



THE

GAYZETTE

20th Annual

**AIDS Candlelight
Interfaith
Memorial Service**

Sun., Oct. 12, 2003

**St. Cecilia's Cathedral, Omaha
7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Sponsored by AIDS Interfaith Network &
Nebraska AIDS Project**

For more information please contact Joe Conrad at NAP 552-9260 x 144.



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Grab Your Balls, Have Some Fun

Have you not been bowling in a very long time? Or, are you a serious bowler and just wanted to have some fun? It doesn't matter. Get some friends together, because here is your chance to have a great night of bowling fun.

What: Bowling Lock-in

Where: Maplewood Bowling Lanes, 303 N 101st Street
(102nd and Maple)

When: Saturday, October 11, 1:00—5:00 AM

Price: \$20.00 for unlimited bowling, pool and darts

As a fundraiser for the Ice Bowl Bowling Tournament Feb. 13—15, 2004, the lock-in will offer a great time for everyone.

A special extended liquor license will allow the bowling alley's lounge to remain open until 2:00 AM. A breakfast buffet will be set-up from 3:00—4:00 AM. Doors will be locked from 1:00 AM—4:00 AM with you inside. There will be unlimited bowling, pool, darts, entertainment, prizes and just lots of FUN, FUN, FUN.

An additional 9-Pin no Tap tournament may be held for an additional \$5.00 which will be paid out %100 in prize money. You do not have to be on a league or have an established average to attend the lock-in, just a desire to have fun.

To make the night more interesting, anyone wearing pajamas will be in a "Best PJ's" contest, with the winner getting a special prize! Flannel pants, nightshirts, boxers—wear what you want.

Tickets will be sold in advance or at the door starting at Midnight. So gather your friends, or come make some new ones. For any information or questions, please call Danny Szczeblewski at 573-0415. See you there!!

NTAC Announces Transgender Needs Assessment Initiative

In an effort to better understand the needs of transgender communities nationwide, NTAC is beginning a series of needs assessment studies around the country. These studies will be initiated and run in small and large cities with the direct help and organization of NTAC members. The goal of the effort is to obtain accurate, unbiased information about the community's needs and character, in part to counter the damaging, unscientific rhetoric of detractors.

"The aim is really to get clean, direct data from our communities independent of political goals," said Julie Maverick, NTAC Vice Chair. "We have too little information on who our communities are and what are their most pressing needs.

"This can help localities of all sizes nationwide focus on their core needs. Moreover" added Maverick, who also chairs the Research Committee in NTAC, "we have long wanted to generate new, accurate data to support our lobbying effort and provide information for national level studies." Individual groups and agencies in a community will conduct the study after approval of their board. At that time, researchers will survey and interview the transgender community directly. Each study will begin with a standardized survey, but can amend or change the survey to address specific problems in their region (e.g., language, drug use).

Within this framework, NTAC members will work on the ground to help initiate, organize, and conduct the surveys. Professional researchers will then take the results and reduce the data to understand its significance. The goal is unbiased, publishable, scholarly research that can be used by local and national organizations for their lobbying.

"This initiative begins in the shadow of such atrocious pronouncements about our community as Senator Rick Santorum's (R, PA) outbursts and the questionable results of Dr. Ray Blanchard's research portrayed in Professor J. Michael Bailey's book, "The Man Who Would be Queen."" Maverick commented. "We need accurate scientific and statistical information to properly refute political nonsense and incomplete scientific results as well as to draw attention to the deep, troubling needs that exist throughout the nation."

Three surveys are set to begin soon: one in Connecticut and the other two in Olympia and Seattle areas of Washington State. Other studies are planned, including one possible study in Houston as well as other locations. For more information, please contact the NTAC Research Committee at research@ntac.org

NEBRASKA PRIDE 2004 THEME CONTEST

The 19th annual Nebraska Pride Celebration needs a theme! Are you creative? Do you have a great idea that would be great for Pride? Would you like your theme to be seen by over 100,000 throughout the Midwest next Summer? Rainbow Celebrations is asking the community for ideas and theme submissions. You have the chance to have your idea become the official theme of Nebraska Pride 2004.

If chosen, your theme will be seen on the cover of the official 2004 Pride Guide, adorn the much sought after shirts and merchandise, appear on the web site and be seen in all the ads placed throughout the entire Midwest! Get your ideas in by **October 11th** to be considered for judging by the 2004 Pride Committee.

The only guidelines are: 1) please keep in mind that your theme will be seen in public around the city, state and Midwest, 2) you may use Pride and/or 2004 in the theme if you wish, and 3) Pride and/or 2004 does not have to be in the theme.

If you think it is a good theme, then submit it to the Committee. Please email your idea to PRIDE@rainbowcelebrations.org. PLEASE type THEME in the subject line. You may also mail your theme submission to Rainbow Celebrations, Attn: THEME, PO Box 8583, Omaha NE 68108 or you can call 866-NE-PRIDE for more information. The winning theme and the individual who submits it will be recognized at the 2004 Pride Reception and in the official 2004 Pride Guide! The winner will also receive a prize package yet to be determined.

Commemorating the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion over 34 years ago, Rainbow Celebrations is proud to again sponsor the 19th annual GLBT Pride Parade and Festival for the state of Nebraska and surrounding region.

The 2004 Nebraska Pride Celebration is scheduled for Friday, June 18—Sunday, June 20, 2004 in Omaha.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline.
1-800-782-2437
(in Omaha, 552-9255)
Sunday-Friday: 10 am-10 pm

Annual Animal Blessing

October 4th will be our annual Blessing of the Animals in the gardens at 10:30am. All people are welcome to attend and bring their pets to be blessed! We do ask that all pets be leashed or confined in some fashion-for safety's sake! Dogs, cats, rabbits, fish, turtles ... or even cows are welcome-None of God's creatures will be refused a blessing! If your pet is unable to attend, you may bring a photo and we will bless your companion in that way. If you are interested in helping with this special service please see Reverend Sagat.

Leather or Knot Omaha

4010 Hamilton Street
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GAYZETTE AD RATES

Whole Page	7 ½ X 10	\$100.00	Half Page	7 ½ X 4 ¾	\$ 50.00
Fourth Page	3 ¾ X 4 ¾	\$ 25.00	Business Card		\$ 15.00

All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad, Checks payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center 1719 Leavenworth St. on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rocc.org. Please call ahead to reserve space.

Ad Deadlines

Friday, June 20 for Publication June 27

Friday, July 4 for Publication July 11

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Windy City Rodeo Stats

HGRA Team Members competed in the Windy City Rodeo held in Chicago, IL the weekend of August 23-24, 2003. This is the fourteenth rodeo for the IGRA Rodeo Series that ends in October 2003 with the IGRA Finals Rodeo being held in Tulsa, OK October 23rd thru the 26th, 2003.

Chute Dogging

- Maggie W.—1st Place
- Bryn G.—3rd Place

Calf Roping on Foot

- Kelly T.—1st Place

Barrel Racing

- Sam K.—1st Place
- Sheri R.—2nd Place
- Maggie W.—3rd Place
- Bryn G.—4th Place
- Brett H.—7th Place(?)
- Wolf K.—8th Place

Pole Bending

- Sheri R.—1st Place
- Maggie W.—2nd Place
- Bryn G.—4th Place
- Wolf K.—6th Place

Flag Race

- Sheri R.—1st Place
- Brett H.—2nd Place
- Wolf K.—3rd Place

Steer Decorating

- Brett H.—5th Place
- Wolf K.—7th Place

Wild Drag Race

- Bryn G.—1st Place
- Sheri R.—3rd Place
- Sam K.—4th Place
- Maggie W.—6th Place

Goat Dressing

- Maggie W.—1st Place
- Brett H.—2nd Place
- Wolf K.—6th Place

All Around Cowgirl

- Maggie W.
- 1st Runner Up—Bryn G.
- 2nd Runner Up—Sheri R.
- 4th Runner Up—Sam K.

All Around Cowboy

- 3rd Runner Up—Brett H.

HGRA Team Members also competed in the Atlantic Stampede Rodeo held in Washington, DC the weekend of September 6th and 7th, 2003 with the following results:

Chute Dogging

- Todd T.—3rd Place on Saturday

Calf Roping on Foot

- Todd T.—2nd Place on Sunday

Flag Racing

- Todd T.—2nd Place for the weekend

Steer Decorating

- Todd T.—2nd Place for the weekend
- John J.—7th Place for the weekend

Wild Drag Race

- Todd T.—1st Place for the weekend
- John J.—4th Place for the weekend

Goat Dressing

- Todd T.—1st Place for the weekend
- John J.—6th Place for the weekend

All Around Cowboy

- 1st Runner Up—Todd T.



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The Metro Omaha GLBT Center A Vision for the Future!

Feasibility
Study Survey—www.rainbowoutreach.org

For those of you who do not know, ROC has been our GLBT Resource Center for 6 years now, located at 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha. The Board of Directors of ROC have authorized this feasibility study to help determine whether the GLBT and supportive Communities would need and use a new Center in metro Omaha. We encourage you to take a moment to complete the survey with your honest opinions. It only takes a few minutes and can be taken at the web site above or you can stop in at the Resource Center and pick up a paper copy. If you have already received the survey and filled it out, the ROC Board thanks you for your time. If you haven't already done so, please take the survey. Your answers **DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



CLASSIFIED ADS

Your Classified Ad Could be HERE!
20 WORDS/\$5 20¢ each additional word

Ads and Payment May Be Taken to the Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth or emailed to news@rocc.org. No ad will be published until payment is received in full. Personal Ads Accepted for Those Seeking Relationships, Friendships, etc.

NO ADS FOR SEX OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. THE GAYZETTE Reserves the Right to Accept or Reject ANY Ad. Ads may be edited for spelling, grammar, or content.

Potluck and Protest Planning

The Stepping OUT paper along with PFLAG and the GSA's from Lincoln School of Commerce and the local area High Schools are sponsoring an event in Cooper Park, 8th and B Streets in Lincoln on Saturday, October 11th, 2003, from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM. It will be a Potluck Picnic and we will furnish the drinks. Please pass this along to your members and friends.

Additionally we are trying to organize a march on the State Capital to protest the passing of 416 and we are hoping to do that on Election Day but the date is still undecided. We are also asking for volunteers from out state to rally the community to come in and help make this march a success. More details to follow and anyone out in your area that wants to be in on the organizing feel free to give me a call. We need to come together as a state wide GLBT Community. Contact Fred at 402-438-0684 or 402-474-3950 for more information.

COMPUTER REPAIR

Chris Tucker's personal computer repair business protects privacy of individuals who have "sensitive" material on their computer. Chris can diagnose and fix problems no matter how small. He can install programs, hardware, drivers, upgrade processor, memory or a new hard drive.

Pricing is very reasonable. Examples: diagnose \$10; Set-up/install programs and/or hardware: \$10 ach; Complete hard drive format: \$50 (includes diagnostics, formatting, and restoration of operating system).

You can contact Chris at: christopher@themaxomaha.com or call 402-558-3251

New Day!

Transgendered?
Questioning?
Need To Talk?

A Representative of the Transgender Community is available at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays

7 to 9 PM

Starting October 11th



Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.

Location: First United Methodist Church
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska

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

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF OMAHA

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Wednesday: 7:00 PM
Saturday: Alternative Worship 7:00 PM (starts 9/27/03)
819 South 22nd Street (Just south of Leavenworth Street)
Omaha, Nebraska 68103 Phone: 402-345-2563
Web site: www.mccomaha.org

GAYZETTE EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

PASTA DINNER, 5:30pm, Club Joy, Omaha, Proceeds Benefit MCC-Omaha Handicap Accessibility Fund

AN EVENING AT FLUXION GALLERY

A Benefit for Nebraska AIDS Project, Call 402-552-9260 or visit www.nap.org

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

HIV 101 BASIC TRAINING, 9am—Noon, contact Laura 552-9260 x139 to register, Nebraska AIDS Project

PET BLESSING, 10:30 AM, MCC-Omaha

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

NCOD INTERFAITH SERVICE, 3 pm Church of the Resurrection, 3004 Belvedere Blvd.

MISS GAY OMAHA PAGEANT, Royal Bush emceeing, The MAX

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

ICE CREAM/HOT CHOCOLATE SOCIAL

6 p.m. First United Methodist, 7020 Cass Sponsored by Real Families and CFEP

COMING OUT PANEL DISCUSSION

7p.m. First United Methodist, 7020 Cass Sponsored by PFLAG & GLSEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

COMING OUT RALLY 11:30am—1pm University of Nebraska—Omaha—Nebraska Room, Milo Bail Student Center, Sponsors: UNOGALA & the Women's Resource Center

YOUTH DANCE 7—10:30 P.M. First

United Methodist, Cary Hall, 7020 Cass, Sponsored by Proud Horizons

NCOD PICNIC IN LINCOLN October

10th and 11th, Barbecue at Lunch, Cooper Park, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sponsored by Stepping Out, Lincoln School of Commerce and PFLAG

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11

MARSHA STEVENS IN CONCERT 7 p.m., MCC-Omaha

OUT IN THE OLD MARKET Noon to 9

p.m., Sponsored by Rainbow Celebrations and the NCOD 2003 Committee

DESSERT RECEPTION 9 p.m., location to

be announced, Drawing for NCOD Raffle

ICE BOWL "LOCK-IN" 1 a.m.—5 a.m.

(After Hours) Maplewood Lanes

NCOD COSTUME PARTY IN LINCOLN

6:30 p.m.—10 p.m., Food, games and prizes. Unitarian Church, Sponsored by NE Coalition for LGBT Civil Rights

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

NEBRASKA AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE 7:30 p.m., St. Cecelia's Cathedral

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 THRU 17TH

HGRA Royalty Contest, Club Joy, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY, Community Discussion about the impact of HIV on the Latino Community, Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall

MON., OCT. 20 & TUES. OCT. 21

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS & SWING CHOIR PRESENT A HIGH SCHOOL RE-UNION, Rescheduled, to be announced

FRIDAY, OCT. 31—SUNDAY NOV. 2

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE "FALL HARVEST", For info go to <http://www.genderalliance.com>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

HGRA Royalty Contest, Club Joy, 7 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

ICON FOOD 4 THOUGHT 9:30pm MAX

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ 9:30pm, The MAX

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

LEATHER DAY, Benefit for Toyz 4 Totz, 9:30 p.m. at The MAX

SATURDAY, JAN. 24 & 25

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS WINTER CONCERT, 7:05pm, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. For ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

FRIDAY, FEB. 13—SUNDAY, FEB 15

ICE BOWL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 18—SUNDAY JUNE 20

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS WINTER CONCERT, 7:05 pm, First United Methodist

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 & SUNDAY, JUNE 20

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SUMMER PRIDE CONCERT & REUNION WEEKEND 7:05pm, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO

Campus, For ticket information call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heartland

Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22,

345-2563 Worship: 9am & 11am

Sunday School: 11am

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN 1023 N 40 10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

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

GLBT BICYCLING CLUB Omaha, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

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

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING,

3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian,

1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

Every Monday

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-

HEARSALS, 6:45—9:15pm, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GRP 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr,

Nebr Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

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

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC 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 Ctr 2116 W.

Faidley, Grand Island Peggy (308) 226-

8286, Center (308) 398-5427

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NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

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

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING, 7 PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St

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

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 7:45pm ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13, 9pm

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux City, IA (712) 252-4272,

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

Every Saturday

GLBT BICYCLING CLUB Omaha, For information call Jeri at 614-6145

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13, 3 pm

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

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

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

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+

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

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 Methodist

2nd Friday

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS HIV TEST UNL campus FFI: 476-0355, 1-3:30pm

SUDS RAPID HIV TEST, (2 hr results) 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA Brd 9:30am South High

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING HIV TESTING UNL campus, Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447, 1:30-3:30pm

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Leather or Knot,

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING (gltb 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 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

GLBT & ALLY COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7:30 pm—10 PM, Free coffee, brownies for sale, PFLAG Library is Open, Music, Poetry and an opportunity to talk!

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 Saturday

HIV TESTING Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447, 1:30-3:30pm

LAST Sunday

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

OMAHA BARS		
CONNECTIONS	1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
CLUB OLIS	2801 N 16 St	934-4030
THE DIAMOND	712 S. 16 th St	342-9595
DC'S SALOON	610 S. 14 th St	344-3103
FLEX	1019 S. 10th St	408-1020
GILLIGAN'S PUB	1407 Harney	449-9147
CLUB JOY	1516 Jones	341-7337
The MAX	1417 Jackson	346-4110
OMAHA MINING CO	1715 Leavenworth	449-8703

LINCOLN BARS		
PANIC	200 S. 18	Lincoln 435-8764
Q	226 S. 9	Lincoln 475-2269

SIOUX CITY BAR		
JONES STREET STATION	412 JONES ST,	
	SIOUX CITY	712-258-6922

RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.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, 596-2596 <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/ Nativist 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://members.cyberwolves.com/omahanegaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 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: NeOutAbout@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, 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

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

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, Website: 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/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. 402/472-5644.

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 474-8923 nebcoalition@yahoo.com

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

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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

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Perspectives

By Jon Owens

The Coming out adventure

Some of the most important decisions in GLBT peoples lives relate to "coming out." That is of course finally being honest with our sexual orientation, identity or gender expression.

It is not easy coming out for many people. There is that social stigma of what will my friends, family, neighbors and even my co-workers think. The whole idea of being disowned unloved and treated like you have some contagious disease.

Some of the problem remains in the culture we live in. We are here in Nebraska, which is a product of western conservative culture; this is very Catholic territory. I grew up in Oklahoma, which is in the Bible belt. Everyone is a Southern Baptist in Oklahoma.

With religion playing such an important part in American lives it has led to intolerance in those major church cultures. Only a few churches have spoke out for the gay community and see it as an issue of social justice.

When I worked for *The Gayly Oklahoman* I can remember looking through the archives of the newspaper and see how the police at one time had frequent raids on the bars. They would raid the bars quite frequently. When they would arrive on the scene their main objective was to harass GLBT people. Sometimes they were even violent to them.

Today we are not quite as prone to violence, but the hatred is still there. I came out at sixteen. I was very selective in who I told. At about seventeen I told my parents. My mother saw it as a phase and my father became verbally abusive to me. It took two years of college and being away to the point where I was able to mend the relationship between my father and I.

I struggled with my sexuality for 4 years. It was my junior year of college when I gave up all my struggles.

Unfortunately some people are not able to mend their family relationships after their struggle, but those that can feel a sort of freedom and power in their lives that allows them to express pride in themselves.

So why come out? People have to worry about losing their jobs even their families. We live in western society where good, healthy, strong and committed relationships of homosexuals are not nearly as visible as in the New England area. This leaves people to be stereotyped and encourages the heterosexual people to speak out against our community, because of a bad image.

At seventeen I was given a choice. I had a calling to the priesthood since I was 10. My priest gave me a choice, with the realization that the Episcopal Church was in a change of its views on sexuality, but not quite there yet.

The first choice was to stay in the closet and never come out. Coming out would destroy my congregation and is not fair to my people.

The second choice was to come out. This would allow the congregation to know what they were getting into before I would be hired. In all fairness I knew it would not be easy, but I obviously chose "coming out."

I struggled with the church. I wanted to become a priest, but Oklahoma was not ready for an openly gay candidate with all of the opposition to the issue. I was urged to find a new home diocese, which has brought me to my current position as a 22-year-old working as an intern. I was warned that there would be opposition to me trying to become a priest in Nebraska, but I was also told there would be great support.

"Coming Out" is a process, a life long journey. It is not something that happens over night. Now how you come out and how you live is a witness. If you chose to be open and live healthy you are a good witness for the community to heterosexual society. Living in an unhealthy manner makes people stereotype us all the more.

This week I challenge you to give yourself the opportunity to thrive; it's the most powerful thing you can do and be honest with yourself. We know sexuality is not a choice, but rather it chose us. One way you can thrive is be active in the "Coming Out" week celebrations. The best way to do that of course is to be yourself.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell..... A Personal Plea

..... a guest editorial

Dear Government Official:

I am sending this letter as a personal plea. I know you receive pressure from large groups and organizations, but I want to add my own personal notes to the mix. The reason I am writing is in regard to the military's current "don't ask-don't tell" policy. While some people may see this as an improvement from past years of forcefully seeking out gay and lesbian personnel and discharging them immediately from service, this policy is not nearly the improvement it seems. Yes, it does give gays and lesbians the chance to serve our country, provided they make the choice to hide who they are; but this policy has also created a climate of lies and hiding.

It could be said that if they joined, they made the choice to accept this policy and there should not be any problems, but that is not really a fair statement. Not everyone knows or has come to terms with their sexuality before joining the armed forces and by the time they realize who they are, they are forced with either hiding their new found knowledge or not hiding it and risking all that they have worked so hard for in their careers. Even if they did know who they were before they went in, how many 18 year olds really think about the future and the implications of this? While hiding might have been ok when they were 18, single and their only plans were to get out of mom and dad's house, it is not nearly so acceptable at 28 when they are watching their comrades embracing their spouses and children and are unable to share the joyous news of their newborn child because that child's other parent is of the same sex.

Another fallacy of the policy is that it does not only affect the enlisted individual themselves. This policy has a great affect on the loved ones of gay military servicemen and women. Very few of them were around when their partners joined the military, but have been brought together by the forces of nature and love after the fact. They never agreed to live by these "don't ask-don't tell" rules. They never signed on a dotted line saying they agree to give up this freedom, but in order to protect their partner, they are forced to.

So I come to my personal reason for writing this letter. I know what being forced to hide feels like. I am the same sex partner of a military member. I did not know my partner when they joined the armed forces. I fell in love with them when they were already well underway in their military service. I suppose some could argue I could have just walked away when I found out they were military, but I strongly believe there is a power greater than us that controls such things. I am not willing to give up a wonderful god-given love because of a policy man has instated. Therefore, out of love and respect to my partner I am forced to "hide" also.

This hiding is extremely difficult for me and has a negative effect on my personal well-being. I have always been someone who stands for what I believe in and who is never ashamed of who I am, but now I am forced to glance around before I even consider giving my partner even a small brush of the hand. I am forced to think hard about my clothing to make sure they don't make me "look gay" and to remove my ring whenever I go on base for fear of someone noticing my partner wears an identical one.

Recently I have been faced with the knowledge that my partner may be deployed in the near future. I always knew this was a possibility, but now the time seems much nearer. Like any first time military spouse, I am scared and worried. I am consumed with fear many days. I know what I am going through is normal, there are lots of people that have done it before, and the military provides services to help with this, but because I'm not a legal spouse, I can not go the military for help. I am forced to deal with this on my own.

And on a very personal note, not only do I wish I could go to the military for help -I also just want to be recognized. Rightly, the military recognizes how hard it is to be a military wife/husband and tries their best to support them and to thank them for their work. I am no different than any other military spouse. I live every day with the knowledge that we could be moved anywhere at any time. I deal with the fact that I will likely be a single parent while my partner is away. I have learned the proper way to iron a uniform and proudly do it every night after my partner is asleep. I would just once like to be thanked for my efforts.

Please don't assume that I feel military life is all bad. I am extremely proud of what my partner does. I am proud of the job they do for their country. I just wish with all my heart they would be allowed to do that job without having to hide to who they (and their partners) are. I am not naïve enough to think that my one little letter will make that big of difference in the world, but at least I have had my say. And I hope that when you are forced to consider this policy again, you will think of me and how it affects many others like me.

Thank you for your time.

S. C.

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Coming Out Panel Discussion

Thursday, October 9th at 7 PM
First United Methodist Church
7020 Cass Street
Cary Hall
Sponsored by PFLAG and GLSEN

Coming Out Rally

Friday, October 10th from 11:30 AM to 1 PM
University of Nebraska—Omaha
Nebraska Room—Milo Bail Student Center
Sponsored by UNOGALA and the Women's Resource Center

Youth Dance

Friday, October 10th from 7 PM to 10:30 PM
First United Methodist Church
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Saturday, October 11th at 7 PM
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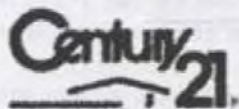
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