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GAYZETTE

Few in Congress Back Gay Marriage

By Lou Chibbaro Jr.

WASHINGTON — The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay civil rights group, is studying the ebb and flow of every development surrounding the status in Congress of a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage.

"We're mobilizing all of our resources to defeat it," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's political director.

But when asked if she knows how many members of Congress support legal recognition of same-sex marriage on its own merits, separate from the question of a constitutional amendment, Stachelberg pauses.

"I can't tell you," she said. "That's not something we're keeping track of right now."

Stachelberg said HRC has chosen to focus on the anti-gay constitutional amendment now, because that's the issue pending before the Congress. And that's the issue that poses the greatest threat to gays and their families — the specter that anti-gay discrimination might be enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, she said.

A check with HRC, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, and Freedom to Marry — the largest gay civil rights groups working on the gay marriage issue — shows that none have conducted a systematic survey of members of Congress to determine their support — or opposition — to the idea of legalizing same-sex marriage.

In a preliminary, spot survey of some of the House members who have strong, pro-gay voting records, only 15 members could be identified who say they firmly support the right of gays to marry. All are Democrats.

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), who is gay and is among the strongest advocates in Congress for legalizing same-sex marriage, said he could not come up with an actual number of House members who support same-sex marriage.

"I can say the number is growing rapidly," he said. "I would say it's in the dozens."

When asked for a more specific number, Frank said he believes there are at least "50 or more" House members who support same-sex marriage.

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In addition to Frank, Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), who became the first open lesbian to win election to Congress, also supports same-sex marriage.

Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.), who is also gay, has said he

Rainbow Celebrations Announces New Board Members

Rainbow Celebrations is proud to announce the following additions to its Executive Board:

Marcus Fender – Member-at-Large
Greg Gifford – Member-at-Large
Chris Sowards – Member-at-Large



In addition to these new members, we are pleased to announce the advancement of a few of our current Board members into new positions. Bob Gittins, a past Member-at-Large, has moved into the Secretary position while Brian Wyant, also a past Member-at-Large, has moved into the Public Relations Chair position.

We would like to welcome all of these individuals in their new positions and are pleased with their involvement thus far. If there are any other individuals interested in joining the Executive Board or just want to know how to get involved with Rainbow Celebrations, Pride or National Coming Out Day, please e-mail info@rainbowcelebrations.org or visit our website at www.rainbowcelebrations.org.

Military Cadet Makes History with Wedding

By Sutton Eaves, Toronto Canada

As far as his fianci was concerned, Officer Cadet Jason Stewart was planning a simple weekend getaway to Toronto. But when a white stretch limo rolled up outside Joey Schwehr's Kingston, Ont., home Friday afternoon, he realized it was much more than that. It became the much-anticipated weekend they would say their vows, making Stewart, who attends Kingston's Royal Military College, the first man in the military to marry another man.

"The first time we went on a date, (Joey) said he wanted to be picked up in a white stretch limo with white roses in the back

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Perspectives

By Jon Owens

City Mayors have not a clue

Marcia McRostie of Siouxland AIDS coalition was sitting in a restaurant recently when she ended up being witness to Mayor Ferris of Sioux City speaking out against homosexuality.

Part of his topic included recent events surrounding the City Council's vote against adding sexual orientation as a protected class against discrimination. Mayor Ferris stated he has studied sexual orientation more than he has studied anything else in his life and went on to say that the issue isn't really about sexual orientation, but about bestiality and pedophilia.

It is ridiculous when a mayor makes a public statement not really researching the facts like he says he has. Doctors and counselors will tell you we are not suffering from an illness, although pedophilia and bestiality are.

City officials in Omaha recently went on a rampage when they found out that a lesbian police officer was receiving domestic partner benefits for her spouse. One official thought it was not right despite what the police union said.

The question I have is, what is it hurting to protect gay and lesbian people? If we cannot get our own cities to go up to bat, how can we even get the legislative bodies of the state and federal government to protect us.

We recently had many cities go up to bat for the gay community, while more states moved in the other direction. It is a shame even our municipal governments in the heartland of America are not on the bandwagon for progressive ideas.

It really disturbs me that we would have someone so uneducated in office in Sioux City. He obviously has no street smarts! In Omaha why should our officials be concerned with a police officer having benefits for the one she loves. Is there

not enough in Omaha to worry about with deficits and potholes in the streets? Does the city forget we even exist and that we have businesses and pay taxes to the city?

We are supposed to have more control over our local governments, because they are smaller. Cities should be about watching out for your neighbor and taking care of your own. There are enough of us GLBT people in Omaha and Lincoln that we should be a concern for the cities here as well as in Sioux City.

Maybe we as a community should be working harder to make the smaller changes before we go for the big one. This means maybe we should be working to get our cities to make policies to improve our life, then the counties and then the state and on up to the federal government.

We are not a community that can sit around and wait for the court system. That may come soon, but in the meantime it is a war on all fronts. We must take on our legislative bodies.

GLBT communities exist in the big cities. Big cities pull weight with state governments. They have more representation. We should work to push our officials in our favor who in return can petition the state. When we have mayors out of line it is best to also call and let them know they are out of line and should publicly apologize. When we demand this then we are asking for the respect that we deserve.



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strongly opposes a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, but has not said whether he supports gay marriage. His office did not return a call by press time seeking to determine Kolbe's position on gay marriage itself.

Frank said most of the current House supporters of same-sex marriage come from New York and California.

D.C. Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) is the only House member from the D.C. metropolitan area who has come out in support of same-sex marriage.

Among the most influential House members to declare support for same-sex marriage is Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), the House minority leader. Pelosi expressed support for same-sex marriage in a recent interview on the Fox News cable network.

"How do you stand on the issue," asked talk show host Neil Cavuto.

"I don't believe in discrimination of any kind," Pelosi said.

"Can same-sex couples marry?" Cavuto asked.

"Yes," replied Pelosi, who added that she approved of San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Rep. Mike Honda (D-Calif.) was just as matter-of-fact in his position on the issue.

"Only full marriage rights will guarantee same-sex couples equal protection under the law and provide them access to the same rights and benefits enjoyed by all other families," he said.

Lynne Weil, communications director for Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), said Lantos "absolutely supports" same-sex marriage.

Rep. John Lewis (D-Atlanta) is one of the only House members from the South who has expressed support for same-sex marriage.

and be surprised," said Stewart, 19, from the Fairmont Royal York hotel yesterday afternoon, just hours after they were wed.

Accompanied by a few close friends, the two were married at city hall. Last night, they celebrated at the Britney Spears concert after finding front-row tickets for \$150 apiece.

While neither of their families attended the wedding, Stewart said both groups are happy for them. "They knew we were engaged and going to get married. (Joey's) father took it well. I think his mother was a little upset that she wasn't going to be there for it," Stewart said.

But both of their parents, as well as about 300 friends and family, will be present when the two reaffirm their vows at the military college in October.

"Everyone's always been really supportive," said Stewart of his peers and teachers at the college. "I've never gotten any flack about it. Everybody's just gung-ho and most of my superiors are more worried about me getting married at a young age than who I'm getting married to."

Stewart and Schwehr, 20, dated for a little over four months after being set up on a blind date. They said their connection was instant. "It was so special. I just knew ... it's hard to explain, but I just knew. Every moment right from there, it was great," said Schwehr, who works at a clothing store in Kingston.

Since they met, Stewart said the two have spent every day together. He proposed to Schwehr at work about a month ago. "Since I started dating when I was about 16, I probably hadn't really been in love before until I met Joey," Stewart said. "We definitely wouldn't have gotten married if we didn't think we were perfect for each other."

When he told his mother last month that he was gay and he was getting married, she wasn't surprised. Unsure of how his father, a lobster fisherman in Nova Scotia, would react, she offered to tell him when he got home from work. A few hours later, Stewart got a phone call.

"My dad called me up and the only thing he said was, 'Just tell Joey he's gotta look after us when we get older,'" said Stewart. "So they took it very well

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LAS VEGAS RODEO RESULTS

Las Vegas was the host of our third rodeo of the 2004 season. Heartland Gay Rodeo Association continued this season with a strong showing, coming in 4rd^h place overall among 14 participating associations. Due to rain and very muddy conditions, the rodeo was cancelled on Saturday.

Heartland placed 1 woman among the top All-Around Cowgirls and 1 man in the top All-Around Cowboys. Teeny C. finished 5th in the Women's All-Around and Tee T. took home 2 place honors for the cowboys. Tee T. also won the Championship Buckle in Pole Bending. Below are the final standings of HGRA participants.

Women's Events:

Chute Dogging

Teeny C. 3rd

Men's Events:

Chute Dogging

Tee T. 8th
Ken P. 2nd

Steer Riding

Tee T. 3rd

Calf Roping

Tee T. 2nd

Pole Bending

Tee T. Championship Buckle Winner

Team Events:

Wild Drag Race

Teeny C. 2nd

Goat Dressing

Tee T. 2nd



River City Mixed League Standings

Maplewood Lanes
Final Standings

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2	DC's Saloon	81	35	57575
3	Omaha Hospitality	77	39	57629
4	Gills Choke Artists	70.5	45.5	53881
5	Cocks & Beavers	68.5	47.5	57366
6	Lords and Ladies	66	50	60148
7	N'Joy R Balls	66	50	53656
8	Oh Damn!	66	50	53207
9	Bowlers Choice	65.5	50.5	56288
10	Bowler Sisters	64.5	51.5	54508
11	Kumaniwan2layya	64	52	51529
12	Gutter Minds	63	53	54178
13	Omaha Mining Co	62.5	53.5	55033
14	Beaver & the Boys	60	56	53085
15	Gilligan's CCB	56.5	59.5	52137
16	Max Factors	56	60	53571
17	The One In the Middle	56	60	51455
18	Lickity Splits	54	62	51261
19	Chicken & Her Noodles	53	63	48328
20	Power Puff Girls	51	65	50536
21	Mudd Wrestlers	50	66	51748
22	Red Hot Salsa	50	66	50285
23	Gett'n School'd	47	69	50462
24	The Ouutlaws	46.5	69.5	49119
25	Omaha Ball Busters	45.5	70.5	49746
26	Stosh's Stable	37	79	49770
27	Dirty Butter	33	83	48213
28	Here 4 Beer	30	86	49173

Omaha Police Contract Includes Domestic Partner Benefits

Omaha has a new proposed police union contract and it includes domestic partner benefits. That is a first for an Omaha city contract.

City officials said the contract would offer funeral leave and sick leave to police officers who qualify for domestic partner benefits, if the measure is approved by the city council.

"It's a good, basic first step to open up negotiations in all this," said Chris Feistner, from our very own Rainbow Outreach Center. "We're glad to see it."

Feistner said the gays and lesbians he works with get very frustrated when they're denied domestic partner benefits. Until now, those frustrations have included the city of Omaha's employees.

"I think its a terrible thing to deny someone insurance, quit talking to them because of their lifestyle or what's going on in their household," Feistner said.

Councilman Chuck Sigerson said that when Nebraska passed the defense of marriage amendment in 2000, they decided not to recognize unions between same-sex couples. He said approving the new contract would be against voters' wishes, and added that although the proposed benefits are just funeral and sick leave, he worries it could "blossom into an entire gamut of improved benefits."

The police union asked for health insurance benefits for domestic partners as well. That was rejected as too costly.

We can only hope that those GLBT police officers, who often risk their lives to help and protect Omaha citizens, will eventually get this small token reward which their hetero counterparts enjoy without a thought about it's real value.

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High Average Men

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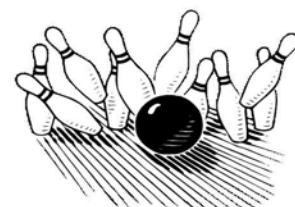
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THURSDAY APRIL 29

1ST ANNUAL NEBRASKA HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE, Twenty Years of Progress, Interstate Holiday Inn, Grand Island Nebraska, 8am to 4:30pm

SUNDAY MAY 2

OMAHA PEACE AND JUSTICE EXPO, UNO Student Center from 1pm to 6pm

WEDNESDAY MAY 5

HEALING SERVICE, St. Gabriel Eastern Orthodox Church, 3219 R Street, 7pm, see article on page 7

SUNDAY MAY 16

IT'S MY PARTY, Nebraska Pride Benefit, Miss Gay Pride NE 2002 Anastasia, Club JOY, 9:30pm

SATURDAY MAY 22ND

NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT AND AUCTION, Miss Gay Pride NE 2003 Aspen Brooks, at The MAX, 6:30 pm

SUNDAY MAY 30

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Every Monday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

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Every Tuesday

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

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

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, 7pm
UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

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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

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GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18 Info: 391-1950; dknoxsae@qwest.net.

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING, 7PM,
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HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

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1st Saturday

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

SINGLE LESBIANS, Social and Networking Group, generally meets first Saturdays at 7PM, Call 614-6145 for information

2nd Thursday

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

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER
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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,
MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

3rd Thursday

**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

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Roman Catholic Church Plans Unprecedented Voter Drive

by Michael J. Meade

365Gay.com Newscenter
Boston Bureau

(Boston, Massachusetts) The Roman Catholic Church has begun a massive statewide drive to register voters in hopes of defeating Massachusetts lawmakers who support gay marriage. The Massachusetts Catholic Conference said there are tens of thousands of people who have never before registered to vote and they are "a formidable force".

It is the first time the Church has launched such a drive and comes just days before the legislature is to once more take up the issue of amending the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage. The voter drive was announced in The Pilot, the official newspaper of the Boston Archdiocese and is being regarded by some lawmakers as an open challenge and a blurring of the separation of church and state. The church says it isn't threatening anyone with anything except "Christian ethics".

The official position of the church is to oppose gay marriage and civil unions. It is already on record saying it regards civil unions as marriage by another name. About 67 percent of the Legislature is Catholic. "Legislators who decide to vote to harm the institution of marriage -- either by allowing same-sex marriage to stand unchallenged or by creating civil unions -- will feel a backlash in November," The Pilot said in an editorial this week.

The drive will be made through parishes, said Dan Avila, associate director for policy and research at the Catholic Conference, in hope of reaching the recent immigrants who attend in large numbers and young parishioners who may not yet have registered to vote.

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FLIXX	1019 S. 10th St	408-1020
GILLIGAN'S PUB	1407 Harney	449-9147
JOY	1516 Jones,	341-7337
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LINCOLN BARS

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RAINBOW OUTREACH 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

Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers, 2nd Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm

Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed

GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2549 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources
Heartland Gay Rodeo Association
Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org

Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm

LinOma Bares, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626

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

Men's Support Group-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Service 7pm

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com

Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

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

Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanegay-

pride@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, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info: info@rainbowcelebrations.org

Nebraska Pride Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride@rainbowcelebrations.org
National Coming Out Day
P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108
NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org

Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPo-lo@aol.com

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

Women's Support Group, Saturday 10am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.

Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health

Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (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, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.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 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 483-5592
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth

1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>
TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.com/>

Iowa Based

Iowa Equality, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

"Churches typically serve the most underrepresented populations in terms of the rate of voter registration," Avila said. "Parishes are among the few institutions that can reach groups that are notably under-registered, racial and ethnic minorities, new citizens, youth."

The voter drive is being closely watched by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and if it is successful similar drives could be mounted in other states.

Meanwhile, May 17, the day when town clerks in Massachusetts must begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples is quickly approaching.

Today the state Department of Public Health told town and city clerks they'll undergo training in early May on issuing marriage licenses.

The new licenses must be gender neutral and issues such as dealing with out of state couples must be decided. An old Massachusetts law allows clerks to refuse licenses to people who are not residents.

Governor Mitt Romney has said he may ask the court for a delay. His spokesperson calls the clerks' training "premature."



National Day of Silence

The Hastings College Alliance will join nearly 2000 other K-12 schools and colleges in observance of the Day of Silence Wednesday, April 21. Members of the Alliance will host a booth at Hazelrigg Student Union from 11-1P Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 19, 20, and 21 to explain the



day, and to encourage students, faculty and staff to participate either by wearing rainbow and white ribbons and remaining silent, or by wearing rainbow and black ribbons in support of the day, but will not be able to remain silent because of obligations, etc. The weekly chapel service on Wednesday, April 21, at 10 AM, in the chapel, will center around the issue, and the day will end with a "Breaking the Silence" vigil in the college chapel at 7 PM.

Please see www.dayofsilence.org for further information about the event.

Are You Listed?

If your group or organization is not listed on the Resources Page, or if the information listed is out of date, please send us an email at news@rocc.org so we can include you or update your information.



Tim Reeder
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 timreeder@cox.net



VOTER REGISTRATION FORUM



Please join us for this special event to promote increased voter registration in Nebraska, especially among our minority youth!

Because a government "for the people and by the people" should include YOU!

**Date: Thursday, April 22nd
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

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Bellevue, NE 68005
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For more information, please contact Andrea Bloomquist at (402) 682-4040 bloomquist@bellevue.edu

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(Across from Miller Park)

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www.standrewsomaha.org

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402-342-7010
www.trinityepiscopal.org

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Omaha Episcopal GLBT Fellowship meets at St. Andrew's every Sunday from 6-7 PM

I Have Been Waiting Patiently.....

I have been staring with great anticipation out the window of my flat here in the heart of San Francisco, sighing heavily, waiting for the riots and the plagues and the screaming monkeys and the blistering rain of inescapable hellfire. I have my camera all ready and everything. There has been nothing. I see only some lovely trees and a stunning blue sky and my neighbor walking by with her pair of matching chow chows as a pained-looking woman struggles to parallel park her SUV. Same old, same old.

And this is San Francisco, gay-marriage HQ, Sodom-and-Gomorrhahville, debauchery central. We are supposed to be careening off the nice, safe road of social acceptability right now, welcoming chaos, exploding into a fiery hellmist of our own sick godless depravity and dropping off the disgusted planet any minute now.

Where is my raging apocalypse? This is what I want to know. Where is the social meltdown? The moral depravity? I was promised an apocalypse, dammit. What am I supposed to do with all these tubs of margarine and confetti and kazoos? There have been more than 4,000 gay-marriage ceremonies in San Francisco so far. Hundreds more are just now kicking up a storm in Oregon and in beautifully rebellious little burgs around New York state. And, yet, nothing. No chaos. No reign of terror. Not even a lousy heat wave. Sigh.

Some homosexual couples have been married for more than three weeks now, living in utter godless sin as they drive their cars and shop and laugh and cry and go to work and pay their taxes and wonder about their dreams. Lightning has not struck them dead. The Hellmouth has not opened wide its gaping maw, hankering for some of the City's trademark Sourdough o' Sin. I am dumb-founded.

After all, gay marriage is supposed to ruin the nation, is it not? Induce actual rioting and civil unrest and shirtless anarchy as millions of stupefied citizens pray to a bloody pulverized Mel Gibson-y Jesus for redemption, as they suddenly begin questioning whether ogling the Pottery Barn catalog for more than 10 minutes might mean they're gay.

"It's anarchy," some guy named Rick Forcier, of the Washington state chapter of the Christian Coalition, actually whined. "We seem to have lost the rule of law. It's very frightening when every community decides what laws they will obey." Why, yes, Rick. It's total anarchy. Just look at all the screaming and the bloodshed and the gunfire. Run and hide, Rick. The gay people in love are coming. And they've got tattoos and funny haircuts and want to get married and celebrate their love and be left alone. Hide the children. This was -- and still is -- very much the right-wing sentiment.

It was almost a guarantee: Same-sex marriage spelled the instantaneous end of all that is good and righteous and edible. Insurrection was imminent, apocalypse nigh. You could see it in their eyes -- they could hardly wait. Hell, even Governor Arnie went on "Meet the Press" recently and proclaimed, semi coherently, that he was actually worried about the riots and deadly mayhem should S.F. continue with its brazen lawlessness. And look. Nothing. Not a peep. Not a single rabid spitting demon to be seen. Unless you count Lynne Cheney. Which you never, ever should.

I believe I have been misled. I was told repeatedly in extra-glowing terminology by multiple raging Bible-quoting drones that The Good Book expressly forbids gay marriage and gay sex, and to engage in either spells imminent doom and instant social bedlam and there are specific verses all about it. Is this true? Are there actual verses decrying gay marriage? Are they anything like those other Biblical verses, about the rules and regulations surrounding marriage that are making the rounds on the Net right now? Real verses. Actual verses. Verses o' sanctimonious fun. Have you seen them?

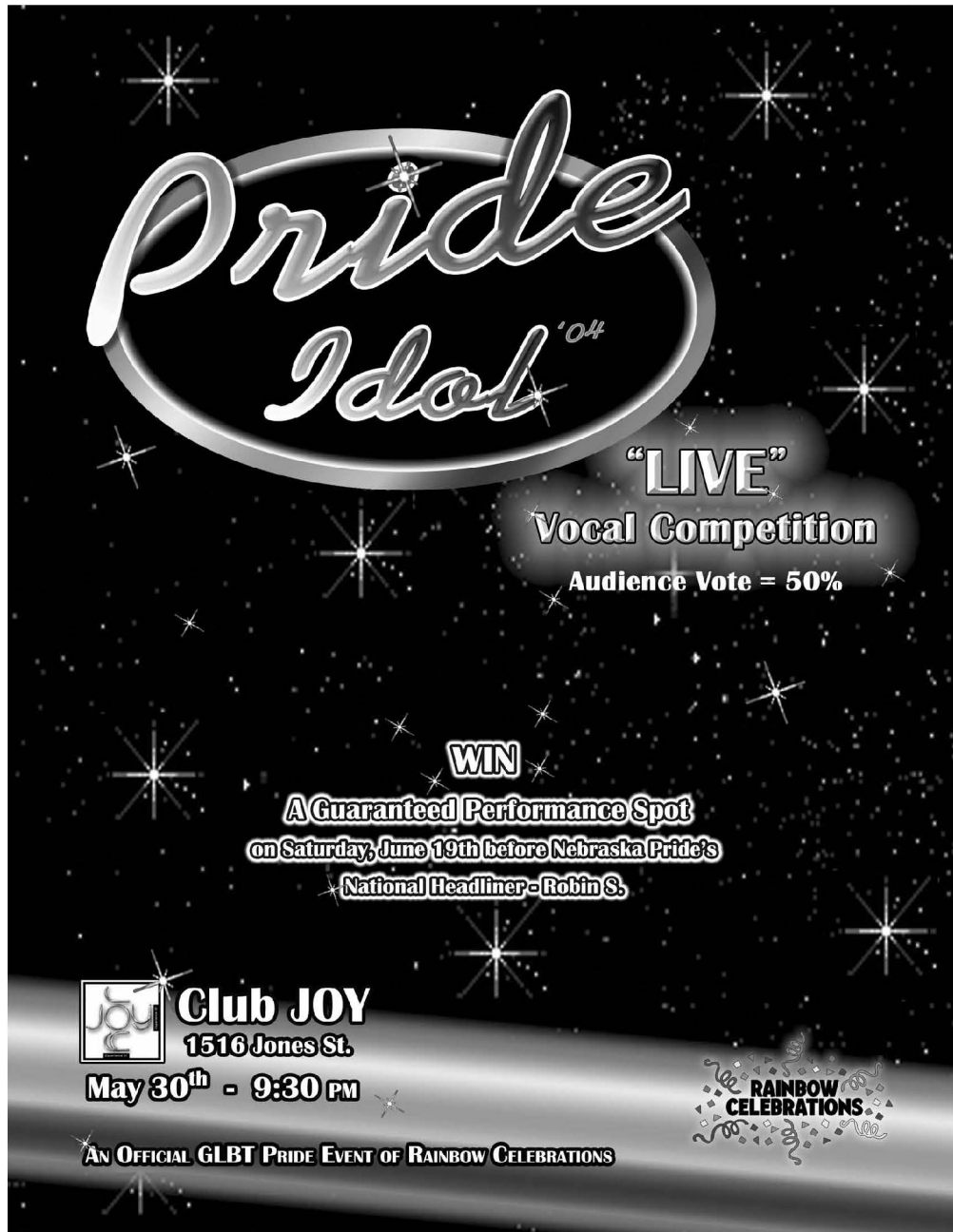
Like this: "Marriage shall not impede a man's right to take multiple concubines in addition to his wife or wives." (II Sam 5:13; I Kings 11:3; II Chron 11:21).

Or maybe: "A marriage shall be considered valid only if the wife is a virgin. If the wife is not a virgin, she shall be stoned to death." (Deut 22:13-21) Isn't that cute? Isn't quoting Bible verse fun? Ask your local pastor about that one.

Or how about: "If a married man dies without children, his brother shall marry the widow. If he refuses to marry his brother's widow or deliberately does not give her children, he shall pay a fine of one shoe and be otherwise punished in a manner to be determined by law." (Gen. 38:6-10; Deut 25:5-10). Hey, it's right there, in the Bible. So it must be true.

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Is it worth showing those verses to the happily sanctimonious and sneering Christian homophobes who are protesting outside S.F. City Hall right now, telling the gay couples what depraved hell-bound sinners they all are? Nah. Why spoil their whiny apocalyptic wet dreams? Live and let live, I always say.

(Oh, and while we're at it, God also really hates shrimp. Maybe you didn't know. Shrimp are evil, as are all shrimp eaters. Clams, too. Hey, it's in the Bible. You can look it up. Why the Right is attacking homosexuals in love and not, say, Red Lobster, remains a mystery.)

So, here we are. Approaching a full month after the first of San Francisco's marriage ceremonies, and nothing. The universe is smiling madly. The world is shrugging. Anonymous supporters from all over the nation have sent flowers to hundreds of loving gay and lesbian couples. As of this writing, there is no scathing hellfire. No fanged demons of destruction (Lynne Cheney excepted). No meltdown whatsoever. I would know, right? I mean, wouldn't the power go out, or something?

Maybe it's still to come. Maybe total screaming misery and unspeakable sociocultural collapse coupled with wanton bestiality and incest and the giving away of free anal beads to innocent teenagers takes more than a month. Maybe I'm just a little impatient.

Maybe Satan is taking his sweet time to marshal his leather-clad armies, watching as other U.S. cities get in on the gay-marriage act, listening as mayors and governors all chime in their support and say what's the big deal. Maybe Beelzebub is waiting for a big moment so as to really leverage the coming news flash, the special report, the sudden activation of the Emergency Broadcast System. Something like:

"This just in: Earthquakes rocked the globe today as giant fire-breathing bees of death swarmed the countryside, feasting on fat white heterosexual babies mostly from Texas and Colorado Springs and Utah and Idaho, as the institution of hetero marriage careened around the mad vortex of space-time like a savage drunken pinball high on black-tar heroin, just like the Christian Right predicted.

"Horrors bled into the streets, terrorists were spawned by the thousand, presidents openly lied so as to lead a nation into bloody violent unwinnable wars, thousands of Catholic priests sexually molested tens of thousands of children over a 50-year period without the slightest punishment, the environment teetered on the brink due to heartless government rollbacks as air quality and water quality and food sources were ravaged in the name of corporate profiteering, the economy crumbled like Jenna Bush after her 10th beer bong as hate and fear and bogus Orange Alerts ruled the land."

Oh wait. That was all before the gay-marriage thing. My mistake.

Mark Morford, SF Gate Columnist

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Opinions From the Internet

Government Should Not Force Religion Onto Others

Amy DeLozier wrote, "a group of people should never be allowed to impose its views on the rest of society." Question for Amy: Isn't that what the religious right is trying to do with this Constitutional amendment?

I don't think groups should use the police power of government to force their religious and morale beliefs on the rest of society. The same Bible you quote contains loving stories of polygamy. Why not legalize it? What would it do to your marriage?

Are you frightened your husband might leave you to marry another man if it were legal to do so? What would you like to see done with gay and lesbian couples? Jesus never said one thing about homosexuals, but he did mention divorce.

He said that a man who divorces his wife and marries another person is committing adultery.

This amendment is NOT about farm animals and children. It is about two adults in love who deserve to be treated equally under the law. I don't know what is so difficult to understand about this. Keep the Bible out of government.

Billy Slocumb
Hapeville

PASS THE DOOBIE

In response to Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's contention that since illegal aliens are already here we may as well just accept the fact and give 'em driver's licenses, one News & Views reader wrote: "When is Florida going to legalize marijuana? People are going to smoke it anyway so officials should just accept that fact, just like the illegal (alien) situation." Good point.



Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.
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DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quix, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Joy, 1516 Jones Street
Liquid Courage Custom Tattoo, 2936 South 84th Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth
Stage Right Coffee and Tea House, 16th and Harney
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street

Iowa:

Adult Emporium, Council Bluffs & Glenwood
Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA

Internet Tidbits

Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?

OK... so if the Jacksonville Jaguars are known as the "Jags" and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are known as the "Bucs," what does that make the Tennessee Titans?



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