

THE GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

SNAP! PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS OMAHA PREMIERE OF THE LARAMIE PROJECT BY MOISES KAUFMAN *and the members of Tectonic Theater Project*

Directed by Todd Brooks

Hailed by Time Magazine as one of the Top Ten Plays of the Year 2000, THE LARAMIE PROJECT is a thought provoking, critically acclaimed and emotionally riveting theatre experience of a small town at the epicenter of an incomprehensible crime. It has been called an OUR TOWN for the new millennium. New York Magazine hailed THE LARAMIE PROJECT as "Nothing short

of stunning!" In October 1998 a twenty-one-year-old student at the University of Wyoming was kidnapped, severely beaten and left to die, tied to a fence in the middle of the prairie outside Laramie, Wyoming. His bloody, bruised and battered body was not discovered until the next day, and he died several days later in an area hospital. His name was Matthew Shepard, and he was the victim of this assault because he was gay. Moisés Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project made six trips to Laramie over the course of a year and a half in the aftermath of the beating and during the trial of the two young men accused of killing Shepard. They conducted more than 200 interviews with the people of the town. Some people interviewed were directly connected to the case, and others were citizens of Laramie, and the breadth of their reactions to the crime is fascinating. Kaufman and Tectonic Theater members have constructed a deeply moving theatrical experience from these interviews and their own experiences. THE LARAMIE PROJECT is a breathtaking theatrical collage that explores the depths to which humanity can sink, and the heights of compassion of which we are also capable.

Director Todd Brooks comments, "Moises has written a play that weaves the attitudes and social consciousness of the residents of Laramie into a tapestry of the effects a tragedy can have on any community. He pulls out not only the black and white values, but every shade of gray in between. He makes us sit back and realize that this could happen anywhere and see ourselves in the residents of the city."

Norm Filbert, who plays Rev. Fred Phelps, comments on why he was attracted to this play. "I have always enjoyed working with SNAP/Shelterbelt and wanted to work with Todd. The subject material is tremendously important and this 'honest' story needs to be told as thoroughly and as widely as possible." When asked how he could justify playing an anti gay supporter, Mr. Filbert responds "The harder the character, the more fun it is for an actor to try to recreate him. I have absolutely NO empathy for Phelps, but am trying to find SOME redeeming quality about him. I think pure insanity is the key spine of the character for someone who apparently honestly believes in his own righteousness. I can't justify the character and I guess we'll ultimately see if I can justify if not glorify him for the audience."

The cast includes John Carlson, Rod Carlson, Derrick Crawford, Rose Daugherty, Tim Daugherty, Kerri Drake, Cody Enicke, Jerry Evert, Alex Fowler, Connie Fowler, Scott Fowler, Norm Filbert, Jennifer Gilg, Aaron Hardwick, Scott Jackman, Joy Jacob, Denny Maddux, Leon Martin, Jim Palmer, Michael Poyner, Jonathan Purcell, Barb Ross, Daena Schweiger, Christine Schwery, and Debbie Zadina. The production staff includes Todd Brooks (Director), Jan Reardon (Assistant Director), James Tobey (Audio/Visual Team Director), Ernie Gubbels (Lighting), Rhonda Hall (Props), Travis Halsey (Costumes), Liz Heim (Producer), and Tom Hinchey (Set Construction).

Performances will run August 29 - Sept. 22 Thursday through Saturday at 8:00pm, Sundays at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults (\$10 for Students and Seniors). For tickets, call the Box Office at 402-341-2757 or purchase tickets online at www.snapproductions.com.



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

"Blessing of the Animals" will take place at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 South 22 St, in the gardens on Sept. 7th at 10am. There will be a short service followed by blessing of all animals. All dogs, cats, rabbits, and other critters must be leashed, or otherwise restrained in an appropriate way! Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. This is open to anyone who would like to join. If it's impossible to bring your pet, we will bless them via picture, or simply by name if the owner comes alone.

MEMORIAL SERVICE Dr. Ted Ward

At 1pm on August 24th Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 South 22 Street will have a Memorial Service, and a Celebration of the Life of Dr. Ted Ward. A special "Dr. Ted Ward Fund" will be established as part of MCCO's accessibility campaign, and memorial donations in Ted's name will be accepted. Please help give tribute to a dear friend, and to honor his memory during this special service.

GSA "BACK to SCHOOL PEP RALLY"

All GSA members, sponsors and community leaders are welcome! Come and exchange ideas about NCOD and Gay and Lesbian History Month! Get a list of resources for the coming school year! Free food and free fun!!

September 14, 2002

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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Ad Deadlines: Friday, August 30 for Publication September 6 Friday, September 13 for Publication Sept. 20

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL OMAHA WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE!



OMAHA WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE is pleased to announce that Lucid Dream will be playing on the boat September 8, 2002. Lucid Dream is an all-girl high energy band out of Kansas City playing tunes from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's with

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All womyn are invited for an evening of music, womyn-spirit and cruising the Missouri River on the historic River City Star. (THE CRUISE IS ALOT OF FUN!!!!)

DATE: Sunday, September 8, 2002

TIME: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Boarding around 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Board at Freedom Park, Carter Lake, IA

It's been a sellout almost every year, so don't miss your chance! TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2002. If any tickets are still available after September 3rd, they will be sold at the boat. Remember to bring appropriate clothing since it is cooler on the river at night. Please pass on this invitation to all interested womyn you know. For further information call Tauni or Sheryl in Lincoln at 467-5737. Tickets are \$12.00. \$20 SERVICE CHARGE ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS.

Registration Form

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OF REGISTRATIONS

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ (\$12 EACH)

Make checks payable to: Omaha Womyn's Riverboat Cruise (OWRC) and send to 4949 North 73rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68507

NOTE: TICKETS AND DIRECTIONS WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK BEFORE THE CRUISE

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

"MEN ONLY UNDERWEAR PARTY", 9pm, THE MAX

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

"HATS OFF TO THE EMPRESS", DC's

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC, Vennelyst Pk

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

PET BLESSING SERVICE, Metropolitan Community Church, 819 S. 22 St, 10am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE 5:30pm
Freedom Prk, Carter Lake 402-467-5737

SAT. SEPTEMBER 14

GSA "BACK IN SCHOOL PEP RALLY"
1-2pm, Teachers Ad Bldg, 33 & Cuming

MON, SEP 23—WED, SEP 25

ANNIE WELTY, The MAX

SAT. NOV. 23

FLAT WATER BEARS' THANKSGIVING 5PM, MCC-O Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

NAP "NIGHT OF 1000 STARS"

FRJ-SUN, DEC. 6-8

FLAT WATER BEARS' CHRISTMAS,
Raccoon River Retreat, IA

SAT. JAN 18 & SUN. JAN 19

RCMC CONCERT "MUSIC OF MAKE BELIEVE" 7:05pm, 1st United Methodist

FEB. 14-16, 2003 ICE BOWL

SAT. JUNE 21 & SUN. JUNE 22

CHORUS PRIDE CONCERT 7:05pm,
UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, 11AM

1ST METH 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH 819 S. 22, 9am & 11am

HEARTLAND METHODIST at Union

Meth 27 & R, Omaha, 5pm; 682-9552.

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN,

1023 N. 40, Omaha 10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

3424 N. 90, Omaha. 9am. 11am

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK

Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

CABARET, Q, 226 S. 9th St., Lincoln

QUEER AS FOLK 9pm

The MAX, DC's, JOY

Every Monday

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

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

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GRP 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr,

Nebr Union, 12 & R, Lincoln, 472-9428

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

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

OMAHA WOMEN'S SUPPORT GRP,

ROC, 1719 Leavenworth, 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Treatment Ctr

2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island, Peggy

(308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

SAGE GOES OUT TO DINNER 6 pm,

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity

Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18

Info: 391-1950; dknoxsae@qwest.net.

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 9pm,

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM,

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3pm

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach

Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux

City, IA (712) 252-4272,

Q DREAM BOYZ, Q, 226 S. 9 Lincoln

Every Saturday

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 p.m.

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

KARAOKE 9pm, The Panic, Lincoln

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE Room

Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or
email: rcga@tgforum.com

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV+ MEN,

6-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

2nd Friday

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TEST UNL campus FFI: 476-0355. 1-3:30pm

SUDS RAPID HIV TESTING, (2 hour results)

5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone, 476-

0355. 1:30-3:30pm

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Rainbow Outreach

GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

2nd Sunday

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

Episcopal, 13 & "R" Lincoln

2nd Wednesday

"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR" 7pm Discussion

Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-0330

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday

PFLAG—OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Meth, Mead Hall

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA Board Mtg, 9:30-11:30 am

South High

3rd Sunday

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY 5-9pm, CLUB OLIS

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR MTG MCC-O,

819 S. 22nd St., 6:30pm

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN

6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, Mark Giesler

476-7000.

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 A St., Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TESTING Lighthouse, 2530 N,

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

4th Saturday

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone,

476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

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Questions? Call GLRC at 319-366-2055 or email katevarnum@yahoo.com or thyde@crglrc.org

Note: Adventureland is not affiliated with Gay Day

BARS

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- The Diamond, 342-9595**
712 S. 16th St., Omaha
- DC's Saloon, 344-3103**
610 S. 14th Street, Omaha
- Gilligan's Pub, 449-9147**
1407 Harney, Omaha
- JOY, 341-7337**
1516 Jones, Omaha
- The MAX, 346-4110**
1417 Jackson, Omaha
- Omaha Mining Co., 449-8703,**
1715 Leavenworth, Omaha
- Panic, 435-8764, 200 S. 18th, Lincoln**
- Q, 475-2269, 226 S. 9th St, Lincoln**

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Home room introductions 12:30-12:45
Session 1 – 1:00-2:00 Session 2 – 2:15-3:15
Break – 3:15-4:00 (meet/greet mixer & snacks)
Session 3 – 4:00-5:00 Session 4 – 5:15-6:15
"Finals" – 6:15-?? (Q/A with presenters and classmates)
Where: "The DB Warehouse and Complex" –
1915 Main St., Kansas City, MO
Admission: Free

Workshops currently planned:

1. S&M 101 – an introduction (Mistress Margarete)
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3. Scene Aftercare – finish scene the right way (Mistress Rose)
4. Leatherwear – choosing the right wear for the right message (Craig H. / Cindy S.)
5. Intermediate BDSM – taking it to the next level (Bob P.)
6. Bondage Techniques – for really 'hot' play (Bob P.)
7. Pinching and Abrasion <or> Punching and Spanking – "no pain – no gain" (Bob P.)
8. Bondage Basics – (presenter to be announced)
9. Watersports – (presenter to be announced)
10. Sensual play / Sensory deprivation – (presenter tba)
11. Dungeon preparation – (presenter to be announced)
12. Everything you didn't want to know but should – STD's and drugs – (presenters tba)

(KC LU reserves the right to alter the schedule and topics, subject to presenter availability)

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RELIGIOUS RIGHT RALLIES TO SUPPORT H.R. 2357 TO ALLOW LOCAL CHURCHES TO ENDORSE POLITICAL CANDIDATES, RAISE POLITICAL FUNDS!

In a stunning backroom political maneuver that could hand the Religious Right lobby their biggest win in years, Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC) reached an agreement with the House leadership to allow him to bring the misnamed "Houses of Worship Political Speech Protection Act," H.R. 2357, directly to the House floor for a vote. The vote is expected within days of the House returning from their August recess. Caving to the demands of the Religious Right, Jones and the GOP leadership, three of whom are sponsors of the bill, have chosen to bypass the committee process by scheduling the bill for a vote under suspension of the rules in early September.

Due to legal and ethical concerns, as well as widespread opposition to the bill from religious and faith-based organizations, the influential House Ways & Means Committee had held the Jones bill in limbo for nearly a year, refusing to schedule the bill for a committee vote. With 128 co-sponsors to date, the threat of the Jones bill receiving the required two-thirds vote of those present on the House floor is very real. Senators Bob Smith, Jesse Helms and Tim Hutchinson also recently introduced companion legislation in the Senate.

Crafted by attorneys from Pat Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice, H.R. 2357 would radically alter the tax code by allowing houses of worship to endorse political candidates, lobby for legislation, create political action committees (PACs) and funnel political donations to partisan political causes and candidates. Currently, houses of worship have an 'absolute prohibition' on partisan political activities. Despite the rhetoric surrounding this legislation, however, there is nothing in current law that prohibits houses of worship from speaking to issues of the day.

TIA (The Interfaith Alliance) supporters are urged to use our Interfaith Action Center to send an email to their member of Congress alerting them to the upcoming floor vote and asking them to stand up for religious liberty and the integrity of houses of worship by voting NO on H.R. 2357. Your action on this bill today is more important than ever. We also urge you to use the "Tell-a-Friend" option to spread this alert to as many allies as possible.

The Christian Coalition, Concerned Women for America and Coral Ridge Ministries are all working together to pass H. R. 2357. To date, they claim to have collected nearly 100,000 petitions in favor of the bill.

Your actions today could not be more important to the defense of religious liberty and the separation of church and state! To learn more about this issue, please visit:

<http://www.interfaithalliance.org/Initiatives/initiatives.htm>

For more information on H.R. 2357, please visit: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:h.r.02357>:

To locate your Congressperson, and for postal and e-mail addresses for members of the US Congress, visit:

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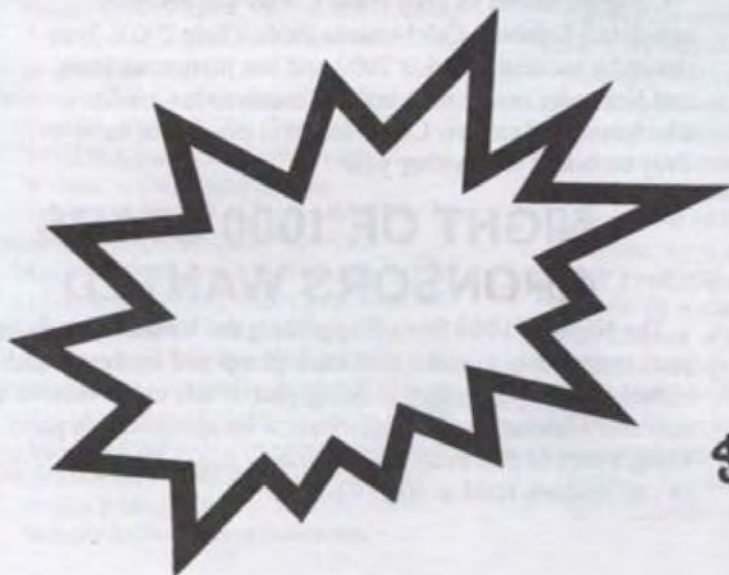
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BOYS & GIRLS TOWN LETTER CRITICIZES BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

This email was received by the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center.

I am an employee of Girls & Boys Town in Omaha, NE. This morning the following article appeared in the newest edition of the Boys Town newsletter. Many of us here are absolutely appalled by the homophobic and one-sided nature of this article. I am so mad I just had to write! You have my support. The author's name is withheld by the editor.

Homosexual 'Big Brothers'?

Published Date: August 15, 2002 *Following are excerpts from the copyrighted article.*

... Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) will require...all 500 of its local affiliates include active homosexuals as volunteers and mentors... Many parents who support Big Brothers Big Sisters may be surprised to learn their child could be paired with a gay or lesbian mentor. The national board of directors of BBBSA (at the urging of local agencies in New York and New Jersey) has determined...boys and girls should be paired with homosexual mentors. In light of the...sex scandal involving Catholic priests, the new policy of "inclusion" by Big Brothers Big Sisters appears reckless and irresponsible. Many of the priests charged with sexually abusing children...have admitted they are homosexuals. They used their position of authority to sexually violate those who trusted them.

BBBSA's decision to match fatherless boys, starving for male attention, with gay men is a recipe for disaster. ... A study in "Archives of Sexual Behavior" found homosexual men are attracted to young males... Gay researchers reported that 73 percent of gay men they surveyed had engaged in sex with boys 16 to 19 years of age or younger. ...A study of 229 convicted child molesters found that 86 percent of offenders who molested boys described themselves as homosexual or bisexual.

The nation's largest gay publisher, Alyson Publications... publishes books advocating man-boy sex: "The Radical Case," contains detailed information on how to engage in sexual relations with young boys, and "The Age Taboo," claims "Boys-lovers ... are not child molesters. The child abusers are ... parents who force their staid morality onto the young people in their custody."

Certainly not all homosexuals are pedophiles. BBBSA should heed the words of gay activist Michael Swift: We shall sodomize your sons...seduce them in your schools, your dormitories, your gymnasiums, your locker rooms, your sports arenas, your seminaries, your youth groups...your truck stops, your all-male clubs, your houses of Congress, wherever men are men together. Your sons will become our minions and do our bidding... They will come to crave and adore us.

...BBBSA has obviously decided that the "rights" of homosexuals are more important than the safety and well being of the children it serves. -- Bill Maier, Psy.D Psychologist in Residence at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The GLBT Resource Center encourages you to voice your support of BBBSA's non-discrimination policy to: national@bbbsa.org; your local BBBSA chapter; and 3) young@glad.org



Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center is totally volunteer operated. Join us in helping keep the Center open to the public from 9 am to 9 pm Monday thru Saturday.

**BE PART OF A WINNING TEAM!
PICK UP A VOLUNTEER
APPLICATION ANYTIME DURING
REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS,
OR CALL 341-0330 TO SIGN UP.**

*Retirees, we are open in the daytime. It's a perfect time to come by or to volunteer. We've got the coffee pot running, the TV is on in the background, and we have 700 books you can read and movies to watch and tables to play cards on. And there's always someone here to talk to...and new people stopping by all the time 9 am to 9 pm.

*Students, if you are over 18 you can we want you: to help answer the phones, work with window displays, help plan programming and help make decisions. Flexible schedules available. Pick up a volunteer application today!

*Performers, we are looking for volunteers to read their poetry, play their songs and be a part of the scene, coffeehouse style. This could be fun!

*For more information call the Volunteer Coordinator at 341-0330 or stop by the office anytime at 1719 Leavenworth Street in beautiful downtown Omaha!

RAINBOW CELEBRATIONS APPOINTS TROY HAASIS PRIDE 2003 CHAIR

Congratulations to Troy Haasis, who was recently appointed Rainbow Celebrations Pride Chair 2003! Troy chaired a successful Pride 2002 and has numerous Iowa and Nebraska community achievements to his credit. The board of Rainbow Celebrations is pleased to have Troy on board for another year

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS SPONSORS WANTED

The Night of 1000 Stars (Supporting the Nebraska Aids Project) team wants to make sure each group and interested individual who are interested in being part of this event receive the necessary invitation. For information on sponsoring a party or being a part of this event call Nebraska AIDS Project 552-9260 or call Rodney Rahl at 402 392-3142

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 <http://www.geocities.com/-cfep>
- 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, 596-2596 Website: <http://www.glsenomaha.org>
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association** Box 3354, Omaha 68103 800-561-6918
- 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 Meeting 3rd Mon, 819 S. 22
- Learning to Exchange Power**, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather Lifestyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** P.O. Box 8101, Omaha, NE 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Meet 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm
- LinOma Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68108 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
- Mpower**, c/o Nebr AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 www.mpower-nap.org. Men teaching men about HIV
- Men's Support Group-Omaha**, c/o MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 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, Wed Eve 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 the list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/>

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- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://members.cyberwolves.com/omahanegaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195 omahanegaypride@cox.net
- Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska**, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com
- 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, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- 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@rainbowcelebrations.org
- Pride 2002** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride2002@rainbowcelebrations.org
- National Coming Out Day 2002** P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, email: rcga@tgforum.com, Website: www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling I**, 12:45pm, Sundays, Mockingbird Bowl, Omaha:
- 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**, Tuesdays 7:30pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 342-0330

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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- Alias Jane Band**, (402) 435-8764 Kara & Kelly at The Panic
- Boondoggles** 122 N. 14 St. (under Zero Street Records, Entrance in alley) shop online <http://www.ideviate.net> Email boondoggles@ideviate.net
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay/Lesbian Film Fest**, Deanna Zaffke, cea@unlserve.unl.edu
- 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. 402/472-2597.
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000
- Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts**, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln, 68508, Stacie 499-3671, Kris or Traci 438-7810
- 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 Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@email.msn.com, Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>
- Plainsmen**, Support group for 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** 489-9088
- 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

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Patio Underwear Party

9 PM, Friday, Aug. 30-- Men Only

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