



## National Transgender Day of Remembrance

By Nicole Higginbotham

November 20 marks the 9th observance of the National Transgender Day of Remembrance. "The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the "Remembering Our Dead" web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999" (<http://www.gender.org/remember/day/what.html>). It is further celebrated to honor the lives of the several transgender individuals that have lost their lives to violence. "This observance reminds us and our allies of the murderous toll bigotry takes on our community," said Dr. Meredith Bacon, Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Nebraska. "It serves to reinvigorate our commitment to enforce hate crimes legislation."

According to the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network's (GLSEN) statistics, "55% of transgender youth report being physically harassed because of their gender, gender expression or sexual orientation. Transgender students are 30% more likely to suffer physical harassment than lesbian, gay and bisexual students". Tessa Wraith, member of the transgender community, said, "Not many people know what some of us have gone through and what we do to be us. The world calls us "sick". There are no rights to protect us from losing our jobs. If you can't work, your insurance cuts you, and you end up on the street." The National Transgender Day of Remembrance was started because of situations like this. On this day, teenagers and adults in the GLBTQI community and their allies work to fight for equality and against the discrimination that plagues the transgender community.

The website: <http://www.rememberingourdead.org/> serves as an informational source of the members of the transgender community that have suffered from hate crimes. Some of the transgender people that are commemorated on the Remembering Our Dead site are: Michelle Maree, who won Miss Gay Memphis in 1974, Reverend John "Gypsy" Prowett, a Stonewall veteran and MCC minister, and Brandon Teena, former resident of Lincoln, NE.

For more information on the National Transgender Day of Remembrance, refer to <http://www.gender.org/remember/day/>.

## "God Hates Fags" Church in New Battle

The fiery message of the Westboro Baptist Church has led its followers into a fight for what they say are their First Amendment rights.

**(See Special Note at End of Article: It's Good News!!)**

After what would appear at first glance to be a setback in one court, the group heads to another one on charges that include flag mutilation -- and members of the Topeka, Kan.-based church could not be happier.

"Our message has exploded all over the world," a delighted Shirley Phelps-Roper said Thursday.

Phelps-Roper's comments came a day after the fundamentalist church was ordered in Maryland to pay nearly \$11 million to a grieving father whose son's military funeral was the target of the congregation's frequent picketing campaigns.

The church believes that U.S. deaths in the Iraq war are punishment for the nation's tolerance of homosexuality. The protesters carry signs bearing such slogans as "Thank God for dead soldiers" and "God hates fags." Followers say they are entitled to protest at soldiers' funerals under the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech and religion.

Phelps-Roper, 50, is to appear in Sarpy County Court on Monday on charges of flag mutilation, negligent child abuse, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and disturbing the peace. The charges were filed after Phelps-Roper allowed her 10-year-old son to stand on the flag while protesting at a Bellevue soldier's funeral in June.

Sarpy County Attorney Lee Polikov said when the Westboro followers specifically target grieving families, "they don't really deserve the protection of freedom of speech, freedom of religion."

Phelps-Roper's attorney, Bassel El-Kasaby, said he has asked that the case be thrown out because the charges are unconstitutional. El-Kasaby was hired by the Nebraska ACLU to represent Phelps-Roper.

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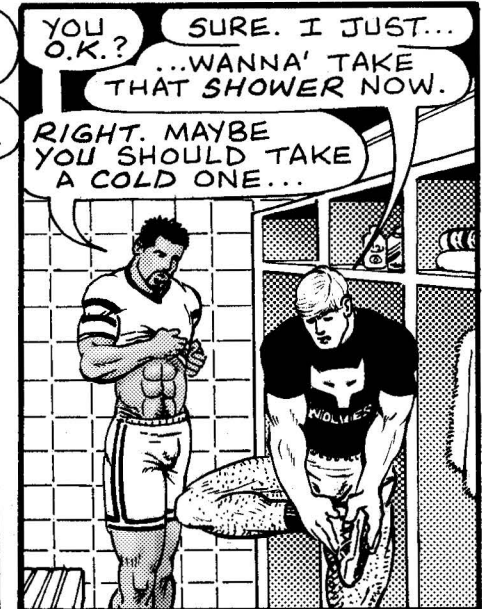
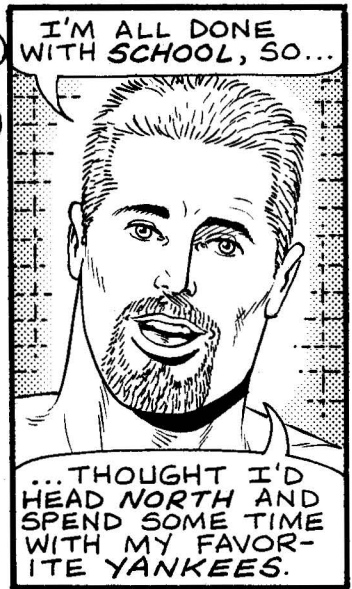
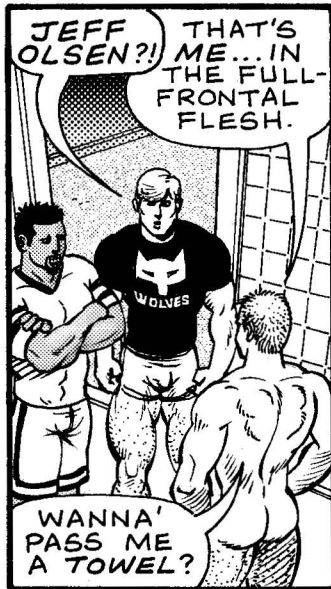
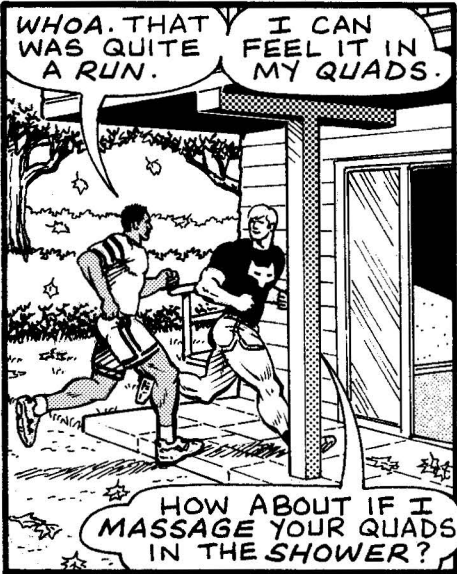
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*(God Hates Fags, story from page 1)*

Nebraska's flag law defines flag mutilation as when a "person intentionally casts contempt or ridicule upon a flag by mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning or trampling upon such flag."

Phelps-Roper has noted that the U.S. Supreme Court has struck down laws forbidding flag desecration.

Westboro has been effective in getting its name and message out, but most people will not be able to make a logical connection between homosexuality and soldiers' deaths, said David Meyer, a sociology professor at the University of California, Irvine.

"Sometimes you actually want to provoke a fury, because the action of protest is meant to be polarizing," he said. "But you hope when you do that more people break on your side than the other side."

Meyer said protesters are typically effective in encouraging social change when they fight against something generally accepted as being wrong -- as happened with the civil rights and anti-draft movements -- or when protesters can make a connection to something wrong, such as anti-abortion protesters likening abortion doctors to murderers.

Westboro's last legal fight occurred in U.S. District Court in Maryland, where Albert Snyder sued the church after a protest last year at the funeral of his son, a Marine who was killed in Iraq.

He claimed the protests intruded on what should have been a private ceremony and sullied his memory of the event.

Nebraska and at least 37 other states have adopted laws restricting how close protesters can get to funerals. The laws were at least partly inspired by Westboro's protests. Congress has passed a law prohibiting such protests at federal cemeteries.

On Wednesday, the church was found liable for invasion of privacy and intent to inflict emotional distress. Jurors awarded Snyder \$10.9 million.

Ronald Collins, a scholar at the First Amendment Center, said that while he finds the church's message reprehensible, it is protected by the Constitution. He expects the judgment to be thrown out on appeal.

"You don't get around the First Amendment by issuing an \$10.9 million verdict," Collins said. (Timberly Ross, AP)

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### Special Update:

**On 2 November 2007 the official website of Westboro Baptist Church was taken down after a complaint filed by Iridius Izzarne of Seattle, Washington with the hosting company, The Planet.**

**The site violated The Planet's acceptable usage policy. It remains to be seen if the site will return.**

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## Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Royalty Contest at DC's

What a great time we had, what a crowd, what entertainers, what help from everyone. We crowned Trina Tabloid as Miss HGRA 2008 and Tracey Foster (AKA Aretha Spanklin) as Ms. HGRA 2008. They both received excellent scores from the judges and lots of applause from the audience.

We started early in the evening with the Interview portion in the basement of DC's. Then moved up to the dance floor for the Western Wear, Public Presentation, and Talent contests. We'd like to give special thanks to our judges who were so helpful. Empress 27 Madeline Feinstein; Stan Brown, ICON Lord 27; Mr. Nebraska Gay Pride, Gary A.; Mr. HGRA 2002-03, Paco Perez; Mr. DC's 2006, Jon H.; Pete Canfield, Mr. HGRA 2005-2006; and of course the unforgettable Aphelia Butts-Feinstein, Czarina 27.

Then at our meeting on Saturday we voted to have Pete Canfield step up as Mr. HGRA 2008 to help our new royalty in their upcoming year. Be sure to watch out for fundraisers and shows and lots of other fun events. Our next meeting is going to be a taste test of recipes for a future HGRA cookbook. And Trina Tabloid is holding a 50-50 raffle at the gay bowling league on Sunday.

## Omaha Youth Dance for Life

By Nicole Higginbotham

On Friday, October 26, Omaha youth were invited to The Rock in Papillion in support of the Dance for Life event. This event ran from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. and was designed to raise money for the Nebraska Aids Project. Event coordinator, Peter Sobczyk,

decided to share his experience.

### How did you decide to get involved with Dance for Life?

I actually came up with the idea, and brought it to the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP). I have always liked dance parties. After a meditation retreat I went on last year, I decided I wanted to take something I love (dance parties) and use it for something that benefits other people, transform the self-destructive portions of parties into something more positive and less selfish. I have been very lucky in life, a feeling of being blessed I suppose. I want others to share in my good fortune and help other people find happiness.

### What other people helped out?

Sarah Grossman from NAP was a big help, and so was Nakiea. Also, I could not have done the event without the Groove Omaha crew as well as DJ THC and his UFOmaha crew. I can't forget Ryan from the Heartland Messenger and the only corporate sponsor to step in and help, Ted and Wally's. My loving and caring partner Nathan Cardwell was my support as always.

### How did it help you as a person?

It helped me by challenging my will to continue doing charity events. I looked at the whole ordeal as an enormous learning lesson. When we fail, we must learn to pick ourselves up and carry on, press forward and all the positive thinking. It made me realize that youth events take even more time than a typical benefit. It made me realize that the youth in all communities are often forgotten or set aside because they cannot write big checks. It helped me realize that it's even more important now than ever before, given all the perils that people face in our modern world.

### Do you think that it's good that someone from the GLBTQI community is giving back to the community?

I think it is good anyone from any community to give their time, effort, and money to people who could really use the help, regardless of whether they are GLBT. We are one global com-

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**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: [EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST**, info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org)

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

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**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN**, 1023 N 40 10am service

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Sunday Worship: 11am

**ONE PROMISE GROUP**, Narcotics Anonymous, 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 ANONYMOUS** 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM  
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**WIMMIN'S SHOW**, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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**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

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**RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY**, 6 to 7:30PM, Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**  
**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**  
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**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 6PM. Email at: omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday**  
**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday OR Sunday**  
**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION**, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.net for meeting schedules etc.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**  
**ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE**, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**  
**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER** L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
**INTEGRITY** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

**OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING** (glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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**, Lincoln NE, 7-10PM walk-in, same day results, 200 South 18th Street

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

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

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday**  
**LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**  
Not currently meeting.

**Email Your Event to:**  
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## **WOMEN'S ASS SIZE STUDY**

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their asses, the results were pretty interesting:

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10% of women think their ass is too skinny.....

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# 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** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

**Diamond Foundation**, GLBT Scholarships, Mentoring and Leadership, call 877-87-DIAMOND or see [www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.org)

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

**First Central Congregational Church UCC**, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming

**Flat Water Bears**, (group disbanded)

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

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup), Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, see [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for information

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Doubletree Hotel Downtown, [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://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, not currently meeting

**LinOma Bares**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

**Low Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 1023 No. 40th St., fully open to GLBT's,

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website:[www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday

Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

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

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 info

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

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohanagroup@msn.com](mailto:Theohanagroup@msn.com)

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

**Omaha NE Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha GLBT Professionals**, Contact [omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net](mailto:omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net) for more info.

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.omahaglbtsports.net](http://www.omahaglbtsports.net) for info

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

**Out and About in Nebraska**, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

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

**Prairie Bares**, nudist group, no further info available, ask Dino A. or David F.

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

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

**Rainbow Celebrations, PO** Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**River City Gender Alliance**, P.O. Box 4083

Omaha, NE 68104, call Starla @402.813.1842 Or email [info@rivercitygenderalliance.org](mailto:info@rivercitygenderalliance.org)  
**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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**Temple Israel Synagogue**, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**WomenSpace**, no current info is available

## LINCOLN BASED

**GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, Pat Tetreault, Ph.D. Sexuality Education Coordinator University Health Center Health ED Dept. 402.472.7447 for info see <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

**Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510

(402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer  
**Gay & Bi Men's Discussion & Support Group**, Tim, P.O. Box 6341, Lincoln 68506-0341 483-6183

**Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

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

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

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

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094  
**Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline**

**for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>

**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: [ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu](mailto:ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu)

**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

## Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.org)  
Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal  
Constitutions, <http://www.iowaEquality.org>  
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

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## Community Announcements

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## River City Bowling 3rd Annual MCC Pantry Drive

The Omaha River City mixed Bowling league will be holding a food drive to help with the MCC pantry items.

This year the event will be held Sunday November 18, at Maplewood Bowling Center, 103rd Maple, from 2:00PM until 4:00PM. The league again this year will be handing out raffle prizes for participants, bowlers or non bowlers. Items on their wish list this year include but not limited to: Canned meat products, Pasta's Box mixes of potatoes, rice, noodles, jello/pudding mixes, canned soups, canned vegetables.

Anyone in our community is welcomed to drop off their items. We look forward to seeing you November 18 at Maplewood Bowling Center to help our cause.

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## Angels in America: Millennium Approaches

SNAP! Productions is very proud to present to Omaha Tony Kushner's two-part Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece, *Angels in America*. The play is widely considered the most important, spectacular and entertaining American play of the late 20th century. As relevant today as at the height of the AIDS crisis, Kushner's epic vision touches on Mormonism, Judaism, racism, homosexuality, marriage, history, politics and art. And yet the story remains profoundly human.

Jack Krroll of Newsweek calls *Angels in America* "daring and dazzling! The most ambitious American play of our time: an epic that ranges from earth to heaven..."

SNAP! Productions will be presenting both parts of *Angels in America*. Part I: *Millennium Approaches* will run from November 15–December 9, 2007. SNAP! Productions' Omaha Premiere of Part II: *Perestroika* will run from March 6 - March 30, 2008.

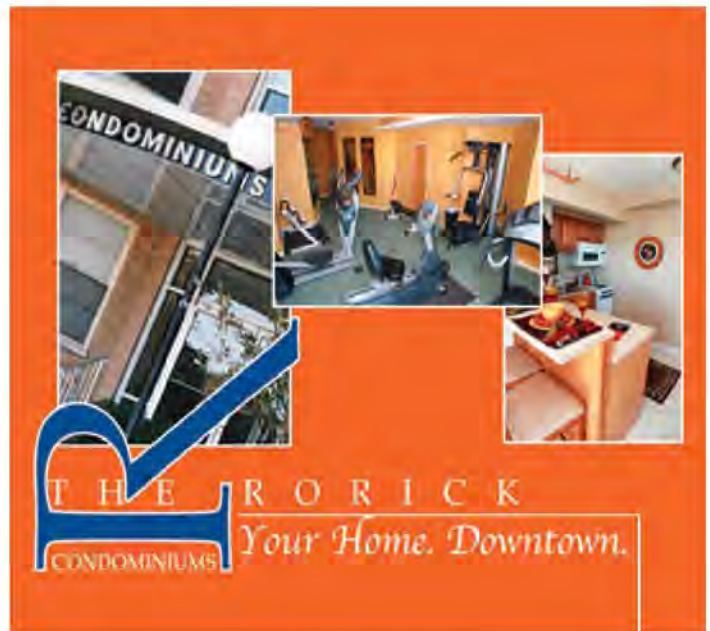
Buy your tickets now for Kushner's apocalyptic saga of people struggling with AIDS during the Reagan administration. This drama won a Pulitzer Prize and multiple Tony Awards and the HBO miniseries, directed by Mike Nichols, won multiple Emmys. The large cast features Matt Allen, Roderick Cotton, Jennifer Gilg, Kirstin Kluver, Stephen M. Shelton, Michal Simpson, Therese Rennels and Brian Zealand.

Thomas Lowe, with assistance from M. Michele Phillips, directs this epic drama. *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches*, will run from November 15–December 9, 2007 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, December 9th show will start at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! Productions website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members.

### SMART A\$\$ ANSWER #5

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets.

As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket and he opened his trench coat and flashed her. Without missing a beat, she said, "Sir, I need to see your ticket, not your stub."



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## Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake  
Certified Personal Trainer



Who? What? When? Where? Why? These are the questions I shall explore in the journey to better understand exercising and health and fitness routines. I will give you the heads and tails of each question that is asked. It will then be your responsibility to guide your horse to the water you have chosen and get him to drink.

Who should you exercise with? Some folks like to work out by themselves. They claim that this is the only time of the day that they have to themselves. They gain a piece of mind and are able to relax away from the world. Others are in need of the company of friends to assist them in their fitness regimen. Most people benefit from the synergy of having someone nudge them toward their goal of better health. This is your first decision.

What exercising should you engage in? This question has a wide variety of possible answers. You need to know exactly what it is you seek from your calorie burning. Find activities that you enjoy. Don't run if you abhor the idea and are intensely sore each time you finish. Try the recumbent bike or the elliptical. On the other hand, you need to run if you expect to complete a marathon. There are many choices and you should be fairly comfortable with what you choose. Set your realistic goals and make decision #2.

When should you work out? The popular choices seem to be before work or after work. Getting your routine finished early in the day gets you going better than that cup of java. You get "it" over and have the rest of the day to yourself. You feel great and ready to take on the world. However you must get up an hour earlier than normal to satisfy this situation. Alarm clock snoozers might decide the after work option suits them just fine. Your body is loosened up by the time your nine to five job is complete. The downside to this plan is that you might just decide that TV and dinner are better for you then working out after a long day. You need to stay disciplined in either decision.

Where should you workout? The two sides to this explorative state are either your home or at a health club. You will need to stay on task if you choose to exercise in your castle. The distractions are many in your three bedroom abode. You will also need to purchase appropriate equipment to satisfy your fitness needs. On the other hand you can head to the local fitness club and take care of business there. There is not the convenience of home in this choice but you will be more likely to work out if you know you have paid monthly dues for something. Your equipment will also be provided. Once again, it is your call on this decision.

Finally, why do you want to work out? The possible retorts could be as follows: lose weight, companionship, fun, challenging, stay alive, prepare for a five mile run, etc. You do need a goal if you desire to achieve success in your given exercise routine. This will mightily enhance your continuance of any activity. Give this some thought and advance three spaces to "I did it".

The more preparation that is involved in your endeavors, the more likely you will have something positive to show for the

efforts. This translates to more fun and who doesn't want that. Take some time to answer these basic five questions and see how beneficial the results can be.

This fitness column is brought to you by that guy who likes to play Parcheesi with his belt loosened and his socks off. This guy is Ron Blake and he can be activated at [www.goblakefitness@yahoo.com](mailto:www.goblakefitness@yahoo.com).

## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave	991-6470
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street	502-2008
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

### Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)	435-8764
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)	475-2269

### Iowa:

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## I SPY.....

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.).



Appreciation- an expression of admiration, approval, or gratitude. This is a feeling, skill, or whatever you call it that this community lacks. I hear many of you say that things here in Omaha are boring and lame. You want different venues and such things to do. Now I'm scratching my head because when these things are offered, where the hell are you? I'll throw a couple of examples. Mr. Gay Pride Gary's Haunted Woods. This was by far one of the most unique fundraisers we could have seen yet. \$10 got you cover and food along with \$.50 - \$2 non alcohol and alcoholic drinks with every penny going to Pride 2008. Bonfire, haunted trail, and movies being part of the event that took volunteers hours in two days to set up and tear down. Sad thing was, is that there were close to more volunteers than non volunteers there that night. Now I know there were many other things going on that night but this event lasted six hours. Somewhere in that time span you could have put on a coat and hat, don't worry you'd still look flattering, stopped cruising or put down the bottle for a bit, and caravanned on out for about an hour. Besides most of you say it's the same old thing at the watering holes anyway. For those of you who came out and mocked us volunteers for trying and belittled what we had set up, shame on you and next time leave your attitude behind because some of us didn't appreciate it at all. Did anyone else besides a handful of people know that The Reading Grounds is closed for business? This place was a hub to all different entertainment types of things along with the books and bakery. This was also a meeting place for many support groups and such to be in a calm GLBT setting. We must appreciate our GLBT and ally businesses/organizations no matter what because you never know when they will come in handy. Also, it isn't entirely our fault things don't go well because sometimes advertising isn't at its strongest for whatever is going on too. A thing about appreciation, it goes far and supports a cause. Another thing about appreciation, tolerance, go learn the definition of that word because sometimes in order to appreciate something you have to tolerate what comes with it. The host, place, or way you don't like, but are after the same cause, then you are going to have to learn to tolerate and appreciate each other somehow. In a community our size we have enough people on the outside as well as the inside trying to tear us down and not appreciate us. For those who are in our GLBT community and bitch and disapprove of all we do to better our community, I'd appreciate for you all to shut the f\*\*k up and tolerate us interrupting your clique or mundane routine because we have to tolerate your antics against us for some benefit we are trying to promote and do. If you're not going to help or participate, then there is no reason for you to bitch about us. Also, if you don't pull your head out of your ass and open your eyes and ears, you also don't have a reason to be complaining. Not everything you support or want to help out is going to land in your lap. You have to go out and find it sometimes.

Whoop, glad to get that off my chest. Let's move on our feet! Gordon Hitchcock is teaching line dancing lessons this season down at DC's Saloon. Visit [www.dcssaloonomaha.com](http://www.dcssaloonomaha.com) to view the schedule and other things happening there. I already went to a couple and it has doubled participants since last year. If you don't think this is something you may not like, just think of cardio class, trust me, it's a great fun cardio workout. Another great thing is that it's free. This takes place every Thursday night 7 - 9 P.M.

The Imperial Court Of Nebraska is having its annual Food 4 Thought show here in Omaha on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9 P.M. @ The Max. ICON is looking to raise monies to help out over 100 families this Thanksgiving holiday. The families spread over Nebraska, southwest Iowa, and Wyoming. This is also one of ICON's biggest fundraisers of the year. If you feel real generous bring in a box a food or a can of food to the show to add to a collection on stage with the donation money to help a family enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday a lot better.

Websites of the bi-week: [www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org) // [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org) // [www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org) // [www.rainbowdepot.com](http://www.rainbowdepot.com)

Any comments, gripes, complaints or just want me to check something out? Email me [orrrthumper83@yahoo.com](mailto:orrrthumper83@yahoo.com).

## OMAHA GLBT SPORTS

By Chris Orr

Here is another update of what is going on in the community's sports league like I have always done in the past. The registration for Volleyball this past month has gone overwhelmingly well. The organization has changed up its methods of registering this season. This is the first season that we featured paying online. We, also thank the GLBT businesses and The Outreach Center for registration sites and the bars, just like in the past, have also been registration sites. So after all these sign-ups the league is proud to announce that volleyball registration has doubled from last year. This season of volleyball will feature 11 teams. Thank you to everyone who has registered. This will be the best season yet. This season of volleyball is different though. Teams could only sign-up as a group of four. Then be joined with two or three members by opposite gender or opposite skill levels to create a whole team. This was to prevent teams that are impossible to beat but at the same time get to know more members of the community, which is a part of what we promote. 68 GLBT and ally members will fill The Volleyball Center (Westroads Club) every Sunday starting November 4<sup>th</sup> - February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 P.M. with respective holiday weeks off. Please go visit [WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTS.NET](http://WWW.OMAHAGLBTSPORTS.NET) to find out how you can get involved and know what the league is up to. Psst, by the way, a one day only dodgeball tournament between groups and bars/organizations as a sports league fundraiser is coming soon. Scores and pictures of volleyball to be printed next issue.

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