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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

Hundreds at Capitol Protest Same-Sex Marriage Court Ruling

BY CLARENCE MABIN / Lincoln Journal Star

An estimated 400 people staged a peaceful but vocal rally at the front steps of the Capitol Building Friday in protest of last week's court ruling reinstating Nebraska's samesex marriage ban.

As a crowd that seemed to span the age spectrum from young to old listened and cheered on, speaker after speaker urged them to continue to fight for equality.

"This isn't the end," Michael Gordon, executive director of Citizens for Equal Protection, intoned into a microphone. "This is just a setback."

The rally, organized by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or PFLAG, came one week after a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated Nebraska's constitutional amendment that defined marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Approved by 70 percent of Nebraska voters in 2000, the amendment also stated that same-sex civil unions and domestic partnerships were invalid in the state.

The appeals court ruling reversed a 2005 ruling by a U.S. District judge striking down the amendment, which has been called by some opponents the most restrictive law of its kind in the nation.

Amy Miller, an attorney with the Nebraska affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, told the crowd the plaintiffs who sued the state over the amendment will appeal the panel's ruling to the entire 8th Circuit.

The ACLU, along with Citizens for Equal Protection and the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, filed the lawsuit on behalf of the plaintiffs in federal court in 2003.



(Photo Courtesy Dino Andrade)

"I speak softly, but I carry a big stick," Miller said. "I carry the Constitution.

"Equal protection means equal protection for all people, not just straight."

Omaha attorney Susan Koenig said the ruling last week was "poor legal analysis" and would not stand. She urged the crowd to political activism.

"Know the power you have," she said. "This is a shameful time in Nebraska history ... But one of great pride that we took a stand."

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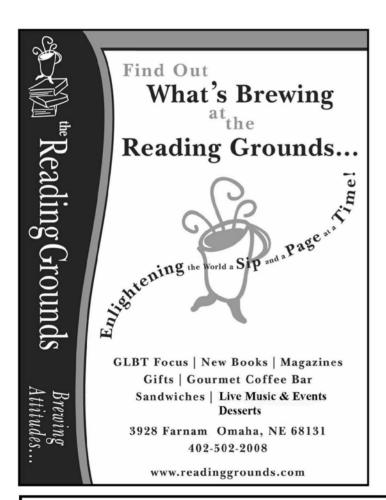
Jeremy & James Will be hosting Game Day at the Center 1719 Leavenworth St

Sundays: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Come down and check out the games we have available or bring your favorite game and show us how to play.

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Hands Around the Capitol Story Continues

Many in the crowd carried rainbow flags, which have come to symbolize diversity, or waved banners and posters.

One poster, aimed at passing motorists, read, "Honk for Equality." Many drivers complied. One flashed the peace sign.

Another poster stated, "Marriage is a Human Right, Not a Heterosexual Privilege."

Geri Powell, who held the poster, said wryly she needed a magic marker to cross out "is" on the poster and replace it with "should be."

Powell, 51 and married, said she could not understand why traditional marriages would be threatened if gay people had the same right.

"No one can ever answer my question why a gay or lesbian marriage would affect a heterosexual marriage," she said. "Why should love have to have a label on it?"

Sarah Barnett, 15, a student at Omaha South High School, traveled to Lincoln with a group of friends to attend the rally.

"The (amendment) is wrong," she said. "We're citizens and we deserve the same rights as everybody else."

Many opponents of the amendment said the legal challenge to it was not about the right to marry, but the right to legal privileges that come from such unions.

For example, they have said, married couples have the right to the spouses pension after death, the right to share property, the right to sick leave to care for their ailing partner, and access to health insurance through the spouse's workplace, among scores of other privileges.

"This is not about marriage," Gordon said in an interview.
"There are a lot of other (privileges) that would open up (to gay and lesbian couples) without the amendment."

The rally ended with a human chain that stretched nearly threequarters of the way around the Capitol sidewalk.



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Senior 50+ Group Meeting

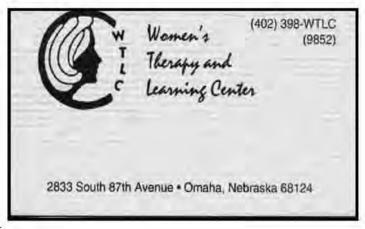
A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next meeting is on Saturday, **August 19th**, from 7 until 10PM.

If you're 50 or older, or like to socialize with your older peers, share your experiences and viewpoints, then this group is for you. Not into the bar scene? Then stop in for a visit, enjoy some great conversation, and make

some new friends. The event is free and open to everyone.

Don't be an old Scrooge, come on down and have some fun!







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CRUISIN' DOWN THE RIVER

MCC-Omaha invites you to join them for a fun-filled evening on the Missouri River. Yes, we are hosting our very first of what we hope will become an annual riverboat cruise. Look at what we are planning to make your evening a wonderful end to Summer 2006 and a fabulous beginning to Fall 2006:

> Riverboat Cruise on the River City Star Sunday, Sept. 10 Boarding at 6:40 at 151 Freedom Park Road Cruise from 7-9 PM Handicap Accessible Entertainment:— live and impersonators.

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dropping a note to MCC-Omaha at PO Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103. Include a check or money order for the tickets you want and your complete address. Tickets will be mailed out to you if we receive your order by Sept. 1; otherwise they'll be held for you at the boat. Proceeds from the cruise go into our Accessibility Fund. Questions? Check out our website mccomaha@mccomaha.org or call the church office at 402-345-2563.







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TEXAS HOLD'EM TAKES NO PRISONERS

by Carla Petersen

The cards were hot! The players were hotter! Yep! That describes the first Sunday of the MCC-Omaha Texas Hold'em Tournament hosted at DC's Saloon!

You can still join us this week from 4-6 PM for more tournament action. The tournament continues through August 13. Experienced and novice players are welcome! \$20 buy-in for \$40,000 in chips.

Leading the tournament after the first week was Gary Ehlert with \$139,200.00. Way behind him and crawling into second place is Sharon Van Butsel with just over \$50,000.00. Third place is so far behind that there's no hope of staying in the trophy circle this week--that would be me with somewhere near \$20,000.00. Can't tell you the second week results, but you can check them out at DC's where they are posted by the front door!

Join us for the fun and maybe you'll win braggin' rights and a trophy for the highest single-game win! It's a great way to spend these hot August Sundays.

For all you novices-----don't be shy; come on down and join us. We start with a novice table and as you gain confidence, you can move on over to where "the big boys/girls play." We started with two the first week, but they are sure to be back and challenging the top scorers soon!

Proceeds from the tournament go to MCC-Omaha. Yep! We have goodies and special prizes for everyone who plays!

RAINBOW CELEBRATIONS To Host Open House

Everyone is cordially invited to an Open House to learn more about the organization Rainbow Celebrations. This event will take place on 26 August 2006 from 4-7pm at the Dixie Quicks Magnolia Room located at 1915 Leavenworth St in Omaha Nebraska.

This will be a time to enjoy some refreshments with the Executive Board and ask questions about the organization. Rainbow Celebrations does produce the Annual Events of Nebraska Pride and The National Coming Out Day.

Also available will be PRIDE merchandise for sale at really cheap prices.

This is the golden opportunity to explore another organization in our GLBT community and maybe get involved by helping

"Attention: Omaha area GLBT homeowners in trouble! There is a solution!"

Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE

Many Omaha area gay and lesbian homeowners who have had trouble with credit cards and so on have found that there is *one* place in Omaha where they can be treated with respect.

No "better than you" attitude, no "b.s.", no guilt just for being gay or lesbian.

At last, finding financial help doesn't have to be like a "coming out" at Thanksgiving dinner with everyone pointing fingers, and finding fault.

Mindy Hahne, of Service First Home Mortgage in Omaha's Midtown area works at a GLBT friendly outfit that specializes in helping Omaha area GLBT homeowners in need.

Hahne says she takes great pride in being gay and lesbian friendly. And treating the folks she helps like family.



Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson

"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.

"Being gay or lesbian doesn't have to be a barrier to equal treatment anymore!' Hahne says.

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

"I am the one person in town that *specializes* in helping gay and lesbian folks with dcbt consolidation, cash out, credit repair and so on!" Hahne says.

"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 'likeminded' 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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This event is free to all interested and everyone that attends will receive a special prize.

Kevin Marik President Rainbow Celebrations

AA Benefit Garage Sale

The Heartland Roundup fundraising committee will be holding Garage sales, Saturday August 5th and Saturday September 23rd from 7:30am until 4:00pm, location of the sales will be in the east parking lot Of Jim's Seek & Save, located at 4679 Leavenworth. All proceeds will benefit the 2007 Heartland Roundup general operating fund.

The Roundup itself is held annually, during the last full weekend in April, and consists of speakers, work shops and fellowship that encourages and supports sobriety, specifically but not limited to the gay, lesbian and transgender community.

Individuals interested in making donations of clean items for the Garage sales may contact Mac @ 203-1478 or mike @ 933-6595, pick up assistance me be available, all donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your support!

HOT!! HOT!! HOT!!

That describes the heat this summer. It also describes some of the "balls" (bowling balls...get your mind out of the gutter!!!) I saw at the bowling center last season. Yep!!! It's that time again that we start the new season of fun, trying to throw a ball down a lane and hoping that it stays on the lane without hitting the gutter.

If you think you have what it takes, come and join us at Maplewood Lanes(102nd & Maple, behind Valentino's) on August 27th at 2:30 for a quick meeting and sign up. After the meeting, you can bowl if you wish. Actual bowling will start September 10th at 3:15 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the 27th and wish to have a team or if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Hope to see you there....Good Luck and Good Bowling!!!!

Joe Reed 847-5854







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www.rainbowoutreach.org
And click on the Publications link.
George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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 AUGUST 20TH
DIAMOND FOUNDATION, GLBT Scholarship Benefit at DC's, 9PM

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH
1ST ANNUAL DIAMOND PRINCESS
PAGEANT, AT The Max, 9PM, pageant@diamond-foundation.org for details

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH
NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL REUNION
SHOW, Old Market Event Center, 9PM

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH
DIAMOND FOUNDATION, GLBT Scholarship Benefit at The Q, 9:30PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH
LIGHTING THE FIRST GLBT HOLIDAY TREE, details to be announced

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH
GLBT SCHOLARSHIP DINNER, Old
Market Event Center, 6PM

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday
WORSHIP SERVICES:
AA LAMBDA STAG, 4pm, OPEN TO
MEN ONLY, 1023 North 40th Street in
basement of Lowe Ave. Presbyterian
Church

<u>DIETZ METHODIST</u> 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

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

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

<u>FIRST UNITARIAN</u> 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

NA-RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-4648

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

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

<u>LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK</u> Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, 1PM to 3PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

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

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 REHEARS-ALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

Every Tuesday
UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT 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

READING GROUNDS OPEN MIC NIGHTS, Music, poetry, comedy or whatever . 40th & Farnam St.,

HIV TESTING, 1:30-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in one week

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, using
Orasure, results in one week; results in 20
minutes on the last Wednesday of the
month. 2147 South 15th #476-7000

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

HIV TESTING 7- 9pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th Results available in one week

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 3-5:00pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln

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, 5PM to 9PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30-4pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-MOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery,

8pm to 9pm, call Tony at 933-1318

HIV TESTING 5-10pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th Results available in 20 minutes

READING GROUNDS GAYME NIGHT,
Music, laughter & board games. 23yrs. Old
& up, 40th & Farnam St., 502-2008

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 BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday
CENTER LIBRARY FAIRIES, 7PM. Bookworms become butterflies. Stretch your wings helping the Center library. No experience necessary to volunteer.

Drop-in to the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

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.

1st Friday LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

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

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

2nd Tuesday
CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE, 6PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

2rd 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
OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING
(glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, www.icon.impcourt.org

3rd Tuesday
VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN, at the GLBT
Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend

an hour or two volunteering at the Center - 6PM or 7PM, your choice, whenever it fits your schedule. No special skills or ongoing commitment required. Volun-Queers have fun and make a difference.

3rd Thursday LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7

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

4th Tuesday PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

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

4th Saturday
FREE MATINEE MOVIE, at the
GLBT Center, 1:30PM, Bring a snack to
share, everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th
Saturdays every month

REAL FAMILIES Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

Email Your Event to: news@rainbowoutreach. org

Miss Divine Diva

Hello! I am the owner and promoter of Miss Divine Diva, the newest pageant, where you win a HUGE NECKLACE SET, MATCHING EARINGS, a CASH prize and a CROWN!!

So look forward to the second pageant coming on February 7th at The Max. My winner, Courtney Dumae, has been out and about and busy as ever.

I just wanted to let you all know about some events I have coming up on August 20th at 9:30PM at The Max. I'm hosting "All or Nothing". My special guests that evening are Miss Diva 2006, Courtney, Miss Max 22 Robbie, Chaotic, Cassandra Evans, Ashley Simone, Shayla Slate and Brandon Higdem. I hope to see you all out for this fabulous show!

Also coming up, I'm hosting my "Legends Birthday Ball" with special guests Monica West, Miss Aimee Zahn, Madame X, Dominique, Roxy, Jenn Jett, Phoenix, Quincy Valentine, Robbie Jean and Ashley Simone. My Emcees that night are Empress 26 Michelle Korman and Feleena Katz. The show starts at 9:30PM, September 24th at The Max. All the BEST legends, the girls who taught me EVERY-THING!!!

Well. I hope to see you out for these up coming events and my pageant in February which will have many surprises!!! Have a fun and safe Summer.

Miss Chandler Chubbs



GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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- BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/BiMenNebraska and http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST
- Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Diamond Foundation, GLBT Scholar ships, Mentoring and Leadership, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see 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, 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, (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, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, 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
- Lowe 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 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
- Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive
- The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional 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: omahanegaypride@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: NeOutAboout@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, 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
- Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com
- 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

LINCOLN BASED

- 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 QuestioningWomen'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: rcga@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-glbt.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 În 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.lowaEquality.org
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

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Applications Are Now Being Accepted for Pride Chair 2007

Would you like to meet national entertainers? How about being in charge of Nebraska Pride next year? Do you have great leadership skills? Do you want to help make a huge difference for our community? If you answered yes, then maybe you should be the next Pride Chair for Rainbow Celebrations!

The Pride Chair is a position on the Executive Board of Rainbow Celebrations and is required to attend Board meetings as they are scheduled throughout the year. The Pride Chair reports directly to the Executive Board and is responsible to the Board in all aspects of Pride Planning. A resume and letter of intent is required before the Executive Board will interview potential candidates.

The Pride Chair is responsible for the overall planning and execution of the annual Pride Week Events including the Festival and Parade. The Chair must hold regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year; be able to present a preliminary budget for approval (the budget is now upwards of \$50,000); be able to successfully manage the budget on a daily basis; successfully solicit and gain sponsorships from local, statewide, and national corporations; be able to multi task many different areas of pride including but not limited to: parade, exhibitors, entertainment, 5 -10 committees, media, volunteers, and general recruitment of Pride Committee members. The Pride Chair should also be available to travel to the InterPride World Conference (if possible) October 26-29 and the Co-Regional InterPride Conference (if possible) in March 9-11, 2007. The world conference will be held in Portland, Maine while the co-regional will be held in Detroit, Michigan. Cost for the world conference is approximately \$1000+ (transportation, hotel, registration and expenses). The co-regional conference can cost approximately \$500+ (airfare, hotel, registration and expenses).

The position of Pride Chair is the equivalent of a full time job (volunteer – non paid) and demands at least that much attention, time and dedication to successfully produce the Nebraska Pride Celebration which we now sponsor.

The rewards of this position are unlimited: exposure to many wonderful people and organizations; networking with people across the country; working closely with Kansas City Gay Pride, Capital City Pride in Des Moines and TC Pride in Minneapolis to promote our regional prides; meeting national entertainers and speakers and so much more.

If you feel that you have the qualifications to fill the position of Pride Chair 2007, please contact Rainbow Celebrations President Kevin Marik 1.402.525.8459 or email kevin@rainbowcelebrations.org for more details about applying.

Resumes and letters of intent are due by mid August. The 2007 Pride Chair will take office on September 1, 2006. If you would like to find out more about the position, please contact Pride Chair 2006 Troy Fienhold-Haasis 402.415.8769 or email troy@rainbowcelebrations.org.

Washington's Same-Sex Marriage Ban Upheld

Washington (AP) -- The state Supreme Court upheld Washington's ban on same-sex marriage Wednesday, saying lawmakers have the power to restrict marriage to unions between a man and woman.

The 5-4 decision leaves Massachusetts as the only state to grant full marriage rights to gay and lesbian couples. It was the latest in a series of significant court rulings favoring same-sex marriage opponents.

Nineteen gay and lesbian couples seeking to marry had challenged the constitutionality of Washington's 1998 Defense of Marriage Act law, which limits marriage to heterosexual couples. Judges in King and Thurston counties overturned it in 2004, citing the state constitution's "privileges and immunities."

The state appealed, arguing that it has a legitimate interest in regulating relationships that produce children.

Forty-five states have laws banning same-sex marriage or limiting marriage to between a man and a woman.

In other recent rulings on the issue, courts reinstated voterapproved bans on same-sex marriage in Nebraska and Georgia, and Tennessee's Supreme Court ruled that voters there should have a say on allowing same-sex marriage.

Massachusetts' high court -- the same court that issued the historic ruling that has allowed more than 8,000 same-sex couples since 2004 to marry in that state -- ruled a proposed state constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage could go on the ballot if approved by the Legislature.

In Connecticut, a judge found gay and lesbian couples had not been harmed by that state's decision to grant them civil unions but not marriage. Vermont also allows civil unions that confer the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples.

Congress recently rebuffed a move to get a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

One Liners......

My wife and I went to a hotel where we got a waterbed. My wife called it the Dead Sea.

She was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says "Okay, let's get started."

July 18th GLBT Softball League Highlights

It was the best game played yet for the GLBT Softball League this Tuesday. Both teams came with their game faces on. The bleachers were pretty full and the fans were loud.

Both teams had great defense having a couple of 1,2, 3 outs in a row without getting a runner to base. Making each inning low scores until the last two innings. There was an injury to one of the Ballerz. Trying to get a grounder it popped up and split his

lip. He cleaned up and returned to the field.

Ballerz had a rough start scoring this game. They really didnt score until the 4th inning moving from 2 runs to 5 runs. Ballerz also had some great defense moving some players to different positions on the field. Many single base hits but getting more doubles. Dave H. getting many out on second base as well as Hank who got them at first base. Chris O. on short stop preventing the ball from entering the outfield many times while Ed S. strikes out one of the Snatchers and snags a pop fly off of pitchers mound. Brian T. making a reach and catch on a foul pop fly ending the 5th inning.

Snacthers had come to play softball and give the Ballerz a run for their money. They had great fielding on defense and batting order on offense. Jenni and Jess being the big hitter for the Snatchers knocked the ball to the end of the park everytime they batted usually sending a player home to score. Telly pitcher for the Snatchers snagged one off of pitchers mound sending it to first to get the player out. A.J. and Jill still caught any pop fly that came their way usually ending the inning. The Snatchers had kept a pretty big lead over the Ballerz in the first

6 innings.

The best of the game was the last inning when the Ballerz were up to bat. They were down by 8 runs and needed to stay in the game. Thats when Chris G. had hit a grandslam giving the team hope but were also at two outs. Ed S. knocked a couple in and Chris O. scoring to be one run behind the Snatchers. But Jill caught another pop fly to end the game Ballerz 13 VS. Snacthers 14.

Join us next Tuesday @ 7 PM @ 34th and Leavenworth Park for our next game. Both teams would like to thank all the spectators who watched and supported the game.



July 25th GLBT Softball League Highlights

July 25th Game Highlights

It was a humid and muggy night out for the league Tuesday. The days rain didnt help but only keep the dust on the field down. The Snatchers looking for a win would put them ahead by one in the season and make a third win in a row. The standing 2-2-1, the Ballerz lookin to end their winning streak and take back the season lead.

The Snatchers had switched the defense around just a bit as they took the field. Firstbasemen A.J. had caught a direct pop fly to her by Ballerz Hank and a quick turn around to tag out another player Michael. Pitcher Telly not letting many hits get by her as she made a lot of forceouts on first and defending homeplate with catcher Roxanne. Pop flys seemed to keep finding their glove as shortstop Jill, left field Tamara, centerfield Jenni all snagged them. Stacy, rightfielder, only allowing a base hit or double as she hussled to get the ball back to infield. Jenni who usually knocks the ball out of the park shocking some of the Ballerz as they recieved some grounders from her.

The Ballerz switched around their defense too. Pop flys were no issue here as Hank, secondbasemen, had caught one directly hit to him by Snatcher Jesse and later on him hitting a double and getting a player home. Catcher Brian had one lob into his glove a little over the foul line making the player out. Justin, thirdbasemen and Michael, right center had direct hits to them as they caught the ball while Wendell had to reach for his catch. Later on Wendell had hit a triple and Chris G. also hitting a triple to also get three Ballerz in to score. Pitcher Ed S. stopping a lot of grounders from passing his plate throwing to firstbasemen Dave and later Chad to get force outs.

The Ballerz and the Snatchers were tied innings 5 and 6 and bringing the final score in inning 7 to Snatchers 11 Ballerz 12.

The league would like to announce that there will be a benefit show for the league on August 20th at 8 PM at Connections. This is to raise money for the league to continue its sports program all year round. The next sport will be announed at a later time. The league would also like to thank the spectators for coming to watch the game and support the league. Also like to thank our volunteers Jackie, Brady, and JP for umping the game and Sara who was the scorekeeper.

Come and watch the league as it plays every Tuesday at 7 PM on 34th and Leavenworth Park.



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