Clark Gable reportedly had him fired from *Gone with the Wind* for this reason. Cukor's many hit films include *Dinner at Eight*, *The Women*, *The Philadelphia Story*, and the 1954 *A Star is Born*. Interesting tidbit: Cukor directed *Two-Faced Women*, Greta Garbo's last film. He died in 1976.

-plus- "Selected Short Subjects"

*A WARNER BROS. COLOR CARTOON —
PEPE LE PEU IN "PAST PERFUMANCE"

*A REPUBLIC SERIAL EPISODE — DICK TRACY VS.
CRIME, INC. Chapter 2 "THE PRISONER VANISHES"

ADVANCE TICKETS NOW ON SALE AT THE CENTER

-----COMING SOON-----

- 2/02/01 ROBIN WILLIAMS AND NATHAN LANE IN "THE BIRD CAGE"
- 2/09/01 BUSBY BERKELEY'S 1930'S MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA "DAMES"
- 2/16/01 NICK SCOTTI AND ANTHONY BARRILE IN "KISS ME, GUIDO"

**THESE MOVIES ARE BEING SHOWN ON FILM ON OUR GIANT SCREEN
(NOT ON HOME VIDEO!)**

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2001 PRIDE MEET

FEBRUARY 12 BRING YOUR IDEAS

Everyone is invited to the Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., 7 PM, Monday, Feb. 12, to meet and talk about PRIDE 2001. Everyone is welcome: Individuals and Group Representatives. A PRIDE 2001 Planning Committee will be formed at that meeting. A date for the 2001 event will be set that evening; bring your calendars, and if you are a member of one of the area groups, bring your group calendar for June 2001.

Invite a friend, bring your roommate, pick up stranger on the way and make a friend—come, be a part of the first transgender, bisexual, lesbian, gay pride parade and rally of the 21st century. Absolutely everyone can participate. Together we can make a difference, but only if you come out and join us! 2001-3000, let it be known as the millennium of the TBLG community.

Pride Players

The Pride Players, a group of middle school and high school age youth, will be creating and performing their own theatre production on being LGBT in high school. The production will consist of musical numbers, soliloquies, comedy sketches and dramatic skits. Performance dates are scheduled for January 18, 19, 20 and 21st at The Rose Theatre. The Rose Theatre has graciously allowed the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) to use the performance on the 19th as a fund raiser for GLSEN, for FREE. Last year they sold out 3 nights at the upstairs theatre at The Rose without any real networking or involvement from GLSEN, P-FLAG or Proud Horizons. This year Brian Guehring, the director, will work with the facilitator of Proud Horizons to fully involve both GLSEN-Omaha and Proud Horizons.

WOLFSON SPEAKS OUT ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE

Evan Wolfson, Director of the Marriage Project at the Lambda Legal and Education Defense Fund, visited Nebraska and participated in our fight against Initiative 416 last fall. Many of us were impressed with his passion and clearness of vision on this issue. In the December 26 issue of *The American Prospect*, Mr. Wolfson discussed the right-wing war on gays and lesbians and the prospects for same-sex marriage: <http://www.prospect.org/webarchives/00-12/platt-11226.html/>

(Thanks to our friends at Fenceberry News Articles for alerting us to this story.) For additional information: Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, www.naje.org 402-346-5960 Omaha

RIVER CITY BOWLING II WEEK #14

TEAM STANDINGS	W	L	PINS	AVG
1. The Max	38	18	27861	663
2. Omaha Mining Co	38	18	27256	645
3. Cum/Go	33.5	22.5	26395	620
4. Grandmother's	32	24	26636	625
5. Max Factors	31	25	24938	537
6. Drunk Pins	31	25	24641	570
7. The Cocks	29.5	26.5	25600	599
8. Over Our Heads	28	28	26557	630
9. Darrah's Total Team	28	28	25218	523
10. Carlson's Queens	28	28	24050	552
11. Harvey's Casino	28	28	22864	469
12. Gills Choke Artists	27.5	28.5	25896	609
13. Gilligan's #1	26	30	24193	546
14. R2 D2	26	30	23574	521
15. All Fall Down	23	33	24482	563
16. Manwhore 4	22	34	22059	537
17. Dog Pack	18.5	37.5	24348	553
18. Flat Water Bears	15	41	21421	420

HIGH SCRATCH GAME MEN

288 - D White
277 - D Cooper
256 - S McCarthy
256 - M Wierzbicki

WOMEN

259 - N Harrison
211 - K Fleek
207 - T Krzeminski

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES MEN

689 - Sterling McCarthy
672 - D Cooper
655 - J Shomer

WOMEN

677 - N Harrison
527 - T Krzeminski
515 - J Johnson

HIGH AVERAGE MEN

199 - J Shomer
195 - S McCarthy
193 - D Cooper

WOMEN

186 - N Harrison
148 - K Barnes
146 - V Gassen

HIGH SCRATCH GAME TEAM

789 - The Max
777 - Gills Choke Artists
773 - Grandmother's

SERIES TEAM

2165 - The Max
2119 - Omaha Mining Co
2040 - The Cocks
2040 - Over Our Heads

WEEKLY HIGH GAMES

233 - J Shomer
227 - R Nunez
227 - N Harrison

WEEKLY HIGH SERIES

655 - J Shomer
593 - R Hollendieck

FREE/ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING

No appointment needed
Monday and Thursday, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

139 South 40th Street
Omaha, NE 68131-3003
www.nap.org



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA

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819 S. 22nd St., Omaha
8:50 & 10:20 AM

In Lincoln
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1309 "R" St.
6:30 PM

402.345.2563
mccomaha@radiks.net
<http://www.radiks.net/mccomaha>
P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103

OMAHA AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

BLUE BARN THEATRE
PRESENTS TARTUFFE,
7:30PM, 614 S. 11th St., 345-1576

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

WOMYN'S GATHERING,
Lesbian Womyn of all Ages;
1:30 pm at:
Uncle Johns, 1101 4th Street
Sioux City, Iowa 51102
Phone 277-3922

BLUE BARN THEATRE
PRESENTS TARTUFFE,
7:30PM, 614 S. 11th St., 345-1576

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

BLUE BARN THEATRE
PRESENTS TARTUFFE,
7:30PM, 614 S. 11th St., 345-1576

MISS MAX STEP DOWN SHOW
"BIG MAMA & FRIENDS"
9:30PM, The MAX, 1417 Jackson

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

"PRIDE PLAYERS",
Performances by GLBT youth,
The Rose Theatre,
January 19 Performance
Benefit for GLSEN
Performances through Jan 21,

BLUE BARN THEATRE
PRESENTS TARTUFFE,
7:30PM, 614 S. 11th St., 345-1576

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS
CONCERT, 7:05PM,
First United Methodist, 7020 Cass

BLUE BARN THEATRE
PRESENTS TARTUFFE,
7:30PM, 614 S. 11th St., 345-1576

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

MCC SAYS THANK YOU
FREE FOOD, 5pm,
SHOW, 8pm - 10:30pm,
No Cover, The MAX

BLUE BARN THEATRE
PRESENTS TARTUFFE,
7:30PM, 614 S. 11th St., 345-1576

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

BLUE BARN THEATRE
PRESENTS TARTUFFE,
7:30PM, 614 S. 11th St., 345-1576

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

PIZZA & MOVIE
"ADAM'S RIB", 1 PM & 7:45PM,
\$5 Admission (\$2.50 for members)
Rainbow Outreach Resource Center,
1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICES:
1ST UNITED METHODIST
7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am
METROPOLITAN COMM.
CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S.
22, 8:50 & 10:20am
HEARTLAND UNITED
METHODIST Bellevue West
High School; 10:30am
FIRST UNITARIAN
3114 Harney Street, 11am
UNITY CHURCH,
3424 North 90, Omaha
LINCOLN MCC,
St. Mark's, 1309 R St, 6:30pm

Every Sunday

RIVER CITY
MIXED BOWLING I & II,
I - 12:45pm, Mockingbird Lanes,
Omaha
II -- 3pm Broadway Bowl, CB

LGBT AA MEETING, 8pm
Sioux City, IA, (712) 252-4272,
email lrw001@webbox.com

KARAOKE, 9pm, Connections

Every Monday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9 pm
NAP 139 S. 40th, Omaha

Every Tuesday

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT
GROUP, MCC-Omaha,
819 S. 22 St., 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

HIV TESTING, 1 - 4 pm
NAP Outreach Center,
1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY,
8:30pm, DC'S Saloon

Every Thursday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9 pm
NAP, 139 S. 40th, Omaha

LESBIAN CENTERED
6:30 - 8pm For Info:
Lesbiancen@ivillage.com /
LesbianCen@aol.com

KARAOKE W/ STACY,
9pm, Connections

KARAOKE W/ LARRY D,
9pm, Gilligan's

Every Friday

PIZZA & MOVIE 1 PM &
7:45PM, \$5 Admission (\$2.50
members) Rainbow Outreach
GLBT Resource Center, 341-0330

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

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY
6-7:30pm; Lowe Ave Presby
Church, 1023 N. 40, Omaha

2 LEFT FEET: COUNTRY
DANCE LESSONS FOR
BEGINNERS, 7-9pm; MCC-
Omaha, 819 S. 22, Use Side Door

KARAOKE W/ LARRY D,
9pm, Gilligan's

Every Saturday

PROUD HORIZONS YOUTH
GROUP 4 -6pm
Sponsor: PFLAG: 291-6781 or
proudhorizons@yahoo.com

KARAOKE W/ LARRY D,
9pm, Gilligan's

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OMAHA AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER

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

2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS OF

OMAHA, 7pm, Gilligan's

2nd Sunday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE

POWER L2EP@aol.com

Novice S/M,B/D Group; 1pm; DCs

2nd Wednesday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm

Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th Omaha

2nd Thursday

PFLAG - OMAHA 7pm

1st United Meth, Mead Hall

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA, Board Mtg,

8:30am, Planned Parenthood

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT

OF NEBRASKA BOARD MTG

MCC-O, 819 S. 22nd St., 6:30pm

4th Sunday

PFLAG - OMAHA 2pm

1st United Meth, Mead Hall

4th Tuesday

NAMES PROJECT OF

HEARTLAND E-mail:

AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

THROUGH FEB. 4

BLUE BARN THEATRE

PRESENTS TARTUFFE,

7:30PM, 614 S. 11th St., 345-1576

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

MISS MAX PAGEANT

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

PIZZA & MOVIE

"THE BIRD CAGE",

1 PM & 7:45PM,

\$5 Admission (\$2.50 for members)

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER

FOR IGRA UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

PIZZA & MOVIE "DAMES",

1 PM & 7:45PM,

\$5 Admission (\$2.50 for members)

Rainbow Outreach Resource Center,

1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

ICE BOWL BEER BUST & FISH

FRY Beginning at 6PM, All the

Beer & Fish You Care to Have for

only \$15, Gilligan's, 1407 Harney

MONDAY, FEB. 12

2001 PRIDE MEET 7:00PM,

Rainbow Outreach Resource Center,

1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

PIZZA & MOVIE

"KISS ME, GUIDO",

1 PM & 7:45PM,

\$5 Admission (\$2.50 for members)

Rainbow Outreach Resource Center,

1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FRI, FEB. 16 - 18

ICE BOWL TOURNAMENT

Mockingbird Lanes, Omaha.

IGRA UNIVERSITY

Sponsored by HGRA, Clarion Hotel

Carlisle, 1009 M Street, Omaha

Tuition \$60, 800-561-6918

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING

PRIDE THEME & LOGOS,

Pride, Inc., Box 8583, Omaha 68108

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - 27

NAMES PROJECT QUILT

DISPLAY, Vermillion, S.D.,

www.aidsquilt.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

RIVERCITY MIXED CHORUS

PRIDE CONCERT

FRI, JUNE 29 - JULY 1

HEARTLAND REGIONAL

RODEO, Sarpy County

Fairgrounds, Springfield NE.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

CORONATION 21 OF THE

IMPERIAL COURT OF

NEBRASKA Sokol Hall, Omaha

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• **MAIL TO:**
PO BOX 8583,
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• **BRING TO:**
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RESOURCE
CENTER, 1719
LEAVENWORTH

• **EMAIL TO:**
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DEADLINES ARE:

JANUARY 19

FEBRUARY 2

FEBRUARY 16

MARCH 2

MARCH 16

MARCH 30

APRIL 13

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ICE BOWL 2001 FEBRUARY 9 BEER BUST & FISH FRY

Ice Bowl 2001 is co-hosting a BEER BUST and FISH FRY, Friday February 9th, 2001 to promote the upcoming 10th ANNUAL ICE BOWL TOURNAMENT, February 16-18, 2001. The party starts at 6:00 PM upstairs at Gilligan's Pub. You can have all the beer you can drink and all the fish you can eat for an entry price of \$15.00.

Tickets will be available through the Ice Bowl Board Members and Gilligan's Pub.

Additionally, there will be a drawing for a free entry to ICE BOWL and cash prize drawings.

Please come out and support ICE BOWL. You'll have lots of fun!

"TWO LEFT FEET" DANCE LESSONS

Country western dance lessons for BEGINNERS are held Fridays at 7pm at MCC-Omaha. These dance lessons have prepared many dancers to take to the polished hardwood floor at DC's. You are guaranteed to learn! The instructors are patient with beginners. In fact, the organizer of the dance lessons claims she couldn't keep up with the fast paced lessons at DC's, so she got permission to video tape the lessons so they can be played back at slower speeds while students learn the steps.

Remember, dance lessons, Friday Nights, 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF CENTER

**DUE TO RECENT RESIGNATIONS AND SCHEDULE CHANGES,
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO STAFF THE CENTER
ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY NIGHTS.**

**COULD YOU VOLUNTEER ONE OR TWO NIGHTS EACH MONTH?
WE NEED YOUR HELP!! FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 341-0330**

**RAINBOW OUTREACH
GLBT RESOURCE CENTER-
BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 23
7 p.m.**

**JOHN G. TAYLOR
Attorney at Law**

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P.O. Box 82272 fax: (402) 475-0955
Lincoln, NE 68501-2272
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In the Community Calendar**

- Call 341-0330
- Email news@ROCC.org
- Write: Box 8583, Omaha, 68108

Deadline is the Friday Before Publication.
Next Deadline is January 5

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline
1-800-782-2437
(from Omaha 552-9255)

Monday—Friday: 9am—11pm
Weekends: 6pm—11pm

THE LIFE OF THE POTTY

by Ronnie Rho

It's the simple things we often overlook. Our health, our friends, our talents. We often take for granted the freedoms and privileges we assume everyone has. Like going to the bathroom.

No giggling now; I'm serious. Some of us don't have the right to go to the bathroom. Not where we'd prefer, to be precise.

And I'm not talking about acting like a dog and marking your territory wherever you see fit. I'm talking about discrimination against a minority over which facilities they can and cannot use.

We transgendered folk are in a quandary. Which door should we go through: His or Hers? Our plumbing may better match the plumbing in one room, while our outward appearances and inward identities are better suited for the other.

Most of us, I've found, prefer to use the bathroom best suited for our appearance. If I'm dressed like a guy, I'll go to the can. If I'm in heels, I'll visit the little girls room.

But there have been instances, within our own little community of this being frowned upon, or even prevented. Yes, in some gay bars I've visited, I've been told I had to use the men's room. And I've known people who have been thrown out because they didn't comply.

Now, I've never had a single complaint from a genetic girl while I was fixing my makeup, or doing my business. As a matter of fact, I've made new friends and had excellent conversations in the Ladies' room. One woman offered me her lipstick because she thought it would look good on me. The absolute worst comment I received wasn't all that bad. A young woman was simply surprised that I was there. It didn't bother her. It just never occurred to her that I might prefer the atmosphere and amenities. (There may be longer lines in the Ladies' room, but there's also better lighting and better mirrors, usually.)

I don't go in through the door for the women's room to get a sexual thrill, or to scope someone out. I go because I have to pee, and I have to fix my hair. If I wanted to sneak a peek at someone, or have a quickie, I'd use the Men's room. In a gay bar of all places, I should not be considered a threat to another woman. If anything, I feel threatened by having to use "the john".

Remember this, bar owners and patrons, if you see a T-girl headed off through the "Hers" door, or a Trans-man strolling into "His": We're not doing it to offend, insult or attack anyone. We're just answering nature's call.



SNAP HAS NEW HOME



The SNAP Productions Board of Directors is pleased to announce that SNAP! Has forged a cooperative relationship with the Shelterbelt Theatre. The theatre is conveniently located at 3225 1/2 California Street (affectionately thought of as Dundee/Benson East or Downtown West). This relationship will benefit both theatres immensely. Each will maintain separate boards and seasons, but will share marketing efforts, building expenses and other essential equipment purchases. The two theatres have committed to do their next two seasons together in this space, while SNAP! Continues to raise funds for a permanent home. Expansion and renovation of the current facility are underway, including creating a lobby, expanding the performance area and improving the seating. Production runs will be expanded to four weeks and SNAP! Will apply for a liquor

license. The box office will be run with STAGETIX so tickets can be purchased online with their secure server.

SNAP! has a great season planned, included: *Earl, Ollie, Austin and Ralph* - a tender comedy; *Song at Twilight* - Noel Coward's semi-autobiographical work; *Corpus Christi* - Terrence McNally's acclaimed and controversial drama; *Splendors* - The Rodger's Award winning musical based on the cult novel; *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told* - Paul Rudnick's hysterical retelling of the Bible; *Visiting Mr. Green* - the serio-comic tale of two men with pasts they'd rather forget; and *The Laramie Project* - Moises Kaufman's recent Off-Broadway hit. Specific dates for the performances cannot be announced at this time due to the renovation now underway, but will be announced as soon as possible.

SNAP! is looking forward to a spectacular tenth season. As always, SNAP! welcomes your tax deductible contributions of any size. For more information on SNAP! visit their website at www.snapproductions.com.

BLUE BARN PRESENTS TARTUFFE BY MOLIERE

The Blue Barn Theatre is pleased to present a hearty dose of laughter, guaranteed to chase away the winter blues. Consider a rich family in their Omaha mansion, a con man with a weakness for beautiful women, and a heady slew of religious fanaticism, sexual tension, and foot fetishism. It all translates to laughter in this wonderful evening of theater at The Blue Barn, 614. South 11th Street. Performances are at 7:30 PM, Thursday through Sunday nights, beginning January 11 through February 4. (There will be no performance on Friday, January 26). Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. Reservations are recommended. For further information or for reservations, call 345-1576 or visit the Blue Barn Web Site at www.bluebarn.org



Ice bowl 2001



Where: Omaha, Ne

When: February 16-18, 2001

E-mail us at: <http://www.icebowlomaha@hotmail.com>

For More information call: Jerry Sanders
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RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

BARS

- Connections**, 933-3033
1901 Leavenworth, Omaha
- DC's Saloon**, 344-3103
610 S. 14th Street, Omaha
- Gilligan's Pub**, 449-9147
1407 Harney, Omaha
- The Diamond**, 342-9595
712 S. 16th St., Omaha
- The MAX**, 346-4110
1417 Jackson, Omaha
- Omaha Mining Co.**, 449-8703,
1715 Leavenworth, Omaha
- Panic**, 435-8764
200 S. 18th Lincoln
- Q**, 475-2269
226 S. 9th Street, Lincoln

OMAHA BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- BiChoice Nebraska**, 9504 R
Plaza #106, Omaha 68127
592-4250: QUEST15@juno.com
- Citizens for Equal Protection**
Box 55548, Omaha 68155, 398-3027
<http://www.geocities.com/cfep>
Working for equal rights for all
- Flat Water 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**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658
Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)**
Alchisti55@aol.com or contact SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network-Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**
Box 3354, Omaha 68103 For those who enjoy rodeo & country ways 800-561-6918 (Leave Message)
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, NE 68131, e-mail icebowlomaha@hotmail.com
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, PO Box 3772, Omaha 68103 (402) 556-9907, Board Meeting 3rd Mon, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22
- Learning to Exchange Power**, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather LifeStyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8181 Omaha 68108
Gay men interested in leather lifestyle, Meetings 2nd Sat @ Gilligan's 7pm
- Lesbian Centered**, Social, discussion group for Lesbians, Meet Thurs
Info: l.esbiancen@rivillage.com

- LinOma Bares**, PO Box 8493, Omaha 68108 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men
- Mpower**, c/o Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131
Men teaching men about HIV
- Men's Support Group-Omaha**, c/o MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., <http://www.radiks.net/mike2tom/mmsgomaha> 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net
Sunday Worship 8:50 & 10:20am,
- Names Project of the Heartland**, AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com,
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260
Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40 St., Omaha 68131, Testing Monday and Thursday Evenings
- NAP Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Wed. Afternoon, Fri Night
- Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality**, PO Box 55548, Omaha 68155, 402.346-5960
naje_now@hotmail.com
- Nebraska Gay Dads** group list exchange emails posted to the list for discussion <http://www.radiks.net/mike2tom/nebraskagaydads>
- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://community.webtv.net/OMAHA/NEGAYPRIDE/OmahaNebraskaGay>
- Onyx Images**, PO Box 31026, Omaha 68132-9998 Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska**, outabout@worldshare.net or <http://travel.to/outabout> Social group for those who enjoy the outdoors
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter**
Call (402) 291-6781 Meetings 2nd Thursday & 4th Sunday, First United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha
- Pride!, Inc.** Box 8583, Omaha 68108 341-0330 Produce Pride Parade, National Coming Out Day
- Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org
Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St., Omaha
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, email: rcga@tgforum.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

- River City Mixed Bowling I**, 12:45pm, Sundays, Mockingbird Bowl, Omaha: Michael Jones (689-0534)
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Broadway Bowl, Council Bluffs, IA: Contact: Dan White (402) 734-7055
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- WomenSpace**, PO Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts (402) 588-4529

LINCOLN BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- Alias Jane Band**, (402) 435-8764
Kara & Kelly at The Panic
- Committee for GLBT Concerns**
218 Andrews, UN-L, 68588 472-1880
Deanna Zaffke & Pat Tetreault
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance**
2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay/Lesbian Film Fest**, October 19-28, Mary Ross Film Theater, Lincoln, Deanna Zaffke, cea@unlserve.unl.edu
- Gay Men's Support Group**, Counseling & Psychology, Discussion Group for Gay Men, UNL Health Center, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian Discussion Group**, Women's Resource Center, UNL Health Center, Rm 340, Lincoln 68558 (402) 472-2597
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73 St, Lincoln, 68507 (402) 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@email.msn.com
- Plainsmen**, Support group for FtM's (Female to Male), Male Identified Females, 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
- Stepping Out GLBT Newspaper**, PO Box 30950, Lincoln, 68503-0950
Julie: 402-325-0338, Kathy @ bluzzdiva@aol.com
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 489-9088
- Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494
Martha Hakenkamp/Barb Cheshier
- Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880
- Youth Talkline**, Lincoln 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm - Midnight
- Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078

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