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STONEWALL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Stonewall Awards, \$25,000 each recognizing contributions to the gay and lesbian community, reach back this year to the clandestine and dangerous days of 1950 when merely gathering could cause homosexuals to lose their jobs, their basic rights, their personal safety. The 1996 Stonewall Awards are going to:

—Harry Hay, 84, of Los Angeles, a founder in 1950 of the Mattachine Society, the first organization for gay people

—David LaFontaine, 37, Canton, MA, innovator of h.s. programs to protect gay youth

—Gloria J.T. Smith, 42, of Columbus, OH, creator of a model community AIDS plan

—Phyllis Satrazemis, 72, of Raleigh, NC, who bridges straight and gay communities to educate and comfort victims of bias and AIDS.

The Stonewall Awards are made by The Anderson Prize Foundation. They are named for the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, when gays defied police repression in Greenwich Village, NY, and initiated gay rights activities across the country. Including this year's awards, almost \$600,000 in prize money has been distributed.

Stonewall Awards are made without regard to sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, age or gender. Leaders of the gay and lesbian community are invited by the Foundation to anonymously nominate a slate of candidates, from which four winners are chosen by a Foundation committee to represent the nation's Northeast, South, Midwest and West

A PERSONAL UPDATE: Carla's Better!

By Sharon Van Butsel

I promised you an update on how Carla's doing — well, all in all she seems to be doing better. She has seen 4 different specialists, been on the right thyroid medication for six weeks and her thyroid level is within the "normal" range.

Some of the symptoms are improving and getting back toward "normal." Her feet are much less swollen and she has more energy; but others persist and are causing new concerns. She has some problem with her liver but so far all the tests to figure out what is causing it have been negative so they hope that it will return to normal over the next few months.

However, the first symptom of all of this was a cough that wouldn't quit (and still hasn't quit). We've seen the lung specialist twice and he's prescribed three different medications. The most recent one is prednisone — a steroid (and, of course, now that Carla knows she's taking steroids she figures she should be in Atlanta lifting weights with the best of them!) If the prednisone doesn't get rid of the cough and shortness of breath, Carla will have to have some extensive tests looking for more serious causes (CT scan, bronchoscopy, etc.) We have another week or so before we go back to the doctor, so we are hoping and praying that it works. We'll keep you posted.

PERSONAL THANKS GO TO

REV. EARLE LEWIS

By Sharon Van Butsel

I using my prerogative as the editor, to say "Thank You" to Rev. Earle Lewis and to share with you how he has blessed my life since he came to Omaha.

As some of you know, I have been an active member of MCC-Omaha for over 10 years and served on the Board of Directors for 8 of those years. Then I was forced to resign from the Board about 1 1/2 years ago as the result of a new Standard Operating Procedure approved by the congregation in May, 1995.

During the time before my resignation and for many months after, I felt alienated from the church and felt rejected. And as we prepared to welcome Rev. Lewis to Omaha, I must admit that I viewed his arrival with fear and trepidation. I was terrified that the my same feelings of alienation would be perpetuated under new leadership.

However, I quickly found Rev. Lewis to be warm and welcoming, willing to make up his own mind about things rather than listen to hearsay. I found him to be a human being with feelings and emotions that laughed and cried and loved and mourned. But most of all I found him to be accepting of diversity and accepting of individual differences.

It didn't matter to him that I was a woman.

It didn't matter to him that I was fat.

It didn't matter to him that I was outspoken.

What seemed to matter was that I was dedicated to the church and to serving God.

He allowed me to again begin to grow and to again use my talents to serve the church. More importantly, he helped me renew my relationship with God and to again feel that I was loved and respected.

Thank you, Rev. Lewis. May God continue to uphold you and keep you safe.

All too often I think we find ourselves wishing we had taken the time to thank someone who did something special in my life. If you would like to thank someone who has been special in your life, send a brief letter of appreciation to *The New Voice*, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103, and we will share your thoughts with the community.



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KERREY RESPONDS ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES Will "Keep Your Views in Mind"

Dear Ms. Van Butsel

Thank you for contacted me regarding same sex marriages. I appreciate hearing your views on this issue.

As you may know, the Defense of Marriage Act was recently introduced in the Senate. This legislation creates a federal definition of marriage and would allow each State to determine whether to recognize same-sex marriages.

Currently, states have the power to determine what they recognize as a legal union. Providing a federal definition of marriage concerns me. Once the definition of marriage is federalized, any subsequent Congress could change the definition and every state would have to abide by that change.

Other similar laws regarding marriage, divorce, custody, and other family issues have traditionally been left to the states to decide. As you may know, the state of Hawaii's Supreme Court will be ruling on the legality of same sex marriages in Hawaii, although the court may not issue a decision until next year. Legal scholars disagree about the impact Hawaii's decision will have on other states. The Supreme Court may ultimately have to decide the issue.

The Defense of Marriage Act has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Should this legislation come before the full Senate for consideration, I will keep your views in mind.

Sincerely,
J. Robert Kerrey

CONGRATS IMPERIAL COURT

Dear Editor,

I wish to join you in congratulating Emperor XV Annie and Prince Royal XV Gary on a fine year representing Nebraska through the Imperial Court.

Accolades should also reign down over Empress Josephine Williams and Princess Royale Red Essence, who filled the void left after Empress XV Brook Owens and Princess Royale XV Sheeza Mann both resigned their positions with the Imperial Court.

Many people I spoke to about the resignations were confused as to WHY it happened, or had been told massively blown-up stories that had nothing to do with the Imperial Court or the work done by the Imperial Court.

I also believe, though, one person is not getting enough credit for helping guide the Imperial Court of Nebraska through some really tough waters, and that is President of the Board of Governors, Mr. Gerald Brown.

I'm glad I was a part of Reign XV, even working through the frustrating times, and it's my HOPE that Reign XVI makes an extra effort to work with community members to solve the problems that led to last year's unease.

Would you share your feelings about these issues or ICON in general?

Sincerely,
Mr. David Lee
Lincoln

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RICK NOSS IS MR. DESERT PLAINS DRUMMER THANKS COMMUNITY

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me in my preparation for the Mr. Desert Plains Drummer Contest. Although the number of contestants was small, the quality was high and it was through the support and dedication of my friends that I was able to keep the Desert Plains Drummer title in Omaha.

About 3 years ago, I participated in Jim Gau's first leather fantasy on stage at DC's. My interest in leather has continued to grow since that time. My title as Mr. Nebraska Fantasy and participation in the International Mr. Fantasy contest last year helped prepare me for this title and will hopefully assist me in winning the International Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco the last week in September.

First and foremost, I would like to thank my lover, Rick, for his love, support, participation, and understanding. Many others assisted me in various ways: Jeff W. for his creativity, Frenchie for his costumes, Cindy Bookout and Kelly K. for participating in my fantasy (The Wizard of Oz theme lives on.); Duane Perrot, you're the greatest boy around; Tom and Jim for their help with music and getting the fog machine to work; Dustin Logan for quizzing me and helping me study for the leather history and political questions for interviews.

Special thanks to The Chesterfield for sponsoring me for the contest and for providing great barbecue on Saturday.

Dustin and Bob put on another fantastic production. Everyone should do themselves a favor and make plans now to attend the International Mr. Fantasy contest at The MAX, August 16-18.

Finally, a great big "I love you" and thanks to 1995 Mr. Desert Plains Drummer, Jim Gau. As the former title holder you have set a high precedent for me to follow and I will do my best to meet that challenge.

I hope to give as much to the title as you have and will do my best to bring the International Title back to Omaha.

Rick C. Noss
Mr. Desert Plains Drummer '96

AUSTRIAN ACTIVISTS CALL FOR REPEAL OF ANTI-GAY LAWS

Austrian activists are calling for an international campaign to bring about the repeal of 3 anti-gay laws. Article 209 sets the minimum age of consensual sex between gay men at 18, 4 years above the age of 14 set for lesbians and heterosexuals, and allows for a prison sentence of 6 months to 5 years. Article 220 prohibits the production or distribution of any materials which present homosexuality in a positive way and carries a sentence of up to 6 months. Article 221 prohibits the existence of any group whose aims include the promotion of homosexuality and imposes a prison sentence of up to 6 months.

Although gay and lesbian groups are active in Austria, there are several documented cases of Article 220 being used to censor publications, and the unequal age of consent law has been enforced numerous times against gay men.

On January 15, 1996, the first day of the new parliamentary session, the Social Democrats, the Greens, and the Liberals, which together hold 93 of the 183 seats, introduced new bills to repeal Articles 209, 220 and 221. The proposals to repeal the laws received strong opposition from the religious People's Party and the far right Freedom Party.

When Parliament postponed discussion of the bill until November, 1996, the Austrian Lesbian and Gay Forum (ALGF) responded by setting a 100-day deadline for considering the proposal.

This deadline passed on April 24, 1996, and the ALGF is now calling for letters to pressure the government into considering the proposal as soon as possible. ALGF is also encouraging people to organize local protests and boycotts of Austrian goods. Letters should call for the repeal of Articles 209, 220 and 221, stressing the following points:

Laws such as these are a disgrace to a democratic society. With such discriminatory laws in force, Austria is in violation of the principles of non-discrimination and equal protection that are the foundation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the European Convention on Human Rights, all of which Austria has signed.

Letters can be sent to: Dr. Heinz Fischer, President of the Austrian Parliament, A-1017 Vienna, AUSTRIA; Dr. Franz Vranitzky, Federal Chancellor or Dr. Wolfgang Schussel, Vice-Chancellor, at Ballhausplatz 2, A-1014 Vienna, AUSTRIA.

GL WEB: RESOURCE GUIDE TO GAY INTERNET

The official launch of GL Web was July 4, 1996. Atlantis InterNetworks, a San Francisco based Internet Services Company, introduced a new way for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered people to search and directly access the full resources of the Gay Internet.

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For a copy of the book, contact A Different Light Bookstore at 212.989.4850 or fax 212.989.2158.

BRAZIL MAN SEEKS PEN PALS

Very Dear New Voice's Editor,

Hi! I'd love to find American gay pen pals, so I ask your help if possible, would you please! Nice looking Brazilian poet, 35-years-old, bottom man seeks American top men any age/any color for exchange of ideas by mail. Write soon in English.

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TRANSSEXUAL EXPELLED FROM PUBLIC PARK

Last month, Merrisa Leigh Coleman, a Sacramento, California area transsexual and her son, were harassed and expelled from "Water World", a local theme park open to the public.

While at the park, Coleman had tried on and purchased a bikini at the park store. A short time later, she was surrounded by three park rangers, a deputy sheriff and several park employees (including the park's general manager).

Informed there had been a complaint, Coleman was questioned and forced to leave.

The woman who lodged the complaint refused to give her name, and when asked by officers present if Coleman appeared male or female to her, she responded, "I don't know."

Referring to Coleman as "a guy in drag", the deputy sheriff also accused her of lewd conduct for using the women's room to relieve herself.

When informed her California driver's license and ID showed her as a female, he responded, "Well, we'll just take you into the restroom and have one of these ladies check you out," adding, "Whoever issued your driver's license didn't check you out good enough."

The sheriff declined to take any formal statements in this case, including one from the complainant, and no formal charges were filed.

Merrisa said, "I feel humiliated and degraded and made to feel like a freak. This was done completely indiscriminately right in front of hundreds of people as well as my own son. I could have been taken aside, questioned in private, and asked for my ID and, when it showed me as a female, the matter dropped.

"I've worked so hard to get to where I am in such a short time, and now I have no idea where I am going. I've been having nightmares, nausea, lack of appetite, and I'm terrified to be alone or even seen in public right now."

k.d. lang ALL YOU CAN EAT SUMMER TOUR HELPS FEED HUNGRY

During the summer dates of k.d. lang's current "All You Can Eat" tour, the Grammy-winning vocalist and songwriter will sponsor a food collection drive to help feed the hungry, administered under the auspices of USA Harvest.

Concert-goers will be asked to bring packaged food to the venue, where it will be collected by USA Harvest volunteers for distribution to the hungry through local missions, soup kitchens and shelters.

k.d. lang has requested that the donated food be of the vegetarian variety.

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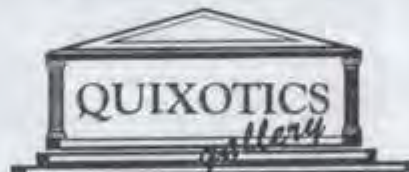
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POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

"NYQUIL SHOTS — THREE FOR A DOLLAR!"

Good afternoon, everyone! Hope your days are going better than mine. I seem to have caught some sort of bug, and now sound like Fran Drescher! Plus, I can match anyone in Nyquil-shots! One of the bars should have a bust with the stuff, let me tell you! I haven't had a hangover this bad since I was in high school and didn't know any better!

Unabashed Plug Department: For those of you with computers and modems, try hooking up with the TriAngle BBS, Omaha's only local gay/lesbian bulletin board! It's a great way to meet other people and not have to pay an arm and a leg for long-distance charges and other stuff. Call (402) 577-2908 and log in! Tell them I sent you!

This month, I am featuring works from two poets. Ti Sweeney (sounds familiar, huh?) is well known to this page, and sent some beautiful cinquains my way. Mikel Jon Wilson is an Omaha-native and sent this haunting poem that we can all relate to. Have a fun rest of the summer, and don't mind me! I had too much cough syrup this morning! Take care of yourselves! Brian

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- 5.) You would think that they should card you before you buy the stuff! Geesh!

HUMMINGBIRD

By ti sweeney

Moonlight,
in the forest
among the tall red woods,
marks a holy place for dancing
faeries.

KNOCK-KNOCK

By ti sweeney

How can
you honestly
know yourself as gay and
say you are not political.
Wake up.

Mr. President

By ti sweeney

Oppressed,
disenfranchised,
don't ask don't tell don't work
here in the land of the free where
I'm gay.

DESIRE

By ti sweeney

gently,
your ice blue eyes
warm the depths of my soul
and sing songs of love to my heart.
touch me

MAN

By ti sweeney

shaman,
in-between man,
sacred man, holy man,
blessed man, loving man, great man,
gay man

IN THE SHEETS

By ti sweeney

Sweet breeze
wafting coolly
across the plains outside
my open window where I lay
naked.

TIBET

By ti sweeney

Chanting
voices of men,
all orange robed alike,
fills this temple with harmony
and peace.

BILL

By ti sweeney

I strip
and remember,
your name stitched on this cloth
laid before me, honoring your
brief life.

"BEEP..BEEP..BEEP!"

By Mikel Jon Wilson

First day of summer: 1996
All of nature is in full bloom
so I sit in a hospital bed, missing it.

And the machines go beep, beep, beep
like a pulse plugged in the wall.

I find that I spend more time here;
at least, they let me go outdoors today.

And the machines go beep, beep, beep
like a schoolyard taunt keeping me inside.

June 24th: going home, sweet home.

And still the machines go beep, beep, beep,
letting me know that they will wait.

Gay ... Some Assembly Required poems by: Brian E. Bengtson



*"...a poet of the disenfranchised, speaking
for...those whom many in America would
like to silence ...*

--- Steven Blaski

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RUN TO THE BORDERS

by Diane Moore

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Lesbian Poetry:

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Shadow Man - M. Scott

Slow River - N. Griffith

Lesbian & Gay Anthologies: Fiction:

Tasting Life Twice - E. Levy

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Lesbian & Gay Humor:

Butches of Madison County - E. Orleans

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From Notebooks of Melanin - J. Woodson

Photography/Visual Arts:

Paris Was a Woman - A. Weiss

Lesbian & Gay Drama (tie):

Thinking About Long-standing. - T. Kushner

Go Fish - G. Turner

Lesbian Biography/AutoBiography:

Aimee & Jaguar - E. Fischer

Gay Men's Biography/AutoBiography:

Tom: Unknown Tennessee Williams

- L. Leverich

Lesbian & Gay Spirituality:

Wrestling with the Angel - B. Bouldrey

Editor's Choice Award (tie):

Forbidden Passages - Cleis Press

Restricted Entry - J. Fuller

Ok, now back to the MUSIC.....

Me'Shell Ndegeocello - peace beyond passion

"Jesus cured the blind man, so he could see the evils of the world." These are the first words on the new release by the extraordinary Ndegeocello. Although the release kicks off in a way that may seem dark and angry, the woman makes a point. If you are willing to hear what Ndegeocello is telling you, by the end of your journey through the CD the warmth of light is dominant. Vocally, there are, without a doubt, shades of Joan Armatrading. Although lyrically that comparison does not ring true, Ndegeocello and her co-lyricists write from what seems to be a less personal place, a more enlightened, "other-oriented" place. Ndegeocello stands in defense of those who are not able to fend for themselves.

Musically, this is funk at its finest; from the first cut which is a tasty instrumental piece, to the hoppin' flavor of "Leviticus: Faggot"; and through to the spicy cover of the Marvin Gaye classic "Make Me Wanna Holler."

This release reveals Ndegeocello at her most irreverent, singing a song of passion to Mary Magdalene and a song of love to her God, Shiva. Utilizing images from both the New and Old Testaments, Ndegeocello empowers all who doubt the "truths" of their fellow humans.

"YOU ARE IN TRUTH THE TRUTH YOU SEEK" - Me'Shell Ndegeocello

Until next month - Peace !!

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ORAL EXPOSURE TO AIDS VIRUS RISK FOR INFECTION IN ADULTS

Oral exposure to high doses of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) can lead to infection by the virus and AIDS, researchers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Tulane University report in a study in *Science*.

In experiments with rhesus monkeys, investigators found that adult animals exposed orally to the simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV), a close biological cousin of HIV, became infected with the virus and developed AIDS. The finding offers evidence that AIDS can be contracted through unprotected receptive oral intercourse, researchers say.

"There have been isolated reports of HIV-1 transmission by oral-genital contact in adults," said senior investigator Ruth M. Ruprecht, M.D., Ph.D., chief of the Laboratory of Viral Pathogenesis at Dana-Farber. "On the basis of reports on humans and our study, unprotected receptive oral intercourse should be added to the list of behaviors that place people at risk of infection by HIV-1."

The study stems from research into the transmission of HIV during childbirth. Previous studies by Ruprecht and her colleagues with rhesus monkeys had suggested that the low acidity of newborns' stomach secretions at birth made them especially susceptible to AIDS virus infection after oral exposure. The higher acidity of adults' stomach secretions would, it was theorized, offer protection against infection.

To test this hypothesis, researchers gave two healthy, adult rhesus monkeys a drug that inhibits the secretion of gastric acid. The macaques then had a solution containing SIV administered to

their tongue. Both animals became infected. A third animal was given the same SIV dose without having previously been given the gastric acid-inhibiting drug. It, too, became infected, to the surprise of researchers.

They next set out to determine the minimal dose of SIV needed to infect adult macaques orally. A total of 7 macaques were given oral doses of SIV. Six of these animals, none of which had any oral lesions, became infected. Two of them have died of AIDS.

"We are surprised to find that the minimal dose needed to achieve infection after oral exposure in controlled laboratory conditions was 6,000 times lower than that needed for rectal infection," Ruprecht said.

Ruprecht added that the study findings do not mean the risk for acquiring HIV infection through oral intercourse is higher than that for rectal intercourse. Ruprecht's research, carried out under controlled laboratory conditions, did not replicate the dynamics of sexual activity. Human epidemiological studies have shown consistently that rectal intercourse is a high-risk activity. Such intercourse is believed to cause tears in rectal tissue that may facilitate infection by HIV.

The results of the macaque experiments do indicate, however, that oral exposure to the virus can result in infection and AIDS in adults. Combined with reports in which people have described oral sex as the event leading to HIV infection, the new macaque study serves as a warning that unprotected, receptive oral sex with an infected partner is not safe; infection can occur even in the absence of oral lesions such as mouth

sores, cuts or gum disease, Ruprecht said.

The current study in macaques should not raise alarms that the virus can be transmitted through casual contact, Ruprecht noted. "The SIV preparation had also been tested by intravenous injection in macaques. Our results show it took 830 times more virus to infect animals orally than intravenously. Such doses are not likely in casual contact.

"Sharing eating utensils, toothbrushes or kissing have not been associated with HIV-1 transmission," she said. "Many epidemiological studies have shown that casual transmission of HIV does not occur."

COSTA RICAN VICTORY!

Costa Rica's Defensor de los Habitantes has issued a recommendation that the Costa Rican government begin granting legal recognition to gay and lesbian organizations. The March 10, 1996 recommendation is the result of a complaint filed by the San Jose gay group Triangulo Rosa.

Triangulo Rosa first applied to the Registro Civil for legal status as a non-governmental organization in April, 1995 under the name Abraxas. The registry rejected the application on the basis of Abraxas's goal of struggling "against the social discrimination leveled against people with homosexual orientations." The registry eventually bowed to international pressure and granted a charter to the group under the new name Triangulo Rosa.

The Defensor's recommendation states that the original decision by the Registro Civil to deny legal recognition to the group was in violation of the Costa Rican Constitution, which guarantees the right of association to all citizens. This finding has important implications not only for the registration of gay and lesbian organizations but also for the struggle against discrimination based on sexual orientation in many aspects of Costa Rican life.

FLIRTATIONS LATEST RELEASE: THREE

The popular, unabashedly lesbian and gay a cappella group The Flirtations, well-known for their appearances in Jonathan Demme's film *Philadelphia*, and on Donahue, *Good Morning America*, and HBO, released their latest recording *Three* on June 1, 1996.

Audiences of all persuasions have been raving about the out a cappella group's new incarnation since early 1995 when the acclaimed pop jazz vocalist Suede began singing with the formerly all-male a cappella group. Together with baritone Jon Arterton whose vision created "The Flirts" back in 1987, and tenor Jimmy Rutland whose vision and courage through periods of great change have shaped the group's evolution, the three have just released *The Flirtations'* most exciting recording to date, their first as a trio. Three bursts with everything Flirt fans around the world have come to expect: fabulous voices, outrageous humor, emotional intensity, and impeccable musicianship — all built upon a foundation of great pride. *Three* consists of 14 songs, including "Time After Time", "Think", "Mister Sandman", "Something to Talk About", and "We Shall Be Free".



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HIV AND THE OMAHA GAY COMMUNITY

by An Anonymous PLWA

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Does this type of personal ad look familiar? It should, many are placed each month in magazines, voice mail ads, and even on-line. The one above is, of course, fiction. However, it has all the parts commonly contained in an ad of this nature: sex, sexual orientation, age, physical traits, and likes/dislikes in those sought.

It is in the latter category, likes/dislikes, that one commonly finds the term "HIV-" or "disease free". As a person living with AIDS, this irritates me.

The problem with this type of statement is that, in almost all cases, it is baseless. It is possible to be infected with HIV and still have a test show negative. This is what is called the "window period".

The window period is the term given to the time between infection and when a person's body produces antibodies to fight the infection, about three to six months. Current HIV tests look for these antibodies, not the actual virus that causes AIDS.

So, in order for a person to make this statement and have it be accurate, that person would need to be tested, then wait six months, having absolutely no sexual contact with another, then test again. When both tests show negative, the person can know and advertise that they are HIV negative. The other option that would allow this statement to stand would have if the person making it were a virgin, having had no sexual encounters involving penetration or the exchange of body fluids.

There are, of course, other ways of contracting HIV. I chose to speak to this issue because it affects me on a personal level.

As a 20 something gay male living with HIV, I've found myself somewhat ostracized by others in my social class. Most are friendly, but not too friendly, wanting to do no more than have a brief conversation and then move on. I am no longer considered a possible sex partner, to say nothing of a life partner.

While confiding my frustration to a friend, he said something that I had never considered, "What do you expect? You are a public figure; everyone knows that you have AIDS." I started to think about this and perhaps he is right.

Over the past few years I have tried to make a positive contribution to the local community by working at various AIDS charities. I was proud of myself, thinking others would respect my public stance and appreciate the effort I was making to protect them from this disease.

While the heterosexual community seemed to take that expected attitude, the gay community shied away. They took the brochure or condom that I was handing out. Or, they listened politely to my speech, then they made a mental note, "He has AIDS; stay away!"

If this isn't bad enough, more than once I have met someone at a bar and began talking. Both of us seemed to be interested in the other. Then, a friend of this person's pulls him aside, whispering in his ear. Very shortly after that, the man excuses himself to the restroom, never to be seen again. Can you imagine how that makes me feel? Mind your own business! It is my choice as to whether or not I inform someone of my HIV status. It is my responsibility to protect my partners. I take both very seriously.

Just because I am HIV+ does not mean that I don't need and want companionship. Don't



misunderstand, this is not just a "sex thing". New friends would be nice, too. However, keep in mind that one's sex drive does not disappear just because they become infected with HIV.

In the past, potential partners were informed of my health status. I told them up-front. I felt that was the right thing to do. Sadly, more often than not, it turned out to be the wrong thing to do. One man told me that if I would have kept my mouth shut and played safely, he would have had no problem in "being with me." But, since I chose to be honest, he just couldn't. Talk about burying one's head in the sand!

Having talked with other people living with AIDS in the area, I have found that my experiences are not uncommon. This is tragic because it forces us to make a choice, to be honest and alone, or silent, with someone, but aching inside for our omission.

I'll be honest in saying that I am tired of being alone. And if by staying silent I can be treated like everyone else at the bars, then perhaps that is what I need to do. It is not my first choice, but how much must I be made to suffer? This disease is bad enough without having to endure it alone!

Before anyone brands me a bitter old queen, let me say that on rare occasion, I have revealed my HIV status and it made no difference. These men were obviously educated on the subject. After all, there are many things a couple can do with little or no risk. And in case you have never considered this before, remember that anyone who you don't absolutely know for sure is HIV- should be considered HIV+, and treated as such by using condoms and having safe sex.

I would ask the gay community to become educated. Learn what is considered "safer sex". Protect yourself! Be tested! Even if you chose not to inform a partner of an HIV+ test result, it is vital that early medical treatment is sought. This is the key to long-term survival. Finally, even if you chose not to be intimate with an HIV+ person, you can still be their friend. Talk with them, spend time together, help make them feel like a normal human being.

If I had written this a year ago, I would have proudly signed my name to it, but not today. As to whether or not I disclose my HIV status to future partners, the internal battle continues.

NOTE: For more information on HIV and AIDS, contact the Nebraska AIDS Project hotline at (402) 342-4233 or 1-800-782-2437 or info@nap.org <http://www.nap.org>

RESPONSE TO HOUSE "MARRIAGE PROTECTION"

The U.S. House has approved the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act". If approved in the Senate, President Clinton has indicated he will sign it. The bill would allow states to reject same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Organizations representing lesbians and gay men nationwide reacted strongly to the House's lopsided vote (342-67) and characterized it as an election-year product of extreme conservatives.

Matt Coles, Director of the Lesbian & Gay Rights Projects at the ACLU said, "The House turned its back on a fundamental human right for political expediency. This goes beyond legislators saying they are not ready to accept same-sex marriages. This is an unnecessary and mean-spirited attempt by some in Congress to select out lesbians and gay men for discriminatory treatment."

William Waybourn, Managing Director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said, "Americans are overwhelmingly for fairness and the vote in the House means that we must work harder to educate the public to the fact that lesbian and gay couples deserve the same freedoms guaranteed to ALL Americans."

Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign, said, "The House committed an ugly, cowardly and unconstitutional act by passing this bill, and history will remember it as such. It is nothing more than gratuitous election-year gay bashing and the Human Rights Campaign intends to hold every member of Congress accountable for this vote."

Kate Kendell, Executive Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights said, "In an act of sheer political pandering, Congress has disrespected and denied the reality of the lives of millions of lesbians and gay men. Our families and our relationships have endured despite similar acts of mean-spirited homophobia. Our fight will continue despite election year scapegoating, until we finally realize the goal of legal equality and respect for our families."

SINCE WHEN DOES VICIOUS MEAN GAY OR LESBIAN ?

The Microsoft Corporation has issued an apology for users of a Spanish language version of software which had offensive Thesaurus synonyms.

People using the software Word 6.0 would find that synonyms for "homosexual" were "vicious" and "inverted". Synonyms for "lesbian" were "vicious" and "pervert".

Microsoft said it was working on a new dictionary — and that new software would be available for free. The software also included "savag" and "man-eater" as synonyms for "Indian". At last word, Microsoft was also actively checking every word in the Spanish version to make sure there were no other offensive synonyms.

"OUT IN THE STARS" -- Astrological Forecast for August 1996

by C. Lichtenstein

Even the dog days of August with their retrograde planets can't dampen my apres pride attitude. Pluto, Jupiter, Neptune, Uranus and Saturn all continue their retro wayward ways through the month. Bring 'em on I say, and with the help of energizing Mars and lovely Venus we'll handle these wild outer orbs. Some of us like our orbs wild and out...

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) As you attend to home related issues, other more public areas of your life become open to greater inspection and possible change. It may be that coming out to your family will produce a cathartic and far reaching impact on your career, social circles and global philosophy. Proud Rams should not be totally surprised; the overall change can be exceptionally dramatic.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Placid queer Bulls would do well to get off their duff and set their explorative gears on faraway regions. Zesty energetic Mars shoots you out and about while delightful Venus cushions your landing. Travel brings many benefits, not least of which is the ability to escape the sudden surprise pummeling your career. It's not all bad dear. Deep down you just don't like change.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Whose money is it anyway? That's the question posed by the planets this month. Queer Twins are exceptionally strange about money particularly when it comes to the sharing thing. I wouldn't say you are stingy. I'd say you're especially secretive. Perhaps it's because you understand the fickleness of the heart that you protect your loot at all costs. This time the cost may be too high.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Pink Crabs will be catapulted out of their shells this month thanks to the uncompromising Mars attitude. The trick will be for you to balance the "we and me" in your life as the crowds adoringly call for encore after encore. Consider the effect on partners or any

one-to-one relationship, don't become a prima donna. Attitude is fine for the crowd but it's deadly for the partnership.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Karmic proud Lions are faced with a universal adjustment in exercise and diet and, believe me, it is a welcome change.

The planets demand that you reach an inner equilibrium and live your life more in tune with nature and with your inner voice. If that means adjustments and changes, so be it. Meat is not on the menu, well at least not on your dinner plate.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Let the group dynamic call the tune for once. You may find yourself marching for a fabulous cause. It may be time for queer Virgins to get in synch with the social scene, lampshade and all. Let loose and enjoy yourself a little, even if the music is too loud or the chips and salsa too hot. Life can never be too hot in August cousin. Schlep them old bones onto the dance floor and see what's shaking.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 21) Actionable Mars is a catalyst for change in your career for all sassy pink Scales willing to take a leap of faith. Interesting though, the real change occurs in your private life and the family and friends that make up your closest circles. Since there is very little space for those folks in your closet, may I suggest the living room instead? It's far more comfortable.

SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22) Proud Scorps often like to be the counsel behind the throne, but I think you deserve a bit more credit for your ideas and strategies. Thankfully Mars agrees and now your views take on a more global and philosophical tenor. Take it to the streets friend and let them see how wildly explosive and far reaching you can be. Please be a benevolent dictator when you reach the top.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) It is time, queer Archer, to measure the true value of all that you hold near and dear. Mars

gives you the shovel to dig deep into your psychological depths and what you find could change your perspective forever. Of course the other meaning of this transit is that you will enjoy hot, steaming, unbridled sex that will cost you lots of money, but will be well worth it. Count me in!

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Serious, conservative Caps find themselves the glorious center of attention with partners prodding you on. "Watch where you're prodding", you say, but it's to no avail. The combination of planetary force and the wishes of others conspire to create a new you, ready or not. A new wardrobe? A new style? It's not all that bad once you get used to those leather hot pants.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) That dreary, uneventful day to day drudge of a job may, in fact, have monumental and far reaching karmic impact on cynical Aquerians. Don't be afraid to tackle any detailed task, no matter how onerous because there is a fabulous reward at the end of the treadmill. The most important thing is give a little something back to our community in the process. The goddesses must be appeased.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) It will amaze you how so much fun could be so beneficial to your purpose and direction in life. Pink Pisces need to relax and explore their more creative and artistic side now with the help of feisty and aggressive Mars. The planets give you backbone, direction, a few friendly helping hands and even a bit of crazy luck. Go with the flow Fish and see where the fun filled course takes you.

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DES MOINES MCC HOSTS RETREAT FOR OLDER GAY MEN

By RJ

On the theme of *If Yesterday, Why Not Today!*, Des Moines MCC hosted a weekend retreat for older Gay men at a private resort on the Raccoon River on May 10-12.

Getting started Friday was a comedy of errors that Shakespeare would have loved, so I didn't get there until 10 o'clock that evening, as it was, I almost drove into the Raccoon River, but I found the resort by driving down a country road and taking a chance.

One has to be careful, especially at 10 at night, pulling into a farmer's yard. And I am highly allergic to buckshot. But I saw a number of cars parked there and by the bumper stickers, I knew this was the place.

I walked into the dwelling and was greeted by folks I knew from Omaha. I also got a surprise when a well-known personage came strolling through the living room from the hot tub outside, dressed in Nature's Finest. It caught me by surprise as I didn't realize things would be that casual.

We had to settle on who was going to sleep where and I ended up in the loft where 3 of us old roosters perched for the night. After breakfast the next morning we watched the video *Before Stonewall*, put out by PBS. Then there was a video on *Grief* followed by a good discussion on "Grief and Dying."

I don't know if it was our overall age, but this

was a very good discussion. I would like to see more of this type of discussion in MCC. Talking about death and suicide is not a subject most want to talk about and is usually swept under the rug in one hell of a hurry.

After lunch we were free until 1600 hours, so we could nap (you know how we old fogies get, and if you don't, you will), go for walks, etc. (The river was running too swiftly for canoes.)

Then we had a good discussion on names, how we view those names, and the "generation gap" between we "older" generations, and the young and upcoming folks in the "family."

Saturday evening we watched a real good movie, a British flick titled *the Sum of Us*, a real good movie about a widower and his Gay son.

It seems Dad was always trying to fix his son up with a date (with a gry, of course) and the son was wishing that Daddy would just be cool and quite trying to be a matchmaker. While it did have its hilarious moments, there was some good drama as well. A good movie, a real good movie.

At 10 o'clock I flew up to my perch and settled down for the night. This old rooster was tired -- not as young as I used to be.

But I was up early the next morning and really saw a sight. Across the river, on the far bank was Ole Mama and Papa Honker with six little downy goslings. It was quite something sitting there watching them.

Breakfast this morning was English muffins with orange marmalade, but first, we had to get to the marmalade which necessitated a "macho" contest.

Rather hilarious to see us old coots trying to get that lid off. And get it off we did.

After breakfast we watched the video *Lost Language of the Cranes*. This, too, was a British film, but while it was good the artsy part was lost on me.

The cranes were construction cranes, seen in a number of background shots. I concentrated on the drama about a couple with a gay son who falls in love with an American.

As it turns out, this forces the father to come out of the closet as well. Mamma did not handle this double whammy well at all.

I don't know if England has a P-FLAG chapter, but mother sure could have used one.

But I still haven't figured out how those construction cranes fit in all this, though.

Then there was dinner and after resting my dinner a bit, headed the old van back to Omaha. This was a good weekend.

A big thanks to MCC-Des Moines for sponsoring the weekend, and an especially big Thank You to the individual who opened up his home and served as such a gracious host to us.

NATIONAL NEWS

RAINBOW PACK IS BACK

Announcing a meeting to reform the Rainbow Political Action Committee (PAC) on Saturday morning August 10. The meeting will take place at 10AM at the First Unitarian Church in Omaha, 31st and Harney.

This meeting will be used to organize interested organizations and individuals to put together a slate of candidates for the November elections. The PAC will endorse gay-friendly and progressive candidates for offices at the national, state and local levels.

The meeting is for any and all interested organizations and individuals. We will begin the process of choosing candidates and decide how to distribute the list in the community.

Make a difference. Be there!

SENATE BILL NOT LOADED WITH ANTI-GAY LANGUAGE

The Senate version of the 1997 defense authorization bill is free of hateful, anti-gay amendments, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"The Senate bill is a stark contrast to the House version, which extremist members of Congress loaded with ugly, anti-gay measures," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's legislative deputy. "We are confident that when the two bills go to conference, that these House measures will be stripped out, as they should be."

In May, when the House considered the defense bills, extremists led by Rep. Bob Dornan, R-California, used the legislation to push their anti-gay social agenda, rather than deal with the nation's vital defense interests. At Dornan's

behest, they attached the following measures to the 1997 defense authorization bill:


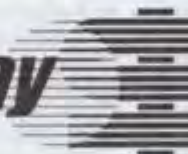
"...a mandate to discharge, within two months of diagnosis, all members of the armed services with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS."

A similar measure, enacted in January, was repealed by Congress in April. "The Dornan provision singles out service members with HIV and treats them differently from those with other chronic medical conditions," said Stachelberg.

Currently, service members with HIV are allowed to serve their country as long as they can perform their duties, but are not deployed overseas. The same policy applies to service members who have other chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease or cancer.

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ROBERTS' RULES: Stop, Thief!

by Shelly Roberts

Cibyll Shepherd stole my clothes.

Wait! Wait! Before you give me a reputation I would love so richly to deserve, and, before Ms. Shepherd starts flexing her dialing digit to reach out and touch F. Lee Anyone, claiming either libel or defamation, let me explain. We two have never actually been in close enough proximity for Her Adorableness to have in fact committed such a petty... well... if you've seen my Bloomingdale's bill lately, let me amend that... such *grand larceny*. Unfortunately, though we have indeed been on the same mall at one time in nineteen ninety-three, we have not even so much as shared a circumstance that would enable, much less allow, the removal of any articles of apparel so that they could be nefariously purloined. (Damn!) And, besides that, she's not even a dyke. (Damn twice!)

You see, it all started one Emmy night when Ms. Delightful showed up wearing a great strapless formal, and the exact same high top leather Rebox that had taken up residence under my bed. (Well, one of them had taken up residence there. "Honeeeceey, have you seen my other reeb?") I'm certain Ms. Gay-Lesbian-Multi-Diversional knew at all times exactly where *her* other one was. (Please, Cibyll, don't write me to the contrary and shatter any illusions I might harbor. There are some things I *don't* want to know.)

Now it wasn't merely that Ms. Has-Her-Own-Hysterically-Funny-Show-After-Murphy-Brown-And-Isn't-That-A-Great-Hour-Of-TV? was wearing the same SKU as I was. It was that who else but a dyke would commit such an outrage? Oh, sure, nobody of your, oh, say, Jodie Foster or Cindy Gere, oops, Crawford, stature, who was worried that somebody might actually think that she was one, and wouldn't want to do anything to offend. It was just that there was, somehow, in the act, such incredible lesbian attitude. *I'd* have done that. *You'd* have done that. (Okay, some of you guys might not, but I *have* seen you fellows wearing Birkenstocks lately, and you are giving whole new meaning to the term "cross-dressing.") *Suzanne Westenhoffer* would have done that!

And Cibyll isn't the only one being chic in dyke's clothing. There are all those young women wandering around the Burger King in Less press-on shorts, with...are you ready this?... *hiking boots!* Now *where* do you suppose these came from? Big sister's closet, perhaps? I mean, really. You *know* none of them has ever camped

out except maybe to be first in line for Smashing Pumpkin tickets. And it's very clear to me that they've never been to Michigan.

Taken a close look at just who's wearing ear cuffs lately. Huh? Huh? There you are. Stolen. From us. Get my drift here?

This is something the guys are much more used to. But they're supposed to be fashion leaders. It's in the gay man's mission statement. Even Romanovsky and Philips warble... "it's so hard to tell the straight boys from the queers."

Then there was that whole season when the mail-order catalogs were filled with female role models wearing full-fledged men's suits. They called it high fashion. We used to call it transvestite. Speaking of which, just whose idea was it first to be wearing all those vests? Not to mention the ties they've taken over. We did that first, too. And who do you think suggested tuxedos-with or without ruffled shirts- as appropriate attire for all formal occasions. Why, the lesbians, of course. And don't even get me started on Hilary's haircuts!

What's next. Rainbow raiment on Paris runways? Snappy Stonewall T-shirts gracing Macy's windows? Triangle jewelry au currant? Pretty soon blond rock stars will be borrowing our Doc. Martins. And frankly, I'm furious.

Why, I have a good mind to go out to the nearest Lords & Taylor and apply something Carol Little to my American Express. You, know, something silk... with a *skirt*. Maybe even a... phew... radical concept... *dress*. With bangle beads, or bright, floral prints. That'll teach 'em.

Then, when what I'm wearing catches on, and we're all wearing girlie wearable art, and those het ladies decide to appropriate (felony is *such* a harsh word) our cache, we can go back to wearing what we're used to, our chinos and oversized men's jackets and T-shirts, in peace, and everyone will once again look like who they're supposed to. And I won't keep having to get my gaydar adjusted so often.

Still... Cibyll... *Newsweek* just informed me that her original idea was to play a lesbian private eye. (Be still my heart.) Hey, okay, so this is *one* straight lady who can take my clothes anytime.

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LESBIAN HIV REPORT

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has published the first-ever federal government report on Lesbian HIV issues. The report, Report on Lesbian HIV Issues Meeting, reflects the current knowledge of the impact of this disease on women who have sex with women and provides direction to the CDC on developing and appropriate research and prevention initiatives. The historic report includes 25 recommendations under four major headings: research, surveillance, communications, publications and further meetings.

"There is research to suggest that lesbian and bisexual drug injectors may actually be MORE likely than other female drug injectors to be infected with HIV and/or engage in high-risk drug injecting behaviors or high-risk sex with men," said Marj Plumb, Lesbian Health Consultant for the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "At the same time, there is no credible research on the epidemiology or biology of risk of female-to-female sexual transmission. This voice dangerously leaves lesbian and bisexual women infected with HIV without safer sex guidance."

NEW SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTITUTION PROTECTS GAYS AND LESBIANS

On May 8, 1996, South Africa became the first country in the world to constitutionally prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. The new South African Constitution protects people from discrimination on the basis of "race, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, ethnic or social origin, color, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture, language and birth."

The Constitution was adopted by an overwhelming majority of the South African Parliament, winning the approval of the African National Congress (ANC), the Pan African Congress and the National Party. The ANC, which holds over 60% of the seats in parliament, has consistently taken a position against discrimination based on sexual orientation, partly as a result of the years of involvement of gay and lesbian activists in the anti-apartheid struggle. Archbishop Desmond Tutu strongly urged the constitutional assembly to retain the clause in the Bill of Rights and recently stated that rejection of gays and lesbians by the church is "nearly the ultimate blasphemy."

The permanent constitution replaces an interim constitution which had been in place since 1993 and which also included sexual orientation in its equality clause. The retention of the clause in the final document follows 2 years of intense lobbying efforts and a nationwide letter-writing campaign coordinated by the National Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Equality.



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Top, right: The monarchs of Reign 16, Emperor Royal and Empress Phoenix

Center, left: Danny Smith created this logo for Reign 15, made into a glamorous wall hanging by Mr. Tom Cech.

Bottom, left: The New Voice's own Dick Brown in his version of what the well dressed mobster should wear.

Bottom, right: Miss DC's, Aramis, made a grand entrance for her command performance all in white beads, feathers and strategically placed tassels.





FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon
Nationally Syndicated
Columnist

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! What in the heck does "a word to the wise" mean? Evidently not much. Either than or we've just got some stupid members of our gay community; folks who want to live on the edge of life and defy danger. Of course they do have the freedom to be as intelligent or as stupid as the want to... BUT! To **choose** to be stupid!!?

I have listened now for a few years to warnings from Police Departments who DO give a damn about us and want to help... warnings about not doing this or that. A warning so simple as "stay out of the park", "Cruising in the park may be dangerous to your health", "gay basher on the loose! Be careful." Yet what does our community do? We go gaily forward and spout about how "the pigs" don't know "shit from shinecola." Then, we read the headlines of another crime because one of our own idiots decided to take home some young piece of meat from the park and the dude ends up killing him. It's called a "hate crime."

The next step is that we organize a protest group and let the Police know they're not being effective enough in protecting us. There is something wrong with this picture! What do we want? The Police to face the park with undercover cops for "our protection?" Come on girls, get real!

When I was a young pup, I was warned too. Mother said "Don't touch the stove; you'll get burned." But like most children who know so much more than any authority figures, I placed my palms right on the stove. Voila! Guess what? I burned the crap out of my little patties and went crying for help to guess who? Correcto! The one who told me not to do it. Fortunately for me at the tender age of learning, she did NOT console me. First she put me over her lap, blistered hands and all, and added some blisters to my bottom. Then, she bandaged my hands and for months thereafter never let me forget my stubbornness and stupidity by making such little remarks as "don't you want to put your hands on the stove again?" Oh, the pain of barbed comments like that. They stay with one for years as evidenced by the fact I still remember after half a century. What has impressed me over the years is there are **valid and invalid** warnings from authority figures. IE: "If you masturbate, it will fall off." I did. It didn't.

"If you touch a hot stove, it will burn you." I did. It did.

"If you hang around with the wrong crowd, you could get into trouble. I did. It led me many years ago into robbery and armed robbery.

"Watch your tongue, kid, it's a slippery place!" I didn't. Nearly got expelled from College.

"Promiscuous sexual encounters can make your Doctor wealthier." Hello Miss Syph! I'll never forget the crabs I brought home. Ended up on my aghast wife's eyelashes!

"If you masturbate, you'll go blind." I still do, but I've had to wear glasses since Second Grade.

"Don't pick up strangers in the Park or Tea Room." I did. I'm lucky all I lost was my valuables. Two acquaintances here in Reno recently lost their lives.

Yes, a "word to the wise" should be sufficient; but this is assuming everyone in our community is wise. That's an improbability. Most are like me; we seem to learn the hard way over the years — if we live through it all. Many of us are lucky enough to survive.

Most of us have to get whopped on side the head with a 2 x 4 to start our brain working.

Hope this hasn't put a crimp into your park cruising... but, friends can be so damn obnoxious at times with their desire to tell you truthfully like they see it. Unfortunately for you, you're my friend. Oh! Think about this next time you hear of the funeral of a brother killed by a gay-basher in some park. Yes, there are places on earth where angels do fear to tread. So, my haloed friend, "look before you leap" from a "frying pan into a fire" and all of those sort of authority figure warnings; it just could be that "to be or not to be" may be the only warning you really face.

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

Mr. Landon 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.*

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1996 PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL



SCORES FIRSTS FOR GLBT PRIDE



The 1996 Pride Parade and Festival was a top notch event with a higher energy level than previous events. The new route through the Old Market brought out lots of supportive spectators and provided an energizing experience for those taking part. A balloon arch, flag bearers on horseback, a skittish horse pulling a Victorian carriage with ICON's Emperor and Empress 16, old friends such as MCC and PFLAG, Miss MAX Dietra who walked away with the award for the best "float," friends from Lincoln and the Q, wonderful folks from Central Nebraska proudly sporting GLAGN's Pride T-Shirt, great comedy, uplifting speeches, a vendor fair, and a beautiful setting in Heartland of America Park -- these were part of the brightly colored spectrum that made up Pride 96. Congratulations to Matt and his Pride Committee.

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

The River City Bowling League is celebrating its Seventeenth year of existence. It is an ABC/WIBC sanctioned league and is closely associated with the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO). Our members started the "Ice Bowl Tournament" three years ago and now run one of the more popular and lucrative tournaments in the country.

96-97 League Limited to 24 Teams Considering 5 Person Teams

The league has become more and more popular each year and this year the league will be limited to 24 teams. In the past we have had four-person teams. This year, if interest is high enough, we will go to five-person teams. It is a long season, 32 weeks, and because of this most teams keep a roster of one or two over the required number and alternate weeks of play. That way no one has to be there every week of the season. The weekly cost of play is \$8.00. The first week you will also have to pay ABC/WIBC sanction fees and sponsor fee of \$30 per team. Our \$8.00 weekly fee is basically one dollar less than most leagues in the city. Our league is one of the very largest in the city and more fun than any of them.

League Bowls at Sky Lanes

We bowl weekly at the Sky Lanes Bowling Center on the Fifth level of the Center Mall at 42nd and Center Streets. Membership is open to gay and gay friendly persons of both sexes. Last year, for the first time ever, an all female team won first place. Teams can be all male, all female, or any combination. You do not need to be a good bowler to join. We are an 80% handicap league. If you don't know what that means, it is simply a way to make the bowling competitive no matter how bad or good your game. The lower your average, the more pins you have added to your game to catch the better bowlers.

Bowling Begins August 24

The first week of bowling is August 24. The organizations meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to be at this meeting who plans on joining the league. If you don't have a team before then, we'll get you lined up with a team at the meeting. After the meeting, we will have our first week of competition starting at 3:00 p.m. We start at 3:00 p.m. every week after that, taking holiday weekends off.

Priority Is Fun, Fun, Fun

We are a highly competitive league. However, at the top of our priority list is having fun, fun, fun, and more fun. Team cheers are welcome and bowling card games and different side competitions are abundant. We also have a Strike Pot Fund-Raiser for "Ice Bowl" each week with the chance to win big. Ideas for other fun activities during league are welcome. For a great time and friendly competition, come join the largest gay league in Omaha.

NEWS FLASH

Don't Be Shut Out of League -- Preregister Your Team Aug. 18 at Chesterfield (and enjoy Ice Bowl Spaghetti Feed)

The Fund Raising committee for "Ice Bowl '97" has announced that there will be a pre-registration party at The Chesterfield on Sunday, August 18, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti will be served for a \$5.00 donation and you will be able to pre-register your team for this year's league competition. Come and enjoy the first league party of the season.

WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE September 15

The Twelfth Annual Womyn's Riverboat Cruise aboard the historic "Belle of Brownville" will cast off from Freedom Park near Carter Lake, Iowa on September 15, 1996. Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m. with cast-off at 6:00 p.m. The boat returns to dock around 9:00 p.m. Please remember to bring appropriate clothing since it is cooler on the river at night. There is a cash bar, plus a sober deck for alcohol-free enjoyment. All womyn are invited for an evening of music, womyn spirit and cruising the Missouri River.

This womyn-only event has been a sell-out every year. Tickets must be purchased by September 8, 1996. Ticket price is \$10. Tickets and directions will be mailed the week before the cruise.

Make checks payable to Omaha Womyn's Riverboat Cruise and send to 4949 N. 73rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68507. Please include name, address, and telephone number with your check.

A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

Pride Festival Overwhelming Success Thanks to All Who Made It Possible

June 30 was a fantastic day of Pride! Thank you to all who made it possible. Another special thank-you to Matt Samp-Petersen and his Pride Committee. The very sunny day at Heartland Park was filled with making new friends and seeing old ones; hearing powerful messages through speech, comedy, and song from Donna Red Wing, Phillip Sherman, Joe Hall, Nancy Brink, John McGivern, Robin Greenspan, Kathy Tyree, The River City Mixed Chorus, Christine Peak-Blankman, Carl Beck and others. Most important it was a day to celebrate who we are as PROUD lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and our supporters in the Midwest.

"Slice of Summer" Tuesday, August 6

ANGLE invites the community to the second annual "Slice of Summer" in place of our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. on The MAX Patio. This is our way to thank the community for your support the past year and let you know what we have planned for the rest of 1996. We will have free food and a cash bar so join us for food, fun, and fellowship. For more information please call the Phone Line, 558-5303.

Community Resource Center

We also invite the community to get involved with the GLBT Community Resource Center Development Committee. The Committee needs volunteers in all areas but especially fundraising. Come to the monthly meeting the third Sunday of each month (August 18) at 5 p.m. Call the Phone Line, 558-5303, and ask for Darrin to return your call for more information and to learn the location of the meeting.

Recognition Dinner set for October 26

A tentative date of Saturday, October 26th has been established for our Annual Recognition Dinner and Awards. We will be confirming that date soon and information about submitting nominations and the event will be in next month's issue. I am the chairperson for that event again this year and am looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please contact me at 556-8352 if you are interested in helping.

Phone Line need Volunteers

The Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line is also looking for volunteers to staff the phone line. Join us the first Tuesday of the month for our regular meeting at 7 p.m. on September 3 and find out more about our activities for the rest of 1996. Please call the Information and Referral Line for the location of the September meeting or check next month's New Voice.

PANHANDLE GROUP TO HOLD POTLUCK CAMPOUT

WHEN: August 17 & 18 COST: Free... Bring a friend!

WHERE: Northeast Corner Lake Minatare

Bring your camping equipment and spend Saturday and Sunday with the members of the Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Support Services. Or just grab your bikini and come out for a few hours to get some sun and swim. Look for the rainbow flag and volleyball net down by the shore among the trees. We will be within walking distance to the bathrooms. This will be a free event and all friends and families are invited to attend. Kids are welcome! This will be a casual come and go event. Meals will be potluck. Park stickers are required for cars if you stay. Stickers can be purchased for the day at the convenience store by the lake. We will have our August business meeting on Sunday at 2 P.M.

DIETRA SNOW HEADLINES GALP BENEFIT

Gay and Lesbian Parents support group is sponsoring a fund-raising show at the MAX on Sunday, August 4th. The show will start promptly at 8:30 p.m. Dietra Snow, Miss MAX, will headline the show. Hope to see you there!



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RIVER CITY LEAGUE

Where: SKY LANES (Top of Center Mall, 42nd Center)

When: Sunday Afternoons 3:00PM

Starts: Sunday, August 25th Meeting at 1:00PM

24 Team Limit - 4 Person Teams

Pre-registration Party at the Chesterfield

August 18th...5-8PM

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Spaghetti Dinner.

\$5.00 Donation to Ice Bowl

Or Call Lisa 733-0792

Be at the first meeting!

Don't have to be good!

Need not be on a team!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER MOVES AHEAD WITH FUNDRAISING

While other subcommittees dealing with the G/L/B/T Community Resource Center have been working steadily for months identifying possible locations, preparing possible schedules, and inventorying resources, the Fiscal Committee lay idle for lack of people-power. Then just a month ago Moderator Darrin G. appointed members of the Steering Committee to form a committee and initiate some action.

Under the direction of Carla P. that's just what happened. The appointed committee, Theresa C., Jay T., and Dave E. met and went back to the Steering Committee recommending the committee's duties be split into two parts: fundraising and budgeting. With that split accomplished, the committee focused first on fund raising. To that end volunteers were invited to brainstorm fund raising ideas. Over 180 ideas were generated by the 11 people who gathered.

Since then the group has met to begin selecting which fund raisers they'd like to pursue. One of the most popular ideas was a Street Carnival. Be watching for more information after the first of the year! For now, a Halloween Party, a Yard Sale, Jail & Bail, and a series of Drag Shows are under consideration. Your help is needed to make these projects a reality. Please join us at 2960 Pacific St. for our next meeting Friday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. If you can't make that meeting, but are interested in getting involved with fundraising, please call Carla Petersen at 556-9907.

Back to the budgeting aspect—Now that fund raising is off to a start, we'd like to gather all of you who want to offer input into our budget. We have three very interested individuals who are beginning the work, but we know there are more of you out there. Again, just give Carla a call and she'll put you in touch with the right people.

Interested in attending the next Steering Committee Meeting for the Community Resource Center? The date is the same—Sunday, Aug. 18, but the time has changed. Time is 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. You will need to call the ANGLE Information Line (558-5303) and ask for Darren to verify the location for the August 18 meeting. Again—anyone in the community is welcome.

"Comments on A WORK IN PROGRESS..."

by Gary L. Beck

Many years ago when an industrial man in Germany decided that he wanted to rule the world, he set out in a methodical fashion to take control of the world as it was then known. Adolf Hitler took control of the Sudetenland and then all of Czechoslovakia, Austria, Poland, France, etc. This was quite an amazing display of power in such a short period of time.

However, after gaining these territories and power, his methodism of coolly calculating which area to blitzkrieg next seemed to deteriorate. It was almost as if the sudden accumulation of land went to his head and he became negligent. Hitler in his zeal dove into the proverbial pool head first. Once he threw out his methodical tactics for tottery avarice, the entire Third Reich crumbled.

Many of you are probably wondering what this has to do with anything today, least of all the G/L/B/T community in greater Omaha. These thoughts are projected at the fledgling community resource center. Many of you have been hearing things about this center for quite some time and, if you have some of the same opinions I have maintained, you are wondering whether or not there will ever be a resource center. Since I espoused my opinions about this endeavor, I felt that my only responsible course was to attend some of their meetings.

Like Germany's early days, the resource center is indeed progressing. Slowly but surely they are taking steps to become a permanent reality in the metropolitan area. Work of this magnitude is not a project that can be done haphazardly. There are many variables to weigh and even more wrinkles to iron out when preparing to open a community resource center.

I give many accolades to the small albeit dedicated workers on this project. They cannot and should not make the mistakes that Hitler made and jump without first establishing all of the framework. This is a project that must build from a firm foundation until it is completed. When the resource center finally opens, you can be rest assured it will be a permanent fixture in this city.

NAP OFFERS DPI TRAINING

The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) is well into a grant through the Nebraska Department of Public Institutions, Division of alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions Services (DPI) to provide free continuing education trainings on HIV and AIDS to drug and alcohol counselors throughout the state. To date, NAP's DPI trainings have served over 300 counselors from 93 agencies. Each 4-hour training is facilitated by Emer O'Connor, and involves the participation of case managers and persons with AIDS as guest lecturers.

While the dangers of injection drug use in connection with HIV are fairly well known, considerably less attention is devoted to the influence of more commonly used drugs (alcohol, marijuana, crack, powder cocaine, etc.) on an individual's HIV risk. Preliminary studies have shown that a majority of persons with HIV report past or current issues with drugs and alcohol. This information points to drug and alcohol counselors as important players in HIV prevention among people in substance abuse treatment, and yet many counselors indicate that they are not up-to-date on HIV and AIDS. Not only do behavior patterns driven by drug use increase HIV risk, but emerging study data also suggest that many commonly abused substances increase HIV risk by suppressing the immune system at the time of HIV exposure, or by stimulating viral replication at the time of exposure. NAP's DPI trainings are designed to build a solid AIDS education among counselors that will translate into improved drug and alcohol treatment services for persons with HIV, and for persons at imminent risk for HIV infection.

The first round of trainings across the state consisted of an intensive "AIDS 101" with a special emphasis on counseling issues. A second round of trainings currently in development will focus on the chemical and behavioral interactions of substance abuse and HIV within specific populations, including gay men, Native Americans, the homeless, the incarcerated, and undocumented migrant workers.

For more information contact Emer O'Connor at NAP at (402.342.6367), email her at EmerO@nap.org, or visit the agency website at <http://www.nap.org>.

Q PREPARES FOR 2ND ANNIVERSARY

August 5th will mark the 2nd anniversary of Q in Lincoln. Q plans to celebrate with a week of activities and special events.

Many changes and improvements have taken place over the last 2 years and the management at Q is planning to renovate in the near future and possibly expand the present facility. Plans include new furnishings and an updated look, along with a new quiet area for casual conversation.

Shows and special entertainment have always been an important element of the excitement, and the club will continue to bring in acts not normally seen in the Midwest.

Entertainment doesn't stop with fabulous shows but continues with cutting edge music and one of the best sound and light systems in the Midwest. Cafe Q provides a great menu of light snacks, sandwiches and desserts along with nightly specials.

The management at Q strive to listen to clients' suggestions and unique ideas and implement ideas that are practical, cost effective, and which will benefit the greatest number of patrons. Q was established as a dance club to encourage gays, lesbians, and gay-friendly people to socialize and develop a positive cohesive gay culture in Lincoln. There has always been a large percentage of gays and lesbians in the Lincoln area, but there has not always been positive gay and lesbian unity to give everyone a feeling of belonging. Q has provided gays and lesbians a greater sense of community and gay culture as well as a greater sense of pride. Both Q and Panic have worked together to establish this positive gay community in Lincoln.

Q has been recognized nationally, as well as locally, by bringing good professional entertainment to the community, sponsoring benefits and fundraisers, and offering a variety of nightly events geared to include as many segments of the gay community as possible. Although it is impossible to please everyone, Q will continue to offer variety to its patrons as well as create a fun, lively atmosphere which they will remember and talk about.

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HOT AUGUST NIGHTS BRING INTERNATIONAL MR FANTASY CONTEST BACK TO OMAHA

The 1996 International Mr Fantasy Contest will be held this month, August 16-18, 1996 in Omaha, Nebraska, USA, again sponsored by Fantasy Productions.

For 6 years Fantasy Productions sponsored the Nationally recognized "Fantasy" weekend, but last year changed the theme of their event to an International contest designed to promote the sexuality and creativity of the leather community.

JD Buchert from Dallas, Texas was the 1995 winner and has done a tremendous amount of work in taking this new title to the forefront and making it part of the International Title-Holder network.

Now, it's time to select the 1996 International Mr. Fantasy. Judges for this year's event are:

- Bob Ewing, CoSponsor, Head Judge
Omaha, Nebraska
- JD Buchert, IMF 95
Dallas, Texas
- Harley McMillan, IML Productions
Chicago, Illinois
- Dave Rhodes, TLJ
W. Hollywood, California
- Cindy Bookout, IMSL 94
Omaha, Nebraska
- Larry Everett, IML 95
Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Alan Selby, TLJ MOY 88
San Francisco, California
- WW Walker, Colorado Drummer 95
Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Scott Rodriguez, Washington Prod.
Seattle, Washington

Many special guests will also be on hand to partake in the weekend festivities such as: CoSponsor Dustin Logan, Co-MC Frank Nowicka, IML 96 Joe Gallagher, IMSL 93 Amy Marie Meek, American Leather Boy 95 Kevin McGraw, American Leatherman 95 Greg Lowe, American Leatherwoman 94 Sarah Humboldt, IMSL 95 Pat Baillie, and returning for his 4th Fantasy IML 94 Jeff Tucker, along with many more.

Only one contestant is allowed to compete from each state, province, or country. This year contestants are expected to compete as representatives of Texas, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, Toronto, Maryland, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Tennessee, California, Georgia, Florida, and more.

This year, the event will have more goings-on than ever before. The event starts off with a Pre-Party to be held at DC's on Thursday, August 15, starting at 9:00 p.m. Friday, the spectator events begin at 5:00 p.m. with a Welcome Party, this year sponsored by L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha) at The Chesterfield. At 8:00 p.m. the action moves to The MAX for the Registration Party where there will be introductions of all the judges, special guests, and contestants. Also on Friday evening will be the presentation of Club Colors, a special "Roast" for IMF 95 JD Buchert, and all of the contestants will compete in the infamous "MYSTERY" category. None of the contestants will know the contents of the "MYSTERY" category until 1 hour before they are judged. And, of course, there will be After Hours Parties.

On Saturday, the day starts off with a Sexual Scavenger Hunt that promises to be toooooo much fun, followed by the Vendor Fair and workshops. *****SPECIAL NOTE*** This year, the Vendor Fair will be open to anyone that wishes to attend. You do not have to purchase a weekend package to attend the Vendor Fair.**

The Workshops have been brought back by MAJOR popular DEMAND. This year, workshops will include: "Creative Fantasies" by Cindy Bookout, "Bondage" by Master Gary, and "Being a Boy" by Jose Gallagher and Kevin McGraw.

Saturday evening will be the 1996 International Mr. Fantasy contest. This contest is completely different than any other on the International Circuit. It is designed to be Non-Political, and lots of FUN. Contestants are judged in Pre-Judging, the Mystery Category, On Stage Question and Answer, Fantasy Wear, and Presentation of their Fantasy. The event's opening number, which this year was designed by Bob Ewing, promises to stay in your minds for a long, long time. After the contest, again expect After Hours Parties.

On Sunday at 12:30 p.m. there will be a Farewell Brunch at Gilligan's, followed by the ever-popular Softball Game at 2:30 at Leavenworth Park.

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LEATHER PRIDE IN OMAHA

by Mister Marcus

Hot dudes from throughout the 11-state region covered by the Desert/Plains Drummer title converged in Omaha on Saturday [June 22] to witness the four aspirants go through the process. The pre-judging was on Saturday morning.

The two contestants from Kansas City were absent, but the show went on anyway. Mr. [Dustin] Logan emceed the soiree, and judges Bob Ewing (Omaha), Jim Sterba (Des Moines), Mr. Drummer David Walker & Mrs. Drummer David Anderson (Colorado Springs), Jeanne Moe (Omaha), Johnny Grey (Dallas), Chris Reynolds (Las Vegas), and myself had the awesome task of picking a winner. Mr. Desert Plains Drummer '95 Jim Gau also participated in the judging.

Rick Noss represented Omaha; Lee Zirkle represented Reno; and Eric Boyle and Mike Warner represented St. Louis. They went through the customary interviews, jock attire, Q & A, speech and a fantasy. Each was well-thought out and executed with precision.

Rick Noss' *Wizard of Oz* fantasy was hilarious and brought the house down. Such a butch Tin Man!

The speeches were prerecorded on video and played on three dozen TV screens in the MAX's leather section. In between speeches by visiting dignitaries, entertainment by Monica West and the opening number with IML first runner-up Mark Norton brought the house down.

Yes, leather is alive, well, innovative and exciting in the Desert/Plains Region.

When all the votes were tallied by Dick ("The Legs") Brown — and stage momma Cindy Bookout and den mother "Blake" were thanked along with countless others — the winners were announced.

Mr. Desert/Plains Drummer was Rick Noss; first runner-up Lee Zirkle; and second runner-up Eric Boyle. It was an amazingly well-paced show that started on time and ended on time. All this plus the introduction of Omaha's newest leather clubs, LEO (Leather Engineers of Omaha) and WELT (Women of Educated Leather Tactics). Wonderful hospitality in the Desert/Plains Drummer region. Good show, Dustin and Bob.

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PRIDE DAY IN GRAND ISLAND

by Todd Ruhter

Pride Day wasn't just for Omaha and Lincoln this year. Over 40 people gathered on Saturday, June 22, in Grand Island for their own celebration.

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) sponsored the fourth annual Pride Day festivities with members and their families from all parts of central Nebraska and northern Kansas showing up to participate.

Cool weather offered a great chance for a little outdoor recreation ranging from volleyball to horseshoes, some friendly conversation, and way too much food.

(Wouldn't be a picnic without that, now would it?)

Making their debut this Pride Day were GLAGN's Pride Day t-shirts. Perhaps you saw more than a few of them in the crowd at Omaha's Pride Celebration. Keep your eyes open for them around town.

Keep your calendars handy in the next couple weeks as the Board of Directors of GLAGN will be lining up what appears to be a great summer and fall of activities.

Look for another great barn dance, the best Halloween party this side of Lincoln, and, of course, the much imitated but never matched "Hearts of Fire" Drag Show to benefit NAP in February.

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NEWS FROM LINCOLN — SHEZA MANN TALKS

On June 9th, Brooke Owens and I hosted a benefit for Tasha Devore to help with some of the medical costs incurred during her recent operation. With help of many entertainers, who included: Barbi Que, Lisa Devore, Miss Q — De De Dekarr, Lafayette, Kara Michels, Angel Jackson, Red Essence, Mercedes and the Q Revue (LaRaina, Dita, Y'Vonne, Sinnamon, Danielle, and Sharon) and you, the Community, we raised over \$700. I would like to thank the Q for donating the total proceeds from the door as well.

Back in May, on Saturday the 25th, Alias Jane performed for a crowd of 80 patrons at Panic. If you haven't heard Alias Jane perform, you can catch them again on August 24th at 9 p.m. at Panic. If you like Blues, Jazz, and "Naughty Music," don't miss this night.

If you like Karaoke, don't miss Fridays at Panic. Mike & Carolyn have some fun tunes to perform "Good job," Mike and Carolyn. Love ya.

Panic also held a Casino Night on Thursday, June 13th. The winners were Jack — 1st place, Rhonda — 2nd place, and I took third. It was a fun-filled evening with Black Jack, Roulette, and Craps. Panic's next Casino Night will be Thursday, August 29th, so stop in and see Tommy, Collette, Bob, Kara, Eric, or Daisy and pick up your Panic Dollars. Also, Happy Hour is 4-7 Monday through Friday, and 1-7 on Saturday and Sunday. While you're there maybe you can get Kelly to "spin" with you — but, if you lose, you pay. If you don't know what I'm talking about, stop in and see.

June 16 was a big night at Q when I hosted the Gay Pride Benefit. I would like to thank all the

performers who participated, but especially I'd like to thank Inga and Madame X from Omaha. They were a special surprise — I say that meaning they showed up! Thanks again, Stan.

On Sunday, June 23rd, The Q Revue performed to an audience of 98 at Q. The show titled "The Best of" was well received. The Q Revue started performing 6 months ago after its members competed in the "Beauty and the Beast" contest last October. They're a refreshing group, and well on their way to becoming some of Lincoln's best in entertainment.

Get ready for the 2nd anniversary of Q! We will be holding a lot of fun things for the community in thanks for your support. Starting with Tuesday, August 6 — Mr. and Miss Q will be performing a special show for College Night at 9 p.m. If you haven't been to College Night before, this will be the night to check it out. On Wednesday the 7th, Linda Mackie and I team up to perform live country music from 9 - 11 for Country Night. On Thursday the 8th we have Alias Jane performing for you live on the Q stage from 9 - 11:30. On Friday the 9th and Saturday the 10th, get to Q between 9 and 11 p.m. and your first drink is on us. On Sunday we close out our Anniversary week with "Flashes From The Past, A Year In Review." Show time is 9 p.m.

On Sunday, August 25th and Sunday, September 1st the Star City Cabaret Performers (The Q Revue) will hit the stage with an all new show titled "The Twilight Zone" with special guest Red Essence. Show time is 9 p.m.

Well, that's about it kids, so until next time, from the bottom of my purse, Sheza

GAY DAY IN KC

GreyMatters, K.C. presents Gay Day at Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun. Gay, lesbian, and bisexual men and women of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska are invited to come out at support Gay Day Sunday, August 4, 1996.

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IOWA COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FORMS

*What is the Iowa Coalition for Human Rights?

The Iowa Coalition for Human Rights (ICHR) is a newly formed state-wide organization whose goal is to work for civil and human rights for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, & transgender people. The ICHR formed in reaction to anti-Gay legislation in the 1996 State Legislature. In the past six months, the ICHR has worked on the defeat of HF 2183 (the anti-same-gender marriage bill); held a GLBT Lobby Day in which over 100 people participated; and started to organize a state-wide network of GLBT groups and individuals.

****Who can join the ICHR?** Anyone who supports civil and human rights for GLBT people. Already ICHR includes GLBT people, parents, siblings, friends and pastors. Although the Iowa Coalition for Human Rights is still in its infancy, we have already built the foundation for a strong network of politically active GLBT people and supporters. Now we must move forward quickly to prepare for the 1996 elections and the 1997 Legislative Session. We need your help and together we will make a difference.

****If I join the ICHR is my name and other information confidential? Do I need to be out to help?** You do not need to be out to participate. Many members of ICHR are not GLBT people. All information provided will be held in strictest confidence except where you give us permission to use your name as a founder or otherwise noted. If you choose to participate in the political survey, rest assured that your information will not be given out to candidates. You will only be contacted by ICHR or a ICHR campaign liaison volunteer.

****What does my contribution to ICHR go to?** Contributions will go to activities such as: building a network; operating expenses; getting out the vote, surveys and endorsements; lobbying and legislative research. At this point, all contributions to ICHR will be used for political organizing and cannot be deducted for federal income tax purposes. Developing a political organization will be expensive, but contributions of any amount will be put to good use.

****What if I don't have any money to give now? Is there something else I can do?** Yes! Obtaining civil and human rights will take more than just

money. It will take getting people involved on multiple levels. There are jobs for everyone. One can get involved by putting up yard signs, making calls, helping organize an event, helping with get-out-the-vote, being a district legislative liaison, lobbying, or any number of other ways.

****What if I don't like politics, or have never been really involved?** Even though the Iowa Coalition for Human Rights is a political organization, many of us have never worked on political campaigns, lobbied elected officials, or spoken out publicly. However, we must learn to become as organized and skilled as the right-wing radicals. There is nothing to be afraid of. People will be available to assist you. You can start slow with as little as offering your yard for a sign. As you learn more about politics, you will find areas to help where your interest and skills are desperately needed.

****Is the ICHR a partisan group?** The ICHR is a non-partisan political organization. People of all political stripes are welcome to join our cause. As a non-partisan organization, ICHR may endorse and assist a variety of candidates.

****Why do you need the information on the "Political Survey?"** At this point, the ICHR may not be in a position to provide direct financial assistance to candidates who support GLBT civil and human rights; but we still can help them. Political candidates need help in a variety of ways. ICHR may be able to assist candidates by things like: providing 4-5 people to walk in a parade, finding 20 yard sign locations, securing individual campaign contributions.

****What can I do on an everyday basis to help work for our civil rights?** Read your local paper and send any local clippings about GLBT issues to ICHR. ICHR needs to know what is happening everywhere in the State. Get to know your elected officials and develop a mailing list, phone, e-mail, etc. Contact your elected officials about your thoughts at the beginning of each session and every time a GLBT issue comes before them. Stay informed of political issues coming before the State Legislature and Congress.

****How do I get more information about the ICHR?** For more information, or to get a copy of the ICHR Political Survey, or to submit membership/interest form please contact ICHR, P.O. Box 1222, Iowa City, Iowa, 52244, or contact Richard Shannon @ 319-337-5870, rashanno@sprynet.com

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GLBT STUDENT BODY AT UNO!!!

by Jonathan Raymond,
President of GALO at UNO

Where are you at? Come out and be seen! The Gay and Lesbian Student Organization needs YOU! GALO of UNO is looking for every single one of you to join us and to send a message; we are on the prowl! Last year (Fall '95 & Spring '96) we had a total of 17 people on our roster and a total attendance rate of 10%. Do we only have 17 gay and lesbian students on campus? I'm not that naive and I believe the Kinsey Report is very out of date, but according to that report if we have only 10% gay and lesbian people in every community, then UNO should have about 1,000. Well, GALO of UNO wants the other 983 of you hiding in every corner of the campus—from Durham to Kayser Hall.

Come in and join us at our first meeting of the Fall Semester. Where? At UNO, Milo Bail Student Center, 3rd floor, Board Room. What date? September 9th at 4:00 PM. We will be nominating dedicated members to our board of directors this year. We need a Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two board members. We have lots and lots of new ideas from gay and lesbian reader's night (nights when we read our poetry, stories, perform songs, show paintings, etc.), gay and lesbian movie nights, petitioning for our long overdue GLBT Resource Center, a schedule of speakers (Let's get Louganis here!), and several Pride banquets. We are also in the process of creating a confidential talk group for those who are not quite out of the "closet" (but that will decide on how many serious members we have by that time).

Let's finally make GALO of UNO work!! The only way we can do this is for YOU, yes, you, to JOIN! UNL has a gay and lesbian group, very successful and a resource center established, why should we go without? I understand UNO is a commuter campus; I also attend the university, but if we don't start to make a difference, where is the future of the GLBT college community? Get together! Quit separating and come to the Board Room!!!! Let's make a difference for our community. You all pay a UPF fee. Let's make it completely worth it! Everyone, student or non, are welcome! If you have any questions contact me at (402) 571-8518. Don't be afraid to leave a message; I'll call back and I'll be discreet. Looking forward to seeing all 1,000 of you there.



REV. JERI ANN HARVEY TO SPEAK AT MCC-O

Evangelist Harvey will be in Omaha Aug. 23-25 to share God's message of love and laughter to all who will hear. She will speak on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday morning during the 10:30 Worship Service.

Rev. Harvey brings a message of joy to fill the hearts of all who gather. Her favorite image of Jesus has him with his head tilted and his hair tossed back and blowing in the breeze. His mouth is open wide in a laugh that echoes through eternity. This is the Jesus she preaches and teaches.

Her messages for us here in Omaha will be laced with humor that will make the congregation smile and, yes, laugh.

The congregation of MCC-O invite you to join us for this special time of worship Aug. 23, 24, & 25. You won't regret it!

A social time is being planned to follow the Friday night service and the Sunday morning service.

In other MCC-O news—July saw the end of the Volleyball Team's play and the first victory for the Women's Softball team!

Stained glass window repair is moving along. Work has begun on the south windows, where only minimal damage had been done.

In the Social Hall numerous finish jobs need to be completed, but the overall project looks "out of this world!"

The Pantry continues to get 20-25 requests each month—that makes about about 100 meals each month—and most of those go to Persons With AIDS.

The yard continues to keep one leaf, one bush, one tree ahead of us, but its beauty is such a blessing to us that we continue to struggle to maintain it.

God continues to bless us with a stream of visitors and new members! We invite you to join us any Sunday at either the 9:00 a.m. or the 10:30 a.m. Service.

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- 3 — NAP Cut-a-Thon
- 3 — k.d. lang performs - Des Moines
- 4 — ICON "Women on Center Stage"
- 4 — GALP Show - MAX
- 6 — ANGLE "Slice of Summer"
- 6 — Q 2nd Anniversary—Mr/Miss Q
- 7 — Q - Linda & Sheza Ilve Country
- 8 — Q 2nd Anniv - Alias Jane
- 9-10 "Chest Hair"
- 11 — Inga Does DC's, MCC Benefit
- 11 — Roxy at The MAX
- 11 — Q 2nd Anniv —Year in Review
- 13-18 - Michigan Women Music Fest
- 15-18 - "Old Lesbians" Gathering -
- 16 — Chest Hair
- 16 - 18 Women tubing on Niobrara
- 16-18 - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest
- 23, 24, 25 —Jeri Anne Harvey - MCC
- 24 — Alias Jane at The Panic-Lincoln
- 25 — NOW Equality Day
- 25 — River City Bowling Resumes
- 25 — Great White Night - The MAX
- 25 — Q Review "Twilight Zone"
- 25 — Miss River City —The Run
- 29 — Casino Night at The Panic - Ln

September

- 1 — ICON "Hats Off", DC's
- 2 — ICON Labor Day Picnic
- 6 — PFLAG Putt Putt Golf
- 9 — GALO Resumes Meeting
- 15 — Womyn's Riverboat Ride
- 19 — NAP AIDS Walk
- 24-26 — Int'l Mr. Drummer - SF

October

- AIDS Awareness Month
- TBA AIDS Awareness Art Show
- 5 — HGRA Awards Banquet
- 5 — Suzane Westenhofer Concert
- 6 — Lutherans Concerned
- 10, 11, 12 — ONYX Images
- 11-14 —Int'l Frontrunners Conven
- 11 — National Coming Out Day
- 12 — HGRA Royalty Contest
- 13 — AIDS Quilt Display - D.C.
- 18 — ACLU-Nebr Annual Dinner
- 26 — ANGLE Recognition Dinner
- 31-Nov 2—Transgender Festival
- TBA — Beauty & Beast - Lincoln
- TBA — GLAGN Halloween Party

November

- 3 — ICON Food 4 Thought - Lincoln
- 6-10 Creating Change —Wash,DC
- 10 — ICON Food 4 Thought - Omaha
- 10 & 17 — All Iowa AIDS Benefit

December

- 1 — Lutherans Concerned
- 1 - PFLAG Holiday Gathering
- 7 — Night of 1000 Stars
- 8 — ICON Toyz 4 Totz - Omaha
- 15 — ICON Toyz 4 Totz - Lincoln

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- 26— Miss MAX
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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] or
info@nap.org <http://www.nap.org/>

Nebraska Dept of Health,
Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847, 308/865-5609
Norfolk, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16,
(402) 370-3395

NorthPlatte, Craft St. Office Bldg,
200 So. Silber, 69101 (308) 535-8133

Nemaha County Health Department,
1824 N, Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549

LEGAL

Petersen Law Offices, Thomas M. Petersen
Attorney & Counselor, 2712 S. 87th Ave.,
Omaha, 68124 (402) 393-8080

Taylor & Wild, Suite 25, Gold's Galleria,
1033 "O" St., Lincoln, (402) 434-9482

Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 910 "L"
St. Lincoln 68508-2228 476-3882; Jim

Nebr Bar Assoc, 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Box 81455,
Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091

AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),
Box 31305, Omaha 68131 Call Nebraska
AIDS Project at 342-6367

Art/AIDS Awareness, (402) 592-7812, Group
of HIV+ visual artists educating public about
realities of AIDS through art.

PASTORAL CARE

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery)
Service: 2nd Monday, 7pm, St Cecilia'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

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-6367

AIDS Educ Project, UNL G/L Resource Cntr,
Rm 342, Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644

American Red Cross,
2245 Heather Dr, Crete 68333 (402) 826-3785
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997
2515 St Marys Ave, Omaha 68105 431-4447

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

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

Grand Island/Hall Co. Health Dept,
105 E. 1st, Grand Island (308) 385-5175

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

Lincoln-Lancaster Co Health Dept 3145 N,
Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling

Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center, AIDS
education to health care professionals. UNMC,
600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681

Nebraska AIDS Project
{statewide} (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or
info@nap.org <http://www.nap.org/>

Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
Volunteer Services, Administration 342-6367;
AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV testing,
AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling

Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610

Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807

Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361. (308) 635-3807

Nebraska Dept of Health,
Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847,
(308) 234-8183
Norfolk, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm
Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395
NorthPlatte, Craft St. Office Bldg,
200 So. Silber, 69101 (308) 535-8133

Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center,
UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227

Nemaha County Health Department,
1824 N, Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549

Scottsbluff Co Health Dept,
Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866

Siouxland AIDS Coalition, meets 2nd Tuesday
at 12 noon at Siouxland Chapter of American
Red Cross, 1512 Pierce St., Sioux City, Iowa.
Call (712) 252-0722

Veterans Admin Medical Center, 42 & Wood-
worth, Omaha 346-8800; Dean Pierce, x 4119

HOME HEALTH CARE

LINK-ON, 1318 S. 16, Lincoln, 68502, (402)
477-8439, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm, counseling,
teaching of HIV infected individuals, people
with AIDS, and others; Rick Swaink, Director.

RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE

The Franciscan Motherhouse, 1052 Park
Avenue, P.O. Box 8393, Omaha, NE 68108-
0393, Telephone (402) 344-4557, Residential
Hospice Care for Persons With AIDS

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

Calico II HIV-AIDS Support Group, Meets
1st & 3rd Tues, 7pm, Alliance For info call:
(308) 762-8259

Family AIDS Support Group: Sponsored by
PFLAG-Omaha, Meet 1st Sunday, 2p.m. First
United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha

**Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support
Group,** Meets 3rd Tuesday, (308) 385-5175

Harambee Mental Health Services, Business
& Technical Center, 2505 N. 24, Omaha, NE
68110, (402) 451-3913. Mental Health Services
to people of color who are infected with HIV,
their partners, and their families. A program
developed by Charles Drew Health Center

Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group, 1st
Monday, info, phone Barb (308) 865-5610

Nebraska AIDS Project
{statewide} (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or
info@nap.org <http://www.nap.org/>

Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
Volunteer Services & Administration 402-342-
6367, AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV tests,
AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling

Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610

Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807

Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361. (308) 635-3807

North Platte Area Support Grp,
Call: (308) 535-8133

**Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support
Group,** Scottsbluff, Call (308) 635-3606



*****LINCOLN*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:

****Mon 7:30pm, Rainbow AA, 3rd Floor, "Meeting Place" 28 & S. Lincoln**
****Thurs. 7:30pm. Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526**
****Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214**

BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternate LifeStyle)
 Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Mon. 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstrs) 640N 16. All sexes welcome.

Gay Men's Support Group, c/o Counseling & Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL, Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential

Lambda Business Assoc, Box 6341, Lincoln 68506 421-483-6183, Mtg 4th Sun, 3pm

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

National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln-activist org. issues of full equality for women, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 477-1226

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880. 4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", HIV Family Grp, G/L Youth Grp meet same time/plce

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Neb Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644, Social, info, referral, library, General meetings Tuesdays, 7pm, during school year

The Witamin's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln.

A Woman's Place, Box 67035, Lincoln, 68506, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women.

Youth Talkline 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm-Midnite, Lincoln. Emotional support, referrals, AIDS info for callers. Age 23 and under. Project of Coalition for G/L Civil Rts

YWCA Counseling & Education Department, 476-2802, Lincoln. Information and Referral.

*****OMAHA*****

Alcoholics Anonymous,

****Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prsbytrn**
****Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High**
****Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm,**
****Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm**

A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108, 558-5303, Network, raise consciousness, PRIDE activities, Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet www.angl.org.

Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155, (402) 398-3027, Legislative action- eliminate discrimination for g/l/b 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

Community Resource Development Center, Box 8343, Omaha, 68108, Meet 3rd Sunday, 2-5pm, Call 558-5303, ask for Darrin

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians. US WEST. Contact Pat Phalen, 1299 Farrum, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102 (402) 348-8569

Frontrunners/walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104, HOTLINE 496-3658, Running/Walking Club (SASE for info)

Gay & Lesbian Organization of UNO (GaLo), UNO Students/sponsors Monday Milo Bail Ctr, 3rd Floor Board Room, Info call Jonathan Raymond 571-8518 or Diallo Mudd 554-3492

AREA RESOURCES

Gay And Lesbian Parents Group (G.A.L.P.), 1st Thurs, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563. Emphasis on Gay/Lesbian Parent & significant other. Mtgs open to anyone.

Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line, A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 558-5303

Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD) G/L/B/Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386

ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622, Tournament is held President's Day Weekend each year.

L.E.O. -- The Leather Engineers of Omaha, An educational and social group for Gay Men with an interest in the Leather Lifestyle. For info write: L.E.O., P.O. Box 8181, Omaha, 68108

Lutherans Concerned, 453-7137, 7pm, Mar. 3, June 2, Oct. 6, Dec. 1, 1st Lutheran Omaha

Metropolitan Club, PO Box 31484, Omaha, NE 68131-0484, Meet third Thursday of month, For gay and lesbian professionals to meet, socialize, and network with others.

Men's Support Group, Meet Tuesdays 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St, Call 345-2563

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street, Omaha, 345-2563, Send mail to: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103, Sunday Worship Services at 9 & 10:30am

New Realities, Books, Tapes, Gifts, Old Market Passageway, 1026 Howard, 68102, 342-1863

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), Pansexual education & support group. Meeting & parties monthly. Send \$5 and an age statement to OPC, Box 34463 Omaha 68134

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 Methodist, 7020 Cass, Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7pm, "Program & Sharing", 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"

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

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

River City Gender Alliance, Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502. Hotline: 398-1255, leave message. For crossdressers, transsexuals, & those wishing to know more. All orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday, Omaha

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 341-SING (341-7464). Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 7-9pm, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

Women of the Plains, Box 24355, Omaha, 68124, Bring women's culture back 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

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

REGIONAL/STATEWIDE

American Business & Professional Guild, Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102, Network of gay business/professional men from IA, MN, SD, & NE, Meet last Sat. of each month, Write for info.

Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff, PO Box 924, Charon, NE 69337, 308-432-4047

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

Community Alliance, 1301 Villa Ave, Sioux City, IA 51103 (712) 258-4704

Fellowship of Believers, 812 North 10th, #7, Norfolk 68701, Ph: 402-379-9935 Home-based church meets Wed 7pm, Sun 10am Open to all

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College, Hastings 68901. Call Judy 402-461-7372 (Health Ctr) 402-462-2961 (home). For G/L/B Students & Friends - safe place to meet, discuss & learn.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr., Support, social events, newsletter. Info: GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68847 or call: Todd at (308) 382-5419 or Rod at (402) 879-4650 or e-mail rdeuel@ltec.net.

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Org. for advancement of G/L/B/T society, Board Meets 1st Monday each month

Integrity Prayer Service, Wed, 6pm, St. Thomas Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA. Call Al (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr (712) 258-0141

Iowa Coalition for Human Rights Box 1222, Iowa City, IA 52244, or call Richard Shamon 319/337-5870, rashanno@sprynet.com

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

LinOma Bares, P.O. Box 8493, Omaha, NE 68108. Nudist/Naturalist Clubs for gay/bi men

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. 556-9907 or tjrc05c@prodigy.com. Subs. \$19/year. Deadline: 10th of month

Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Support Services, Box 1046, Scottsbluff 69363, (308) 635-8488

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays *PFLAG, Kearney: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St Luke's Epis. (308) 382-0752 or 995-5490. Mail: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

***PFLAG, Sioux City, IA 2nd Sun, 2pm, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18**

PRIDE Group, c/o Counseling Ctr, Wayne State College, Wayne, NE 68787. Info: Karen or Virginia (402) 375-7321. G/L/B Students. Meet people, discuss issues, provide community service, educate, raise awareness.

University of Nebr-Kearney GLBT Support Group, Meet Thursdays, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, Call Ronnie 308-865-8488 or 308-236-5312, e-mail reid@platte.unk.edu

AUGUST CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p> <p>Lambda Stag AA, Men's Meeting, 4pm, Lowe Ave, Presbyterian</p>	<p>GalO UNO – Will begin meeting again in September</p> <p>HIV Tests, NAP, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p> <p>Rainbow AA, 7:30pm, 3rd Floor, "The Meeting Place" 28 & S, Lincoln</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Fronrunners Run, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7pm, call 475-2437</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>August 4 (1st Sunday) Fronrunners, 10am, Westside Community Education Center, Omaha</p> <p>Family AIDS Support, 2-4pm, 1st Meth, Om</p> <p>"Womyn Take Center Stage" ICON Benefit for Women's Cancer Research, DC's, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Dietra Snow benefit for Gay/Lesbian Parents Group, The MAX, Omaha 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>August 5 (1st Monday) ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, The New Run Bar , Omaha</p>	<p>August 6 (1st Tuesday) AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th St., Lincoln</p> <p>ANGLE "A Slice of Summer" on thePatio at the MAX, 7pm, Omaha, Public Welcome</p> <p>Q 2nd Anniversary, Mr Miss Q, 9pm, College Nite, Q, Lincoln</p>	<p>August 7 (2nd Wed) Q 2nd Anniversary, Linda Mackie & Sheza Mann perform live country music, Country Nite, 9pm, Q, Lincoln</p>
<p>August 11 (2nd Sunday) Fronrunners, 10am, Metcalf Park, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm</p> <p>Miss Gay Omaha, Roxy, The MAX, Omaha</p> <p>Inga Does DC's, Benefit for MCC, DC's</p> <p>Q 2nd Anniversary, Year in Review, Lincoln</p>	<p>Aug 12 (2nd Monday) AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Omaha</p>	<p>August 13 (2nd Tuesday) Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>Free/Confidential HIV Tests by Lancaster Co Health Dept 5-7pm The Panic, Lincoln</p>	<p>August 14 (2nd Wed)</p>
<p>August 18 (3rd Sun) Fronrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha</p> <p>Congregational Forum, 12:30pm, MCC-O Fantasy Festivities: Farewell Brunch, 12:30pm, Gilligans Softball Game, 2:30pm, Leavenworth Park</p> <p>Community Resource Center Development Mtg, 2960 Pacific, Omaha, 5-7pm</p> <p>PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/995-5490</p> <p>Panhandle Mens Group (308)35-8488</p> <p>Bowlers: PreRegister Your Team at the Spaghetti Feed, Chesterfield 5-8pm</p>	<p>Aug 19 (3rd Monday)</p>	<p>August 20 (3rd Tuesday) NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln: 7pm, Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, 477-1226 Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV Support Grp 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p>	<p>August 21(3rd Wed) Carla Petersen's B'day – Happy Birthday, Carla! I Love You!! Sharon</p>
<p>August 25 (4th Sunday) Rev. Jeri Anne Harvey speaks at MCC-O</p> <p>Fronrunners, 10am, Gene Leahy Pk, Omaha</p> <p>Equality Day Celebration of Woman Suffrage, 12n-6pm, Gene Leahy Mall</p> <p>River City Mixed Bowling Fall League begins, Organizational mtg 1pm, Bowl 3pm</p> <p>Lambda Business Assoc, 3pm, Lin 483-6183</p> <p>MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215, Lincoln</p> <p>Great White Nite, The MAX, 8:30pm, Omaha</p> <p>Q Revue, "Twilight Zone," 9pm, Q, Lincoln</p> <p>Miss River City Pageant, The Run, Omaha</p>	<p>August 26 (4th Monday)</p>	<p>August 27 (4th Tuesday) PFLAG, 7pm Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Topic "Gay Marriage" Lincoln, 467-4599</p> <p>Straight Spouse Support Group 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln</p> <p>Fronrunners Monthly Mtg, 6:30pm, Omaha, 496-3658</p>	<p>Aug 28 (4th Wed)</p>
<p>September 1 (1st Sunday) Q Revue, "Twilight Zone," 9pm, Q, Lincoln</p> <p>ICON presents "Hats Off to Phoenix! & The Emperor's New Clothes" DC's</p>	<p>Sept 2 (1st Mon) Labor Day Picnic, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31 St., 12n-5pm, Admission: \$5 members, \$7 non-members, includes beer & pop, food for sale, benefit for AIDS</p> <p>Meatpacker Show, The MAX</p>	<p>Sept 3 (1st Tuesday) ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, 2960 Pacific, Omaha</p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th St., Lincoln</p>	<p>Sept 4 (1st Wed)</p>

AUGUST CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

HIV Test Site, NAP, 3610 Dodge, Ste 110, **Omaha** 7-9:30pm
G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" **Lincoln**, Call V.J. 477-3526
Univ. of Nebr-Kearney GLBT Support Grp, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg. info Call Ronnie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312

EVERY FRIDAY

Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**
Lesbian Discussion Grp **Lincoln** 7pm 488-2043
Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, **Lincoln**

Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative"
 Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave
 "Live & Let Live" 8:15pm
 Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 411
Lincoln: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214
Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

EVERY SATURDAY

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**
Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

THURSDAY

August 1 (1st Thursday)

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, **Omaha**

Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-**Omaha**

FRIDAY

August 2 (1st Friday)

August 9 (2nd Friday)
Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**
Fronrunners Friday Afternoon Club, Gilligan's, 6:30pm
Resource Center Fundraising Committee, 7 p.m., 2960 Pacific, **Omaha**
 "Chest Hair", A Staged Reading Performance, 7:30pm & 1:30 am, **Omaha**

SATURDAY

August 3 (1st Saturday)

River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community. Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, 4-5pm, DC's, **Omaha**

Benefit for Missouri Gay Rodeo Assoc, 9pm, DC's, **Omaha**

August 8 (2nd Thursday)

P-FLAG 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass **Omaha** 291-6781 7pm
Straight Spouse Suppt Grp 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

August 10 (2nd Saturday)

Fronrunners, 9am, Ford Birthsite, **Omaha**

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

"Chest Hair", A Staged Reading Performance, 7:30pm & 1:30 am, **Omaha**

August 15 (3rd Thursday)

Metropolitan Club, 6:30pm, Neon Goose, 10 & Pacific, **Omaha**
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

Int'l Mr Fantasy Festivities-Omaha Pre-Party, 9pm, DC's

August 16 (3rd Friday)

Womyn's Book Discussion Group, Call Laurie 556-0937 or Beth 435-2418
Int'l Mr Fantasy Contest Festivities, Omaha
 LEO hosts Welcome Party, **The Chesterfield**, 5pm, Registration Party, **The MAX**, 8pm including Presentation of Club Colors, Roast for IMF 95 JD Buchert; Competition begins with "Mystery Category"
 "Chest Hair", A Staged Reading Performance, 7:30pm & 1:30 am, **Omaha**

August 17 (3rd Saturday)

Int'l Mr Fantasy Contest Festivities, Omaha
 Daytime Activities: Scavenger Hunt, Vendor Fair, Workshops, **The MAX**
 Evening: Int'l Mr Fantasy Competition, **The MAX**

August 22 (4th Thursday)

August 23 (4th Friday)

Evangelist Rev. Jeri Anne Harvey Speaks at MCC-**Omaha**, 7:00 p.m.
Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

August 24 (4th Saturday)

Fronrunners, 9am, Ford Birthsite, **Omaha**
American Professional & Business Guild, **Sioux City, IA**, For Information, write: ABPG, Box 142, Sioux City, Iowa 51102
Evangelist Rev. Jeri Anne Harvey Speaks at MCC-**Omaha**, 7:00 p.m.
 Alias Jane performs at The Panic, 9pm, **Lincoln**

August 29 (5th Thursday)

Casino Night, The Panic, 200 S. 18, **Lincoln**

August 30 (5th Friday)

August 31 (5th Saturday)

Sept 5 (1st Thursday)

CFEP, 7pm, **Omaha**
G/L Parents, 7:30pm, **Omaha**

Sept 6 (1st Friday)

Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

September 7 (1st Saturday)

River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community. Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, 4-5pm, DC's, **Omaha**

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DISCREET ENCOUNTERS Bi WM, married, seeks other Bi or GWM's for fun and whatever happens. Leave me a message. (Lincoln) #22478

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TIE ME UP GWM, 6'3", 200, black hair and eyes, seeks dominant men into leather and bondage. Give me a call. (Lincoln) #21628

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CREATIVE AND PLAYFUL GWM, blue eyes, 38, 190, 6'1" thinning salt/pepper hair, seeks playmates under 40, for friendship and possibly more. (Omaha) #18459

OPEN AND WILLING GWM, 5'2", 210, dark hair, grey eyes, hairy, 'stache/goatee, looking for fun and more. Open to anything. Please leave me a message. (Omaha) #15972

MASSAGE THERAPIST GWM, 30, 150, 5'9", weight lifter, toned, moderately hairy, brown hair, hazel eyes, clean shaven, varied interests, seeks others for friendship, massage and more. Please leave a message. (Omaha) #15499

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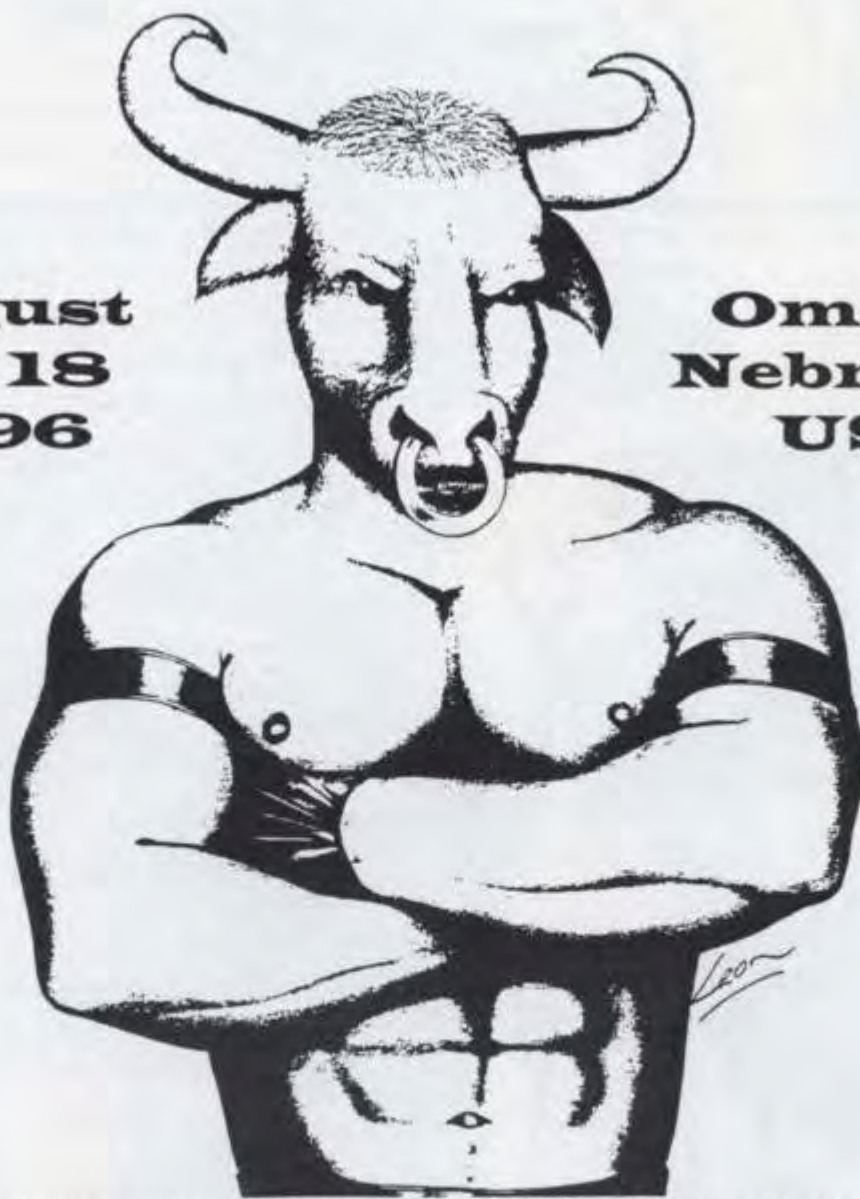


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