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A new group is about to begin regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth Street, starting Saturday, January 21st, from 7 until 11PM. 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!



Gay is Golden in Hollywood



By Chris Ayres of The Times, in Los Angeles

The Golden Globes Awards managed to be both gay and British last night, with three homosexual-themed movies collecting gongs and two UK actors, Hugh Laurie and Rachel Weisz, winning their respective categories.

Brokeback Mountain, a controversial film about the forbidden love between two cowboys, was the overwhelming winner of the night, collecting awards for best dramatic picture, best director (Ang Lee), and best screenplay (Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana).

The choice is unlikely to endear the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), which hands out the awards, to the American heartland. The HFPA is comprised of about 90 journalists for non-American publications, although many members are part-time and write for relatively obscure media outlets. Membership of the HFPA is notoriously selective, with many large overseas publications, including The Times, excluded.

Other winners in films with a gay theme included Philip Seymour Hoffman (best dramatic actor), for his well-received portrayal of the homosexual writer Truman Capote in Capote; and Felicity Huffman (best dramatic actress), who starred in Transamerica as a man who undergoes a sex change operation.

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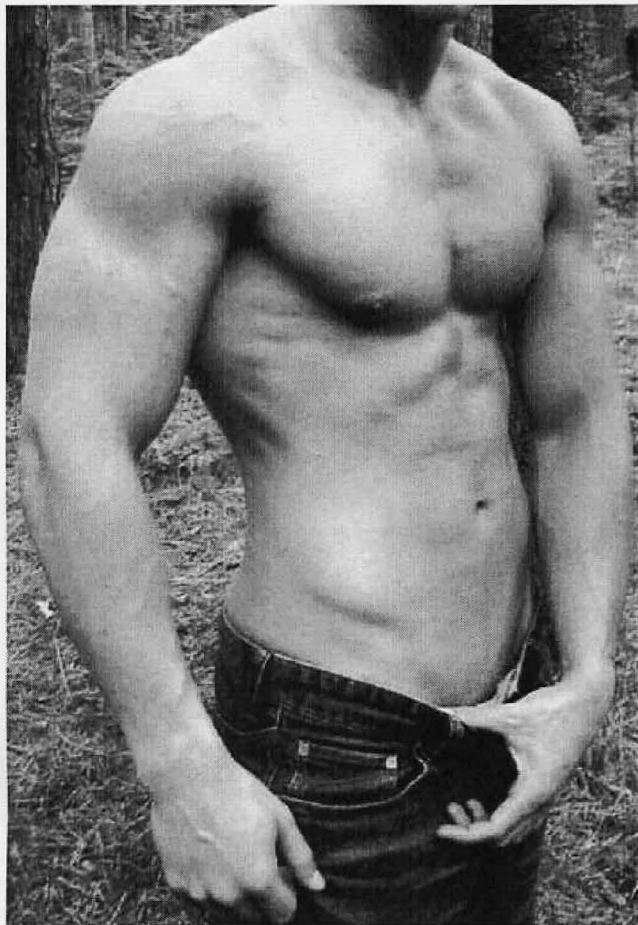
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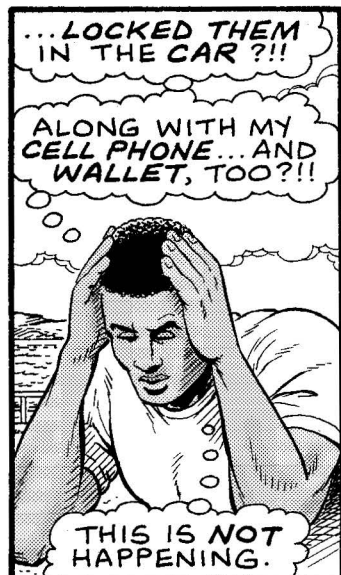
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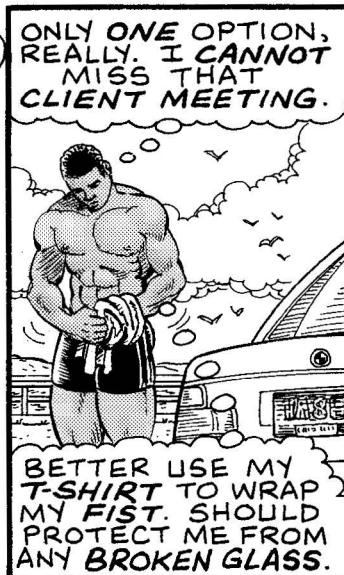
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TO BE CONTINUED!



“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.

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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.

“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.

Hahne 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 debt 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 ‘like-minded’ about what I do for the Omaha gay and lesbian community!” Mindy says.

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

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

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

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

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Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson

Huffman was widely praised for her performance as a pre-operative male transsexual on a road trip with a bisexual prostitute who doesn't know he's her son. The actress, married to William H. Macy, is better known for playing Lynette in *Desperate Housewives*, which was last night named the best TV series, musical or comedy.

It was a relatively good night for British talent, in particular Hugh Laurie, 47, who managed to erase all traces of his English accent to play Gregory House, a misanthropic doctor, in the darkly humorous medical drama *House, M.D.* The show became a huge critical and commercial hit last year, turning Mr Laurie into one of America's best-known actors. Many Americans are surprised when they find out he is British.

Laurie won the Golden Globe for best actor in a TV drama, beating Kiefer Sutherland (24), Matthew Fox (*Lost*), Patrick Dempsey (*Grey's Anatomy*) and Wentworth Miller (*Prison Break*).

“I made a list of all the people who deserve to be thanked. It came to 172 names,” Laurie told the press on the red carpet outside the Beverly Hilton Hotel, where the ceremony was held. “I wrote the names, put them in my left hand trouser pocket. I'm going to draw out three and thank them, the rest can lump it.” In the end, Laurie thanked the show's script supervisor, hair stylist and his agent.

The other UK winner of the night was Rachel Weisz, 35, who collected the gong for best supporting dramatic actress *The Constant Gardener*, a Fernando Meirelles-directed thriller adapted from the bestselling novel by John le Carré. Her rivals included Scarlett Johansson (*Match Point*), Shirley MacLaine (*In Her Shoes*), Frances McDormand (*North Country*) and Michelle Williams (*Brokeback Mountain*). Weisz previously starred in *About a Boy*, alongside Hugh Grant.

Disappointment for the UK came when Polly Walker, 40, a former member of the Royal Shakespeare Company who starred in the BBC/HBO joint venture *Rome*, lost the best actress in a TV drama award to Geena Davis, who played a female American president in *Commander in Chief*. Davis, best known for her role in the road trip movie *Thelma & Louise*, said: “I want to let the Hollywood Foreign Press know I'm delighted. This is wonderful for a fledgling little show like ours. As I was coming in, I felt a tug at my skirt, and there was a little girl of eight or ten in her first party dress. She said, ‘Because of you I want to be president one day’.

“Well, that didn't actually happen. But it could have. It very well could have. If I was in the farmlands in Nebraska or somewhere, there could have been a little girl. Were that the case, then all of this would be worth it.”

Meanwhile, Reese Witherspoon's performance as June Carter in *Walk the Line* – a biopic about the late country icon Johnny Cash and his redemptive love for Carter – snatched the best actress in a comedy or musical award from Keira Knightley, 21, who was nominated for her role as Elizabeth Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice*. “This film is very important because it's about where I grew up, and the music I grew up listening to,” Witherspoon said.

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Miss Susan Advises Judge Freud

The following is an adaptation from Miss Susan's Etiquette Tips for the Socially Conscious Judge: A Guide to Honorable Conduct Toward Gays and Lesbians in the Courtroom, originally published in the St. Louis University Public Law Review in the Spring of 2005. The entire article is being published in the Gayzette in serial form by special arrangement with the law firm of Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O.

Dear Miss Susan,

I have this recurring nightmare that one day I will preside over a medical malpractice case where the entire jury is composed of gays and lesbians and transvestites. In my dream, I can't tell which jurors are the gays, which are the lesbians, and which are the transvestites. (They all cross their legs exactly the same way.) My therapist tells me that my dreams are caused by a repressed oedipal complex from my childhood. He encouraged me to circulate a memorandum among the prosecutors in my jurisdiction suggesting that preemptory challenges should be used to prevent all gays, lesbians, and transvestites from serving on juries. Although I was mostly motivated by my desire to make peace with my inner child, I also think that eliminating undesirable elements from juries will be a great contribution to my community. Don't you think so, too?

Love,
Judge Freud

Dear Judge Freud,

I wish you well on your journey of self-discovery! I wish more judges and attorneys could recognize when they need psychological counseling and seek assistance. I would, however, caution you on taking legal counsel from your therapist. While a therapist may be able to identify psychologically healing actions, those actions may not always comport with your judicial duties.

I would first direct your attention to the Model Code of Judicial Conduct. Paragraph B(5) of Canon 3 provides that "a judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct manifest bias or prejudice . . . based upon . . . sexual orientation." I suspect that your memorandum could be perceived as conduct that is prejudicial towards gays and lesbians. Thus, your memorandum could provoke an ethics investigation.

Your memorandum also reminds me of *People v. Garcia*, a relatively recent case from California. In *Garcia*, the trial judge, over the defense's objection, allowed the prosecutor to dismiss two known lesbians during jury voir dire. (Voir dire is when the lawyers question potential jurors to determine their biases.) The potential jurors in *Garcia* were questioned about their sexual orientation because they were both employed by a gay and lesbian foundation. *Garcia* was a run-of-the-mill burglary case which did not otherwise involve issues related to sexual orientation. Nonetheless, the defendant challenged his conviction based on the exclusion of gays and lesbians from the jury.

The California Court of Appeal began by analyzing United States Supreme Court cases barring racial and gender discrimi-

nation in jury selection. From these cases, the Garcia court determined that that juries must be representative of the community and that "cognizable groups" within the community may not be systematically excluded from jury service. A "cognizable group" is one whose members share a common perspective which is caused by membership in the group. (A common perspective refers to something akin to common experiences—it does not mean that all members of the group share the same opinion.) Exclusion based on group membership is impermissible because the practice relies on stereotypes to determine whether a juror is competent or impartial. Excluding cognizable groups from juries also reduces the fact-finding potential of the jury. The United States Supreme Court once observed that "when any large and identifiable segment of the community is excluded from jury service, the effect is to remove from the jury room qualities of human nature and varieties of human experience, the range of which is unknown and perhaps unknowable."

The court found that gays and lesbians were a cognizable group because they "share the common perspective of having spent their lives in a sexual minority, either exposed to or fearful of persecution and discrimination." Since the community was "entitled to have that perspective represented in the jury" room, the court held that gays and lesbians cannot be excluded from jury service solely because of their sexual orientation. In an effort to better guard the jury room against discrimination, the court directed that potential jurors should not be questioned about their sexual orientation.

At this time, California is the only state to protect gays and lesbians in jury voir dire. However, even if you do not live in California, the Garcia case demonstrates that restricting gay and lesbian participation in the judicial process may not benefit your community. If your intention in sending the memorandum was to make a positive contribution, perhaps you should pause and reconsider. Maybe your therapist could recommend another method of getting in touch with your inner child—one that won't violate judicial ethics rules.

Very truly yours,
Miss Susan

Miss Susan is a fictional advice columnist created by Bradley Z. Haumont and Susan Ann Koenig, two attorneys at Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O. based in Omaha, Nebraska. Please don't confuse Miss Susan with either of the authors. She is really much taller and much funnier than either of us.

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Fahey Recognizes the Importance of Tolerance Towards the GLBT Community

By Robert Gittins

On January 11, 2006, Mayor Mike Fahey presented the State of the City Address at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, outlining accomplishments over the last few years of his service. Looking towards the future, Fahey asked "What should our city look like four years from now, ten years from now, even fifty years from now?"

Fahey spoke of four ideas that were detrimental to the development to the City of Omaha. Twice Fahey mentioned the GLBT community, stating that the importance of diversity and tolerance is a priority of the city.

Fahey stated that, "The great city of the future will be a place where people of all races, religions, and sexual orientations are comfortable and welcome." Fahey mentioned, in order to maintain and attract creative-minded people, the city needs to be diverse, tolerant and have a large variety of cultural offerings.

Fahey referenced Richard Florida, a leading professor of Regional Economic Development at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Florida is renowned for his writings and speeches on how cities and corporations will benefit by promoting an open, tolerant and diverse cultural atmosphere.

Fahey promised he "will continue working to insure that Omaha is the kind of place that judges people on their merits and welcomes smart, talented achievers, regardless of their ethnic background or sexual orientation."

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Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
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Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,
1719 Leavenworth St.

Lincoln:

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

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SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST AND SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND
A WINTER WONDERLAND, presented by the River City Mixed Chorus at the First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. at 7:05pm. Call 341-7464 for tickets or online at www.rcmc.org

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST
SOCIAL FOR SENIORS 50+, 7 TO 11PM at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth. Call 341-0330 for more information on their first meeting ever

THURSDAY JANUARY 26TH
MIDWEST BEST READING SERIES, at The Reading Grounds, 40th and Farnam, 7PM, for info call 502-2008, sponsored by UNO, featuring Jenna Lucas, free, www.readinggrounds.com

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD
MIDWEST BEST READING SERIES, David Phillip Mullins will be the guest of UNO's creative writing workshop. 7PM at the Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam St., Call 502-2008 for details or check online at www.readinggrounds.com (free event)

SATURDAY MAY 13TH
GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE WALK, Raise money for the Center and for your favorite qualifying group. Details will follow in later issues of the Gayzette.

SATURDAY JUNE 17TH AND SUNDAY JUNE 18TH
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DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 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

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

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, 9am and 11am services

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM
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HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

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Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

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HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

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

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday
GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 5PM to 7PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 3-4:30pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONYMOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Joe at 932-8066 or Tony at 933-1318

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

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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 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

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMITTEE, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

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

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,
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

CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1pm to 2PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE, 2pm to 3PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

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

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Monthly Beer Bust, 9pm, DC's Saloon

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

LAST Sunday

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

Email Your Event to:
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A Guy is Walking....

.....along the strip in Las Vegas and a knockout-looking hooker catches his eye. He strikes up a conversation and eventually asks the hooker, "How much do you charge?"

Hooker replies, "It starts at \$500 for a hand-job."

Guy says, "\$500 dollars! For a hand-job! No hand-job is worth that kind of money!"

The hooker says, "Do you see that Denny's on the corner?"

Yes."

Do you see the Denny's about a block further down?"

"Yes."

"And beyond that, do you see that

third Denny's?"

"Yes."

"Well," says the hooker, smiling invitingly, "I own those. And, I own them because I give a hand-job that's worth \$500."

Guy says, "What the hell? You only live once! I'll give it a try."

They retire to a nearby motel. A short time later, the guy is sitting on the bed realizing that he just experienced the hand-job of a lifetime, worth every bit of \$500.

He is so amazed, he says, "I suppose a blow-job is \$1,000?"

The hooker replies, "\$1,500."

"I wouldn't pay that for a blow-job!"

The hooker replies, "Step over here to the window, big boy. Do you see that casino just across the street? I own that casino outright. And I own it cause I give a blow-job that's worth every cent of \$1,500."

The guy, basking in the afterglow of that terrific hand-job, decides to put off the new car for another year or so, and says, "Sign me up."

Ten minutes later, he is sitting on the bed more amazed than before. He can scarcely believe it but he feels he truly got his money's worth. He decides to dip into the retirement savings for one glorious and unforgettable experience.

He asks the hooker, "How much for some pussy?"

The hooker says, "Come over here to the window, I want to show you something. Do you see how the whole city of Las Vegas is laid out before us, all those beautiful lights, gambling palaces, and showplaces?"

"Damn!" the guy says, in awe, "You own the whole city?"

"No," the hooker replies, "but I would if I had a pussy."

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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

Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers group

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

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

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association
Box 3354, Omaha 68103

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

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

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

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 4th Fri Gilligan's 7pm

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

Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

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

Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohana-group@msn.com

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

Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://ONGP.com>; email to: omahanebrgaypride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamer, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

Rainbow Celebrations, Box 241733, Omaha, 68124, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

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

River City Gender Alliance, 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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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 Questioning Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center

(sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000

Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com

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

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

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

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE, Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: 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 **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>

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

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EQUALITY IOWA LOBBY DAY

Wednesday February 1, 2006 at Iowa State Capitol

SCHEDULE

8:30 to 10:30am Registration & Training at the Wallace Building
11am Lobby at the Capitol 2pm Ice Cream 4pm Post-lobbying social gathering at Ritual Cafe (on 13 St. Between Grand & Locust, 288-4872)

Please pre-register, see our contact info below.

WHAT IS LOBBY DAY?

The day to really Lobby the Legislators on LGBT issues! Thank you for your time! Please spread this message as widely as possible to everyone you know in Iowa and make plans now to participate in Equality Iowa Lobby Day at the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines on Wednesday, February 1, 2006.

Why Equality Iowa Lobby Day is important...

Are you tired of politicians distorting who you are as an LGBT person, and making decisions at the Statehouse that affect your life, but don't know anything about you and your reality? Are you willing to take a few hours to stand up for yourself and other LGBT people in Iowa? Are you thinking that, "Why bother; my legislator is reliable on LGBT issues?"

Come to Lobby Day, sponsored by Equality Iowa! Lobby Day for the 2006 legislative session will be February 1 at the Statehouse. We will meet at the Wallace Building, across the street from the Capitol, at 8:30 am, for training on how to lobby. Then over to the Capitol at 11 am, to talk to legislators.

Equality Iowa is establishing itself as the organization in Iowa to educate all Iowans about LGBT issues, identify LGBT-supportive groups in Iowa, and build a more supportive environment in this state on LGBT civil rights, marriage equality, and lesbian and gay families.

Equality Iowa is a statewide grassroots non-partisan organization, favoring no political party, but which spends part of its time and resources educating legislators from all parties. And we need your help!

So plan on coming to speak to your legislator! We will train you on how to do this (and it's really not that hard, you know your own situation!).

Even if you think your legislator is reliable on our issues, we still need you there on Lobby Day. Please consider talking to the legislator from your hometown, if you now live in a more LGBT-positive area of our state.

Because when we finally pass legislation in the State of Iowa that:

--grants protections to all Iowans from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity --grants protection to gay, lesbian and transgendered students in Iowa schools from harassment and violence, and --makes marriage equality a reality,

...don't you want to know the satisfaction of having helped bring that about?

Pre-registration at info@equalityiowa.org or call us.

For more information:

<http://www.equalityiowa.org>

Equality Iowa
PO Box 286
Carlisle, IA 50047
515-537-3126

info@equalityiowa.org

IOWA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LGBT YOUTH

To enhance public understanding about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students, Governor Vilsack and Lt. Governor Pederson have joined the GLBT Youth in Iowa Schools Task Force to present the Governor's Conference on LGBT Youth on February 21, 2006, at Drake University (Olmsted Center) in Des Moines. The conference is the first of its kind in the state of Iowa and is designed to explore multiple aspects affecting the safety and well-being of LGBT students in schools and communities throughout Iowa.

The conference is \$35 (before 2/1/06) for adults and \$25 for students. See the conference brochure and registration form at www.iowaequality.org for more information about the conference [editor note: free web access is available at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center]. If you have questions, please contact Brad Clark at brad.clark@iowasafeschools.org or 515-243-1221.

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Conference Keynote Speakers:

Judy Shepard, Executive Director, Matthew Shepard Foundation
 Kevin Jennings, Executive Director, GLSEN
 James Howe, Author, The Misfits

Conference Co-Sponsors:

- Iowa Association of School Boards
- Iowa Department of Education
- Iowa Department of Public Health
- Iowa State Education Association
- School Administrators of Iowa
- Iowa Pride Network
- Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus
- First Friday Breakfast Club
- Friends of Iowa Civil Rights, Inc.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network
- Interfaith Alliance of Iowa
- LGBT Community Center of Central Iowa
- Log Cabin Republicans
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa
- Waitt Family Foundation Youth & Shelter Services, Inc.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone who is interested in the safety and well-being of LGBT students should attend this conference. Specifically, the conference will be beneficial to:

- * Teachers
- * Counselors
- * Administrators
- * Social Workers
- * Parents
- * Students
- * Police Resource Officers
- * Healthcare Professionals
- * Social Service Workers

MORE INFO: Contact Brad Clark, Project Director...

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- 2 Heterosexual marriages are valid because they produce children. Infertile couples and old people cannot get legally married because the world needs more children.
- 3 Obviously gay parents will raise gay children because straight parents only raise straight children.
- 4 Straight marriage will be less meaningful, since Britney Spears's 55-hour just-for-fun marriage was meaningful.
- 5 Heterosexual marriage has been around for a long time, and it hasn't changed at all: women are property, Blacks can't marry Whites, and divorce is illegal.
- 6 Gay marriage should be decided by the people, not the courts, because the majority-elected legislatures, not courts, have historically protected the rights of minorities.
- 7 Gay marriage is not supported by religion. In a theocracy like ours, the values of the official state religion are always imposed on the entire country.
- 8 Gay marriage will encourage people to be gay, in the same way that hanging around tall people makes you tall.
- 9 Legalizing gay marriage will open the door to all kinds of crazy behavior. People may even wish to marry their pets because a dog has legal standing and can sign a marriage license.
- 10 Children can never succeed without both male and female role models at home. That's why single parents are forbidden to raise children.
- 11 Gay marriage will change the foundation of society. Heterosexual marriage has been around for a long time, and we could never adapt to new social norms because we haven't adapted to cars or longer lifespans.
- 12 Civil unions, providing most of the same benefits as marriage with a different name are better, because a "separate but equal" institution is always constitutional. Separate schools for African-Americans worked just as well as separate marriages will for gays & lesbians.



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Rep. Frank Predicts Massachusetts Marriage Fight

Andrew Miga, Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Massachusetts could face an "angry, divisive" fight if a proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage reaches the 2008 state ballot, Rep. Barney Frank says.

The congressman blamed backers of the initiative petition for trying to provoke a new fight despite a lack of controversy over same-sex marriage.

"Basically, they're the disturbers of the civic peace," the Democrat said in a wide-ranging Associated Press interview Thursday. "We now have social peace in Massachusetts. They're the ones who want to stir it up ... This is a non-issue in Massachusetts."

The Massachusetts Family Institute said the 124,000 certified signatures it gathered for the petition, nearly double the number required, was a sign of strong public support for outlawing same-sex marriage.

"All they want is an opportunity to vote on the definition of marriage," said the group's president, Kris Mineau. "Now that the people have spoken, the good congressman has decided this is a divisive issue."

Before the amendment can be placed on the state ballot, it must be approved by at least 50 lawmakers during two separate sessions of the Legislature.

"I think by 2008, people will say, 'Do we really need to have an angry, divisive debate over a non-issue,'" Frank said. "The question for the 50 legislators is: Do they want to make this a front-page issue again, leading the TV news?"

Amendment supporters want to overturn a 2003 Supreme Judicial Court ruling that said denying marriage licenses to gays was unconstitutional. State-approved same-sex marriages began May 17, 2004.

Relaxing in his Capitol Hill office and wearing a dark blue polo shirt during the congressional holiday break, Frank, 65, also spoke about his personal and political future.

He said he plans to retire from Congress before his health starts to fail him. He wants to avoid becoming a public spectacle.

"I'm not going to get old in public," he said. "I've seen some great men, literally great men, deteriorate in public view ... I don't think you should do that."

Once he leaves politics, Frank wants to write books about issues such as capitalism, the legislative process and democracy.

"One goal is to retire early enough to write some books,"

he said. "I wish I could write more fluidly than I do. I can still talk a lot more easily than I write."

The congressman, however, does not lack political ambition.

If Democrats recapture the House, he hopes to become chairman of either the Financial Services Committee or Judiciary Committee, two highly coveted posts.

"That's a dream come true," Frank said.

He would run for Senate if Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., campaigns for president again in 2008 and his seat is open. But there's a caveat: Frank would not run if Democrats win the House in 2006.

"Yes, I would run for the Senate," said Frank, who chided others for masking their own political ambitions. "I have a new rule for politicians: try to avoid saying something that no one will believe."

Frank and other members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation jockeyed for Kerry's seat during the 2004 presidential contest briefly when it appeared Kerry might win.

Kerry's 2008 White House prospects will depend on President Bush's popularity, he said.

"For John to win, people have to say, 'I was wrong to vote for Bush over him,'" Frank said. "That's a hard thing to do ... So by the middle of 2007, John's chances depend to a great extent on how Bush is perceived."

Frank mocked Gov. Mitt Romney, a prospective 2008 Republican presidential candidate, for shifting positions on issues like abortion.

"He's stopped saying 'evolved' because the people he's courting don't like evolution," Frank said. "His position on abortion has been intelligently redesigned."

Frank said Romney is targeting conservatives who dominate the Republican presidential primary process, trying to become the right-wing alternative to Arizona Sen. John McCain.

"Romney sees himself as having the best chance to be an alternative to McCain," Frank said. "He's moved way conservative. That's his strategy."

Frank said he was not bothered by Romney's frequent out-of-state trips to test the presidential primary waters.

"What hurts the state is his belittling of the state -- his caricaturing and stereotyping of the state," he said. "That's damaging."

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