



THE GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

SHOWER OF STOLES ON DISPLAY IN LINCOLN APRIL 1 - 3



The Shower of Stoles will be on display at the Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R Street, on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus from noon on Sunday, April 1 to noon on Tuesday, April 3. This collection of liturgical stoles represents and honors gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual individuals in faith communities who have been barred from serving because of their sexual orientation.

The Shower of Stoles was created as a witness to give a voice to faithful people, many of whom have been forced to choose between serving in silence or losing their livelihood. This display will only be a small portion of the collection of over 800 stoles. Each liturgical stole has a powerful story.

Martha Juillerat, founder of the Shower of Stoles Project, will be in Lincoln during the time of this display to share her story. Martha Juillerat is a 1980 graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary and served in the Presbyterian ministry for 15 years in Illinois and Missouri. After "coming out" to the church in 1993 and publicly setting aside her ordination in 1995, Martha founded the Shower of Stoles Project. Martha, and her partner, Tammy Lindahl, were recipients of the National Inclusive Church Award and the Lazarus Foundation Award for their work in human rights and the welcoming church movement.

Martha Juillerat will preach at Cornerstone (640 North 16 Street) at Sunday morning worship on April 1 at 10:30 AM. Fellowship begins at 10:00 AM. On Monday, April 2, at 7:00 PM, Martha Juillerat will speak at the Wick Alumni Center. A reception will follow.

Martha Juillerat and the Shower of Stoles offer a colorful, painful, powerful, and hopeful message to gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual people of faith, allies and those who struggle for inclusive communities of faith. The public is invited to all of these events. These events are sponsored by the UNL Committee for Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Bisexual Concerns, and United Ministries in Higher Education-Lincoln.

For more information contact Rev. Melissa Finlaw Draper at 476-0355.

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RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS "OUT" IN THE COMMUNITY

The River City Mixed Chorus is busy rehearsing for their Pride Concert to be held at 7:05pm, June 16, at Joslyn Art Museum, under the direction of the new director, Mark Kratz. Chorus members are excited to be working with Mark. Many of you got to meet him at the Winter Concert when he sang with the Chorus. Many more of the community will get to meet him as the Chorus performs at numerous functions in the local area and in the state during the upcoming months. The Chorus is also excited about adding eight new members as they continue to grow as an organization.

Sunday, April 1, the Chorus will be taking a road trip to Wayne State College to perform a mini-concert sponsored by the Wayne State GLBT Student Group, PRIDE. The Chorus first performed at Wayne State two years ago and was wonderfully received. The Heartland Roundup will be the next stop for the River City Mixed Chorus with a performance at the Saturday night banquet at the Park Inn Hotel. The Roundup is sponsored by members of the gay and lesbian AA and AI-Anon community. This is the second year that the Chorus will perform at this important event in the community.

You may remember the Chorus' annual "Closet Clearing." Well, it's back, and it's earlier this year so all of you doing your Spring cleaning can donate those items to the garage sale. (No clothing, please!) The Closet Clearing will be on Saturday, May 5, from 8am to 3pm at 4056 South 13 Street. Please call the Sing Line (341-7464) to arrange to have donated items picked up. Then plan to stop by to purchase other items that you just can't live without.

The "Benefit Queen," Inga, will be back at the MAX on Sunday, May 20, at 9:30pm, helping the Chorus raise money for the Pride Concert. Join Inga, members of the Chorus and community titleholders as they celebrate their pride and provide a preview of the Chorus' Pride Concert in June. It is rumored that a fruit headdress from a past "Fruit Salad" Chorus fundraiser will be brought out of storage for this special evening of the best live and lip-sync performers in the community. Don't miss this show and your chance to support the River City Mixed Chorus as they continue to show their pride in 2001.

FRED PHELPS VISIT RAISES MONEY FOR GLBT GROUP

When the Reverend Fred Phelps came to town, the gay community in Ann Arbor, Michigan decided not to get mad. They decided to get rich. Among those the Kansas-based Phelps elected to picket was a gay-owned restaurant, bar and community gathering place. When co-owner Keith Orr heard his establishment was being targeted, he wanted to respond constructively. He and his partner, Martin Contreras, did not want to promote a counter-demonstration, feeling that Phelps gains the most attention - and hence is most effective - when he provokes anger and outrage from his opponents. Rather, Orr decided to use his Phelps visit to the community's advantage. Phelps's plans to picket the bar came to light only two days prior to his scheduled February 17, 2001 demonstration. With little time, Orr used the Internet to organize a unique fundraising scheme. In an email message to customers, supporters, and friends, he proposed that people pledge money to the Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project (WRAP), a local gay advocacy group and community center, for every minute that Phelps picketed the bar. In this way, Orr explained, the longer Phelps stayed to spew hate, the more money he would raise for WRAP. He and Contreras kicked off the drive by pledging \$1 per minute. Contreras explained why he felt it was important to organize a response to Phelps. "When I was first coming out fifteen years ago people told me, 'You've got to watch out for this so-called reverend from Kansas named Phelps. He's out to wage war against the gay community.' He had been showing up at funerals of people who had died of AIDS with signs claiming that gay people would burn in hell. At the time he was just a blip on the radar screen. But when he protested at Matthew Shepherd's funeral he became a national menace." At the same time, Orr continued, "I didn't want to give Phelps what he wanted," a counter-demonstration. "But just ignoring him seemed wrong." Only two minutes after Orr sent out his email message pledges began to pour in, not only from Ann Arbor, but from as far away as New Hampshire, Texas and California. The pledge drive gained such momentum that by the day of Phelps's demonstration - only 48 hours after Orr and Contreras kicked off the drive - friends and supporters of Ann Arbor's gay community had promised to contribute a total of \$107 for every minute Phelps picketed their bar. "When I began the pledge drive I wasn't necessarily expecting anything big," Orr said. "I just wanted to give people an opportunity to turn Phelps's message of hate into something positive for our community." Even so, the size and speed of the response surprised him. "Normally a fundraising event of this magnitude takes months of planning and a lot of up-front costs. In 48 hours we raised over \$6000 without spending a dime. I was astonished." Pledges arrived in diverse amounts and from a wide range of sources. They varied in amount from as little as 10 cents per minute to as much as 5 dollars per minute. "The great thing about this kind of fundraiser is that no one is excluded. People can participate at any economic level," said Orr. Contributors included neighboring business owners, a high school Gay/Straight Alliance and individual members of the Ann Arbor police force. On the day of the protest, Phelps's band numbered four adults and two small children. Instead of confronting the hate-mongers and giving them the attention they craved, over one hundred community members and supporters gathered in the bar on a Saturday afternoon, celebrating while they counted the minutes that Phelps's cronies stood outside raising money for Ann Arbor's gay community. That afternoon WRAP Board member Linda Lombardini received one notable pledge. "A father and his young son were driving past the bar and saw the protesters out front," she explained. "The son asked his father who they were and what they were doing there. The father stopped the car and brought his son into the restaurant to demonstrate to him that gay people are no different from anyone else. When he realized that we were holding a fundraiser he handed his son a ten-dollar bill to give to me." "We view this as a form of economic containment," Orr said. "Phelps is free to spread his message, however perverse we find it, wherever he wants. The First Amendment protects his right to do that. But we turned what could have been a negative into a positive. This has been an incredible community-building experience for us. We hope that cities and towns across the country will do this everywhere he goes. I get a charge thinking that every time he hits the road he will help us build our communities and fund our organizations."

HEARTLAND ROUNDUP

The AA and AI-Anon community is invited to attend the Heartland Roundup, "Happy, Joyous, and Free," April 27 - 29, 2001. This roundup follows the AA guidelines for Conferences as established by GSO and is sponsored by members of the gay and lesbian AA and AI-Anon community. This year's roundup will be at the Park Inn Regency Lodge, I-680 and Pacific St. (formerly Best Western Regency West).

The roundup will start April 27 with a Friday night mixer and a speaker. Saturday and Sunday's events will include more speakers (both AA and AI-Anon), workshops, and a banquet.

The banquet will be Saturday night with a silent auction, raffle, and entertainment from the River City Mixed Chorus.

Cost of the roundup before April 15 will be \$15.00 registration and \$25.00 for the banquet. After April 15, the registration goes up to \$20.00 with limited banquet availability. For a registration form or general information, contact Doug S. at 402-493-2282 (dsholl@hdrinc.com) or RJ R at 402-346-5308 (rjane@radiks.net), or write to Heartland Roundup Association, P.O. Box 6538, Omaha, NE 68106-0538.

ICE BOWL CORRECTION

Due to a formatting problem, the following team was not listed completely. The 5th place team was:

Kim Finley	Omaha, NE	2663 series
Lee Harrison	Omaha, NE	
Norma Harrison	Omaha, NE	
Terri Shellenberger	Omaha, NE	

QUEER YOUTH WRITERS

Greetings One and All:

My girlfriend and I are looking for queer youth writers, artists, cartoonists, and photographers for a zine we are creating. Our goal is to get the youth perspective on queer issues. For our first issue we are wanting to focus on:

1. the use of "that's so gay" and 'fag" in language today
2. homophobia or hate crimes you've encountered
3. hate crimes and legislation
4. Religion and homosexuality
5. queer marriage
6. Coming out stories

While we are mostly looking for stories or opinion articles about those topics, please feel free to send other relevant queer issues as we are hoping to have additional issues of our zine in the future. We ask that all works be original and previously unpublished. Please try to keep the stories and articles to around 500 words. Our deadline is MARCH 27, 2001. This deadline is also for all works of art including but not limited to poetry, drawings, cartoons, and photographs. We want to show queer youth for what we are in all forms of expression.

Email us at Bent_ghoti@hotmail.com

or send entries to

Celeste Caviness

PO Box 1233

Rohnert Park, CA 4928

Please pass this along to any queer youth that you think might be interested. Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,
Celeste and Julie



Tim Reeder
Realtor
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LEO BEER BUST & AFTER HOURS BREAKFAST

The Leather Engineers of Omaha will be hosting a Beer Bust at DC's Saloon Saturday, March 10 beginning at 9:00 PM. Draw beer will be \$3 with 50 cent refills. Then, after DC's closes for the night, these men in black leather invite you to join them for an after hours breakfast at Dixie Quick's 103 S 15th St. beginning at 1:30 AM. Come meet and greet the Leather Engineers as you enjoy fun, food, and frolic with them.

PFLAG HALTS SUNDAY SUPPORT MEETING

The Omaha Chapter of Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is discontinuing their Sunday afternoon support meeting. The group will continue to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month in Mead Hall of First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. at 7pm.

ST PATRICKS DAY DANCE LINCOLN UNITARIAN CHURCH

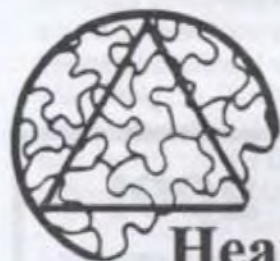
A St. Patrick's Day Dance for LGBT persons and Allies is being held on Saturday, March 17th from 7 - 10 pm at the Unitarian Church at 63rd & A Streets in Lincoln. Cost is \$5 with the money to be donated to the Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rights. Music, fun, snacks and green hats!!!!

Sexual Health Update Conference in Lincoln

Issues Impacting Sexual Health: An Update March 14 - 15 with a pre-conference institute on March 13th, Bridging Theory and Practice: Applying Behavioral Theory to STD/HIV Prevention! For registration forms or more information contact Julie Reno @ 471-0163 or email: julie.reno@hhss.state.ne.us Registration Deadline is March 5th, 2001. Nebraska Health & Human Services HIV Prevention, Reproductive Health, and Sexually Transmitted Disease Program is sponsoring the conference along with the University Health Center Community Health Education Dept. Sexuality Education eXchange, Development Systems, Inc. of Kansas City, the St. Louis and Denver STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Planned Parenthood Federation of America - Global Partners, and "Faces of AIDS" - Chicago Dept. of Public Health. As always, for more information contact Pat @ 472-7447 or email: ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu

DREAMS TO REALITY SATURDAY, MARCH 10, DC'S

Learning to Exchange Power, the group developed for Novices in the Leather/S/M/B/D lifestyle, will host Dreams to Reality this weekend. Workshops and demonstrations will give way to a well rounded leather show on Saturday evening at DC's. Leather Masters and those less experienced will take center stage for fantasies and demonstrations for your enjoyment.



**Heartland
Roundup
2001**

"Happy, Joyous & Free"

April 27-29, 2001

**Park Inn (Formerly Best Western Regency)
I-680 and Pacific St., Omaha, NE**

FEATURED EVENTS:

Friday Night Mixer Speakers (Both AA & Al-Anon) Workshops
Saturday Evening Banquet with entertainment by The River City Mixed Chorus

Before April 15, Registration \$15 and Banquet \$25.
After April 15, Registration \$20 and limited Banquet availability

For more information, contact Doug S. at (402) 493-2282, dsholl@hdrinc.com
or R.J. R. at (402) 346-5308, rjane@radiks.net

Sponsored by members of the gay & lesbian AA and Al-Anon community

SIoux CITY WOMYN MEET

GLBT LADIES/WOMYN: Our monthly Coffee Time is Growing! Saturday, MARCH 10 @ 1:30pm till whenever. Come for a Cup O-Java and more! Uncle Johns, 1101 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51102, Phone 277-3922. They do serve more than just coffee, they have a great menu! So come on time to order food! They serve food till 2:00 ish. Come, meet new friends, chat with old friends, get acquainted, networked and have some fun! ---siouxlandpride@hotmail.com Directions to Uncle Johns...

<http://www.siouxlandpride.net/coffeetime.html>

The Second (Of Hopefully Many!!) LADIES potluck is planned for Sunday, March 24, 2001, at First Unitarian Church, 2805 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa. The church's web site is: <http://pionet.net/~uua/>. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and go until whenever. There might be a drag show at Cheers that night, but you should still have time to come for dinner and visit for a while before heading up there, if that's your plan. Bring a main dish and side dish or desert and a liter of soda to share. Paper plates, etc., will be provided. Free will offering to cover heating expenses. Bring board games if you are interested in playing. I think that there is a TV/VCR available if you want to bring a tape.

Have a great week, Deb

There are about 85,000 people here in Sioux Land.. According to 'statistics' there are 8,500+ of US here...

So where are we all hiding? Let's get connected! Visit our Website: --> www.siouxlandpride.net

Contact us via Email--> siouxlandpride@hotmail.com Or Snail Mail us at Community Alliance, Post Office Box 1525, Sioux City, Iowa 51102 Donations Appreciated (Even Encouraged!)

NO METHODIST TRIAL DUE TO LACK OF EYEWITNESSES

From PlanetOUT News

Nebraska Bishop Rhymes Moncure, Jr. has announced that an anticipated United Methodist Church (UMC) trial for violating the denomination's prohibition against its ministers performing "same-sex union" ceremonies will not be taking place after all, due to a lack of eyewitnesses.

Reverend Mark Kemling, an outspoken critic of the ban, had reportedly officiated at a ceremony for a gay male couple at Omaha's gay-affirming Metropolitan Community Church on June 3, 2000 and a trial had been expected as early as last November (see PlanetOut News of October 23, 2000

<<http://www.planetout.com/news/article.html?2000/10/23/3>).

Moncure said the denomination's Nebraska Conference Committee on Investigation had decided not to hold the trial because of a lack of eyewitnesses to testify to the violation, and added that the offense was less serious than it might have been since it was not held in a UMC church and Kemling was on leave from pulpit ministry. Moncure must still handle the complaint against Kemling, but won't be doing so by means of a prosecution. The Nebraska Conference was previously the site of two of the three church trials the denomination has held for same-sex union ceremonies, with the now-defrocked Jimmy Creech the defendant in both. Moncure had previously expressed concerns at the cost of those trials, which totaled \$31,000.

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OMAHA AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 9-11

EVOLVING FAITH AND BELIEF Website www.gbgm-umc.org/omahafumc/spong.html or call (402) 393-2078, or email: LVICtp@RADIKS.NET

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

GLBT LADIES/WOMYN COFFEE TIME 1:30pm, Uncle Johns, 1101 4th St. Sioux City, IA, phone 277-3922 <http://www.siouxlandpride.net/coffee.html>

"DREAMS TO REALITY" LEATHER SHOW DC'S

LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA BEER BUST 9PM - Close, DC'S

LEATHER ENGINEERS AFTER HOURS BREAKFAST 1:30am, Dixie Quicks

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

MICHELE & STEVE BENEFIT for LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA The MAX

MONDAY, MARCH 12

PRIDE PLANNING MEET 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PRIDE THEME & LOGOS, Pride, Inc., Box 8583, Omaha 68108

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

CHANDLER CELEBRATES SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 9:45PM, Connections

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

ST PATRICKS DAY DANCE FOR LGBT & ALLIES 7 - 10PM, Unitarian Church, 63rd & A Streets, Lincoln, NE; \$5 admission to be donated to Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rights

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

MADAME X "THE WILD PARTY" 9:30PM, The MAX

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

SIOUXLAND LADIES POTLUCK 7PM, First Unitarian Church, 2805 Jackson St., Sioux City, IA

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

CHANDLER ON STAGE 9:30PM, The MAX

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICES:
1ST UNITED METHODIST
7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am
METROPOLITAN COMM. CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22, 8:50 & 10:20am
HEARTLAND UNITED METHODIST Bellevue West High School; 10:30am
FIRST UNITARIAN
3114 Harney Street, 11am
UNITY CHURCH,
3424 North 90, Omaha
LINCOLN MCC,
St. Mark's, 1309 R St, 6:30pm

Every Sunday

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING I & II,
I - 12:45pm, Mockingbird Lanes
I - 3pm Broadway Bowl, CB

KARAOKE, 9pm, Connections

Every Monday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9 pm
NAP 139 S. 40th, Omaha

Every Tuesday

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP, MCC-Omaha,
819 S. 22 St., 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

HIV TESTING, 1 - 4 pm
NAP Outreach Center,
1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK
6:30pm AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

KARAOKE W/ STACY,
8:30pm, DC'S Saloon

Every Thursday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9 pm
NAP, 139 S. 40th, Omaha

LESBIAN CENTERED
6:30 - 8pm For Info:
Lesbiancen@ivillage.com /
LesbianCen@aol.com

KARAOKE W/ STACY,
9pm, Connections

KARAOKE W/ LARRY D,
9pm, Gilligan's

Every Friday

PIZZA & MOVIE 1 PM &
7:45PM, \$5 Admission (\$2.50
members) Rainbow Outreach

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

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY
6-7:30pm; Lowe Ave Presby
Church, 1023 N. 40, Omaha

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

KARAOKE W/ LARRY D,
9pm, Gilligan's

Every Saturday

PROUD HORIZONS YOUTH GROUP 4 -6pm
Sponsor: PFLAG: 291-6781 or
proudhorizons@yahoo.com

KARAOKE W/ LARRY D,
9pm, Gilligan's

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OMAHA AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER

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

2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA, 7pm, Gilligan's

2nd Sunday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE

POWER L2EP@aol.com
Novice S/M,B/D Group; 1pm; DCs

2nd Wednesday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm
Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th Omaha

2nd Thursday

PFLAG - OMAHA 7pm
1st United Meth, Mead Hall

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA, Board Mtg,
8:30am, Planned Parenthood

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT
OF NEBRASKA BOARD MTG
MCC-O, 819 S. 22nd St., 6:30pm

4th Sunday

PFLAG - OMAHA
MEETING CANCELLED

4th Tuesday

NAMES PROJECT OF
HEARTLAND E-mail:
AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - 27

NAMES PROJECT QUILT
DISPLAY, Vermillion, S.D.,
www.aidsquilt.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS
PERFORMS AT WAYNE
STATE COLLEGE FOR
WAYNE STATE PRIDE
GROUP,

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 -

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

SHOWER OF STOLES, 12 noon,
Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R Street,
UNL Campus

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

SEDER DINNER, 6:30PM,
Metropolitan Community Church of
Omaha, 819 S. 22nd

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
SERVICE 7PM, Metropolitan
Community Church of Omaha, 819
S. 22 St. 345-2563

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES
6:30PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

EASTER SERVICES 8:50 &
10:20AM MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 -

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

HEARTLAND AA AL-ANON
ROUNDUP Park Inn, Omaha
Call 402-493-2282 or 346-5308

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

AIDS WALK/RED RIBBON
RUN '01, Omaha, Lincoln,
Scottsbluff, Omaha Volunteers
contact Joe Conrad 552-9260

SATURDAY, MAY 5

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS
CLOSET CLEARING GARAGE
SALE 8am - 3pm, 4066 South 13
Street, To have donated items
picked up, call SING Line (341-
7464) No clothing please

SATURDAY, MAY 19

HGRA CHARITY BALL
Des Moines, Iowa

SUNDAY, MAY 20

INGA HOSTS RCMC BENEFIT
SHOW 9:30PM, The MAX

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

RIVERCITY MIXED CHORUS
PRIDE CONCERT

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

OMAHA PRIDE PARADE
Assembly 1pm, Parade 2pm

FRI, JUNE 29 - JULY 1

HEARTLAND REGIONAL
RODEO, Sarpy County
Fairgrounds, Springfield NE.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

CORONATION 21 OF THE
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NEBRASKA Sokol Hall, Omaha

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Thursday Eve
Weekend Days

Call 341-0330

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Too much time on my hands

By Ronnie Rho

Is there a worse feeling in the world than being unemployed? I'm sure there is, but I don't want to experience it. I was laid off last November, and been looking for something, anything since then.

No, my departure was not created or related to any GLBT issues, just economic ones. And no, my GLBT identity has not prevented me from finding a new job...I don't think.

I've hit the Job Service, combed the paper, and visited just about every online job posting available. No luck. I've let friends and strangers alike know I'm looking for work. Networking has gotten me places before, but this time, no dice.

So, now I'm turning to you, gentle reader: Please! For the love of God! Someone hire me!

What I have found is other people looking for work as well. I don't mean McJobs, but rather career-track employment. I've met numerous people, talented, qualified people who are not doing what they want to do. And I know there are GLBT folks in high places, with the authority to hire us. After all, with our gifts for creativity, how can we not climb to the top?

You'd think, as closely knit as our community is, there would be a better pipeline of information for this sort of thing. We should be helping each other.

Are we not loyal to gay-friendly businesses and clubs? Do we not respect each other's level of "outness"? (Yes, I realize there may be exceptions, but work with me here.) As a GLBT or friendly employer, wouldn't you rather hire family than some equally qualified redneck?

Fortunately, nationwide, there are a few websites starting to recognize the need and more than likely, the demand.

www.progayjobs.com is a new one. It just started within the last month, and at last check, did not have a tremendous number of listings. But, like Monster.com, it does allow you to post your resume for employers to peruse.

www.lavenderx.com is another far reaching site, but it seems to be constantly under construction, so finding a listing can be difficult.

www.thla.org/jobs/jobsmain.html features legal jobs across the country.

www.tgforum.com just started a job page, featuring a listing of companies and other employers who include GLBT-friendly hiring practices.

In the February 23, 2001 *Rainbow Gayzette*, someone was looking for a bookkeeper. They didn't mention the business or any names, and thus protected their identity. This is a great start! We need more ads in the *Gayzette* like that!

As a closeted employer, you don't have to stick your neck out for anyone. You're just looking for the most qualified candidate, and promoting non-discriminatory hiring practices. No one has to know about your little secret. Not even the hiree.

If you're wondering why, as much of a prize as I claim to be, I have not been snapped up, the answer is simple. I've spent 10 years in one field, and apparently, all that I learned, including work ethics, doesn't qualify me for anything else. I've received a couple of offers, but the truth is, I want out of that industry. I want to get into something with better pay and more stability, but where I can put my skills and creativity to use.

In the meantime, if you need me, or know someone who might, let me know. I'll be rooting around the dumpster for aluminum cans.

(Ronnie can be contacted at ronnierho@hotmail.com.)

Editor's Note: Ronnie is not the only one in our community who is searching for employment. If you know of businesses looking for reliable employees, suggest that they advertise in the Gayzette or post a job listing at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. Let's make our presence known in the work force.

Men's

Personal Growth Group

Accepting new members for private group of 10-12 men whose focus is personal/spiritual growth. Group meets weekly.

For more information,
call Mark 630-5703 (evenings)
or Paul 397-6551 (daytime only).

FREE/ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING

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NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

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**AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT
VERMILLION, SD
MARCH 25 - 27**

400 PANELS TO BE DISPLAYED

The Vermillion AIDS Memorial Quilt Display Committee will have a nearly 400 panel Quilt display March 25-27. Opening ceremonies are 1 pm Sunday, closing down at 10 pm. Monday hours are 8 am - 10 pm and Tuesday 8 am till closing ceremonies at 7 pm. The Quilt will be in Slagle Auditorium on USD campus. There will be no admission charge at the Quilt, but items will be for sale to commemorate this project.

Quilt Founder, Cleve Jones, will speak on Monday, March 26, at 8 pm at Farber Hall in Old Main. Hear him tell how the quilt came to be such a powerful representation of the many lives who were lost and still are lost to AIDS. Cleve is sponsored by the USD Program Council News and Views, USD Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance, and the USD Foundation.

Donations are needed to make the Quilt Display happen. Checks need to be made out to USD Foundation, % AIDS Current Account and mailed to the address below. We are hoping to make this a regional event. Please help us spread the word so as many as who are able see this educational event!
Wendy Stubbs, co-chair Sara Fidler, co-chair
605-624-6902 wstubbs@usd.edu 677-6769 sfidler@usd.edu
Vermillion AIDS Memorial Display Committee
% CSC at USD, 414 East Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069

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QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline
1-800-782-2437
(from Omaha 552-9255)

Monday—Friday: 9am—11pm
Weekends: 6pm—11pm

RIVER CITY BOWLING II

TEAM STANDINGS	W	L	PINS
The Max	44	20	32148
Omaha Mining Co	44	20	31211
Cum/Go	40.5	23.5	30379
Max Factors	39	25	28533
Darrah's Total Team	34	30	28541
The Cocks	33.5	30.5	28896
Grandmother's	33	31	30362
Over Our Heads	33	31	30205
Drunk Pins	31	33	28293
Harvey's Casino	31	33	26803
Gills Choke Artists	30.5	33.5	29622
R2 D2	30	34	27343
Carlson's Queens	29	35	27585
All Fall Down	28.5	35.5	28060
Gilligan's #1	27	37	27839
Manwhore 4	26.5	37.5	25643
Dog Pack	20.5	43.5	27970
Flat Water Bears	20	44	24608

HIGH SCRATCH GAME

(MEN)	(WOMEN)
288 - D White	259 - N Harrison
277 - D Cooper	212 - T Chapin
256 - S McCarthy	211 - K Fleek
256 - M Wierzbicki	

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES

(MEN)	(WOMEN)
689 - S McCarthy	677 - N Harrison
672 - D Cooper	527 - T Krzeminski
658 - D White	523 - T Chapin

HIGH AVERAGE

(MEN)	(WOMEN)
195 - D Cooper	183 - N Harrison
195 - J Shomer	154 - K Barnes
192 - S McCarthy	146 - V Gassen

HIGH TEAM GAME

796 - The Max
777 - Gills Choke Artists
773 - Grandmother's

HIGH TEAM SERIES

2324 - The Max
2119 - Omaha Mining Co
2078 - Over Our Heads

Weekly High Game

222 - M Wierzbicki
215 - D Cooper

Weekly High Series

619 - D Cooper
573 - M Wierzbicki

BEARS TO CHOOSE ART OR SCIENCE

Not just one, but two intriguing area exhibits are attracting Flat Water Bears members for their March Activity.

The group will be deciding at its Wed. Mar. 14 meeting whether to select the 18th Century French art exposition at Joslyn Art Museum, or the Hubble Space Telescope traveling exhibit currently at the SAC Museum.

Members also might have decided before the 7:30 p.m. Mar. 14 meeting at the Diamond; if they conduct polling through email. "From the Sun King to the Royal Twilight" is at the Joslyn until April 1. The Hubble exhibit will be at the SAC Museum through late April.

In either case, St. Patrick's Day Mar. 17 is the likely Bears' Field Trip day. They would meet before noon if they select Joslyn in order to take advantage of that museum's special morning admission rate.

Whichever site the group selects will be posted, along with meeting time, on the hirsute men and enthusiasts' website, www.geocities.com/flatwaterbears. Information also be available from the Rainbow Outreach Center Information Line, 341-0330.

If the Joslyn Museum is the Bears' selected event, lunch will follow. A SAC Museum visit likely would be in the afternoon, followed by dinner and a night out appropriately celebrating St. Patrick's Day

GAYZETTE AD RATES

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All ads must be camera ready. !0% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment must accompany ad. Checks should be made payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center 1719 Leavenworth St. on or before the deadline date. Ads may also be emailed to Advertising@rocc.org. A phone call notifying us that the ad is coming should be made to (402) 341-0330, attention Sharon.

Ad Deadlines are:

Friday, March 16 for Publication March 23
Friday, March 30 for Publication April 6

RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

BARS

Connections, 933-3033
1901 Leavenworth, Omaha
DC's Saloon, 344-3103
610 S. 14th Street, Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 449-9147
1407 Harney, Omaha
JOY, 341-7337
1516 Jones St., Omaha
The Diamond, 342-9595
712 S. 16th St., 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 Street, Lincoln

OMAHA BASED ORGANIZATIONS

BiChoice Nebraska, 9504 R
Plaza #106, Omaha 68127
592-4250: QUEST15@juno.com
Citizens for Equal Protection
Box 55548, Omaha 68155, 398-3027
<http://www.geocities.com/~cfep>
Working for equal rights for all
Flat Water Bears, PO Box 3751,
Omaha 68103 or
flatwaterbears@geocities.com
Group for hirsute men and their
admirers, meet 2nd Wednesday
at Diamond Bar, 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)
Alchristi55@aol.com or contact SPO
(Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
**Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education
Network-Omaha**, Box 641676,
Omaha 68164, 596-2596
Heartland Gay Rodeo Association
Box 3354, Omaha 68103 For those
who enjoy rodeo & country ways
800-561-6918 (Leave Message)
**Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling
Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box
31838, Omaha, NE 68131, e-mail
icebowlomaha@hotmail.com
Imperial Court of Nebraska,
PO Box 3772, Omaha 68103
(402) 556-9907, Board Meeting
3rd Mon, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22
Learning to Exchange Power,
L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational
group novices in Leather LifeStyle
**Leather Engineers of Omaha
(LEO)** Box 8181 Omaha 68108
Gay men interested in leather lifestyle,
Meetings 2nd Sat @ Gilligan's 7pm
Lesbian Centered; Social, discussion
group for Lesbians; Meet Thurs.
Info: Lesbiancen@ivillage.com

LinOma Bares, PO Box 8493,
Omaha 68108 Nudist/ Naturist
Club for gay/bi men
Mpower, c/o Nebraska AIDS
Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131
Men teaching men about HIV
Men's Support Group-Omaha,
c/o MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St.,
<http://www.radiks.net/mike2tom/msgo>
maha 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm
**Metropolitan Community Church of
Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108
345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net
Sunday Worship 8:50 & 10:20am,
Names Project of the Heartland,
AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com;
Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260
Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40 St.,
Omaha 68131, Testing Monday
and Thursday Evenings
NAP Outreach Center, 1723
Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling:
Wed. Afternoon, Fri Night
**Nebraska Advocates for Justice &
Equality**, PO Box 55548, Omaha
68155, 402.346-5960
naje_now@hotmail.com
Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange
emails posted to the list for discussion
<http://www.radiks.net/mike2tom/nebraskagaydads>
Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage
<http://community.webtv.net/OMAHA/NEGAYPRIDE/OmahaNebraskaGay>
Onyx Images, PO Box 31026,
Omaha 68132-9998 Fraternity
for African American Men
Out and About in Nebraska,
outabout@worldshare.net or
<http://travel.to/outabout> Social group
for those who enjoy the outdoors
**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And
Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter**
Call (402) 291-6781 Meetings 2nd
Thursday & 4th Sunday, First United
Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha
Pride!, Inc. Box 8583, Omaha 68108
341-0330 Produce Pride Parade;
National Coming Out Day
Proud Horizons Youth Group,
Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781
or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
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Center**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha,
341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org
Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays,
6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian,
1023 N. 40 St., Omaha
River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267,
Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING
River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076,
Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, email:
rcga@tforum.com Social/Support
Group for transgender/transsexual/
cross-dressers and supporters

River City Mixed Bowling I, 12:45pm,
Sundays, Mockingbird Bowl, Omaha:
Michael Jones (689-0534)
River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm,
Sundays, Broadway Bowl, Council
Bluffs, IA: Contact: Dan White (402)
734-7055
SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha,
NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
WomenSpace, PO Box 24712,
Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts
(402) 588-4529

LINCOLN BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Alias Jane Band, (402) 435-8764
Kara & Kelly at The Panic
Committee for GLBT Concerns
218 Andrews, UN-L, 68588 472-1880
Deanna Zaffke & Pat Tetreault
Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance
2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402)
436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
Gay/Lesbian Film Fest, October 19-28,
Mary Ross Film Theater, Lincoln,
Deanna Zaffke, cea@unlserve.unl.edu
Gay Men's Support Group,
Counseling & Psychology,
Discussion Group for Gay Men,
UNL Health Center, Rm. 214,
Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
Lesbian Discussion Group,
Women's Resource Center,
UNL Health Center, Rm 340,
Lincoln 68558 (402) 472-2597
**Omaha Women's Riverboat
Cruise**, 4949 N. 73 St, Lincoln,
68507 (402) 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
Plainsmen, Support group for FtM's
(Female to Male), Male Identified
Females, 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
Stepping Out GLBT Newspaper,
PO Box 30950, Lincoln, 68503-0950
Julie: 402-325-0338, Kathy @
bluzzdiva@aol.com
Straight Spouse Support Grp 489-9088
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St.,
Lincoln 68508; 434-3494
Martha Hakenkamp/Barb Cheshier
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880
Youth Talkline, Lincoln 473-7932,
Friday & Saturday 7pm - Midnight
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