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IT'S MY TURN, FINALLY by Carla

I know you've all been wondering just what I think about all the latest happenings in our life (that is mine and Sharon's), so I thought I'd better take this opportunity to tell you. Who knows, maybe next month Sharon will have empty days and hours to fill, and she'll have time to write a really inspiring "Our Turn." Okay, okay, I live in a fantasy world. Empty time is one of those frills that life just doesn't afford us. Now, about those topics near and dear to all our hearts—

THE NEW VOICE—Wow! February is going to be here before we know it. I'm sad that it doesn't seem like there's enough people in the community to commit to keeping *The New Voice* alive. It's been a big part of our life. Yes, a part I've hated at times. You know—when I wanted to go out and Sharon needed to do typing. Or when we did go out and someone spoiled our evening by spending 45 minutes telling us how angry they were with something that was in the last issue (they could have written a letter or called and asked if this was a good time to talk about *The New Voice*). Or when I was in a hurry and Sharon just had to stop by the PO Box to check for mail. Or when the phone rang at 3 a.m. with an upset drunk or someone who couldn't read SIAMESE in our Wanted Stud Kitty AD. Or when for the 15th time that day I'd been called Sharon and someone wanted to talk to me about *The New Voice* and I just wanted left alone 'cause I'd had a bad day. Or when I just wanted to snuggle in bed, but Sharon had gotten up at 5 a.m. to do more layout on the magazine. Yep! I've been pretty

upset about *The New Voice* and all the time I've had to share Sharon with it. But there were a whole mess of good times too! You know, the times the articles made somebody's day or they loved the pictures! Your praises and thanks were WONDERFUL. And I can't count how many of you have said, "Oh, you're Carla & Sharon from the Voice. I loved your story about _____." Or when you've asked how my back was doing or if I'd recovered from my latest illness. Your concern and compassion has been touching. It has made Nebraska my home. And you know, if I ever felt surrounded by strangers, all I had to say was "My partner is the editor of *The New Voice*," and immediately I was surrounded by friends. Yes, *The New Voice* has been a good thing in my life because of so very many of you. THANKS!

I'll hate to see it end, but you know since I've been here—9 years now—I've seen a lot of growth in the GLBT community. The number of groups and organizations have tripled at least. Most of them have newsletters, and most of them work to distribute their newsletters to the greater community via the GLBT businesses and comped subscriptions. That's good! And now we do have *The Buzz*. So maybe it will be okay. I'll miss *The New Voice*. So will you. Love it, hate it—we'll miss it! But it's a part of our GLBT history for which we can be proud. It has successfully recorded our story for 13 years. That's a long time for a publication that tries to cover the whole community and is entirely staffed by VOLUNTEERS! In case I don't get to the

keyboard again before February—*"Goodbye, New Voice, I'll miss you! You were a good friend."*

EMPRESS—Wow! You did it, Sharon! You won the community's support! They picked you! I am so impressed! Oh my, I guess that means life is going to get busier. **BUSIER**—HOW CAN THAT BE!

Busier means you really can be asked to be four places at once. Busier means that even with a calendar, which I keep religiously, you can allow yourself to write down three of those four places on the same date in the same 1/2 inch square box and not even realize you have more than one event listed. Busier means you put petting the cats on your calendar, right alongside of getting toilet tissue at the grocery store. Busier means counting the days and saying only 341 days til next year's Coronation. Busier means when your birthday rolls around and someone wants to schedule a meeting you say "Great!" cause you know it will save you from 3 other meetings! I think you get the point. Sharon's being Empress has made our life busier. But it's done more than that.

It means that we've had to clean the house more regularly. Oh, no! We're not entertaining—WELL, WE ARE ENTERTAINING, BUT not in the way that means people come to our house to socialize. We clean more regularly because we are forever "collecting" things. You know, those kind of things that "Someday" we MIGHT use. Things like feathers 3'tall, and used trophies, and fabric—did you know that with 3 yards of fabric a person can build a set, make a dress, cover a table, accessorize a wall, make armbands, headbands, props, ropes, flags—the uses for piece of fabric are endless (I think fabric must have been invented by a tupperware sales rep.) Oh, and we collect royal things—anything with a jewel, or crown, or gold, or such. There's hidden potential in anything anybody discards. And, of course, we have to have a place to store it. That means—cleaning.

Actually, I've had to take on a whole new role in ICON. I've become the supportive spouse. I see to the bags. I manage the checklist. I run home for the forgotten items when we get to a show. I've taken my title "Ying Yang to the Empress" seriously. So far, it's been a lot of fun and really rewarding, but then I believe ICON does wonderful work for the community. I'm looking forward to the next 10 months. I'm glad to be associated with the families Jeff and Sharon have put together to be the Class of 97-98 of Aksarben High. What a year it will be!

PRINCESS DI—What a tragedy!

MOTHER THERESA—What a life!

MY BACK—I still say when the surgeon said "mild discomfort" forever, he doesn't know the meaning of the word "mild."

MY ILLNESSES—Been there, done that!

MCC-OMAHA—It's great. Our new pastor is a real blessing! I've even found time to lead a "Book Discussion." Services Sun. 9 & 10:30AM.

THE CATS—Samuel is trying to stand on the keyboard even now. Tillie has taken to carrying everything in her teeth—everything—money, nametags, letters, stamps. Need I say more!

Gee, I had so much more to say. Maybe if I'm good, Sharon will let me write one more time. Why don't all of you tell her what a great "Our Turn" this is and who knows, maybe I'll get one more chance. Bye for now—maybe forever!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JOE HALL TO LEAVE NAP

Dear Sharon,

Without a doubt, one of the most extraordinary times of my life has been my time in Omaha as the Executive Director of the Nebraska AIDS Project. Nineteen months have gone by very quickly — almost too quickly — and I am approaching the end of my stay.

At the end of this year I will be leaving NAP and leaving Omaha to take a long planned (and much postponed) sabbatical. After nearly 11 years in AIDS, political and community work, I find myself in need of time to reflect and regroup. I love to travel and I plan to fit in as much as I can before I make a career move.

I take very little credit for NAP's achievements — this remarkable agency is built on the commitment and hard work of a generous and proactive community. It is the work of hundreds of determined, compassionate people who labored to keep NAP vital throughout the years.

I am not leaving yet — I will be here through the process of searching for my replacement to ensure a seamless transition. We will begin a formal process soon and will be posting announcements in the media and recruiting through our community channels by the end of the month.

When the history of the 20th century is written, the AIDS epidemic will loom large among the events that have transformed this era. The century will be marked by the enormity of our losses to AIDS and also marked by the profoundly moving responses of people in this crisis. Nebraska should always be proud of how it has responded to the epidemic. NAP and its fine work are an enduring legacy.

I am proud to be part of NAP's history and I am truly grateful to Omaha for making me feel so welcome.

Sincerely,
Joseph Hall
Executive Director

FALL HARVEST 1997

Dear Community,

Fall Harvest 1997 is being held by the River City Gender Alliance and the preparation and registrations are currently doing very well. RCGA has many people to thank for their support and dedication in helping make Fall Harvest the success that it will be. We would like to start by thanking the two establishments that allowed us to host our benefit shows in their bars. The **Omaha Mining Company** started our fund drive with a benefit show that was hosted in April of 1997, where we raised \$333.00 in just under an hour. With the help of our Co-Sponsors, Emperor and Empress 16 Royal and Phoenix. Special thanks to the bar owner for his personal donation and hospitality. (Thanks, "Terry Tippitt")

Then it was on to August 17, 1997 when we did our next benefit with DC's, where the benefit started with a cocktail party and then the show which ran just over two hours. The show was also a success with a total of \$752.00 raised. Thanks to our current monarchs Emperor and Empress Jeff and Sharon. And then also a special thanks to ICON for their donation of \$100.00. Also there were others who donated to our fund raisers and we thank you all. (Royal and Phoenix, Joe Reed, Gerald Brown, Joey, Margaret, John and Rachel Chapin) and many more. A special thanks of appreciation to all the entertainers who came out and helped us. We here at RCGA know that the one way to really show our thanks is by our continuing support to all aspects of our community which we have tried to do in the past and future. Thanks again to the bars and ICON and all the people who came out to the shows to support us. Please remember Fall Harvest 1997 is held October 30 to November 2, 1997. Banquet tickets are available for Saturday night for just \$19.00.

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Sweet Carl, you are as Herakles to my mortal heart and mind. As devotional tribute, for I have nothing else to give, I would join the Sacred Band of Thebes and battle by your side. I would protect your body as it struggled against the onslaught. And bind your wounds, as you have mine. Without fear, I look into your eyes and hope that all I am would appear naked before you. I find myself on bended knee as sword and shield fall to the ground.

I surrender myself to you. Your victory over me complete.

O, Sweet Carl, carry me away in your arms of bronze back to Mount Olympos from which Mighty Zeus defeated the Titans. Where the battle scarred soil has since turned to wildflowers.

Lay me down amongst them and overwhelm me with your kisses.

Drown me in the glory of your passion eternally.

Brent Humphrey

Thebes was a great city-state of ancient Greece. The Sacred Band being a division of the Theban army made up of 300 homosexual men who were couples; it was believed that lovers placed side by side on the battlefield would more resolutely stand their ground to protect each other. The Sacred Band was one of the most effective military machines of the Greek world.

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FEATURES

FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon
Nationally Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Yes, I read the obituary page. So what! This is a section where one can learn a lot if the families are honest when they put their loved-one's data in the paper. It's a bit like studying the graveyard markers and epitaphs.

What really wipes my butt though is to read the obit of someone in our community whom I knew, who had died from AIDS complications, and the obit never mentions the truth of what caused the death. Why? Usually it's the parents who don't want the world to know the truth about their child. Maybe they'd be embarrassed for a friend or neighbor to come up and say "Oh, I see your son/daughter died from AIDS" or "Oh, I didn't realize your child was a homosexual." God, how I hate this kind of hypocrisy! When will families start living the TRUTH?

I guess I almost expect the lies from the straight community though; they've been lying for years - especially to us about us! They've told us homosexuals are HATED by God; homosexuals CHOOSE to be so, etc.

Yeah, the elders and our parents grew up in a society which taught them to lie. And, when it comes to family members, we still are being taught to lie to protect the feelings of our clan. I really do hate it all because it perpetuates the hypocrisy.

Naturally, their little Jane or Joe couldn't be a hated homosexual or certainly couldn't have contracted a deadly virus? So, they lie about us to their friends and the rest of the family. They have the misconception they are protecting US when in reality they are trying to protect themselves from being bad-mouthed by ignorant and uneducated friends and family members.

We, yes we, sometimes go along with the facade of lies our families set up; we even facilitate the lying by remaining in our closets. Our prayers to our Creator must become "Lord, bless the line of B.S. we've established". We fall for this incredible idea of living in lies is OK! What incredible family units we do seem to have! Maybe it's no wonder folks think insanity is inherited.

Can you imagine what we might be like if we had come to know the truth about God loving us? Now, we just have to re-learn. The truth is: our Creator loves us. What kind of a Creator would create a child it could only hate?! Really! So many times I think of the Fundies who tell me God hates me because I'm a homo; it almost makes me believe there is more than one GOD. Who is this God of hate they seem to know?! The one I know loves me.

As a monotheist however I can only conclude these folks are not in very close contact with one God if they only have gotten to that point of learning about hatred. They've become deluded by the bigotries and prejudices of small-minded men who insist the interpretation of God falls within the boundaries of their doctrine of hate. They've pushed themselves away from learning about real love...the love of God.

We all need so desperately to simply learn that a homo is a homo is a homo and accept this truth. WE need be no more ashamed of being who

we are in reality than one born with a minority skin color. There is no shame in being. As Popeye might say: I yam what I yam, our strength lies in accepting what is reality and truth. Fundies and many times family will tell us we chose our lifestyle - which some of them feel is also choosing our homosexuality. They are correct in that we do choose our life-style and incorrect in that we chose to be homosexual. If I did choose to be a homosexual, it was choice made before I entered this life. As far as my lifestyle? Well, I could have chosen to be a drag queen and live that kind of life-style. I chose not to be a drag queen. I could have chosen to flamboyant, but it's not me. I could have chosen to live in an eclectic environment and I did. It's my lifestyle. I could have chosen a lot of things to make sure everyone would be aware that I was the "queer" they spoke privately about. I chose rather to go with the flow of my life.

Yes, lifestyles are chosen, even for all of our heterosexual brothers and sisters. They, above all, should also realize there is no way they could choose to be a homosexual; it's just not in their nature, no more than an Italian could choose to be Swedish and vice versa. We are what and who we are. We only need to choose the lifestyle which might make us proud of being ourselves.

Proud to be gay? Proud to be straight? No! Proud to BE; purely and simply a truthful and honorable member of the human race.

Ashamed of being gay? Ashamed of being straight? No! Only, of course, if our choices in our lifestyles are detrimental to ourselves and our fellow humans. Then, we'd need to seek therapeutic help or seek a philosophical path of higher values which would help us change from a detrimental lifestyle to a purposefully positive one.

Yes, living in lies disturbs me; especially when I find a brother or sister doing it. I don't know why; maybe it's because I think everyone in our gay and lesbian community is so very special, special in God's eyes, and special people shouldn't have to live in lies.

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

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FALL HARVEST

Gender Conference Will Bring 200 Transgendered Persons to Doubletree

Fall Harvest, the annual conference for the Midwest transgender community, will be held at the Doubletree Inn in Downtown Omaha, Thursday, October 30 through Saturday, November 1. Hosted by Omaha's River City Gender Alliance, the Fall Harvest brings together the groups which make up the regional group called MAGGIE including chapters in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, and Kansas. This event will bring nearly 200 transgendered persons and their families together for a series of workshops and speakers, along with opportunities to network and meet new friends. Fall Harvest culminates with Saturday night's dinner and awards banquet and the Miss Fall Harvest Pageant.

Fall Harvest features a full spectrum of speakers on topics of interest to the Transgender Community. Featured speakers include Phyllis Frye and JoAnn Roberts. Workshops presenters include Deb-Ann Thompson, counselor; Dr. Dennenberg, Plastic Surgeon; Elaine LaBore, Electrolysis; Joseph LeNoir, Hair and Make-Up; Robert Mendelsohn, TG Survey Results; Tom Petersen, Attorney; Diane Edgerton, Comportment; David Hoppe, Counselor; Dr. Randi Ettner, Counselor & Author; Dr. Fred Ettner, Hormones; and Dr. Eugene Shrang, S.R.S.

For the first time, a limited number of tickets are being set aside for the GLBS community to join the Transgender community for the Saturday night festivities. If you would like to attend the conference, tickets are available by contacting the River City Gender Alliance Hotline at 398-1255.

Photo: Phyllis Frye will be one of the keynote speakers at Fall Harvest



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"OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for October 1997

by C. Lichtenstein

Although every month should contain National Coming Out celebrations, only October has the official holiday. That being the case, let's not waste time dallying in our rancid closets. Let's open and release all of our gremlins as Saturn provides us with the courage, Jupiter the glory, Mars the oomph and Pluto the transformation.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

The planets provide all queer Rams with Outer directed energy this October. The secret to your success lies in stern old Saturn which seems to diminish your self confidence but in fact, provides you with incredible strength and fortitude. As they say in Noo Yawk, "Don't take nuttin from nobody"; show the world what pride is all about. Try showing it in black leather chaps.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

There is a tiger in your tank this October when both aggressive Mars and volcanic Pluto stoke the flames of passion in your chart. Some proud Bulls may charge through china shops in their lusty quest for affirmation and the need to make up for lost time. Good thing too, cousin; sometimes you have to break a few plates to get yourself served.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Geminis yearn for connection and are one of the most sociable signs of the zodiac. Now in October, queer Twins seek soulmates with a vengeance and strive for transforming connections. Venus provides the extra spark after the 9th if you've found the right match. Platonic relationships go only so far; Saturn demands more than a warm handshake, but use a glove...

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

October allows a breath of fresh air to waft through your relationship with your family and it's about time! Use this planetary transit to your greatest advantage friend; proudly say what needs to be said and do what needs to be done. Saturn throws a few curveballs in your career but it's just the way the planets remind you that even your career needs some attention now and then.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Happy surprises are in store for all proud Lions who recognize the value of a strong and committed partnership. That means, of course, that you cannot always have your way or be the center of attention all the time, try though you will. Travel plans do not go as smooth as expected, but Saturn

provides a little lesson in every squalid corner of the world, even in East St. Louis.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Any restrictions placed on your ability to come out to family shatters with a vengeance in open and out October. Both Pluto and Mars demand a revolution in no uncertain terms. Good; I hate oppressive power structures. Queer Virgos often try to please everyone else and in the process, compromise themselves. Turn over a new leaf cousin; there's a gem underneath.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Are you sharing your toys with partners? Saturn continues to provide a few lessons in the importance of give and take. (Give more, take less!) Make a fairly compelling case for whatever you want this month when Mars and Pluto crown you the great gay orator. Why not make the case for all of us? Take it to the streets and storm the barricades!

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Scorps will be tickled pink this October. Not only do Jupiter and Uranus turn up the volume on any jolly gay time, but a cluster of planets happily

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SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

While it's hard to drum up any enthusiasm for an old favorite sideline, gay Archers can implement new plans and dreams this all out October. Maybe you're too fixated on what's old and stale. Maybe it's time to break Out and try something new. Use that fabulously big mouth of yours to talk to all and sundry and gather fresh ideas. Speaking of fresh, change the sheets.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JANUARY 20)

Gay Goats get back to the basics this October when the major planets demand that you give back to our community in both time and money. We're not asking that you give up all your earthly delights and talk to pigeons, but we do require a certain level of charitable commitment and good gay citizenship. Hey, I'm talking karma here, buddy.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

You may not mean what you say, but you're charming as heck anyway. Aqueerians must capitalize on their personality this October when chance meetings with strangers provide happy, expansive and surprising results. And don't forget your pals: Pluto and Mars transform and affirm platonic social outlets. Everyone into the maddening swirl!

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

While you have not been known to be an empire builder, the planets give you a chance to become Donald Trump for the month. (or perhaps Ivana...?) Saturn gives you a worn but wise attitude about money and Pluto tears down and then rebuilds long term goals and outer success. Remember to institute partnership benefits after you throw the sharks out.

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"HAPPY TRAILS"

Brian's Note: Usually, this is the space where I try to my best to explain my general mood/state of things going on as I write this page. I will admit that most of the contents of this section made little sense to anyone. Hell, sometimes when I look back on past pages, I don't even understand what I wrote, and then try to remember the medication combination that created it. And then I show these sections to my therapist, who starts to scribble on all sorts of yellow pads.

The department on your left: I spent most of this past month working on a new "project" (I don't want to jinx it, but I will say that one of my favorite places in the world liked my original submission, and would like to see more.); so as usual, all the reading I did was comic books, tabloid magazines in the check-out aisle, the occasional bus schedule, and whatever is rolling across the television screen, in that order.

I hope maybe I have turned you, dear reader, on to some new, and little known gems in literature; even some stuff that is not specifically gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered in nature. I hope that maybe a few of you decided to give comic books a try again, after Mom got sick of keeping all your old stuff in boxes and threw them out years ago.

I hope that the "Literate Poofster" helped to expand your world. Maybe would should all join hands now and single a couple choruses of "Mr. Bojangles." huh?

The "Why I am leaving" department: As you may know by now, this will be my last here at *The New Voice of Nebraska*. And as most of you know, I am an HIV-positive writer. My health has been taking some weird and wacky turns lately (my numbers are fine, but I am suddenly taking the walk-in role of "Side-Effects Boy."), and I have been re-evaluating my priorities. I am trying to explore other avenues in writing that have always interested me, such as short stories, freelance articles and yes, even comic books. I am also trying to get more of my poetry published outside of this page. and, as I have said more times than I have been shot down for a date, I am also trying to get a second book published.

I guess what this all boils down to is that I need to move on. I decided to quit now so that the true heroes of *The New Voice of Nebraska*, those who were here way before I came along, have a chance to shine on their own.

The "Oh, so final words" department: I should start by thanking all of those who helped me as this page and my career developed here in *The New Voice*, and in Omaha. Thank you, Sharon, for liking my first four pieces enough to publish them. Thank you, Carla, for nominating me for the 1995 ANGLE Recognition Award for Personal Achievement. Thank you, Pat, for always referring to me as "Nebraska's Gay Poet Laureate." Thank you, Terry, for being a big enough fan to actually try one of the poetry lessons, and send some stuff in. And thank you "Unca Dick," for always trying to feel me up every time we see each other in public.

I want to thank all you faithful readers, who have watched this page grow from a few poems and a letter, to the wacky mess it is now. I want to thank all those who have submitted work to me, and especially those who have allowed me to publish their poetry.

I even want to thank my critics; because without you, a lot of my ranting would never have happened (and I got some great poetry out of it!). I know that some of the things I have written have bothered, confused, alienated, freaked-out, and even pissed quite a few off. Well, to answer all that, I quote my favorite comic book character of all time, The Ambush Bug.

"If, in the course of going about my satirical business, I have somehow inadvertently given offense...If, without meaning to, I have bruised a few tender egos...If, quite by accident, I have injured the occasional reputation...If, through careless innuendo, I have damaged a career...If, by any action on my part, I have caused suffering or grief...If, intentionally, I have cast aspersions on my betters...If I have unflaggingly salted the wounds of people in pain...If my callous disregard for the feelings of others has left a bloody trail of littered corpses in its wake...If my undying malice has torn to pieces the fragile facades concealing the twisted grotesqueries that lie just beneath the surface...If, in fact, I have been the butcher of banality and the ultimate hacksaw artist of all that has previously been held in sacred esteem by the preeminent powers-that-be.

...Then I'll feel that I have done my job."

Thanks again for nearly four years of letting me babble and show "my wares." I am leaving with a new peace; one that is both weird and meaningful. Take care of yourselves, and look for me in the funny pages!

Brian

THE FALL TREE

By Brian E. Bengtson

In the fall,
I find a tree to watch
through the harvest.
I watch its leaves
turn to the color
of pumpkin skins
and scatter to the earth.

I touch the bark
and feel the veins
close up its supply of sap
for the coming cold nights.
I see the branches
turn brittle and bare

like the arrival of age
and the march through time.
I envy my tree
and its acceptance
of a circular path:
from Spring to Winter,

from green to orange,
from birth to death.
I marvel at what it has seen.
This tree has watched
the land through herds of bisons
tribal wars, and early pioneers

like an old man
who amuses himself
with the world around him
as he waits for his bus.
I wonder what this tree
waits for as he follows
the cycles of its life.

WEAR A RAINBOW RIBBON
**SOLIDARITY
 SUNDAY
 OCTOBER 5**

Solidarity Sunday, a non-profit project of Dignity/USA, is in its third year. In 1995, fifty thousand Americans participated in this event. Last year that number increased to seventy-five thousand. The target for this year is 100,000 individuals wearing a rainbow ribbon and taking the Solidarity Pledge to put an end to physical and verbal hate crimes, especially against gay, lesbian, bi, and transgendered individuals.

President Clinton, on June 7, called for an end to "hate crimes committed because the victims have a different skin color or a different faith or are gays or lesbians." In fact, he is convening a conference on hate crimes November 10th. As he declared, "it is time for us to mount an all out assault on hate crimes...and to do more to prevent them in the first place."

Wear the rainbow ribbon on Solidarity Sunday, October 5, 1997, and every day during the coming year. Share the message of the rainbow ribbon with everyone who asks.

The Solidarity Pledge is:

I pledge:

1. I will work for civil and human rights for all people, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and the transgendered. **Civil Rights are not special rights.**
2. I will seek to stop jokes and unkind language about anyone, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and the transgendered when spoken in my presence. **Words that hurt and bigotry are not funny.**
3. I will speak out against any slander, debasement, lies or dehumanization of anyone, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgendered, including when spoken by political or religious leaders. **Violent speech leads to physical violence.**
4. I will work to stop physical violence against anyone, including violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals or the transgendered. **Violence against any person is violence against all people.**

**METRO CLUB
 FALL SCHEDULE**

The Metro Club, an organization for the GLBT Professional, has settled into a new home at the Market Basket in Countryside Village, 87th & Pacific. An invitation is extended to everyone to attend the Metro gatherings on the third Thursday of each month. The group begins to assemble at 6:00 pm, and at 7:00 there is a program on a topic of interest.

On October 16, the Metro Club will hear about local theater and the November 20th program is about Holiday meal planning. The Metro Club Christmas Party will be on December 18, 1997.

A five dollar door charge is asked to help defray cost. Refreshments are served at each meeting and cocktails are available from the bar.

Plan now to join the Metro Club for one of the upcoming events. For more information call Andrew at 558-2789.

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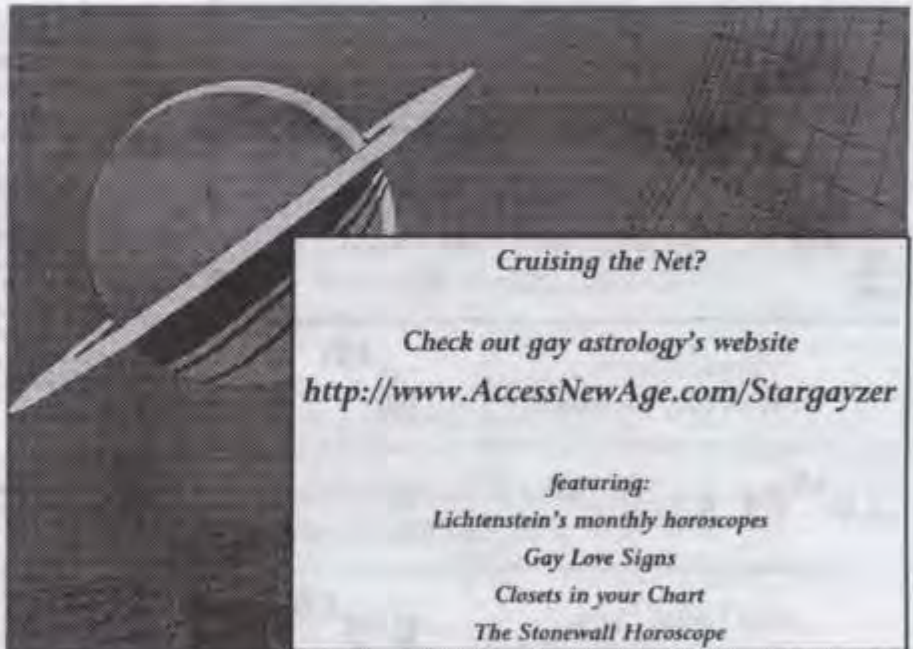
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NATIONAL NEWS

RADIO HOST URGES DEATH TO GAY PEOPLE

On the August 29 show of Crosstalk on Christian-owned KBRT-AM in Costa Mesa, California, host Rich Agozino suggested that homosexuality should be punishable by death. According to his interpretation of the Bible, Agozino said that, "Lesbian love (and) sodomy are viewed by God as being detestable and abominable... Civil magistrates are to put people to death who practice these things."

He also urged listeners and callers to write to state legislators calling for laws that would sentence lesbians and gay men to death. When asked to comment on his host's comments, KBRT-AM station manager Ed Personius claimed Agozino was just encouraging people to follow the "word of God".

Don Crawford, Jr., general manager of Crawford Broadcasting West, of which KBRT is a subsidiary, was unavailable for comment.

At a September 11 meeting, the Orange County Human Relations Commission passed a resolution urging people to: 1. Write the station manager at KBRT-AM; 2. Write Don Crawford, owner of the station; 3. Warn both that Agozino's call for a death penalty on the basis of sexual orientation "foments deep fear in the gay and lesbian community" and "promotes violence against gays and lesbians in Orange County," adding that both KBRT and Crawford "are responsible" for any increase in violence against lesbians and gay men in the near future; and 4. Send a complaint to the FCC.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is providing names and address to whom concerns should be addressed to:

Don Crawford, Owner/ President, Crawford Broadcasting, PO Box 3003, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

Ed Personius, Station Manager, KBRT-AM, 3183 Airway Avenue., Suite D, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M. St. NW, Washington, DC 20554

STUDENT DIES

FOUGHT FOR GAY ACCEPTANCE IN UTAH SCHOOLS

A 17-year old student who spent years fighting for gay acceptance in Salt Lake City, Utah public schools has taken his own life. Jacob Orozco helped to form the Gay-Straight Student Alliance, a support organization for students dealing with issues related to teen sexuality and homophobia. The school board had recently placed additional financial obstacles in the way of the group meeting.

Jacob was slated to become the next president of the East High School Gay-Straight Alliance. The Alliance gained public attention in 1996 when its straightforward quest to provide support to kids in need was met by a wave of homophobia in the Utah State Legislature.

Effectively condemning the students, the Salt Lake City School District banned the meeting of all extra-curricular activity groups during public school hours rather than permit the Gay-Straight Alliance to meet.

A recent study indicates that high school students hear anti-gay epithets like "faggot" and "dyke" an average of nearly 30 times a day. According to the Centers of Disease Control, one in six gay and lesbian teenagers are beaten up so badly during high school that they require medical attention. Nationwide, gay and lesbian youth are four times more likely than their straight peers to attempt suicide.

A memorial fund for Jacob has been set up. Checks should be made payable to the Tides Foundation. They should be mailed to:

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The Tides Foundation makes grants to qualifying community groups.

COME OUT & THEN TAKE NEXT STEP

"Yep, I'm gay." With those three words, Ellen DeGeneres used her candor to make the lives of lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans better. But you don't have to be famous to make a difference. National Coming Out Day — October 11 — is upon us, and the Human Rights Campaign can help you make the most of it.

Coming out is one of the more important steps we can take to secure equal rights. People who are aware of the lesbian, gay and bisexual people they already know are much more supportive of ending discrimination based on sexual orientation. Whatever your next step is toward being more open and honest about your orientation, the time has come to take it. Whether it's telling a family member, friend, or co-worker, the more honest and visible we are, the more we break down unfair myths and stereotypes.

Coming out isn't just for lesbian, gay and bisexual people. Yes, as gay people we need to come out and be honest, but also we need to encourage our fair-minded straight friends and family members to come out in their own way — by voicing support for equal rights. After Ellen DeGeneres came out earlier this year, her mother, Betty, came out as an advocate for lesbian and gay equal rights and is now HRC's 1997-98 National Coming Out Project Spokesperson.

"As long as our gay sons and daughters face discrimination and are excluded from the basic protection of our laws, I will urge all American families to come out for fairness," Betty DeGeneres said. Clearly, coming out is for everyone — so why not take your next step now?

Contact HRC's National Coming Out Project. For a free resource guide to coming out, contact the project by calling 1-800-866-6263, visit its website at www.hrc.org or write to 1101 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

IN THE LIFE SEASON PREMIERE: BACK TO SCHOOL

In the Life's sixth season premiere will focus on the major issues that affect gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth.

Teen Suicide: A Fatal Desire to Fit In. This segment explores the pressure kids experience both from home and at school to look and act straight. Through interviews with young people whose parents forced them into psychiatric facilities for acting "too butch" (girls) or "too femme" (boys) at an early age, and through the family of Robbie Kirkland, a 14-year old boy who recently killed himself after years of feeling he did not fit in.

Gay/Straight Alliances in Schools. By forming gay/straight alliance groups in their schools, students have challenged their communities and forged a safe place to talk about gay and lesbian issues. In many places, however, the forming of such groups in schools has been met with great resistance. In the Life traveled to two states with very different stories to tell about gay/straight alliances in high schools — a socially liberal Massachusetts and socially conservative Utah.

In the Line of Fire: The Ex-Gay Movement. For its sixth season, In the Life introduces a new regular feature called "In the Line of Fire", which will focus on the clash between the gay civil rights movement and anti-gay activity which works to resist its progress. The October episode carries the first installment of this series with a story that examines the expanding national "ex-gay" movement, made up of organized groups of men and women who consider themselves former gays and lesbians and who work to spread the word that homosexuality is an illness than can be treated through prayer and therapy.

A Day in the Life: Homeless Outreach and Education. The regular "Day in the Life" feature for the October 97 episode will profile a youth outreach worker from the Hetrick Martin Institute, a New York-based social service, education and advocacy organization dedicated to serving gay youth. In the Life will follow this committed worker as she strives to inform homeless gay youth about safe sex and the various services available through the Hetrick Martin Institute, like hot meals, clothing, showers, counseling, health care and legal services.

Kids are Doin' it for Themselves! This final segment profiles two youth-run support and advocacy organizations: District 202 in Minneapolis, a permanent and accessible space administered by and for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth; and the IYG, the Indianapolis Youth Group which is one of the leading youth organizations in the U.S.

In the Life airs on Nebraska Educable (Channel 16 in Lincoln and Omaha) on Saturday October 4th at 9pm.

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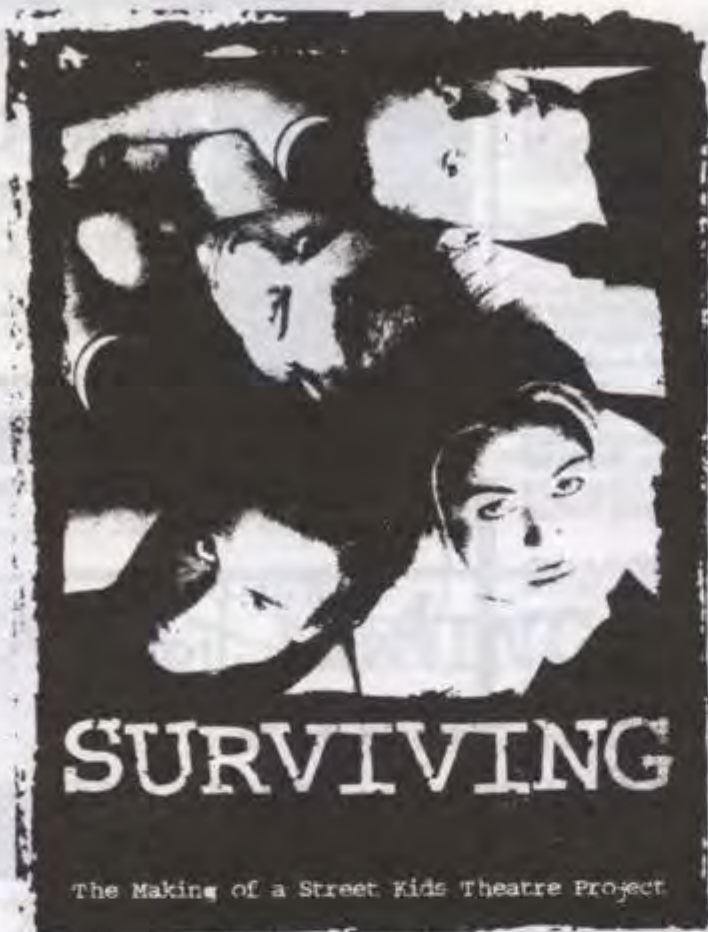
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Sources at the offices of "Star Trek: Voyager" producers Jeri Taylor, Richard Berman, and Michael Piller have revealed the new Borg character, played by actress Jeri Ryan, will eventually be revealed as a lesbian, making her the first gay character to appear on the series.

"Although I'll certainly be thrilled if this happens, we are taking a cautious wait-and-see attitude," said Tim Perkins, director of the Voyager Visibility Project, an online group that has been lobbying the producers to live up to Gene Roddenberry's 1991 announcement that he would be adding gay and lesbian characters to the cast of Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Roddenberry, whose announcement in the gay and lesbian newspaper *The Advocate* was largely ignored by mainstream press, died several months later of a heart attack.

"No gay or lesbian crew member ever appeared on any iteration of Star Trek after Gene died," said Perkins. "Not The Next Generation, not Deep Space Nine, not Voyager. There have been constant rumors that a gay or lesbian character was about to be added, including Tasha Yar, Ro Laren, Data, Geordi, B'Ellana Torres, Harry Kim, and Kira Nerys — but none has ever materialized."

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OUT FOR RESPECT

OMAHA
COMING OUT DAY
OCTOBER 12, 1997

Omaha will be OUT for Respect on October 12. This celebration of National Coming Out Day will take place at the Alumni House on the UNO Campus from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Participants can enjoy DJ music and light refreshments while they tour the GLBT Fair and visit with representatives of local organizations. At 2:30 pm there will be a panel discussion on Respect for OUT Youth. Members of the Gay and Lesbian Organization and the Bisexual Network Omaha will be joined by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, the River City Gender Alliance, and Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network to discuss this important topic.

The event is a jointly sponsored endeavor by ANGLE, BiNet, GaLO, and the UNO Women's Resource Center. Any organization or individual needing more information should contact Rich Ketter at 341-1371. Limited table space at the GLBT Fair is still available for \$25 for not-for-profit groups and \$40 for businesses. Some space may be available for brochures; call for details.

A donation at the door of \$2.00 will be asked, except for anyone with a valid college ID or any school aged persons. Everyone is invited to join in an afternoon of fun, support, and community in the Omaha GLBT celebration, OUT for Respect.

LABOR DAY PICNIC RAISES \$3000+ FOR AIDS-RELATED AGENCIES

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is pleased to announce that its Labor Day fund raising efforts raised over \$3000 for AIDS-related Agencies! The monies raised came from quite a variety of activities: the Big Raffle, the smaller raffle, gate admission, vendor donations, and donations from ICEBOWL.

ICON says, "Thanks to everyone who attended the picnic; thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes; and thanks to all the groups whose presence gave picnickers an opportunity to "shop" locally. Thanks, too, to our ever flawless DJ—Larry D.

ICON Monarchs Jeff and Sharon gave out the first part of the earnings Labor Day evening in a donation of \$1010 to the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund at the Omaha MeatPacker's Show at The MAX.

\$1015 is designated for the Nebraska AIDS Project, and the final \$1010 will go to a Pediatrics AIDS Agency.

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Big Raffle—1st prize \$400 airfare vouchers, Gary—2nd prize 1 night at Radisson & dinner for two, Robin—and 3rd prize dinner for two at Dixie Quick, Dawn!

Thanks everyone for supporting this long-standing tradition in the community—the Labor Day Picnic.

MEATPACKERS BRING BACK OLD FAVORITES

The Omaha Meatpackers' annual Labor Day Show was a delightful reunion of old friends performing old favorites — the Meatpackers brought back to the stage their famous costume change number which includes such delights as 5 men in tights and tutus dancing to the Walt Disney version of *Swan Lake*. And, yes, the incomparable red dress was back as Miss Flowers returned to the stage to raise money for the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund. Also returning to stage were Richard Will, Gary West, Michael DeVore in their bearded, beaded alter egos. Joining the Meatpackers were the Omaha Packettes, along with Velvet and Satin.

Photo: Packettes Prepare to go on stage to perform



WILD KINGDOM BEARS GROUP'S FIRST EVENT BEAR-SIZED SUCCESS; HAYRACK RIDE PLANNED

The fledgling Wild Kingdom Bears' first formal social event was a Bear-sized success with rousing support from The MAX, The New Voice, and the Omaha GLBT community. The next event will be "Bears in the Hay," a Friday, Oct. 17 hayrack ride.

"Bear-B-Q"

Approaching 100 persons attended the group's Bear-B-Q and beer bust Sept. 7 on the patio at The MAX, Bearing-down (not wolfing down) scrumptious BBQ'd burgers, beer-marinated brats and myriad green, potato and pasta salads, deviled eggs, marinated chicken chunks and various chips and munchies imaginative and culinary-minded WKBears members provided.

A 50/50 raffle provided a handsome monetary prize for one Bear-B-Q attendee and helped start the WKBears' treasury, while The New Voice donated The Bear Book, a sociological study of the Bear movement in the gay community, which another Bear-B-Q attendee won. A third raffle item was pen and ink work-in-progress by Tod, known for his artwork adorning Stosh's Saloon at

The MAX, the backbar of The Chesterfield and work hanging in Gilligan's, including the restroom door identifiers. The Wild Kingdom Bears extend a heartfelt "woof-woof" to The New Voice and Tod for their prize donations.

"Bears in the Hay"

The Wild Kingdom Bears' next event will be a hayrack ride and beer/soda-bust... and Bear-B-Q (food again, of course) 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 at Bar-D-M Ranch south of Ashland, NE Take I-80 to the Mahoney State Park exit, turn east, then turn right at the stage coach, following the "bear" signs.

The hayride, food, beverage and bonfire cost is \$15 a person. Reservations may be mailed to the Wild Kingdom Bears, P.O. Box 3751, Omaha, NE 68103-0751. WKBears meetings preceding the hayride are 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. Detailed information is in flyers available in Omaha and Lincoln bars, the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, and the Nebraska AIDS Project building.

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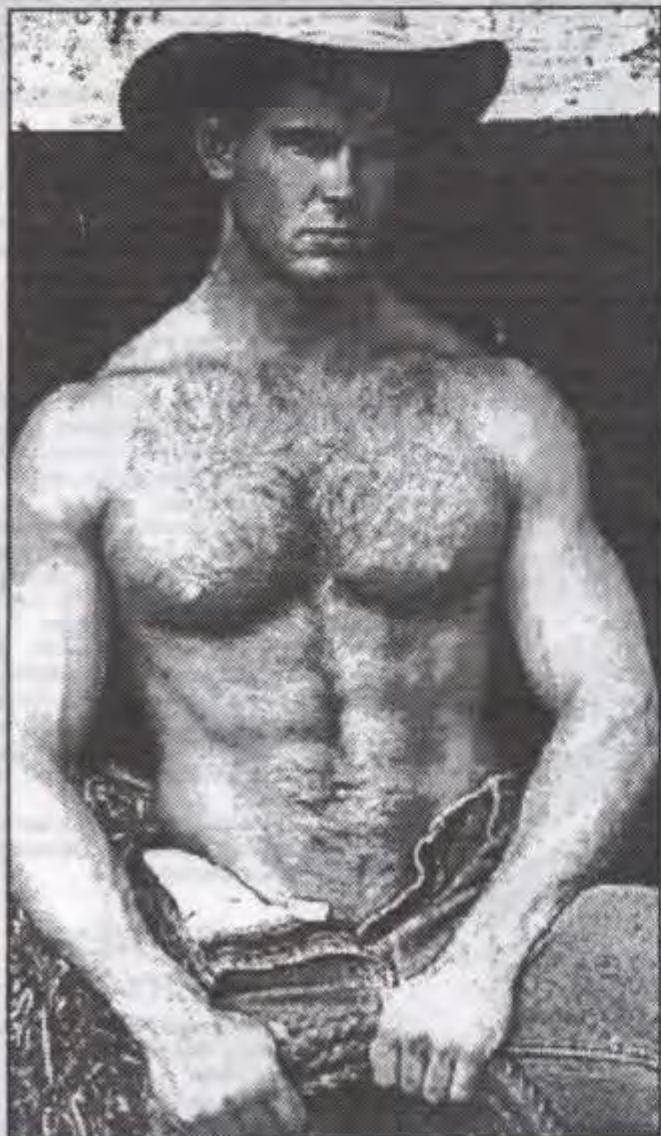
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The fun will start at 6pm with Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. We will provide chips and sodas. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and smores will be available for a small charge.

Dancing will start at 8pm and go until midnight. Hayrack rides will start at approximately 8pm. Start practicing as we will have roping contests again, as well as other activities, and don't forget the warm campfire and roasting marshmallows. BYOB.

GLAGN HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) is planning a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25, at the Isaac Walton League just east of Grand Island.

This promises to be a "frightfully good" event, so plan to be there.

ART-LOVERS COME OUT AHEAD AT ICEBOWL AUCTION

Stosh's Saloon took on a new look Sunday, Sept. 14, when ICEBOWL fund raiser Budda filled the room with artwork from various media. Pencil drawings, oils, acrylics, photos, and even a sculpture tempted art lovers!

Special lighting made the colors of the various works come alive. After a few hors d'oeuvres whetted the palates of the bidders gathered, auctioneer Jeff Flores called for the first bid.

From there it was a bidder's delight. The artwork varied in price from \$15 to \$300. All totaled, the event raised \$1340 for ICEBOWL.

Thank You's go out to everyone who donated artwork: Noel Selzer, Tracy Heintzleman & Jeff McKenzie, Budda, Dick Smith, Gilligan's, Chuck Wilson, Glen Shaver, and Bruce & Stosh at The MAX.

ICEBOWL also thanks Jeff Flores for serving as auctioneer and Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha for loaning easels.

ADAM WHITNEY GALLERY

From October 25 through November 22, the Adam Whitney Gallery will feature the work of Dan Boylan and John Thein. An artists' reception will be held at the gallery on Saturday, October 25 from 5 - 8PM. Adam Whitney Gallery is located in Countryside Village at 87th and Pacific.

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1997 INTERNATIONAL MR FANTASY



Photos: Upper Left: The Winner! First Runner-Up Michael De Leon, International Mr. Fantasy 1997 Eric Robinson, Second Runner-Up Steve Waldren

Lower Left: Opening Number featured Contestants Eric Robinson, Steve Waldren, Vince Minister, and QueerScout

Right: International Mr. Fantasy 1996 Kevin and International Mr. Fantasy 1995 J.D.

It is the 9th year for the annual Fantasy celebration which brings together the best of the Leather community from across the nation to celebrate the sexuality of the Leatherman. Produced by Dustin Logan and Bob Ewing of Fantasy Productions, the International Mr. Fantasy competition brought together eight of the hottest Leathermen in the country. The contestants were: Eric Robinson—Michigan, Michael DeLeon—Minnesota, Scooby—Missouri, Vince Minister—Nebraska, Bob Kelly—New Mexico, Acey—New York, Steve Waldren—Texas, QueerScout—Wisconsin

The audience was introduced to the eight contestants during a classic Fantasy opening number. Over the years, the opening numbers have become one of the high points of the show and this year was no exception, as International Ms Leather '93 Amy Marie Meek took the stage as Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy and her faithful dog Toto (played by the incomparable Rick Gannon) encountered the Good Witch (played by Lady Willow) and the Munchkins played by the eight contestants and featuring

Dustin Logan as the Mayor of Munchkinville. This sidesplitting number was the brainchild of Head Judge Bob Ewing, as have been the most successful opening numbers over the years.

The judges for International Mr. Fantasy were: Bob Ewing—Head Judge, Kevin Watson—Int'l Mr. Fantasy '96, Harley McMillen—Judge for IML, Cindy Bookout—Int'l Ms Leather '94, Dave Rhodes—Publisher Leather Journa, Greg Lowe—American Leatherman, Jim Sterba—Cornhauers L&L Club, Craig Heslop—Owens Leather Shop in KC.

Contestants were judged in pre-judging interviews, Costume, Fantasy wear, Question and Answer, Performance of Fantasies, and the demanding "Mystery" category which is not announced until just before the contest.

This year's contestants were outstanding. The Fantasy wear included a detailed King Arthur costume, a Fantasy warrior with a sword that was nearly seven feet long, and a human serpent that slithered down the stairs to the judges' table to tempt them with red, red apples. The mystery category challenged each contestant to create a

60 second television commercial touting the use of common kitchen objects as sexual toys. Among the most memorable was the description of an egg beater as a "roto rooter"; the use of a tennis racket to protect one's rear from sneak attacks and to "fluff the muff."

The fantasies were equally creative. One ended with the contestant wallowing in a plastic swimming pool filled with melting ice cream! Mr. Nebraska Fantasy, Vince Minister, created a "Pagan Fire Ritual" with a simulated orgy held to the commanding beat of a steel drum covered with fluorescent green oil that shot ribbons of green fire into the air with every beat. Michael DeLeon chained a young man covered in silver paint to a polished chrome St. Andrews cross while Michael touched the steel cross with an electric drill with a wire brush attached and shot fountains of golden sparks into the air.

The incredible talents of all the contestants came together as the winners were announced.

International Mr. Fantasy — Eric Robinson
1st Runner-Up — Michael DeLeon
2nd Runner-Up — Steve Waldren

1997 INTERNATIONAL MR FANTASY



Photos: Upper Left: Contestants Eric Robinson - Michigan, Michael DeLeon - Minnesota, Scooby - Missouri, Vince Minister - Nebraska, Bob Kelly - New Mexico, Acey - New York, Steve Waldren - Texas, QueerScout - Wisconsin
Upper Right: Scooby's Fantasy Wear
Lower Left: Mr. Nebraska Fantasy Vince Minister presents his fantasy of a "Pagan Fire Ritual"
Lower Right: Mr. Nebraska Fantasy Vince Minister



The 7th Annual ANGLE Recognition Banquet will be held on November 15
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CLUB 15 ROCKS DURING OCTOBER

Omaha's Show Bar, Club 15, will positively ROCK with entertainment during October. The month kicks off with the long, long legs of Miss Gay Omaha Quinci Valentine joining with the Club 15 Revue on Friday, October 3. October 4 continues the salute to Miss Gay Omaha as a former Miss Gay Omaha, Phoenix Fallentino, headlines.

The weekend of October 10 and 11 brings the ladies from Sioux Falls back to the Club 15 stage with headliner Brittaney Brooks.

Laura Grey headlines her own show on October 17 and then teams up with the incomparable Dorian Drake on October 18. What a powerhouse combination!

The Imperial Court of Nebraska takes charge of the Club 15 stage on October 24 when Prince Kenny and Princess Feleena with a benefit show entitled MASK-A-RAID. Proceeds will benefit the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund.

October 25 it's Emperor 17 Jeff McKenzie with an ALL MALE REVUE! It's the men of the Imperial Court standing up for their lesbian and straight sisters with a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research.

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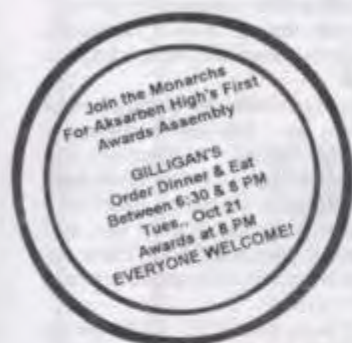
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LET'S TALK SEX: JOIN NEW NAP GROUP

by Karl Olson

M.POWER, the Nebraska AIDS Project's sexy new HIV/AIDS prevention program — designed specifically for gay men — is ready to hit the streets of Omaha in October. After several months of grant writing, focus groups, reviews of programs in other cities, and spirited program development... M.POWER is emerging. The philosophy of M.POWER is to provide men with the tools and skills for safer sex — in a "package" that is pro-sex, fun and affirming of the diversity of sexual experiences of gay men.

NAP is looking for volunteers to take M.POWER's message and safer sex kits to bars and other establishments where gay men gather. This is a unique opportunity to participate in gay social life — while at the same time performing a necessary and rewarding community service. NAP will take recruits through a short, thorough, and entertaining "boot camp" before sending out M.POWER teams.

Men of all backgrounds are welcome and encouraged to join us. The most important qualification will be attitude: volunteers will need to demonstrate a high comfort level with other gay men, an ability to listen and learn from others, a willingness to promote safer sex, and above all — a sense of humor and fun. These are the key ingredients to an effective awareness and infection-reduction effort.

If you would like to join M.POWER, please contact Karl at NAP: 402-552-9260 ext. 120.

More exciting things are in the works with M.POWERMENT, including Erotic Safer Sex Parties beginning this fall. Keep your eyes and ears open for updates or call Karl, the Outreach Coordinator, at NAP.

JOIN THE GREAT TOY GIVEAWAY!

In an unprecedented effort, members of Omaha's gay and lesbian community will distribute \$1,000 in toys to underprivileged children from street corners at 24th & Lake, one of the city's low income districts. The event, called "The Great Toy Giveaway," will occur Saturday, October 4, at 10 a.m.

The giveaway is a collaborative effort between Citizens for Equal Protection and Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. The Imperial Court of Nebraska also made a significant donation to the project.

The toys — Disney products — are being provided for several reasons, said Mark Allen, a coordinator of the event. "First, we wanted to offer a familial gathering to showcase our support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Secondly, we want to be advocates for Disney as they strengthen their long-standing tradition of promoting a firm set of family values — for all types of families. Disney has come under attack recently by certain organizations, and this event will celebrate the magic of Disney that we all grew up experiencing."

The entire community is invited to the festivities, which will include live musical entertainment.

Children of gay and lesbian parents, along with some well-known characters, made famous by Disney, will distribute the toys.

To donate your time or money to help make the event a success, please call Scott Winkler at 493-8277 or Mark Allen at 561-0137 or 346-2560.

WHAT'S NOT GOING ON AT Q!

October promises to be another fast-paced month in Lincoln with everything going on. Q is still the place to be on Sundays with outrageous entertainment, stellar pageants and HOT contests. But don't forget the weeknights, either. Tuesday is still College Night—18 and over, no alcohol. Wednesday is when DJ Damian spins the hottest future sounds from Drum and Bass to Trip-hop, Techno and Trance. Thursday, DJ Rick mixes it up with everyone's favorites—that's because YOU request them. Friday and Saturday the hottest men and women around come out to dance and party.

October shows include: Sunday, October 5—LAFAYETTE. She is Lincoln's own Queen of Soul. Sunday, October 12—MISS PARALLEL GALAXY PAGEANT hosted by pageant promoter Freida Lae. (You can't say this one isn't just a little twisted!) Sunday, October 19—WET UNDERWEAR CONTEST. Rumor has it the audience will have squirt guns. October 26—Sheza Mann hosts her 15th Annual BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PAGEANT. This is a must-see as established impersonators take a "rookie" queen wannabe and give them a life on stage. Friday, October 31—Q has always been known for its awesome Halloween parties and this promises to be the best yet. The theme this year is Witches & Warlocks. Oh, yeah, don't forget AMATEUR STRIP NIGHT on Thursday the 3rd—\$300 in cash prizes just for doing something you do every day anyway! See you at Q.

11th ANNUAL ALL-IOWA AIDS BENEFIT

The All-Iowa AIDS Benefit is the single largest AIDS direct emergency services fundraising event held in the state of Iowa. The All-Iowa AIDS Benefit is a non-profit corporation established under the laws of the state of Iowa, whose mission is to provide grants to organizations that offer direct emergency services to people in Iowa who are HIV positive or living with AIDS. The Benefit is in its 11th year of serving HIV positive Iowans.

The forerunner of the All Iowa AIDS Benefit was held in 1986 in the basement of a small Des Moines bar and became an annual event in 1987 when it was moved to the east lobby of the Des Moines Civic Center. The Benefit has continued to grow each year, drawing an audience of nearly 1,000 in 1996. The Benefit is comprised of two events: The Variety Show features live performers and the finest female impersonators from around the state, hosted by central Iowa personalities. The Celebrity and Art Auction includes many celebrity donated items as well as a large assortment of art and entertainment packages.

Since the Benefit began, over a quarter of a million dollars has been raised to help such programs as the AIDS Project of Central Iowa, Quad Cities AIDS Coalition, Siouxland AIDS Coalition, and Rapids AIDS Project. The funds are made available through a statewide grant program administered by the All Iowa AIDS Benefit. Organizations who receive these funds distribute them to clients for the purchase of medications, utility bills, rental assistance, and

"Quality-of-Life" expenses.

This year's All Iowa AIDS Benefit Variety show will be held October 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites on the River in Des Moines, Iowa. The Auction will be held on October 26 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. also at the Embassy Suites on the River. There will be a silent auction from 1- 2:30pm and a live auction from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

SWEETEST DAY IN LEATHER BEER BUST

Learning to Exchange Power is sponsoring a Sweetest day Beer Bust to celebrate its first year. DC's will be the host of this special event October 19 from 1 to 6.

There will be an early bird special from 11 a.m. til 1 p.m. Bloody Mary's or Screw Drivers will be only \$1.50. Beer will be \$2.25 for the first beer with \$0.25 refills. There will be hourly shot specials along with some refreshments.

We will be doing demonstrations and mini "try it you might like it" scenes. See what you can negotiate with that hot leather person of your choice and have your fantasy fulfilled.

There will be a raffle with all proceeds to support the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. Come and bring your special Master/Mistress/Lady/Daddy/slave/boy/girl/pet or other.

Come help Learning to Exchange Power celebrate their first year.

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The Great Toy Giveaway!



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* Only a limited number of toys will be on hand; arrive early! Questions? Mark Allen at 346-2560. Sponsored by Citizens for Equal Protection, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha and Imperial Court of Nebraska.

Although Disney toys will be given away, Disney is unassociated with this event.



Photo: The AIDS Walk in Omaha drew a record 1300 walkers, including a contingent from the Royal Families of the Imperial Court.

NORFOLK AIDS WALK

By Alton

The Sunday of the AIDS Walk in Norfolk was a day of change. Not only was this the first year that a walk took place in this conservative north-eastern county of Madison, but from the stares and questions of the passing motorists, this may be the first time for many of them to realize that AIDS has affected their community to some extent; is still a major concern to some of its citizens; and that there are (currently) a small group of people who are willing to do something about it.

I had decided to walk in Norfolk because I had never been to that city before. Walking through a city is a wonderful way to get to know it, since driving can be just too quick. Not knowing anyone at the Walk meant that I would have to walk by myself, but that did not pose a real problem. What about the reception from the community at large? Well, I would have to wait and see.

As I found out, I had nothing to worry about. When I arrived, the organizers were busy putting up the signs, and laying out the Quilt. Even though the community of people who gathered for this walk was small in number, it is certainly a community with a large spirit. I had walking companions along the whole route, and that proved helpful that I walked with people who are living with AIDS, parents of people have died of AIDS, and counselors and ministers from the community.

For those people who drove by the walkers and were thinking that their county had been spared from AIDS, they are wrong. The population of Norfolk may only be 22,000, but the effects of AIDS have touched their county as well, and in as broad a spectrum as it has in any major area.

That is why it was poignant to have Mayor Harley Rector present as the Honorary Chairperson. When he explained the reasons for having the Walk in Norfolk, he got right to the point, to stop the further spread of HIV through prevention education, to offer compassionate support of all people living with HIV/AIDS, and to remember those who have died as a result of AIDS.

Ignorance of the risk in a small community like Norfolk can be just as deadly as in any of the larger urban areas. The city of Norfolk had a "Weekend of Health" with displays on Saturday and the Walk on Sunday. The Names Project was present for both days, and it opened a number of people's eyes. Marv Jensen, of the Cedar Valley Chapter of The Names Project, was present with the Quilt for the weekend. He says that he spent the weekend explaining the Quilt to a large number of people who had not heard of it. An elderly gentleman, who spent a long time looking over the Quilt, told him that "This is a wonderful project!" Another woman who saw the Quilt in the morning brought her three year old son back that afternoon because "He has to see it!"

For those of you who would like to see this section of the Quilt, it is scheduled to be back for the World AIDS Day, December 1st, at the Wayne State College. Although there is an interest in starting a chapter of The Names Project in Omaha, you should contact the Cedar Falls Chapter for more information.

The Walk was my purpose for being in Norfolk this weekend, but I learned so much more about the communities which thrive outside of the major urban areas. I wonder if that was not the true reason for my being there. Norfolk managed to raise \$1375, but it also managed to raise the consciousness of the people living in that part of the state. If next year you feel like a change, I suggest going out and supporting these other walks. Not only will you be showing support across the state, but you will get to meet new people and see new sights.

AUDITIONS SCHEDULED FOR ONE-ACT PLAYS

Auditions are scheduled at MCC-Omaha on Monday evening October 6, 1997 at 7PM. MCC-Omaha is presenting an evening of One Act Plays in late November as a fundraiser. The four one acts range from comedy to serious drama. Eleven actors are needed — three women and eight men — four men will perform in drag. Anyone interested in helping in any other capacity are welcome to attend the auditions. Jerry Dike and Scott Hays will direct the productions. If you wish to audition but cannot attend on the 6th please call 323-7821 to make arrangements.

MONARCHS SET FIRST AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Emperor Jeff and Empress Sharon are pleased to announce and invite you to join them for the very first Awards Assembly for students and friends of Aksarben High—that's you and me! ICON's Monarchs set their Coronation theme as "Homecoming at Aksarben High," and ever since then many of the ICON activities have been geared towards reliving those high school years at the almost all GLBT high school—Aksarben High. Just where is Aksarben High? Your guess is as good as ours! Now that fall is nearly over, it's time for the first-ever Aksarben High Awards Assembly.

The Assembly will be held at Gilligan's in the back bar. Join members and friends of the Court there Tuesday, Oct. 21, around 6:30 PM. Order your dinner from Gilligan's Grille (at your own expense, of course)—probably the dream dinner of every teen of the '50's and '60's—burgers and fries! Enjoy the music, your friends, the atmosphere—maybe play a game of pool or darts (letters will be given in those "sports" at a later date!)—and at 8 PM join ICON for the Awards Assembly.

Fall Sports Letters will be given in Golf and Walking. Achievement Certificates and Awards will be given to FBLA members and FHA members. After all we can't let those carwashing, raffle prize gathering, raffle ticket selling, lip-synching, dancing, etc. efforts go unrewarded! The evening promises to be great fun!

FREE FRIDAY NITE MOVIES FOR OCT.

Friday Nite Movies at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center got off to a good start Sept. 12. Eleven moviegoers initiated the activity and enthusiastically gave their thumbs up approval on the idea. The aroma of freshly microwaved popcorn created the always appropriate atmosphere. Coffee and pop were also available for a minimal charge.

Some October movies are still being scheduled, but to date here's the show bill:

Oct. 10—*Enemy Mine & The Last Starfighter*

Oct. 17—A Cartoon Short followed by *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*

Oct. 24—TBA

Oct. 31—TBA

Call 341-0330 after Oct. 15 for the movies Oct. 24 & 31 or check the window of the Resource Center 1719 Leavenworth St. If you're looking for an inexpensive evening out, check out the Friday Nite Movies. Show time is 7:45 PM for the first feature!

MR/MS/MISS DC'S OCT. 19

Miss DC's Roxy will pass her crown on to the best of the best when the judges select the female impersonator who will represent DC's for the coming year. Joining Roxy for the pageant will be Mr. DC's Ron and Ms DC's Kathy. DC's will host the competition for Mr/Ms/Miss DC's on October 19.

POSITIVE FEELINGS AFTER MEETING WITH WORLD HERALD NEWS STAFF

On August 19 an unprecedented meeting was held between top news staff of the *Omaha World Herald* and eight members of Omaha's gay, lesbian, and supportive community. The meeting, one of a series of Focus meetings held by the news staff was organized by *World Herald* reporter and active member of the Omaha Chapter of PFLAG, Bob Dorr, and fellow reporter, Steve Jordan. Executive News Editor Mike Finney chaired the meeting, focusing on getting positive and negative input regarding the community's perceptions of *World Herald* policies and practices with regard to the GLBT community. Mr. Finney emphasized the *World Herald's* commitment to providing its readers with news that was "useful, entertaining, and important... with an appropriate mix of local, regional, and national as well as a mix of 'tone'." Mr. Finney, along with feature editor Pat Waters, feature staff writer Bob Fishback, staff reporter for social issues, Judith Nygren, Business Editor, Steve Jordan, Night Copy Desk Editor, Larry Sparks, and staff reporter Bob Dorr, listened attentively to concerns expressed regarding lack of coverage of events such as National Coming Out Day with nationally reputed keynote speaker, Melinda Pares; lack of coverage of NAP Executive Director Joe Hall appearing on CNN to discuss the changing face of AIDS; disproportionate coverage of men arrested in the parks, etc. They also responded to positive comments regarding the increasing openness of *World Herald* reporting and their willingness to print positive pieces regarding gay and lesbian issues.

When asked about advertising practices which do not allow "men seeking men" or "women seeking women" ads in the personals, and which do not allow roommate ads to specify "gay roommate wanted," Mr. Finney pointed out that the news department does not dictate advertising policies and that such questions needed to be addressed to the advertising editors. Community members also challenged the editors on the issue of publishing announcements of same-sex engagements and holy unions. Ms Waters stated that she doubted the paper would ever publish such announcements because of the negative response they would engender from the general readership.

Community members Dave England, Scott Winkler, D Moritz, Joe Conrad, Mark Allen, Missy Arrowwood, Rev. Sharon Sloat, Kim Erwin, Gail Jensen, and Sharon Van Butsel were invited to participate by the event organizers.



SHARON SLOAT INSTALLED AS PASTOR OF MCC-O

After serving Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha for nearly one year, the Reverend Sharon Sloat was formally installed as pastor in a service held September 6. The installation ceremony affirmed publicly the bond between the pastor and the congregation.

Rev. Sloat first came to MCC-Omaha in 1992 when she served as student clergy under the tutelage of Rev. Matthew Howard. During the next two years Rev. Sloat completed the course work required to be licensed/ordained as a minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, assisted with preaching responsibilities, and served as an active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit MCC in Des Moines. Rev. Sloat then served as interim pastor for the Des Moines church before being called by the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha to serve as interim pastor. After serving as interim pastor for six months, the Board of Directors asked Rev. Sloat to apply for the position of permanent pastor and then issued a formal call for her to serve as pastor. Rev. Sloat's call was confirmed by the congregation in April, 1997.

The installation ceremony was headed by Assistant District Coordinator for the Mountain and Plains District of the UFMCC, Rev. Ken Pilot, and included participation by the Board of Directors and leaders of various ministries within the church. Among the special guests for the installation were members of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Des Moines, including the Des Moines Choir who provided special music along with congregation members Lynn M. & Karla O. and Mr. Joe Reed. Other special guests included Rev. Peg Galloway from Des Moines, the newest pastor in UFMCC; Brother William Woeger, Father Rich, District Coordinator for the Mountain and Plains District, Rev. Bob Arthur, Rev. Phil Owen, Rev. Dave Holmes, and Rev. Jimmy Creech. Featured during the ceremony was the presentation of new wall hangings for the sanctuary designed and constructed by Darcy Olsen and Whitney Bartlett. The wall hangings were presented to the church as a present from Rev. Sloat.

Over 100 people crowded the sanctuary for the ceremony and for the reception which was held in the colorfully decorated social hall.

RAINBOW OUTREACH SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

The Rainbow Outreach Resource Center is seeking individuals to serve on its Board of Directors. Qualified individuals should be creative and enjoy working with a team of professionals. Candidates elected to the Board will be asked to attend meetings on the fourth Saturday of every month and serve a two year term.

The Mission of the Center is to provide educations, information, and services to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community. The Center strives to foster understanding, personal growth, and development to all people, specifically those associated with GLBT community.

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U.S. STATEWIDE GROUPS CREATE NEW FEDERATION

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An important chapter in the movement for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) equality was marked on July 11-13 by activists from statewide political groups from 32 states. At the meeting, activists officially launched the Federation of Statewide Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Political Organizations.

Largest Gathering Ever

The Federation's purpose is to bolster the efforts of these statewide groups through a network that will foster strategizing across state lines, building stronger state organizations and developing good working relationships between state and national groups. The meeting was the result of an eight month collaboration between the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Federation. It was the largest gathering ever of statewide groups. States represented were: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

Highlander Site of Gathering

The three day Federation meeting was held at the renowned Highlander Center outside Knoxville, Tennessee. For over fifty years, the Highlander Center has been a training center for labor, civil rights and other social justice movements. There, activists focused on adopting the organizational structure for the Federation and debating strategies on legislative issues. These issues included "sodomy" law repeal, passage of civil rights bills and family recognition strategies, as well as building strategies for effective multicultural and coalition organizing. The need for the Federation grew out of meetings of statewide activists during the past two years at NGLTF's annual Creating Change Conference. The Task Force coordinated the logistics of the Tennessee meeting, providing scholarships and staffing and assisting in the planning.

"We have known for many years that the real battles facing our communities would be fought in the State Houses across the country," said Paula Ettelbrick of the Empire State Pride Agenda, who is a founder and a co-chair of the Federation. "It is essential that we create an organizing structure that helps us to strategize as a national network of lesbians and gay men in order to support each other, share resources, and fight our common enemy of homophobia."

Expansion Hoped For in Nebraska

Nebraska was represented by Citizens For Equal Protection Chairperson, Scott Winkler. Winkler stated, "While CFEP is located in Omaha and most of our activities and attention are focused here and in Lincoln, we hope to expand our efforts and program to greater Nebraska. Support from the rural areas of our state will be critical to passing laws affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered Nebraskans, particularly nondiscrimination in employment. The Task Force has provided an excellent opportunity to do the kind of grassroots organizing and activity that gets things done."

The Federation will consist of 13 Executive Committee members, selected from each region of the country, who will set forth the mission of the Federation. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will serve as coordinator of the Federation for the next three years. NGLTF will coordinate and support the Federation's work through the dedication of staff and resources including creation and dissemination of information and materials, regular conference calls, cyber resources and more.

"States are ground zero in the struggle for equality and justice, and it is essential that these state groups become better resourced and supported if we are to ensure our ultimate success as a movement," said NGLTF executive director Kerry Lobel.

"I am thrilled that the state LGBT groups have united to form this Federation. The Federation will focus on strengthening state organizations so that we are better equipped for the upcoming civil rights battles we are facing state by state," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas and co-chair of the Federation. "The formation of the Federation would not have been possible without the assistance of NGLTF. NGLTF has provided the resources needed to pull together the Federation. The Task Force continues to illustrate a real understanding that our movement must be a local, state and national movement if we are to succeed," added Hardy-Garcia.

The Federation is planning its next meeting for November's NGLTF Creating Change conference in San Diego, California. In addition to the meeting, there will be a series of workshops geared towards activists doing statewide work, especially on legislation. These workshops will be open to all.

BROADWAY OPENING DREAM COMES TRUE FOR SOUTH DAKOTA NATIVE

Some of you may remember Bill Russell, who was in Sioux City in 1995 to produce a performance of his musical "elegies for angels, punks and raging queens" at Morningside College. We're so happy to announce that the Spearfish, SD native who attended Morningside College in the '60's has achieved the dream of everyone who has ever been associated with the theatre — a Broadway opening! Bill wrote the book and lyrics for the musical *Side Show*, based on the true story of sisters Violet and Daisy Hilton, "the co-stars of a singing-dancing act like no other." Well-known in the 1930's, they earned their living performing in the shadowy entertainment world of side shows, carnivals, and vaudeville. *Side Show* has been lauded as "the best score since *My Fair Lady*" and "the most impressive and exciting musical since *A Chorus Line*." It opened at the Richard Rodgers Theatre, 226 W. 46th St., in New York on September 19. (The box office phone number is 800-223-7565.) Bill, who has been an openly gay man for longer than even he can remember, is sharing the excitement of this event with Bruce, his partner of 19 years.

Congratulations, Bill! Who says dreams don't come true?

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- 15 - ANGLE Recognition Dinner
- 16 - ICON Food 4 Thought @ The MAX
- 21 - Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska
- 22 - WomenSpace Heather Bishop @ Joslyn
- 23 - Ashley Simone @ the MAX
- 25 - PFLAG Lincoln Thanksgiving Potluck
- 26 - 28 Empresses Phoenix & Sharon host 3 Benefit Shows for Scholarship fund, DC's
- 30 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

December 97

- 1 - World AIDS Day
- 6 - Night of 1000 Stars
- 7 - Dorian's B'Day Show @ MAX
- 14 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz @ The MAX
- 21 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 24 - Hannukah
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service MCC-O

- 28 - Mr. & Miss MAX Year in Review
- 30 - PFLAG Lincoln "Spiritual Survival in Homophobic World"
- 31 - New Year's Eve Party - MCC-O
- 31 - New Year's Watch Service - MCC

January 98

- 25 - Miss MAX 14
- 31 - River City Mixed Chorus Concert

February 98

- 6-8 - SNAP "Breaking the Code"
- 13-15 - SNAP "Breaking the Code"

March 98

- TBA- ICON Closet Ball

June 98

- 5-7 - SNAP "Master Class"
- 12 - 14 - SNAP "Master Class"
- 20 - River City Mixed Chorus Concert
- 20-22 - HGRA Regional Rodeo
- 28 - ICON Coronation 18 -- "Homecoming at Aksarben High"

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- 22 - Fantasy 10th Anniversary
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RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO HIV/AIDS

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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) 444-77502

****Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Department** 3140 'N' Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Walk-in Urban Indian Hlth 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 Tuesdy, 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

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The Positive Heartland, PO Box 3276, Omaha, NE 68103 Provides safe outlet for HIV+ to meet others through correspondence

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

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

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

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 (Chaucery) Service: 2nd Monday, 7pm, St Cecelia's, Nebraska Chapel, 40th & Webster

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

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

GREATER NEBRASKA BASED RESOURCES

Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff, PO Box 924, Charon, 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 *Fullerton, PO Box 833, Fullerton, NE 68638, (308) 536-2521

***Hastings**, c/o Hastings College Health Center, Box 269, Hastings, NE 68901, (402) 461-7372

***Hendley**, PO Box 427, Hendley, NE 68946, (308) 265-7620

***Holdrege/Kearney**: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St Luke's Epis. (308) 995-54990. Mail: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

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), Group Disbanded

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 Al (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

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**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
- Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts.**, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter
- FLEX (Female Leather Exchange)** PO Box 5512, Lincoln 68505, Email: flexed@juno.com Informal assoc. of women 21 and over interested in leather community.
- 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 p/ce
- 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.

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- Al-Anon Fridays** 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74
- Alcoholics Anonymous,**
**Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prsbytrn
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**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, Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet www.angle.org
- BiNet Omaha,** meets 2nd Thursday, 7pm, Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Social Support group for bi, bi-friendly, bi-curious, Info: Call Marcella 682-0701 or e-mail QuestL5@juno.com
- Buzz-Journal,** Box 8523, Omaha 68103, e-mail: Buzzjournal@aol.com Monthly News
- Citizens For Equal Protection,** Box 55548, Omaha, 68155, 398-3027, Legislative action 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney
- Coffee Talk,** informal Chat Group, 2nd & 4th Sundays 3pm, Rainbow Outreach, Omaha
- 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 - Mondays, 6:30pm, 3rd Floor, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Kim Erwin 344-4078
- Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line.** A service of Rainbow Outreach, (402) 341-0330
- Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD)** G.L.B./Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386
- Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network,** PO Box 6051, Omaha, NE 68106, gay and straight teachers, parents, students & concerned citizens working to end homophobia in schools
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGRA),** Box 3354, Omaha, 68103-0354 Dan 597-1689 Enjoy/support rodeos, country activities, Meets 1st Sat alternating between Omaha/Des Moines
- ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament,** Tournament held President's Day Weekend
- Imperial Court of Nebraska,** Box 3772, Omaha 68103 Fundrasing organization workin for advancement of G/L/B/T society, Board Meets 1st Monday each month, 7pm, The MAX
- "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/Naturist Club for gay bi men
- Lutherans Concerned,** 453-7137
- Metropolitan Club,** Box 8603, Omaha 68108-0603, 3rd Thursdays, 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 Web Site: <http://www.radiks.net/mccomaha> Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am
- NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Omaha** Chapter, Info Pam 397-8382 Rick 556-3940
- 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 tjrr05c@prodigy.com
- Omaha Meatpackers,** AIDS fundraising organization. Call: (712) 366-1791
- Omaha Players Club (OPC),** Pansexual education & play group Meeting parties monthly, Send \$5 and an age statement to OPC, Box 34463 Omaha 68134
- Omaha Squares,** G.I. Square Dance Group, Info: Alton 963-9552
- Omaha Women for Sobriety** meet Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29th St., 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, 7pm, "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.
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center,** 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Mail: Box 8583, Omaha, 68108, Call 341-0330 for times/events
- River City Couples,** Social Support for GLBT couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric: 392-1443, email rcouple@probe.net
- River City Mixed Bowling League,** Sundays, 3pm, Skyland, Center Mall, Omaha
- River City Gender Alliance,** Box 3112, Omaha 68103-3122 Message/Hotline 398-1255, Email: 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
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- Wild Kingdom Bears,** Box 3751, Omaha 68103-0751, social group for the fursite and admirers of the fursite.
- 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.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p> <p>Reconciling Worship Community, 7:30 p.m., Dietz Methodist, 1423 S. 10, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, Omaha, Closed</p>	<p>HIV Tests NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9 30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Om 6-9pm</p> <p>UNO GaLO 6:30pm, 3rd Floor, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Call Kim 556-3545</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm, YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Fronrunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot</p> <p>PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437</p> <p>AA, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			Oct 1 (1st Wed)

October 5 (1st Sunday)
"Break the Record Sunday" MCC-Omaha
Fronrunners, 10am, NP Dodge Park Pavillion, **Omaha**
"Positively OUT" 4pm, Stage Right Coffee House, **Omaha**
Miss Gay Omaha, 9pm, The MAX, **Omaha**
Lafayette-Queen of Soul, Q, **Lincoln**

Oct 6 (1st Monday)
ICON Board Mtg., The MAX, 7pm, **Omaha**
Auditions for 1 Act Plays, MCC-Omaha

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

Oct 8 (2nd Wed)
Donna Red Wing speaks at UNO

October 12 (2nd Sunday)
Fronrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, **Omaha**
MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215
Learning Exchange Pwr Wooden Apple 22&Martha 2-4pm
PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, **Sioux City, IA**, 2-4pm
Coffee Talk, Informal GLBT Chat Group, 3pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330, **Omaha**
ICON Rocky Horror "Show" 8pm, The MAX, Movie follows show, **Omaha**
Miss Parallel Galaxy, hosted by Miss Frieda Lae, Q, **Lincoln**
National Coming Out Day Celebration, OUT for Respect, 1-5pm, UNO Alumni House, 66th & Dodge, **Omaha**

Oct 13 (2nd Mon.)

October 14 (2nd Tuesday)
Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, **Sioux City, IA**
HIV Support Grp-Women 7-9pm NAP, 2123 Winthrop, **Lincoln**

October 15 (3rd Wed)

October 19 (3rd Sunday)
Fronrunner 10am, Burke High School, **Omaha**
PFLAG/Kearney 3p, St Luke's 2304 2nd Ave (308)237-7136
Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488
Learning to Exchange Power 1st Anniversary, "Swwetest Day Beer Bust" 1-6pm, DC's, **Omaha**
Wet Underwear Contest, Q, **Lincoln**
ONYX Images 6th Anniversary "2nd Annual ONYX Ball"
Miss DC's Pageant, DC's, **Omaha**
All Iowa AIDS Benefit Variety Show, Des Moines
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm
Muffy's Birthday Show @ The MAX, **Omaha**

October 20 (3rd Monday)

October 21 (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
Emperor Jeff & Empress Sharon present Fall Awards Banquet for "Aksarben High", Gilligan's, 6:30pm, **Public Welcme**

Oct 22 4th Wed)

October 26 (4th Sunday)
Fronrunners 10am Keystone Pk, 78th & Keystone, **Omaha**
PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth
Coffee Talk, GLBT Chat Group, 3pm, Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, **Omaha**
MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215
Sheza Mann's "Beauty & Beast" Pageant, Q, **Lincoln**
ICON's Barons present "Mining for Gold--It's a Gender Bender", **Omaha Mining Company**
All Iowa AIDS Benefit Auction, Des Moines
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm
SNAP Torch Song Trilogy
Portfolio Men @ The MAX, **Omaha**

Oct 27 (4th Monday)
ICON Executive Board Mtg. 6:30pm, Gilligan's, **Omaha**

October 28 (4th Tues)
PFLAG-Lincoln Meeting, "Halloween Party" 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" 434-9880
Fronrunners General Meeting, 6:30pm, **Omaha**, call 496-3658

October 29 (5th Wed)

November 2 (1st Sunday)
Fronrunners, 10am, **Omaha**
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm
SNAP Torch Song Trilogy

Nov 3 (1st Monday)
ICON Board Mtg. 7pm, The MAX, **Omaha**

November 4 (1st Tuesday)
AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th **Lincoln**
ANGLE, 7pm, GLBT Resource Ctr 1719 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

November 5 (1st Wed)
G/L Book Discussion, 7pm, Borders, 132nd & Maple, **Omaha**

OCTOBER 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 Ronnie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312
Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 12-6pm

EVERY FRIDAY

Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7pm-888-2043
Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, For callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln
Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln
Rainbow Outreach 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, Pella Luth
 "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
Rainbow Outreach, 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

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

October 2 (1st Thursday)

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha
Bar Alternative Gay Group Disbanded Amateur Strip Night, Q, Lincoln

October 3 (1st Friday)

Womyn's Book Discussion, Laurie 556-0937
Quinci Valentine & Club 15 Review, 10:30pm, Club 15, Omaha

October 4 (1st Saturday)

Heartland Gay Rodeo Ass'c 5pm, Omaha
CFEP/MCC "Great Toy GiveAway"
River City Gender Alliance, (402) 398-1255
Phoenix Fallentino "Salute to Miss Gay Omaha", 10:30pm, Club 15, Omaha
"Hooker's Ball" 3 Cheers, Sioux City, IA
HGRA & Frontrunners Hayrack Ride & Barn Dance, Lakoota Stables, Ashland
"Discovery Pot Luck Dinner" find out more about MCC-Omaha, 6pm, MCC, 819 S. 22
"In The Life" Nebraska EduCable, Ch 16, 9pm

October 9 (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
Bi-Net meeting, 7pm Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
Donna Red Wing speaks at UN-L

October 10 (2nd Friday)

Frontrunners Friday Afternoon Club, Omaha, The MAX, 6:30pm
Deadline to Apply for Board of Directors of Rainbow Outreach Center
Brittaney Brooks & Sioux Falls guests, 10:30pm, Club 15, Omaha
Movie Nite at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
 Movies begin at 7:45

October 11 (2nd Saturday)

Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
Players Club, 2pm Wkshp; 8pm Play Party
Lincoln Pride Netwk Nat'l Coming Out Day: True Colors: "A Coming Out Workshop" 1-5pm, St Marks-on-the-Campus, 1309 "R", "Surviving Friendly Fire" Buffet 5pm Showing: 6:30pm, Club 1427, 1427 "O"
Brittaney Brooks & Sioux Falls guests, 10:30pm, Club 15, Omaha
River City Mixed Chorus Concert, Salute to Hollywood & Broadway, 7:05pm, Witherspoon Concert Hall, Joslyn, Omaha

October 16 (3rd Thursday)

Metro Club, 6:30pm, Topic: Theater in Omaha, Market Basket, 87th & Pacific, Omaha
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm

October 17 (3rd Friday)

ONYX Images Opening Night at the Theater Wild Kingdom Bears Hayrack Ride & Beer/Soda Bust, 7:30pm, Bar-D-M Ranch, Ashland
Laura Grey, 10:30pm, Club 15, Omaha
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm
Movie Nite at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
 Movies at 7:45

October 18 (3rd Saturday)

Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880
Cornation-Imperial Court Colorado Springs ONYX Images Hollywood Masquerades
Laura Grey & Dorian Drake 10:30pm, Club 15, Omaha
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm

October 23 (4th Thursday)

Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm

October 24 (4th Friday)

ICON's Prince Kenny & Princess Feleena headline at Club 15, Omaha
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm
SNAP Torch Song Trilogy
Movie Nite at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
 Movies begin at 7:45

October 25 (4th Saturday)

Frontrunners Run/Walk, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD, 1pm (605)334-5508
ICON's Emperor Jeff McKenzie All Male Revue, Club 15, Omaha
ICON Empress Sharon All Womyn's Show, Club James Dean, Omaha
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm
SNAP Torch Song Trilogy

October 30 (4th Thursday)

Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm

October 31 (4th Friday)

Halloween Costume Contests and Parties
Fall Harvest Conference, Doubletree, Omaha
Open Mic @ Club 15, Omaha
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm
SNAP Torch Song Trilogy
Movie Nite at Rainbow Outreach Center

November 1 (1st Saturday)

Heartland Gay Rodeo Ass'c 5pm, Omaha
Fall Harvest Conference, Doubletree, Omaha
Open Mic @ Club 15, Omaha
Quills, Blue Barn Theatre, 8pm
SNAP Torch Song Trilogy

November 6 (1st Thursday)

CFEP, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha

November 7 (1st Friday)

November 8 (2nd Saturday)

Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
Players Club, 2pm Workshop, 8pm Play Party

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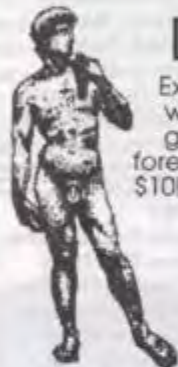
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Be part of the area's most horrifying and thought provoking theatrical experience this Halloween when the Blue Barn Theatre presents the local premier of the 1996 OBIE Award play *Quills*. The critically-acclaimed, controversial play is set in the Charenton Asylum in 1807 and surrounds the Marquis de Sade's confinement in the Asylum where characters are either kissed by God or chained in the yoke of Satan's service. The dark and bloody comedy takes an unparalleled look at censorship and suppression.

The play tells the gripping story of one man's attempt to retain his freedom of speech, despite the treatment of those around him. It's perfect for the Blue Bar, said Artistic Director Hughston Walkinshaw. "We are known for providing risky, vibrant and unpredictable work, and this is no exception," he said. "It's a poignant, Gothic story that offers an unmatched theatrical experience this Halloween. It pushes the boundaries of decency, horror, and sexuality. It asks the question: 'What is art, who can define it, and who can suppress it?'" In what Walkinshaw calls a "major casting coup," the main role of the Marquis will be played by professional stage and film actor John Durbin. Durbin, a well-known Equity actor, said the play begs the question, "What's the line between madness and genius?" "That was appealing to me," he said. Perhaps best known for his work in "Star Trek - The Next Generation" and "The Shining," the seasoned actor has also appeared in Bridget St. Bridget productions of *Harvey* and *Little Foxes*. He can also be seen in their April production of *End Game*.

In regard to *Quills*, he said, "I'm really proud that the Blue Barn saw value in me. It's an honor to be validated by doing this." The cast will also

BLUE BARN'S QUILLS IS PERFECT HALLOWEEN TALE

include former Nebraska Theatre Caravan member Jill Anderson, most recently noted for her strong performance in the Blue Barn's *Go Go Boys from Planet X*. She will also be costuming the show.

Paul Winner, who performed with Durbin in *Little Foxes* and has served as a playwright for the Shelterbelt Theatre; and Nils Haaland, an actor on staff at the Omaha Theatre Company for Young People. Haaland, who last year appeared in the Blue Barn's production of *5,000 Nights*, has appeared in *Waiting for Godot*, *Rio Road* and as Peter in *The Diary of Anne Frank* at the Rose. He was a co-founder of the Blue Barn. Marty Magnuson, who has composed original musical scores for Omaha productions for well over a decade, said his creation for *Quills* will be "orchestrally-inspired with a dark edge." And Michelle Zacharia, who created sets for two original Blue Barn productions this past year, said she is now conceptualizing an entire set to be built from scratch. "At this point, all I can see as I read the script is blood and fire," she said.

Quills will run Thursdays thru Sundays October 17 thru November 2 at a location to be announced. Curtain is 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. It is not recommended for anyone under age 18. For tickets, call 3-45-1576



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EVERYONE WELCOME!

Attend the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) Board Meeting **Monday, October 6**, at **The MAX**, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 7:00 p.m.

G/L Book Discussion, 1st Wednesday of every month at Borders, 132 & Maple

Positively Out is seeking a 6-10 member advisory board. To request an application or if you have any questions, contact Bryan at 537-8123 or Jonathan 493-9823. We need 2 assistant directors, a chair of communication, a chair of information, secretary, and treasurer. Hurry. Application deadline is the fifteenth. (Oe97)

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PERSONALS for Men

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MY DREAM MAN I'd like to meet a masculine, tall, very attractive guy for good times. I'm especially attracted to men who have muscular bodies, dark hair, and Blue eyes. I'm a good looking, White male, 6'1, 160lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. Let's start with fun and friendship. (Omaha) #3627

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COME FLY WITH ME Very athletic, masculine, 21 year old, White male, 6ft, 160lbs, with short Blond hair and Blue eyes, seeks other nice looking, virile, men, 18 to 25, who have active interests like me. I'm into all sports, especially soccer. I also like outdoor activities like camping, hiking, mountain biking, water-skiing, and, especially, flying. (Omaha) #2886

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HOT 'N NOW I'm a good looking, masculine, 31 year old, White male, 6'3, 220lbs, looking for guys to connect with for discreet, hot times. Make it happen. (Omaha) #2326

NEW AND NIPPY I'm new to this scene and just had my nipples pierced, on an impulse. I'm a sexy, White male, bottom, 6ft, 217lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I need a tall, discreet, male to help me out. I may be new at this but you'll be glad you called. (Omaha) #31131

BEAUTIFUL VISION I fantasize about being your Transvestite. I'd love to get myself all fixed up and be your sex slave, or whatever you'd like me to be. If you're between 20 and 35, and would like to be a part of my vision, let's get together soon. (Omaha) #2213

READY FOR FUN? Ready for some fun times with a good natured, good looking, White male, 35, 5'8, 160lbs? Let's get together. (Omaha) #31249

DEBRIEF ME I'm a 40 year old, Gay, White male, 5'9, 180lbs, seeking Black tops to put things in perspective. I'm new to the scene and need some briefing, or debriefing. (Omaha) #1616

I JUST GOT HERE This new kid in town seeks guys to show me the sights. I'm 18, 5'6, 140lbs. I wanna meet men, 18 to 23, who like to dance, camp, and swim. (Omaha) #1618

KID, IS HOT TONIGHT I'm a total bottom with a hot, tight, shaved body. I wanna meet macho, hung, built, top men who like to go long and hard. I'm a very young looking, 39 year old, White male, 5'5, 135lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. (Omaha) #34627

NEWCOMER This will be my first time with a man. I'm 29 years old, a newcomer, 5'10, and 270lbs. I'm interested in someone extremely hairy and uncut. Hung is a plus. If you're a man, 45 or over, I'm ready. (Pierce) #5951

I NEED MATURE NURTURING I'm looking for an older man, 55 plus, to show me what man sex is like. I'm a 29 year old, Bi, White male, 5'10, 280lbs. I prefer hairy, hung, uncut guys if possible. (Pierce) #1346

FARM FUN I may just be the epitome of the nice guy. I live on a farm between Grand Island and Hastings. I'm a nice looking, well built, White male, 5'11, 160lbs, looking to meet a man who likes to cuddle and go out and have fun. (Trumbull) #2902

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CALM MY NERVES I've never placed an ad before so I'm a bit nervous about this. I love outdoor activities like fishing, camping, and riding my motorcycle. I'd like to find a feminine, attractive, woman who enjoys having good times, for a serious relationship. (Lincoln) #4115

NEW FACES, NEW FRIENDS This attractive, bodybuilder is interested in meeting some new people. Call me. (Omaha) #6069

IN THE HEARTLAND Lovable, cute, Bi, White female, 32, 4'10, 98lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks a similarly fun loving friend for fun and more. I enjoy hanging out, talking, dancing, shopping, movies, music, and love to expand my horizons. (Omaha) #3125

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I'm a lonely, 35 year old, White male. I'd like to meet an older man. (Council Bluffs) #14173

ROCK AND ROLL RELATIONSHIP

This 30 year old, Single, Gay male is looking for a similar guy to share a relationship with. I guess we should start as good friends. I like to have fun and love rock music. (Fort Dodge) #1985

VIRGIN NO MORE

Lonely, virginal, White male, 31, 6'4, 195lbs, seeks another man to help me change all that. (LeMars) #4193

TAKING CARE OF MYSELF

Responsible, independent, 18 year old, Gay, White male, 5'11, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks other Gay, White males, 18 to 25, who like to camp, swim, run, shop, and party. Call and I'll come over. (Sioux City) #5450

THE BIG EASY

I'm feeling submissive and want a tall, hairy, stud to guide me. I'm a good looking, White male, 6'2, 217lbs, with a nice build, light Brown hair and Blue eyes. Don't be shy. You'll be glad you called. (Sioux City) #25173

Nebraska

NOT SO SHY, BI GUY

This horny, 38 year old, Married, Bi, White male, 5'11, 170lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks other men for fun times. (Columbus) #4493

PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION

I'm a smooth, buffed, White male, 28, 5'9, 150lbs, with Black hair and Green eyes. I'm into just about anything, including, but not limited to, going out dancing and partying. If you're in central Nebraska and seek a good time, let's meet. (Gardenburg) #1855

THE BIG SKY

Good natured guy, down on the farm, wants to meet men who are interested in camping, hiking, and being outdoors. I also enjoy movies and travel. (Lexington) #3784

SATISFY MY BI CURIOSITY

Attention: Columbus, Norfolk, O'Neill, and Yankton. I'm a 36 year old, Bi curious male, who wants to get together with guys in the area for fun and friendship. Can you satisfy my Bi curiosity? Put your message in my box. (Lincoln) #5457

BOTTOM MEN WANTED

I'm a 28 year old man, 5'11, 155lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, goatee, and a total top. Looking for in shape, and cute, bottom guys, under 32, to get together with. (Lincoln) #5065

COLLEGE PREPSTER

Attractive, very well built, graduate student, 24, 5'11, 165lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks other nicely built, attractive, guys, my age or younger, to meet and get to know. I have clean shaven, conservative, boy next door, looks. (Lincoln) #4545

TREAT ME RIGHT

This healthy, HIV positive, 25 year old, White male, 6ft, 165lbs, with spiked, light Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks a similar guy who enjoys camping, hiking, the outdoors, and outgoing fun. I need someone who will treat me right. (Lincoln) #3930



BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

Dark haired, 18 year old, White male, 6'3, into travel, Spanish, working out, movies, and business, seeks a well built guy, 18 to 28, for friendship and dating. (Lincoln) #4591

FIRST STEP

I'm a good natured, White male, 33, 5'7, 130lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, and a medium build. I want to make new friends and take it one step at a time. (Lincoln) #4535

GOOD NATURE IS IMPORTANT

This fun loving, 33 year old, Gay, White male, 33, 5'7, 130lbs, with a small build, Brown hair and eyes, seeks another Gay, White male, 25 to 36, who is interested in things like travel, shopping, hanging out, watching videos, and having as much fun as possible. I'm an open minded, non-smoker and hope you are too. (Lincoln) #4468

OVER THE ROPES

Ever watch pro wrestling on television and fantasize about being in a match yourself? Are you a villain or a good guy? Let's get together for some hot head locks and head scissors and see what happens. I can travel. (Lincoln) #3596

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

I'm looking for a close encounter with someone who wants a good man. This 53 year old, White male, 5'10, 220lbs, is not a movie star but I love to give a good performance which will please you. I'm a bottom. I like to cook, go to yard sales, take long walks, and watch movies at home. I hope to meet an honest guy, 18 to 40, with a good sense of humor. (Lincoln) #4211

WHATEVER YOU LIKE

Fun loving, masculine, Gay, White male, in my late 20's, wants to meet guys who like to have good times. Let's hang out doing whatever you like doing. (Lincoln) #4029

NOTHING MAJOR

I live in Council Bluffs but want to meet hot guys, 18 to 40, throughout the area, for casual sex. I'm a heavy set, very strong, White male, 32, 5'6, with a worked out, lightly hairy, body. I enjoy music, camping, cooking, reading, movies, television, and watching porno videos. (Lincoln) #2928

RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE

Boy next door type, 19, 5'10, 160lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a medium build, seeks friends to hang out with. I like to hang out downtown, and see what's up. (Lincoln) #2831

JUST A LITTLE CURIOUS

I'm a little Bi curious and want to meet similar, masculine, men to have good times with. Come on, buddies, let's make some fun. I'm more than ready for it. (Lincoln) #2065

FIRST AND FOREMOST

I'm very interested in getting together with a guy who considers himself to be a well endowed top. I've been fantasizing about being a bottom but have never acted on it. You'll be my first. Don't make me imagine it any longer. (Lincoln) #2379

DUAL SERVER

This 43 year old, Bi curious, White male, wants to serve and be served. Don't hesitate. I'm hot. (Lincoln) #2344

AGGRESSIVE AGREEMENT

This Gay, White male, 33, with average looks, and a great personality, seeks another Gay, White male, 30 to 37, for friendship, fun, and, possibly, an aggressive relationship. I love cuddling, shopping, travel, hanging out in the park, and holding hands. (Lincoln) #2247

DOWN ON THE FARM

I'm a 38 year old, White male, 5'10, 160lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, and a smooth body. I'm a dairy farmer and I work out a lot so I have a nice, tight, build. I'd like to meet a guy, 18 to 27, of any race, who, like me, is dependable and discreet. My interests are varied and include books, movies, cars, and being with friends. (Lincoln) #2105

VIRILE AND VERSATILE

This good looking, 32 year old, White male, 6'2, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes enjoys being both a top and a bottom. I want to meet other Gay, or Bi, men for good times. (North Platte) #29116

I LOVE BI GUYS

Nice looking, clean shaven, White male, 32, 5'9, 150lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes seeks good, safe, discreet fun with tops, 24 to 32. I'm a total bottom. Size is a plus. I'm especially attracted to Bisexual men. (Omaha) #6066

THREE WEEKS OLD

I just moved here three weeks ago. This Hispanic male, 28, 5'7, 150lbs, wants to meet a guy, 21 to 29, who likes to talk, watch tv, go to movies, and go dancing on occasion. (Omaha) #5717

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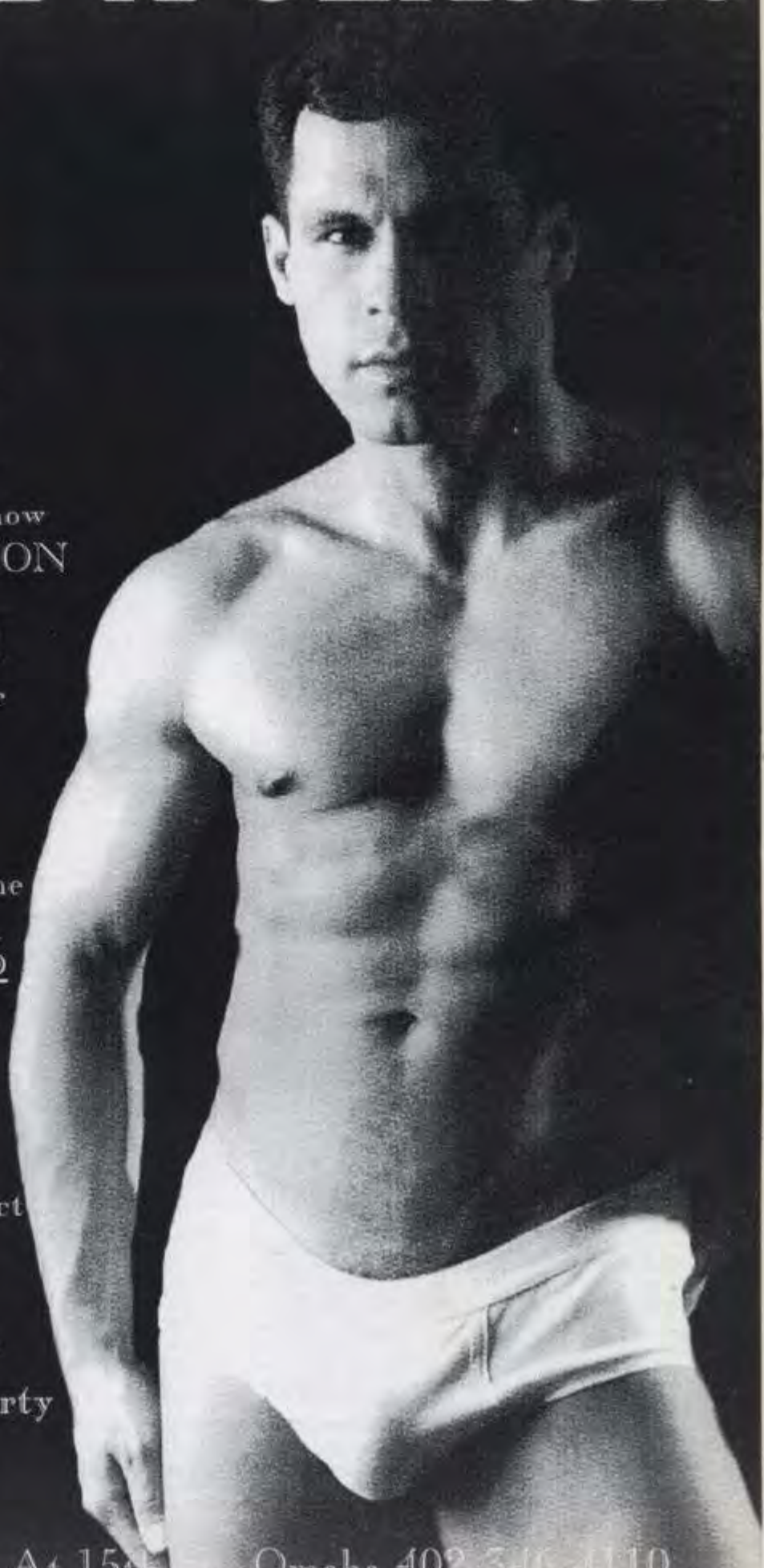
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