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Bush Took a Clumsy Approach

By Cynthia Tucker
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President Bush should be ashamed. He has treated religious conservatives with more disrespect than Hollywood or the so-called liberal press ever could.

The president has used these conservatives' opposition to gay marriage as nothing more than a political prop to be trotted out just as the election season begins. And he apparently believes that they are naive enough to fall for his clumsy and half-hearted gestures.

Last weekend, after two years of virtual silence on the subject, the president launched a low-profile push for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning same-sex marriage, although he knew perfectly well that the amendment would not pass the Senate. (It didn't.) It's not even clear that he wanted it to pass.

After all, his wife, Laura, recently told Fox News that gay marriage should not be "used as a campaign tool." Vice President Dick Cheney opposes the amendment, as does his daughter, Mary, a lesbian who has called the amendment "fundamentally wrong."

But the GOP is in trouble. Polls show that voters are more inclined to trust Democrats than Republicans on important issues. Even Bush's most faithful constituents - religious conservatives - are dispirited, believing the president has ignored them since he was re-elected.

So now, just in time for the campaign season, Bush trots out a ban on gay marriage, expecting religious conservatives to show the same missionary zeal for GOP candidates that they did two years ago. In 2004, GOP operatives managed to get gay marriage bans on the ballot in 11 states, an initiative that drove social conservatives to the polls and probably gave Bush the winning edge in the battleground state of Ohio. Karl Rove hopes to recapture some of that magic in November.

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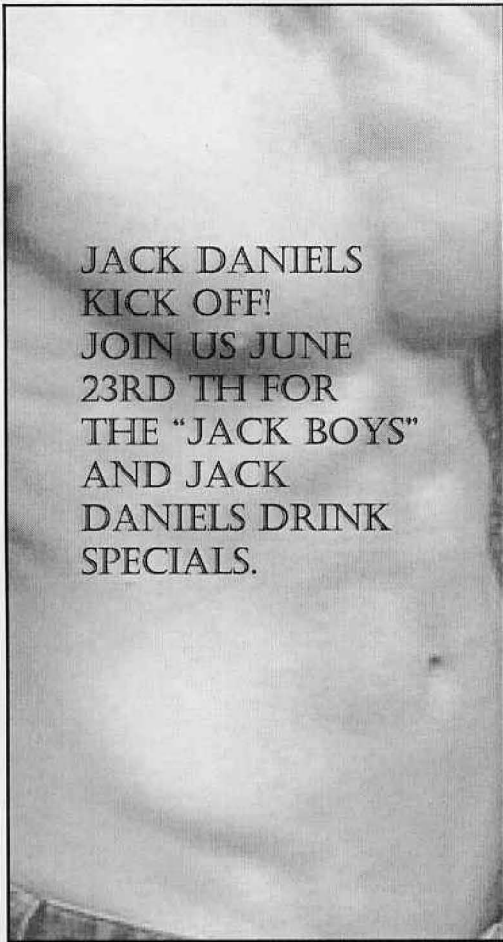
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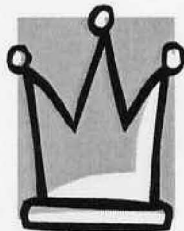


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I DON'T HAVE A WIFE. I'M PART OF A GAY COUPLE.

OH MY... I...
... I NEED TO SIT DOWN!

AW, JEEZ...

Clumsy Bush Story Continues from Front Page....

But the president's heart isn't in it. On Monday, when Bush assembled a group of religious conservatives to talk about a gay-marriage ban, they met in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building rather than in the Rose Garden, where the president usually launches important initiatives or promotes prominent causes.

By all accounts, Bush takes religion quite seriously. So why is he treating an article of faith among his ultraconservative constituents as if it is just another wedge issue to be exploited for a few more votes? He ought to treat their sincerity with the respect it deserves by telling them the truth: A constitutional amendment banning gay marriage is not an issue on which he wishes to expend what little political capital he has left. It is not one of the pressing issues of our time.

Prohibiting same-sex unions would have absolutely no effect on the state of traditional marriage. Britney Spears - whose first marriage lasted less than a day - has done much more to discredit traditional marriage than gay couples have. Nor does the Bible bestow a singular blessing on unions between one man and one woman. The marital arrangement most often cited in the Bible is polygamy.

Besides, as Bush well knows, the stability of a pluralistic democracy depends on laws that respect the equality of all men and women, whether they are Muslims, Jews, Baptists, Wiccans or atheists.

Among James Dobson and his right-wing ilk, there is a misconception that mixes up religious traditions with civil marriages. Churches may control who is married by their clerics and institutions. But no group's religious views should stand in the way of two consenting adults - two men, a man and a woman, or two women - who want to go to a courthouse, city hall or Las Vegas love chapel to get married, if they so choose.

Catholics worked this out a long time ago: If you wish to be married in the church, you must follow the teachings of the church. Otherwise, you can go to the courthouse. Or you can find another church that suits your beliefs.

What Dobson and his followers are trying to impose is a Christian version of sharia - religious law. That wouldn't bode well for an Iraqi democracy, and it wouldn't bode well for this democracy, either.



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A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next meeting is on Saturday, **July 15th**, from 7 until 10PM.

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Ragtime- Sunday, June 18, 2006 5:45pm \$35

The Full Monty- Sunday, September 3, 2006 5:45pm \$36

The Talented Mr. Ripley- Thursday, September 28, 2006 6:45pm \$30

King O' The Moon- Sunday, October 22, 2006 5:45pm \$30

Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge- Thursday, November 16, 2006 6:45pm \$30

Always... Patsy Cline- Sunday, January 28, 2007 5:45pm \$36

Urinetown- Thursday, February 22, 2007 6:45pm \$36

Give 'Em Hell, Harry- Sunday, March 11, 2007 5:45pm \$30

You Can't Take It With You- Sunday, April 15, 2007 5:45pm \$30

Kimberly Akimbo- Thursday, May 10, 2007 6:45pm \$30

Peter Pan- Sunday, June 3, 2007 5:45pm \$36

The Playhouse is currently looking for additional reception sponsors. Businesses interested in sponsoring a "Night Out" should contact the Director of Sales, Karli Newman, at 402-553-4890 x147 or

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knewman@omahaplayhouse.com.

Reservations may be made for a "Night Out" at any time. Season members of the Playhouse will pay \$5 for the reception. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Karli Newman Monday-Friday between 9am & 5pm at the above contact information. Please DO NOT call the box office.



Harold and Maude

SNAP! Productions is proud to announce the audition dates for its next production Harold and Maude. The dates are July 10 and 11, 2006 at 7:00 pm. The auditions will be at North Side Christian Church located at 5555 Larimore Avenue. The show will be performed Thursday thru Sunday from August 24 thru September 17. The show will require 8 performers, 4 female and 4 male. The female age ranges are: (2) in early twenties, (1) in early forties, (1) to play a zest for life woman who is eighty. The male roles are in their late twenties to early fifties. One male needs to be in his early twenties. There will be cold readings from the script. If you have any questions, please contact Todd Brooks at Brooks1965@aol.com or (402) 968-5543.

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November 16-December 10, 2006
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by Doug Wright
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May 31-June 24, 2007
Doubt (subject to rights approval)
by John Patrick Shanley
Directed by Michelle Phillips

Brazil Pride Draws Estimated 2.4 Million

PlanetOut Network

An estimated 2.4 million people took to the streets of Sao Paulo over the weekend to celebrate the Brazilian city's 10th annual Gay Pride parade, the Associated Press reported.

The record attendance -- the largest in the world, according to organizers -- topped last year's official crowd count of 1.8 million, and was a far cry from the 2,000 people who took part when Sao Paulo's first Pride was held a decade ago.

Floats made their way down the Avenida Paulista in the city's financial heart as dance music blared from huge loudspeakers.

Some revelers dressed up as Batman, Elvis Presley, Cinderella or Marie Antoinette; others as gay cowboy lovers Jake and Heath from the Oscar-winning "Brokeback Mountain." Still others gave a nod to World Cup soccer, wearing the national team colors of yellow, green and blue, the BBC reported.

The theme for this year's event was "Homophobia is a crime," to highlight proposed anti-discrimination laws. Discrimination is still widespread across Brazil. Eighty-one Brazilians were killed last year because of their sexual orientation, activists say.

One participant, Juliana, said the tolerance level varied greatly across the country.

"Here I guess we are privileged, in Sao Paulo, because here we can be open almost every day," she told the BBC. "But for most of the people, they can't be open every day at all."



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Proposed laws would allow same-sex civil unions throughout Brazil; they are now permitted only in the southernmost state of Rio Grande do Sul.

Schwarzenegger to Address GOP Gays

Christopher Curtis, PlanetOut Network

In what may be his first appearance in front of a LGBT audience since he took office in 2003, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger plans to headline a fund-raiser for a national gay Republican group in Hollywood next week.

Many LGBT Californians have not been happy with the governor after he vetoed an historic same-sex marriage bill in September, the first to be approved by both legislative chambers without a court order.

But the Log Cabin Republicans are defending Schwarzenegger's scheduled appearance at their June 29 event.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson

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munity to label somebody based on one veto is shortsighted," Log Cabin President Patrick Guerrero told the Associated Press.

The Republican actor-turned-politician, whose initiatives have foundered and whose poll ratings have dipped in the last couple of years, is being challenged in November's general election by Democratic state treasurer Phil Angelides.

"We thought allowing him to address these issues in a friendly setting -- as well as giving him a chance to get another look at who gay and lesbian families are -- was important both for him and for us," Guerrero said.

He said the governor is reciprocating Log Cabin's loyalty for endorsing him to unseat Democratic Gov. Gray Davis in the 2003 recall.

The \$250-a-plate fundraiser comes as Schwarzenegger considers whether he will veto a bill requiring LGBT history to be included in public school curricula.

The governor already has indicated he opposes the measure, and Log Cabin has not taken a position on it.

Organizers of this year's San Francisco Pride celebration, set for Sunday, gave Schwarzenegger their "pink brick" award for the public figure believed to have hurt the cause of LGBT rights the most.

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MONTHLY EVENTS

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VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN, at the GLBT Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend an hour or two volunteering at the Center - 6PM No special skills or ongoing commitment required. VolunQueers have fun and make a difference.

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

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm,
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Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday
RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE
No Current RCGA Information
Available

1st Sunday
GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lin-
coln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve
a seat up until the day before

2nd Tuesday
**CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMIT-
TEE**, 6PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leav-
enworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowout-
reach.org

2nd Thursday
PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Method-
ist Church

2nd Saturday
LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER
L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday
INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln
OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING
(glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by dis-
cussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

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MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., www.icon.impcourt.org

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VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN, at the GLBT
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3rd Thursday
LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

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

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Lincoln

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

4th Friday
LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Not currently meeting anymore.

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FREE MATINEE MOVIE, at the
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ods.

You do not always follow the orders of the
Management team.

You do not stay in your designated area
and are often seen visiting other locations.
You do not take initiative, you need to be
pressured and stimulated in order to start
working.

You leave the workplace rather messy at
the end of your shift.

You don't always observe necessary safety
regulations, such as wearing protective
clothing.

You will retire well before you are 65.

You are unable to work double shifts.

You sometimes leave your designated
work area before you have completed the
assigned task.

And if all this is not enough, you have
been seen constantly entering and exiting
the work place carrying two suspicious-
looking bags.

Sincerely,
The Management

One Liners.....

According to the Gospels, Jesus did not
devote any serious time or effort denounc-
ing either "abortion" or "homosexuality"
though he did devote serious time and ef-
fort denouncing the "rich" along with self-
righteous religious hypocrites. Maybe to-
day's Religious Right could learn a few
things about "prioritizing" from Jesus?

E.T.B.

I do not impersonate females! How many
women do you know who wear seven inch
heels, four foot wigs, and skintight dress-
es?

RuPaul

I've been in love with the same woman for
49 years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll
kill me!

Someone stole all my credit cards, but I
won't be reporting it. The thief spends less
than my wife did.

Just For a Laff...

I, the Penis, hereby request a raise in
salary for the following reasons:

I do physical labor.
I work at great depths.
I plunge head first into everything I
do.
I do not get weekends or public holi-
days off.
I work in a damp environment.
I work in a dark workplace that has
poor ventilation.
I work in high temperatures.
My work exposes me to contagious
diseases.

Dear Penis,
After assessing your request and con-
sidering the arguments you have
raised, the administration rejects your
request for the following reasons:
You do not work 8 hours straight.
You fall asleep after brief work peri-

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

- BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
- Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Family Foundations** Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856
- First Central Congregational Church**
UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming
- First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org
- First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming
- Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers group (group disbanded)
- Front Runners/Walkers**, 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)**
www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>
- GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**
Box 3354, Omaha 68103
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament** (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org
- Learning to Exchange Power**, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting
- LinOma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Linomabares@yahoo.com or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887
- Low Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,
- Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm
- NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

- NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community
- Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com
- Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive
- The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com
- Omaha Bi Married Men** Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>
- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanebrgaypride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net
- Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over
- Out and About in Nebraska**, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com
- OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter**
Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass
- Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330
- Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations**, Box 241733, Omaha, 68124, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see www.rainbowcelebrations.org
- Real Families**, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPol@aol.com
- River City Gender Alliance**, No Current RCGA Information Available
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Temple Israel Synagogue**, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive
- Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org
- WomenSpace**, no current info is available

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- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance**
2229 J St., Lincoln 68510
(402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000
- Mixed Chorus**, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>
- Plainsmen**, Support FTM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rega@tgforum.com
- SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Sexuality Education eXchange**, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094
- Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth**
1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>
- TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>
- 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
- Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
- Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880
- ## Iowa Based
- Council Bluffs Equality**, www.cbequality.org
- Iowa Equality**, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>
- Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site:**

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- Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
- Flix 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
- The Max, 1417 Jackson
- The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street
- Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
- Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
- Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
- Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
- Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

Lincoln:

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

Iowa:

- Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: news@rainbowoutreach.org



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
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Visit: Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth. Free Parking. Walk-in Hours: Sun. 1-6PM, Mon. 1-3PM, Tue. 7-9PM, Wed. 7-9PM, Thu. 1-3PM, Fri. 1-9PM, Sat. 1-4PM. Closed most major holidays.

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Center Wish List

Do you have something that the GLBT Center could use? Please call us at (402) 341-0330 or email wishlist@rainbowoutreach.org

Some Objects on our Wish List

Items for Raffles (event tickets, etc.); 6ft-tall 5-shelf Bookcase; Games (board games, card games, roleplaying games, chess, puzzles); Laminator (8.5"x11" or larger); Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater, PC compatible); Library Materials (GLBT-related Books, Magazines, Books on Tape, Videos, DVDs); Overhead Projector; Public Address System; Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long); Toolbox; VCR; TDD/TTY (Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf/Teletypewriters); TeleBraille (TB) machines for the Blind.

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Fred Phelps: "God hates fags"

How Typical

Michael McManus

"Sodomy is an abominable sin, worthy of death," says Fred Phelps and his Westboro Baptist church in Topeka, Kan.

"Sodomites are wicked sinners before the lord, they are violent and doom nations, are abominable to God and are worthy of death for their vile, depraved and unnatural sex practices."

This is the message that over 5 million viewers have seen after visiting Fred Phelps' Web site, godhatesfags.com.

A friend of mine recently e-mailed me the site; I thought it was a cruel joke, until I clicked the link.

According to Fred Phelps and his church, homosexuality is the only sin in which America is contemplating giving civil legal rights. Gays and lesbians are compared to murderers, rapists and embezzlers. If America gives homosexuals rights, Phelps believes that all the sinners should be granted the same.

At the Westboro church, homosexuality is considered the most heinous sin in the eyes of God. They make it clear that God does not hate homosexuals because of their sexuality; homosexuals exist because God hates them. Apparently this is an important distinction. God has washed his hands with these perverts and wants nothing more than damnation for them all.

They blame homosexuals for the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, 2001, Hurricane Katrina and the war in Iraq. God is showing the world that he will not tolerate this lifestyle, much like he did in the bible when he demolished Sodom and Gomorrah (read the "How Typical: A Gay Christian, to get my take on this story).

Because of God's hatred toward homosexuals, Phelps and his followers were in Lincoln on Feb. 25 picketing a memorial for 1st Lt. Garrison Avery.

They held signs saying "God Hates Fags," "AIDS Cures Fags," "Fags Burn in Hell," and "Thank God for AIDS." But this soldier was straight, why were they picketing?

According to the Westboro church, these soldiers are not heroes. They are lazy, incompetent idiots looking for jobs because they're not qualified for honest work. They were raised on a steady diet of gay propaganda in the home, on TV, in church, in mass media - everywhere. Therefore, with full knowledge of what they were doing, they voluntarily joined a gay-infested army to fight for a gay-run country now utterly and finally forsaken by God who Himself is fighting against that country. "They turned America over to fags; They're coming home in body bags."

Honestly, where do I start? First of all, I want to say that I am sickened, disgusted and mortified that I was one of the 5 million viewers who visited this Web site - 5,434,609 to be exact.

I don't even know how to respond. What do you say to someone who is so full of hate? Should I be upset, hurt, or sad and sorry for the people speaking these words?

When I see mothers, couples and even small children holding these signs, what am I supposed to do?

I show them pity. I pity these people for being raised in such a hateful environment, for believing that they are the only ones who will dwell in the kingdom of God. More than anything, my heart goes out to them on the day they stand before the Christian God, not judging others, but instead being judged themselves.

The Bible was meant to guide, inspire and encourage Christians in their faith. Phelps' church has done nothing but contort, embarrass and defame this book of God.

I find comfort in the fact that the Westboro congregation only consists of 90 individuals, mostly family, but my heart still goes out to them. I don't understand how they can be so blinded. There is not one Christian church, or Christian other than their own who claim to have these same beliefs. Even churches that teach homosexuality is a sin are embarrassed and ashamed of Phelps and his followers.

I'm a gay Christian, I've said it many times - whether you agree that it is possible or not, I don't really care. I know I am not going to hell. I know God is not punishing the world because of my sexuality, and most importantly I know that I will one day stand before God and be accepted into his arms.

This church can protest all they want, they can send their children out on street corners, doll in one hand and sign in the other. They can teach hate and suffering to their followers.

The old saying "Sticks and stones can break my bones but words will never hurt me," may seem childish, but holds truth. When I go to lay my head down tonight, I'm not going to be thinking about what's written on the signs, but instead about those holding them. I'm going to say an extra prayer. I'm going to pray that God instills truth into Fred Phelps and his congregation, and that he reminds them of an important verse "For as you have been judging, so you will one day be judged yourself" (Matthew 7:2).

If you have a moment to spare, please visit Wikipedia.org and read up on Fred Phelps and his church, it provides a lot of answers to his actions and teachings.

Please send comments and questions to mmcmanus@mail.unomaha.edu

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