

# The GayZette



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## Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth Summit 2007

By Nicole Higginbotham

According to the 2005 Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Survey, "75.4% of students heard derogatory remarks such as "faggot" or "dyke" frequently or often at school, and nearly nine out of ten (89.2%) reported hearing "that's so gay" or "you're so gay" - meaning stupid or worthless- frequently or often. Also, "over a third (37.8%) of students experienced physical harassment at school on the basis of sexual orientation and more than a quarter (26.1%) on the basis of their gender expression." Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students that get harassed in high school and college are known to have lower grade point averages, get kicked out of their house more often, and have more frequent thoughts of suicide.



In an effort to stop this harassment, the Rainbow Outreach Youth Board is holding it's semi-annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Youth Summit. This is an event that educates GLBT students, their teachers, and their peers on different aspects of the GLBT life. There will be a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) that will speak on GLBT rights, especially the rights that pertain to the teaching environment. Also, a speaker from GLSEN will talk about safe spaces (places in schools where GLBT students can learn without discrimination from their teachers or peers) and the days of action. Then, a member from Proud Horizons (the Omaha GLBT youth organization), the River City Gender Alliance (RCGA), and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will speak on their organizations and how interested GLBT students can get involved.

The GLBT Youth Summit is being held on September 29th from 8AM to 4PM at the Rainbow Outreach Center on 17th and Leavenworth. Any high school or college student is welcome to attend, and teachers are encouraged to come as well. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact the Rainbow Outreach Youth Board at (402) 341-0330 or email [youthsummit@rainbowoutreach.org](mailto:youthsummit@rainbowoutreach.org).

## Deep Six for Larry Craig's US Senate Seat

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, arrested in an undercover sex sting in a Minneapolis airport bathroom in June, has kept his promise not to file for re-election. The deadline to file for Craig's Senate seat was Friday, according to CBS News.



Thirteen candidates have filed with Idaho's secretary of state for his seat, including Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, the Republican front-runner, whom Craig endorsed in November, KTVB reported.

The three-term senator is trying to reverse his original guilty plea to disorderly conduct. Following a media firestorm surrounding the airport arrest, Craig held a press conference Sept. 1, declaring, "I am not gay. I never have been gay."

He vowed to resign by Sept. 30 but later decided to finish the

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## Pride Knows No Borders

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that, among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." The Declaration of Independence of the United States

Rights, Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, are words from a document that sparked a war and birthed a nation. This nation that has been a beacon of hope and a model for freedom throughout the world, did not mature without some tragedies and errors in judgment. These "truths" did not hold true for many decades in the lives of the Native Peoples of this land. Many died out of fears, hatreds, and a belief that they were somehow less than human. That same belief about these "truths" was used to justify slavery, and the mistreatment of a people because of the color of their skin. Now, those same twisted interpretations of these "truths," are being used against the GLBTQQS community. Somehow, it is alright to hate us because we are different, because they don't understand, because they fear.

Those fears and hatreds have been around for centuries. The

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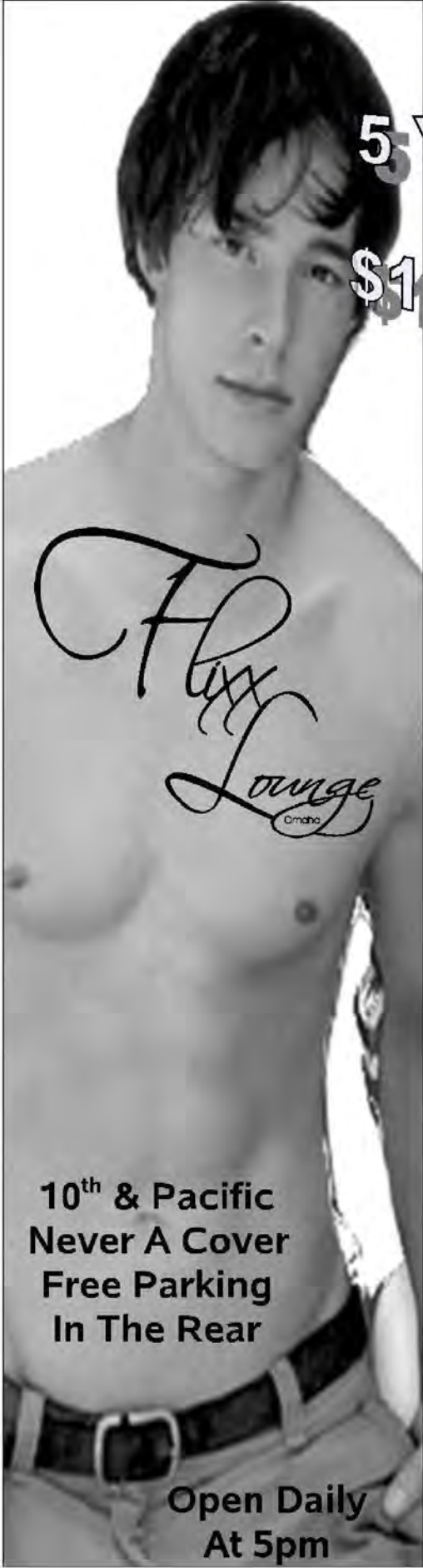
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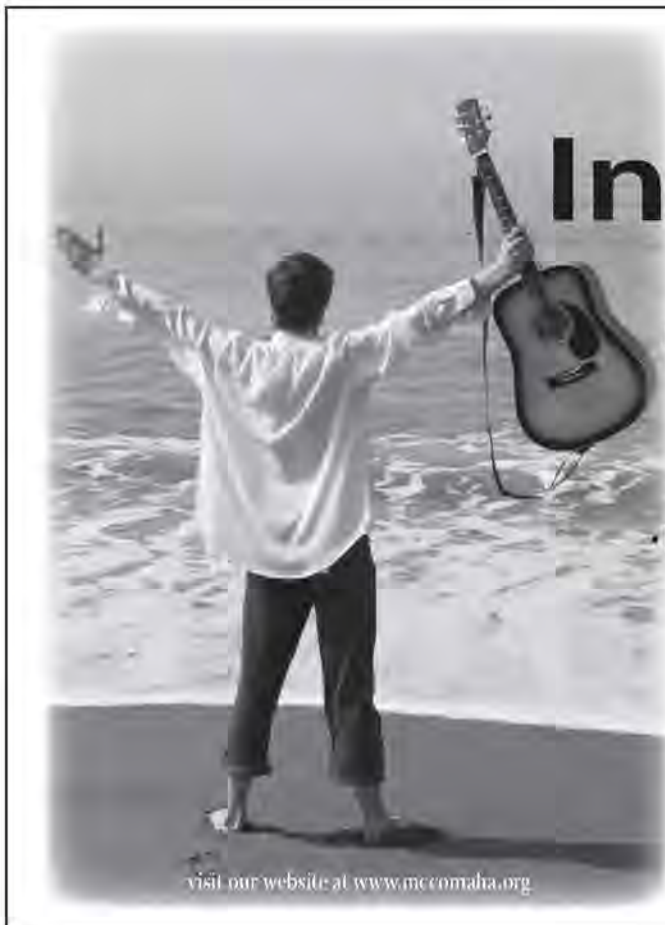
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The ability to socialize with others of "your kind" is a magnificent gift to one's "pursuit of happiness." In many societies, that socialization takes place in an environment that may include alcohol. So it was true with GLBTQQS people in history. Historically, when a bar was found to be the hang out of gays and lesbians, it was a target for harassment by the local law agencies. It was standard procedure in this country to raid the bar, arresting the patrons, usually with no legitimate charges. The names would be given to the local news paper, published, and usually the innocent bar patrons would lose their jobs. Such was the case in Greenwich Village at a bar called the Stonewall Inn. Sometimes look outs were employed and when the police were spotted, patrons would escape out the back door, but on this night of June 27, 1969, things were different. A number of plain clothes officers entered the bar and proceeded to question the patrons. A few were arrested, and thrown in the paddy wagon. Others were pushed off the sidewalk. In the tensions of the moment, many things happened at once. Some butch lesbians resisted arrest. Some of the patrons outside began to yell at the police. Some of the street hustlers began to throw rocks and bottles. The drag queens scrambled out of the paddy wagon and joined the fray. Patrons of other bars in the

area began to join the anger. Someone shouted "Gay Power". Police reinforcements were brought in. As the crowd swelled to hundreds, the police retreated into the bar. Someone torched it. The police escaped, but the rioting continued for five days. Described as "the hairpin drop heard round the world", the Stonewall Riots sparked the Gay Rights Movement. Over the next year, this event spawned the Gay Liberation Front, which brought similar movements in Canada, France, Britain, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Australia, and New Zealand. While the Gay Liberation Front is no more, its spirit lives on in the Pride marches and Pride festivals throughout the world. If we wish to be accepted by the rest of the world, we must first accept ourselves and each other. It is only by how we treat each other in the GLBTQQS community that we teach love and acceptance to the rest of the world through our example. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated, "I can never be what I ought to be, until you are allowed to be what you ought to be." For us as a people that would include the acceptance of gay, lesbian, transgendered, bisexual, queer, questioning, and straight people. We must truly remember that "Pride Knows No Borders" and Love is the most powerful force in the universe!

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remainder of his term, confounding fellow Republicans, who had stripped him of his seniority in the Senate as an incentive to quit. (The Advocate)

## Couple Fights to Keep Benefits Despite Move

A gay couple who moved from New Jersey to Idaho has enlisted the ACLU's help in retaining employer partner benefits in the latter state, which confers no partner status on gays. The American Civil Liberties Union is assisting Ralph Martinelli and Robert Ryan in their battle to retain domestic-partnership benefits from Martinelli's employer, Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA.

Martinelli, employed by KMBS for the past five years, had been working in New Jersey and recently moved to a KMBS location in Idaho with his partner, Ryan, a survivor of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

While the couple registered as domestic partners in New Jersey in 2005, KMBS is saying the move to Idaho requires them to re-register as a couple to maintain the partner benefits. However, no domestic-partnership registry exists in Idaho.

Martinelli believes it crucial that they maintain benefits since Ryan requires expensive medical care for the trauma he experienced, which has forced him to take several leaves of absence from his work and drain his retirement fund, the ACLU said.

Without the help of his partner's benefits, the ACLU claims Ryan will be forced to go without care.

"I'm still working at the same company, doing the same job. Why shouldn't I be able to cover my partner in Idaho like I did in New Jersey?" Martinelli said.

Ed Barocas, ACLU New Jersey's legal director, said in a statement, "Underlying all of this confusion and mistrust engendered by terms like 'civil union' and 'domestic partnership' as opposed to 'marriage,' same-sex couples are asked to prove that their relationships aren't imaginary every time they move, and employers take advantage of the lack of uniformity to treat peo-

ple unfairly." (The Advocate)

## H&R Block Slammed for Unequal Tax Prep

The American Civil Liberties Union on Tuesday sent a letter to tax specialists H&R Block, demanding the firm change its online tax preparation system to accommodate same-sex couples in Connecticut with civil unions.

Jason Smith of Hartford attempted to file with his partner of six years, Settimio Pisu, in January: they were told to prepare their forms in person or by phone because the H&R Block website does not support the form for civil unions.

The company violates Connecticut anti-discrimination laws by failing to provide gay couples with civil unions the option of filing their taxes online, as it does for married couples, ACLU Staff Attorney Rebecca Shore said in her letter to H&R Block.

Filing federal and local taxes with a specialist would cost Pisu and Smith \$199.80, the ACLU said.

"This is yet another example of the many ways that civil unions just don't live up to marriage," Smith said. "We're saving for a house and hoping to start a family, so every penny counts right

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The civil-union law has been in effect in the state for nearly three years, according to ACLU Connecticut's Andrew Schneider, who asserts that companies aren't taking the law seriously.

"There is no excusable reason why the company that likes to claim it's the world's largest tax services provider shouldn't make its products available to everyone," Schneider said.

According to the ACLU, the tax requirements for couples with civil unions in Connecticut are similar to the requirements for gay married couples in nearby Massachusetts, which H&R Block acknowledges. (The Advocate)

## Settlement Reached in Wisconsin Gay-bashing Suit

A gay Wisconsin man has settled a civil lawsuit against one of two men he alleges attacked him for being gay, the Associated Press reported Monday.

Brett Timmerman, then a student at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, went to a local sandwich shop in July 2005. According to the suit, Oden Waite and Enove Urias approached him, making homophobic remarks. One then put Timmerman in a headlock and took him to the ground. Timmerman said Waite spit on him twice.

Timmerman's attorney told the AP he reached a deal with Waite's attorneys last week, but the settlement terms will remain secret. The lawsuit against Urias is pending. (The Advocate)

## Massachusetts Aims to Aid "Don't Ask" Victims

Massachusetts military veterans discharged under the Pentagon's ban on openly gay and lesbian service members may receive benefits through the state under a bill being considered by the state Senate.

Sen. Carl Sciortino is sponsoring the bill, which would require the Executive Office of Veterans Affairs to provide soldiers discharged under "don't ask, don't tell" tax breaks and other benefits offered to heterosexual veterans, the Somerville Journal newspaper reported.

Federal benefits would not apply under the proposed legislation.

Sens. Scott Brown and Thomas McGee, co-chairmen of the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, are wary of the legislation, however. They cautioned that the bill may put federal funds at risk by going against strict policies. (The Advocate)

## MCC-OMAHA WILL HOST SECOND PROM

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## Dying Lesbian's Partner Denied Access To Her

by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff

(Miami, Florida) Janice Langbehn and Lisa Pond had planned to take their three children on a family cruise. The Olympia, Washington couple had been together 18 years and with their children were looking forward to the holiday.

But just as they were about to depart on the cruise from Miami, Florida, Pond, a healthy 39-year-old, suddenly collapsed. She was rushed to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami with Langbehn and the children following close behind.

But once Langbehn and the children arrived at the hospital the hospital refused to accept information from her about Ponds's medical history.

Langbehn says she was informed that she was in an antigay city and state, and she could expect to receive no information or acknowledgment as family.

A doctor finally spoke with Janice telling her that there was no chance of recovery.

Other than one five minute visit, which was orchestrated by a Catholic priest at Langbehn's request to perform last rites, and despite the doctor's acknowledgement that no medical reason existed to prevent visitation, neither she nor her children were allowed to see Pond until nearly eight hours after their arrival.

Soon after Pond's death, Langbehn tried to get her death certificate in order to get life insurance and Social Security benefits for their children. She was denied both by the State of Florida and the Dade County Medical Examiner.

With the help of Lambda Legal Langbehn has notified Jackson Memorial Hospital that she intends to file a lawsuit.

"There is nothing that can make up for what my children and I endured that day," Langbehn says of the day Pond died. "We only want the hospital to take responsibility for how they treated us and ensure that it doesn't happen to another family."

In accordance with Florida law, Lambda Legal is waiting for the hospital to respond to the notice of intent to sue before formally filing a complaint with the court.

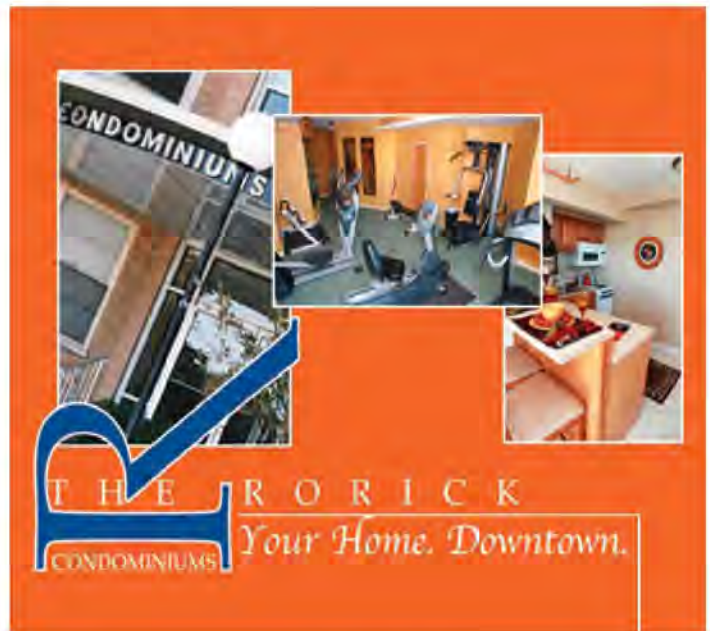
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"The treatment that Janice and her children received was unethical and discriminatory," said Beth Littrell, Staff Attorney for Lambda Legal.

"This letter puts them on notice that we are advocating for justice for Janice and her children."

### Poll: U.S. Troops Fine With Gay Soldiers

**SUMMARY:** Seventy-three percent of U.S. service members aren't bothered by lesbians and gay men in their ranks, says a new Zogby International poll.

A recent poll from Zogby International and the Michael D Palm Center shows that US military personnel are increasingly at ease serving with openly gay colleagues.

The poll reveals that 73 percent of military members aren't bothered by lesbians and gays. Nearly one in four (23 percent) service members report knowing for sure that someone in their unit is lesbian or gay, including 21 percent of those in combat units.

"Today's poll is one more nail in the coffin of 'don't ask, don't tell,'" said C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of the Service-members Legal Defense Network.

"Those who defend the law have argued that openly gay personnel harm military readiness. This research highlights the

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absurdity of such a hypothesis. Not only are there more than 65,000 lesbians and gays serving in the armed forces, but many are serving openly.

"Their straight colleagues are just fine with that. At a time when our fighting forces are stretched thin and leaders are calling for the recruitment of more troops, it is time for Congress to do away with this archaic law."

The survey of 545 troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan also discovered that, even among those who did not know for certain if a gay colleague was in their unit, nearly half (45 percent) suspected as much.

Among those who did know a gay colleague, few said their presence undermined morale. In 1993, only 13 percent of enlisted personnel supported open service.

The Zogby poll is the latest in a series of polls and public statements indicating readiness for a change in policy. A 2004 Annenberg poll found that a majority of junior enlisted personnel favor allowing gay men and lesbians to serve openly, up from 13 percent in other polls from 1993.

Among the general public, Gallup has found 79 percent support for repealing the gay ban. A recent Boston Globe poll found that a majority of conservatives and regular churchgoers favor repeal, too.

Senior military leaders are increasingly speaking up in favor of reviewing the ban on open service as well. Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy, the first woman to achieve three-star rank in the Army, recently called "don't ask, don't tell" a "hollow policy that serves no useful purpose."

Lt. Gen. Daniel W. Christman, former superintendent of West Point, told The New York Times that "It is clear that national attitudes toward this issue have evolved considerably in the last decade. This has been led by a new generation of service members who take a more relaxed and tolerant view toward homosexuality."

"There has been a seismic shift among the military and the public in favor of welcoming gay patriots in our armed forces," said Osburn. "Congress should follow the example of those who serve on the frontlines every day and repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' once and for all."

U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Mass.) will reintroduce The Military Readiness Enhancement Act, which would repeal "don't ask, don't tell" and allow gays to serve openly, when Congress reconvenes in 2007. During the 109th Congress, a bipartisan coalition of 123 lawmakers supported the bill. (Stewart Who?, Gay.com U.K.)

## **GOP Former Senator Slashes Bush On Gay Marriage, War, Abortion**

(Providence, Rhode Island) Former Rhode Island Senator. Lincoln Chafee often seemed to be odd man out in Washington.

He was one of the Senate's most liberal Republicans, bucking his party on big issues such as Iraq, tax cuts, abortion and the environment. His reserved, sometimes quirky personality was never a smooth fit in the clubby Senate, where friendships can mean more than political ties in making things happen.

In his new political memoir, Chafee revels in his outsider status as he chronicles his disillusionment with the bitter partisanship that dominated his seven years in the Senate. He wields a broad brush, heaping blame on Republicans and Democrats alike for putting party loyalty and ambition ahead of the public good.

Chafee points plenty of fingers, but President George W. Bush, whom Chafee backed in 2000, earns his harshest scorn.

He brands Bush as two-faced for solemnly promising during the campaign to be a "uniter, not a divider," but later pursuing a

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 Fridays 6:00PM - 11:00PM

\*Closed Most Major Holidays  
 (402) 341-0330  
[www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

**SUNDAY MARCH 30th**  
**DRAG QUEEN BINGO**, with Wendy Dey, Courtney DuMae & Holly Day, Flixx Lounge, 3-5pm, free food and prizes!

**SUNDAY MARCH 30th**  
**ROMANTIC DUETS**, with Diamond Princess Wendy Dey & Pride IDOL Chad Williams, DC's Saloon, 9PM

**SATURDAY APRIL 5th**  
**HGRA MEETING**, at DC's at 6PM

**SATURDAY APRIL 5th**  
**2ND ANNUAL MCC GLBT PROM**, Dancing in the Moonlight, DoubleTree Hotel, Downtown Omaha, 8pm—Midnight, call 345-2563 for tickets

**SATURDAY APRIL 5th**  
**HGRA MEETING**, at DC's at 6PM

**SUNDAY APRIL 6th**  
**PRIDE IDOL PRELIM 5**, at The Max, 9:30pm, see [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**FRIDAY APRIL 11th**  
**PRIDE IDOL PRELIM 6**, at Flixx Lounge, 8pm, see [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**SATURDAY APRIL 12th**  
**DRAG TAG SALE**, hosted by Diamond Princess Wendy Dey at Flixx Lounge, 1pm,

food and great drag items on sale  
**SATURDAY MAY 17th**  
**MISS GAY HEART OF AMERICA**, Regional Preliminary to Miss Gay America, 7-9PM at The Max

**SATURDAY APRIL 26th**  
**NEBRASKA GLBT SUMMIT**, 4th Annual Nebraska LGBTQ Summit "Sharing Ideas, Building Bridges", April 26, 2008 at Mahoney State Park. For more information check on-line at: [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org) or call Jim Kieffer - 553-1670 in Omaha or Tim Hopkins - 483-6183 in Lincoln

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY JUNE 20th-22nd**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE 2008 in OMAHA**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Every Sunday**  
**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH**, ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, [www.augustanalutheran.com](http://www.augustanalutheran.com)

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**, Meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Fellowship starts at 6PM, services begin at 6:30PM, Everyone Welcome! Doors open at 6PM.

**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: [EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org)

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

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 11am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

**ONE PROMISE GROUP**, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

**SECOND UNITARIAN**, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

**GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER**, 1719 Leavenworth, 2PM to 4PM

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

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

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

**Every Monday**  
**A A RAINBOW RECOVERY**, an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"** Meeting Place, 28 & S. Lincoln, 7:30 pm

**GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN** 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE. contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

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

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP** Confidential, meeting at the MCCO Church, 819 S. 22nd St, call 345-2563 for meeting times, all women are welcome

**Every Tuesday**  
**HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE**, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session). Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [ander-son@hastings.edu](mailto:ander-son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at [jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto:jsandeen@hastings.edu) for further information.

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

**Every Wednesday**  
**AA FOURTH DIMENSION**, 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**MCC OMAHA**, Bible Study, 7pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

**HIV TESTING**, 1:30pm to 4 pm walk-in NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in 20 minutes, call 402-552-9260 for info

**HIV TESTING LINCOLN**, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 2147 South 15<sup>th</sup> 402-476-7000

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK** 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**LGBT A A** 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island, Peggy (308) 226-8286,

Center (308) 398-5427

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 9:00 pm DC's

**Every Thursday**

**DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON**

7-9pm, DC's Saloon

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT**

**AND DISCUSSION GROUP** 7-8:30pm,

Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476-9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln

**HIV TESTING** 7-9pm walk-in, NAP, 139 S.

40<sup>th</sup> Same day results,

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections Bar

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS**

**HIV TEST**, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm,

University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

**Every Friday**

**AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING**, 7pm, open

to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

**AA LIVE & LET LIVE**, 8:15pm, Open to

men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

**GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT**, 6PM to

10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

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

byterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

**HIV TESTING** 5-7PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S.

40<sup>th</sup> Same day results

**NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING**

7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marys Ave.**,

Same day results

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS**

**HIV TEST**, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30 to 4:30pm,

University Health Center Room 164 (next to Pharmacy on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE, results in one week

**RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY**, 6 to 7:30PM,

Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

**Every Saturday**

**AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON**, 1:30pm,

Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

**GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-**

**MOUS**, (SCA), A program of recovery, 11am

to 12pm, meeting at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

**OLDER ADULT DROP-IN**, 4 TO 6PM, at

the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., for older adults age 50+, single or partnered, Free

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-

6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

## **MONTHLY EVENTS**

**1st Tuesday**

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm,

Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**1st Thursday**

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT**

**AND DISCUSSION GROUP** 7 to

8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third

Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 /

476 9668 for location and information.

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at

6PM. Email at: omahaglbtprofession-

als@cox.net

**1st Friday**

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE**

8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First

Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

**1st Saturday OR Sunday**

**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSO-**

**CIATION**, Meeting days and times may

vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see

www.hgra.net for meeting schedules etc.

**1st Sunday**

**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a

Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to

reserve a seat up until the day before

**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm

at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719

Leavenworth St.

**2nd Wednesday**

**ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE**, 7pm,

MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

**2nd Thursday**

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, First United

Methodist Church

**2nd Saturday**

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE**

**POWER** L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's

Saloon

**2nd Sunday**

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

Lincoln NE

**OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREEN-**

**ING** (glbt film shown at 7pm followed by

discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

**3rd Monday**

**PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL**

**(HASTINGS, NE)**, Meeting on 3rd

Mondays at First Congregational United

Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St.,

7PM, email jsandeen@inebraska.com or

call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

**3rd Tuesday**

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of

Governors meeting, 7:15pm, meeting at

the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community

Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

**HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC**, Lincoln

NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day results, 200

South 18th Street

**3rd Thursday**

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT**

**AND DISCUSSION GROUP** 7-8:30pm,

Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of

the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for loca-

tion and information.

**LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION**

**GROUP**, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

**3rd Friday**

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN**

6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm,

Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A,

Lincoln

**3rd Saturday**

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN**

6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

**3rd Sunday**

**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm at

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leaven-

worth St.

**4th Tuesday**

**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church,

6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-

coln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

**4th Friday**

**LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**

Not currently meeting.

**Email Your Event to:**  
**GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

# 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>

**Camp Kindle**, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, [www.CampKindle.org](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see [www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.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](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming

**Flat Water Bears**, (group disbanded)

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

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup), Phone 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**, see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for information

**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, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

**Low Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 11am, Wed. Worship 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 Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info

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

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

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

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

**Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact [omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for more info.

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org) for more information

**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](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](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)

**Prairie Bares**, nudist group, no further info available, ask Dino A. or David F.

**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**, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally,

866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**River City Gender Alliance**, P.O. Box 4083 Omaha, NE 68104, for info call 402.813.1842 or Email: [info@rivercitygenderalliance.org](mailto:info@rivercitygenderalliance.org)

**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)

**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](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**WomenSpace**, no current info is available

## LINCOLN BASED

**GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, Pat Tetreault, Ph.D. Sexuality Education Coordinator University Health Center Health ED Dept. 402.472.7447 for info see <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

**Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer

**Gay & Bi Men's Discussion & Support Group**, Tim, P.O. Box 6341, Lincoln 68506-0341 483-6183

**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](mailto:Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com)

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

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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

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

**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-glb.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: [ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu](mailto:ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu)  
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,  
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

## Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.org)  
Iowa Equality, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal  
Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>  
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

## Community Announcements

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*If you have a life event, birth, death, adoption, anniversary, wedding, graduation, memorial or other special announcement that you would like to see in the Gayzette, send it to [Gayzette@cox.net](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net) and we'll be happy to publish it here for free.*

## Female Compassion!

A man was sitting on a blanket at the beach. He had no arms and no legs.  
Three women were walking past and felt sorry for the poor man.  
The first woman said, 'Have you ever had a hug?'  
The man said 'No,' so she gave him a hug and walked on.  
The second woman said 'Have you ever had a kiss?'  
The man said 'No,' so she gave him a kiss and walked on.  
The third woman walked over to him and whispered in his ear 'Have you ever been f\*\*\*\*d?'  
The fellow looked up in amazement and said 'No.'  
She said 'You will be when the tide comes in.'

**Did you know that you can see the entire *GAYZETTE* on our web site?**  
Go to:  
[www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)  
And click on the *Publications* link.  
**George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.**  
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

## Want to surprise yourself this spring?

**Discover that Presbyterians can  
be fun.**

**Lowe Avenue Presbyterian  
Church – 1023 N. 40th, Omaha**

**Sunday services 10 a.m.  
Special Bell Choir Easter Sunday**

Rainbow Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Fridays.

**(Now reading Jesus, the Bible &  
Homosexuality by Jack Rogers. )**

**Call the church at 551-5207 or  
Cleve Evans at 733-1360 or 557-  
7524 for more information.**



Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
Location: First United Methodist Church  
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska  
Web Site: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org)

P.O. Box 390064  
Omaha, NE 68139-0064

HELPLINE  
(402) 291-67681

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hard-line GOP agenda using wedge issues like abortion and gay rights. Chafee complains about Bush's "juvenile streak." And he rails at Bush's pretending to search for weapons of mass destruction behind the White House furniture during a skit at a black-tie Washington dinner.

"It was obscene for him to joke about a falsehood that American troops had gone to their graves believing," Chafee writes.

As U.S. casualties in Iraq mounted in fall 2003, Chafee says he even considered a primary challenge against Bush but quickly scrapped the idea after Saddam Hussein's capture boosted the president's political stock.

Chafee bemoans the GOP's rightward drift and the disappearance of moderate Republicans such as himself. Chafee's independence was a matter of political survival in a Democratic-leaning state.

Chafee's hopes for a second full term were dashed in 2006 by Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse in the Democratic wave that swept control of Congress from the GOP. Chafee in 2004 voted for Bush's father, former President George H.W. Bush, as a symbolic protest against the younger Bush. Last year he became an independent.

Readers may detect a bit of pettiness, too. Chafee does not bother to refer to his 2006 GOP primary opponent Steve Laffey by name.

He recalls being "irked and amused" at the parade of "Democratic Bush enablers" who campaigned in Rhode Island for Whitehouse, such as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"I was the only candidate in the race with a record of standing up to entrenched powers," writes Chafee, the lone GOP senator to vote against authorizing the Iraq war.

The seeds of bitterness with Bush were sown early on.

Chafee recalls Vice-President Dick Cheney outlining a "shockingly divisive" agenda during a meeting with a handful of moderate GOP senators shortly after Bush won the presidency in 2000.

"Cheney was not asking for support — he was ordering us to provide it," writes Chafee, who somehow seems surprised at such hardball tactics by Cheney, a man infamous for his take-no-prisoners brand of politicking. Chafee, too, seems stunned that none of his GOP colleagues put up much of a fight.

Chafee reminded Cheney that the votes of their small group of moderates would matter in a closely divided Senate.

"I chose my words carefully, and probably stammered with the effort to contain my fury," he writes.

Cheney, ever the conservative warrior, brushed Chafee aside.

Six years later, Rhode Island voters did roughly the same thing, ending the political balancing act that was Chafee's Senate career.

by The Associated Press

## LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- \* Memory was something that you lost with age
- \* An application was for employment
- \* A program was a TV show
- \* A cursor used profanity
- \* A keyboard was a piano
- \* A web was a spider's home
- \* A virus was the flu
- \* A CD was a bank account
- \* A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- \* A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- \* And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy  
....you just hoped nobody found out



## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

Connections,	1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon,	610 South 14th Street	344-3103
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The Max,	1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church,	819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co.,	1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore,	1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project,	139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,	1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

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## Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake  
Certified Personal Trainer



What would you do if you had a million dollars? Probably not as much as you could have 20 years ago. But hey, it's still a load of money! A condo in Miami, a Rolls-Royce, a swimming pool, season tickets to your favorite team's games, and much more on that Santa list. Now what would you do if you had a body that was in great shape. Hmmmmmm...

A well conditioned body has the capability to climb the stairs at work and get you to the 4th floor without waiting forever at your building's notoriously slow elevator at rush hour. Who wants to get caught with a group of stiffers in a vertically rising claustrophobic tomb for several minutes anyway?

A great body has the uncanny ability to get you noticed at the beach. A fat and out of shape body can also attract a lot of interest. But then again rubberneckers love carnage too while on the freeway systems.

A fantastic body can lead you up hills and small mountains for spectacular views of sunrises and sunsets. These celestial events are much more awe-inspiring in three dimensions and from a birds eye view than those same celestial events captured for print and adorning your living room wall.

A body that has endured numerous bouts of exercise can allow you extra time on those ski slopes of Colorado. You will have more time to actually ski and hit the moguls and not be relegated to the confines of your lodge's bar and grill. Don't get me wrong, I love a great public house. I would just prefer the swashbuckling moments on a 10,000 foot mountain to those in a bar. Every town in America has got its watering hole. The two mile high mountain is a tall order in Omaha, Indianapolis, and Biloxi.

A healthy body affords you that opportunity to outlast your fifteen year old nephew in that game of basketball on Thanksgiving. No teenage boy wants to lose to Old Man River in anything remotely competitive and especially not sports related. You just might gain a dose of "healthy" respect from your kith and kin.

A healthy body is inextricably tied with the acumen of a sharp mind. The New York Times crossword puzzles and black belt Sudokus are merely yawning affairs with the cognitive functioning of a fit body.

A body that has the intimate knowledge of a health club can certainly mow the yard or wash the LeSabre without several intermissions for the comfort of the lawn chair. This usually is the perfect chance for these fitness antipodes to get reacquainted with Joe Camel or Anheuser Busch. Misery loves company.

A body that embraces health and fitness can really have its own worth. I'll take a healthy body over a million dollars on any given day. Of course I'll take both on any given day too. I'm already comfortable with the body portion of this combination. I'll entertain offers for the monetary portion of this perfect pair.

This health and fitness column is brought to you by the guy who knows all the names of the eight planets, the Seven Dwarfs, and the five Great Lakes. That mnemonic devices guy is Ron Blake and you can buzz his tower at [www.goblakefitness.com](http://www.goblakefitness.com).

## Barack Obama's Open Letter to the LGBT Community



by Barack Obama

Never in the history of American presidential elections has the LGBT Community's vote been so aggressively sought as during the 2008 race for the Oval Office. The following is an open letter from Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama to the LGBT community. For comparison of both Democratic candidates in regards to gay issues, please refer to Senator Clinton's Open Letter to the LGBT Community, also found on this website. The following is Obama's letter in its entirety. An Open Letter to the LGBT Community:

I'm running for President to build an America that lives up to our founding promise of equality for all – a promise that extends to our gay brothers and sisters. It's wrong to have millions of Americans living as second-class citizens in this nation. And I ask for your support in this election so that together we can bring about real change for all LGBT Americans.

Equality is a moral imperative. That's why throughout my career, I have fought to eliminate discrimination against LGBT Americans. In Illinois, I co-sponsored a fully inclusive bill that prohibited discrimination on the basis of both sexual orientation and gender identity, extending protection to the workplace, housing, and places of public accommodation. In the U.S. Senate, I have co-sponsored bills that would equalize tax treatment for same-sex couples and provide benefits to domestic partners of federal employees. And as president, I will place the weight of my administration behind the enactment of the Matthew Shepard Act to outlaw hate crimes and a fully inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act to outlaw workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

As your President, I will use the bully pulpit to urge states to treat same-sex couples with full equality in their family and adoption laws. I personally believe that civil unions represent the best way to secure that equal treatment. But I also believe that the federal government should not stand in the way of states that want to decide on their own how best to pursue equality for gay and lesbian couples — whether that means a domestic partnership, a civil union, or a civil marriage. Unlike Senator Clinton, I support the complete repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) – a position I have held since before arriving in the U.S. Senate. While some say we should repeal



only part of the law. I believe we should get rid of that statute altogether. Federal law should not discriminate in any way against gay and lesbian couples, which is precisely what DOMA does. I have also called for us to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and I have worked to improve the Uniting American Families Act so we can afford same-sex couples the same rights and obligations as married couples in our immigration system. The next president must also address the HIV/AIDS epidemic. When it comes to prevention, we do not have to choose between values and science. While abstinence education should be part of any strategy, we also need to use common sense. We should have age-appropriate sex education that includes information about contraception. We should pass the JUSTICE Act to combat infection within our prison population. And we should lift the federal ban on needle exchange, which could dramatically reduce rates of infection among drug users. In addition, local governments can protect public health by distributing contraceptives. We also need a president who's willing to confront the stigma – too often tied to homophobia – that continues to surround HIV/AIDS. I confronted this stigma directly in a speech to evangelicals at Rick Warren's Saddleback Church, and will continue to speak out as president.

That is where I stand on the major issues of the day. But having the right positions on the issues is only half the battle. The other half is to win broad support for those positions. And winning broad support will require stepping outside our comfort zone. If we want to repeal DOMA, repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and implement fully inclusive laws outlawing hate crimes and discrimination in the workplace, we need to bring the message of LGBT equality to skeptical audiences as well as friendly ones – and that's what I've done throughout my career. I brought this message of inclusiveness to all of America in my keynote address at the 2004 Democratic convention. I talked about the need to fight homophobia when I announced my candidacy for President, and I have been talking about LGBT equality to a number of groups during this campaign – from local LGBT activists to rural farmers to parishioners at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where Dr. Martin Luther King once preached.

Just as important, I have been listening to what all Americans have to say. I will never compromise on my commitment to equal rights for all LGBT Americans. But neither will I close my ears to the voices of those who still need to be convinced. That is the work we must do to move forward together. It is difficult. It is challenging. And it is necessary.

Americans are yearning for leadership that can empower us to reach for what we know is possible. I believe that we can achieve the goal of full equality for the millions of LGBT people in this country. To do that, we need leadership that can appeal to the best parts of the human spirit. Join with me, and I will provide that leadership. Together, we will achieve real equality for all Americans, gay and straight alike.

Barack Obama

## Hillary Clinton's Open Letter to the LGBT Community

by Senator Hillary Clinton



As I have traveled around the country these past twelve months, what I sensed in my heart has been confirmed. America is embracing its LGBT sons and daughters with an acceptance and understanding as never before.

On the campaign trail, a father of a gay son will ask about ending Don't Ask, Don't Tell. A woman will ask why she can be discriminated against just because of who she is. Sometimes they wait furtively for the crowd to thin and then whisper their confidences in a soft voice and sometimes they stand up proudly at town meetings and want me to share my views on how I will help lead the change to assure that this country fulfills its promise to everyone.

Let me tell you what I have been telling voters across America. I am fully committed to the fair and equal treatment of LGBT Americans. For seven long years, the Bush Administration has tried to divide us - only seeing people who matter to them. It's been a government of the few, by the few, and for the few. And no community has been more invisible to this administration than the LGBT community.

I will change that. The best evidence of what I will do as President is what I have already done.

I am proud of my record as First Lady, as a U.S. Senator and as a candidate for President in working toward the fair and equal treatment of LGBT Americans.

- I am proud that as Chair of the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee in 2006, I worked closely with LGBT community to develop a smart strategy that defeated the Federal Marriage Amendment. I am proud of fighting the FMA as divisive wedge politics at its worst.
- I am proud to be a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligation Act which would grant the same benefits (including health insurance) to domestic partners of federal employees that are currently offered to employees' legal spouses.
- I am proud to have authored the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands access to vital treatment options for low-income individuals living with HIV, and fought to fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act.
- I am proud that I hired a National Director of LGBT Outreach within a month of announcing my candidacy for President and to have openly gay and lesbian staffers serving at all levels of my campaign.
- I am proud to have a National LGBT Steering Committee of over 130 that includes openly LGBT elected officials, Board members and opinion leaders on issues ranging from transgender rights, to HIV/AIDS, to "Don't Ask Don't Tell".

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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

YOU DRINKING ALONE, OR OR IS THIS AN OPEN PITY PARTY?

OH, GREAT.

"JEFF OF FINLAND". JUST THE MAN I DON'T WANT TO SEE.

WHERE'S BRAD? YOU HAVEN'T HEARD?

HEARD WHAT?

I'VE BEEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE PAST WEEK. WE BROKE UP.

WHAT?! WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

THREE DAYS AGO.

RIGHT AFTER HE COMPARED MY PUBIC HAIR TO YOURS WHILE WE WERE HAVING SEX.

LORD. LOOK, MATT-- SAVE IT.

THIS IS ALL FOR THE BEST.

NOW YOU TWO CAN BE TOGETHER.

YOU THINK I WANT TO BE WITH BRAD? DON'T YOU?

HE CERTAINLY WANTS TO BE WITH YOU.

NAW. BRAD'S A GOOD FRIEND, BUT...

...I CAN'T DATE A GUY WHO'S GOT HIS HEAD STUFFED SO FAR INTO THE CLOSET.

'SIDES... HE'S A BIT TOO MUCH OF AN UPTIGHT. YANK. I TEND TO GO FOR GUYS WHO ARE MORE...

...DOWN HOME. LIKE WHERE I COME FROM.

YOU'RE FROM ATLANTA, RIGHT? UH... YEAH...

THEN YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. JEFF, I...

MATT... BRAD ISN'T THE ONE WHO'S BEEN GRABBING MY ATTENTION THESE PAST COUPLA' MONTHS.

IT'S YOU.)

JEFF... I'M ALREADY IN A RELA--

NOT ANYMORE YOU AREN'T.

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- I am proud to have marched in Gay Pride parades as both First Lady and as Senator and to have spoken in front of so many LGBT audiences ranging from the Human Rights Campaign, Empire State Pride Agenda, the Hetrick Martin Institute, PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), GMHC (Gay Men's Health Crisis), and the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

- I am proud to have fought Republican efforts to demonize and marginalize the LGBT community, and I will continue to do that as President.

We have so much work to do. When I am President, we will work together to make sure that all Americans in committed relationships have equal benefits and that nothing stands in the way of loving couples who want to adopt children in need. We're going to expand our federal hate crimes legislation and pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and assure that they are both fully inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. And finally, we will put an end to the failed policy of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice – the traits that define our men and women in uniform – have nothing to do with sexual orientation.

My father was a conservative Republican, who held very traditional views for much of his life. Yet in his last years, it was a gay couple who lived next door who provided much of the compassion and comfort he and my mother needed as he grew ill. And it was that same neighbor who held his hand as he died. If my father can move, America can move.

To each and every LGBT American, I say this. You have done so much to help this country understand your lives by simply being open and honest about who you are and living your lives with dignity. Thank you for your courage. It is time that we recognize your hard work. I know that this country is ready for changes in the law that reflect the evolution in our hearts.

America deserves a President who appeals to the best in each of us, not the worst; a President who values and respects all Americans and treats all Americans equally no matter who they are or who they love. I want to be that President. I want to be your President.

Hillary Clinton

## FootballSex

A woman takes a lover home during the day while her husband is at work.

Her 9-year old son comes home unexpectedly, sees them, and hides in the bedroom cupboard to watch. The woman's husband

also comes home.

She puts her lover in the cupboard, not realising that the little boy is in there already.

The little boy says, 'Dark in here.'

The man says, 'Yes, it is.'

Boy - 'I have a football.'

Man - 'That's nice.'

Boy - 'Want to buy it?'

Man - 'No, thanks.'

Boy - 'My dad's outside.'

Man - 'OK, how much?'

Boy - '\$500'

In the next few weeks, it happens again that the boy and the lover are in the cupboard together.

Boy - 'Dark in here.'

Man - 'Yes, it is.'

Boy - 'I have football boots.'

The lover, remembering the last time, asks the boy, 'How much?'

Boy - '\$500'

Man - 'Sold.'

A few days later, the boys' father says to the boy, 'Grab your boots and

football, let's go outside and have a game of soccer.

The boy says, 'I can't, I sold my ball and boots.'

The father asks, 'How much did you sell them for?'

Boy - '\$1000.'

The father says, 'That's terrible to overcharge your friends like that.

That is way more than those two things cost. I'm going to take you to church

and make you confess.'

They go to the church and the father makes the little boy sit in the confession booth and he closes the door.

The boy says, 'Dark in here.'

The priest says, 'Don't start that shit again. You're in my cupboard now.'

## Fondling in Bed

One night, after the couple had retired for the night, the woman became aware that her husband was touching her in almost unusual manner. He started by running his hand across her shoulders and the small of her back. He ran his hand over her breasts, touching them very lightly. Then, he proceeded to run his hand gently down her side, sliding his hand over her stomach, and then down the other side to a point below her waist. He continued on, gently feeling her hips, first one side and the other. His hand ran further down the outside of her thighs. His gentle probing then started up the inside of her left thigh, stopped and then returned to do the same to her right thigh.

By this time the woman was becoming aroused and she squirmed a little to better position herself.

The man stopped abruptly and rolled over to his side of the bed.

Why are you stopping darling?' she whispered.

He whispered back, 'I finally found the TV remote.'

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