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RECLAIMING PRIDE: DAILY REFLECTIONS ON GAY AND LESBIAN LIFE: Review by Terry Sweeney

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Excerpts for June 1995

"What I will never forgive is your daring to try and make me ashamed of my love. I'm not ashamed of it, there's no shame in me."

Radclyffe Hall, novelist

Release the shame and reclaim your pride. Refusing to be shamed any longer is an indication of your self-acceptance and burgeoning self confidence. We not only refuse to buy into the shaming message, but we express our anger and indignation when the shaming stereotypes are presented.

Although our pride develops from within as we release the shame, it is bolstered when we take action.

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Eleanor Roosevelt

As you release the shaming messages about homosexuality you grew up with, you loosen the power others hold over you. Our self-confidence suffers as we are oppressed.

Our oppressors would like us to perpetuate self-hatred, because then they maintain their power

over us. It's difficult to stand up for oneself when we're filled with self-hate.

Take back your power. Let go of the negative messages. Celebrate being gay!

"The thing about freedom, though, is that you can't just want it for yourself, or only for your own kind. Freedom means everybody."

Mab Segrest, author

There may be different struggles, but it is all part of the same fight. As we come out and dismantle the prejudice and oppression we have endured, it is important that we take care not to take the pain of our oppression out on others different than ourselves. Remember prejudice hurts. Also remember, oppression is abuse.

To each of us, there are many people in this world different from ourselves. If we think we have healed yet continue to oppress others, healing has not happened. We must respect differences. We must value differences. This is what we're asking from others, so let's expect it from ourselves.

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance."

Oscar Wilde, writer

A good book with useful daily affirmations, worth the price and your time!

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AS WE CELEBRATE OUR PRIDE

By Sharon Van Butsel

Loving Jesus, I confess that I have been swept up by the excitement of the season. I have been so busy celebrating Pride that I fear I have forgotten why I celebrate.

I fear that I have forgotten those men who wore the pink triangle as they marched into the death camps.

I fear that I have forgotten those women who were labeled as mental defectives because they did not wish to bear children for the "master race."

I fear that I have forgotten all those nameless individuals who were locked away in mental hospitals because they were different.

I fear that I have forgotten that gay men are called "faggot" because they were once burned alive along with those accused of witchcraft.

I fear that I have forgotten the young men and women who turn tricks on the street corners because they were thrown out when their families learned that they were gay or lesbian.

I fear that I have forgotten those who are still beaten and ridiculed for being who they are.

I fear that I have forgotten that prejudice and discrimination still exists, even within our own community.

But most of all, I fear that I have forgotten to seek Your presence in the midst of the celebration.

Loving Jesus, forgive me, and let me never again forget why we celebrate our Pride. Amen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REP. CHRISTENSEN SADLY MIS-INFORMED

Dear Sharon,

I recently received the following letter in the mail. I thought your readers should have the opportunity to read it. My hope is that after reading this letter, your readership will be compelled to contact Mr. Christensen in an attempt to re-educate this sadly informed politician.

Sincerely,
Peggy Mayne

Dear Peggy:

Thank you for contacting me regarding legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. It is extremely valuable when considering important issues to know the views and concerns of my constituents and I appreciate your taking the time to comment.

As you know, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 bars employers from discriminating on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. In 1967 Congress expanded these protections to include age. Unlike one's sexual preference, all of these protected classifications are based on nonbehavioral, immutable (i.e., unchangeable) characteristics. While I recognize that there are some who would debate this point with me, I share the view of General Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who stated, "sexual orientation is perhaps the most profound of human behavioral characteristics."

Further, there is simply not the degree of evidence demonstrating employment discrimination on the basis of sexual preference as there was for race and gender discrimination. The primary purpose of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was to remedy the severe economic deprivation caused by pervasive discrimination against racial minorities and women. There is no empirical data demonstrating that homosexuals have suffered such economic impoverishment. Indeed, the contrary appears to be true. Various studies have shown that homosexuals are more likely to have a college degree and a professional or managerial career and tend to be more affluent than their heterosexual counterparts. According to the 1990 U.S. Census, male homosexual households ranked at the top in terms of average annual household incomes, exceeding \$56,000.

There are many reasons that I am opposed to granting special protection to individuals based upon their sexual preference. The lack of empirical evidence of discrimination on the basis of sexual

preference and the fact that such legislation would provide special treatment due to an individual's behavior are among the most convincing.

While I vigorously support equal rights for all Americans, I do not support special preferences such as this. I care deeply about Nebraskans and am working hard to do everything I can to ensure that our constitutional rights stay protected. Please rest assured that I will monitor any legislation pertaining to your concerns closely and will keep your comments in mind.

Again, thanks for taking the time to contact me. Please feel free to contact me again if I may be of further assistance to you. It is an honor to represent you in the United States Congress.

Sincerely,
Jon Christensen
2nd District, NE

Editor's note: You may express your opinions to Congressman Christensen by writing 1020 Longworth Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

14th CONFERENCE OF GAY AND LESBIAN JEWS

Congregation Beth Simchat Torah is proud to announce it will co-host, with the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, the 14th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews.

The International Conference is a biennial event which in previous years has taken place in London, Amsterdam, and Los Angeles, among other cities.

Dates for the conference are Thursday July 27 to Sunday July 30. Some 1,000 gay and lesbian Jews are expected to come to New York for the event. The conference will be held at the Sheraton New York.

Among program highlights, Shabbat services will take place at Manhattan's Central Synagogue. For more information, call the Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in New York City at (212) 929-9498.

NYPD BLUE GOOD FOR GAYS

Dear Sharon,

Recently while visiting friends in Omaha, I had the good fortune to pick up a copy of *The New Voice*. I was impressed with your magazine's commitment to the community — and its positive portrayals of the gay experience.

With that in mind, I feel it is my obligation to call to your readers' attention the positive gay role-model that TV's NYPD Blue has brought to prime time this season. The producers have proved that they really are a "cutting edge" police drama by adding an openly gay receptionist to the show's gritty Manhattan squad room. They are to be congratulated for having the courage to go beyond stereotypes and to create a character the Queer Community can be proud of. It's about time!

The new gay character is open about his sexual orientation and makes no apologies about it to anyone, including the gruff and vaguely homophobic police detective played by Dennis Franz. How refreshing! He is not only dignified and caring but also damn good at his job.

NYPD Blue has once again proved that stereotypes are meant to be broken. I urge all of your readers to watch the show, and let ABC know that we support their efforts in portraying a gay character in a healthy and realistic light. Write your comments to Steven Bochco Productions, 10201 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90035.

Sincerely,
Brad Foster
West Hollywood, CA

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LESBIANS & GAYS EXPERIENCE 'REAL WAR'

In a very round-about way, *The New Voice* recently received this letter written by a group of women in Belgrade. They were among a group of 38 gays and lesbian, who had permission from the Serbian authority to visit their friends and loved ones in Sarajevo.

Their trip, which took a year to be okayed by the Serbs, took the group through several countries. It was a 40-hour bus ride to Sarajevo. It's a very small part of the world, but also very violent. Imagine waiting a year to get permission from "the authorities" to take a 40-hour bus ride from Omaha to Grand Island or from Omaha to Des Moines with a raging war in between.

Letter for women in Sarajevo:

The 18 of us who were three days among you, we wish to tell you that we came back. We wish to tell you that after leaving Sarajevo we passed the Adriatic coast, it was a beautiful sunshine day. Some of us had a desire, a crazy fantasy, to transfer all the people from Sarajevo — babies, women and men — and those with injuries and those who are silent and the oldest — to transfer you to the sea, at least for six days, for five days, so that you can all lay on the beaches without fear, without the look of the other that kills now or later, without sounds that destroy soul and bones. So that we can cherish you with warmth. You all enjoy yourselves on the coast, and we who come from the other, from the third side we prepared for you to sleep, to eat, drink and smoke.

Yes, after your words from the occupied town, your faces who do not say about pain under the pain, after seeing injured men carried near us to the tunnel, after bullet storms that kill, after having to climb up the mountain Igman on the snow and mud — the next day the bus has taken us to sea in the sun.

It was an experience of freedom; tranquility and the wideness of the breath. There is no justice.

Some of us looked at the sea with tears or the pain in the chest, and from the sea the images rised of your swollen hands from the cold water, graves in the yards, hills that watch us, hallways where girls play with the gum, the big spot of the blood on the corner of the streets Kralja Tomislava and Marsala Tita where on the 10th of April 1995, Maja Djokic lost her breath.

She was 18, coming back from the volleyball, and little bit further the spot of Munevera Selimovic, killed in the same day. On the TV News Bosnia and Herzegovina there was Maja's picture from the childhood, she was moving the pencil through her hair and smiling. There is no justice.

We are writing to you with the knowledge about the complexity of the fact of where each of us came back and where do each of us come from. It is extremely difficult not to feel wrath from these inequalities.

Where each of us sleeps tonight: not to feel the wrath of the injustice without immediate cause. And we didn't feel this wrath in you.

But we did feel, from the tear to the laughter, the power of each of your individual commitment to overcome lethal faith of the proper name, proper land and blood.

Maybe, in fact we couldn't really experience horrible danger caused by this decision:

You say 'we want solidarity' and they kill, you say 'we want to lie together' and they kill, and you say 'we only want to breathe and listen to the music' and they kill — and so it goes every day and night on each voice of life. It is now more than 1000 days.

We came back changed more than ever. We

are full of traces of your testimonies and our deep feelings that lie is far more difficult for you than you wanted to show to us. We are full of anticipation of what you haven't said, of what is not sayable, of what is caught in the tear which did not happen, or in the tram that didn't pass. Women will remember.

We have seen that you have remained different among yourselves even though the killers from the hills want to reduce you to mere carriers of water or mere counters of the bullets, to invalids or names inscribed in the books of dead.

They have not succeeded. They have not reduced you to one thought, even though you all share one condition of cellars, darkness and bullets. We have seen your different women's groups, we have taken your papers, books statements. We have seen you in the theatre, in newspapers, on the radio, on the television, on the streets.

You are of all different names. We are fascinated.

We have felt your decisions to defend the right of the politics of difference and your wish to live together, and we are supporting you totally and ceaselessly in that politics.

We will talk and write and speak about you.

We will repeat ten thousand times how you are courageous and how much we love you.

We will come to you again, as soon as possible. Drinking coffee with you in Sarajevo touches our souls.

20 April 1995

Women in Belgrade

Lepa Mladjevic
Jandranka Milicevic

A LETTER TO HARVEY MILK

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POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

"IN MEMORY OF A FELLOW GURU. . ."

I first met Fritz Bally nearly six years ago, right before I was due to make the big exodus to New Orleans. I didn't really get a chance to talk with him, as I was far too busy planning my leaving Omaha forever. I can remember wishing I had gotten to know him better.

I next met him about a year after returning to Omaha (it's funny how short "forever" can be. . .) at a luncheon sponsored by NAP. This was my first time "going public" with my HIV status, and I was more nervous than the time I performed nude on stage (which is another story for another time, but Fritz always like a bit of scandal). Fritz made me feel at home and welcome, even pulling a "Jewish mother" and making me take some leftovers home.

Time, distance, and "personal crisis" put our next meeting about six months ago. Fritz called me after being hospitalized and asked me if I would be interested in looking at some of the poetry he had written during his stay. I was always looking for poetry to fill this page and was very curious.

Fritz and I became fellow collaborators in poetry. He would send me poems scribbled on yellow legal paper, which I would type out for him (occasionally calling him to ask for help in deciphering his handwriting), always telling him that if he gave me enough stuff, I would make an "All-Fritz" page.

Fritz died this past April. In fact, I had gotten the news right after finishing a letter apologizing for not talking to him for such a long time and for being late in getting his complimentary copies to him. In the span of one phone call, I am that young kid still toying with the definition of "forever."

I am ashamed to say that I never got to know Fritz as well as I wished, that I can't fill this page with stories of how he helped people in the community. I can't even add any personal stories that would give you true insight to what kind of person he was. All I can do is honor my promise and give him the page that he worked for (hopefully he will forgive me for some of the reprinted work and for adding my own piece, but it is about him so I don't think he will mind) his last few months. All I can say is that he was and friend, and I will miss him.

Thanks,
Brian

COOL RAIN

by Fritz Bally

Delirious-dden blue with love, purple fingers fiddle sweet music. Languid dreams whisper over our bodies. Pink-white mist soars between - these men - heaving and smearing their lust together. Picture, life - we kiss the pungent petals and rip red the delicate peach.

HUNG SURPRISE

By Fritz Bally

Tom wasn't it. Alex - oh yeah - wow it's bigger than I remembered - I'm not sure if I can take it - we'll get friendly and find out.

Go slowly - be gentle - no need for getting hurt; the pain's not a goal. Wait, the pressure's too much. I'm not relaxed - pull out - get my breath - O.K., O.K. - what's your rush - lunch hour - oh yeah, just do it.

love it, hate it, give me more - keep it moving - you've got my attention - you've used prevention.

filled your needs - shattered dreams - but what about me - Tom, wasn't it - Alex - feel used up - bite of lunch - gotta go - oh yeah - later - but hey, what about me, tomorrow?

FRITZ

By Brian E. Bengtson

You could throw the off-color like the first ball of the season; more for the ceremony instead of hitting the plate.

Your lines cut deep, and hid the gentleness of your first impression. I wish I had your talent.

I would stare at all of your works scattered in your home like my first field trip to the great masters of the brush.

I could fill my bowl with the phone calls I should have made or the visits I never got to make. I miss you. I'm sorry.

MORNING STAR

by Fritz Bally

He entered my room for a night of pleasure, clad only in a shining suit. A latex armor-kept safe by its shimmer. We rode the waves, this sea of passion, an explosion of our love. Star light, Star bright sleepy eyes. From lust they close, the morning star, bare bulbed, it wakes us - our rush is over, the tide goes out-we calmly embrace-a kiss and its goodbye.

TWEET-TWEET-TWEETY (for Anne Marie)

by Fritz Bally

Sing song birdy-over a sunrise-up to the treetops and vast in the sky.

Sing song birdy-down to the shore line-tumble over tide, faraway out to sea.

Sing song birdy-little feathered headress-being gay, bright and cheerful, birdy makes me happy-birdy always there.

As is birdy, sing your song little sweet song for all to hear-sing song birdy all day long-far into evening. Keep me strong-carry on, tweet-tweet-tweety song, tweety song.

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FEATURES

ELEVEN YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

By "D"

It's Friday morning, May 5, 1995. I'm feeling more gratitude than I could ever imagine possible. You see, I'm still alive!

Eleven years ago today I was taken to a hospital emergency room due to a long standing problem with swollen lymph glands. They'd gotten so painful I could no longer walk. That was the day a doctor said to me words I'll never forget; he said, "You have AIDS and you can't possibly live more than six months." As well as I remember those words, I also remember my response. "You obviously don't know me very F—king well!" I suppose my response was due more to my shock and surprise at what he'd said than it was to my real feeling.

I'm not even sure what my real feelings were at that point. I know I was feeling afraid and vulnerable, but I think I was angry more than anything. I was mad at a disease that had already taken 2 of my friends. I was angry that I now had a disease that could possibly kill me. I was really pissed that some doctor had the nerve to play God and tell me how long (or short) I was going to live.

What really struck me was that I had such a strong feeling of determination. I was determined that this damned disease wasn't going to get me, even though I knew I was a physical mess at the time. After all, I was down from 140 lbs to 94, due to 18 months on constant diarrhea. I was barely able to walk, and only with a cane and some help. I'd had repeated bouts of thrush and any number of other illnesses. Worst of all, I'd lost so much of my memory. The memory loss kept me in a constant state of panic, and I thought I was going crazy. Several times I walked out my front door, stood on my porch, and started to cry because I didn't know where my house was. Talk about panic!

As you can imagine, the beginnings of my "AIDS" career were difficult. There were times when I thought that just maybe the doctor was right and I'd die soon. There were even a couple times when I wanted him to be right. It was during one of these times when I wanted to die that both my disease and my attitude did a complete about face.

I was sitting out by the pool, cooling my feet in the water and whining about how lousy I felt. It hit me like a ton of bricks when my friend Rob threw some water at me and said, "Oh, Honey, get off your ass and go help someone who needs it."

It truly pissed me off that he was right. After all, there were a lot of PWA's a lot worse off than I was. It was just a couple days later when I found myself walking into an AIDS Project (with the help of a cane on one side and a friend on the other) saying, "OK, here I am, what can I do to help?" Talk about a pivotal point in my life. I managed to become a part of the solution instead of a part of the problem.

It wasn't long after that that I found myself realizing that I just didn't have the time to be sick. I was far too busy doing a little part time office work (under the so-called table) and putting in 20 - 30 hours a week at the AIDS Project doing computer work.

Eventually, I was able to take a job with another HIV/AIDS organization as the Executive Assistant. In due course, I discovered I was

working there 50 - 60 hours a week. As sometimes happens, AIDS politics hit hard and destroyed that project. So, I bought a business that was for sale with nothing down and I went back to the world of the gainfully employed working 80+ hours every week.

Now that I've boiled 11 years down into just a few paragraphs, let me tell you; it hasn't all been as easy as it may sound. During the course of all this I've had to learn to overcome a lot.

It hasn't been easy getting over the deaths of more than 200 good friends and 4 members of my immediate family (one AIDS related). It's been really hard for me to get over the loss of many of my friends simply because they were upset over the fact that I hadn't died yet. Yes, you read that right.

I've lost quite a few friends over the years but I've been lucky enough to have lost none of them due to AIDS fear or ignorance. I've lost them for other reasons. I've lost friends who just couldn't take the emotional roller coaster ride to their pain of facing the possible loss of a friend (me) to death. After the 3rd or 4th time of having to face my mortality in an up front and personal way, they simply went away. They'd gone through this emotional wringer when I went into liver failure, caused by AZT. They went through it again when I had a problem with 3 brain infections at once, and again when the dementia came back and I was like a zombie. I didn't blame them for going away, but that didn't make it hurt less.

I've also lost friends who couldn't understand why their partners died after a year or so of living with AIDS, but there I was, still alive and in seemingly good health. I understood their anger, but damn it, I still needed them.

So, you see, it hasn't always been easy. I've had to overcome a lot of fear, anger, and hurt; but I've also had to buy a new calculator to count the positive things I've learned through all this. Getting an AIDS diagnosis is like being slapped in the face with a good dose of reality. Learning to accept reality in no uncertain terms is one of the best things I've ever been forced to learn. I've learned what's meant by the expression, "Oh, get over it!"

I can now take life as it comes my way. What

a wonderful feeling for me to be able to accept life without having to be afraid of it. I may not like everything that comes my way, and I may bitch about it for a while but at least I can now accept it.

Pre-AIDS, I spent a lot of my time being concerned with how nice my house was, how much gold I had, how many diamonds I could wear and what kind of car I drove. After I was diagnosed, that time was spent being concerned with the quality of my life... what was I doing for my family, my friends, and myself. I learned to appreciate the difference between what I owned vs. who I am. How much more at peace I felt when I was able to value life and people more than things. My gratitude knew no bounds.

AIDS has caused me to put an infinite value to the quality of my life as opposed to the length of it. When that happened, I was able to see the value of living each minute. Then, the number of years I had left took on a new perspective. After all, if I live well this minute, next year will take care of itself.

Lately, I've heard and read a lot about the "right way to live with AIDS." My first inclination is to say there is no right way. The more I think about it, the more convinced I become that there is a "right way." The right way for me to live with AIDS is to live the best way I know how. My way may be different from someone else's but that's because one or the other of us may have learned something the other just hasn't learned yet. That doesn't, however, make one of us right and the other wrong. It only makes us different.

In my eleven years of living with AIDS and having been HIV symptomatic for over 16 years I've met a lot of other people who are confronted by this disease.

Thousands, in fact. So far, I've discovered only one absolute. That is, if, as I learned in a 12 step program; I am willing to share my experience, strength, and hope with others; I am doing all I can.

I don't always live up to this, but then I'm not perfect. I don't have all the answers, or even all the questions. I simply do the best job I can of being ME.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon

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are the "you've got-to-promise-me-somethings" which I promised my lifemate on his death-bed I never in my life dreamed I would be making promises with a dying man, yet here I was. Boy! We never really do know, do we?!

So when did the promising start? One day, upon coming home from work, he says to me: "You've got to promise me something. I've re-read the manuscript you wrote for the kids and you've got to promise me something. I think it could help a lot of people, both straight and gay. Promise me you'll allow it to be published after I'm gone."

I responded rather nonchalantly with "Oh sure", knowing the chances of this happening were probably next to nothing, so it was a safe "Oh sure." Then, because he wasn't sure I was serious, he made me sit down beside him, look him directly in his eyes and say my "I promise" to him.

The promise was not thought about again for nearly three years. Then Fate or possibly heavenly manipulation (!?) brought about the possibility and probability of that manuscript being published.

My promise from three years back hit me between the eyes. It now didn't matter whether I thought I wanted to do it or not. I kept my promise. I'm glad he was correct in the book being a help and inspiration to both the straight community and my gay and lesbian brothers and sisters.

Next came: "I've been thinking - we've got a lot of nieces and nephews on my side of the family, you know, and I'm not going to be around to watch over them as they grow. If they need help, promise me you'll be there for them. Some have such great potential."

So what was I going to do?! Tell my lifemate, "no, they're your family"?! Of course I promised I'd watch over and help. I knew where he was coming from and his concern.

Little did I think at that time however that I would end up becoming Legal Guardian for one of the nephews a few years after Patrick died but

it happened! I was raising a teenager. Again!

I have this silly feeling that Pat is looking down from Heaven smiling at me.

Like most people with terminal illness Patrick also came to that point where, after he'd come home from a rough bout at the hospital, requested another promise from me. And this one was a roughie! A roughie to make and a nasty one to keep.

"Promise me," he said, "you'll never call 911 again. I don't want you to try and save my life. If I'm going to die, I'd like to go naturally at home, not in the hospital, and I don't want you to prolong it; no life hookups and absolutely no more spinal taps."

If you ever promise someone you love this, know in advance it will tear you to shreds from time to time. You'll be tested to the nth degree to break your promise and your guts will be wrenched. I can guarantee that.

Yup! When we make promises like "I'll be there at five" and we're late OR when we make death-bed promises, it's not just words being mouthed. I'm glad I kept my promises to Pat. And no, I'm not a better man for it. It just feels correct.

Oh, I also try to never be late when I promise someone I'll be there. Dad always used to remind me that soon enough I'll become known as "the late Mr. Lundon."

And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet.

Mr. Lundon is former Mg. Editor of Zipper Magazine and The Coast to Coast Times. His autobiographical legacy: *The Closets Are Empty...The Dining Room's Full* is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing House, Visa/MC orders: 800-356-9315.

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! A promise is a promise is a promise! And, a promise by any other name is still a promise. Surprise! Surprise!

Yeah, we make a lot of promises in our lives, don't we? I've got a feeling that we really don't take "promises" too seriously any more though. So? No big deal, huh?

But wait a goldang minute! This IS important. It's important because if we don't keep our promises, we are really doing a number on the heads of those we made a promise to. A broken promise may not affect our life but it sure as heck affects others.

So therefore, if you and I care about one another and make promises to one another, it behooves us to keep our promises or it will show our caring was a facade.

I made a promise to a girl once that I would "love, cherish 'til death do us part." It was a promise I couldn't keep and when the promise was broken, our lives all looked like an accident scene on the highway of life.

Years later I met a young man - yes! one of my same sex; so now you know my problem in keeping my promise before.

Yes, I met a boy whom I fell INLOVE with, and standing before Rev. Troy Perry, I made a promise to "cherish" this boy/man "til love is now more" - quite unlike the previous promise of "death do us part." Ah yes! Promises. We make them daily.

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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: SEXUAL ORIENTATION

by Shelly Roberts*

"Whatta ya think?" Brandon asked as we stood in the reception area looking through a glass doorway at the women we were scheduled to meet with. "Think she's a member of the bowling team?"

There was no question that Brandon sang in our particular choir, though you would only know that if you already knew that.

"Hmmm. On quick appraisal, I'd have to say..." Perusing our target through the glass starkly. She had accomplished most of her forties, was a shape two or three sizes bigger than she'd ever let herself feel good about, and could have been a clone of the couple who ran a committee at my Women In Network (read lesbian) group. "Probably. Looks like she could be on the social committee." I mused to Brandon thinking W.I.N. and not ten pin.

"Yeah," he replied. "Probably picks out the shirts." He chortled as we were introduced to her by Daniel, the third member of our makeshift team, another tribe member whose hundred dollar haircuts and mohair jackets should have given him away if anyone cared to be curious.

We were in the corporate offices to do an ad pitch, a loose association of consultants who'd met only weeks before, decided to share what business could be generated, and were acting as if we had been in permanent incorporation since before the ark. It's one of the new ways of doing business that lets you stay home and work on your own MAC or PC with whom you choose, and when. I have my name on a number of associates' company business cards. And they on mine. When I can, I prefer to work with "family."

We were all in our grown-up clothes talking to a two hundred million dollar company about its communications requirements. (That's CorpSpeak for brochures, sales letters, catalogs, annual reports, occasional advertisements, and the redesign of their toilet paper.) It pays well, doesn't occupy too many brain cells for me any more, and gives me the financial freedom to sit at my PC communing biweekly with you.

"Excuse the mess. We're expanding again." She said leading us the round about way toward the mahogany conference room. She talked over my shoulder to my cohort who had set up this meeting, chatting him through the office tour, but keeping a semi-peeled eye on me. She turned, and queried, "Gee, you look familiar. Do you belong to NAWBO?"

In the world's longest quarter second pause, I allowed as how I might have been to a National Association of Women's Business Owners

meeting (I hadn't) but I was not a member.

What I was thinking was that she probably saw me on TV talking about *The Dyke Detector*. This was a new business meeting - a get acquainted and if we like each other and the chemistry is good, and we have the right credentials, and don't charge too much, maybe we could do some business together meeting. Even if she was a friend of Dorothy's, I couldn't very well say, "Oh, you probably saw me on TV." Because she'd want to know why I was there. And it's hard to keep a straight face when you're saying words like "Dyke Detector" out loud. And if she did drive the bus with us, saying the word "dyke" in any context out loud could be a revelation I didn't want to inflict on her in her own office hallway.

"NAWBO?" I thought as we sat down. "What was she really asking? What was she trying to tell me? I am pretty visible here in my real life. But it rarely crosses business boundaries. When it does, however, it almost always works in my favor. Competing non-gay businesses never quite figure out why I got a particular contract and they didn't, especially when our skills are on a par.

I studied her casually across the table. I was, after all, *The Dyke Detector*. I should be able to ferret her out. Started with the jewelry. Ring finger band on thin onyx. The kind that dykes absolutely believe that no one will figure out. OK, looking promising. Second ring. Pinkie finger, right hand. Classic. Shoes? Flats. Adding up so far.

Then I decided to try eye contact. Straight ladies hate this. They won't do it. Maybe they can't. Maybe it's generic. We do it all the time. It's a holdover from our secret society days, not all that far back for most. Present-time for many. I held my gaze steady, neutral, business-like. If she wasn't, I knew that even that much wouldn't connect.

She held my gaze. Maybe for a full two seconds. We both looked away expressionless. And let the meeting drone on. And I knew where she knew me from. A place where I stand up publicly and say my name and what I do and who I am without disguise. Women In Network.

"Women In Network?" I queried casually after we had adjourned the sit-down portion of our parley. It was a neutral name. No connotations for outside ears. If she colored outside the lines, she'd know what it was. If she didn't, she'd just hear the innocuous name of generic woman's business group. (Oh the webs we weave. Chortle)

"Yes." Her head nodded with inconspicuous

conviction. "Women In Network... I was sure I knew you from somewhere." She certainly did.

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And the speculation made a formula meeting a little more intriguing. It was a nice hark-back to one of the good parts of some good-old days. It was entre nous entertainment which I have to admit I sometimes miss. But not today.

Today I got to play dyke detector. Damn! Sometimes I just love being a lesbian!

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by C. Lichtenstein

What a difference a year makes. Last June we were dancing, prancing, marching and partying our way through Stonewall 25. This year we wrestle dragons in the House.

Keep in mind that Mercury, Neptune, and Uranus are retrograde now, wild thoughts and misdirected communication could lead us unexpectedly down the primrose path.

I suggest that we relax and go all out for Pride month while we wait for the planets to "direct".

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Battering Rams may feel a little dazed and confused this Pride month as you try to balance the demands of friendships with the demands of your career. Take up arms against the corporate sharks first before they come up and bite you on the rear, but don't rely on your emotions to make your point. Think clearly, move slowly and deliberately and demand equality.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Unusual and surprising events occur while you travel. This may or may not be good, so plan ahead accordingly. (Gay Bulls are not big on changes in plans.) On the bright side, relationships continue to transform your life and sex has never been better. On second thought, it may be a good idea to enjoy your celebrations closer to home.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) The birthday bash heats up and you may find yourself the center of attention. This is fine as long as you don't commit yourself to any long range projects at this time. Think short term, fabulous fun and avoid major career decisions for the time being. Professional goals may be harder to attain than you think.

Don't panic though, there is plenty of luck in relationships.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Intuition is off course this month, so sit back and be patient with even your most outrageous thoughts. Remember that there are no monsters in the closet that cannot be vanquished. However, prepare for a couple of eye opening surprises in any long standing relationship, especially when you have allowed partners too much freedom with their excessive behavior.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Friends may put a damper on some of your more flamboyant ideas, but don't worry, you have oodles of self confidence and will muddle through it all on you woa quite nicely. Don't be dissuaded from flying the colors and parading around. Problems in the sexual arena thankfully not impact partnerships, although such stuff will make you a little quieter than usual.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Pour on the energy - you will be shocked at what you can accomplish in your personal goals. You have tremendous resources of concentration and direction. Apply yourself on the job and avoid any excessive play. The planets are directing you to more serious pursuits to save the party hearty behavior for later. There is so much you can accomplish now.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 21) Libras are very charming as usual, but direct your most potent compliments towards any career related goals. The pay off will be big, big, big. It is time for you to reap professional rewards. On the other hand, home based projects run afoul and into unexpected snags. Any big redecoration or home improvement projects should be delayed. Life continues to be one big compromise, I guess.

SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22) Carefully weigh your words before you utter a sound. There seems to be stuff going on that you are either unaware of or not seeing clearly for one reason or another. Scorpios are fairly calculating, so I am not worried about any major gaffs here. In addition, friends are there for you to protect you and help you pick up where you left off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December

22) Surprises are in store with anything having to do with investments or finances so read the fine print carefully before you pay out. What has been promised is not what can be delivered. Watch what you say to partners. Harness the Sag tendency to blurt out what's on your mind before you have a chance to mull it over and sugarcoat it.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) You may think you are fabulous, but your best laid plans could hit an unexpected snag or two. Why? Because you have not done our homework. It's a horror for Capricorn to be caught pants down, on center stage. The remedy is to plan things out, check your behavior in the mirror every so often and take things in secure baby steps. Be sure to wear the colors, but leave the lampshade hat at home.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Aquarians may be lured with a premonition but it's just a ghost crying boo! It's ok to party and celebrate but avoid excessive drink or mind altering drugs because you will not know when enough is enough. Thank the stars for your friends. If you find yourself in a pickle, pals are right there for you to give a helping hand.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Self confidence may be shaken because those who you thought were tried and true friends, were not. Don't worry, this is just astrology's way of letting you know that you cannot rely on the kindness of others to bring you personal happiness. The answer can be found within yourself. Think dignity, pride and the personal integrity to be who you truly are.

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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE UNDER ATTACK

By Robert Bray

Right around this time of year, I get my annual reminders that my loving relationship with my partner John is not worth much in the eyes of Society.

Perhaps it's my income tax returns, which give me no option except to file *single* because our union is not "valid". Or maybe it's the mailbox of invitations announcing the June weddings of my straight friends and relatives. Or it could be all those glowing bride and groom advertisements just in time for the upcoming nuptial season.

Marriage has been on my mind a lot lately. To be honest, I'm not certain if it's *my* wedding I'm pondering (we haven't begun those discussions yet). But the subject of same-sex marriage is rapidly rising into the consciousness of many Americans and has already made national headlines and front-page news around the country.

And it's clearly in the cross-sights of the Radical Right.

Aggressive pre-emptive strikes against same-sex marriage have already been launched in at least three states with more attacks expected. Alaska, Utah, and South Dakota have or are now facing pro-active bans on same-sex marriage. They clearly are designed to head off an affirmative ruling expected later this year or early 1996 on a pending gay marriage case in Hawaii.

A Congressional threat may be forthcoming too. Newt Gingrich rarely misses an opportunity to demean gay relationships.

In 1992, the Republican Party specifically stated an opposition to same-sex marriage and used it as a fundraising and political organizing weapon to strengthen its "traditional family values" agenda. Expect more attacks on not only same-sex marriage but also gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender families, including foster parenting, adoption and child custody.

It's time for our side to sound the alarm.

We are asking for the equal right to marry the one we love and care for, just as non-gay Americans do. Many same-sex couples share the same responsibilities as married couples. However, nowhere in the United States do they receive the same recognition or benefits, not even in communities with domestic partnership laws.

Of course, gay, lesbian and bisexual people are as diverse as non-gay people. Many would not choose to marry even if they could. However, virtually all gay people prefer that they — and not the state — should have the right to decide whether and whom to marry.

The subject of same-sex marriage offers many political challenges and organizing opportunities — and numerous questions — for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender activists. It's time for that dialogue to begin.

Questions that may need to be considered as we move this issue forward:

— Do we really need or want the right to marry?

— Do bisexual activists have a different view of this subject than gay and lesbian people?

— Are there differences in the way gay men and lesbians analyze the institution of marriage?

— What about concerns that the institution of marriage itself — gay or straight — perpetuates a moral hierarchy with different economic and social privileges? Those in couples (viewed as "monogamous") receive social and economic rewards because of their implied moral status. Meanwhile, single people (viewed as "promiscuous") do not.

This community discussion and dialogue must also include an awareness of the organizing and education efforts of grassroots groups, including the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project and Na Mamo o Hawai'i. Na Mamo, a new statewide civil rights group of indigenous gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, is doing work around homophobia, racism and classism and how they connect to the marriage issue.

As we advance the issue of our right to marry, we must not perpetuate the myth that marriage is the only way that "true" families are organized.

We need to advance simultaneously both our right to marry and a re-definition of "family" that is an honest reflection of the diversity of family structures — extended families, step-families, single parent households, grandparents raising grandchildren, divorced parents, adopted children, foster families. We must unite with the majority of others who do not fit the model that is considered

"traditional"

What is your role in the same-sex marriage battle?

There are many ways to get involved. First, help get the word out. Educate the public. Tell your family, friends and co-workers about same-sex marriage issues. Sponsor a community forum on this topic. Write letters to the editor and get the press to cover the subject. Also, you can take action. Consider organizing a marriage license "refuse-in" at your local city clerk office. Get an organization you are involved in to sign on to the Lambda Marriage Resolution — a document supported by numerous national organizations, including Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization, National Center for Lesbian Rights, Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International, and many more.

To have and to hold. It's about having the rights and responsibilities of legal and societal recognition of our loving unions. It's about holding close not only our loved ones, but also the democratic principles of fairness and equality often denied us because of who we are and whom we love. And most of all, it's about creating and strengthening diverse families and forming relationships free of discrimination and prejudice.

Robert Bray is a field organizer with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

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A TABOO'S END

by Richard D. Mohr

The current American scene certainly provides materials with which a pessimist could paint a gloomy picture of gay politics. Gay litigative reform lurches two steps forward, two steps back. Unfriendly conservatives have swept both national and state legislatures. The G-word has dropped from Bill Clinton's vocabulary. Talk radio has declared open season on gays. Our national political groups are weak and stumbling.

Still, I suggest that America is at a crucial turning point on gay issues and is undergoing an important structural change which bodes well for gays over the long haul. It is now at least acceptable to inquire about gay issues in public discussion. The taboo blanketing talk of lesbian and gay lives is dissolving.

The clearest indicator of this shift can be found in the mass media. As little as a decade back *The New York Times* refused to print the word gay; now it carries more gay news than *The Advocate*. Newt Gingrich is talking more about gay issues than Bill Clinton ever did, and is constantly keeping gay issues before the public. Children can now read a nationally syndicated comic strip with a gay character and even see movie idols of the same sex smooching on network television.

The importance of lifting the taboo of gay speech and gay issues should not be underestimated. First it will have — is having — a significant effect on the public lives of many nongay people. Studies have shown that, on gay issues, people are greatly affected in their opinions by how they think other people will perceive them. Taboos encourage, indeed enforce, the shaping of opinions from one person to the next, causing them to circulate independently of both critical assessment and authentic feelings. The result is that many nongay people feel socially required to be gay-fearing or gay-bating, even when they are not homophobic by personal inclination. As the taboo over talking about gay men and lesbians breaks down, so too will the opinions that many maintained so many of the social forces directed against gays. Nongay people will be able to express in public contexts their own real feelings. Barney Frank has perceptively

noted that people are not less homophobic than they think they should be. This fortuitous and surprising gap provides great opportunity to those working for gays' justice for it means that the majority population is now reachable.

Further, with the ending of the taboo, anti-gay forces can no longer automatically count on visceral responses of revulsion to carry the day for them. This change in turn has several corollary consequences. First, with the collapse of the taboo, it is increasingly difficult for society to maintain the rituals that demonize gays and lesbians. Rituals of taboo create an eerie supernatural realm unspeakably beyond the pale and then populate it with ghouls and monsters. With the taboo's collapse, gays, in society's eye, are becoming less like monsters and demons and more like hippies and Mormons — or in Newt's favored analogy, like alcoholics. Maybe not something nice, maybe something odd, something one might choose for oneself, but gays are no longer something monstrous, repulsive, unthinkable abject. Though not an ideal achievement, this state does mark major cultural change.

Second, note that it's okay to know and be around alcoholics and Mormons — and now even around gay folk. Without demonization, it is hard, perhaps impossible, to view homosexuality as a vampire-like corruptive contagion, a disease that spreads itself to the pure and innocent by mere proximity. This change of conceptualization will eventually cause to abate the stereotype of gay man as child molester and more generally as sex crazed predator. And this change has already markedly lessened for straight folk both fear of association and guilt by gays to have straight allies, people who cannot instantly and affectively be tarred and dismissed with the slur "queer lover."

Finally, the collapse of the taboo and its visceral effects means that anti-gay forces now have to argue for and give rational accounts of their positions. And the good news here is that the arguments are all on the side of the gays. Moreover, the very ground rules of reasoned discourse — commitment to honesty, consistency,

openness, and fair play — make it inherently a force for liberalism.

The Right senses and fears the cultural shift now underway. It seems tacitly to recognize that to win the cultural wars it must shore up the deeply fractured taboo. Just look where radicals on the Right are investing their energies. They are not trying to "punish the sin" by restoring sodomy laws to states without them. Rather they want to get "the sinner" to shut up. Thus they chiefly focus on representations of gay life. They target museum exhibitions, the funding of the arts, school curricula, public television, gay books, and the presence of gays in parades. But however successful as politics, the Right's strategies necessarily trip over themselves as a cultural project. For the more the Right has to talk about things gay, the more the taboo collapses. Newt's yammering about gays, however mindless and wrongheaded, undoes him.

The taboo's collapse suggests that we should be focusing our energies on changing the culture in general — targeting the means by which values are created, transmitted and nurtured — rather than focusing on politics narrowly construed. And we must not worry too much if we take a few hits on the political front, for we are winning the cultural war.

Richard D. Mohr's latest book, A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights, is just out in paperback.

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GAY-FRIENDLY BUSINESS SCHOOLS

The nation's top business schools are most gay-friendly, according to the first study of its kind.

"The nation's top business schools are battling for the top students and faculty, regardless of sexual orientation," said Jason P. Lorber, the Stanford MBA student who designed and conducted the study. "And the results are in: gay MBA professors and students don't have to choose between a top-notch business school and a welcoming environment. By and large, the data indicates that the better the B-school, the more gay-friendly it is."

The study quantifies the extent to which B-schools have gay-friendly programs and policies, and openly lesbian, gay and bisexual students and faculty. Some of the report's highlights include:

- More than half of the top MBA programs offer domestic partner benefits.

- Thirteen of the top MBA programs have LesBiGay student organizations. They comprise up to 6% of the business school's student population.

- Five of the top 22 B-schools employ openly LesBiGay MBA professors.

- All but one of the top B-schools adhere to policies specifically banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The study was based on information from more than 100 administrators, faculty, students and alumni at 22 of the nation's top B-schools. Only B-schools that ranked in the "Top 20" by either *Business Week* or *US News & World Report* in 1994 were included in the report.

A summary of Lorber's report will be published in the soon-to-be-released book *Straight Jobs, Gay Lives* (Simon & Shuster). Co-authored by two Harvard Business School alumni, Sharon Silverstein and Annette Friskopp, the book profiles LesBiGay alumni from Harvard Business School, explaining the challenges they face in meshing their "straight work lives" with their "gay personal lives".

HELP NEEDED FOR LGBT YOUTHS

Jesse Greenman a co-founder of Project 21 in California, needs help in gathering information on research having to do with lesbian/gay/bi/transgender young people. Project 21 wants to get information to the California State Department of Education to include LGBT information in health education materials. The state has enough information about HIV/AIDS and youth suicide. What Project 21 wants to provide state officials is research about drug use, alcohol use, tobacco use, dropping out, running away, getting pregnant/getting people pregnant (young LGBT people sometimes do this to "prove" they are not LGBT), and/or the effect of SILENCE as to the LGBT concerns on LGBT young people. The California State Department of Education does not believe that LGBT youths form a significant part of the population. Project 21 will emphasize that the youths are having problems not BECAUSE they are gay but BECAUSE of rampant societal homophobia. Research on these issues, beyond HIV/AIDS and youth suicide, can be academic or not. If you know of any studies, please get the information to Project 21.

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Here is a ranking of the business schools according to how LesBiGay-friendly they are:

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B Penn (Wharton)
B- Columbia, Northwestern (Kellogg)
UCLA (Anderson),
UC-Berkeley (Haas)

C Cornell (Johnson)
Dartmouth (Johnson)
Virginia (Darden)
C- Chicago
D+ Carnegie Mellon
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NATIONAL NEWS

CONGRESSMAN SAYS "HOMOS" ON HOUSE FLOOR

The floor of the U.S. House erupted into an uproar last month after Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham used the derogatory word "homos" during debate.

The remark came May 11 during debate over the Clean Water Act. Democrats offered an amendment that would subject military bases to certain water pollution requirements.

Cunningham, a Republican from California, exploded. He said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm shocked. I am absolutely penetratively shocked. I don't think the gentlelady from Colorado has ever been shocked about anything in her life, especially this. I look at the individuals that are offering this, is there any shocking doubt the same people that would vote to cut defense 177 billion, the same ones that would put homos in the military..."

There were loud gasps in the House chamber. Cunningham was referring to Rep. Pat Schroeder, a Democrat from Colorado, in his speech. She and some other House members tried to interrupt Cunningham after his "homos" remark. To that, Cunningham said, "No, I will not sit down. Sit down you socialist!"

Rep. Barney Frank, an openly gay Democrat from Massachusetts, raced to the House floor, accusing Cunningham of "gratuitous bigotry" and demanded an apology. Cunningham did not immediately apologize, although he conceded he should have used the term "homosexuals" instead of "homos".

It is protocol for House members to refer to each other as "gentleman" or "gentlelady" — even when they are the most bitter of political enemies. After the dust settled following Cunningham's remarks, Rep. Schroeder asked the House chairman, "Do we have to call the gentleman a gentleman if he's not one?"

The following day, Democrats held a news conference to further criticize Cunningham. The Republican appeared unexpectedly and apologized, saying he did not intend to be offensive.

HATTOY TO SPEAK AT HEALTH CONFERENCE

Openly gay and openly HIV+ White House liaison Bob Hattoy will be the keynote speaker at the National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS/HIV Forum scheduled for June 17-21 at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis.

Hattoy is perhaps best known for his nationally televised address to the 1992 Democratic National Convention. He is an outspoken advocate of Lesbian and Gay health.

The five-day conference is expected to draw more than 1,200 lesbian and gay health providers from three continents. Among the hundreds of sessions featured will be an HIV/AIDS Medical Update and a Lesbian Health Institute. In addition, workshops will be held on issues such as violence against lesbians and gays, HIV negative men and oral sex.

The National Lesbian and Gay Health Association, which is sponsoring the conference along with The George Washington University Medical Center, is the only DC-based national organization dedicated solely to improving the health of the lesbian and gay communities. Membership includes eleven lesbian and gay community health centers from around the country.

WOMEN'S FISHING TOURNAMENT SET

The 13th annual Twyla Truth Neptuna Fishing Follies is scheduled for June 17-18. The all-women's fishing tournament is held at Wilderness Way Resort and Campground on Cranberry Lake in Wascott, Wisconsin. The contest begins at Sunrise June 17 and ends at 11AM the next day. Those weighing in the largest Northern, Walleye, Bass, Crappie and Sunfish will receive trophies. The tournament is named after the alter-ego of Jane Lilja, midwest sportswoman and political activist, who founded the contest in 1982. For boat, canoe, cabin and camping rental information and reservations, call 1-715-466-2635.

WHITE HOUSE TO MEET WITH GAY & LESBIAN POLITICIANS

For the first time in history, the White House has scheduled a meeting with gay and lesbian elected officials. San Francisco Supervisor Susan Leal, who is the liaison between the administration and gay and lesbian elected officials, says the meeting will be held at the White House on June 13.

"This much-awaited meeting will give gay and lesbian officials the opportunity to discuss with administration officials issues of common concern," said Leal. On the morning before the meeting, the gay elected officials will conduct a coordinated series of Congressional visits to meet with key legislators.

Elected by popular vote, openly gay and lesbian officials epitomize the strides that the gay and lesbian community has made towards dispelling anti-gay stereotypes and achieving political equality.

"We have spent the past two years laying the groundwork for this unprecedented event," said Leal, "and now, to paraphrase Harvey Milk, we will give the American people the chance to judge us by our own leaders, and by our own legislators."

Among the 32 Victory Fund winners invited to the meeting are Supervisor Leal, US Congressman Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, and California Assembly member Sheila Kuehl.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is assisting Supervisor Leal in convening this meeting, and established a scholarship fund for those openly gay elected officials who could not otherwise be part of this ground-breaking event.

The Victory Fund will also sponsor a reception and banquet on June 10 to honor openly gay elected officials and members of the administration.

GAY RIGHTS IN KANSAS

The city of Lawrence has become the first city in Kansas to extend protection against discrimination to people based on their sexual orientation. On May 4, the Lawrence City Commission added the words "sexual orientation" to the city's existing Human Relations Ordinance. The vote was 3-2.

The victory ended a two-year fight by Simply Equal, a community coalition which spearheaded the campaign. The city now gives lesbians, bisexuals, gay men AND heterosexuals legal recourse for discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. Religious organizations are exempted.

Supporters who spoke to the commission included local representatives from several Christian congregations and the Lawrence Jewish Community Center. The opposition, represented mostly by conservative Christians, often cited the Bible.

The legislation still faces a battle. Lawrence Mayor Bob Moody, who is against it, says he would support any effort to repeal the legislation in a referendum vote. A leader of the opposition to Simply Equal says he is going to contact the Kansas attorney general to see if it conflicts with the state's sodomy laws.

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LOCAL NEWS

YA'LL COME TO HGRA COOKOUT IN HANCOCK, IOWA

On Saturday, June 17, the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be hosting a barbecue in Hancock, Iowa. The cookout will start at 5 p.m. but you are welcome to come out early to help out or to just play!

Bring your fishing poles, plan to play volleyball, or just go for a walk in the country. There will be lots of great food, along with beer and soda pop. The cost is \$2.50 for HGRA members and \$5.00 for non-members. Everyone is welcome.

To get to the cookout, take Highway 6 from Omaha, go east through Oakland. Turn left (north) on 490th and go 3 miles. There will be a farm house on the left and a pond on the left — this is the place!!

By the way, in case you are interested in antiques, Walnut, Iowa (just about 10 miles north of Hancock) is having its "Antique Walk" that whole weekend, so you might want to stop by Walnut on your way to the cookout.

FROM SILENCE TO CELEBRATION

Celebrating GLBT Pride in Omaha Parade Steps Off at 2pm, June 11

The annual Pride Parade and Rally will take place on Sunday, June 11. The Parade will step off at 2:00 p.m. from Turner Park at Farnam and Turner Blvd. Food will be available from noon on. The rally will follow the parade, with music and entertainment provided throughout the day.

Many groups and organizations will have information tables set up throughout the day. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in Omaha, and maybe join in and lend your talents to one of Omaha's many GLBT organizations.

The Parade will start off down Douglas to Twentieth St., turning right to Farnam, and then back to the park.

Signs, Banners, and Floats are strongly encouraged. This is your opportunity to show your Pride to all of Omaha.

Plan now to attend and enjoy the afternoon of festivities as together we show our Pride in moving

From Silence to Celebration!

MISS DC'S 95 CONTEST JUNE 4

The incomparable Miss Dorian Drake will step down as Miss DC's and pass her crown on to the winner of the Miss DC's II Pageant on June 4 at DC's.

Dorian has had an outstanding year as Miss DC's and leaves behind a heritage of glamour and talent.

The winner of the 1995 Miss DC's contest will be awarded \$100, \$50 the night of the pageant, \$50 the night of stepping down.

The 1st Runner Up will receive \$50 the night of the pageant.

There is a \$25 application fee required of all contestants.

All contestants must be of legal drinking age in the State of Nebraska and possess a valid I.D.

Contestants must have their music taped, cued and turned in a rehearsal on June 4 by 1pm at DC's.

Deadline for application and fee is midnight, June 3, 1995.

All applications must be submitted to DC's.

If you want to take on the challenge of filling Dorian's shoes, contact DC's immediately for an application and a complete list of rules.

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DR. C. EARLE LEWIS**

The headline nearly says it all! MCC-O members and friends are excited to introduce the community to their newly called pastor, Rev. Dr. C. Earle Lewis and his partner Martie Reyes. Rev. Lewis and Martie will be arriving in Omaha around the first of June.

Sunday, June 11, will be the first Sunday that Rev. Lewis will be in the pulpit. You can hear him at either the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service or at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. We invite the whole community to begin the 1995 Pride Celebration by attending one of these special services. Rev. Lewis comes to Omaha from Sebastopol, California where he has resided the

**DANCE LESSONS AT
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DC's is proud to offer country/western dance lessons twice each week. On Sundays at 6 p.m. dance lessons are offered for couples. Professional dance instructor Dean Michon will alternate lessons with Jeff, the regular dance instructor on Sunday nights. On Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. Jeff will continue teaching line dancing to all of you who are interested.

past three years. He was currently serving as pastor of the MCC in Santa Rosa. Prior to that, Rev. Lewis spent 30 years as a United Methodist pastor in Texas. A graduate of St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Rev. Lewis is familiar with the Midwest and is looking forward to getting to know the Omaha area and the community here.

Rev. Lewis will have morning office hours starting June 5. Please call for an appointment to assure that he will be in before you stop by. He plans to be out in the community getting to know all of you in the afternoons. MCC-Omaha is at 819 S. 22nd St. See you there—soon! Next Sunday would be great!

**UNO OFFERS CLASS ON
G/L LITERATURE**

The Fall Class listing for the University of Nebraska at Omaha includes a new and exciting listing. For the first time, the English Department will be offering a class on Gay and Lesbian Literature. This class (English 2000-801) will be taught on Mondays from 1 - 4:45 at an "off campus" location. The instructor is Cramer. The call number is 01041.

**BLUE BARN
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The Blue Barn Theatre is proud to present **WHAT THE MIRROR GAVE ME: An Original Play About Frida Kahlo.**

Frida Kahlo was an artist whose extraordinary paintings reflect her extraordinary life. She said about her own work, "I never painted my dreams. I painted my own reality." Born at the beginning of the Mexican Revolution, her reality included the lifelong after-effects of a devastating accident which befell her at the age of 18, and a tumultuous, complex union with Mexico's legendary muralist, Diego Rivera.

Frida Kahlo was a woman who took both her joy and her pain and created a body of work which continues to move and astonish. She is now being recognized as one of the most important artists of the 20th century.

The Blue Barn Theatre, in collaboration with playwright Angela Simerly, is creating a play which evokes Frida's battles and her triumphs. The piece will be performed by Blue Barn member Rachel Hauben and guest artist Taffy Howard. Original music is being composed by Omaha musician Lynelle Basile. **WHAT THE MIRROR GAVE ME: An Original Play About Frida Kahlo** is being co-directed by Blue Barn members Sheila Malone and Amy Matthews.

This production will run Friday June 2 and Saturday June 3 at 8PM and Sunday June 4 at 7PM. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Call 345-1576 for information and reservations.

**IT'S A MATTER OF
PRIDE**

**ANNIE WELTY
CANDIDATE FOR EMPEROR XV
VOTING JUNE 17, 1995 MCC - OMAHA
CORONATION JUNE 24, 1995**

ONYX IMAGES: An Interview

By Sharon Van Butsel

Editor's note: I was pleasantly surprised recently to receive a phone call from two of the officers of Onyx Images, offering to do an interview about Onyx Images and about their upcoming events. While this organization has been around for a while, it is only recently that they have become more active in the greater community.

Sharon: What is Onyx Images about?

Reggie: We refer to ourselves as a fraternity, a group of men associating for a common purpose. In this case the purpose is to be a support organization for men like us - African American men who are gay. We try to be supportive of each other, and we try to focus on the individual need of the fraternity member. We try to do outreach to others, especially to young people. When we outreach, network, mingle, or counsel with others, we don't look at age or anything like that, but there is an age requirement for actual membership in Onyx Images.

Michael: We look not only to support for our brothers, but also sisters of our own persuasion.

Sharon: So, Onyx Images is only for African Americans?

Reggie: We are focused on meeting needs of the African American male in our illustrious community, because there is a need for the type of fellowship where issues can be discussed with a certain level of openness and freedom that can only be attained when people are close like this, people with special needs as gay people are likely to have, and identification is an important component.

Michael: There is nothing else like this offered and with other groups there is exclusion, sometimes direct or indirectly, intentional or unintentional. It's important for groups to identify and meet their own needs, not always rely on other groups.

Reggie: It's an organization designed primarily for African Americans but there are other areas that are part of our common goals. And in those areas we offer fellowship that is open to others, brothers and sisters, African American or not.

Michael: To our friends - period.

Sharon: Do you have regular activities?

Reggie: Yes, we meet monthly, alternately to discuss business and then to do committee work if we're preparing for a social or activity

or working on by-laws or other projects. If there's a big project, like our annual function, we meet more often. There's also a certain amount of moving around that we do, with groups in other cities for joint functions and such.

Michael: We do a lot of brainstorming - sitting and talking and looking at various issues. And we do smaller functions, like Christmas in January, a Black History celebration in February. We had a Taurus and Aries party to celebrate people's birthdays. We do smaller activities to let people socialize locally, beside traveling to let members network with brothers and sisters across the country.

Reggie: We do educational activities, too, like having guest speakers come in to discuss topics of interest to our members.

Sharon: How long has the group been around?

Reggie: Onyx Images was organized in



ONYX IMAGES

October of 1990 and had our first annual celebration in October, 1991.

Sharon: Is Onyx Images a national organization?

Reggie: No, this is a home grown program which originated right here with us.

Sharon: Until now, Onyx Images hasn't been active in what I would call the larger gay and lesbian community in Omaha. What prompted your desire to move out into the larger community?

Michael: Having a listing in the *New Voice* Resource Directory has been an avenue to meet other people and make friends with others, and have let us know that there are others out there, other brothers and sisters who are in need of support and what we can offer.

Reggie: But first we needed to know that we had some solid footing and some cohesion in

the group and we have that. All the members can articulate what we're about and what our goals are, so it's time we moved on and started to work with other groups in the community at large.

Sharon: So, where do you go from here?

Reggie: We want to begin to network with Angle, and with this ground floor opportunity with this resource center that's coming in. As far as socially, we have some things we're planning for the summer. As far as taking the organization out and going more visible in the community, our goal to become more visible so people can identify us as the resource we are.

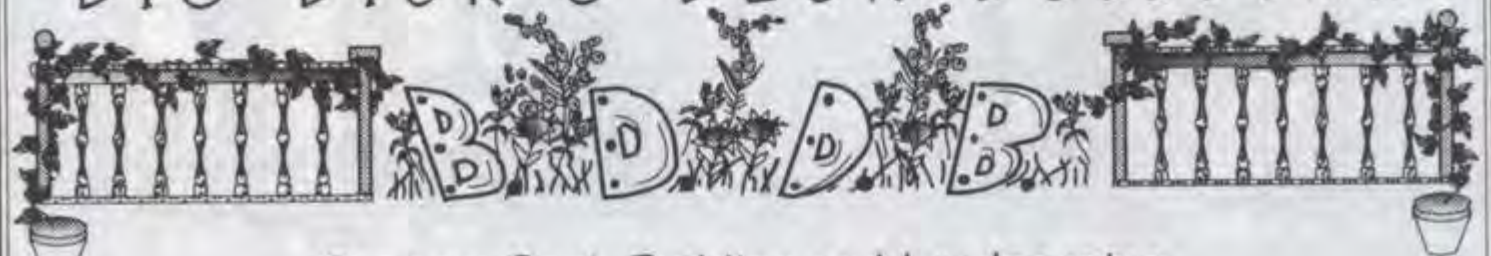
Michael: We're starting to add more activities to our calendar. We're starting toward our first fundraiser, otherwise everything has been supported through our own donations. We'll be doing more educational things so people advance and enhance the skills they have, and we also want to offer those educational things to people beyond our group. We're looking forward to our summer party, "Summer Madness in July." We'll be starting to locate and distribute information on HIV that's ethnic sensitive. Some of the brothers are aware of things out there and we'll be working to get more involved in distributing what there is. Well, that's some of what we're doing.

Sharon: Sounds like a lot of things to accomplish! But what about this fundraiser?

Reggie: Our first fundraiser will be Saturday, July 15. We're calling it "Summer Madness in July." It will be an afternoon and evening of fun and fundraising. It will start at 6pm and go until closing time at the RUN. "Summer Madness" will start off with games such as volleyball, pool, table games, and such for the first couple hours. The next part will be a show or review, featuring lip synch, female impersonators, some live acts, and some male dancers. We'll have food catered and available throughout the evening. The last part of the evening will be dancing until 1 am with a DJ playing various types of music. Our DJ for the night will be Lady ICE. She's done our events before and she's really good. We're going to dance the night away. The cost for the evening is \$7.50 per person or \$10 per couple. Tickets may be obtained by calling 455-6375. All brothers and sisters are welcome.

Sharon: Sounds like a great evening. I'll try to make it and I'll tell my friends.

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Empress Candidates: Helin and Brooke

A LOOK AT THE REIGN XV CANDIDATES FOR THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NE

Here is your chance to meet the candidates running for Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. ICON is pleased to announce 3 candidates for Emperor and 2 candidates for Empress.

From now until the 17th of June, these candidates will be campaigning, trying to win your vote.

The people you select will work many, many hours during the next year to advance the position of gays and lesbians in Nebraska and Pott. Co., IA. As in the general elections, what is most important is that you get to know the candidate and then VOTE!

Voting will be held in both Lincoln and Omaha this year. In Lincoln it will be held at Under the Rainbow from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Sat., June 17. In Omaha voting will be from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at MCC-Omaha. Residents of Nebraska and Pott. Co., IA, are eligible to vote, but to exercise that privilege, you must bring an ID, showing proof of residency with you to the voting site. Last year's monarchs led ICON to raise over \$10,000 that was donated to the community. What accomplishments will we see from Reign XV? The answer is in your hands! Get to know the candidates and exercise your right - VOTE JUNE 17!

ANNIE WELTY — EMPEROR XV

It has been my pleasure to serve my community. I plan to continue through years to come. My involvement with I.C.O.N. has taught me to celebrate our diversity every day.

Our community needs are vast. No one organization can meet these needs alone, but together, I believe we can make things happen. What a wonderful feeling it gives me when I can help meet these needs.

As I pursue the Emperor XV position, I ask that our community allow me to be a strong voice and continue with the integrity and pride that I have to offer. I'm out there for you.

R.N. HEDGES — EMPEROR XV

I have lived in Omaha for the past 16 years. I am General Manager and Buyer for Bags and Baggage at One Pacific Place and have served on the Board of Directors of Metropolitan

Community Church for the past two years. Most importantly, I am the proud father of three children: Nichole - 17, Natalie - 14, and Landon - 12. I also have a union of three years with my spouse Gregory Hicks.

If chosen, I bring to the position of Emperor **EXPERIENCE, MATURITY, and LEADERSHIP.** Maturity and Experience I have learned through coming out after 26 years of heterosexual living and now succeeding in 12 years of being a parent who is gay. Leadership I bring from years of retail and banking experience.

My goal is to bring our already minority community together across the whole state of Nebraska. We have a majority of talents to take on the majority of the state.

TROY HAASIS a.k.a. DEXTER — EMPEROR XIV

EMPEROR XV? Imperial Court of Nebraska? What attracts me to I.C.O.N.? Why would I want to give so many hours out of an already busy schedule??

In our current day - we seem to have fallen

short in many areas of our society. Not withstanding though, I.C.O.N. has been working for and supporting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals and organizations in our state for over 14 years! Throughout my life, I have tried to show the same qualities which abound throughout the International Court System. The elected office of Emperor is synonymous with the words caring and giving.

Just as I.C.O.N. has been a driving force of leadership and unity - I too will carry forward the ideals of the past 14 Emperors. As Emperor XV, I plan to provide the youth of today with a positive and visible role model! PLEASE VOTE TROY HAASIS a.k.a. DEXTER - EMPEROR XV!

HELIN BEDD — EMPRESS XV

There are over a thousand reasons to run for the Imperial Court of Nebraska's Emperor/Empress' Fifteenth Candidacy. One of the many reasons would be to regain the unity between the upstanding straight communities to the gay/lesbian communities of Omaha/Lincoln and Pottawattamie County. By making them realize and understand that we are human beings with the same civil rights and that we're not going anywhere soon. ... Hopefully with the gain of the three candidates from Lincoln this year, (which makes this the latest candidates run for ICON's Emperor/Empress Candidacy in the past years) we can make the fund raising for our community better than ever, with many, many years to come. Because it can only get better if you take the time to care and show your pride. With that I'd like to take the time to wish all the candidates "Good Luck" and "Best Wishes" on their Campaigns.

Love and Kisses
Helin Bedd

BROOKE OWENS - EMPRESS XV

I, David Brooks — Brooke Owens, will at any cost devote and dedicate my abilities to reunite the cities of Omaha and Lincoln and not exclude but include the western region, i.e. Hastings, Grand Island, Scottsbluff. I will work to re-establish continuity via communication and appearances regarding the Imperial Court and its functions, and I will dedicate myself not to one specific area but to the whole State.

I feel that through trust, education and communication, my intent will be fulfilled and lesbians and gays within the State of Nebraska, along with the Imperial Court, will once again establish long standing strength.



Emperor Candidates: R.N., Annie, and Troy

A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

by Stan Brown

The MAX is the place to be on Sunday, June 4, at 9:30 p.m. for a "Celebration" of Gay Pride. Join Inga and her friends at the 5th annual Pride Benefit Show for ANGLE. Live performances by R.N. Hedges and Annie Welty plus entertainment from ICON Royalty, Monica West, Madame X, Miranda Wrights, Quincey Valentine, MC's, Tim Pedersen, Phoenix Fallentino, and Pat Phalen, and many other special guests.

Tickets for a Pride raffle to benefit ANGLE will be available that night with the drawings to be held the afternoon of the Pride Parade and Rally. Prizes include a T.V., artwork, tanning sessions, gift certificates, haircuts, tickets to community events, and many other items.

Don't forget the date of the Pride Parade and Rally, "From Silence to Celebration" is Sunday, June 11. Food will be available from noon on and the parade step off with be at 2:00 p.m. from Turner Park. The rally will follow the parade with entertainment throughout the day.

For more information about any of these events, please contact the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line (588-5303). Please join us the first Tuesday of each month for ANGLE meetings at the UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd. at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you all at The MAX on June 4 as we celebrate Pride as only Inga can!!

THINK YOU CAN'T GET AIDS IN NEBRASKA? WRONG!

In response to the increasing threat of HIV/AIDS in the Heartland, the Nebraska AIDS Project has joined forces with the Omaha Federation of Advertising in the creation of a comprehensive HIV/AIDS public service advertising campaign. The campaign is designed to reach persons with the fastest growing risk — women, people of color and youths.

A coalition of AIDS educators and advertising industry professionals have created a comprehensive campaign to run throughout the summer. The individual components of the campaign — a 60 second television spot, four 30 second radio spots, print advertising and billboards — convey the message that the citizens of the Heartland are at risk and offers a toll-free number for further information. Volunteers from the Nebraska AIDS Project answer the statewide hotline from 9AM to 11PM 365 days a year. The number is 342-6367 in Omaha or 1-800-782-AIDS.

PANHANDLE GAY & LESBIAN SUPPORT SERVICES

MEMBERS TO ATTEND PRIDEFEST IN DENVER

P.G.L.S.S. is going to Pridefest 95 in Denver. There are about 10 members willing to walk in the parade this year. This will be a milestone for the people of western Nebraska.

The group will leave Scottsbluff on Saturday, June 24. Most will stay at the Super 8 off Interstate 25. Your children are welcome to come too. We will eat at a family style restaurant.

The parade starts early Sunday morning June 25. There will be food vendors available after the parade.

If you want to go to Pridefest, whether as a participant or a spectator, call now for more information.

- P.G.L.S.S. Newsletter

IMSL

Need a vacation? Just want to get out of town for a weekend? Plan on attending the International Ms Leather Contest in Chicago the weekend of July 20. Celebrate the leather lifestyle! Not only will there be the contest, but also, workshops and vendor space (Just think of the new toys!). There is the opportunity of meeting new friends and renewing old friendships. Master Cindy will be stepping down from her title year as International Ms Leather. Who will be filling her shoes? You could be among the first to know! Plan now to play with us in Chicago. It will be the time of your life!



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See your local bars for applications!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER MEETING IS A SUCCESS -- PLANNING IS GOING FORWARD

Approximately 30 people came together on May 17 to discuss the possibility of developing a Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgender Community Resource Center in Omaha. The mood of the meeting was positive, with 26 of those present volunteering to help on one or more of the committees which were established. The major areas of responsibility for the committees are:

- Fiscal Development
- Public Relations/Marketing
- Location/Physical Facilities
- Policy/Planning
- Programming/Resource Development

The Resource Center Development Committee, made up of the interim chairs of the various committees as well as other interested individuals will be the primary governing/steering committee until a more formal structure is developed. This committee will meet on June 9, from 7-9pm. Location will be announced. All interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, or to volunteer in any way, call the ANGLE Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 and ask for Becky.

METROPOLITAN CLUB MEETS SOON

The Metropolitan Club, a professional gay and lesbian social organization, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will hold its next monthly meeting on the 15th of June at FRANKIE Pane's, 1112 Douglas Street.

Social hour begins at 6PM and there will be a short presentation at 7PM. For those of you unfamiliar with the Metropolitan Club, our charter is to provide a social atmosphere where Omaha's professional Gay/ Lesbian/ BiSexual/ Transgendered community and supporters can meet.

Interestingly enough, though the number of people attending is relatively constant, 45 to 66 people, there are always plenty of new faces in the crowd. So, even if you've been to one of our meetings, it's likely that you'll encounter new people the next time you attend.

You might also be interested to know that the professional makeup, gender, and age of our membership is also quite varied — something we are very proud of and hope to continue fostering.

While we are a largely social club, we also present topics of interest and provide other information important to our community.

You control the topics we present, so take a minute at the next meeting and let us know what interests you. Here's what we've been bringing Omaha's professional Gay and Lesbian community since November of last year:

November: Diversity in the workplace and why it's important.

December: Sen. Tim Hall discussed an equal employment bill under consideration in the Nebraska state legislature.

January: NAP Presentation.

February: Wills and estate planning.

March: Comedy by Wayne Garsky and Gay/Lesbian travel opportunities.

April: Social (no presentation)

May: Business meeting/board nominations.

There will be a \$4 cover charge at the door to defray the cost of renting FRANKIE'S. At last month's meeting, we began the process of nominating a permanent board to replace the temporary board initially established to organize our club. The goal is to continue to accept nominations until the general election in August. In the meantime, we of the temporary board, will strive to continue bringing you interesting presentations and engaging conversations.

Come, have a cocktail and meet Omaha's growing professional gay and lesbian community. Hey, how else are we going to meet?

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July 2nd

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<u>Thurs</u> <i>Bacardi</i> \$1.50	<u>Fri</u> <i>Cowboys</i> \$1.50	<u>Sat</u> <i>Sky Vodka</i> \$2.00	

Country Dance Lessons Tuesday Night 8:00 PM

Thanks For Making DC's "The Place To Be"

WHY SUPPORT GAY/LESBIAN OWNED BUSINESS?

by Derric Michael Field

Sometimes, we tend to see lesbian/gay business owners simply as people making money from our community. We believe they are using their accessibility as a way to financial gain. I know I felt that way in the past. Believe me, in the past couple months I've changed my mind. How? I became a "Gay Owner" of a "Gay Business."

In September of last year, I made the decision to sell my Aquarium/Fish store in Minneapolis to return to my home state of Nebraska. I was planning to open an antique store in either Omaha or Lincoln. The more I thought about doing this, the more I found myself changing my mind. I decided I wanted to do something for the gay/lesbian community. After all, that's my community. I've spent my life helping to fight its fights while the community has benefited me in countless ways. As a result of this change of plans I ended up opening Under the Rainbow, a gay/lesbian bookstore. But, I digress.

Why should we support lesbian/gay owned businesses? Because they support us, that's why! They support us in ways we don't always think about, at least on a conscious level. They advertise in our newspapers and magazines. Without these ads, we'd have no newspapers. They contribute to fundraisers for causes that affect our lives. (In only two months, I've made contributions to P-FLAG, the Nebraska AIDS Project, a gay/lesbian youth group, and several lesbian/gay social groups.) Most gay/lesbian business owners are very concerned about these issues and do whatever they can to support them.

Another reason to support lesbian/gay owned businesses has to do with power. We all know that, right or wrong, those with the money have the power. The best way for us to take back and keep our power, as a community, is to keep as much of our money as possible within the

community. If lesbian/gay business owners could form a solid block and march into our local, state, or national politicians' offices and say, "We represent X million dollars in business revenue and tax revenue," you know we'd have a much better chance of being heard.

Yet another reason for us to support lesbian/gay businesses is that it helps to create a better sense of "community" and adds to our "comfort level." After all, don't we feel more comfortable in a store or business where it's not only okay, but where we're actually encouraged to "be ourselves"? Remember how good it felt the first time you were in a business, either shopping or eating, where you felt you had no reason to be in any way concerned with how you appeared or what you said. Does the feeling of "Home at last" mean anything?

So... how can we, as individuals, support gay/lesbian owned businesses? Here's a few suggestions:

1. Read the ads in the g/l publications, such as the *New Voice of Nebraska*, so you can be well informed as to what's available.

2. Whenever possible, spend your money at a l/g owned business, not with some corporation that doesn't give a damn if we live or die. They only want our money.

3. When a g/l business owner is sponsoring a fund raiser, let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

4. Encourage your friends and families to support l/g owned businesses.

5. Let us, as business owners, know what we can do for you. We won't always know what you want or need if you don't tell us.

Remember, as you support us, we will support you! Also remember that if we don't support lesbian/gay businesses, we won't have any.

WW PRODUCTIONS

"SPRING TO ASSISTANCE"

From the moment you walked into the disco at The MAX on May 14, you knew that this benefit show was going to be a hit. The set, designed by Miss Roxy herself, featured huge spring flowers in vivid colors surrounding a yellow sun, and white tablecloths graced the tables. Performers began arriving early and at 9:40pm Don "Flowers" Randolph took the microphone to welcome the audience and to introduce his co-emcee for the evening, Velvet.

The evening was upbeat and fast-paced, with bright spots of comedy and a few sober moments as performers and audience paused to remember that this evening was the result of the efforts and the last wishes of the former general manager of The MAX, Mr. Wayne Tietzort. All proceeds from the evening go to the PWA Assistance Fund, administered by the Nebraska AIDS Project to help individuals with Emergency Needs not covered by other programs.

The driving forces behind the show, Tracy, Scott, and Danny, otherwise known as the "Babes Behind Bars," were at their best this evening, performing their particular style of Skag drag to the delight of the audience. Other highlights of the evening were live performances by R.N. Hedges, Annie Welty, and Teresa Robinson, a unique combination of comedy and song by "Mrs. Flores", a never-to-be forgotten performance by Stosh and Lisa, and Muffy Rosenberg performing a hilarious Salvation Army parody. The evening featured the best of the area's performers and almost all the title holders including Velvet, Muffy, Roxy, Jennifer Jett, Monica West, Dorian Drake, and Dietra Snow. The final tally for the evening was not yet available at press time, but the amount raised was well in excess of \$2000.

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DESERT PLAINS DRUMMER COMES TO OMAHA

There have been some major changes in the World of Drummer. What were formerly known as the Great Plains Region and the Southwest Region are now known collectively as the Desert/Plains Region. The new Desert/Plains Region is comprised of Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nevada, New Mexico, and Arizona.

What this means to you is that there will be even more and hotter contestants taking part in Fantasy Productions' presentation of the 1995 Mr. Desert/Plains Drummer Contest, June 9 & 10 in Omaha.

With the new merger of these two regions, you can be sure to see plenty of hot, hot, hot men competing for this year's regional title in the categories of Pre-Judging, Jockstrap, Speech, Presentation of their Fantasy, and Leather Image.

Friday, June 9th, will feature the Meet the Contestants Party to be held at The MAX, 1417 Jackson. During this party you will have the opportunity to meet the judges and contestants. The judges for this year's contest are Bob Ewing - Co Sponsor, Jim Sterba - Corn Haulers L & L Club, Marcus Hernandez - columnist for the Bay Area Review and Drummer magazine, Mike Cox - Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1994, Bob Michaels - Southwest Drummer '94, Joe Kraly - Great Plains Drummer 93, Blade - Southwest Drummer 93, and Pat Phalen - ICON Emperor VI. The Tallymaster for the event will be Dick Brown.

The contest itself will be held Saturday, June 10, at The MAX. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m. with the contest starting at 9:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door.

This regional contest is always a success. It has produced two International Mr. Drummers and one 1st Runner Up in the last four years. The current International Mr. Drummer is Keith Hunt, formerly of Denver, Colorado, now residing in Dallas, Texas.

Make sure to be there as the first Mr. Desert/Plains Drummer is chosen. For more information, contact Fantasy Productions, P.O. box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108-8203.

U.S. WEST CELEBRATES G/L PRIDE

EAGLE (Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians) will assist U.S. West Communications and U.S. West Direct (MRG) celebrate June's awareness of gays and lesbians within the corporation.

This year's activities will include homophobia workshops presented to the employee body by members of EAGLE as well as the homosexuality and the scriptures workshop for employees and guests at an after work hours presentation.

Continuing in the 8 years of celebrating the pride of gays and lesbians, this year's recipient of the Stonewall Award will be founders of the Omaha Chapter and employees Terry Sweeney and Pat Phalen, recognizing their contribution to bringing lesbian and gay awareness to employees of U.S. West.

For information on how to attend the homosexuality and the scriptures workshop, contact Pat Phalen 348-8569 or Bev Pickering (co-moderator) at 384-3669. Celebrate pride with one of Omaha's front runner corporations - U.S. West. Be Bold!

DC's #1 ENDS SEASON IN FIRST PLACE

At the conclusion of the 1994-1995 Bowling season, DC's #1 walked away with first place honors in the River City Mixed Bowling League. Run Jim Dandies took second place and Delivery Boys made a strong move in the final weeks to end up in third place for the year.

Tony Iniguez ended up taking men's high scratch game with a blistering 264, followed by Mike Wierznicki with a 258, and Dan Cooper and Joe Bloemer with identical 248 games. Dan Cooper took high men's scratch series (697), followed by Bloemer with a 674 and Charley Wade with a 671. Dan Cooper had the high men's average with a 198, followed by Bob Andresen with a 187.1 and Joe Bloemer with a 183.4.

Rhea Lukehart had women's high scratch game (250), followed by Kellie Loveall (236), and E. Mueller (231). Mueller ended up with the high series (602), followed by Rhea Lukehart with a 598 series and Cherie Iniguez with a 576 series. Rhea Lukehart also took high women's average with a 171.8 followed by E. Mueller with a 170.6 and Cherie Iniguez with a 159.5.

City Lickers took both high handicap team game and high handicap team series (814 and 2328 respectively). Rainbow Chaser took second high team game with a 783, followed by DC's #1 with a 779. DC's #1 improved their second high team series to a 2176 and Express Male moved up to take third high series with a 2166.

Congratulations to all the bowlers!

Complete team standings for the year:

1. DC's #1
2. Run Jim Dandies
3. Delivery Boys
4. 9-4 Gets & Nots
5. Wurgler Photo
6. City Lickers
7. Gilligan's 2
8. Gilligan's 1 CCB
9. DC's Liplockers
10. Misfits
11. The MAX
12. Express Male
13. Bowling for Tricks
14. The Taylor Shop
15. Dicksters
16. The DJs
17. Puss&Boots Gilligan 3
18. DCs 2 Reason to Drink
19. DC's Tuna Melts
20. Night Riders
21. Rainbow Chasers
22. Kings & Queens
23. TM #8

HGRA DANCE COMPETITION

On Saturday, June 3rd, HGRA will be presenting a Couple's Dance Competition at DC's in Omaha. The contest will include a 2-step, a swing, and a free style dance. The contest will begin at 8 p.m. We hope that some of the couples who compete in this dance contest will go on to compete in the dance competition at the International Gay Rodeo Association Convention being held in Chicago the last weekend in July.



PFLAG
BENEFIT

THURSDAY
9:00 PM

PFLAG CORNHUSKER BENEFIT HELD AT "Q"

by Walter M.

Board Member of PFLAG

Cornhusker

On Thursday, May 4, Cafe Quintessentials and the "Q" Bar of Lincoln, Nebraska hosted a benefit Date Auction as a benefit for PFLAG Cornhusker, Inc.

A total of 14 bachelors and bachelorettes were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The highest bidder also received dinner packages and other surprises such as theater tickets. The dinner packages were donated by many Lincoln businesses who support the gay and lesbian community. PFLAG received over \$535 from this benefit. PFLAG greatly appreciates the help from Harlan, Rick, Alan, and Barb K.

GAY/LESBIAN AL-ANON AT MCC

A meeting of Al-Anon, a 12 step program for those whose lives are affected by a loved one's use of alcohol or other addictions, will be held at Metropolitan Community Church, 819 S. 22, Omaha, NE, on Friday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. While this group is open to all, it will focus on the needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual community. The first meeting will be June 2.

CORN HAULERS EVENTS IN DES MOINES

The Corn Haulers L & L Club raised \$470 at its April 1 Beer Bust at the Blazing Saddle in Des Moines. This was a benefit beer bust for "Dreams Can Come True."

Members of five other clubs: The Bear Paws of Iowa, the Black Hawk C.C. of Rock Island, the Atoms, the Black Guard of Minneapolis and the Pioneers of Kansas City were all present to help make the event a great success.

A total of \$265 was raised by a "50/50" raffle, half of which a lucky ticket holder won, and the other half went to the Corn Haulers.

Upcoming benefit beer busts hosted by the Corn Haulers at the Blazing Saddle are as follows:

June 3:	Food Pantry
July 1:	Corn Haulers
August 5:	Out-Reach in Central Iowa
September 2:	Corn Haulers
October 7:	All Iowa AIDS Benefit

Please help support the community by attending these beer busts. The cost is always \$3 all you can drink until the keg goes dry. All beer busts start at 9:30 p.m.

The Corn Haulers L & L Club is an alternative organization for men and women interested in seeking brotherhood-sisterhood, social interaction, and camaraderie with other gay men and lesbians of similar interests.

The Club hosts many fund raisers for the local community.

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS PRESENTS PRIDE CONCERT JUNE 3 & 4

The River City Mixed Chorus will complete its eleventh season with the annual Pride Concert on Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4 at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the campus of UNO, 60th and Dodge Streets in Omaha. Both concerts begin at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. John J. Bennett will conduct the chorus in a diverse program that is sure to please every musical taste. Included in the program are three pieces by Johannes Brahms (in German), two pieces by Stephen Sondheim, John Rutter's "for the Beauty of the Earth," three madrigals by Emma Lou Diemer, "Ubi Caritas" (in Latin) by Maurice Durufle, "Good Night" by Lennon and McCartney and "Everything Possible" by Fred Small, made popular by the Flirtations. The men will perform three pieces by Ron Nelson, from Three Pieces after Tennyson, with String Bass and Piano 4-hand accompaniment and percussion. The pianist for the Chorus is Mr. Ron Guthrie.

Tickets are available in advance at New Realities in the Passageway of the Old Market or from any Chorus member for \$10 (students and seniors \$8). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12 (students/seniors for \$10). For more information, call 402-342-SING. RCMC is a non-profit corporation and receives funding from the NE Arts Council. RCMC is a member of GALA, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses.

'OVER 50' POTLUCK

Once again, it's time to honor all the members of our community who have made it past the half-century mark. If you've attended either of the two previous potlucks, you know how wonderful the food was and how much fun everyone had.

If you haven't attended before, don't miss out this year! Here's how it works: If you're under 50, bring a dish to share. If you're over 50, just bring an appetite!

Table service and beverages are provided. After the meal, there will be a short program, followed by videos. Feel free to bring your favorite games or videos to share!

In a nutshell:

Saturday, June 3

Cornerstone Church, 640 North 16th in Lincoln

6:00-6:30 Bring food & set up.

6:30 Eating begins

7:30 Brief program

8:00 Videos

For more information, call Matt or Andy at (402) 477-3336.

MISS AUTUMN WEATHER ASSUMES TITLE OF MISS HGRA

The tall and lovely Miss Autumn Weather has assumed the title of Miss HGRA 1995. As first runner-up, Miss Autumn Weather was asked to assume the title after Miss Bobby Jo Bourgelais was unable to meet the requirements for Miss HGRA as set forth in the HGRA by-laws.



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The theme of Omaha's June celebration of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (G/L/B/T) Pride is "From Silence to Celebration." The Omaha Chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will be adding a special touch to the celebration by hosting Phillip Sherman, the Executive Editor of the book *Uncommon Heroes*, during the weekend of the annual Pride Parade and rally. Sherman's recently published book, a celebration of heroes and role models for lesbian and gay Americans, is a photo-essay anthology that proudly shows the many facets and colors of gay people. Featured in this collection are women and men who have made a difference to their communities and all of society.

There will be several opportunities to purchase the book for \$25 and have him sign it. First will be on Saturday, June 10 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Mead Hall, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass. Sherman will also conduct a book signing at the PFLAG display table in Turner Park at the G/L/B/T Pride Parade and rally at 31st Avenue and Farnam.

The parade and rally will last from noon until approximately 5:30 p.m. Sherman will be at the park from 12:30 p.m. until the rally ends. Sherman's presence at the parade and rally will be brought to the public's attention through press releases to the print and broadcast media; but the Saturday book signing at Mead Hall will only be advertised through the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community. Sherman is extremely warm, friendly, and a delight to talk to. So come out and let him know you appreciate what he has done to provide gay and lesbian role models for the general public.

LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA IS FORMED

by Derric Field

On Monday, May 8, the first meeting was held of the newly formed Lambda Business Association of Nebraska (LBAN). An enthusiastic group of Gay business owners met to discuss several topics, among them:

1. The formation and purpose of a group designed to promote GLBT owned businesses.
2. Encouraging all Nebraska GLBT business owners to become members of LBAN in order to increase our strength and bargaining position.
3. Specific methods by which we can encourage the use of the GLBT owned businesses.
4. How we, as a business community, can help encourage the elimination of prejudice against the GLBT community.
5. The importance of the "GLBT Dollar" as an economic force.

Because many of us believe that by banding together we can accomplish a great deal more than we can as individuals, we feel it's an important act, as well as a progressive marketing tool, to become a member of the Lambda Business Association of Nebraska.

We also feel that together we can help each other not only to survive, but grow in a precarious business climate.

A brochure is being put together explaining LBAN and its purpose which will be sent to GLBT business owners upon request.

Further information about LBAN can be obtained by writing to the Lambda Business Association of Nebraska, 1231 "F" St., Lincoln, NE 68508 or calling Derric Field at 402/477-5644 or Tim Hopkins at 402/483-6183.

CORONATION—A TIME TO SAY THANKS TO ICON AND ITS MONARCHS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

June 24 the Imperial Court of Nebraska will celebrate its Fifteenth Anniversary—fifteen years of serving gays and lesbians in Nebraska and SW Iowa. Since June of '94 alone, ICON—led by Mae and David—raised and donated more than \$10,000 to local organizations including the following:

- \$500 to the Alternate Test Site plus the labor to clean and paint the site!
- PWA Assistance Fund — \$2330.42
- ACE Unity House — \$1070.50
- MCC-O Piano Fund — \$100.00
- ANGLE's G/L Info. & Ref. Line — \$653.00
- \$100 to the All Iowa AIDS Benefit
- Panhandle G/L Support Services — \$105.00
- Equality Before the Law — \$25.00
- ANGLE Recognition Dinner — \$50.00
- MCC-O Food Pantry — \$511.07
- PWA Personal Needs Items — \$491.28
- 10 Wheelchairs for 4 NAP sites — \$1602.61 plus 3 donated wheelchairs
- Toys for kids of PWA's — \$925.00
- \$150 to PFLAG Lincoln
- PFLAG Omaha Youth Group — \$400.10
- \$1023.98 for PWA Thanksgiving Baskets plus a completely donated and cooked meal at Unity House for 35+ PWAs.

ICON also supported such broader causes as the NAMES Project Quilt and Idaho's No On ONE Campaign.

Have you or someone you've known been helped by even one of these organizations that ICON has supported during the past 12 months? What about the previous 14 years? In its fifteen year history, ICON has raised and donated well over \$200,000 to community groups! If one of these groups has impacted your life, take time June 23-25 to support the Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration of ICON. Attend the Thursday In-Town Show at The MAX, come out to the Ramada for the Friday evening Out-of-Town Show, walk with your group for Coronation Saturday night, join the festivities at the Victory Brunch Sunday morning at the Ramada, or celebrate with the new monarchs Sunday evening at the Victory Show at The MAX. Whatever you do, take time—while there is time—to thank those ICON people who have worked so hard for you during the first fifteen reigns! And watch out—we're gearing up for another fifteen!

GAY/LESBIAN AL-ANON AT MCC

A meeting of Al-Anon, a 12 step program for those whose lives are affected by a loved one's use of alcohol or other addictions, will be held at Metropolitan Community Church, 819 S. 22, Omaha, NE, on Friday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. While this group is open to all, it will focus on the needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual community. The first meeting will be held June 2.



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Only one (1) contestant from each state, province, or country will be allowed to enter the contest. Negotiations are underway for contests in Nebraska, Texas, California, Arizona, Michigan, Oregon, Missouri, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Louisiana, New York, Washington, Virginia, Illinois, Florida, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, Iowa, Nevada, Minnesota, Maryland, Ohio, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, and provinces in Canada.

Contestants will be judged in Pre-Judging, Fantasy Wear, On Stage Question & Answer, Presentation of their Fantasy, and a 'Mystery' category in which no one will know the contents until the weekend of the contest. The 'Mystery' category will change each year.

Confirmed judges for this year's contest are:

Bob Ewing - Omaha - Co-Sponsor
Jim Richards - Dallas, Texas - TLJ Man of the Year 92

Dave Rhodes - Los Angeles, California - The Leather Journal

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For more information, please contact:
Fantasy Productions
P.O. Box 8203
Omaha, NE 68108-8203

PRIDEFEST TO FEATURE ALIAS JANE & THE NEON GIRLS

Pridefest, the third annual Heartland Women's Music Festival will be held Saturday, June 23, from 1:00 p.m. to midnight at the Terra Jane, 5 miles east of Council Bluffs on Highway 92. WomenSpace is proud to welcome Heartland women to this event which will feature workshops, artisans' booths, country line dancing lessons, a dance, a movie under the stars, and, of course, the headliners, Alias Jane and The Neon Girls. All day tickets are \$15 until June 22, \$18 at the gate. Evening only tickets are \$10 until June 22, \$12 at the gate. Tickets are available at New Realities, Pegasus Book Store, or by mail from WomenSpace.

MAKE A PANEL TO ADD TO THE QUILT

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The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at the Civic Auditorium on October 7 and 8. If you are interested in making a panel, please contact Ron Wilson at 734-3421. There will be a "quilting bee" at Ron's home, 5101 South 39th Street, Omaha, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16.

These "bees" will be an opportunity to get help with your panel and a chance to talk with other panel makers. Please call to confirm your attendance. For further information, contact Ron Wilson at the above number.

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MCCERS SAY GOODBYE TO GARRETT

Good friend and loyal member of MCC-Omaha, Garrett Burton, was honored recently by the congregation. Garrett, who served as accompanist of MCC-Omaha for many years, is moving to Virginia in June.

Garrett served as accompanist in the Burt St. Church, the 24th St. Church, and most recently in the 22nd St. Church. His talented playing will be missed by the congregation.

Members of the choir honored Garrett by purchasing one of the final Baby Grand Piano keys in his name. The MCC-O Board also honored Garrett's service to God and the Church with a memento. Garrett's friends honored him with their attendance, a stack of cards wishing him "all the best," and a ton of hugs and tears.

Thanks, Garrett, for the inspiration you've been. Omaha will miss you!

SHELLY FOSTER, EDITOR OF HGRA NEWS, RECEIVES AWARD FROM IOWA GOVERNOR BRANSTADT

On May 19, Shelly Foster, Editor of the newsletter of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, received an award from Governor Terry Branstadt of Iowa for her "outstanding volunteer service to the State of Iowa." Shelly was chosen by Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs for her "involvement and service to their educations program" and will be recognized for all her volunteer activities, including her work with the American Heart Association, Project Independence, and the HGRA.

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LIVING JUICY

Daily Morsels For Your Creative Soul

More than 70,000 fans worldwide have discovered SARK since she swooped down on the scene five years ago.

SARK is the story of a former "starving artist" who has become a successful artist/author with 4 published books. Her stories of bartering art for rent, eating ketchup sandwiches, house-sitting mansions, and living a vitally adventurous life have inspired many thousands of letters in response.

SARK worked 251 jobs without finding fulfillment. Unwilling to work for others anymore (and convinced that she was unemployable) SARK created a new life.

Her newest book, *Living Juicy*, is a map and miniature guidebook. It includes daily encouragement and musing on life urging the reader to express his/her own fears, discoveries, dreams and to take action in their own lives, with their own creative dreams.

In 52 chapters, SARK explores a new topic for each week of the year. From raging, procrastinating, crying, forgiving, inspiring, and much more, SARK explains in her introduction, "any lessons I offer here are ones I've learned myself."

Living Juicy is a highly personal book, disclosing first-hand life experiences and stores that serve to guide others. SARK concludes each week with a permission page. Remember the kind of pass you had in school which allowed you to roam the halls while everyone else was stuck in class? This one allows you creative freedom to fly while everyone else is stuck in the daily grind. Tucked away with the permission slip are other sources of guidance, namely SARK's recommended reading list of 99 other books for whichever topic is at hand.

About the author/artist:

* SARK is an incest survivor living a wonderful life. She initially attracted a following with her "How To Be An Artist" poster (more than 300,000 copies sold). Since then, she published a weekly drawing in the *San Francisco Chronicle* for six years, and has written four books, *Creative Companion*, *Inspiration Sandwich* and *SARK's Journal and Playbook*, and *Living Juicy*, all published by Celestial Arts (200,000 books in print). She has created her own line of inspirational posters, greeting cards, and other gift items sold through the Red Rose catalog.

* SARK is an exuberant spirit who is also recovering procrastinator. She describes herself as "picky, crabby, and controlling" and has been known to eat rows of cookies and take desperate naps to avoid life. SARK lives in a Magic Cottage which is a 180-square foot former tool shed. She works in a penthouse office above the Magic Cottage in San Francisco. She is convinced that her cat, Jupiter, pays the rent.

Living Juicy by SARK, 5 x 7 inches, 384 pages, Full-color illustrations throughout, \$14.95 quality paper, ISBN 89087-703-3, Gift edition, \$22.95 (cloth) 0-89087-7173. Publication date: November 15, 1994.

SERVING FIRE

Food for Thought, Body and Soul

"When we lived closer to fire, when our lives depended upon the careful tending of the hearth, we had a symbol of the need for nourishment that lay deep in our souls... Now the hearth is hidden, and while our longing for meaning in our lives draws us to its fire, we don't know where to look or how to find it."

In *Serving Fire*, Anne Scott writes about the transformative powers of the hearth, where fire symbolizes our own spiritual center. She shows us how the hearth fire can nourish our bodies and feed our souls in a time-pressured culture. Weaving stories of dragons, fire goddesses, ancestors of the hearth, and dreams into the intimate details of daily life, Anne Scott writes the quietly powerful voice of her experiences.

Serving Fire is a lyrical tapestry of hearth lore and earth culture, including food, family, psychological process, nature and mythology. The book is in seven parts: *Sacred Fire, Rhythms and Rituals of the Hearth, Sweeping the Hearth, Table Rhythms, Earth Rhythms, Passing the Fire and Full Circle*. Each part contains narratives, insightful wisdom, and where appropriate, suggestions and practices for allowing nourishment to reclaim its rightful place in our lives. Illustrated throughout with the dramatic woodcuts of Catherine Rose Crowther, this book is a feast for the eye as well as the heart.

About the author: Anne Scott is the author of *The Laughing Baby*, and has written for many publications worldwide. Born in Hawaii, she has lived in California, New York, Japan, Hong Kong, Panama, Italy, and England. After studying anthropology and economics, Scott worked as a journalist and photographer for 8 years in Asia and Central America. For the past 10 years, she has been teaching workshops and is also a consultant to individuals on nourishment issues.

Serving Fire, by Anne Scott, illustrated by Catherine Rose Crowther, \$12.95, paper, 150 pages, 7 1/2 x 7 1/4. ISBN: 0-89087-739-4. Date of publication: October 10, 1994.



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AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

HIV TESTING*

*We urge you to inquire about anonymity & confidentiality before testing.

Charles Drew Health Center,
2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433

Douglas County Health Department,
1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-7750

Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth Omaha,
NE 68102, Open every Friday 1-4pm, Every
other Friday from 10pm - 2am. HIV testing,
education, support.

Equilibria Medical Center, 544 S. 24,
Omaha, 68102 Call (402) 345-2252

Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Dept 3145 'N'
Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling
Walk-in tests: The Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tues.
Urban Indian Health Ctr. 140 S. 27, 434-7177

Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept, 105 East
1st St, Grand Island, Mary (308) 385-5175

Hastings College Health Center, Hastings,
NE 68901 402-461-7372 Ask for Judy

McCook Family Planning, 111 West "C" St,
McCook, 69001, (308) 345-3626

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite
110, Omaha 342-6367, AIDS Hotline 402-
342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437]

Nebraska Dept of Health,
Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847, 308/234-8183
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AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),
P.O. Box 31305, Omaha 68131. For anyone
living with HIV and those interested in AIDS
advocacy. 345-1976, Office Hours: M-F 9am-
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first Sunday 6pm

COMMUNITY CENTERS

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3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 341-2723

Community Prescription Service AIDS Info,
medicine, supplies by mail, 1-800-677-4323

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HIV Clinic, Univ of NE Medical Center,
600 S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling

Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center, AIDS
education to health care professionals. UNMC,
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Nemaha County Health Department,
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Veterans Admin Medical Center, 42 & Wool-
worth, Omaha 346-8800: Dean Pierce, x 4119

PASTORAL CARE

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery)
Service: 2nd Monday, 7pm, St Cecelia's,
Nebraska Chapel, 40th & Webster

Lincoln Interfaith Council, 140 S. 27th St.,
Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing
Service: 1st Tues, 7pm, St Francis Chapel,
1145 South Street, Lincoln, Public is invited

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

AIDS Care, The Mercy Center, 427 E.
Kanesville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503,
att: Colleen Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609

AIDS Support Group: Sponsored by PFLAG,
Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437

Family AIDS Support Group: Sponsored by
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United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha

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Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,
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Unity House Calendar
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**Every Friday: Noon Luncheon for
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Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL,
Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, Info,
Conference Updates, Education for older Gay
people, Intergenerational Coffee House 2nd
Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, at
3319 S. 46th, Lincoln. All welcome.

Lesbian Discussion Group, Womens Resource
Ctr, Room 340, Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588,
472-2597, Call for meeting information

Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg, Saturdays,
10am, Gathering Place, 15th & "E", Lincoln,
Contact Judith at 472-2598 for information

The Male Space, 3rd Sunday 2pm, 1744 "L,"
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Whitworth, Dir., 1744 "L," St. I-C, Lincoln, Ne.
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477-1226

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434-9880. 4th Tuesday, 7pm, Unitarian Church,
6300 "A", Group for family of people with HIV,
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UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234, Neb
Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644,
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The Wimmin's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM,
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A Woman's Place, Box 67035, Lincoln, 68506,
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YWCA Counseling & Education Department,
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Alcoholics Anonymous, Info: 345-9916

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ors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108-0343 558-5303,
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Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548,
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Farm, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102 (402) 348-8569

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Gay And Lesbian Parents Group (G.A.L.P.),
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Metropolitan Club, PO Box 31484, Omaha, NE
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gay and lesbian professionals to meet, socialize,
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Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha,
345-2563; Mail: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103,
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National Org. for Women (NOW) Omaha -
political & grassroots activist org. issues of full
equality for women- Omaha NOW, Box 3325,
Omaha 68103-0325, (402) 391-7303, Meets 3rd
Tuesday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

Omaha Meatpackers, AIDS fundraising
organization. Call: (712) 366-1791

Omaha Players Club (OPC), PO Box 34463
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education & play group. Men's & women's group.

Omaha Women for Sobriety meet Tuesdays,
5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29 St.,
Contact Judith at 472-2598 for more info.

ONYX IMAGES, Box 31026, Omaha, NE
68132-9998. Support/Social Fraternity for
African American men. Age restriction for
membership. Support for brothers of all ages.

Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays
PFLAG, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123,
291-6781. Meets 1st United Methodist, 7020
Cass, 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, Room 204, East End,
"Program & Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, Mead
Hall Below Mead Chapel, West End "Sharing"

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns,
733-1360; Cleve, Omaha.

River City Mixed Bowling League, During
Winter Season, Sundays, 3pm, Skylanes, Center
Mall, Omaha

River City Gender Alliance, Box 680, Council
Bluffs, IA 51502 For crossdressers, transsexuals,
& those wishing to know more. All orientations
welcome. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday, Omaha.

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha,
68103-0267. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/
Sensitive people. 341-SING (341-7464). Internet
Address: CMariens@aol.com

7th Day Adventist Kinship Inc, Support Info
for Les/Gay College Student 800-4-GAY-SDA

Women of the Plains, Box 24355, Omaha,
68124-0355, Bring women's culture to Omaha

Women's Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 819
S. 22nd, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712,
Quarterly newsletter for lesbian voices & events
to build heartland lesbian community

Youth Support Group, sponsor: PFLAG. For
gay, lesbian youth & those questioning sexuality,
ages 13-21. Meets Sat., Omaha, Call 291-6781.

*****STATEWIDE*****

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts, Box 94882,
Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter

Equality Before The Law, Box 80172, Lincoln
68501, 477-3336 (Lincoln) 341-1371 (Omaha)
Ad hoc coalition for hate crimes law in Nebr.

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Center, Hastings,
College, Hastings, NE 68501. Info: Judy at 402-
461-7372 (Health Center) or 402-462-2961
(home). For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students and
Friends - a safe place to meet, discuss & learn.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr., Support
meetings, social events, newsletter. Info: GLAGN,
Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call: (308)
534-7820

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA),
Box 3354, Omaha, 68108-9998. Info: Dan 344-
3103. All who enjoy/support rodeos & country
activities. Meets 1st Saturday DC's, Omaha

ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament,
Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha
68102 Org for advancement of Gay/Lesbian
society, Business Meeting 1st Monday each month

Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects, 610 "J",
Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case
Mgr. Outpatient chemical dependency treat-
ment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha
68103. Subs. \$19/year. Deadline: 10th of month
Internet: tjrr05c@prodigy.com

Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services,
P.O. Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays
***PFLAG, Kearney, NE: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday**
at St Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 382-0752 or
(308) 995-5490. Direct correspondence to:
PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

PEN Magazine, PO Box 1693, Des Moines, IA
50306, (515) 265-3214, Alternative Entertainment
Magazine. Subscriptions \$25/12 issues.

PRIDE Group, c/o Counseling Center, Wayne
State College, Wayne, NE 68787. Info: Karen or
Virginia, (402) 375-7321. Group for Gay, Lesbian,
Bisexual Students and Friends to meet new people,
discuss issues, provide community service,
educate, and raise awareness.

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modem at: tjrr05c@prodigy.com

JUNE CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY



JUNE 1

HIV Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Door **Omaha** 7-9:30pm
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney **Omaha**
Gay & Lesbian Parent Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha
GIL Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" **Lincoln**, Call V.J. 477-3526
NOW Program, 7pm, "Dating Violence" 1st Unitarian, **Omaha**

JUNE 5

***HIV Tests NAP Omaha** 7-9:30p
***RCMC Rehearsals**, 7:15p, **OM**
***Bi-PALS, Lincoln**, 7:30pm
AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, **Omaha**

JUNE 6

***OM Women for Sobriety** 5:30p
***GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln** 7pm
Free/Confidential **HIV Testing** by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm
The Panic, 200 S. 18, **Lincoln**
P-FLAG Omaha Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, **Library**

JUNE 7

***Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln** 6p
***Omaha Frontrunners**, 6:30pm,
***AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln** 7p
***GIL AA Mtg**, 7:30pm, **Omaha**
Pride Committee Mtg., 7:30pm, Downtown Grounds, **Omaha**

JUNE 8

***HIV Test, NAP Omaha** 7-9:30p
***GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln**, 7:30pm
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island call: (308) 384-7235
PFLAG-Omaha, 7pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodst 7020 Cass 291-6781

JUNE 12

***HIV Tests NAP Omaha** 7-9:30p
***RCMC Rehearsals**, 7:15p, **OM**
***Bi-PALS, Lincoln**, 7:30pm
MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 3101 Webster, **Omaha**, 7pm

JUNE 13

***OM Women for Sobriety** 5:30p
***GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln** 7pm
Lincoln NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women), The Women's Club, 407 S. 14, 477-1226, 7pm
Omaha NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women), 7pm, 1st Unitarian 3114 Harney, 391-7303
Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, 8pm (308) 381-5175

JUNE 14

***Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln** 6p
***Omaha Frontrunners**, 6:30pm,
***AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln** 7p
***GIL AA Mtg**, 7:30pm, **Omaha**

JUNE 15

***HIV Test, NAP Omaha** 7-9:30p
***GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln**, 7:30pm
Metropolitan Club, FRANKIE Panes, 112 Douglas, **Omaha**, 7pm

JUNE 19

***HIV Tests NAP Omaha** 7-9:30p
***RCMC Rehearsals**, 7:15p, **OM**
***Bi-PALS, Lincoln**, 7:30pm

JUNE 20

***OM Women for Sobriety** 5:30p
***GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln** 7pm
Parent/Friend of Lesbians/ Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Ch, 6300 A, 467-4599, 7pm
Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658

JUNE 21

***Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln** 6p
***Omaha Frontrunners**, 6:30pm,
***AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln** 7p
***GIL AA Mtg**, 7:30pm, **Omaha**

JUNE 22

***HIV Test, NAP Omaha** 7-9:30p
***GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln**, 7:30pm
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

JUNE 26

***HIV Tests NAP Omaha** 7-9:30p
***RCMC Rehearsals**, 7:15p, **OM**
***Bi-PALS, Lincoln**, 7:30pm

JUNE 27

***OM Women for Sobriety** 5:30p
***GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln** 7pm
Parent/Friend of Lesbians/ Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Ch, 6300 A, Program: "Welcoming Congregation: Unitarians Speak Out" 467-4599, 7pm
Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658

JUNE 28

***Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln** 6p
***Omaha Frontrunners**, 6:30pm,
***AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln** 7p
***GIL AA Mtg**, 7:30pm, **Omaha**

JUNE 29

***HIV Test, NAP Omaha** 7-9:30p
***GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln**, 7:30pm
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

JUNE CALENDAR

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

JUNE 2

*Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm, different locations, call 472-5644 for location
 *Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, ****"An Alternative" Open Gay Mens Stag Grp 7pm, Unity House, 1007 S. 37, 455-7916
 ****"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran Church, 303 S. 41, 345-9916
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha
 Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

JUNE 9

*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha
 Mr. Desert/Plains Drummer Meet the Judges and Contestants at The MAX, Omaha

JUNE 16

*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p and 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

JUNE 23

*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p & 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

ICON "Out of Town Show" 7pm, Airport Ramada Inn, Omaha

JUNE 30

*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p & 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

JUNE 3

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am, Gathering Place, Lincoln, Judith 472-2598
 *Womens Support Grp, 11am, MCC-Omaha
 *Youth Support Grp, 291-6781, age 13- 21, gay, lesbian, or questioning sexuality, Omaha, River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 Heartland Gay Rodeo Asse 6pm DCs Omaha
 HGRA Dance Competition, DC's, Omaha

JUNE 10

Deadline for July New Voice

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

Book Signing by Phillip Sherman, editor of Uncommon Heroes, 2-4pm, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha

SAGE Coffee House; 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, (402) 488-4178

Mr. Desert/Plains Drummer Contest, The MAX, Omaha

JUNE 17

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

Make a Panel for the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, "Quilting Bee" Call 734-3421 for details

JUNE 24

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

Coalition Bowling Night, 7pm, Gateway Bowl, 333 N. Cotner, Lincoln, \$1.50 game
 ICON "Coronation XV" 7pm, Airport Ramada Inn, Omaha

Pridefest 95, 1pm - Midnight, Terra Jane, 5 miles east of Council Bluffs on Hiway 92

JULY 1

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

JUNE 4

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Children & Adult Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10a, 38 & South St. by tennis courts, Optional brunch follows.
 Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137
 River City Mixed Chorus Concert, UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 7:05pm
 Inga's Annual Pride Show, A Benefit for ANGLE, 9:30pm, The MAX, Omaha
 Miss DC's Pageant, DC's, Omaha

JUNE 11

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln
 Family AIDS Support Group, 2pm, 1st Methodist, Omaha

G/L/B/T Pride Parade and Picnic, Assembly for Parade 1:45pm
 Step-Off 2pm at 31st & Dodge

MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 7pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR, Featuring Entertainer of the Year '94 Dietra Snow, 9:30pm, The MAX, Omaha

JUNE 18

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln

P-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave., (308) 382-0752/995-5490, 3pm

ICON Stepping Down Show, 9:30pm, The MAX, Omaha

JUNE 25

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln

Parents FLAG-Omaha, Mead Hall, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781

ICON "VICTORY SHOW" 9:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha

JULY 2

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln

CLASSIFIEDS

Remodeling, Commercial/Residential. Kitchens, Bathrooms, Basements Interior, exterior, and Special Finish Painting. Call for an estimate. 344-3262 (Au95)

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PERSONALS

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GWM, HIV Neg. Looking for males 25-40 for fun, safe times. 5' 11", 165 pounds. I'll be waiting to hear from you. 402-457-4271 (Ju95)

GWM, 34, 6'2", 200#, BR/GR, BR, moustache/goatee, mod. hairy, smoker. Looking for unaffected, non-stereotype men with the right attitude, similar looks and build, age and interests (The Rolling Stones, old cars, history, mechanics). Must be sexually versatile and open minded. If you're responsible, aware, comfortable in work boots and Levi's and not on anti-depressants, you probably qualify. Give me a call. Brian-346-9452 (Ju95)

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PRIDE '95 EVENTS OMAHA, NEBRASKA

- June 3, Saturday**
7:05pm River City Mixed Chorus Concert, UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center
- June 4, Sunday**
7:05pm RCMC Concert, UNO Strauss Performing Arts
9:30pm Inga's "Pride Show" at The MAX, 1417 Jackson
- June 10, Saturday**
2:00-4:00pm PFLAG Book Signing by Phillip Sherman, 1st Methodist Church
- June 11, Sunday**
Pride March & Rally, Meet at Turner Park, 31st & Dodge, Entertainment & Displays begin at 12noon
1:45pm Assemble at 31st & Dodge
2:00pm Step Off for Parade - Route: 31 & Dodge East to 20 & Douglas, South to 20 & Farnam, West to Turner Prk
3:00pm Rally & Picnic-Turner Pk

DES MOINES, IOWA

- June 18, Sunday**
6:00pm Memorial Service for victims of hate crimes and domestic violence, MCC, 8th & College, Des Moines
- June 19, Monday**
7:00-9:00pm Speakers forum on "Gay Spirituality"
- June 20, Tuesday**
8:00pm "Black Coffee with Onyx" at Java Joe's
- June 21, Wednesday**
6:00-9:00pm Open House at Gay & Lesbian Resource Center, 522 11th St., Des Moines
- June 22, Thursday**
7:00-9:00pm G/L History Night 3500 Kingman Blvd
- June 23, Friday**
6:00pm-Saturday a.m. Community Camp-out & Barbeque. Jester Park, Granger, Iowa
10pm "Male Review" at The Garden
- June 24, Saturday**
1:30-10pm Gay & Lesbian Film Fest, 3500 Kingman Blvd
- June 25, Sunday**
1:00pm Pride March & Rally, Meet at West Side of Capitol March to Nollen Plaza. Guest Speaker: Jonathan Wilson
4:30-6:00pm Open House at MCC
6:00pm "Gay and Lesbian Freedom" Service at MCC
Post-Rally Barbeque at The Garden with live entertainment 5:30-7:00pm

♥ Nebraska Personals

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Omaha **SAFE FUN!** Roger, GWM, lkg for a gay or bi males, 25-45, who are int in getting together for some safe fun, lv a message- #41363

Omaha **EARLY 30s**, dk hair/eyes, 5'6, 125, int are music, like all kinds, exc rap and hard metal, love to travel, eat out- love to dance, alot of friends, like to socialize, prof'l, grad degree warm sens caring down to earth-lkg for 20s- #41446

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Omaha **RED LIGHT SPECIAL:** 22, indian/blk, iso intell person, dln cut, mexican, 18-24 hope to hear from that spec person #41476

Omaha **YOUNG 27** y/o BM lkg4 agrsv men 4 fun and good times, psble ritshpl #39293

Omaha **FISHING AND BOWLING:** Reggie, Gdlkg GWM, 42, 6'1, 180 brn/blu, iso bi or gay males 25-50 for friendship poss rel, movies, reading, amusement parks fishing bowling, lkg for guys in the E. Nebraska, W. Iowa area, lv a message- #39264

Omaha **LIGHT SKINNED** BM, 5'7, int in meeting BM LM or oriental males, to find what interests we have in common, have some fun, body massages, give me a call- #39293

Omaha **ROOM FOR RENT:** Hal, 35 have a separate apartment for rent in my house, into arts, kinda lonely here, like someone to talk to go places and do things with, give me a call- #37196

Omaha **HOT FUN:** looking for nice guys in the area var of int biking swimming tennis or whatever of all kinds of hot fun, lets get together and see what will happen- #37310

Lincoln **PREOP TS:** White preop TS, 5'5 134 likes to be fem and sexy, attr and intell looking for men who would enjoy my company-take a chance and lv a message- #37387

Omaha **WHITE PREOP TS,** 5'5, 134, attr sexy intell and loving iso man or men for dates, who like the company of a special lady like me- #38147

Lincoln **NEW TO AREA** from CA, iso a person who is betw 25-37, short, hairy and have some facial hair, pref mustache,

masculine, muscular, shy, sensitive and fun loving- I am oriental/ latina, 30s, like to meet gdlkg, int music art politics- #36569

Omaha **NEW TO TOWN:** 6' brn/blu 33 int in meeting people, int are music arts literature and hanging out and some quiet time at home- #36897

Omaha **DARK HAIRE MEN:** John, GWM 6'1, 200, 35, not into bars, like guys with dark hair, 25-40, lkg for a poss rel, not into heavy set or fem guys- #37090

Omaha **RE-LAXING TI-MES:** Dan, 30 blnd/blu 5'9, 160, I believe in enjoying life, movies, camping out relaxing times someone I care for #1975

Omaha **LUCY FAN:** Bill, GWM 37, 6'1, brn/blu, 230, getting in shpe, like movies beer like nick at nite, lucy fan, romantic times, slow dancing, sports, like to get to know people, new to the area, orig from NY- interested, give me a call- #35314

Omaha **MUSCLE MEN:** searching 20-30 race unimp avg to musc build to have fun with, 27 6'1 musc 215, brn eyes, dk hair, willing to travel- #35335

MANFINDER SALUTES GAY PRIDE MONTH

Lincoln **LIKES TO CD:** GWM, 5'5, 135, like to be a lady, attr passable and discreet, btm- #35396

Omaha **THOMAS 22:** It skinned man brn/ 6' 168 iso 18-22 Just to have fun- give me a call- #35531

Omaha **STOCKY BEAR CUB:** dk blnd blu 23, like to have fun, go out listen to music, all types of arts, give me a call- #36225

Lincoln **SEXY CD:** GWM 5'5 130, like being a sexy and fem lady, passable and discreet like to pls men in any way th #36227

Omaha **TV OR TS:** 5'9, very firm, 160, med cuan, hairy, first timer, int in poss a TV or TS, like to meet someone to find out what its like- interested in the Omaha/Lincoln area- #35998

Omaha **BIG BROTHER TYPE:** Don gentle big bro type 21, lkg for someone to loved pampered, if thats u, lv a number 18-21- #29712

Omaha **RELAX AND ENJOY:** 30 male iso other males in the area 18-45 just int in fun, friendship option too, just lay back and enjoy- Bob #29810

Columbus 35, **BIWM** iso other guys in the area or nearby for friendship or whatever, lv a message in my box- #9387

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Omaha **FORMER GYM-NAST:** Kent, 5'7 145, blk, brn eyes dln shaven, former national gymnast, 25-35 intellectual, liberal, trustworthy, #35069

Omaha **LIKE SPORTS?** Xavier, looking for a Gay or bi male 18-25 must be fun and like to play sports, 22 5'7 155, #35141

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