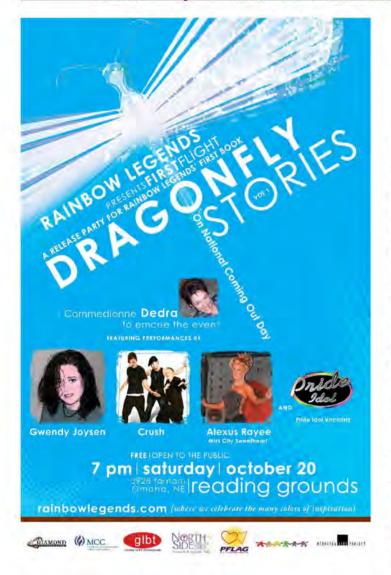
The GayZette

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Quilt Panel Requests Due by October 14

The AIDS Quilt Omaha display committee is pleased to announce that you are able to request specific Quilt panels for people in Omaha, eastern Nebraska and western Iowa, to be included as part of the December display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

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PUBLISHER GIVES 40% OF SALES TO LGBTQ COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Rainbow Legends, an LGBTQ publishing company, will donate 40% of book sales from their premiere publication, Dragonfly Stories Volume One to registered LGBTQ organizations.

Registered organizations in Omaha, Nebraska include Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, Nebraska AIDS Project, Diamond Foundation of Nebraska, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, North Side Christian Church, Omaha GLBT Professionals, and Omaha PFLAG. Each is a registered LGBTQ organization with Rainbow Legends, and each buyer of Dragonfly Stories Volume One may select the registered organization of their choice to receive their donation.

In celebration of the release, Dragonfly Stories, Volume One, Rainbow Legends is throwing a party at 7 PM on Saturday, October 20th at Reading Grounds bookstore, located at 3928 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE. Free food, drink and entertainment will be provided. No cover charge.

Comedienne Dedra will emcee the event. Featured entertainment includes musician, Gwendy Joysen, Pride Idol vocalists and drag performances by Crush and Alexus Rayee, Miss City Sweetheart. Some of the local authors included in the anthology will be on hand to autograph books.

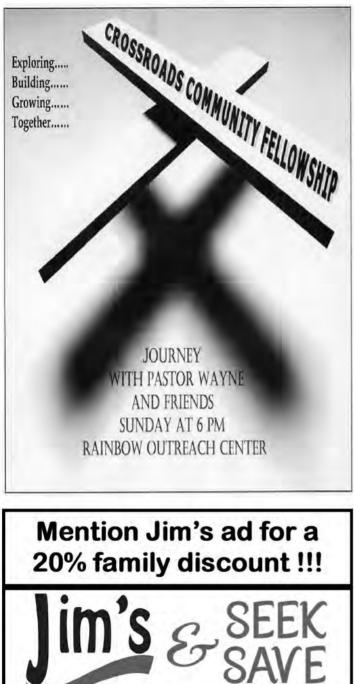
Rainbow Legends celebrates the LGBTQ Community by sharing true life stories that transcend the beliefs held by others about LGBTQ people, and the beliefs they hold about themselves. It is Rainbow Legend's mission to tell stories about individuals who, by their very queer existence, make the world a better place for everyone.

Whether part of the LGBTQ community or not, this collection is certain to bring laughter and tears, reflection and empathy, camaraderie and insight to all who read it.

For more information visit their website www.rainbowlegends.com

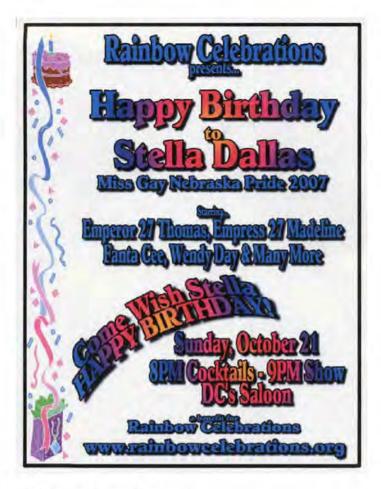
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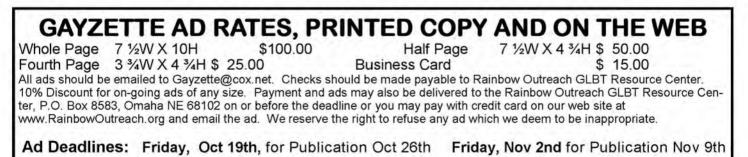


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If you know of someone who has a panel in The Quilt, and would like to request that panel be part of the Omaha Display, you need to contact panels@AIDSQuiltOmaha.com with as many details about the panel as possible (name, dates, location, block number, details about the panel). All requests for the Omaha display HAVE TO BE RECEIVED by the organizers NO LATER than October 14 so that the panel request information can be transmitted to The NAMES Project. While panel request are never guaranteed, The NAMES Project will strive to honor as many requests as possible.

Once received, the organizers will work to receive a confirmation from The NAMES Project Foundation on whether your panel request can be honored for the December display. Once the organizers have confirmation, they will notify the requester.

The hope is that all 12 blocks on display will have a Nebraska connection - making the entire AIDS Quilt Omaha display a



personal experience for all who attend and view this amazing memorial to those who have died because of HIV/AIDS.



have questions about requesting a panel in memory of a loved one, please call 402.415.8769 or email panels@AIDSQuiltOmaha.com. For more information and updates on the AIDS Quilt Omaha display sponsored by Rick Clark, scheduled for December 2 - 7, please visit

www.AIDSQuiltOmaha.com.

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Make a Panel For The Quilt

You don't have to be an artist or sewing expert to create a moving personal tribute remembering a life lost to AIDS, but you do have to make a panel in order to add a name to the Quilt. It's not as complicated as many people think, though. It doesn't matter if you use paint or fine needlework, iron-on transfers or hand made appliqués, or even spray paint on a sheet; any remembrance is appropriate.

(This is however the only way to have a name added to The Quilt- by making a panel to remember your lost loved one.) You may choose to create a panel privately as a personal memorial or you may choose to follow the traditions of oldfashioned quilting bees by including friends, family, and coworkers. That choice, like virtually everything else involved in making a panel, is completely up to you.

Here in a few easy steps is how to create a panel for the Quilt:

Design the panel

Include the name of the person you are remembering. Feel free to include additional information such as the dates of birth and death, hometown, special talents, etc. We ask that you please limit each panel to one individual (obvious exceptions include siblings or spouses).

Choose your materials

Remember that the Quilt is folded and unfolded every time it is displayed, so durability is crucial. Since glue deteriorates with time, it is best to sew things to the panel. A medium-weight, non-stretch fabric such as a

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tickets \$30 in advance \$35 at the door online www.cfep-ne.org phone 402.398.3027 in person reading grounds It's not surprising that gay audiences cherish his work. But Miller trades in universal truths, and his art has an endearing sweetness that speaks to anybody who's ever grown up in America and tried to find a way to a full life and love.

- Margaret Regan of the Tucson Weekly



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Citizens for Equal Protection Changing perceptions through education and advocacy.

Proceeds from this event allows CFEP to continue advocating for LGBT people in Nebraska.

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(Make a Quilt Panel, Continued from page 3)

cotton duck or poplin works best. Your design can be vertical or horizontal, but the finished, hemmed panel must be **3 feet by 6 feet** (90 cm x 180 cm)– no more and no less! When you cut the fabric, leave an extra 2-3 inches on each side for a hem. If you can't hem it yourself, we'll do it for you. Batting for the panels is not necessary, but backing is recommended. Backing helps to keep panels clean when they are laid out on the ground. It also helps retain the shape of the fabric.

Create the panel

□ Write us a letter

Please take the time to write a letter about the person you've remembered. The letter might include your relationship to him or her, how he or she would like to be remembered, and a favorite memory. If possible, please send us a photograph along with the letter for our archives.

□ Make a donation

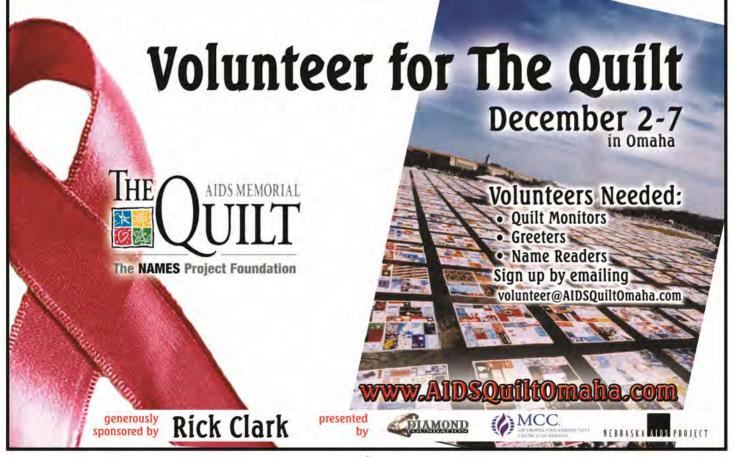
If you are able, please make a donation to help pay for the cost of adding your panel to the Quilt. The NAMES Project Foundation depends on the support of panel makers to preserve the Quilt and keep it on display. Gifts of any amount are welcome and greatly appreciated.

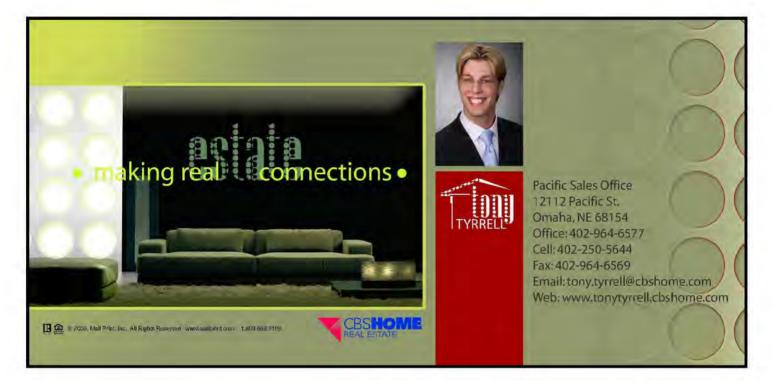
Fill out the panel maker information form This provides us with vital information about you and your panel. This form is available at the Omaha Display's website www.AIDSQuiltOmaha.com.

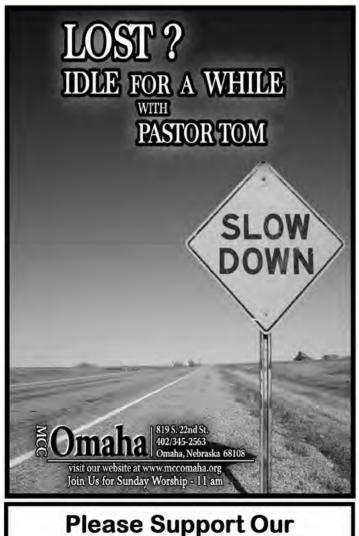
□ Bring the panel to the AIDS Quilt Omaha display. If you would like your panel displayed during the entire week, you will want to be prepared to <u>pre-</u> sent it at the beginning of the display. Otherwise, new panels will be accepted during the special Closing Ceremony on December 7.

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Old Age Not So Golden for Many in LGBT Community

Prejudice does not stop when one reaches the golden years, according to a report in The New York Times. In fact, many aging gays and lesbians are discovering that assisted-living facilities, rehabilitation centers, and other senior-living options are potentially full of prejudice, both from staff and other residents. As a result, LGBT elderly people face ostracism leading to depression and sometimes even suicide.

One lesbian checking into a double room of a rehabilitation center was greeted by her roommate shouting, "Get the man out of here!" A 79-year-old gay man, without friends or family to advocate for him, was moved from his floor in a nursing home due to protests of the other residents. They put him with patients suffering from severe dementia and disabilities. Though the home contacted an agency to help with the matter, the man hanged himself before a solution could be found.

There are no federal laws protecting gay people against such discrimination, and California is the only state that has a law stating that gay elderly have special needs. This law also permits state financing of gay senior centers.

According to Gary Gates of the Williams Institute at UCLA, there are an estimated 2.4 million gay, lesbian, or bisexual Americans over the age of 55. Because of this high number, and the poor treatment gays and lesbians have reported, there are a number of organizations set up to specifically address these issues. Among them are facilities dedicated to serving only members of the LGBT community and groups that seek to educate care givers about the specific needs of that community. (The Advocate)



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Transgender Protests Greet HRC Dinner

A Human Rights Campaign gala Saturday in Washington, D.C., didn't turn out quite as planned as transgender activists rallied outside and trans guests turned their backs in protest of HRC's evident behavior toward a trans-inclusive rights bill in Congress.

HRC's 11th annual national dinner was expected to be an outright celebration, honoring House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her role in passing hate-crimes legislation and, it was hoped, an LGBT Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

But by Saturday, while the hate-crimes bill had indeed passed Congress, a trans-inclusive ENDA was still up in the air, with HRC seen as the only major gay rights group not to have fought a bifurcated trans and trans-free bill that was hastily yanked from consideration.

"All right, let's talk about the elephant in the room -- and for a change, I don't mean the Republicans," HRC president Joe Solmonese began his speech.

"There are protesters outside this auditorium who feel great despair. There are people inside this auditorium who feel the same way. Let me just say I welcome their declarations..."

But as Solmonese addressed the sold-out crowd of more than 3,000, some of the very people he was speaking to turned their backs in defiance and perhaps even in disgust.

"I find it difficult to respect somebody who has promised something to me face-to-face and then seems to be backing away from that promise as fast as he can," said Meredith Bacon, a professor at the University of Nebraska and board member of the National Center for Transgender Equality.

"As a professor of political science who has been studying this for a long time, there's no such thing as incremental civil rights," Bacon said. Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, was at the protest "in total solidarity" with the effort.

Within two minutes, two people handed her donations for the NCTE, one in the form of a check, another a \$20 bill.

Her group, Keisling said, is a small organization with three and a half full-time employees and a modest annual budget of about \$300,000; expenses have gone "through the roof" in the past several weeks. Nonetheless, she said, "it's been absolutely remarkable; we've had more spontaneous donations over the last week than we've had in the history of our organization."

No one that evening was more aware of the controversy than Joe Solmonese.

"I make a solemn vow to you tonight that I will do everything to harness the power and the passion and energy in order to achieve a fully inclusive ENDA," he told the crowd.

He said HRC deployed more than 100 members of its board of governors Friday to lobby members of Congress for the transinclusive bill.

He told The Advocate that "every decision" he's made has been driven by his desire to pass a trans-inclusive bill in the most expeditious way.

"They have been gut-wrenching decisions, but I believe that HRC is in a very unique place in this fight," he said, referring to HRC's powerful connections on Capitol Hill.

"We have constituencies and responsibilities that a lot of other people don't in terms of keeping that door open to our congressional allies."

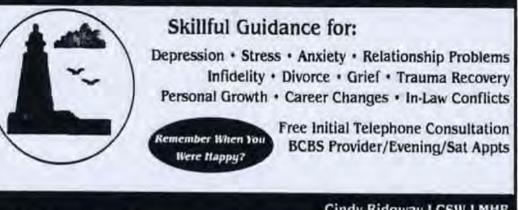
Asked if HRC would ever oppose a sexual orientation-only bill, Solmonese said, "I don't want to get put in a box on this. To me, this is an enormously complicated situation and, as Congressman Frank and the congressional leadership have pointed out, (Continued on page 17)

Asked if she had any guess for how long it would take to pass the trans bill separately, she did not hesitate: "Fifteen years."

About 75 transgender people greeted attendees outside the Washington Convention Center with signs that read, "United We Stand, ENDA For All." Many wore stickers with a slash through the HRC logo -- a bold yellow equal sign against a blue backdrop.

"We realized how important this dinner is," said protest organizer Ethan St. Pierre of the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition.

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The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5TH TO 13TH NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18TH OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE REG-ISTRATION at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., from 7pm to 8pm. Come on in and sign up! See ad in this issue for much more info.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20TH HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA TION to hold annual Board of Directors elections at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. at 6:00PM

RAINBOW LEGENDS will donate 40% of book sales from their premiere publication, Dragonfly Stories Volume One to registered LGBTQ organizations. 7PM, featuring 7 Omahans whose coming out stories were included in the book. Entertainment & refreshments! Reading Grounds, 40th & Farnam, 502-2008.See front page for full info.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2ND HGRAROYALTY CONTEST, DC's Saloon, 9PM

SATURDAY APRIL 26th 2008 <u>NEBRASKA GLBT SUMMIT</u>, Mahoney State Park, more info later



Every Sunday <u>WORSHIP SERVICES:</u> <u>AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,</u> ELCA, 3647 LaFavette Ave., Omaha GLBT

friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

<u>CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOW-</u> <u>SHIP</u>, Now meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Fellowship starts at 6PM, services begin at 6:30PM, Everyone Welcome! Doors open at 6PM.

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S 10, Coffeehouse casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT/@yahoo.com

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

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

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

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ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymons, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B, at 714-8552

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, 2PM to 4PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday <u>A A RAINBOW RECOVERY</u>", an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-HEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP Confidential, meeting at the MCCO Church, 819 S. 22nd St, call 345-2563 for meeting times, all women are welcome

Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at <u>aander-</u> <u>son@hastings.edu</u> or Judy Sandeen at <u>jsandeen@hastings.edu</u> for further information.

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

Every Wednesday AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

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UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTING, 2pm to5 pm walk-in NAP, 139 S. 40 St., results in 20 minutes, call 402-552-9260 for info

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 2147 South 15th, 402-476-7000

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm DC's

Every Thursday DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON 7-9pm, DC's Saloon

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7–8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476-9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln

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KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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Every Friday

AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING, 7pm, open to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

AA LIVE & LET LIVE, 8:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to

10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-

MOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Kirk at(402) 403-0277

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Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

OLDER ADULT DROP-IN, 4 TO 6PM, at

the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., for older adults age 50+, single or partnered, Free

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-

6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

1st Thursday GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7 to 8:30pm,

Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at The Reading Grounds bookstore at 6PM. Email at: omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net

1st Friday

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First

Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

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

TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

2nd Wednesday ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

2nd Thursday PFLAG-OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREEN

ING (glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email jsandeen@inebraska.com or

3rd Tuesday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 7:15pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

HIV TESTING AT THE PANIC, Lin-

coln NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day results, 200 South 18th Street

3rd Thursday GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7-

8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, MEN Lincoln, 476-7000.

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A. Lincoln

3rd Saturday

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3rd Sunday

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4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA Not currently meeting.

LAST Wednesday of each month READING GROUNDS NAKED WORDS **OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT,** The Reading Grounds, 40th & Farnam St., 7:00 PM

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

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Community Announcements

Jose Alcorta, Jr

1965 - 2007

The Passing of a Friend

It was a very sad occasion when on Monday, October 1, 2007 our dear friend Jose Alcorta, Jr., a.k.a. Muggo, passed away after a brief illness.

As a long time employee of DC's Saloon, Joe was well known in the community. The first in line to tip



performers, Joe was a strong supporter for all causes. Many people will remember Joe for his wonderful smile and willingness to help others having offered his home to those in need of a place to stay.

Joe is survived by his mother, Virginia Solis, father Jose Alcorta, Sr., 2 sons, 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services for Joe took place in Grand Island, NE on Monday, October 8, 2008 at St. Mary's Cathedral. A Memorial Service is currently being planned for Saturday, October 27, 2007 at MCC-Omaha located at 819 South 22nd Street in Omaha, NE. The service will take place at 10:00am followed by a reception at DC's Saloon beginning 12:00 noon. That evening DC's Saloon will host a benefit show starting at 8:00 pm to help cover medical and funeral costs. Anyone wishing to perform in the show can contact Chuck Ritterbush.

Friends of Joe are asking that in lieu of flowers, that a monetary donation be made to assist in any expenses for the family. Donations can be made to the following:

Chuck Ritterbush - Joe Alcorta Fund

c/o DC's Saloon 610 South 14th Street Omaha, NE 68102

For further details, please feel free to contact Chuck at 402-960 -9387 or Misty at 402-415-7026.

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Saturday, October 27 - 8PM Joe Alcorta Memorial Benefit Show

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(Transgender Protests, Continued from page 10) there's kind of a bigger strategy."

Pelosi, the guest of honor, told the crowd, "I give you my commitment as speaker of the House that I will fight for the most inclusive ENDA possible."

That harried fight will take place over the next two weeks or so. Though no one has uttered a firm date publicly, Pelosi's office has said it will delay action on ENDA until the end of October.

In the meantime, members of Congress are being asked to support an inclusive ENDA by constituents, lobbyists and the staff of other members who favor the trans-inclusive version. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and NCTE are keeping track of changes in support.

The magic number needed is 217 votes: The original inclusive bill had 171 cosponsors.

Keisling declined Saturday to estimate where the vote count stood, since heavy lobbying took place Friday and Monday, Columbus Day, was a holiday for many people. (Kerry Eleveld, The Advocate)

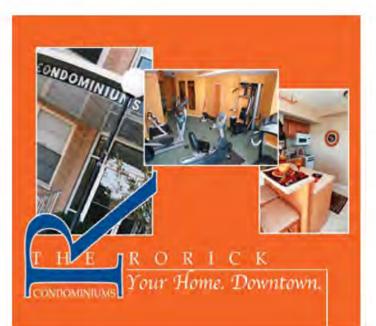
Shelterskelter's New Twist of an Old Knife

This October, Shelterbelt Theatre's perennial Halloween favorite, Shelterskelter, returns with a new format. Rather than having a handful of short plays produced under the thematic umbrella of Halloween, we're presenting one shocking short play and one longer one-act that delve into the dark depths of our souls.

The evening opens with A Homecoming, a short play by Scott Working that tells the story of a prodigal son's return to a family tradition of treachery and violence. Next, Working's adaptation of John Webster's revenge tragedy, The Duchess of Malfi, will be presented.

The play opens Friday, October 5th and runs Thursdays through Sundays throughout October. There will, also, be a special performance on Halloween night, Wednesday the 31st. The show starts at 8 pm Thurs - Sat and at 7 pm on Sun. Show time on Halloween is 8 pm. Call 402 341 2757 or visit shelterbelt.org for reservations.

Also, this October, on Saturday nights after the show (10pm), Shelterbelt is hosting Playwrights' Open Mic Night. Omaha writers of all kinds are welcome to come give voice to five minutes of their material. Finished or unfinished, new or old, it doesn't matter. Participating performers need to arrive by 9:30 with a typed copy of the material for the evening's coordinator. Some readers may be available, but its best to BYOReaders. Poets, comics, interpretive dancers, and a few mimes are welcome. It's free, too, and we have beer and wine. Beer and wine are not free.



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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake Certified Personal Trainer

I have been running for twenty years. I haven't been running from the law, I haven't been running from the truth. I haven't been running for state mining inspector. I have simply been running and seemingly gaining some "pleasure" from this peripatetic lifestyle. Through my introspec-

tive ways, I was able to glean the reasoning behind my enthusiasm for running thirty miles per week for the last one thousand weeks. I have neatly packaged the five things I like about running.

The 101 Freeway is backed up from Guadalupe to Indian Bend. The 10 Eastbound is problematic from 83rd Avenue to the Stack. A disabled vehicle is blocking the HOV at Cactus on the 17 Southbound and causing congestion back to Union Hills. On my favorite trail, there might be a dozen runners and bikers I pass on any given day. I don't have to change my speed for these athletic contemporaries. We merely exchange pleasantries and continue on our sojourns. Hard work has a way of diminishing traffic on the last mile.

I tend to solve the problems of the world during my forty minute runs. Clarity reigns supreme about poverty, world peace, global warming, and the quarterback controversy at my favorite football program. Twothirds of an hour and alone with your thoughts can give you ample opportunity to engage productive neural functioning. Upon completion, I feel as though I could be just as erudite as Miss South Carolina.

I can run three miles if I want. I can run seven miles if I want. Heck I can even run a marathon if I want. I am just happy knowing that I can run. I really can fully appreciate my ability when I pass someone in a wheelchair or someone without full use of his or her lower extremities. You don't know what you've got until it's gone. I do know what I've got and I am happy about it. Ergo, this is my third thing I like about running: because I can.

I have experienced many spots that are inaccessible to vehicles while on my daily runs. I have enjoyed the splendor of uncovering frontiers while in my hometown or on vacation as I let my feet and "the force" guide me along. I experience such a Lewis and Clark feeling as I uncover a clearing in the woods or a spring bubbling in the foothills of South Mountain. My travel companions have sent me on reconnaissance missions soon after arrival in our vacation destinations. My size ten pairs of running shoes have certainly shown my thirty-eight year old eyes plenty of what the world has to offer over the years

There is the runners high. People speak of the sensation that runners are able to feel after completion of their feat. It's kinda like getting elected President even though you had less votes than the other guy. It is inexplicable. After a five mile run, I have a feeling of euphoria and accomplishment and that is good enough for me. If it makes you happy then it can't be that bad.

Not everyone can run and that is fine. Not everyone makes an attempt to run and that is not fine. Lace up that pair of New Balances and then send me your list of five things you like about running. The barstool promises to be there when you return from your hiatus.

This column is brought to you by that guy who likes to openly discuss his conurbation problems with complete strangers. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be found at www.goblakefitness.com.





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Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. Sometimes I'll be expressing views or giving a heads up on persons, places, or things that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does



not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons etc.).

Bingo is in the air here in Omaha. If you just look for it, you'll find it. Where you ask? Flixx does a great little shindig every last Sunday of the month. There are some free goodies that you don't even play for. Just take it, it's yours! As for prizes, when I attended September's session, that's what they call them in real Bingo world, they gave away a cute lamp which I won (ha ha). But also some other cool home décor and the finale were two tickets to a show at Omaha Community Playhouse. Best part was its only \$5! Drink specials are flowing too. Believe it or not, there was some pizza and it tasted home made to me! Times are great at 3 PM to 5 PM with two kickass hostesses Courtney Dumae and Wendy Day. Ouite a pair they make as in -between games they have someone performing. Now that's entertainment since our new Diamond Princess Wendy Day herself and all other performers at bingo will be giving what they raise to The Diamond Foundation. Bingo with drag and some food with spirits along with the prizes make this a fun little Sunday afternoon. Make sure to go the last Sunday of October 3rd at 5 PM at Flixx because it may be taking a break for the holidays. The bingo balls are gonna hang on the Christmas Tree! (J/K)! Now with Bingo for Life, a Nebraska Aids Project benefit, I'm so excited to see this. I never knew it was around the first time. Where the hell was I? Not paying attention which is why you all miss out if you don't look around and read what's going on once in a while. I'm submitting this right before I go there to play for the benefit. So this will be a great night of entertainment, some food, and Bingo. This is also being done at a venue I've never been to before so that will be great to get out of the same ole song and dance places. Change it up, never was a thing wrong with that. Having great times with your friends and helping the benefit. Now that will have me screaming Bingo!

Ever been to Weird Wild Stuff? It's a great way to look back in the days when the elder men and women, also our moms and dads, use to wear casual and dress clothes. If you're a performer it's a great place to get costumes for shows or do character profiles with dressing like them in their era. The owners are awesome to work with in finding what you need. Now most of the men's items are for rental only. Lots of the women's clothing is for sale but some are for rental. The shoes and other feet things that are there are for rental or to buy. They also don't break your bank account either when purchasing from them. Check out the info at www.weird-wild-stuff.com Websites of the bi-week to check out:

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OMAHA GLBT SPORTS SOFTBALL / VOLLEYBALL

There was victory and tournament champions to be found on 9/25. Softball has come to an end for the season. In a pull ahead battle it was Shockers who trailed ahead for a few innings of the game. This had boosted the spirits of the team but also gave drive for the Rated team to try and make a comeback. They did this in the last and final inning of the season just needing the one run for the trophy. There were many great attempts to catch foul balls, tag outs, and smashed beyond belief balls. Thank you to both teams for making a great and memorable championship game of the season. The organization would like to thank our umpires: Wes S., Kris M., Chris O., The score-keeper Sarah G. Also Center Trophy for great trophies this season. REMEMBER VOLLEYBALL IS HERE!!! CHECK OUT WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTS.NET for ALL REGIS-TRATION DATES & TIMES !!!!!

Tournament Championship Score Shockers 5 VS. Rated 6

Anne Boyle Voted to Board

The River City Mixed Chorus would like to welcome Anne Boyle as the newest addition to the River City Mixed Chorus Governing Board. Mrs. Boyle has been a longtime friend and ally of the GLBT community and will help bring the chorus to a much wider audience and presence in the Omaha/ Council Bluffs area.

In addition to Boyle, there are three other new members of the board: Michael Taylor Stewart, Andy Melichar, and Sharon Arnold.

The remaining members include Michael Dantzler, Rick White, Norm Melichar, Chris Davis- Secretary; Mark Curley- Treasurer, Tim Smith as Vice President; and Travis Wilcox as President.

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