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# OUR TURN: Opinions of New Voice Staff

## SO YOU'D LIKE TO HELP WITH THE NEW VOICE...

"Just WHAT do those people do anyway?"

By Sharon Van Butsel

Since we announced that the present Steering Committee of *The New Voice* plans to retire at the end of this publication year (After the February '98 issue), I have been thrilled to receive sincere offers to help continue *The New Voice* from 4 people. That's wonderful! It is just what I knew would happen — there are too many talented, community minded people out there to let this publication die. Thanks Eric, Scott, Cheri, and Michael for your willingness to serve the community. However, we all know that you cannot do it alone, so I'm going to continue to recruit more volunteers so we can turn the magazine over with a solid base of support.

This month we'll talk about some of the mechanics of the operation — typing and layout.

The raw material for the magazine come to us in all sorts of ways: some is e-mailed, some is sent in neatly typed press releases, some comes in the form of scrawled notes on scraps of paper, some come handwritten on legal tablets, and some come in the form of long, rambling documents that must be condensed before they can be used. Some things are in professional journalistic style, ready to be edited by just eliminating the last paragraph (news stories should always have the most important information first and progress to things that are not essential to the story) while others are written like murder mysteries that tease you with bits and pieces until you finally get the important information in the final paragraph. Some are

professionally written with perfect spelling and punctuation, while some is full of misspelled words and sentence fragments and commas everywhere.

The raw material (the "hard copy") goes first to the editor(s) who shorten, correct spelling, correct grammar, correct punctuation, and rearrange sentence structure so the story makes sense. The editor also removes profanity not necessary to the content of the story and eliminates things which may put us at risk for libel or slander charges.

The edited copy then goes to the typists who type the stories into a computer. Since we are not on the internet at the main *New Voice* office, the stories must be saved to disk and delivered to *The New Voice*. The magazine is actually laid out on Macintosh computers, so it's handy if the typed stories are done in MacWrite II word processing program, but I can convert Word Perfect documents to Macintosh on my personal computer. The active involvement of the typists is brief, but intense. Where writers and reporters work all month long, typists receive their hard copy just after the 10th of the month and need to have it typed and returned within 3-4 days.

Once all of the typed copy is received, it is combined into several subdirectories (local news, features, national news, etc.) and we are ready for layout.

*The New Voice* is laid out using a PageMaker

4.1 program for Macintosh (old, but works great). The basic template was set years ago, and we just erase the pages and start over each month on the same template. The initial layout is done by our treasurer/advertising manager, Dick Brown. He figures out all of the ads that we have for a particular issue and maps out the spaces for the ads on the template. He actually typesets and creates some of the ads — others are pasted down as camera ready copy so all he has to do is block out a box of the correct size. Once this is done, the template is passed on to me for layout.

I've been doing the layout with some help from Carla for several years now, but it is not really part of the editor's duties — it just happens to be something that I really like doing. It's a lot like putting a jigsaw puzzle together. You start with a page with boxes of various sizes on it and you have to pick out stories that fit under the general heading for that particular section and that fit into the space available. That is a challenge! Many, many, many times I pick out a story for local news and put it on the page, only to discover that it is two inches too long or an inch too short. So I either have to take out part of the story (hard to do with local news — easier with long, rambling opinion pieces) or delete it and find something else. Or I have to stretch the story by making a huge headline or putting in one of those little "filler ads" that take up 1-2 column inches.

After a few years of practice, you develop a fair eye for what will fit in what space but sometimes you run into a dilemma — sort of like I did with Brian's Page last month. What Brian submitted was great, but there was no way it would fit on one page — and it wasn't big enough for two pages and, anyway, I didn't have two facing pages that had enough room. So last month you ended up with BRIAN'S PAGES instead of BRIAN'S PAGE. It worked and only took moving four advertisements around to do it.

That is another problem. You can move ads around so you have room for a particular story, but it gets tricky because some businesses always want their ads in a particular place and others just want them in a "good" place. Well, the preferred place for ads is on the lower right hand corner of the right hand page. Just try getting 40 ads into the lower right hand corners of a 36 pages magazine!

But it all works out in the end and we can always fall back on "fillers," those stories about some festival or book or news happening that seem to appear out of nowhere in the middle of the local news or features or letters to the editor.

Next month, we'll be talking about two of the toughest jobs, advertising and the job of treasurer. Those positions take exceptional talents of persistence and attention to detail. But more about that next month.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help keep *The New Voice* going, please call Sharon Van Butsel at 556-9007 or Dick Brown at 453-6688.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANK YOU SHEEZA MANN!

Dear Editor,

I tend not to go out too much anymore, but I heard that Sheeza Mann of Lincoln is retiring, and so of all people, I felt the need to write.

When I moved to Lincoln 6 years ago, Club 2001 was open and Sheeza was there. I have come to know many people in Lincoln who like and respect Sheeza. She has continually and tirelessly worked to bring the Lincoln Community into a more upright and respected Gay Community, and for that the Gay Community, and myself, owe her a very big "THANK YOU".

Her commitment to have a gay teen line for many years, to working with you and the Imperial Court, bringing Omaha's finest performers here, and even some of the country's top Gay acts have been brought to Lincoln, through her work. And no one should forget all the interviews, the set up work, press releases and all she did for the "Too Wong Foo" era of Lincoln.

Though Sheeza and I have been on opposing sides of debates and issues from time to time, I always knew that she had the respect and admiration of many people here in Lincoln, and elsewhere, I'm sure.

Again, I hope everyone realizes the large and successful shoes Sheeza is leaving behind, that she has filled for years. (Rick, whether you know it or not I truly respect you.) I hope the Lincoln community, now being stronger because of Sheeza's work, will be as supportive of her successor. Good Luck Rick.

Sincerely,  
"David Lee" Hall  
Lincoln, NE

## READER OBJECTS TO HOMOPHOBIC VIEWS EXPRESSED ON TV SHOW

Sharon: Enclosed is a copy of the letter read at the ANGLE meeting. You may publish it.

Attention: Programming  
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2665 Douglas  
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Dear Program Director:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter written to On Main Street, a Christian discussion program aired on Sundays. I wanted to bring to your attention the focus of the show aired on February 23, 1997. As stated in my letter to the show's program director, anti-homosexual sentiments such as those voiced on this program have dangerous consequences for millions of people. As a local affiliate, your station needs to be made aware of the content of this particular episode and hopefully find ways to give equal air time to pro-homosexuality issues in order to make balanced programming available to the public.

Sincerely,  
Margarita Bodisch

On Main Street  
2185 Hampton Ave.  
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Dear Program Director:

I am writing to you in regards to your program aired on Sunday February 23rd, 1997. The topic dealt with anti-homosexuality issues. Your three guests from various backgrounds and experiences voiced their opinions in the discussion regarding the "Pro-Change" movement. (A movement that states a homosexual can choose to change their sexuality and not be homosexual.) I was appalled by their statements and judgmental condemnation while in the stance of being God-fearing Christians. I am concerned about your decision to give public air time to such horrid right-wing philosophies that have dangerous consequences for millions of people worldwide. Let me explain...

Your guest's viewpoints and the Pro-Change movement have dangerous consequences for millions of gays and lesbians and even people misjudged to be homosexual by others. The guest's comments portrayed homosexuals as in the wrong, sinful and mentally ill, that they are misguided individuals who need to be put in their place and made to repent. As God fearing Christians, homosexuality is not acceptable behavior, but something to be stamped out, eradicated from our society.

In the face of fear tactics, it can make it seem okay for hateful individuals to promote violence against homosexuals or even mistakenly identified homosexuals who are actually heterosexual. I wanted to remind you that just recently in the news there was a bombing in Piedmont Park of Atlanta, GA at the Otherside Lounge, an establishment supposedly frequented by gays and lesbians. A right-wing Christian group claimed responsibility for this violence. Where does this leave open Christian tolerance for humanity?

My belief is that for the most part homosexuality is genetic, people are born with these tendencies or not. Statistics have shown that the suicide rate for young gay and lesbian teens are the highest. Many teens, confused about their identity, find no acceptance, being shamed, not being welcome or fitting into society if they are homosexual. What if there was non-judgmental acceptance for them, whoever they are, would they find reason to live?

I would like to see your program offer equal air time to a pro-homosexual Christian group, such as a pastor from the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), or Parents of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) to talk about God's love for all, including homosexuals. Your program needs to have a balanced viewpoint on this issue. I hope that you take my letter seriously and follow up on my request. It is unfortunate that anti-homosexual Christians use the bible and God as a scapegoat to discriminate, hate and hurt other innocent people.

Sincerely,  
Margarita Bodisch

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## WHAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF HATE?

by Gary L. Beck

While on vacation, I ran across an interesting quote by Elie Wiesel. It went something like this, "The opposite of hate is not love; it is indifference." I found this to be quite a perplexing notion. As I was driving home after reading that, it caused me to focus on what the emotions of hate and love are. Hate and love can inspire individuals to act, either in a positive or negative manner. Therefore, the two emotions are different sides of the same coin.

Before anyone thinks I have really lost it, let me explain. I have been reading a fantastic book entitled "Führer-Ex" regarding the neo-Nazi movement in Germany. These are individuals who are acting on what I view as hate in a negative light. Their irrational hatred of anyone other than Germans causes them to act violently toward humanity. My hatred of injustice against gays and lesbians causes me to strive to reform the governmental system to provide protection for us. Love is an emotion that can be viewed in the same manner.

Indifference, conversely, results in no action whatsoever. Apathy. Indifference allows anything to happen, whether it be good or bad. Most of the time, however, indifference results in less than favorable results.

I thought of this indifference in lieu of some of the things happening in Nebraska right now with respect to pending legislation in the Unicameral. There is a bill that would forbid same-sex marriages from ever being recognized in the State of Nebraska as well as bills that would recognize same-sex marriages, provide protection from hate crimes, and provide protection from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. How many people in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community knew that these bills were being discussed? What did you do about it? Did you contact your senator?

It is rather unfortunate that there are so few people doing the work for a community as large as ours. In order for us to successfully obtain equal rights in this state, it seems to me that our community needs to learn to hate indifference and work harder to see these rights become reality. A friend of mine often slights me and says that one person cannot make a difference. Although this is true to some degree, one person can start a ripple and eventually a wave could be the end result. Come on, people, let's make a difference in Nebraska! Don't let indifference be what defeats the Gay Community in Nebraska.



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# FEATURES

## FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lunden

Nationally Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Did you know that before Science came along, man's ancestors sought answers about who they were through myths? Through myths and legends they learned who they were. Many of us do this today in certain areas of life. For instance: through myths and legends I discovered my Swedish self. There is honestly nothing in myth or legend which will help me discover my homosexual self.

Today, if we in the homosexual community are to find OUR answers and truths, it must be through Science. Our myths and legends only pose questions with no answers on how, when and why we become homosexuals; why our percentage of the population has remained a

rather stable 10% over the Centuries. Why? How? When? We still don't have the answers.

If we are to truly "KNOW THYSELF" as urged to do by the prophets of myth and legend, yes, if we are to KNOW ourselves, we dare not look to our past for answers. Science must give us our answers. Like: Why do we know deep down in our inner selves that we are the way we are because that's just the way we are and we had no choice but to accept the way we are? Why do we innately know this? We need this answer because of the idiots out there who are not homosexual, but, they nonetheless believe we chose to be the way we are. And, it's easy for them to think this way because they think they chose to be the way they are. They really have no idea about how we feel or think but I do know Science could put facts not feelings into their hands. Since our heirs' "destinies are in our hands" it wouldn't surprise me if someone reading this now might become one of the saviors — scientifically speaking that is.

Admittedly we've learned about our gay and lesbian ancestors, which is important, but we still

don't know about the how, when and why of their existence. Thanks to our Gay Archives, our Libraries and Bookstores, we surely do know a hell of a lot more in 1995 about us as a group than our ancestors did in 1885.

Let us therefore applaud the efforts — HEY! Let us support and assist the efforts of these geneticists, biologist, medical scientist, and yes, even our social scientists laboring to find truths; answers which will help us KNOW OURSELVES.

Now I don't know about you, but I'm just so damned convinced in my own mind that we are all normal; just like all straights are normal. What I'd really also like to know is how all those other weirdoes fit into this picture.

CHANNEL CHANGE: Okay, let's cut out the FAT! I'm not even chubby, and, I'm not a chubby chaser, BUT, I am really sick and tired of all this crap about "cutting the fat" out of My life — OUR LIVES! Big Brother is going to watch over us and take all our fat away. The next thing we know the Government is going to step in and take away the right to smoke cigarettes because they are harmful also and who knows better than Big Brother what should or should not be put into our mouths.

Of course our gay and lesbian community should easily go along with Big Brother caring for us, huh? B.B. has been trying to do this for years; after all, "he" knows what's best for us.

Now as far as I'm concerned, if anyone should be concerned about my health, it should be me. I do have a 32" waist line now — which is 2" of fat I didn't used to have, AND, I have a history of heart problems, AND, one of my arteries to the brain is genetically smaller than it should be SO I've been warned. Should I be concerned about my fat intake? Sure — or maybe it SHOULD be Big Brother since I'm not much at reading labels.

Now maybe this doesn't mean anything to you, but I do so enjoy my God given freedom to let my own body tell me what I'm hungry for. I'd like to believe my Creator gave me everything I need to survive to that date I preset before I entered this life when my spirit would exit my body. So how's my health after eating T-bones, greasy, fatty T-bone steaks which I dearly love; after smoking cigarettes now for half a century? Outside of the fact that I have picked up a little virus called the Epstein Barr virus, Doc tells me I'm in excellent condition. Cut out the fat? Not if I have to grow my own beef! Stop smoking? Not if I want to stay relaxed and enjoy life. Will I complain if the Government tries to interfere with these freedoms. You better believe I will squeal like a pig eating shell corn!

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

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# XENA: WARRIOR PRINCESS

by Stef Matthews, from *The Transformer*

I don't normally watch "Xena: Warrior Princess" but on Super Bowl Sunday my usual fare, Star Trek Voyager had been pushed later than I was willing to stay up. I came across Xena while flipping channels. If you haven't seen this show, it's kind of cross between "Conan the Barbarian" and "Clueless". Weekly plots revolve around Xena and her merry band travelling the countryside and finding some horrible injustice that must be set right. Often only through the use of Xena's extraordinary fighting talents and smart-ass comments. As virtually every female character is scantily clad with cleavage, I assume the "target" audience is post-puberty males. Or is it?

The night that I found the show in progress, Xena was involved in avoiding a major war by participating in "The Miss Known World" beauty contest with a group of other lovely ladies. I never caught on as to how a beauty contest could avoid a war, especially since the male sponsors kept threatening to call in troops if their contestant didn't win. Anyway, Xena is also trying to figure out who is trying to sabotage the contest and confronts one of the contestants. Sometime during this scene, Xena realizes something that I hadn't and she reaches up and pulls the wig off of "Miss Artiphys". I thought I could make any and all (ab)uses of TG's in television, but this caught me totally off guard. It must have been the very convincing portrayal by the actor(ess) along with a beautiful face, decent cleavage and a slender body. She had me fooled. Her character pleads with Xena not to "out" her to the judges saying something like, "This is something that I've always wanted to do. This is my chance to use my talents

and to do something that I am normally teased for, or worse." Of course, Xena agrees to keep the secret for the sake of her new found friend.

At one point in the competition, one of the jealous sponsors tries to "out" Xena (whose long dark locks are covered with a cheap "blonde bimbo" wig) by standing up and shouting, "That's Xena the warrior princess!" The whole audience of the pageant pauses and grabs their swords. Just then, "Miss Artiphys" steps forward and says, "I'm no princess. I'm a Queen!" and diffuses the situation with laughs.

I'll spare you the details of the rest of the story line (?) and skip to the end after the war has been averted and the contestants are on stage to hear whom has been selected as "Miss Known World". Xena pulls out of the competition of finalists and the phony blonde hair. The other three finalists drop out also because through Xena's strength and example they've discovered that beauty contests are beneath them and (you guessed it), "Miss Artiphys" is selected as Miss Known World. Albeit she is the only remaining finalist. Miss Artiphys then grabs Xena around the waist, pulls her close and plants a long kiss on her to the questioning looks of the audience. But the (dumb) audience doesn't catch on and life goes on in the Old World - I mean the Known World.

As Xena and her companion walk off into the sunset towards next week's adventure, her friend says, "So, Miss Known World is really a man?" Xena replies, "Yup!" Friend retorts, "Golly, that's so totally weird!" Xena, in an ever-earnest voiceover, "Beauty is beauty and peace is peace!" Fade to black.... Xena, I couldn't agree more!

# MIDWEST MALE NATURIST GATHERING

The 5th Annual Midwest Male Naturist Gathering (MMNG) will take place Wednesday, June 11th through Sunday, June 15th, at Camp Gaea near Kansas City, Kansas. For the second time the event is being hosted by Naked Minnesota (formerly known as the Minnesota Polar Bares), a social naturist group based in Minneapolis. All gay and bisexual men are invited to attend.

This year's event will feature a wide variety of fun and educational workshops with ample time to swim, sun, and socialize. Recreational activities like "Disco in the Dark", volleyball, and a nude game show are also planned. By request of previous attendees, one more day has been added to the event to give attendees plenty of time to enjoy the gathering.

MMNG is held at Camp Gaea (pronounced guy-ah) where 168 private acres of woodland and grassland, a 15-acre lake and cabins are available for full nude use. The easy accessibility of this regionally central location and alternative-lifestyle supporting ownership have been strong selling points for this rustic facility where the event has been held each year. The camp is located within easy reach of KC Int'l Airport and major highways.

Registration fees are reasonable at \$120 per person for a cabin space and \$110 if camping. MMNG is not run for profit and all excess proceeds are donated to gay naturist causes. Space is limited to 175 attendees and a sell-out is very likely, so early registration is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Applications can be requested by sending a SASE to MMNG '97, P.O. Box 52, Big Lake, MN 55309 or on the web at <http://members.aol.com/MMNGsite>.

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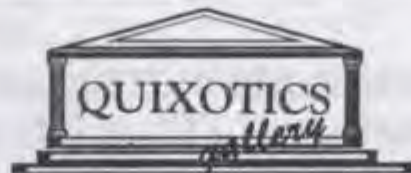
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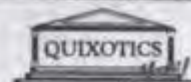
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# BRIAN'S PAGE

## "YOU MEAN PEOPLE ACTUALLY READ THIS THING?"

*Brian's Note: Last Friday (which would be February 28 in my timeline), a very nice gentleman told me that he liked my babblings. Another reader asked me for more detailed information on the men I had mentioned in my massive letterpoem (Sharon was very kind in allowing an extra page to hold as my creativity last month.) And I have noticed that I am sometimes referred to as "oh, that Brian!" With all this adulation, that fact that I have not let all this power corrupt me is truly an amazing event...*

**The "Literate Poofster serves no master!" department:** In my ongoing battle to make us all more well-read, I have spent the past month wallowing knee-deep in comic books (Yeah, I know, but this time I kept my clothes on!) because when push comes to shove, I really do not have the attention span for books. That's why I became a poet.

Anyway, back to the literature-stuff. Since I haven't read anything new lately, I will recommend one of my favorite things to read while eating huge bowls of cereal. If you have ever wondered about the world of your dreams, you will love *The Dreaming*. This is one of the many titles available in DC Comics'; Vertigo line (their "over-the-edge" Mature readers books). Using characters and events created by Neil Gaiman in his critically acclaimed *Sandman* comic, this anthology series features works from some of the top talents in comics today. Since different creative teams take over with each new story, this is an easy book to pick up without having to read (or buy) a whole bunch of back issues. So far we have learned the true calling of gargoyles (especially the golden ones), watched a man travel through time after being accosted by fairies, learned about Adam and Eve's third son, Seth, and walked through the dreams of a woman in a coma as she hovers between life and death. This is great stuff! If you like to lose yourself in myths, dreams, and wonder, this is the book for you.

**The "my dog ate my homework" department:** People sometimes ask me how I go about writing my poetry. To be honest, I really do not know how I do this stuff. Something just "clicks" inside my brain, and "a la peanut butter sandwiches!" a poem is born. I like to just sit around a local watering hole and listen to bits and pieces of conversation around me. Sometimes, that will work. Some mornings, I will wake up with the beginnings of a poem. I try not to force the poem; it will come when it is ready (oooh! That sounded deep, huh?).

**The "I will promote myself shamelessly any way I can" department:** Don't forget the "open mike" night at the book station (1913 Leavenworth, every other Saturday at 8:00pm), where you can see yours truly slinging poetry all over the place, along with introducing some of the metro area's newest writers/poets/performers. I will also be reading at the Community Resource Center open house (check our calendar of events for times and stuff.) this month. If the power hasn't gone to my head now, it never will!! I should probably get to the poetry now, eh? This month, I am featuring yet another poem from Kelly Connor (who was featured in February, 1997). So until next month, take care of each other!!

Brian

## THROUGH

By Kelly Connor

I felt nothing.  
It was like a tense religion;  
I stepped outside to clear my clenched lungs.  
I watched you move across the pavement  
like fighting some fierce battle.  
I said, "you lost."  
I heard your voice — you said,  
"ready."  
I flinched but you were not aware of this.  
you were commanding fire  
with sheer force of will  
to breach these structures,  
and my intentions shuddered.  
You were charming, determined,  
I kept saying, "you lost."  
The distance between us was drunken and  
stumbling,  
the syllables riding your thirsting tongue  
were well-aimed words all meaning something,  
but I felt nothing.  
I prayed for consequence  
I was still and numbed.  
I said, "you lost."  
These words were comforting.  
You left the edge of my peripheral vision.  
You left; I retreated.  
I said,  
"you lost."  
I was wishing I could mean it.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## NIGHTCLUB BOMBED

Local and federal authorities are still investigating the bombing of a lesbian nightclub in Atlanta. Investigators thought the bombing at The Otherside Lounge may have been connected to the January bombing of an Atlanta abortion clinic.

Five people required medical attention in the attack on The Otherside Lounge. One person was injured seriously enough to require hospitalization. Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell called the bombing a hate crime and ordered extra police protection at other gay nightspots in the city.

The Human Rights Campaign called on the Justice Department to investigate the nightclub bombing as a bias-motivated crime.

HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch also turned to an unlikely organization for help in condemning the attack — The Christian Coalition.

Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed responded by issuing a public condemnation that it says is consistent with similar condemnations of violence directed at African American churches, abortion clinics and Roman Catholic churches. The statement read, in part, "The recent bombing of a predominantly gay and lesbian bar in Atlanta was an act of indefensible terrorism and cowardice. It is the very antithesis of our humane and compassionate stand on behalf of the sanctity of the traditional family. I join with other religious leaders who have denounced this act of hypocrisy and violence."

## WORKPLACE FAIRNESS ACT INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

A California Republican has reintroduced the Workplace Fairness Act, which did not make it through the 104th Congress. Rep. Brian Bilbray's bill would prohibit the employment discrimination on any basis other than "qualities pertaining to job performance" for all Americans, including gays and lesbians.

Log Cabin Republicans is praising the introduction which is co-sponsored by four other Republicans and two Democrats.

"We believe that merit should be the only basis for employment in America, and things such as race, sex, religion and sexual orientation should not be a consideration," said Richard Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans. "In most communities across the country, gays and lesbians have no protection at all against employment discrimination. The Workplace Fairness Act would ensure that all Americans, including gays and lesbians, are judged only on their merit and qualifications."

In an innovative approach, Bilbray's bill would fight discrimination in a blanket fashion, rather than adding new protected classes under the traditional civil rights model.

## ELLEN LIKES WOMEN — WHO DOESN'T KNOW THAT BY NOW?

The opportunity for a climactic moment has passed. All that's left is the formality. Ellen [S] coming out.

ABC has announced that Ellen DeGeneres' title character will come out on her popular sitcom is scheduled to air on Wednesday April 30 — 8:30PM CDT.

Ellen Morgan, the character played by DeGeneres, will be the first lesbian or gay to ever lead in an American television sitcom. In this particular episode, Ellen finds herself attracted to an old college chum's lesbian friend (played by Lora Dem) and begins to explore her own sexual orientation.

Oprah Winfrey will guest star as Ellen's therapist who helps her understand her feelings and to come out. There have been reports of other surprises in the episode — so stay tuned!

## LOG CABIN RELEASES PRIORITIES FOR 1997

The nation's largest gay and lesbian Republican organization has released its 1997 priorities, which focus the group's attention on key legislative and political objectives for the year.

Topping the list of legislative priorities in the 105th Congress for Log Cabin Republicans will be the passage of long-awaited legislation to reform and streamline the Food and Drug Administration's method of approving life-saving and life-extending treatments for terminally ill patients, such as people with HIV/AIDS.

LCR also announced it will launch a national, grass-roots campaign to promote voluntary employment non-discrimination policies by Republican elected officials and candidates for office at the local, state and federal levels.

On other fronts, the organization has targeted three key Republican supporters of gay and lesbian equality as top national priorities for re-election. They are New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

## MARRIAGE — IT'S ABOUT DISCRIMINATION

A new congressional report from the General Accounting Office found at least 1,049 laws addressing marital status specifically. Certainly most deny benefits, rights and privileges to same-sex couples.

The Lambda Legal Defense Education Fund says the study was released in February in response to questions raised during the debate over the so-called Defense of Marriage Act.

"Six months after voting for this radical anti-marriage bill, Congress just now is checking out what civil marriage means under federal law," said Evan Wolfson, marriage project director for LLDEF. "They shoved lesbian and gay couples outside this entire system of federal protections."

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## NATIONAL BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM RE-ORGANIZES

Responding to the growing needs of the black gay and lesbian community, the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum is announcing its first major reorganization in 10 years.

The changes include the addition of two new programs, three new national staff members, a slight change in the name (Lesbian and Gay instead of Gay and Lesbian), an entirely new National Board of Directors, a new regional structure and a lower membership fee (from \$35 to \$10).

"These bold new steps will give us a greater presence in local communities throughout the nation," said Executive Director Keith Boykin. "Working out of our new Washington office, the Forum will be able to reach out to black lesbians and gays of all income levels and all areas of the country."

The National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum is the only national organization dedicated to the nation's 2.5 million African-American gays and lesbians. Established in 1988, the Forum works to empower black lesbians and gays by developing their leadership skills, increasing their visibility, and building bridges between communities.

For more information, call 202-483-6786.

## BARBARA GITTINGS, BARNEY FRANK GRAND MARSHALS FOR NYC PRIDE

Heritage of Pride (HOP), organizers of Pride events in New York City, announced that Gay rights activist, Barbara Gittings, and Congressman Barney Frank will be Grand Marshals of the June 29th Lesbian & Gay Pride March. These individuals epitomize HOP's Pride theme of "Liberate, Educate, Demonstrate." Gittings has worked for Gay civil rights since the late 1950's, while Frank took national prominence in the late 1980's as an openly Gay public official. Both have made a lifetime commitment to educating the uninformed and misinformed American public about the truth of Gay and Lesbian lives, relationships, and families.

Elected in 1980, Barney Frank, is now serving his ninth term in the United States House of Representatives, representing the Fourth Congressional district in Massachusetts. He is one of the intellectual and political leaders of the Democratic Party, viewed by many as both "political theorist and pit bull" at the same time. Frank's "coming out" as a 'Gay congressman' was via a casual comment made in response to a reporter's question in May of 1987. He has championed many causes for minorities and Gay/Lesbian persons. Frank has worked to expand immigration limits and has fought against the provision barring HIV+ people from entering the United States. On housing issues, he pushed successfully for amendments to the fair housing bill for people with AIDS, and the HIV virus.

Most recently, Barney Frank was the most outspoken critic of the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA), a bill which gave states the authority to reject the validity of same-sex marriages in any other state that legalized them, and also made married Gay couples ineligible for spousal benefits under the Social Security and Medicare programs.

On the 1997 New York City Pride theme "Liberate, Educate, Demonstrate," Barney Frank commented that, "It is relevant that as a community we come out collectively, in many cases, before we come out individually. People who aren't yet able to, for one reason or another, confront prejudice in a personal, face-to-face way by acknowledging their sexual orientation, are in many cases able to begin that process by joining in Pride marches. Since coming out to others - - throwing off pretense and being honest about who we are - - is the single most important act any Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual person can perform in the cause of liberation from oppression, Pride marches have had a very direct impact."

Barbara Gittings has been a Gay rights activist since 1958, when she commented, "there were scarcely 200 of us in the whole United States. It was like a little club - - we all knew each other." She established the first East Coast chapter of the Lesbian organization, "Daughters of Bilitis" (DOB) in New York City in 1958. She also served as editor of DOB's ground-breaking national magazine, *The Ladder*, from 1963 to 1966.

Gittings marched in the first Gay picket lines in the mid-1960's at the White House, the Pentagon, and Philadelphia's Independence Hall. Gittings remarked, "It was risky and we were scared. Picketing was not a popular tactic at the time. And our cause seemed outlandish even to most Gay people." Speaking on the same Pride theme as Barney Frank, Gittings remarked that, "As a teenager in 1950, I had to struggle alone to learn about myself and what it meant to be Gay. Now for almost forty years I've had the satisfaction of working with other Gay people all across the country to get the bigots off our backs, to oil the closet door hinges, to change prejudiced hearts and minds, and to show that Gay love is good for us and for the rest of the world too. It's hard work - - but it's vital, and it's gratifying, and it's often fun!"

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RESOURCE CENTER GRAND OPENING APRIL 5 & 6

For over two years, a committee of concerned citizens met and worked to fulfill the need for a common place where the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community can inform, share, and care. This is longer a dream but reality. In celebration of this outstanding accomplishment, the Grand Opening Celebration of the GLBT Resource Center will be held the Weekend of April 5, 1997. Activities will be held from 2 - 10pm on Saturday, April 5 and from Noon - 6pm on Sunday.

The Grand Opening will provide the opportunity for the community to be a part of the official naming of the Center. Ballots will be available for those attending the Grand Opening until 5 PM on Sunday, at which time we will count the ballots and announce the new name. The six possible names, in alphabetic order, are:

- Common Bond
- Common Ground
- Family Values
- Mid America Resource Center
- Out & About
- Rainbow Outreach

The weekend also includes the introduction of the Resource Center's newly selected Board of Directors.

One of the special features during the weekend will be a Silent Auction. Many wonderful items have already been donated locally and from across the country. The Silent Auction promises to be an event you cannot miss. Other events include the ribbon cutting ceremony, poetry reading by Bryan Bengtson, performances by local titleholders, and much more.

The weekend of April 5, 1997 will be festive and enjoyable as "A Work in Progress" moves to the next level. For more information concerning the Grand Opening, please write: GLBT Resource Center, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108, or call the Center at 341-0330.

## THE BOUVIER AWARDS

By H.M.I.M. Emperor 16 Royal Bush

The Bouvier Awards are designed to create some fun and recognition for the many people that contribute to our community in very different ways. The Bouvier Awards will recognize bartenders, door people, waiters, talented performers, leather men & women, live singers, emcees, and others who contribute to our community in their own way.

The Bouvier Awards will be held Sunday, April 6th, at 9:00 p.m. at The MAX. The winners of best male/female lip sync, best male/female live performance, and the finalists for Best Drag Performance will perform for the audience. The audience will vote that night for the winner or Best Song of the Year (In-Drag).

This is a way for the community to thank some people who go out of their way to make our life just a little better! So, take note who pours the best drink, who opens the doors for you, and who works the hardest for your tip! (Did I mention we may have the best buns award? OH! I mean the best CHEESEBURGER buns award!) Hope to see you April 6th!

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SNAP Productions has added a blockbuster presentation to its 1997 line-up.

On April 7 at 7:30 PM in the Howard Drew Theater at the Omaha Community Playhouse, SNAP will present for **one performance only** Katie La Bourdette's recreation of the last night of Marilyn Monroe's life. Marilyn: Sleepless Nights is set in Marilyn's Brentwood home master bedroom on the night of August 4, 1962. Katie creates a near perfect illusion of Marilyn that is so exact, working on so many different levels including singing, witty comments, and that unforgettable soft voice.

Tickets for this "one night only" performance include an elegant reception for the single ticket price of only \$25.

Love! Valour! Compassion!, will be presented April 12- 17 and 19- 20 at the Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154. Love! Valour! Compassion!, written by Terrance McNally, was the winner of a Tony Award in 1995. You will join Perry, Arthur, Gregory, Bobby, Ramon, John, James, and Buzz at a beautiful country farmhouse, where they hash out their passions, resentments and fears over the course of 3 summer weekends. Newspapers around the country say that the play... "is a big, generous, haunted comedy that presents humbling evidence of what human love is and can be. It is so witty and tough and beautiful that it helps identify our terrible time as a golden age. It speaks difficult truths with Love,

Valour, and Compassion."

Tickets are available from SNAP Productions, 1323 Jackson Street, Suite 606, Omaha, NE 68102. For more information you may call 342-9053. Tickets for individual performances are \$20 per person, per performance with the exception of the Patron Opening and Reception which are \$25.

**LINCOLN PRIDE NETWORK**

The Lincoln Pride Network is an inclusive umbrella organization to facilitate communications among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered organizations and individuals in the Lincoln area.

A monthly newsletter is being published. Submissions regarding events which are of interest to those in the Lincoln area are welcome. The deadline for submissions is the 14th of the month for publication the following month. The LPN reserves the right to refuse submissions deemed to be contrary to the mission of Lincoln Pride Network. Articles are published on a first come, first served basis for available space.

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## NAP WELLNESS CENTER DEDICATION SET FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 20

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremonies for the Nebraska AIDS Project's new Wellness Center facility. The ceremony is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 20 at 139 South 40th Street in Omaha. Dignitaries and religious leaders from across the state will be in attendance.

Opened in January of 1997, the Wellness Center is Nebraska's first full-time drop-in center for people living with HIV/AIDS. The Wellness Center is an adult day facility designed to meet the growing psycho-social needs of people living with HIV or AIDS in the Omaha metropolitan area. A variety of programs are in development, ranging from daily meal programs to group and individual counseling. These programs are all being designed with the same goal: to lessen isolation and enhance quality of life.

According to NAP Executive Director, Joseph Hall, "The timing of the Wellness Center couldn't have been better." With the introduction of new therapies (most notably the latest generation of Protease inhibitors) many people living with AIDS face the possibility of a greatly extended life expectancy. "A diagnosis of AIDS doesn't mean that life is over. It does mean, however, that each day becomes a quest to stay well," Hall added.

As people with AIDS live longer, new difficulties have emerged that adversely affect the quality of life for many - isolation, depression, inadequate nutrition, and financial instability have grown into important concerns. The physical and emotional deterioration that stems from this disease are significant obstacles to maintaining an independent and meaningful life.

When NAP first formed, it was to support the dying. As this disease has spread, it has changed. As the disease has changed, so have the needs of our clients. The Wellness Center is a direct response to these changes.



## GENDER ALLIANCE PLANNING FOR FALL HARVEST

In preparation for Fall Harvest '97, a transgender conference and celebration which will be held this fall at the Red Lion in downtown Omaha, the River City Gender Alliance will host a planning meeting with members of M.A.G.G.I.E., the regional alliance of transgender groups from the Midwest. This will be the first time that Fall Harvest has been held in Omaha and the first time that a major transgender event has been held at a major downtown hotel.

On April 19, after a day hard at work on the details of the conference, the River City Gender Alliance and the members of MAGGIE will be honored at a reception from 5-7pm at Gilligan's. This event is hosted by the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

Following the reception, Emperor Royal Bush and Barbra Love will host a special show "Together in Unity" at the Omaha Mining Company from 7-9 p.m.

The show will feature special guests, Miss MAX 13 Ashley Simone and Empress Phoenix Fallentino, joined by Monique, Leslie, and Princess Royale 16 Sharon. Proceeds from the show will benefit the River City Gender Alliance.

## CHEST HAIR RETURNS

By Scott Hays

Once again we get the chance to see and enjoy a great play by one of our own, performed by members of our community.

*Chest Hair*, by Hersh Rodasky, is returning to the Omaha area for two performances in conjunction with the AIDS Quilt Display to be held at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs as part of the weekend activities. The Quilt Display and the play are sponsored by the Junior College Honorary, Phi Theta Kappa.

*Chest Hair* will be presented at 7:30, April 17 & 18 (Thursday and Friday), in the Leid DeForest Building at IWCC. Admission to *Chest Hair* is \$5.00.

Speaking with the author this weekend, I found that *Chest Hair* is a universally appealing play. It is so popular, in fact, in both the straight and gay community that the performances for a University of Wyoming Diversity Workshop to be held May 1-4 have been sold out for several weeks. Considering the theater in which they will be performing seats 700, that's a lot of people.

There are also two casts performing this show simultaneously all over the Midwest and the entire Rocky Mountain Region.

*Chest Hair* has played in Omaha, Colorado State University, Rendezvous '96, Laramie, Wyoming, and Iowa Western Community College.

If you miss the performances on April 17 & 18, look forward to seeing *Chest Hair* again April

26 at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 South 22, as a fundraiser for the church.

For those of you who haven't seen the show it's a light comedy about the serious subject of Homophobia, "Nothing anything of us have ever experienced," he said sarcastically.

The play is set during a Weekend Men's Retreat. You remember, in the early 90's all those "Real Men exploring their Real Beings" type events. In this retreat the attendees are divided into a tribal group of four, and the Chief of the tribe is selected by the leaders of the Retreat.

We follow this group of men, whose Chief is an openly gay man. Two of the men are rather open-minded toward the Chief, while one is having real problems dealing with his homophobia.

The Universal appeal of this play comes in that the play shows men how they "really are," when there are no women around to conform their behavior. It also explores how ignorant people can be when it comes to understanding what it's like to be a gay man. And also we get to explore what gay men and straight men are like when they're forced to interact with each other on a personal level.

If you get a chance to see any theater this year, this is The One You Can't Miss; even if you don't enjoy theater. The show is great, and the cause that is going on in conjunction with this performance is equally important.



# April Goings-On

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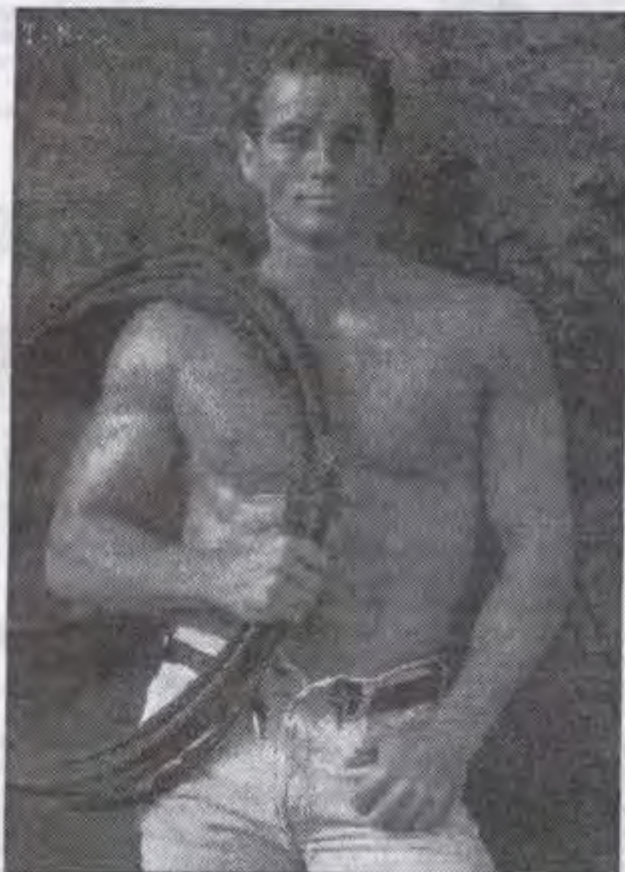
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## GAY RODEO EXPLAINED

### Horse Events

This is the fifth in a series of articles to explain gay rodeo.

Heartland Regional Rodeo, sponsored by the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, is scheduled for the weekend of June 27 - 29, 1997, in Fremont, NE. The rodeo performances are on Saturday and Sunday, and we have some great parties planned for Friday and Saturday nights. There are a total of thirteen events in gay rodeo, divided into four categories: Rough Stock events, Roping events, Horse events (also called Speed events), and Camp events.

There are three Horse events: Barrel Race, Pole Bending, and Flag Race. All of these events require the contestant to ride a horse through a set pattern. These events are timed, and the fastest time wins. If the horse breaks the specified pattern, then the contestant is disqualified. Men and women compete separately.

#### Barrel Race

Three barrels are set up in the arena in a triangle: two barrels near the start/finish line and one barrel at the far end of the arena. The pattern to run is a modified cloverleaf around the three barrels. The contestant must ride the horse first around either of the barrels near the start/finish line, then around the other, and finally around the barrel at the far end of the arena. There is a five second penalty for each barrel knocked over (five seconds are added to the contestant's time.)

#### Pole Bending

Six poles are set up down the length of the arena. The contestant must ride the horse to the pole farthest from the start/finish line and then weave through the poles. The contestant must turn the horse completely around the last pole and weave back through to the first pole. There is a five second penalty for each pole knocked over.

#### Flag Race

Two barrels and a pole are set up in the arena in a triangle: the two barrels near the start/finish line and the pole at the far end of the arena. There is a pail on top of each barrel, and a flag in the first pail. The contestant must ride the horse past the first barrel and grab the flag, ride around the pole, and finally ride past the second barrel and plant the flag in the second pail. There is a five second penalty for knocking over the first barrel or pail, or knocking over the pole. The contestant is disqualified for knocking over the second barrel or pail, and receives no time if the flag does not stay in the second pail. The contestant can run the event to the left (right-handed) or to the right (left-handed).

## PANHANDLE APRIL EVENT

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## "IN THE LIFE" SET TO AIR APRIL 5

The April/May episode of IN THE LIFE, the national gay and lesbian newsmagazine, takes a look at the participation and experience of gay men and lesbians in institutions that typically define the American experience.

Correspondents Bill Britt, Tanya Barfield, and Hal German join host Katherine Linton for the following stories and more on the April/May edition of IN THE LIFE:

**In the Workplace:** Last fall, the United Auto Workers union demanded that Chrysler add sexual orientation as a protected category in the discrimination clause in its contract. Chrysler refused. Through interviews with Chrysler employees, representatives and union officials, this story explores this debate and the significance of corporate non-discrimination policies in the workplace. Also included: a preview of a new documentary "Out at Work". The show talks to three union members. Eleven other gay employees refused to be interviewed.

**In the Magic Kingdom:** From Vice Presidents to animators, lesbians and gay men play a larger and more visible role in the success of the Disney empire. IN THE LIFE travels to Walt Disney company headquarters in Los Angeles, home of Mickey's slice of the American pie, for a glimpse inside the Magic Kingdom to see how and to what effect gay men and lesbians are making their mark on screen and behind the scenes.

**In the Country:** IN THE LIFE travels to Wisconsin for a discussion with gay men and lesbians who grew up on farms and in rural areas. Those who have remained, those who have returned, and those who will never go home, tell their stories of how growing up on a farm has affected their lives and their character as adults.

Included is an interview with Will Fellows, editor of "Farm Boys", a book which profiles more than three dozen men who grew up on farms in the midwest. (Note: Will Fellows will appear at Borders at 7pm April 4 and at the Nebraska Bookstore at noon April 5.)

**In the Arts:** It would be difficult to uncover gay Americana without remarking on the life and legacy of Andy Warhol. Through a tour of the Warhol museum in Pittsburgh and a discussion with openly gay museum curator Tom Sokolovsky, we gain some insight into the work and the man behind the reputation, ten years after his death.

**In the Center Ring — On the Tightrope:** This story will focus on the historical participation of lesbians and gay men in the circus, circus side-shows, and Vaudeville. From bearded women to "half man, half woman", and from ringmasters to clowns, the circus has always been the alternative family to run away to — and, as long as they could draw a crowd, gay men and lesbians have always run to them! Included is a taste of gay life on the trapeze as the high flying artists of "Air Male" are interviewed and perform.

**In the Family:** A look at the vital work of PFLAG. This extraordinary national group of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has been many things to many different people: A resource to other parents, a source of love and support for the lesbian and gay community, and certainly a shock to conservatives who have been angered in the past two years by their activist campaigns targeting homophobia.

**A Day in the Life:** IN THE LIFE'S regular story feature, "A Day in the Life" will follow Sabrina Sojourner, the first openly lesbian

African American elected official working in the House of Representatives, as she tackles the many obstacles and opportunities Washington has to offer in just one day.

This episode of IN THE LIFE is funded in part by the H. van Ameringen Foundation, The Michael Palm Foundation, The Advocate, The Joyce-Mertz Gilmore Foundation, The Gill Foundation, and IN THE LIFE members nationwide.

It will air on Saturday April 5 at 9PM on Nebraska Educable.

## AIDS

### CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL MAY 4

The 14th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service will be held at St. Cecilia's Cathedral, 701 North 40 Street, Omaha, on Sunday May 4, at 7:30p.m. The Memorial Service is sponsored by the Interfaith Network and the Nebraska AIDS Project.

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# MISS GAY NEBRASKA WORLDWIDE TAKES OMAHA MINING COMPANY BY STORM



Miss Gay Nebraska Worldwide  
Desiree DeMornay

March 9, the Omaha Mining Company was decked out in its finest, with an elegant set featuring Greek columns and snowy white stage curtains. This provided a perfect backdrop for Nebraska's first Miss Gay Nebraska Worldwide pageant. The DiNiro Production company arrived in full force, complete with stretch limo. The organizer of the pageant and President of DiNiro Productions, Sasha DiNiro, brought a highly competent staff including former Omahan Ron Bradstreet (Ami Zahn) who served as head judge for the event. Other judges were: Ramona Baker, Phillip McGuire aka Phoenix Fallentino, Marge T., and Mark H.

Guest performers included emcee Melissa Ryder; Inman, Miss Gay Worldwide; Kelli Stevens, Miss Kansas Worldwide; and Miss Lily White from Kansas City.

The four contestants: Desiree DeMornay and LaFreaka Nature from Kansas City, Niecey Braxton from Omaha, and Helin Bedd from Lincoln, presented diverse and unique styles that made the competition more intriguing.

At the close of the evening, Desiree DeMornay was crowned Miss Nebraska Worldwide. Niecey Braxton was selected First Runner-Up.

A salute to Terry Tippitt, Steve Koeller, and the Omaha Mining Company for presenting such a prestigious pageant.



First Runner-Up to MGN-WW  
Niecey Braxton

## BECAUSE 97

### MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE FOR BISEXUALS

The annual BECAUSE weekend (Bisexual Empowerment Conference: a Uniting Supportive Experience) will be held at Coffman Union on the University of Minnesota campus April 25 & 26 and at the Sabbathani Center on April 27.

The conference begins on Friday with a Keynote Speech by Lorraine Hutchins, co-editor of *Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out*, followed by a community dance. Saturday features over 20 different workshops and the "Body Pride, Body Power" plenary, along with a special Saturday evening performance of Bi&4U. Sunday begins with a community potluck brunch at 10 a.m. followed by more workshops and the Community Building plenary.

You may register at the conference. For more information contact BECAUSE 97 at (612) 825-0166 or BECAUSE@MTN.ORG

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday, May 4

East Senate Chambers

State Capitol Building, Lincoln

The annual Holocaust Memorial Observance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday May 4 in the East Senate Chambers of the State Office Building. The theme of this year's observance is "The World Must Know." Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Featured speaker is Dr. Bruce Pauley, Professor of History at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Pauley is a native of Lincoln, receiving the 1996 Distinguished Alumnae Award from the UNL College of Arts & Sciences. He is the author of an award-winning book: *From Prejudice to Persecution: A History of Austrian Anti-Semitism*. Special music will be provided by Park Middle School students, and the three top winners of the annual poetry contest will share their poetry. The annual event is co-sponsored by the Lincoln Interfaith Council along with the Office of the Governor, Office of the Mayor of Lincoln, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the Lincoln Jewish Federation. -AIN Newsletter

## PANHANDLE SPRING DANCE, MAY 10TH

PGLSS will be hosting our 4th Spring Dance on Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. Admission will be \$2.00 for current members and \$4.00 for non-members. As always, this will be a BYOB event. Please bring a refreshment to share. Members will be decorating the Arts Center at 2:00 P.M. the day of the dance. We will have more information forthcoming.

For more information on PGLSS, please write P.O. Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046 or call 308-635-8488.

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# ONE ARGUMENT FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE DOESN'T ADD UP

by Martin Alan

There are many arguments for legally recognizing same-sex marriages. We hear them all the time — equality in employment benefits, social security benefits, hospital visitation rights, and adoption just to name a few.

However, from time to time, one issue creeps into the debate. It's an argument for same-sex marriage that doesn't add up.

## Taxes.

One survey asked same-sex couples what types of discrimination they have faced as a couple. The second most frequent answer was taxes.

In the spirit of April 15th (just around the corner), let's take a look.

Recognizing that figuring one's taxes can vary a great deal, we'll look at a simple and probably typical example: Jerry and Gary — a fictional gay couple who want to legally get married. Jerry earned \$32,500 in 1996. Gary earned \$27,200 in the same year. They live in an Omaha apartment.

Let's see how much taxes they would have owed under three scenarios.

### SINGLE FILERS:

Legally, they can only file as single taxpayers.

Jerry, with his \$32,500 income, had to pay \$4153 in federal income taxes and \$1160 in Nebraska state income taxes.

Gary, with his \$27,200 income, had to pay \$3101 in federal income taxes and \$848 in Nebraska state income taxes.

Together, they paid \$9,262 in state and federal income taxes.

### MARRIED & FILING JOINT:

Jerry, with his same \$32,500 income and Gary with his \$27,200 income would have had to pay \$8206 in federal income tax and \$2223 in Nebraska state income taxes.

That's a total of \$10,429 or \$1,167 more than if they filed as single taxpayers.

### MARRIED & FILING SEPARATE RETURNS:

There's not much difference here. Jerry would have to pay \$4849 in federal income tax and \$1296 in Nebraska state income taxes. Gary would have to pay \$3,365 and \$926. Together, that's \$10,435 or \$7 more than if they filed jointly.



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## FANTASY TO REALITY COMES TO OMAHA MAY 2-4

*Fantasy to Reality*, a Novice Introduction to the SM/Leather/Fetish Community, is coming May 2-3. Friday night DC's will host a Meet and Greet at 9pm. There will be no cover, just come visit with friends, dance and enjoy the country atmosphere of DC's.

Saturday afternoon, 1 to 6pm, there will be six workshops: SM 101, Bondage, Flogging, Making Dungeon Toys, Spanking, and Sensory Deprivation. At the same time, the vendor area will be open for your shopping needs. There will be 3 leather shops, a whip maker, books, tattoos and more. *Come shop 'til you drop.* Saturday evening will see a Hot Leather Show with all the area leather groups: OPC, LEO, WELT, LTEP, and Heartland Gathering, all participating to make this show one you won't want to miss. With Jim and Willow as MC's, it promises to be very festive. Sunday afternoon there is a Beer Bust to relax and wind down. From 2 to 5 PM, we will unbend and bask in each others' company at the Wooden Apple, 21 & Martha, in the Apple Barrel Room. This is a private entrance on the west side of the building. There will be an open bar and all the coffee you want. The week-end promises to be a lot of fun. Come attend the workshops, buy out the vendors, enjoy the show, and get to know what the safe, sane, consensual SM/Leather/Fetish community is all about.

## CUBAN POET AT UNO

Cuban exile poet, painter, dramatist, Nestor Diaz de Villegas will be giving a presentation on Thursday, April 3, at 7 PM in room 387 of the Arts and Sciences Building on the UNO Campus.

Villegas' work deals with the gay exiled Cuban community in Miami and the drama of exile for the Cuban artist.

His two books of poems are entitled *La Edad de Piedra a* and *Vicio de Miami* which have received outstanding critical reviews from major Latin American writers, including Andres Reynaldo, who says Villegas' book is "formidable and one of the works that rescues traditional Spanish forms in the context of the new Latin American poetry."

Villegas corroborated with gay Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas in the publication of *Maribel Magazine* and Heberto Padilla in the publication of *Linden Lane Magazine* in New York.

## 10th ANNUAL HEARTLAND ROUND-UP

The New Tower Inn at 78th and Dodge will be the site for the 10th Annual Heartland Round-Up on April 25-27. This annual event, sponsored by gay and lesbian members of Alcoholics Anonymous, will bring AA members together for a weekend of meetings, speakers, and networking. Registration begins at 6pm on Friday, April 25.

## HEARTS OF FIRE

This year's "Hearts of Fire" Show was again a huge success. Held on February 22 at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings, there were about 160 people in attendance. With the money and pledges collected by the performers and the door proceeds, approximately \$2140 will be turned over to NAP-Kearney.

Our thanks go to the people who donated raffle items: Sue & Terry for the centerpieces, Lee for the T-shirt, Royal for the Bunny and chain.

A big Thanks to our performers for the evening: Phoenix Fallentino, Royal Bush, Dorian Drake, Laura Gray, Michael, Wendy, Helen Heels, Adore Me, Ron D. and to Sharon and Carla for helping MC!

And of course we thank you all for attending and for your generous contributions.

-GLAGN Newsletter

## PFLAG GARAGE SALE APRIL 25 & 26

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Omaha Chapter's garage sale will be held April 25 & 26. PFLAG has a solution for your problem about how to store things until it's time for the garage sale. Give Sally a call at 556-1064 to arrange dropping items off or to have them picked up. PFLAG would appreciate your unwanted items. As the old saying goes, "one person's junk is another person's treasure."

## APRIL SHOWERS ENTERTAINMENT AT THE MAX

It's Spring and the evenings are longer and filled with even more fun and excitement at The MAX. April starts off with the newest Award Party in town — the Bouvier Awards hosted by Emperor Royal Bush and the Imperial Court of Nebraska. To find out who the community has selected as the best bartender, best waiter, best security/door person, etc., etc., etc. **AND** get to vote for the finalists in the Best Performance in Drag, you won't want to miss this event.

Next up is Closet Ball — this contest always provides excitement and surprises as enthusiastic wannabes take that big step and appear onstage performing in drag for the first time. The rules are stricter this year, so the contest should be even more exciting.

The incredible CC Rae returns to Omaha on April 20 to amaze you with his impersonations. CC Rae is funny, entertaining, and presents a spectrum of characters that will leave you amazed and entranced. If you are a CC Rae virgin (perish the thought), then it's time to open yourself up to the experience. You'll never be the same!

April closes with an explosion as your hottest, sexiest favorites return to the stage at the MAX as Portfolio Men dance for your pleasure. These hunks are guaranteed to get your hormones racing as they strut their stuff.

May opens with a weekend of excitement as Susie presents "Fantasy to Reality." This introduction to the world of leather will include workshops, leather vendors, and hot, hot, hot leather men and women from the region. Saturday, May 3, be at The MAX to see!

## Are you curious?

A Book Signing & Reading with  
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## WOMEN OF THE PLAINS ART AIDS AWARENESS CLOSE THEIR DOORS

We regret to announce that two prestigious Omaha organizations have closed down. Women of the Plains, a production corporation dedicated to bringing women's culture back to Omaha has disbanded. As members have moved or moved on to other interests, it was decided to dissolve the corporation. Individuals involved in the corporation will still be involved in bringing occasional events to the community.

Art/AIDS Awareness expressed their gratitude to the community for their support during the time they worked to provide a venue for HIV+ artists. However, the members of Art AIDS Awareness dealt with health issues which prevented them from continuing the strenuous work that was needed to keep the organization going. Proceeds from recent fundraisers are much appreciated and were applied toward the outstanding debts still owed.

## AUTHOR OF *FARM BOYS: LIVES OF GAY MEN FROM THE RURAL MIDWEST* WILL FELLOWS TO APPEAR

Will Fellows, author of *Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men from the Rural Midwest* (University of Wisconsin Press, 1966), will read from and autograph his new book at two area locations before continuing on for appearances in Kansas City and St. Louis. Fellows will appear at:

7:00 p.m., Friday, April 4, at **Borders, Books, Music & Cafe**, 13105 Birch Drive, Omaha, NE. The River City Mixed Chorus will perform following the reading. For information, call 402-493-9994.

Noon, Saturday, April 5, at **Nebraska Bookstore**, 1300 Q Street, Lincoln, NE. For information call 402-476-0111.

Fellows interviewed 75 gay men, ranging in age from 25 to 84, who grew up on farms in the rural Midwest. In *Farm Boys*, he included extensive first-person narratives from 25 of them, and the result is a moving and diverse collection of oral histories about an unheard group of men.

Some of their stories are painful, others funny, but all speak with honesty about farm life and the decision by many to move to the city. In their plain-spoken accounts, these men recall strict gender roles, a sense of isolation, and a lack of information about their sexuality but also a love of the land and strong ties to family and community.

Will Fellows grew up on a dairy farm near Evansville, Wisconsin. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in nutrition from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He currently lives with his mate in Milwaukee and works as a nutritionist and writer. This is his first book.

Several local personalities are featured in *Farm Boys*, thanks largely to an article which appeared in *The New Voice* asking for volunteers to take part in the interviews. Readers may recognize several characters in the book, including Mr. Rick Noss and Mr. Harry Beckner.

### Lesbian Health Study

**H**i! My name is Laurie Jameson and I'm asking as a student at UNK, for your help with a project which is very important to me as a women and a lesbian ( and should be to you too).

I'm a senior in the Social Work and Sociology Department and in doing research for a paper, I found there is little information that documents what lesbians actually experience concerning health care in rural areas. My research will document the specific concerns of the lesbian community in Nebraska.

Please consider this as a way to make your opinion about this issue heard to someone who cares about the answer. *Your name and anything that might identify you, will be kept confidential.*

If you are willing to help me with my project (which involves answering a questionnaire, and are over 19 years-of-age), or have any questions, please call or write me at:

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If you will leave a phone number, I will return your call as soon as possible to obtain a mailing address and answer any questions you may have. If you will leave your mailing address, I will mail you the survey and a self, stamped addressed envelope to return it. I can only accept completed surveys until April 30th.

Thanks so much for your help with this important project.

## NAP OPENS HIV RESOURCE CENTER

By Larry Bierce,  
NAP Education Coordinator

The Nebraska AIDS Project has provided a central clearinghouse for HIV and AIDS information for over a decade. With the opening of an HIV Resource Center in its new location at 139 South 40th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, NAP has made access to the latest AIDS information easier than ever. "For the first time, we have been able to gather our information resources in one place that's user-friendly, and easy to access," said Rich Santee, Director of Education and Volunteer Programs. "In the past we had books, videos, and files scattered throughout the office, wherever there was a nook or cranny. We just didn't have a central location big enough to store it all. Now it's together in one place, and anybody can come in and use it."

The HIV Resource Center is a prominent feature of the Nebraska AIDS Project's new location. It is just inside the front door, next to the reception desk. The Center is staffed by Ron Carlat, who can provide visitors with assistance in locating information on hundreds of HIV/AIDS related topics from caregiving, to molecular biology. The Center houses books, magazines, video tapes, brochures, files, and Internet access for AIDS education. The materials in the HIV Resource Center must be used on the premises and are not currently available for loan.

"We probably have between 10 and 20 hotline calls each month from students in high school and college who need information for a report or a presentation," said Santee. "Then another 20 or 30 walk-ins each month, plus clients and volunteers who need information frequently. I expect that the Resource Center will get quite a bit of traffic," Santee adds that his department is currently reviewing materials to be added to the Center. "We have a pretty good start," he said. "I'm really pleased with the variety and scope of materials we have, but there's a lot more out there, and we will be adding to our collection on a regular basis." The HIV Resource Center is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. English and Spanish language materials are available.



## FRONTRUNNERS BANQUET APRIL 8

The annual Omaha Frontrunners/ Walkers Banquet and Awards Ceremony will once again be the most important and fabulous social occasion of the spring! Remember the fun we had last year? This year will be even better! You missed it last year? Well, do NOT let that happen to you again! This year's Bodacious Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at Gerda's Restaurant & Bakery at 5180 Leavenworth. It will be an evening filled with good food, great friends, and a surprise or two. Here's the program:

6:30 - 7:30 Cocktails  
7:30 - 8:30 Dinner  
8:30 - 9:00 Awards  
9:00 - later: Who Knows?

To ensure that you won't miss out, RSVP to the Frontrunners Hotline (496-3658) by April 1.

- On Track

## A NIGHT OF CABARET II

On Tuesday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 9, the Dundee Dinner Theatre will once again resound with the sounds of cabaret music. Last year's "A Night of Cabaret" fund-raiser for the River City Mixed Chorus was so well received that we are going to repeat it again.

The show will feature top performers from some of Omaha's best performing arts organizations. The fantastic dessert bar will be back and beverages, including a full bar, will be available for purchase.

Tickets for this fabulous evening of food, fun, and entertainment are just \$20 each. Drinks and desserts start at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00. Call the River City Mixed Chorus at 341-SING for more information.

## KANSAS CITY WILL CELEBRATE PRIDE JUNE 8

Heart of America Pride Celebration will be held June 8th 1997 at Barney Allis Plaza, downtown Kansas City.

KCARC (Kansas City AIDS Research Consortium) will be the primary beneficiary.

Heart of America Pride is a new producing entity and has the support and encouragement of the former organizer, Project Pride. Jay Carson, Co-Producer, added that gay women and men throughout the region will be encouraged to participate in this year's celebration.

"We hope that our friends and family from Omaha to Des Moines, from Wichita to St. Louis, and all points in between and beyond will help make this truly a Heart of America Pride Experience," stated Carson.

For more information or to volunteer, call or write:

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## HOW DO YOU SPELL SIOUX CITY? D-I-V-E-R-S-I-T-Y

Community Alliance will once again be front and center at the Sioux City Human Rights Commission's annual Multicultural Fair.

Last year was the first year we took part and only positive comments were heard from visitors about our participation.

We sat and passed out printed information, gave free cookies to the kids, and talked with anyone who happened to come by and engage us in conversation.

This year's fair is on the afternoon of Sunday, April 13, at the Sioux City Convention Center. If you would like to help out by sitting at the table for an hour or two, just give us a call at 712-258-4704 or just show up.

It's a way of showing our city that we belong!

## HGRA HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL CHARITY BALL IN DES MOINES

HGRA invites you to their 2nd Annual Cowboy Country Charity Ball, Dinner, and Dance to be held Saturday, May 10, at the Tourism Building of the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. This event will provide more Wild West fun than you can imagine, including Texas-size steak dinners, guest dancers, and hayrides. The evening's events include:

5 - 7pm Cocktail Hour (cash bar)

7 - 8:30 Dinner & Entertainment

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# NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT

## COMING TO COUNCIL BLUFFS APRIL 16 - 19



Portions of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at the Iowa Western Community College campus in Council Bluffs beginning on April 16 and ending April 19. The Alpha Omicron Tau chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society is sponsoring the event to increase awareness of HIV and AIDS in Southwest Iowa. Sixty-one sections (480 individual panels) will be on display and open to the public.

New panels may be presented to the Names Project Quilt Display Coordinator who will be on-site during the display. New panels will be formally dedicated as part of the closing ceremonies.

Opening ceremonies will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, featuring remarks by local dignitaries, the unfolding of the sections, and the reading of names. Schools are being encouraged to bring students to the quilt on Thursday and Friday, April 17 and 18. The general public is welcome at all times. The Host Committee for the display is seeking volunteers who are interested in helping set up on the day of the 16th. Volunteers are also needed as floor monitors during the entire display to assure the safety of the panels, and readers of names are needed as well.

If you are interested in volunteering for the display as a reader, setup worker, or floor monitor, please contact Jeanne Snyder at Iowa Western (325-3250). Jeanne will put you in touch with the appropriate volunteer leader depending on your interest.



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**BLUE VELVET BALL  
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The Midland Empire Task Force's annual "Blue Velvet Ball" will be Saturday, April 26, 1997. The theme will be "Carnivale." Guests are invited to dress for the theme, formal or casual. The Blue Velvet Ball, held in historic downtown St. Joseph, is open to the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community and straight supporters. Tickets are \$12.50 each. Proceeds assist in the support of adopted families, college diversity programs, the care of PWAs and other projects throughout the year. For additional information, write to METF, PO Box 8233, St. Joseph, MO 64508.

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Learning to Exchange Power (LEP), a novice BD/SM/leather/fetish support group, is holding a beer bust April 20, 1997, from 2 to 5 PM, at the *Wooden Apple* in the *Apple Barrel Room* (21 & Martha St.) This is a private entrance on the west side of the building. The price is \$5 per person. There will be a 50/50 raffle, a door prize, an open bar, and all the coffee you can drink. Come visit old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the afternoon. You might even find someone to play with. If you have any question about our group, there will be people there to chat with you in an informal setting.

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## CROWDS RUSH TO GET INVOLVED CENTER OVERTAKEN BY VOLUNTEERS

It was a Friday evening in March that found a crowd assembling at the newly opened GLBT Community Resource Center. They came from all around: Omaha, Council Bluffs, and a little burg near Lincoln. Why were they here? What did they want?

The answer was simple. They came to see the new Center and to lend their time and talents to make the Center work. Fourteen people expressed interest in staffing the Phone Line, while about a half dozen others wanted to gather information, perform custodial work or maintain the Center's Resources. After an initial volunteer orientation and PhoneLine Overview, the volunteers were treated to a Sneak Preview and tour of the facility.

The Center now houses the Information and Referral Phone, which has begun being answered live. It is hoped that soon the Center will have all types of information available to callers or those who drop by. Volunteers will be contacting organizations and agencies and, in some situations, going out to pick up written materials to have on hand.

"The large turnout (of Volunteers) was encouraging," said Rich Ketter, coordinator of the Volunteer Orientation Sneak Preview. "It shows good support from the community and great opportunity to have a successful Center." People who wish to volunteer, but missed the orientation, can request the brochure, *Your Center Needs You*, by calling 341-0330, or by writing to PO Box 8583, Omaha, 68103, or dropping by the Center at 1719 Leavenworth.



### RIVER CITY COUPLES TO MEET MONTHLY

River City Couples will be meeting monthly to provide support and social activities for any interested couples in the area. Activities in the next few months tentatively include:

Spiritual Issues and Holy Unions:

Rev Sharon Sloat speaking

"Couples Game"

"Saturday Morning in the Park"

"Pride Parade and Festival '97"

If you and your partner would like to meet other couples in a safe environment, please consider River City Couples, a ministry of MCC-Omaha. Call the MCC Office at 345-2563 for more information.

### AALA '97 ROUNDUP

Mark your calendar for AALA '97! This year's round-up is just around the corner happening on Memorial Day weekend, May 24 - 26, 1997! The convention will be held at the beautiful and spacious Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

This year's theme is a "Spiritual Awakening" celebrating AALA's 12th anniversary. Join lots of your AA and ALANON friends in a fun-filled weekend of sobriety, workshops, fellowship, entertainment and growth.

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For further information, contact: Heidi H. (AA), AALA Publicity Chair, (213) 663-0594 or Joan W. (ALANON), AALA Publicity Chair, (213) 934-1277.

### PHONE LINE MOVES UPTOWN

#### *We've Got Your Number*

The Information and Referral Line is a live line! On March 17, 1997, the telephone service that ANGLE has maintained for the past several years began being answered in person. The new phone number, 341-0330, will now ring into the newly opened GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth.

At present, the Center is open on a limited schedule and the phone line operators will serve as the Center receptionists. A person calling in at 341-0330, can have access to the same information available to those dropping by the Center. This information includes pamphlets on various groups and organizations, dates and places of upcoming events and "how to find" a doctor, lawyer, or therapist.

The phone number (341-0330) will also serve as the number for the GLBT Center. ANGLE will continue to maintain the resource directory and to train the Phone Line Operators.

### WRITERS WANTED

Editors Kim Howard and Annie Stevens are in search of first-person, true stories about LGBT college student experiences.

For guidelines, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 5345, Takoma Park, MD 20913, e-mail us at AS154@umail.umd.edu or go to our web page at [www.wam.umd.edu/~StevensA/book.html](http://www.wam.umd.edu/~StevensA/book.html)

The submission deadline is June 30. Confidentiality and discretion are assured.

### NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT PRESENTS HIV/AIDS COMMUNITY UPDATES

#### *HIV & Tuberculosis April 16*

The Nebraska AIDS Project is proud to continue its series on HIV & AIDS issues. These community updates are free of cost and open to professionals, PWA's, students, volunteers, and any persons interested in continuing AIDS education. CEU's are pending for professional counselors and therapists. Limited seating is available. Please contact Ron Carlat at 342-6367 or 800-792-2437 to reserve your space or for more information.

The April 16 presentation, "HIV and Tuberculosis," features Douglas County Health Department Epidemiologists Roseann Mastio, RN, and Yoke-Ha Fishers, MSc, presenting slides and information about HIV-related TB. Their presentation will cover the essential aspects of TB and its control, including transmission and pathogenesis, epidemiology, the association between TB and HIV, diagnosis, treatment and prevention, and infection control.

**Remember!**  
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Information & Referral Line  
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## CLINTON'S HIV/AIDS BUDGET ASKS FOR SMALL INCREASES

President Clinton's budget proposal includes small increases for programs that deal with people living with HIV and AIDS, but falls far short of the lofty goals of the White House's National AIDS Strategy.

"The good news is that the president is asking for increases for care, prevention, housing and research at a time when other discretionary spending is static," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's legislative director. "Unfortunately, these increases are not enough considering that we could be on the threshold of beating back this epidemic. To achieve the goals articulated in the White House strategy, President Clinton must commit the money now, for treatment of those already infected and for research aimed at finding a cure."

One serious problem is the president's plan to impose a per-capita cap on Medicaid spending, according to Stachelberg. "Imposing such restrictions could be devastating to thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS and might limit their access to the new class of drugs that have improved and prolonged so many lives," she said. The bipartisan National Governors Association and a bipartisan roster of senators joined a chorus of groups opposed to such caps.

The president's budget calls for a \$17 million increase for HIV/AIDS prevention, an approximately 3 percent increase over fiscal 1997 levels. States would decide how to spend this money. "We hope that states will use some of these funds to target injecting drug users, since about three-quarters of all new HIV infections are occurring in this population," Stachelberg said. "We also continue to believe that the administration should encourage states to implement needle exchange programs because such programs have been shown to slow the spread of HIV in one of the most vulnerable communities."

The president also requested an \$8 million increase in the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS program. This represents a 4 percent boost over fiscal 1997, when \$196 million was appropriated for HOPWA. About 90 percent of these funds go directly to states and cities to provide housing for people with AIDS.

In the area of care, the president asked for a \$40 million increase above the \$996.3 million appropriated last year. Of that increase, about \$15 million would go to states under Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act, giving them the flexibility to earmark the funds for drugs. Title IIIB of Ryan White, which provides funds for direct services to people living with HIV and AIDS, would get also an increase of \$15 million, 22 percent above fiscal '97 levels. "These increases are particularly welcome in light of the dramatic health improvements some people with HIV and AIDS have shown after taking the new drug combinations," Stachelberg said.

The budget also includes a plan that would make it possible for people who have benefited from the new drug treatments to return to work without losing their Medicaid coverage. Currently, people on Supplemental Security Income who go to work lose their Medicaid coverage if their earnings exceed a certain amount, set by their state. The president's budget proposes allowing such beneficiaries to keep their Medicaid coverage by paying premiums as their income rises. The president also asked for a 4 percent increase for AIDS-related research, a total of approximately \$1.54 billion.

The president's budget also calls for a \$2 million increase, to \$142 million, in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's breast and cervical cancer early detection program. This program is gathering data on the incidence of these cancers among lesbians, a population believed to be at a higher risk than heterosexual women.

## AUSTRIAN ANTI-GAY LAWS REPEALED

On December 12, 1996, the Upper Chamber of the Austrian Parliament passed the full repeal of anti-gay Articles 220 and 221 of the Penal Code. This vote corroborates the November Lower Chamber decision. The reform came into effect on March 1, 1997. This is significant, albeit partial victory, for the Austrian Lesbian & Gay movement, which has struggled for this reform for the past 17 years. Article 200 criminalized the production or distribution of materials presenting homosexuality in a positive light, while Article 221 prohibited the existence of groups whose mandate included the promotion of homosexuality. Article 209, however, which imposes an unequal age of consent of 18 for gay men versus 14 for lesbians and heterosexuals, remains on the books. The left wing Social Democrats, Greens, and Liberal Forum had proposed the full repeal of all three articles in the Lower Chamber, but unfortunately do not constitute a Parliamentary majority. The Austrian lesbian and gay movement extends their thanks to all who supported their international campaign.

THE NEW VOICE

## ARE YOU RUNNING WITH ME, JESUS?

All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California is excited to announce the Rev. Malcolm Boyd will be preaching during the Beyond Inclusion Conference, April 11-13, 1997.

The Rev. Boyd is best known as the author of *Are You Running with Me, Jesus?* His memoir after coming out as a gay man and priest, *Take Off the Masks*, was published in 1978. He has written 23 other books. Prior to entering seminary in 1951, he was president of the Television Producers Assn. of Hollywood and a production partner of Mary Pickford. He has served parishes and college chaplaincies in Indianapolis, Colorado, Detroit, Washington D.C., and Santa Monica, was a fellow at Yale, and has long been an activist in the civil rights and peace movements.

"Beyond Inclusion: Celebrating Gay and Lesbian Commitments and Ministries Within the Episcopal Church" is a national conference being held to explore the full participation of gays and lesbians in the Episcopal Church. The conference will unite together experts from throughout the nation. Theologians, ethicists and other church leaders will explore the history, theology and practice of inclusion in the church, including the detailed stories of parishes with effective ministries reflecting full participation of gays and lesbians.

The Beyond Inclusion Conference will be an electrifying weekend providing ideas and support for expected participants at the July 1997 Episcopal Church General Convention in Philadelphia. For additional information contact: Louis Fleming, All Saints Church, Beyond Inclusion Conference, 132 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101; (818) 583-2752.

## EPISCOPAL DIOCESE ENDORSES SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

By a wide margin that surprised even the bishop, the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania voted 176-96 to endorse the blessing of gay and lesbian relationships. If the resolution is passed by the general convention, a rite of blessing will be devised, although the blessing would have no legal standing unless a state legislature chooses to recognize it. Rev. David Moyer decried the vote, saying, "It's just one more step in the erosion of Christian morality in the Episcopal Church." But Rev. Ruth L. Kirk, co-submitter of the resolution, said, "Can God do a new thing? And can God use the Church to do a new thing? For centuries we have condemned gays and lesbians. It is time to support committed, loving relationships."



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## SLEEK AND SAVVY: DAMRON WOMEN'S TRAVELER 1997

Since 1989 women have trusted Damron, publisher of the original gay travel guide, to provide them with the most up-to-the-minute travel information on the market. With its sophisticated new design and expanded listings, the *Damron Women's Traveler 1997* is no exception. From Portland, Maine, to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, *Damron Women's Traveler 1997* has the scoop on what's hot and hip for lesbians of all ages, races, sizes and abilities.

This information-packed guide lists thousands of groups, bars, accommodations, bookstores, retail stores, spiritual groups, publications, restaurants, and travel agencies that welcome lesbians. Each listing gives readers all the facts at a glance: address, phone number, business hours, wheelchair accessibility. Bringing the whole family along? The *Damron Women's Traveler 1997* tells you where to find lodging for you and your sweetie, as well as the kids and the family

pets. And because Damron celebrates the diversity of our communities, you will now find transgender-friendly resources listed as well.

Best of all, the *Damron Women's Traveler 1997* showcases major metropolitan areas and popular resorts with in-depth essays (some penned by our readers!) and a side bar with information on annual events including lesbian/gay pride celebrations, local transit options, a weather report, and our famous "where the girls are" listing. The book also features a newly expanded directory of women's tour operators and mail order companies, as well as a national calendar of festivals and events. And don't miss the photographs by Bay Area artist Rebecca McBride.

With all this to offer, it is no wonder that for 33 years, the Damron name has been synonymous with gay and lesbian travel.

### AIDS AGENCY SUES L.A. COUNTY OVER HIV COMMISSION MISCONDUCT

The nation's largest community AIDS organization has sued Los Angeles County in federal court following actions by County officials that were intended to punish AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) for protesting funding cuts in 1996. Last summer, AHF coordinated several multi-agency demonstrations protesting planned cuts to AIDS services. The protests averted a \$4.9 million in cuts. But following a heated discussion at a County-appointed HIV Commission meeting in which members attacked AHF's role in the protests, the Commission voted to punish AHF for its advocacy.

AHF President Michael Weinstein noted that several agencies participated in the protests, yet only AHF was singled out for contract investigations by the Commission. Audiotapes from the meeting record that employees of agencies competing for funds with AHF made motions calling for contract investigations—a clear conflict of interest. And despite state law mandating public notification of agenda items at official meetings, AHF's public policy actions were not on the Commission's public agenda nor was AHF informed that the protests were to be discussed at the meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting recorded one Commissioner saying, "they [AHF] get money from this body and there are things this body can do to control that and them."

"Unfortunately, when we appealed these actions, the County's lawyers said they saw nothing wrong with any of the Commission's actions," said AHF's Weinstein. "Our only recourse now is to ask a federal court to make sure the County understands our constitutional protections to free speech, as well as our right to seek redress by publicly addressing our elected officials on issues that directly affect our clients," said Weinstein. The suit asks for an injunction preventing the County and its appointees from infringing on the agency's free speech rights and seeks no monetary damages. "This lawsuit is really about accountability of government in our constitutional democracy at its most fundamental level—local government," said AHF attorney Steven D. Ashford. "Our democratic process is threatened when any government body attempts to silence its citizens from speaking about political matters." Named in the lawsuit are Los Angeles County, the County Health Department, and several Commissioners.

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## "HOW I GOT INTO SEX"

Edited by Bonnie Bullough, R.N., Ph.D., Vern L. Bullough, R.N., Ph.D., Marilyn A. Fithian, Ph.D., William E. Hartman, Ph.D., and Randy Sue Klein

Have you ever wondered how sex professionals got interested in their field? What made them want to know everything they could about human sexuality? Who inspired them to follow their dreams?

Men who scoured their mothers' underwear drawers for something pretty to wear, a female student who handed out thousands of condoms while rollerblading across her university campus, a Los Angeles police officer who left the force and became a prostitute, a boy who made money by directing Johns to "cat houses", a businessman who makes the best sex toys available; people who battled the church, bigotry, and the law to live their private and public sexual lives; and numerous therapists and educators get personal about why they made a profession out of the study of sex.

These are just a few of the fascinating, real-life characters you'll meet in "How I Got Into Sex," the first complete book of its kind offering compelling and very revealing autobiographical stories from sexologists and others. "How I Got Into Sex" conveys the diverse experiences and the shared dedication of 48 contributors who look at the broad spectrum of childhood sexual discoveries and tragedies, teenage struggles, and adult education from the bedroom to the college classroom. Spanning earlier generations when anything sexual was strictly taboo to today when almost anything goes, these very personal accounts - - exciting, occasionally heartbreaking, revealing, tremendously wideranging - - are a voyeur's and a researcher's paradise. Contributors include Norma Jean Almodovar, Clive Davis, Dallas Denny, Albert Ellis, Robert Francoeur, Paul Gebhard, Naomi McCormick, John Money, William Prendergast, Virginia Prince, and Ira Reiss, as well as sexual autobiographies by the editors themselves. At last, the leaders in the world of sex counseling, education, and public awareness explain why sex became their special calling.

## PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL RETRACTS REMARKS, FALLS SHORT OF A FULL APOLOGY

On December 20, the President of Israel, Ezer Weizman, made homophobic remarks about lesbians and gay men in response to a question by a high school student at the Reali School in Haifa. Weizman said that he found gays and lesbians "disgusting". Weizman called for legal steps to determine the status of homosexuals and said it was up to society not to encourage this phenomenon. In the past, he noted, homosexuals were considered a security risk. Weizman expressed opposition to same-sex marriage and concern that homosexuality has become "nice".

Response to Weizman's comments was swift. Member of the Knesset (MK) Yael Dayan immediately called upon Weizman to apologize, stating Weizman had engaged in incitement against an entire group in Israeli society. MK Naomi Hazan called for his resignation. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel condemned the president's remarks and said that he has a responsibility to work for the dignity of all persons in Israel. It is important to note that the office of the Presidency in Israel is a largely ceremonial one, yet seen as a unifying force in the country. The World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations sent a letter expressing concern, urging him to retract his statements and apologize. On the day following Weizman's remarks, a group of over 500 people gathered outside Weizman's home to protest his homophobic statements. Chants of "Big mouth, small head" and "Weizman homophobe" were heard throughout the crowd.

On December 23, 1996 after a meeting with members of the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights in Israel and various Ministers of the Knesset, the President's bureau chief Arye Shumer released the following statement to the press: "The president sees legislation which discriminates as undermining the foundations of democracy, the rules of natural justice, and the dignity and freedom of man, and he has no intention of encouraging legislation which leads to discrimination between citizens of the state regardless of origin, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. The president says that any deed or expression in which people are publicly humiliated - or deeds which can be interpreted as such - should be regretted," the statement continued. "The dignity, rights, and well-being of all the citizens of Israel must be upheld." Many of the meeting participants, while satisfied with the outcome, believe it to be only a first step. MK Hazan said at the end of the meeting that the call for the President's resignation was suspended but she described him as "on probation" for the remainder of his presidency. Members of the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights request that activists continue to pressure the Israeli government to honor the rights of gays, lesbians and bisexuals in Israel. To write directly to the President: President Ezer Weizman, Office of the President, 3 Hanassi Street, 92188 Jerusalem, Israel (e-mail: ask@israel-info.gov.il). To contact the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights for Gay Men, Lesbians, and Bisexuals in Israel, write: "Ha-Agudah", P.O. Box 37604, Tel Aviv 61375, Israel (e-mail: spr@netvision.net.il) or phone 972-3-6204327 or 972-3-6293681.

## PRIVATE NATION

*Private Nation*, a new novel by N.A. Diaman, will be published by Persona Press, May 1, 1997. Copies of the book will be available both in bookstores as well as by mail directly from the publisher for \$10.95. *Private Nation* follows the sexual and spiritual adventures of two young men of different races and classes who meet and form a life-long bond. Walled enclaves for the wealthy, private prisons for the poor, and shopping malls for the rest of the population, are the predominate institutions of the mid-20th Century society portrayed in this book. The consequences of individual and corporate greed, racism, homophobia, right-wing extremism are evident throughout, as privatization is taken to its extreme. Despite the seriousness of the subject matter, the novel is an upbeat, quick-paced, romantic odyssey through a post-modern wasteland. San Francisco novelist N.A. Diaman utilizes a future fantasy setting to reflect on troubling contemporary issues.

For more information contact Persona Press, P.O. Box 14022, San Francisco, CA 94114-0022, or e-mail [personapro@aol.co](mailto:personapro@aol.co)

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## NATIONAL GAY/LESBIAN LEADERS SYMPOSIUM AT PRIDEFEST PHILADELPHIA

The nation's most creative and committed leaders are coming to Philadelphia to share ideas at PrideFest Philadelphia's 2nd Annual National Gay and Lesbian Leaders Symposium, Saturday, May 10. "Last year, this symposium was taped for syndication on American Public Radio (APR) and broadcast on 7 major markets. This year we expect more than 15 cities to carry the program," says Jill Wolfe, PrideFest program chair.

PrideFest Philadelphia, May 7-11, is the

nation's largest, most comprehensive lesbian and gay festival. Sixty organizations will present over 75 events throughout the city during the five days. "It's an exciting, pivotal time for the lesbian/gay community," states Malcolm Lazin, founder and co-chair of PrideFest Philadelphia. Moderated by "Radio Times" host, Marty Moss-Coane, the Leaders Symposium panel includes: Katherine Acey, Executive Director of Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation; Kevin

Cathcart, Director, Lambda Legal Defense Fund; Steve Gunderson, former Congressman; & attorney/author/activist Urvasi Vaid. Topics for discussion can be e-mailed to [info@pridefest.org](mailto:info@pridefest.org), mailed to PrideFest Philadelphia, 200 S. Broad St., Ste. 200, Philadelphia, PA 19102, or call 1-800-990-FEST.

The Symposium will be May 10 in WHYY TV studios at 150 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia. Seating is limited to the first 500. For more information, please call 1-800-990-FEST.

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## PRIMARY IMMUNE RESPONSE TO HIV PREDICTS DISEASE PROGRESSION

Certain patterns of immune responses to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) during the first weeks of infection are highly predictive of an individual's subsequent rate of disease progression, according to investigators at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and their colleagues.

"Our data strongly suggest that the immunologic factors at work during this early period of infection, as much or more than virologic factors, are the critical determinants of the ultimate outcome of HIV disease," says Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., NIAID Director and Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation.

"The growing understanding of the initial interaction between HIV and the immune system, and of the immune responses to HIV during primary infection, both favorable and unfavorable, is important to the development of effective HIV vaccines."

Drs. Fauci, Giuseppe Pantaleo, formerly of NIAID's Laboratory of Immunoregulation, report findings in the January, 1997 *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Once it enters the body, HIV infects a large number of CD4+ T cells and replicates rapidly. During this acute, or primary phase of infection, the blood contains many viral particles that spread throughout the body, seeding various organs, particularly the lymphoid organs such as the lymph nodes, spleen, tonsils, and adenoids. Two to four weeks after initial infection with the virus, up to 70% of HIV-infected persons suffer flu-like symptoms. The patient's immune system fights back with killer T cells (CD8+ T cells) and B-cell-produced antibodies.

"One important way in which a person's immune system responds to primary HIV infection is by mobilizing different subsets of certain white blood cells, CD8+ T cells, that can destroy cells that have been infected with HIV," says Dr. Fauci.

"We found a clear correlation between the patterns of CD8+ T cell expansion during primary infection and how well a patient did clinically during the subsequent year or 18 months. Regardless of the amount of HIV in the blood during primary infection, patients who mobilized a broad repertoire of CD8+ T cells had slower progression of disease than individuals who showed a pronounced expansion of only a single subset of CD8+ T cells."



# LOOKING AHEAD: A Calendar of Events for the Coming Year

## May 97

- 3 - Fantasy to Reality at The MAX
- 4 - AIDS Candlelight Memorial,
- 4 - Holocaust Memorial Observance, State Capitol Bldg, Lincoln
- 10 - HGRA Charity Ball, Des Moines
- 17 - HGRA Disco, Lakota Stables
- 17 - RCMC Mexican Dinner
- 17 - GLAGN Gay Prom
- 21 - NAP Community Update "STD"
- 25 - Int'l Mr. Leather Chicago
- 26 - ICON Memorial Day Picnic
- 31 - GLAGN Annual Meeting, Grand Island

## June 97

- TBA - HGRA/Pride Party
- TBA - Womyn's Supertubing
- 1 - Resource Center Show at MAX
- 7 - 9 - SNAP Whoop-Dee-Doo
- 8 - Heart of America Pride Festival, Kansas City
- 8 - Tea Dance, Blazing Saddle, Des Moines
- 14 - RCMC Pride Concert
- 14 - GLAGN Pride Picnic, Grand Island

## June 97 (continued)

- 12 - 15 - SNAP Whoop-Dee-Doo
- 15 - Mr MAX Step Down Show
- 18 - NAP Community Update "Chemical Dependency"
- 22 - ICON Stepping Down
- 22 - Pride Parade & Festival
- 26 - Rodeo Welcome Party DC's
- 27 - 29 - Gay Rodeo - Fremont
- 28 - USA Show - K & Q, Sioux City
- 29 - Portfolio Men @ MAX

## July 97

- 2 - ICON In-Town Show and Awards
- 4 - ICON Picnic & Out of Town Show
- 5 - ICON Coronation
- 6 - ICON Victory Brunch & Victory Show
- 10 - NAP Community Update "GLB Service Issues"
- 13 - Mr MAX Pageant
- 15 - ANGLE's Slice of Summer
- 18 - 20 Int'l Ms Leather San Diego
- 19 - Mr. Nebraska Fantasy Contst

## August 97

- 3 - ICON Investiture
- 17 - Nina Ricci @ the MAX
- 24 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- TBA - Womyn's Summerfest Racoon River
- TBA - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest

## September 97

- 5 - PFLAG Putt-Putt Golf
- 27 - Int'l Mr. Drummer, SF
- 28 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

## October 97

- 12 - WRC/ANGLE
- Nat'l Coming Out Day
- 19 - Muffy's B'Day @ The MAX
- 26 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

## November 97

- 9 - ICON Food 4 Thought: The MAX
- 21 - Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska
- 22 - ANGLE Recognition Dinner
- 23 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

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- 1 - World AIDS Day
- 6 - Night of 1000 Stars
- 7 - Dorian's B'Day Show: The MAX
- 14 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz @ The MAX
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- 24 - Christmas Eve Service MCC-O
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# AREA RESOURCES

## RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO HIV/AIDS

### HIV/AIDS EDUCATION, INFO & REFERRAL

#### \*\*Indicates HIV Testing Available

**AIDS Educ Project**, UNL G/L Resource Cntr, Rm342, NebUnion, 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

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

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

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

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

**\*\*Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Department** 3140 N Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Walk-in tests: The Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tues., Urban Indian Health Ctr, 140 S. 27, 434-7177

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

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

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

**Lincoln Cancer Cntr**, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

**\*\*Nebraska AIDS Project** (statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/ Volunteer Services, HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling

**\*\*Omaha Office**: 139 S. 40th, 68131, Administration 552-9260; AIDS Hotline 402-552-9255

**\*\*Lincoln Office**: 2123 Winthrop, 484-8100.

**\*\*Central Nebraska Office**: 3423 2nd Ave Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610

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

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

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

**\*\*Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services**, \*Kearney 3423 2nd Ave 68847 308/865-5609

**\*\*Norfolk**, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395

**\*\*North Platte**, 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

**\*\*Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 342-8716, Testing Sat, 1-4pm; 1st & 3rd Sat Women Only, 2 & 4 Sat Open to Public

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

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

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

### HIV/AIDS COUNSELING & SUPPORT

**AIDS Care**, Mercy Center, 427 E. Kanesville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, alt: 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

**Douglas County Mental Health - Outpatient Program**, 4102 Woolworth, Omaha, 68105 Alt: Leslie A. Epstein (402) 444-7930

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

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

**HIV/AIDS Support Group for Women**, 7-9pm, NAP Office, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln

**HIV/AIDS Support Group for Men**, Lincoln, Every Other Sunday, 5-7pm, Call Greg 438-3425 or 441-3324

**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. Charles Drew Health Center.

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

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

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

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

### RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR HIV/AIDS

**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

#### Please Note:

**Nebraska AIDS Project  
Omaha Office has moved  
to 139 S. 40 St., Omaha**

### LEGAL SERVICES FOR HIV/AIDS & GLBT ISSUES

Sean McFarlin, Omaha, 333-6000

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

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

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

## GLBT RESOURCES

### GREATER NEBRASKA BASED RESOURCES

**Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff**, PO Box 924, Chadron, NE 69337, 308-432-404

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

**GLB Alliance**, c/of health Ctr, Hastings, College, Hastings 68901 Judy 402-461-7372 (Health Ctr) 462-2961 (home). For G/L/B Students

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

**Lambda Car Club**, Box 2325, North Platte, NE 69103

**Panhandle Gay/Lesbian Support Service** Box 1046, Scottsbluff 69363, (308) 635-8488

**PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays \*Kearney**: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St Luke's Epis. (308) 237-7136 or 265-7620. Mail: PFLAG, P.O. Box 427, Hendley, NE 68946

**PRIDE Group**, Counseling Ctr, Wayne State, Wayne, 68787. Karen or Virginia (402) 375-7321. G/L/B Students

**IOWA BASED RESOURCES**

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

**Bar Alternative Gay Group (BAGG)**, meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, 322 Tri-View Ave, Sioux City, IA, For details call Terry (712) 255-1890, Sue 258-6167, or Marty 255-8528

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

**Integrity Prayer Service**, Wed, 6:30pm, St. Thomas Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA AI (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr 258-0141

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

**Morningside College Student Group**, Tim Orwig, Advisor, Student Svcs, (712) 274-5426

**PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays \*NE Iowa - Waukon, IA** Box 142, Waukon, IA 52172, Meet 4th Monday 7-9pm, Robey Memorial Library, 401 1st Ave. SW, Waukon

**SOUTH DAKOTA BASED RESOURCES**

**PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays \*Sioux Falls, SD** 4th Sat. (605) 334-5508

**Sioux Empire Gay & Lesbian Coalition**, Box 1716, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, Information and Help Line (605) 333-0603

**Sioux Falls Support Group for Men**, PO Box 1602, Sioux Falls, SD 57101



# AREA RESOURCES

## GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND RELATED RESOURCES

### LINCOLN BASED RESOURCES

**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

**Bi Discussion Group**, 2nd Tuesday, Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln, Wexly 476-0314

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

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

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

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

**Lincoln Pride Network**, Box 81291, Lincoln 68501-1291, umbrella organization for GLBT in Lincoln area, Call PFLAG Phone Line 402-434-9880, e-mail LPrideN@aol.com

**Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg**, Sat, 10am, YWCA, Lincoln, Contact Judith at 472-2598

**National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln** activist org. issues of full equality for women, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 434-6695, meet 3rd Tuesday, 7pm YWCA, 1432 "N" St.

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880 4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Web Site: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/4882/> HIV Family Grp, Under 21 Grp same time/place

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

**Straight Spouse Support Group - Lincoln**, Call 489-9088 for info

**Unitarian Church**, 6300 "A", Lincoln, NE "A recognized Welcoming Congregation"

**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 Wimmin's Show**, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln

**A Woman's Place**, Lincoln, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women

**Youth Support Group-Lincoln**, Every Other Saturday 4-6pm, Call 434-9880

**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 BASED RESOURCES

**Al-Anon Fridays** 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, \*\*Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prsbytm  
\*\*Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High  
\*\*Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian  
\*\*Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74

**A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors)**, Box 8343, Omaha 68108, 341-0330, Network, raise consciousness, PRIDE activities, Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Interact [www.angle.org](http://www.angle.org)

**The Book Station and Coffee Lounge**, Books, Gifts, Coffee, 1913 Leavenworth St., 342-0520

**Buzz-Journal**, Box 8523, Omaha 68103, e-mail: [Buzzjournal@aol.com](mailto:Buzzjournal@aol.com)

**Citizens For Equal Protection**, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155. 398-3027, Legislative action 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

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

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

**Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo)**, UNO Students - Wednesdays, 6pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Kristy Erwin 344-4078

**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) 341-0330

**Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD)** G/LB/Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386

**GLBT Resource Center**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Mail: Box 8343, Omaha, 68108, Call 341-0330 for times/events

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGRA)**, Box 3354, Omaha, 68103-0354. Dan 597-1689 Enjoy/support rodeos, country activities. Meets 1st Saturday alternating between Omaha/Des Moines

**ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Tournament held President's Day Weekend

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103. Fundraising organization workign for advancement of G/L/B/T society. Board Meets 1st Monday each month, 7pm, Location varies

**"Learning to Exchange Power"** Novice BD/SM Support Grp, 2nd Sunday, 2-4pm, Back Room, Wooden Apple, 22nd & Martha, Omaha

**L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha)** educational-social grp, Gay Men interested in Leather Lifestyle. Write: Box 8181, Omaha, 68108

**LinOma Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68106 Nudist Naturalist Club for gay/bi men

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

**Metropolitan Club**, Box 8603, Omaha 68108-0603, 3rd Thursdays, Neon Grose, 7pm, gay/lesbian professionals to meet, socialize, network

**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, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, 68103, E-mail address: [MCCOMAHA@radiks.net](mailto:MCCOMAHA@radiks.net). Web Site: <http://www.radiks.net/mccomaha> Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am

**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

**Nebraska Zen Center** for all persons, 3625 Lafayette Ave, Omaha 68131, 551-9035

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

**The New Voice of Nebraska**, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine, (402) 556-9907 or [tjr05c@prodigy.com](mailto:tjr05c@prodigy.com)

**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 3-4463 Omaha 68134

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays** PFLAG Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064, 291-6781 Meet 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, "Program & Sharing", 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"

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

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

**River City Couples**, Social Support for GLBT couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric, 392-1443, email [rcouple@probe.net](mailto:rcouple@probe.net)

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

**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 3112, Omaha 68103-3122 MessageHotline 398-1255, Email [sgibbona@synergy.net](mailto:sgibbona@synergy.net). For cross-dressers, transsexuals, those wishing to know more. All orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday

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

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 7-9pm, 2nd Thursday, 1st Methodist, Room 209, 291-6781

**W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather Tactics)** Box 7083, Omaha, 68107-7083 Educational/social group for women of leather, Omaha Lincoln 402-477-7741

**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

Please Check Your Group or Organization's Listing.  
Send Updates to: NVN Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103



# APRIL CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

EVERY MONDAY

EVERY TUESDAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m.  
MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street,  
345-2563  
Gay/Lesbian Walking Club,  
10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by  
tennis courts  
Reconciling Worship  
Community, 7:30 p.m., Dietz  
Methodist, 1423 S. 10, Omaha  
GLBT Resource Center, Omaha,  
Closed

HIV Tests, NAP, 552-9260,  
139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-  
9:30pm  
River City Mixed Chorus  
Rehearsals, 1st Methodist,  
7020 Cass, Omaha,  
7:15pm  
GLBT Resource Center,  
1719 Leavenworth,  
Omaha, Open 6-9pm

Women for Sobriety  
5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29  
Omaha, Call Judith 472-  
2598  
Mens Support Group  
7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22,  
Omaha  
GLBT Resource Center,  
1719 Leavenworth,  
Omaha, Open Noon-9pm

Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact  
Luis 472-7450  
Frontrunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot  
PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm,  
475-2437  
AA, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha  
Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas  
Episc, Sioux City, IA  
UNO GaLO 5pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail  
Student Ctr. Call Kim 556-3545  
GLBT Resource Ctr, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

**April 1 (1st Tuesday)**  
AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St.  
Francis Chapel, South & 11th  
Lincoln  
ANGLE, 7pm, GLBT Resource Ctr,  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

**April 2 (1st  
Wed)**

**April 6 (1st Sunday)**  
Frontrunners, 10am, 10 Anniversary, Keystone Trail,  
Aksarben, Lot 5, Omaha  
PFLAG AIDS Family Support Group, 2-4pm, 291-6781  
ICON Bouvier Awards, The MAX, Omaha  
CC Rae performs at Q, Lincoln  
HGRA Tea Dance, 2-7 pm, Blazing Saddle, Des Moines  
GLBT Resource Center GRAND OPENING, noon-6pm,  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

**April 7 (1st  
Monday)**  
ICON Board Mtg.  
7pm, MCC-O, 819  
S: 22, Omaha  
"Marilyn" 7:30pm,  
Howard Drew Thtr,  
Omaha Community  
Playhouse

**April 8 (2nd Tuesday)**  
Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n,  
Red Cross, Sioux City, IA  
Free/Conf HIV Testing 5-7pm  
by Lancaster Co Health Dept  
at The Panic, Lincoln  
HIV Support Grp-Women 7-9pm  
NAP, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln  
Bi Discussion Grp, 7:30pm  
Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln,  
Wendy 476-0314  
RCMC Night of Cabaret, Dundee  
Dinner Theatre, Omaha, 6:30pm  
Frontrunner Annual Banquet

**April 9 (2nd  
Wed)**  
RCMC Night of  
Cabaret, Dundee  
Dinner Theatre,  
Omaha, 6:30pm

**April 13 (2nd Sunday)**  
Frontrunners, Ford Birth Site, 10am, Omaha  
2 Panels from AIDS Memorial Quilt on Display at MCC-O  
Learning Exchange Power Wooden Apple 22&Martha 2-4pm  
PFLAG, Mayflower Cng, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm  
MultiCultural Fair, Sioux City Convention Center  
Love, Valour, Compassion, 8pm, Jewish Community  
Center, Omaha  
Amateur Strip Contest, DC's, Omaha  
Mr Q Troy Benefit for Teen Line at Q, Lincoln  
ICON hosts Closet Ball & Introduces Candidates for  
Emperor and Empress 17, The MAX, Omaha

**April 14  
(2nd Mon.)**  
AIDS Interfaith  
7pm St Cecelias  
Omaha  
Love, Valour,  
Compassion,  
8pm, Jewish  
Cm Ctr Omaha

**April 15 (3rd Tuesday)**  
NOW-Nat'l Org for Women  
Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432  
"N", 434-6695  
Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian,  
3114 Harney, 391-7303  
Grand Island HIV Support  
Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175  
Love, Valour, Compassion,  
8pm, Jewish Cm Ctr Omaha

**Apr 16 (3rdWed)**  
HIV Update, 7pm,  
139 S. 40, Omaha  
Love, Valour,  
Compassion, 8pm,  
Jewish Cm Ctr  
Omaha  
Opening Ceremony,  
AIDS QUILT  
Display, 7:30pm,  
Iowa Western  
Comm College,  
Council Bluffs

**April 20 (3rd Sunday)**  
Frontrunner 10am Burke High School Omaha  
PFLAG/Kearney 3p, St Luke's 2304 2nd Ave (308)237-7136  
Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488  
Don't Tell Mama, ICON & Czar Chris at DC's, Omaha  
Miss MAX 11 Monica West at Q, Lincoln, 9pm  
Love, Valour, Compassion, 2pm, Jewish Com Ctr, Omaha

**April 21 (3rd  
Monday)**

**April 22 (4th Tuesday)**  
PFLAG-Lincoln Meeting, 7pm,  
Unitarian Church, 6300 "A"  
434-9880

**April 23 4th  
Wed)**

**April 27 (4th Sunday)**  
Frontrunners, 10am, Metcalf Park, 50 & Charles, Omaha  
PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth  
MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215  
Miss MAX 97 Ashley Simone at Q in Lincoln  
Roxy's Springy Thingy, DC's, Omaha  
Portfolio Men dance at The MAX Omaha  
Stella Dallas & Guests perform at Omaha Mining Company  
Bartender Revue for ALL Iowa AIDS Benefit, Des Moines

**April 28 (4th  
Monday)**

**April 29 (5th Tuesday)**

**April 30 (5th  
Wednesday)**

**May 4 (1st Sunday)**  
Frontrunners, 10am, Omaha  
A Very Special Show, The MAX, Omaha  
AIDS Candlelight Memorial, 7:30pm, St. Cecelia's, Omaha  
Holocaust Memorial Observance, 7:30pm, East Senate  
Chambers, State Capitol Building, Lincoln

**May 5 (1st  
Mon)**  
ICON, Resource  
Ctr, 1719  
Leavenworth  
Omaha

**May 6 (1st Tuesday)**  
AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St.  
Francis Chapel, Lincoln  
ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, GLBT  
Resource Center, Omaha

**May 7 (1st Wed)**



# APRIL CALENDAR

## EVERY THURSDAY

**HIV Tests, NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, 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 Grp, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, info Call Romie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312**  
**GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Opennoon-6pm**

## EVERY FRIDAY

**Lesbian Discussion Grp, Lincoln 7pm 488-2043**  
**Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, For callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln**  
**Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln**  
**GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm**  
**Al-Anon, 8:15pm, Omaha, Underwood Hills Church**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative" Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave**  
**"Live & Let Live" 8:15pm Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74th, Lincoln: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214**

## 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**  
**GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm**  
**HIV Testing Outreach Center, 1-4pm, (1st & 3rd Sat.--Women Only.; 2nd & 4th Sat.--gen public), 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha**

## THURSDAY

### April 3 (1st Thursday)

**Cuban Poet Nestor Diaz de Villegas U.N.-Omaha, Room 387, Arts & Science, Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha**  
**Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, Video, 1st Unitarian, Omaha**  
**Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528**

## FRIDAY

### April 4 (1st Friday)

**Will Fellows, author of Farm Boys, speaks at Borders, 13105 Birch Drive, Omaha**  
**Womyn's Book Discussion Group, Call Laurie 556-0937**

## SATURDAY

### April 5 (1st Saturday)

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Ass'c 5pm, Des Moines**  
**River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, (402) 398-1255**  
**"In The Life", 9pm, Educable**  
**Cornhaulers Beer Bust, 9:30pm, Des Moines**  
**Will Fellows, author of Farm Boys, 12 noon at Nebraska Bookstore, 1300 Q, Lincoln**  
**GLBT Resource Center GRAND OPENING, 2-10pm, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha**

### April 10 (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**

### April 11 (2nd Friday)

**Frontrunners Friday Afternoon Club, The MAX, Omaha, 6:30pm**

### April 12 (2nd Saturday)

**Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha**  
**Players Club, 2pm Workshop; 8pm Play Party**  
**SAGE Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178**  
**Love, Valour, Compassion, 8pm, Jewish Community Center, Omaha**  
**Panhandle GL Support Services, Gering, NE**

### April 17 (3rd Thursday)

**Metropolitan Club, 6:30pm, Neon Goose, Omaha**  
**GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235**  
**Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30p, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528**  
**AIDS QUILT Display, Iowa Western Comm College, Council Bluffs**  
**"Chest Hair" 7:30pm, DeForest Center, Iowa Western, Council Bluffs**

### April 18 (3rd Friday)

**AIDS QUILT Display, 7:30pm, Iowa Western Comm College, Council Bluffs**  
**"Chest Hair" 7:30pm, DeForest Center, Iowa Western, Council Bluffs**

### April 19 (3rd Saturday)

**AIDS QUILT Display, Iowa Western Comm College, Council Bluffs**  
**Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880**  
**Love, Valour, Compassion, 8pm, Jewish Community Center, Omaha**  
**GLAGN Barn Dance, Location TBA**  
**River City Gender Alliance hosts MAGGIE Planning Committee for Fall Harvest 97; Reception 5-7 Gilligan's Show 7-9 Omaha Mining Company**

### April 24 (4th Thursday)

### April 25 (4th Friday)

**PFLAG Garage & Bake Sale, 1001 S. 52 St., Omaha**

### April 26 (4th Saturday)

**Frontrunners Run/Walk, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha**  
**PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD, 1pm (605)334-5508**  
**PFLAG Garage & Bake Sale, 1001 S. 52 St., Omaha**  
**"Chest Hair" 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22**

### May 1 (1st Thursday)

**CFEP, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha**  
**G/L Parents, 7:30pm, Omaha**  
**Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528**

### May 2 (1st Friday)

**Learning to Exchange Power "Meet & Greet" 9pm, DC's, Omaha**

### May 3 (1st Saturday)

**HGRA Rodeo Mtg, GLRC, Omaha, 5pm**  
**"Fantasy to Reality" Leather/SM vendor fair, Workshops 1-6pm, Show, 9pm, The MAX, Omaha**

### May 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**

### May 9 (2nd Friday)

### May 10 (2nd Saturday)

**Players Club, 2pm Workshop, 8pm Play Party**  
**Lesbian Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178**



## "EQUALITY THROUGH VISIBILITY"

Listed below are the various Pride celebration locations and dates in North and South America.

Arcata, CA	June 8	Houston, TX	June 19-29	Portland, ME	June 15-22
Atlanta, GA	June 27-29	Hyannis, MA	July 19	Queens/NYC, NY	June 1
Bangor, ME	July 12	Kansas City, MO	June 7-8	Salt Lake City, UT	June 8
Birmingham, AL	June 22	Kelowna, BC, Canada	June 28	San Diego, CA	July 25-27
Boise, ID	June 14	Knoxville, TN	June 1-8	San Francisco, CA	June 28-29
Boston, MA	June 1-8	Las Vegas, NV	May 10	San Jose, CA	June 8
Brooklyn/NYC, NY	June 8	Long Beach, CA	May 17-18	San Juan, Puerto Rico	June 1
Calgary, AL, Canada	June 14-22	Los Angeles, CA	June 21-22	Santa Barbara, CA	June 7
Carrboro, NC	June 6-8	Memphis, TN	June 21	Santa Cruz, CA	June 1
Charleston, WV	June 22	Mexicali, BC, Mexico (tentative)	July 4	Santa Fe, NM	July 7-13
Chapel Hill, NC	June 6-8	Mexico City, DF, Mexico	June 28	Seattle, WA	June 29
Chicago, IL	June 29	Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	June 28-29	S. King County, WA (Seattle/Tukwila)	July 6
Chico, CA	September 13-14	Nashville, TN (tentative)	June 21	Spokane, WA	June 8
Claremont, CA	October 11	New York City/Manhattan	June 22, 28-29	St. Louis, MO	June 28-29
Cleveland, OH	June 28	Northampton, MA	May 4	Tampa, FL	July 4-5
Ensenada, BC, Mexico	August 2-3	Olympia, WA	June 21	Tijuana, BC, Mexico	June 14
Eugene, OR	June 29	Omaha, NE	June 22	Toronto, ON, Canada	June 28-29
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	June 15	Orange County, CA	August 16-17	Tucson, AZ	October 18
Fresno, CA	October 12	Ottawa, ON, Canada	July 12-19	Vancouver, BC, Canada	July 26-August 3
Greenville, SC	April 18-20	Philadelphia, PA	June 8	Victoria, BC, Canada	July 1-6
Hartford, CT	June 21	Phoenix, AZ (festival)	May 30-June 1	Visalia, CA	May 18

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## ORGANIZATIONS EVERYONE WELCOME!

PFLAG Garage Sale, Fri/Sat. April 25-26, 9am-3pm, 101 S. 52 Donations welcome 291-6781

Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) Board Meeting **Monday, April 7,** at **GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 7:00 p.m.**

**PERSONAL GROWTH GROUP** - has openings for serious-minded men interested in self, spiritual growth. (Not a sex club.) Discreet, selective. Ph. 330-2162 after 8pm. Ask for Mark. (Ju97)

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## PERSONALS Seeking Bi Women & Men

**Attractive Bi woman & man couple** seeking attractive men & women to share good times. Write & send Picture to: L.C. PO Box 55051, Omaha, NE 68155 (Ap97)

**Straight, SWM, 30, 5' 10", 180lbs,** seeks bi-female for LTR or 3-somes with my other bi-lady friends. Sincere. Honest. Discrete. R. P.O. Box 37812, Omaha, NE 68137-0812 (Ap97)

## Women Seeking Women

**GWF, 40, Feminine,** Tall, Slender, Blonde Hair, Blue Eyes; Seeks GF for Relationship. Enjoy sports, movies, music, dancing, dining out OR staying home. Professional, Non-Smoker, No drugs. Serious inquiries ONLY! Call (402) 453-1430 - Omaha. O.K. to leave message. (Ap97)

## PERSONALS for Men

**Let's go Hiking, Canoeing, Disco Dancing,** see movies, plays, art shops, travel, camp, enjoy music by the fire, sports cars. I'm GWM 153#. 5'9", 53, live on cliff overlooking Lewis & Clark Lake, Yankton, South Dakota area. Seek friends 20-45. RR 1, Box 64A, Crofton, NE 68730. 1-402-388-4394 (Ap97)

**GWM, HIV-, Looking for WELL-HUNG GWM, 20-40** for safe sex. Why don't you cum on over. 457-4271 (Ap97)

**I want to watch two, hot, good-looking guys** do it. Does being watched get you hotter? Is an audience a turnon? Got what it takes? Box 12094, Omaha 68112 (My97)

**GWM, 6'2", 180lbs,** looking for slim guys that wear LEVI's, Have nice buns. 1-402-379-1295 Norfolk. Leave Message. (Ap97)

**Wanted: Very well endowed teachers** to help me fulfill longtime fantasies. Eager to learn and please. I'm 5'10", 175lbs, Bra Hr, Blue Eyes, Whit. Willing to travel anywhere in Neb. for Learning Experiences. Bob 308-384-9927 (Ap97)

**Thinking about answering one of these ads?** Make sure you're looking your best for those "safe, fun times." Tan all over safely with a series of ten minute tans at **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave. 341-3740**

## Leather/S&M

**Safe, sane, consensual, W/M, 46, 5' 10", 195,** blding, bondage dominant wants to meet a bi or gay 20 - 30 with weight proportionate to height. I'm looking for a regular bondage play partner open to a long-term relationship. See my web page at <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/3122/> or contact omahagary@aol.com. (My97)

**Leather Jackets, Vests, Chaps, Pants, Caps, Gloves, Boots, Etc.** Phil's Fun Stuff, Box 431, Decorah, Iowa 52101-0431 (FREE PRICE LIST) (Jr97)

**Planning to attend "From Fantasy to Reality?"** There will be lots of HOT men - make sure you look your best. **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Avenue, 341-3740**

**Anyone interested in getting rid of used leather** please contact Steven Foster, Box 5705, Lincoln, NE 68505. Let me know the sizes along with the price for it. Arm Bands, Chaps, Jocks, Shorts, Pants, Hats, Jackets, etc (Au97)

## WISH LIST

The GLBT Resource Center needs your help in furnishing our "new home." If you can donate any of the items listed below, please give Jim a call at 323-7821 or call and leave a message on our phone 341-0330. We'll come pick up your donations or arrange to meet you at our "new home."

- Desks - 4
- Filing Cabinets - 6-8 5
- Information Racks - 4
- Storage Cabinet
- Fans
- Color Television/VCR
- Bulletin Boards - 4
- Coat Rack
- Office Safe
- Folding Chairs - 4-25 15
- 4 Folding Tables 5' or 6'
- Book Cases - 6
- Coffee Maker
- Vacuum
- Locking Change Box
- Free Standing Partitions - 5' height
- Table Games
- Non-Fiction GLBT Books

Used or new items - either would be great, but we do ask that all items be in working/usable condition with no initial repairs needed.

Thanks to all of you who donated in March! Your contributions went a long way to making the GLBT Resource Center usable and even "homey."

## APRIL ADDITIONS TO THE LIST:

- Telephone
- Office Supplies
- Kitchen Mop
- Push Broom
- Waste Baskets - all sizes
- Cleaning Supplies
- Dust Pan
- Basic Tools: hammer, screw drivers, pliers, etc.

Other items are needed, watch for an updated list in the May issue or posted at the Resource Center - 1719 Leavenworth.



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**MUTUAL IN OMAHA** I'm looking for other good guys to build friendships with in the area. I'm a 31 year old, White male, 5'9, 160lbs, with short Brown hair, Brown eyes, clean shaven face, and a slim build. I'm open to all types of fun. (Omaha) #12519

**DAILY VARIETY** Do you remember the variety packs of cereal your mom used to buy when you were a kid? That's the one I always select. I'm a 35 year old male, 5'7, 160lbs, and I like all sorts of people and things. Let's talk. (Omaha) #31249

**YOU PULL THE STRINGS** I'm looking for an older man, who appreciates the company of a young, handsome stud. I'm a very good looking, submissive, 24 year old, Bi male. I need an authority figure to take charge. (Omaha) #10314

**EXCEPTIONALLY UNEXCEPTIONAL** I'm an average guy, looking for an average counterpart. I'm a 47 year old, college educated man, 6ft, with average looks and build. I have a stable job, and life, but would like to add you to the equation. You should be between 45 and 60, with a typical lifestyle, and a good attitude. Call and let's talk. (Omaha) #26413



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**NEWLY SUBMISSIVE** I'm feeling very submissive. I'm new to this arena, so I need an experienced, dominant top, to show me the way. I'm mature, 5'11, 215lbs. I'm very open to trying new things. If you're Black, you get big points before we even get started! (Omaha) #24797

**CHECK YOUR WATCH** It's time to check me out. I'm a 32 year old, Bi male, in the Omaha area. I am looking to meet other guys, for fun and friendship. I'm 6ft, 185, with dark Brown hair, and Gray eyes. I work out a lot, and have a very muscular build. Don't let another second pass. (Omaha) #22646

**NEED YOU IN NEBRASKA** Gay male, age 50, in Omaha, is looking for other men to hang out with. I like hiking, antiques, the arts, and theater. I'm 5'9, 160lbs of fun. I hope to meet a special someone to share my life with. (Omaha) #22600

**CORN FED** I'm a 26 year old, White male, 5'11, 200lbs with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I enjoy movies, dining out, and social drinking. I would like to meet an individual with the same or similar interests. I'm always willing to try new and different things. Give me a call. Please no smokers! (Omaha) #1624

**CAN WE TALK?** I'm a 40 year old, Gay, White male, in pretty good shape, but not a fitness freak. I don't like games, or bars. I like movies, theater, dinner, and conversation. I enjoy sightseeing, hiking and sincere people. (Omaha) #21573

**TAKING ORDERS IN OMAHA** Good looking, submissive man is available for anything you want. I'll show you a really good time. What's your pleasure? (Omaha) #20116

**COWBOY DUO NEEDS THIRD** We're two Gay, White country cowboys and we're looking for other guys to carnal with for hot times. I'm 30, 6ft, 170lbs, with a dark beard. My buddy is 6'2, 160lbs, with light Brown hair. We're both very masculine, wear country clothes, and like to have multiple orgasms. We want partners, between 20 and 40, who are very active participants. We love to travel. #11643



**A STORY IN THE MAKING** I'm 27 years old, 6'4, 185lbs, short, Brown hair, hazel eyes. I like movies, dining out, horror movies, home life, and writing. I'm interested in meeting someone who is fun loving, caring, respectful, and close to my own age. (Omaha) #17081

**TALL AS AN OAK** I'm 41 years old, 6ft, 190lbs, Brown hair, blue eyes. I'm good looking and I have a good sense of humor. I like home life, music, movies, cuddling, trying out new restaurants, and dancing. I'm looking for someone in my area who is over 6ft tall. (Omaha) #16769

**ORGY TIME** I'd like to plan a very intimate get together at my house with several guys. If you want to be a part of this gathering please leave a message. (Omaha) #14979

**A REAL PLEASER** I'm 5'10, 220lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes. I like to cook, clean, go to yard sales, watch TV, and cuddle. I'm a bottom looking for a man I can please. (Omaha) #9351

**FOREVER YOURS** I'm a 25 year old Gay White male giving ownership to my body to people who know what I want. Please call. (Omaha) #14064

**SAFE S & M** I'm looking for hot tops. I'm a 35 year old, Gay, White male, 5'11, 170lbs. I'm seeking tops for safe, hot sex. I'm into S & M. (Omaha) #13629

**CATCH MY DRIFT** I'm a Black male, 5'11, 175lbs, nice build, 35 years old. I'm into alot of things. I'm looking for guys who want to connect and have a good time. (Omaha) #49851

**CUM AS YOU ARE** I'm a White male, 26 years old, 6'4, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 170lbs, bottom. I'm looking for top men around my age to have some fun with. (Omaha) #12320

**AM I BISEXUAL? I'M NOT SURE!** I'm a White male, 49 years old, 180lbs. I'm having strange thoughts and feelings. I would like to meet other White Bi men 20 to 30 with similar feelings. Discretion is an absolute must. (Omaha) #12507

**ALL IN THE NAME OF FUN** I'm looking for guys to go out and have fun with. I like movies, dancing, and friends. I'm 5'7, 175lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for Gay men 19 to 37 for a possible relationship. (Omaha) #7390

**ON THE LOOKOUT** I'm a 28 year old Black male looking for Black, Latino or Asian males 20 to 28. I would like to get to know you. Leave me a message. (Omaha) #10052

**TAKE ALL OF ME** I'm a Bi White male looking for men in my area. I'm a submissive bottom looking to explore more adventures. I would love to meet you. Call me today. (Omaha) #10110

**SUBMISSIVE HISPANIC** I'm a bottom person, Gay Hispanic male, 37 years old, Black hair, Brown eyes, submissive. I'm looking for other Gay men to have fun with. Call me. (Omaha) #9668

**ON THE MAKE** I'm a 27 year old Gay White male, 6'1, 180lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I like movies, carping, dancing, etc. I'm looking for a Gay White male 24 to 30 with similar interests for friendship and a possible relationship. Call me. (Omaha) #10180

**DISCRETION ASSURED** I'm looking for clean cut White males 45 to 60 to service on a regular basis at my place. If you are interested please leave a message. (Omaha) #8054

**ENERGIZER BUDDY** I'm 26 years old, 5'11, 130lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for submissive tops who like to party and have fun. I'm very energetic. Call me. (Omaha) #7645

**ROMANCING THE STONES** I'm a White male, 27 years old, 5'6, 120lbs, nice muscular build, college student. I like to read, go dancing, coffee, Star Trek Voyager, museums, romance, etc. I'm looking for a White male 25 to 30 who is comfortable being Gay. Call me. (Seward) #12915

**NE-BI-SKA** This Bi guy, in central Nebraska, wants to hook up with other men. I'm 27, 5'9, 195lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, a mustache and goatee. I know you're out there. #8750

**FRIENDS AND FUN** I'm 25 years old, 5'8, 150lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I live in central Nebraska, and I'm looking to find new friends and have some fun. Would you like to be my friend? It could be fun. #22891

**BOYS IN THE HOOD** I'm 5'9, 145lbs, clean cut and normal. I'm just looking for other guys in the central Nebraska area to meet and have good times with and maybe more. #22172

**GOOD TIMES IN NEBRASKA** I'm 5'9, 145lbs and full of life. My interest are country music and country dancing. I'm looking for guys to have fun with. #20483

**LOOKING FOR THE SAME** I'm a good looking, tall, masculine, straight acting, 28 year old. I'm down to earth, mellow, and just a regular guy. I would like to meet guys who are my age or younger. Call me. #18035

**NEW TO THE LEATHER SCENE** I'm 22 years old, 6ft, 250lbs, Reddish hair, Hazel eyes. I'm new to the leather scene. I'm a bottom looking for someone to help me out. #15405

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**KEEP IT UP** I'm 5ft tall and I'm looking for guys in my area who are interested in fishing, hiking, reading, movies, romance and life. Let's get to know each other. (Ashland) #10866

**READY WHEN YOU ARE** I'm a Gay White male, 5'10, 160lbs, Blond hair, Green eyes. I'm pretty much into anything. I'm looking for Black or White men in my area to have a good time with. (Fremont) #18568

**JOIN ME IN OMAHA** I'm 6ft, 215lbs, Reddish Brown hair, Hazel eyes. I love going to clubs in Omaha and having a great time. I'd love to hear from you. (Fremont) #6858

**JAMMING JOCKBOY** Very good looking, extremely masculine, and straight acting, all American man, 30 years old, 6'4, 220lbs, with dark hair and eyes, smooth body and clean shaven face. I'm built and bold, and need to meet similar hot dudes, to hook up, and have a good time, with. Be good looking and clean cut. Let's mess around. (Grand Island) #21621

**MR. AMERICA** I'm an all American, Gay, White male, 5'10, 165lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a fit, smooth build. I'm masculine, clean cut, and attractive. I'm looking for good friends, between 20 and 50, to have fun with. You should be in good shape, smooth, and appreciate an honest, sensitive, down to earth, and perceptive mate. Let's talk. (Lincoln) #14211

**INTENSE IMAGININGS** I'm a little shy as I haven't tried this before. I'm a clean, inexperienced, Bi curious male. I want to find out if reality is as fun as my imaginings. Please be discreet. (Lincoln) #12479

**SEEK ADVENTURE HERE** I'm a nice looking, well educated, professional, Black male who is looking to connect with other guys for good times. I'm 35, 5'11, 175lbs, with a nice build. I'm very easy going and have a variety of interests. (Lincoln) #11875

**INITIATE ME** I'm looking for a man for my first Gay experience. I'm a Single, White male, 25, 5'11, 145lbs, with a very slender build. I am attracted to guys under 25, who are skinny and smooth. (Lincoln) #11248

**EXPANDING MY HORIZONS** I'm a financially secure Bi male, interested in meeting others for fun times. I have a particular interest in Transvestites and Transsexuals, but want to experience Bi and Gay men as well. (Lincoln) #10947

**YOU KNOW WHERE IT GOES** I'm new to the neighborhood and want to meet masculine, preppy jock types. I'm a 30 year old, White male who's tall, dark and handsome. I like other straight acting guys, between 18 and 28, who are aggressive tops and know where to put it. (Lincoln) #28096

**BLADE RUNNER** I want to find someone masculine and tender to spend time, and enjoy life with. I'm an attractive, 20 year old, Gay, White male, who likes Star Trek, reading, and hiking, biking, and rollerblading outdoors. (Lincoln) #27468

**BEARS IN THE WILD** This heavy set, husky, Black bear, wants to meet a polar bear, between 45 and 50. Let's have fun in the wild, or in my lair. (Lincoln) #27005



**CORNHUSKER COUNTRY** Sexy voiced Gay, White male, 29 with Brown hair and Blue eyes wants to have good times with other men between 18 and 30 in southeast Nebraska. (Lincoln) #24813

**AFRO ASIAN SUMMIT** I'm a very well endowed, African American male. I'll bet that got your attention. I want to meet a masculine, discreet Asian, especially Vietnamese male for fun and friendship. You should be an enthusiastic bottom. Make use of my tool. (Lincoln) #24525

**OH MY, IN OMAHA** My roommate and I are interested in making friends to get together with regularly. He is a 31 year old, Latin male, 5'11, with Brown hair and eyes. I am a White male, 37, but look younger. 6ft, 180lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. Let's shake the rafters. (Lincoln) #24753

**TEDDY BEAR PICNIC** I'm just a big, teddy bear, from Lincoln. 6'1, 320lbs. I'm looking for hot and horny, young, college students, who crave a good time. Anything you want, just ask. (Lincoln) #24480

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU** Down home guy wants to get to know you. I'm a White male, 5'11, 165lbs. I consider myself cute. I like to sit around watching movies, and getting to know people. I also like the bars, theaters, and having fun, in general. What should I know about you? (Lincoln) #23120

**IN MY AREA** Call me if you live in or around Lincoln. (Lincoln) #15809

**PRIVATE TRANSVESITTE** I hope you know what you're doing, because I have never done this before. I am a Married, White male, 5'9, who is looking for a discreet, special man, who wants to make me his own, personal Transvestite. My blood is surging with anticipation. (Lincoln) #23225

**NEBRASKA BUDDY** I'm 32 years old, 6'1 and weigh 185lbs. A future relationship is possible, but now, I'm looking for friends to hang out with. Let's eat out, see a movie, discuss books, or just spend time together. Interested? Let's be friends. (Lincoln) #3608

**WILD MAN** 44 year old, Black, male, top, from the Omaha area, seeks any submissive, White bottom, for winter fun, safe sex, and good times. Age 44 to 50 preferred. We can party. (Lincoln) #31817

**RESISTANCE IS FUTILE** Hi guys. I'm a Gay, Black male in my mid 40's. I'm looking for submissive Gay, White bottoms for fun and friendship. Heavy set like me is preferred. (Lincoln) #6216

**EARLY RISER?** I'm a 35 year old Gay male, 6'2s, 210lbs, dark and Gray hair, mustache, hairy. I'm looking to meet guys around my age who are built and ready for a good time. I'm free on the weekends or weekday mornings. (Lincoln) #18595

**DISCREET TOP** I'm 29 years old, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I consider myself very good looking. I am a total top looking for total bottoms for safe, discreet encounters. Guys between 18 and 30 years of age, and in shape, preferred. (Lincoln) #20838

**PROSTATE PATROL** I'm 33 years old, Black male, 5'10, 185lbs, very muscular. I'm a top looking for a muscular bottom. (Lincoln) #15541

**OMAHA, HERE I COME** I'm 32 years old, average build. I'm looking to get together with guys in my area. I get to Lincoln and Omaha quite often. (Lincoln) #13954

**YOUNG PUP** I'm 6'1, Black hair, Brown eyes, 165lbs, 18 years old, college student. I'm looking for other guys 18 to 25 who are good looking and in shape. (Lincoln) #14046

**HUSH HUSH** I'm a 31 year old Bi male, 6ft, 155lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, soft skin. I'm looking for other men in my area to have discreet fun with. (Lincoln) #14195

**ARE YA GETTING IT AT HOME?** I'm 6'1, 165lbs, Blond hair, Blue eyes, mustache, nice smile. I enjoy romantic evenings with very masculine men, preferably Bi or Straight. I love to satisfy my partner. (Lincoln) #13359

**EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL** I'm 30 years old, into anything safe. I'm interested in meeting hot men in my area who want to get down. (Lincoln) #12272

**ANYTHING GOES** I'm 5'11, 20 years old, versatile. I'm looking for men in the Omaha area who want to go out and do things. Call me. (Lincoln) #12456

**MAYBE MORE** I'm a 25 year old Gay White male looking for a guy my age or older. I like fun times and possible relationship. Call me. (Lincoln) #8656

**LOOKING FOR A DADDY** I'm looking for a Gay or Bi male who can be a daddy to me. I like dining out, TV, reading, talking on the phone, movies, giving massage, etc. Please call me. (Lincoln) #6307

**I'M RUNNING TO YOU** I'd like to make new friends with the idea that one of them will become my life partner. I'm a physically active, Gay, White male, 5'5, 140lbs, with Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I like to work out, and I run four miles everyday. I'd like to meet guys in the area, but I go to Omaha almost every weekend. (Norfolk) #27357

**SLIM GUYS IN LEVIS** I like masculine men who know what they want and who like being pleased. I'm a mature, White male, 5'9, 160lbs. I especially like Straight and Bi men. I'm also turned on by slim guys in Levis. (Omaha) #28980

**LUSTY NIGHTS** I'm interested in evening get together with other attractive guys, 31 or younger. I'm an extremely good looking, White male, age 31. I'm mostly a bottom but can be versatile. I'm especially interested in Bi men. Let's hook up, rip our clothes off, and have rowdy fun. (Omaha) #28677

**IGNITE THE FLAME** Let's get something started right away. This nice looking, 34 year old, Gay, White male, 200lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, likes movies, music, dancing, and long walks. I want to make some new friends and see what happens. (Omaha) #28689

**JUST A HINT OF ME** I'd rather talk to you in person than leave all my stats for the world to see. I'm a masculine, White male, 6'1, 240lbs, with a variety of interests. Call for the nitty gritty. (Omaha) #11958

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