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OUR TURN: Opinions of New Voice Staff

TIRES, TRAVEL, AND TIMID, NO--BRAZENLY BOLD WOODLAND CREATURES

By Sharon and Carla

November -- a month of changes. The beautiful blue skies of October are gone and the first hint of winter appears. The trees become gaunt, hungry Medusas with--No, no let me write it, I have an idea!

And with that Carla took over the keyboard! Years ago when I was in my early teens, my parents instilled in me a burning desire to go to college and they did it in a relatively simple manner: they owned a business--fast food and they believed in slave labor--namely slaves with blood common to their own. They also felt that working "outside the home" was good, so when I wanted a job outside of their workplace, they agreed. I found solace and a job at my local Presbyterian Church. Every Saturday morning I went in from nine til twelve and typed the Sunday bulletin. I ran it off on the mimeograph machine and managed to coat myself in ink only 1/2 the time.

Now these two employment experiences provided me with a vast range of skills--like the time I was sitting on top of a freezer watching my dad cook a couple hamburgers only to have a semi roll down the hill behind our little drive-in restaurant and shove the wall right up behind me. Now that was exuberating to say the least. Then there was the time I walked out the back door just in time to see a driverless camper come rolling down the hill, past a parked care and between two trees. Interesting! Yes. At Church things were a little duller, but that too was incentive for me.

After all who wants to spend their life yawning in a Church Office!

Like I said, these jobs were my motivators for a college education. After all, as Church Secretary, I would die of boredom and in fast food--well, the pace was too fast!

So I went to college and got that education, and somehow I'm still a Church Secretary, but the times have changed. In this day

of word processing and web surfing, one is not likely to die of boredom. Take this November for example. Just an ordinary month-----NOT!

First it was those tires. You know, the one's pictured above. Some _____ dumped them in the MCC-O yard one night. They made money doing it--I'm sure--but it cost the Church about \$220 to get them removed. We had the dumpster in to hold a bunch of tree limbs that the Men's Support Group had cut off of some dead poplars. First there was the police report, then it was a call to the city--the state--Keep Omaha Beautiful--some



tire dealerships, some used tire haulers, etc. etc. etc.

Nope, boring just doesn't describe the life of a Church Secretary. Remember the big wind we had one Tuesday early in the month. Three trees blew down in the MCC yard: one across the alley, one across a cable tv line, and one managed to hit the yard! While I was out looking at that mess, a squirrel was sneaking up on my lunch. No I wasn't having a picnic in my office. Of course, all I saw was the bushy tail flying up the stairs. With a quick brainstorm I started to shut the door so whatever the creature was, it wouldn't get in the Sanctuary. Then that gutsy little squirrel hopped up in the center of my desk and chattered at me. After my tongue lashing, he climbed straight up the stained glass window to the room above my office. NO, I did not accomplish much the rest of the day--I was too busy worrying about the squirrel jumping down on my head if I looked away from the window for even a moment. But a slice of bread, a dab of peanut butter and a live animal cage later, it wasn't long before the squirrel was on its way to a new home! Ha!

To rescue me, Sharon thought she'd take me to Hastings to speak on a panel at the College. (That, by the way, was a great time--except for the eternity she was called away to the phone for a family emergency). So when the evening was over, it really sounded good to go back to the hotel and sit in the jacuzzi. We hadn't been jacuzziing for more than five minutes when I made a big mistake--I looked around. Now that seems innocent enough, but out of the corner of my eye--remember I am looking at floor level--what do you suppose I saw??????

You're right! There as big and bold as ever was a MOUSE! And it was headed our way. Do you think I could relax and enjoy our jacuzzi! No way! It brought back instant memories of two mice who were, I believe, once friends of Rocquefort. I knew without even looking that the crack under the door to our room was big enough for a mouse to squeeze under. You know they can squeeze through a space 1/millionth of an inch. They can. Really! Well, all I can say is after a November like this, in my next life I want to do something dull like skydiving or bungee-jumping.

And every word is true. . .Carla told me so! And I saw the mouse, well I think I did!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO SYMPATHY FOR PUBLIC SEX

Dear Editor,

Individuals that have sex in public sex environments do not want our sympathy. Studies have proven that these people go to the parks for as many different reasons as there are people that go to the parks. Public Sex Environments are a vital element of society, whether or not society will acknowledge their existence or admit to the widespread nature of them.

PSE's are everywhere. Every city and every town, no matter how urban or rural, has a place — or places — that can be identified as Public Sex Environments of one sort or another.

The PSE is a very complicated place. It is a place where men of all economical classes, ethnic backgrounds, and sexual orientations come together for a common purpose — SEX. It is a place where a person's behavior of the moment often is completely at odds with the same person's definitions of their own sexuality.

Little literature exists on PSE's as a serious topic of study. Two sociological studies done in the U. S. in the early 1970's offer the most comprehensive view available of attitudes and behaviors. But since both of these studies were done in the early stages of the gay rights movement and well before the AIDS epidemic, it is safe to say that the attitudes of both PSE participants and society in general have changed dramatically.

The Humphreys study in particular made an attempt to lump PSE participants into a series of passive or aggressive "roles" which by today's standards seem outdated. Public Sex Environments thrive in American society despite repeated attempts by civil and legal authorities to squash such behavior. Indeed, the creativity and

all-out gusto with which aficionados pursue sexual activities in PSE's all but ensure these sites will be with us well into the future.

When authorities succeed in creating pressure or closing down a PSE, another one seems to pop up accordingly — the new one being a little further "underground" than the last.

There are many myths which exist concerning PSE's. Many of these myths are born out of fear or ignorance. Listed below are a few of the more common myths concerning them:

Myth: Only gay/bisexual men have sex in a PSE.

Fact: Many men have sex at a PSE who do not self-identify as gay or bi.

Myth: Men have sex in a PSE because they can't get it anywhere else.

Fact: Players are often attractive and skilled enough to get sex through more conventional outlets. Some men prefer the sexually charged atmosphere of a PSE.

Myth: Men in a PSE can't control their behavior.

Fact: Players have as much self-control as non-players. Many have appropriate safer sex plans and will stick with that plan given the opportunity.

Myth: Anonymous sex is for people who can't handle relationships.

Fact: Anonymous sex can be quite intense; many players have stable long-term relationships and only play in a PSE on occasions — sometimes with full knowledge of their partner.

Myth: No one I know has sex in a PSE.

Fact: You'd be surprised!

Myth: Only ___ men have sex at PSE's. (old, homeless, ugly, crazy, etc.)

Fact: Men of all types, shapes, sizes, colors, and economic backgrounds play at PSE's.

Myth: Players are self-loathing, internalized homophobes who are afraid of intimacy.

Fact: This is true — to the same extent that is true for everyone!

Please don't misunderstand me. I agree that men should not go to the parks for sex. I also believe that not every man that goes to the parks is willing to go to a gay bar. Some of these men don't identify themselves as being gay. Heck, some don't even think there's a problem with having sex with a man when they can't get it from their wife. Some are gay, bi-sexual, confused bi-sexual, shy, sexual explorers, Eagle Scouts, or "Just Gotta-Get-Laid Men".

We can't put men down for going into parks seeking someone for sex, but we can if they have sex in the park. It's not their fault these men feel the only place they can meet men without exposing themselves to the public eye is the parks. The public passes judgment on gay people every day. We can lose our jobs in some cases. Even losing respect from our families keeps us in the closet.

What gay people have learned:

We risk more by staying in the closet.

We risk even more if we stay in straight marriages that we know we are not happy in.

Exploring sex with men makes individuals feel dishonest to themselves and to their families.

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This can sometimes cause serious emotional problems.

Our families are sometimes quick to judge us until they see that we are happy and no longer hide our true feelings from them.

Parents want their children to be happy. They may not never understand our feelings, but they can tell when their children are happy.

I believe that people will stop going to public environments (parks) for sex when being gay is accepted and no longer ridiculed. This for sure will not happen overnight. If we want people to accept us as gay, then it's up to each of us to educate the public. STOP HIDING! Let someone hear YOUR voice. YOU'RE not alone. We don't want to go to public parks to meet others. We don't want to believe that we have to go into a gay bar just to meet men. Gay people want to meet other gay individuals while being open and true to ourselves. In church, company picnics, and social gatherings, not behind trees and bushes or in dark places.

I suggest the next time you're out with your partner, don't hide your feelings about the person you're with. Hold your partner's hand. Walk with PRIDE. Pull your partner's chair for them. Order the meal for the both of you. Goodness, I get chills just thinking about it. It's true, someone may not like it, but do you really think anyone will say anything about it? DO YOU? It's not like gay people run up to straight people and tell them to stop holding hands or kissing because it offends us.

Well, that's just how I feel. E-mail me, we'll discuss it further if you like.

Sincerely, Mike Orr
mike2tom@radiks.net

CLARIFICATION ON LETTER

Dear New Voice,

I did not expect you to print my letter or I would have been more careful in writing it. You did an excellent job of editing my scribbling and regret your inability to decipher the word preceding Christian in the second paragraph. The word was "cafeteria." I got this from reading articles about Catholics not following the Pope's orders. This explains why there are so many denominations of Christianity including MCC. Each one chooses what parts of the Bible that suits their own purpose and ignores the rest. Anyone not having access to the Andy Rooney article would not get the point of my letter. Therefore, I am attempting to repeat some points of his article.

He refers to the Ten Commandments as being a good example for how to live our lives for the best interests of everyone. He goes on to say that an 11th Commandment has crept into our code of ethics which says, "One shall not tell on thy neighbor." He refers for one example to how the police in Los Angeles covered up and lied for each other in the Rodney King beating case. He gives other examples of how this rule permeates our lives and suggests that "maybe we should rewrite this unwritten rule." Amen!

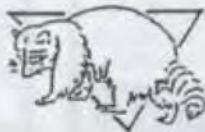
In making decisions as to what to print or not print, *New Voice* is playing the roll of editor in the process of being a forum for the community. If you do not enjoy the role, I would suggest you not write responses to those letters you receive and print in which you are criticized. Many people who are involved in wrong doing use the buzz words "objective" and "non-judgemental" as put downs to keep their critics off their backs. Please add to Mr. Harrison's name, Mr. French's name as another person I'd like to know. We need more people like them.

While I am disappointed by your responses to Mr. Harrison's and Mr. French's letters, I do appreciate your volunteer efforts to provide a forum for the community. In my area we also have dedicated volunteers who make GLAGN work. We can get together and say to each other, "I'm OK, You're OK." I need that! If you choose to print this, please print my name, spelled correctly, and address.

Yours truly, Bernard C. Nielsen
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DESERT PLAINS DRUMMER SAYS THANKS

To The Editor:

As Mr. Desert Plains Drummer I would like to thank the Omaha Community for supporting me in my quest for the International Drummer title. Although I did not bring home the title, I can honestly say I did my best and brought credit to the Omaha leather community and the community as a whole.

I would like to give thanks to my personal support group Jeff, Pat, and Jim. You prevented me from having a nervous breakdown. Kelly, Cindy, and Rick performed tremendously in my fantasy. Dorothy will always live on. Duane, your service was top notch. (How many miles did we walk?) Special thanks to my promoters, Bob and Dustin. Although you weren't physically there, the phone calls and support were truly appreciated. Thanks also to my LEO brothers. Finally, I couldn't have done it without the support of my lover, Rick. It is extremely comforting to be known across the country as, "The Ricks."

I would also like to thank all the individuals and businesses that donated items for the basket auction. I won't list everyone individually as all were mentioned in last month's article, but you are all first rate in my book. Monies raised went to the travel fund for the winner of the contest and were greatly needed.

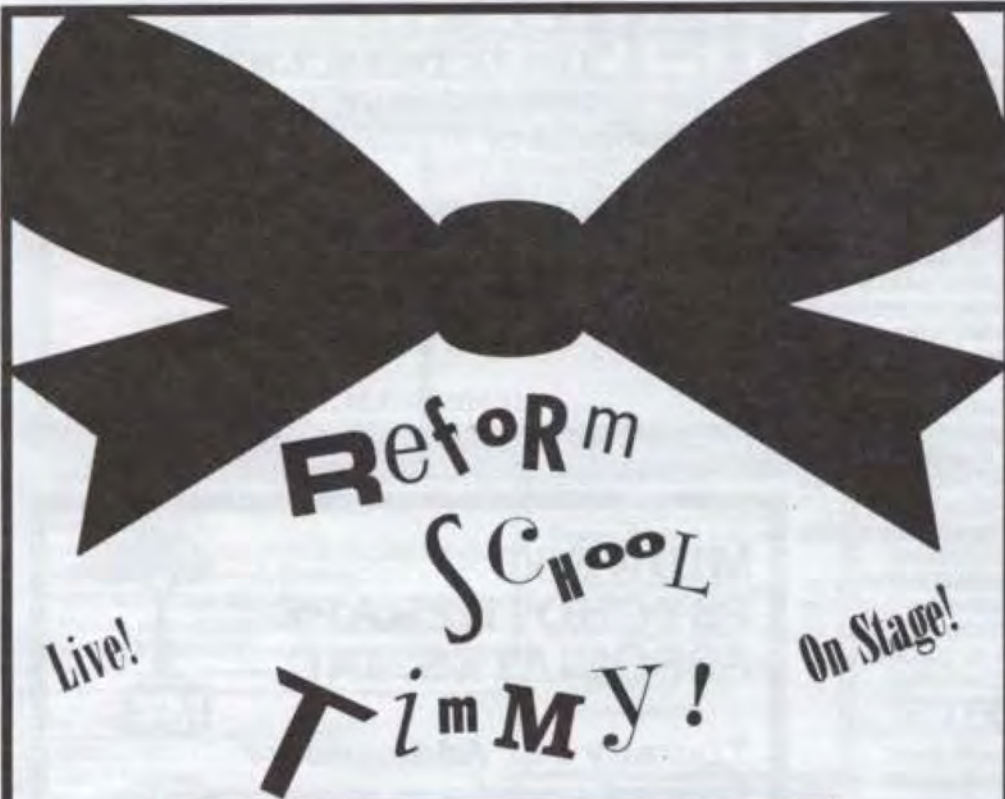
Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few individuals who have helped the leather community be seen in greater number than ever in Omaha. One is MR. MAX, Jeff McKenzie who always gives us the opportunity to perform in shows or attend functions. Thanks to Budda for helping us with a fundraiser and providing room for meetings and demonstration. Finally, a monumental thanks to Chuck Wilson whose inspiration it was to start a leather club and who started the idea of the leather/Levi side of The MAX.

To the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community a whole, I would like to say, take a chance. Come to a leather contest. Attend a meeting or a show with leather performers. I believe you will find, as in the world in general, stereotypes will be broken down and you will meet a group of sincere and fun-loving individuals. And you never know, maybe your fantasies will really come true.

Sincerely,
Rick C. Noss

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REASONABLE CHANGE

To The Editor:

September 9, 1995 was an important date: the first meeting of the Men's Support Group Omaha. A lot of people have joined the peer-listening group through the months. We have discussed problems dealing with coming out to family members to finding a partner. Through all of these discussions we all understand that our group has helped us get through rough times. Discussions are valuable because they give the opportunity to vent frustrations, voice opinions, and provide a sense of certainty.

These same months have been rough for Metropolitan Community Church Omaha. Rumors have turned member against member and pushed these same members from our church. Rumors played an important part in the last few months in regards to our pastor resigning. Instead of spreading these rumors, individuals should have been able to get their questions answered by the board of directors. But, instead of giving the congregation an explanation of their actions, the board decided to keep quiet about certain matters. This action has caused a lot of heartache and anger. It has forced individuals to stop coming to church.

I pray that the individuals that decided not to return to MCC-O will eventually return because of their need to seek out God. Mortal men and women make up our board of directors so we must understand they will make mistakes. But is also up to the members like myself, to carefully watch over the actions of our board. If we believe that one or all of the members have taken actions that we feel should be explained, it's up to us to call them on it. A member of MCC-O has one vote — to either elect or remove a person from the board.

Tom and I considered not returning to MCC. We have given it a lot of serious thought and now feel that if we don't give a damn, who will? We believe our church can be the best in Omaha. We have the potential to make it possible. We must give as much to the church of our time and abilities as we expect in return.

Rev. Earle Lewis has done a lot for many of us. People are still hurt by his resigning, even me, and my two children. Rev. Lewis spoke with my children every chance he had. They were upset by his leaving. My son Jimmy didn't want to come back to church if Rev. Lewis wasn't going to be there. Things have changed. My son has returned to church with Tom and I and looks forward to Sunday. Things change every day. This is a lesson that a lot of us at the Men's Support Group Omaha learned. Perhaps it's also a lesson others must learn.

Tom and I were upset a long time after Rev. Lewis resigned. Events that led up to his resignation are still in question. Comments made by individuals are questionable. The one thing that has not healed is the refusal of the Board of Directors to justify their actions openly to the congregation. For this forgiveness will be a long time coming. Unfortunately I was one of the individuals that questioned their actions openly all the way to UFMCC. I was angry, hurt, and full of disgust for the Board of Directors at MCC. But things do change.

I challenge all members of Metropolitan Community Church to return and to get involved with the church again. With every member and friend of MCC involved with MCC-O we will make Metropolitan Community Church Omaha the best in Nebraska. The decision is either to not return to MCC and let the chips fall where they may or return and make a difference.

Mike Orr

REQUEST FROM THE UKRAINE

Dear Friends,

Several days ago I was at my friend's and he gave me your address. I have never seen your magazine. My name is Andriy. I am 27 years old. I live in Ukraine. I think you know how difficult to be gay here. Of course, we have more freedom after downfall of the communist regime, but public opinion to gays hasn't changed yet. People don't understand us. A lot of them guess that gays must be killed. We don't have any gay magazines, bars, discos here. I cannot find man for love and life. But I am young and I want to love. When I saw your address I thought that I got the chance.

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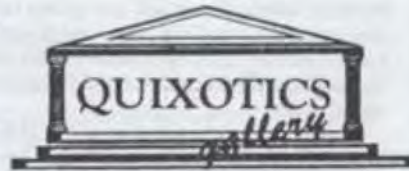
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BRIAN'S PAGE

"THE YEAR IN REVIEW, GURU-STYLE."

Good afternoon, those that actually read this page of mine (and those that have gotten lost as they are searching for the personals)! Well, 1996 is a drawing to a close, and I feel an incredible sense of relief! This was not one of my favorite years (in fact, this year really sucked in my mind!), but in my ongoing effort to start seeing things "half-full," I should take stock on the good things that happened in 1996:

Brian's Highlights of the past year (in no particular order):

-Clark Kent and Lois Lane got married in the comic books (which means it is for real and forever!!!)

-Madonna had a baby, thereby adding to the diva-pool, and insuring that gay men of the future will still have someone to emulate (or at least lip-sync songs to.....)

-I got my eyebrow pierced, and discovered at the age of thirty that I can still freak my mother out! I also discovered that strangers will now go out of their way to ask me "did that hurt?" I usually tell them that I have had worse done to me, which tends to scare them away.

-Clinton go re-elected, proving there is a God!

-So did Jesse Helms, proving that God has a warped sense of humor.

-I put on five pounds. Don't know where, but the scale does not lie, dammit!!

-I saw a monk in full robes...oh, I said that a few months ago, huh? Nevermind.

-My cat and I reached an agreement. I will start giving her canned food on a regular basis, and she will stop "horfing" up hairballs on my bed.

-I had two poetry readings and two publishings outside of this page, proving that I need to write more.

-I learned how to operate a gas stove, and only received superficial burns.

-I learned how to date again (and only received

superficial burns).

-My mother colored her hair, and used a shade found in nature.

-I discovered the Julie Brown (not "Downtown," the one who penned such classic songs as "I like 'em big and stupid," and "Girl fight tonite.") web page, and cried like I had reached Mecca!

-"The Rosie O'Donnell Show" aired, and I now have something to watch in between "Sally" and "Gerhaldo."

-And finally, I turned thirty and did not explode!

Now with that done, I need to thank all those who came to my poetry reading at The Book Station last month, and a really big "Thank you!" to The Book Station owners and staff for making the reading possible.

Now as I end this page for the year, I would like to ask something of you, my faithful readers. What would you like to see on this page during 1997? My poetry? The poetry of others? More of my inane ramblings? Or is there something else you would like to see? My cat says I need to get out more, so what do you all think of me covering events that might mean something to the community (albeit in my own "guru-like style), and bringing them back for you to digest (I read a lot of Hunter S. Thompson in my teenage years, and would love to be a "gonzo-queer" reporter)? In other words, if you are not going to send me some poems, send me some feedback!! Who knows, maybe this page could become something bigger than its author, or maybe I am just running out of ideas...

I will now end my last page of 1996 as I have begun this endeavor two years ago, by printing one of my own pieces!! Nyahh-Nyahh!! I hope that everyone has a sane and safe holiday season, and may 1997 be a better year for us all — Amen! Take care of each other, and remember, I have a thirty-inch waist!

Brian

LINDY IN THE MORNING

By Brian E. Bengtson

Lindy stumbles down
the stairs like
some stuffed toy
dropped by an infant
who saw something better.

Her ashen hair
is thick and stringy
with dirt and sweat.
One of the tenants
still has pictures

of the night Lindy
washed her hair
in the rain with a bucket
she filled from the stream
in the gutter.

Her eyes were open
back then, and wild
like an ancient priestess
teaching her disciples
the old ways of worship.

Now they are pockets
of darkness covered by hair.
Her invisible infant pulls her
up the wall and she drags
her feet on the carpet.

"When were you planning on telling me about this? When our kids started flying around the room?" — Lois to Clark on *Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*

- 1.) Send typed poems of 30 lines or less.
- 2.) Send SASE if you want 'em back, or want a comment/critique.
- 3.) Will try to respond within a reasonable amount of time.
- 4.) Another highlight of 1996: Rosie O'Donnell forced Donny Osmond to sing "Puppy Love" on his knees in a dog costume! I guess you had to be there, huh?

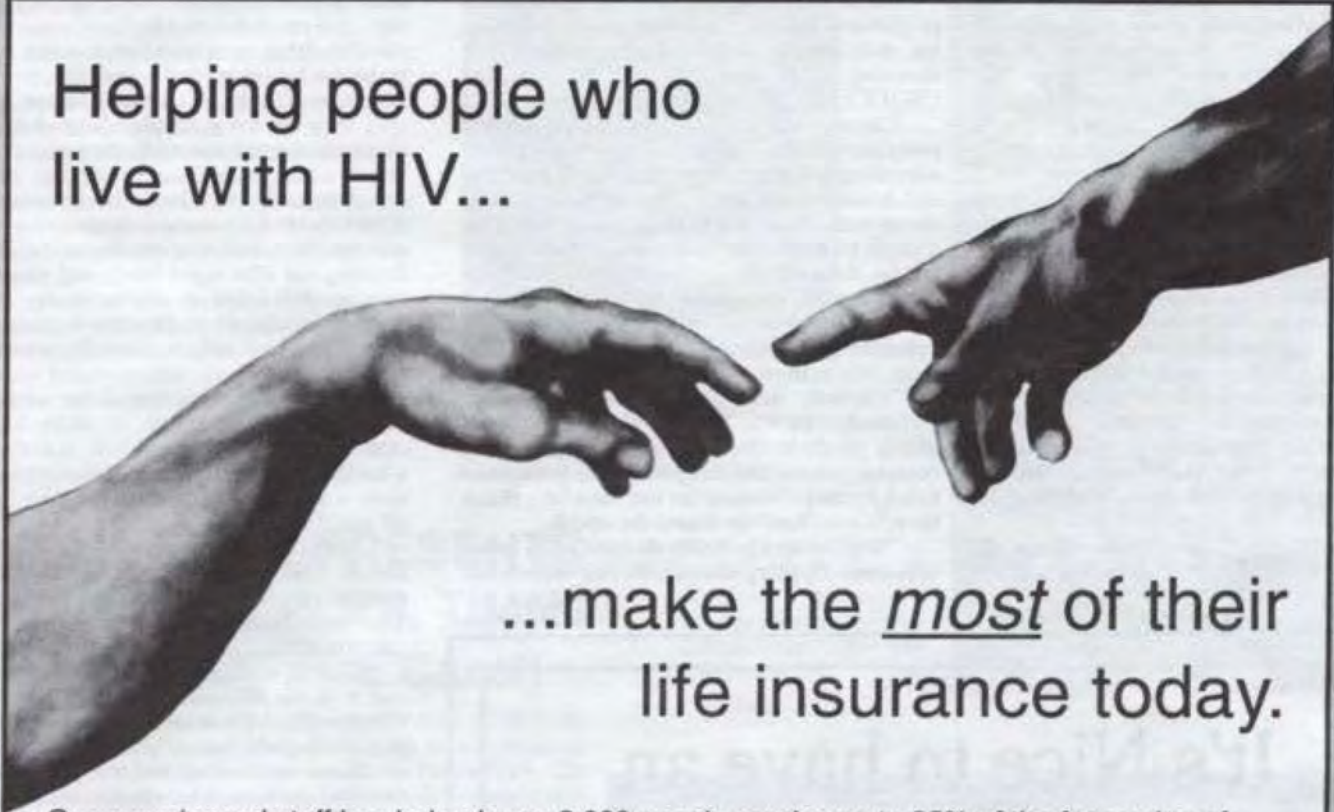
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ROBERTS' RULES: NO MIDDLE GROUND

by Shelly Roberts

"Well," Kathleen responded, "I'm definitely in the middle. Yep. Middle. Oh, well, I do have a couple of butch tendencies. You now, little ones. I once had to pull the engine on my 4x4, and I *do* enjoy weights. Um, a couple of my girlfriends, well, you know, were kind of into makeup. But, no, on a one to ten scale, I would say that I belong in the middle. I bake."

The question was: Are you butch, femme or in the middle?"

It was a simple question, and I had been asking nearly any lesbian who would stand still, the same thing, (and you *know* how hard it is to get a lesbian to stand still for anything!) In order to get some ideas of our ideas of what the butch/femme thing means these days.

Now, I admit that most of the lesbians I hang out with can tell you where they were when Kennedy was shot, even if it was "in daycare." So that would mean that they had some association with the *National Organization for (Not Lesbian) Women*, which, at that time, was afraid that its butch contingent would screw things up (a technical term).

And *man* dated flannel shirts, chinos and birkenstocks for everyone, so nobody could tell

the lesbians from the lesbians. (Who was kidding whom in those days?)

Butch/femme was declared an "anathema of progressive behavior, and a mock reflection of the male/female paradigm" (translation: US imitating them. Again.) And was deemed UNACCEPTABLE!!! (Emphasis theirs.)

Thereby disallowing even the merest possibility that butch/femme might have something that was uniquely lesbian in search of real definition, and not one that had to have a big, strong male in any part of that comparison. That it might be butch/femme, and not homme (man)/femme, for a reason.

As a result, we have an entire generation, and a bi-i-i-i-g generation it is, which has knee jerked the concept of butch/femme off the playing field. For example, on the other hand Dianne:

"Uh-huh, me? Middle. No question. Definitely. In The Middle!" Her voice has a lilting giggle to it. She has been spotted on occasion in heels and nail polish. She isn't afraid to ask for help changing her tire, then fully direct the process. And she claims the middle.

"Well, okay, I probably do have a tiny touch of femme. Nothing contagious, you understand.

But I do like the fell of silk against my skin. And I like skirts. IS THAT A CRIME? But I can't stop the toilet from running. So I would say... put me in the middle."

The thing is, if you lined nearly all the lesbians I'd ever met, possibly with the exception of Leslie Feinberg and Joanne Loulan (No, they are not a couple. Now don't start that!) up against the wall, they would each claim to be a five.

Ask nearly any other lesbian to assign a 1-10 number to each member in the entire array, and not one would have the slightest difficulty figuring out who is a 4 butch and who is a 3 femme. We know it. Instinctively. About *other* people. (And darn few would end up with a 5.5 which is the real middle on a one-to-ten scale.)

So what is it about denial that we find so attractive? What keeps us from looking ourselves squarely in the mirror. (Give or take a hot fudge sundae or two) and recognizing that there is a ying-yang of human behavior that we all qualify for?

Admit it, you do know a butch/femme couple. Okay, that's a good start. Now in this couple, one seems more... what? In charge? That would be the femme, right? Wrong? How can you tell?

The one with the long hair could also be the one with the 800 math scores. I met her in Chicago. Her frilly-souled partner masquerades as a sports jock type.

Seems we've struggled with the definition forever. And butch/femme has nothing to do with what we wear. A femme in a tuxedo is still a femme in a tuxedo. And a butch in a tuxedo may look that way till her butch-in-a-tuxedo partner comes along, they you really know which is which.

Now look at all the couples you know. (This is a game. There will be prizes and a bonus round at the end.) Which one is butch? Which femme? What about butch-to-butch couples?

Does one femme (can femme be a verb?) by default? And femme 2 femme? (besides being the lesbian Village People). Who fixes the ceiling fan? And how long have they been together, not counting tomorrow?

Of course it's confusing. The minute we stopped borrowing our definitions from other people, we discovered we have none of our own. So, obviously we need to reevaluate the entire premise, starting with you.

Wanna know where you stand on the 1 to 10 butch/femme scale? Easy. Go find an honest lesbian you aren't married to. And then ask her.

Chances are, without even knowing you, she'll pick any number, but five.

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I Would Love You MORE

By Carol Schrader

It was two summers ago. My son John was 10. He'd passed through his Ninja Turtle and Cowboy phases and landed in the throes of Piratehood.

In that incarnation, he never played pirate without what he considered full regalia. That included (but was not limited to) a plastic sword at his waist, a "Hook" eye patch askew on his face, a skull-and-crossbones kerchief around his head and an earring dangling from one ear.

I was sitting on my bed one afternoon, ready to pull on a pair of panty-hose. John swaggered into the room, saber at his side, and plopped down on the bed beside me. "Would you still love me if I were gay?" he blurted out.

My mouth must have dropped open. That part I don't remember. But I sensed this was one of those "life-shaping mom-moments." My gut tightened. The pressure was incredible.

Questions raced through my mind. Where was this coming from? Don't some kids begin to wonder about their sexuality when they're in grade school?

Could one raised eyebrow of misspoken word undermine our parent-child relationship? Any answers to those questions were obliterated by a flashing thought. "Come up with an answer to HIS question, and come up with one fast!"

Potential responses darted rapid-fire through my brain. It seemed like eons had passed since his query. But it had only been a moment or two.

I took a breath, put my left arm around him and gave him a little squeeze. Here's my best shot.

"John," I said softly as I looked into the eye without the patch, "if you were gay... I'd love you even more than I do now." Finishing the thought I added, "I'd love you MORE because you would be in for a more difficult life."

I took another deep breath and paused. I expected him to ask "Why would my life be more difficult?"

Instead he jumped off the bed, smiled and said: "Great! Now, can I have another one of your earrings to play pirate? I lost the last one you gave me."

The next thing I remember was stumbling over to my dresser and fumbling through the costume jewelry. I pulled out the last hoop earring I owned.

"You'll have to hang onto this one," I admonished John. "The rest of my earrings wouldn't go very well with an eye-patch."

"Thanks, Mom," he chimed. Then he strutted out of the room.

I sat back down on the bed, still a little shell-shocked. Retracing the brief conversation, I could only guess what just went on. Maybe in the mindless chatter of the fourth grade world, there had been something said about "gays and earrings."

Perhaps John thought if he begged for yet another earring, I would think he was gay. Maybe he wanted to know how I would react if, indeed, I had jumped to that conclusion.

How WOULD I react if he ever came to me... with no other agenda...and asked if I would love him if he were gay?

I guess I'd tell him the same thing. "I would love you MORE."



ON THE LEGAL FRONTLINE

by Thomas M. Petersen, J.D.

HOME BUYERS BEWARE

Almost everyone comes upon a time when they want to buy their first home. This is usually a sound financial decision. But real estate transaction can be handled several different ways. A buyer should be aware of how each type of transaction affects them.

The most common type of home purchase is where the seller wants the purchaser to find his own financing. The purchase would put a small amount of purchase money down as "Earnest Money" and have a specified amount of time to qualify for a mortgage with his or her local bank. In this transaction, there is little danger for anything to go wrong. As long as the seller purchases a Title Insurance Policy which insures that they have a unimpaired title to the home, there is little risk for the buyers.

Risk primarily comes into play when the buyers are unable to qualify for a traditional mortgage because, for instance, they have no credit, poor credit, or insufficient credit history. In these situations, there are three common ways to transfer property to the buyer.

1. Warranty Deed and Deed of Trust. A Warranty Deed transfers the property from the seller to the buyer free and clear. The buyer then signs a Deed of Trust and promissory note for the purchase price back to the seller. In essence, the seller is acting just like a bank with a lien on the house and title vested in the buyer.

2. Land Contract. In a true land contract, title remains in the name of the seller until the buyer pays the entire purchase price. If the buyer ever misses one payment, the seller can declare the contract at an end. The contract usually provides that any payments made during the contract are considered rent with the buyers having no right to any part. This is true even if the buyer made a substantial down payment or has

made significant improvements. Land contracts are very risky for another reason; since title remains in the seller's name, any misconduct by the seller can affect the buyer's house. For instance, if the seller failed to pay federal or state income taxes and the government filed a tax lien, the lien would attach to the house. The buyer would have to pay the tax lien or risk foreclosure by the taxing authority. Since land contracts are so risky, they are only recommended when a buyer cannot purchase any other way.

3. Assumption of Debt. Sometimes sellers are willing to accept a cash payment for their equity in the home and allow the buyers to assume their mortgage. This arrangement involves little risk for the buyers as long as the buyer is willing to execute a warranty deed. However, the buyer will not build any credit with the mortgage company since the loan is not in his or her name. Some loans are fully assumable, which allows a buyer to build credit. Some loans are immediately payable in full upon sale.

Whichever method is used, it is highly important to make an informed decision. Make sure you understand the advantages and disadvantages of your particular transaction.

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CAN GOD CURE YOU?

By Duane Simolke

One morning, I visited a Sunday school class in my hometown. To my discomfort, someone brought up the subject of gays.

One of the people there made the following comments: "We should invite them into our church. After we read the Bible to them, they'd know they was wrong, and quit being gay."

Because of my closet status, I suppressed the emotions that rushed through my body. Besides, I couldn't decide whether to yell John 3:16, hand out P-Flag literature, crack up laughing, or just correct her horrible grammar.

Still, she meant it. She believed it.

I can't believe it. Not after reading the Bible all the way through several times; after attending Baptist colleges for six and a half years; after surrounding myself with religious books, music, and movies; after taking part in homophobic rhetoric; or even after praying day after guilt-ridden day for God to make me what I saw as "normal". After all of that, I remained gay-abstinent, but not gay.

A church in the town where I now live claims it can cure homosexuality, but only for males. Aside from the suspicious nature of that clarification, the whole situation reeks of deceit. Many who get involved end up hating themselves, dating each other, and/or sneaking away to gay bars. They break off loving, long-term relationships, substituting impulsive, anonymous, unprotected sex. Of course, they will act cured if it means their families will accept them again. Many Christian parents talk of unconditional love, telling their children, "You can talk to us about anything." But if one of the children calls their bluff and comes out to them, that child quickly becomes homeless and parentless.

In many cases, the child will commit suicide, unable to live without the respect and love of family. Some of America's least scrupulous preachers and Christian psychologists know they can tap wallets and purses by saying, "Come to us, and God will cure you." No long-term research suggests these cures work, so the leaders of the

ex-gay movement will tell us we should either marry anyway or simply remain abstinent.

Why not force heterosexuals to remain abstinent, except when making babies? In fact, considering the modern problem of overpopulation, why not limit them to quotas? What about sterile people? How dare people give another human being a life sentence of loneliness, just for being different?

With life-long abstinence as such a poor option, we return to the cures. Thankfully, homophobes can no longer use lobotomies or electroshock therapy to change us, though some of them still find ways to institutionalize their gay children. The main approach now involves forcing men to play football, work on cars, etc. and women to sew, cook, etc. Put succinctly, it reinforces gender stereotypes that should scare not only all gays but also all women.

These groups teach gays to see themselves as failures. Gays can suppress their orientation for long periods, but it will always resurface; the ex-gay movement will then cause them to see themselves as continual failures. See the ex-gay movement as a failure. Lists of "cured gays" include many who abandoned the pointless movement and returned to honestly living out their orientation. Exodus International and its imitators only contribute to the self-hatred that leads gays to addiction, depression and suicide.

The question remains: Can God cure you? Yes, God can cure you of internalized homophobia that enters your mind through churches, schools, politicians, the streets, and the media. God can cure you of self-hatred. God can make you a better person, who sees sexuality as an important and beautiful part of one's uniqueness. That will mean re-interpreting scripture and tradition, but you can find excellent books and internet websites that help you in those areas and also expose the ex-gay movement. Find ways to challenge the absurd notion that God hates you. It will shock you how much and how intentionally homophobes warp religion, history, the news, etc.

It will shock you how much peace you can find with yourself and God, by living honestly. God's love ignores the stop signs put up by homophobes. God's love never requires the approval or permission of any church, politician, or group. God's love overturns all vetoes but yours. Only you can decide if you will or won't receive God's love. Let God cure you of a life without divine love.

Our God Too (Jn. 3:16-17)

And she with her
Prayed the prayers.
And he with him
Sang another verse.
And she with her
Held her hand
As they prayed,
Two people in love,
Praying to God.
And he with him
Held his hand
As they sang,
Two people in love,
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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Danged if n it might not be time for us to look at ourselves a a community where greed may exist as much as it does in the straight community. Why? Because we are approaching a new century and we better know now how we're going to be entering it! As a senior citizen, I've had to take a long, hard look at myself first, where everything starts - with ourselves. I look at a quarter century of labors an an activist for gay/lesbians rights and then look at where we are today and see we still haven't achieved our goal. Then I said to myself: "I'm tired, not burnt out, but I'm tired. Let the young folks take their turn at labor and sacrifice for the Cause."

I'm sure a lot of my peers who are still alive and have survived the AIDS onslaught have said the same thing as they look in the mirrors. We look at the youth in our gay/lesbian community and see the carefree attitudes we remember in ourselves at that age. And we hear people say "the future is in the hand of today's youth" and we wonder WHERE ARE WE GOING??!! The bars are still filled with folks, drugs are still flowing freely and there is still NO UNITY OF PURPOSE for the advancement of Equal Rights. It's nearly the exact same thoughts I had in 1970 when I decided to try and make my life count for myself and others in and out of our closets.

I remember how I had to look at the philosophy of Scripture which told me not to lay up for myself treasures on earth. I remember how Dad used to say: "you can't take it with you when you die, kid." It's the same message, yet we still think we have to try for those riches, huh? It's like we gotta have it or else we'd all be adults walking around sucking on our security blankets! There's another old adage which says "to him whom God gives much, much will be required" and we have to deal with that truism. Society thinks ALL gays are wealthy, but this is a myth: too many of us don't have a window to throw it out. Like the non-gay population, there are a number who are wealthy and probably do have the greatest responsibly from the money standpoint. There are, however, other "gifts" which those who aren't rich have and are also responsible for sharing with our fellow humans.

OTHER "gifts"? You know. Like being able to type or use a computer, drive a car to bring "meals on wheels", answer phones as a volunteer for a non-profit organization, showing up at functions such as Pride Parades, MCC, P-FLAG meetings (numbers do count!), serving on Boards and Committees, purchasing subscriptions

to OUR publications so they can become better tools for us and reaching out to the non-gay community (if we can afford smokes and booze, we can afford a subscription which costs less than a night on the town!), and we all have the ability to be a member of a support group if we have love! There are a lot of "other gifts" we can use on behalf of our brothers and sisters of the future.

Common logic, philosophies, and just good sense tell us "without vision, people perish". True for gay or non-gay. Greed of one's time, energy \$\$, etc, blurs one's vision for having a vision of the future. "If for others we live not for what we can get but for what we can give"... "ask not what your Country can do for you but ask what you can do for your Country" -- yes, we've heard them all, but has the greed of the "Me Generation" of the 80's robbed us of the greatness of our own individualism and societal worth?

As we approach the new Century, we face probably the biggest challenge in the history of "Gaydom". There is the distinct probability of achieving Equal Rights and being on a LEGAL equality with our straight citizens of the world. It not only looks possible, but it looks probable... IF... IF! Yes, there always is an "if", isn't there. And in this instance, it is entirely probable that GREED will be the determining factor, so we do have a lot to think about as individuals. And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet!

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LESSONS FROM THE PARKS OF INDIA

By RB Connelly

Cold weather and the political climate cause me to recall last year around this time, when I found myself strolling around Cubblon Park in sub-tropical Bangalore, South India with Arun Raaj, one of the brightest, most handsome, and as fate would have it, straight young men I've ever known. We walked between large Indian extended-family picnics which occupy the more open areas of all parks every Sunday, tailed by the entourage of 8 or 10 small boys I'd grown used to trailing, being the tallest, baldest, blue-eyed non-Indian most of them had every seen in the flesh. Inevitably we were called over to meet family members, offered portions of the family meal (no matter how humble), and begged to be the centerpiece for the photo opportunity of a South Indian lifetime: "Giant American Holding Our Baby," (or my favorite: "His Arms Are Bigger Than Our Legs").

This was a stroll enjoyed before with other groups of my young male employees, who took these impromptu family introductions as entree to feign disinterest in (while flirting gratuitously with) the beautiful young Indian women of these families, wrapped in colored silks more dazzlingly hued than even the tropical flowers growing wild all around them. After some time with each family, we ran out of cross-cultural small talk, said our goodbyes, and continued to walk, discovering a bamboo grove, each 75-foot tall stand of bamboo playing magically wandering percussion songs as wind beat hollow stalk against stalk. In full daylight this urban jungle cast enough shade to preclude lesser growth beneath its high canopy; the provocative earth smells, eucalyptus and moss, sheltered from the breezes above. My mind strayed... It was something about the sounds... to the death of my partner thirteen months before, the aftermath escape from which carried me to this other world.

Arun chose this moment to jar me from sensual intoxication: "These guys all think we're looking for lovers." All around us at some distance yet within eyeshot of those picnicking families were the South Indian versions of men I'd seen in the parks of major cities of the world, their purpose clear and provocative as the sounds and smells around them.

Arun was right. I have never been one for the clandestine outdoor encounters that generations of covert Gay and Lesbian people have had to

actualize, though I've stumbled upon them happening in every corner of the world even now.

I haven't understood the need to risk peril for contact, yet it is a common occurrence and a somewhat common peril on every face of the planet. It just isn't here anymore.

In India, prevailing modesty largely keeps anyone from doing anything in public places, the legal sensibility of which seems simple enough to be understood and perhaps even practiced here in Omaha. Gay Indian men go to parks, they dress the certain way, their eye contact is just as boldly improper, they meet just like here. The police trap them publicly for their own purposes just like here, too, though typically they do it as much for personal gain as for public service (100 rupees, less than \$3 US, is the cost of freedom purchased).

Gay Indian men don't do it where they can be stumbled upon. In that way it seems they've got one on us. Their media gets to say that the police are cracking down. And the men get to be back in the parks until the next time. The downside is that there is also potential to be set ablaze by parents or spouse if you are publicly "outed" rather than endure the shame of having one of us in the family. The power of the media can make this happen, and the ensuing news coverage makes good page-three treading.

It's still possible, I am told, to sunbathe nude among friends on the outer grounds of The Pentagon, just past the Metro tracks, just across the parking lot from Arlington Cemetery. An AIDS activist acquaintance of mine whose periodic arrests there by National Park Police (when they're not busy) are something of a Badge of Honor for him in my old Washington neighborhood. He uses the arrests to get publicity for Gay and Lesbian causes in a city known for its G/L-friendly attitudes, and there in D.C., it works.

We can hardly use that reasoning and publicity here. Yet. Our People have made great advances in a community not known for its social vision, with people who are "out" everywhere leading the way. Unfortunately most of these people do not receive the kind of publicity for bravery they deserve for living their lives publicly and keeping what's personal, personal (a notable exception to this was the October Living Section cover story on an equally notable Lesbian couple in our *World-Herald*, which stunned most of us with its uncharacteristic objectivity).

In a geopolitical community like ours, the people who most often do receive publicity get it packaged with personal shame, public prejudice, gratuitous TV and newspaper coverage, and monetary fines for their personal legal problems, and advance no one in the doing. Why people tempt this humiliation and endure it so often considering how easy it is to avoid the public eye in an area like ours is beyond reason, and beyond instinct. Still, the giant rabid public voyeurism that feeds on this intermittent humiliation of our people promises that it will continue until WE ALL stop it.

Shortly after I went public over there, Arun Raaj told me that in his regional native language, there is no single word for "homosexual." He said this was so because it referred to something neither negative nor positive that no one needs to talk about, even though the potential of immolation does exist. In our version of Democracy, where everything is publicly either very positive or very negative to someone, we definitely need to talk very publicly about things. But primarily as it affects our daily lives outside our home. We don't want people in our lives and in our jobs to judge us by what we do in our bedrooms any more than we want to judge them for their proclivities. In most states even the law says that's all private.

But as long as people do private things in public in a community like ours, we can expect to be judged negatively as a group by the acts of the few. Those of us who think beyond the thrill hope you'll think more than twice before you do anything that's self-destructive for all of us.

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ANGLE'S annual Recognition Dinner, held October 26 at the Best Western Central in Omaha, honored businesses, organizations, and individuals who have made special contributions to our community and noteworthy personal achievements.

Nominees in the Individual Personal Achievement Category were: Joni Joyce, Pat Phalen, Terry Tippit, and Sandy Vopalka. Special Recognition was given to Mr. Terry Tippit for this work in renovating and upgrading the old Run Bar into the Omaha Mining Company.

Nominees in the Individual Community Service Category were: Rich Ketter, Phillip McGuire, Michael Orr, Stef Matthews and Doris Heim, Scott Winkler, and Jonathan Raymond. Special Recognition was given to Mr. Rich Ketter for his dedication and extensive community involvement to such organizations as ANGLE, River City Mixed Chorus, the Proud Horizons Youth Group, Citizens for Equal Protection, Rainbow PAC, and others.

Nominees in the Organization Community Service Category were: Fantasy Productions, River City Gender Alliance, and WomenSpace. Special Recognition was given to the River City Gender Alliance for their work to provide a safe, supportive group for the transgender community and for their work to support the gay, lesbian, and bi community.

Nominees in the Business Community Service Category were: Gilligan's and the Q.

Special Recognition was given to Kenny Carlson and the staff of Gilligan's Pub for their support of community organizations through fundraisers, meeting space, donations, and providing free bus rides to the three picnics held by the Imperial Court each summer.

The Brandon Shukis Memorial Award for Community Service was presented to Matt Petersen-Samp for his coordination of the 1996 Pride Parade and celebration. Best of ANGLE awards went to Jason McClelland for the Web Page and to Jeff Shepherd for the ANGLE Newsletter.

The Annual Recognition Dinner and Awards were coordinated by Mr. Stan Brown and the Recognition Committee. The Nominations Committee included Brian Bengtson (Individual Personal Achievement 1995), Ron Carlat (River City Mixed Chorus), Debbie Johnson (Women of Educated Leather Tactics), Lyn Pakieser (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Carla Petersen (Individual Community Service 1995), and David York (Denver Gay Mens Chorus). The Dinner and Entertainment Committee included: Chris Alberico (Decorations), Gary Beck (Advertising), Delaney Foster (Reception), Bill French (Advertising), Chad Hamilton (Advertising), Michael Johnson (Tickets), Joni Joyce (Reception), Jim K. (Production/Graphic Design), Pat Phalen (Emcee), Todd Robinson (Advertising), Eric Swenson (Production Program)



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A third fundraising show for the GLBT Community Resource Center will be Dec. 29 at the Omaha Mining Company. Host Steve Koeller features the best local performers as the theme of "A Work in Progress" continues with the tools of construction, the turkeys for a holiday dinner, and toys for those we care about. Help this "Work in Progress" become a reality.

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providing an environment where our commitments to our partners are respected and honored.

In the coming year, we hope to sponsor picnics, zoo trips, card parties, a River Cruise, dinner parties, potlucks... and many other fun activities.

If you are interested in more information regarding the River City Couples, we invite all couples interested in the support and socialization we hope to offer to contact us by email at rccouple@probe.net, or by phone 392-1443. Please watch *The New Voice* for our next general meeting which will be held in January.



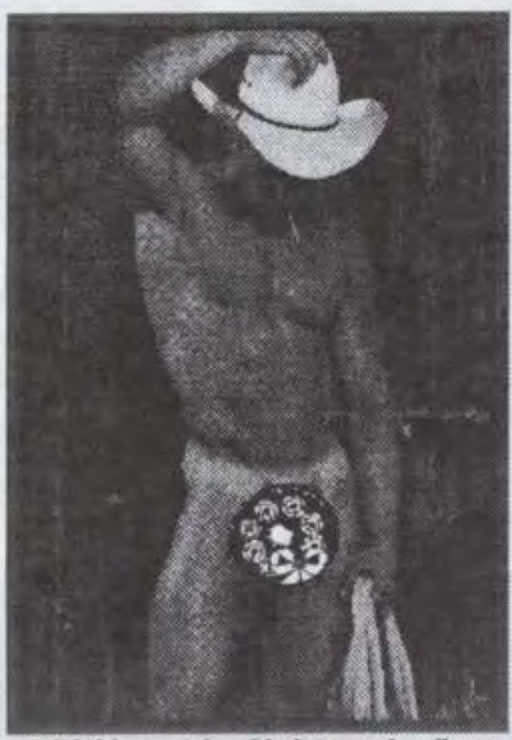
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There will be no cover charge. Also, planned are a bake sale at 6 p.m., and a Christmas ornament auction, featuring ornaments made by DC's employees and local celebrities. Proceeds will benefit HGRA belt buckles and ICON.

Sunday, Dec. 22, 8 p.m.

It's Christmas -- This One's for You!

Princess Royale and friends will entertain you with a variety of entertainment. There will be no cover charge and free food and gifts. Half of the proceeds will benefit HGRA belt buckles.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

Be sure to come down and wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Drink specials will be served by our festive employees.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

Be sure to ring in the new year at DC's annual Big New Year's Eve Blow Out! Complimentary champagne and shot specials throughout the evening.

Be sure to join us for After Hours from 1-4 a.m. following our annual New Year's Eve bash.

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TOGETHER IN A PRIDE



It has been a very busy fall for the members of LEO (Leather Engineers of Omaha). To start things off in October, Budda served BBQ to around 100 people at The MAX at our first official fund-raiser. It was a huge success. Thank you to all of you who came out to meet us and share a great dinner with us. And a big heartfelt thanks to Budda for all the work you did. Also in October, eleven member traveled to St. Louis to participate in our first out of town club run hosted by Gateway MC. LEO made quite an impressive showing, bringing the second place club participation trophy home to Omaha. Not bad considering there were 40 different clubs participating from around the country. On Friday night at Magnolias, LEO sponsored a cocktail party featuring our own special 99 Bananas punch. Our part of the party was supposed to last an hour but we were out of punch in 20 minutes. Everyone came home with at least one friendship club pin, while some members (who shall remain nameless) came home with several. All told it was a fantastic experience for all.

The next weekend, home provided about as little sleep as St. Louis, as it was initiation weekend. Perhaps you may have noticed a few odd things going on at Stosh's Saloon lately. Well, this was all a part of the initiation process to becoming full members of LEO. The Alpha and Beta pledges did a great job performing little tasks, singing songs, playing simon says, etc. We now have 14 active full members with another 5-8 men waiting to pledge after the first of the year. LEO is planning another meet & greet January 11 at the MAX for any men interested in pledging or who want to party with us.

Some upcoming club events planned are our annual holiday party in December, possible road trips to Des Moines and Kansas City, and we are already planning to attend the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago over Memorial Day weekend in May. For any additional information on LEO, contact us at our P.O. Box listed in the resource directory, or look for our club vest colors and talk to any LEO members.

ANGLE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1997

ANGLE (Achieving New Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Endeavors) has selected its officers for 1997. Rich Ketter has been elected to an unprecedented third term as Moderator. Vice Moderator will be Matt Samp-Petersen, the very successful chair of the 1996 Pride Committee. Secretary will be Mark Nelson and returning as Treasurer is Mike Johnson. At Large members include Seth Mobilio, Jeff Shepherd, and Joni Joyce.



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ICON'S FOOD 4 THOUGHT HELPS 100+ PWA'S

From donations received during the Food 4 Thought shows in Omaha and Lincoln, the Imperial Court of Nebraska was able to donate 101 Thanksgiving grocery certificates to the Nebraska AIDS Project to be distributed to PWA's across the state. 65 certificates went to clients in the Omaha area, 15 to clients in the Lincoln area, 11 to Kearney, 7 to Norfolk, and 3 to Scottsbluff, reflecting the distribution of clients across the state.

Thanks go to all who supported the shows, but especially to the staff and management of Q in Lincoln and The MAX in Omaha. It is only through their generosity that ICON was able to help those less fortunate. Special thanks also go to those who helped with the shows: Royal, Phoenix, Jim Gau, Sharon Van Butsel, Rick Swaink, Roxy, Troy Haasis, Red Essence, Helin Bedd, Feleena Katz, Madame X, Inga, Barbie Que, Josephine, Andrea, Satin, Mark East, Quinci Valentine, Ashley Simone, Annie Welty, Dorian Drake, Felice Whitney, Montana, Michele Korman, Muffy Rosenberg, Joe Reed, Carla Petersen, Steve Koeller, Monica West, and all those who worked behind the scenes.

HELIN BEDD PRESENTS MISS LINCOLN SUICIDE

What is Miss Lincoln Suicide? It is a Drag Race Pageant where each contestant has fun running hurdles for drag apparel and doing shots in-between.

Back in April '95, Sheza Mann had the first drag races in which six contestants had to run across stage for grab bags of outfits, hair pieces, and run back stage to change within three minutes. Before and between each hurdle they did a shot of schnapps and then came out and performed a song of Sheza's/DJ's choice. And the fun did not stop. In September '96 Sheza did it again where six more contestants ran -- only difference was the total of six (6) shots and goofy performances this time. Great job to all who entered.

In October '95 Helin Bedd hosted a Suicide Show starring five Omaha and Lincoln Drag Queens who each got two songs to perform that were Sheza's choice. The night ended with double kamikazes and the hokie pokie. Thanx again Roxy, Brooke, Inga, and Miss B. Ocean.

Well, the laughs and good times are here again, because Helin Bedd has put them together in a pageant. It promises to be a night of entertainment (hokie pokie optional). This time each contestant will grab a dress, grab a wig, then a tape (pass to DJ), do some shots in-between and 30 minutes later you're on stage "signing" your heart out! (after applying foundation, blush, lipstick, and eye shadow) They will be judged on On-Stage Question and Overall Performance. Also come Sheza, Roxy, Mercedes, Tasha, and more to entertain you during the competition, with celebrity judges of Mr. & Miss Q and Miss City Sweetheart, Barbie Que.

Watch for more details in December's issue. For more information, contact Helin Bedd at PO Box 23125, Lincoln, NE 68542. See ya!

****Note: For your comfort and convenience, please bring pantyhose and shoes. Everything else will be provided the night of the pageant. If you are a professional drag queen/female impersonator you will have to be a boy that night. This is not for the serious drag queen. It's a get wild and have fun with it pageant.



Photos:
Top, Left: Andrea
Top, Right: Madame X
Bottom, Right:
Red Essence and Dan Mathew

NEW QUEER NEWSPAPER DEBUTS IN OMAHA

**Buzz-Journal to hit streets
on December 11**

Queer Omaha is getting a historic Christmas present this year with the birth of a new newspaper: *The Buzz-Journal*.

The premier issue will debut on December 11, and will have a holiday theme.

This holiday issue will help you plan your busy holiday schedule, give you gift ideas, and entertain and inform you.

"We hope to provide the news that people need to know and the features that people love to read," said Jeff Shepherd, co-founder.

After asking community members what they would like to read, the newspaper staff chose to feature stories about Bible scripture and homosexuality, how to help the less fortunate through charitable organizations, a profile of a traditional Christmas with a male couple and a female couple, highlights of events and things to do, and gift giving ideas.

Additionally, Dorian Drake will give humorous advice in a regular column called "Dear Doris." And Royal Bush will do a "Royal Review" in a regular column critiquing restaurants, plays, movies, et cetera.

You can also look forward to a holiday music review by DJ Pauly.

The Buzz-Journal will be available December 11. Don't forget to pick up your copy.

FARM BOYS

**Book Includes Life Stories of
Several Gay Men From Omaha Area**

A couple of years ago an ordinary press release arrived at the *New Voice* P.O. Box. Like countless others, a hopeful author was looking for subjects to interview for a planned anthology. This author was looking for gay men who grew up on farms in the Midwest. The request was included in *The New Voice* and the press release passed along to some friends who farm about 40 miles from Omaha.

Publication of this work, *Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men From the Rural Midwest* by Will Fellows, is expected soon. *Farm Boys* was featured in a review in the October issue of *The Advocate*. Reviewer Scott Helm said "I cannot praise *Farm Boys* enough. Fellow's project is a true achievement, one to take its rightful place in future studies of gay American history."

Among those featured in the work is Rick Noss, who describes his involvement with the project by saying "I also believe it is important for individuals of our community, both young looking for roles models and more mature looking for support, that everyday men can make an impact. Also, that what may seem like boring lives to some may be book-worthy for others."

The New Voice salutes all those who took part in the project. Many appear under their real names, others use aliases, but regardless of that, all provide a fascinating and invaluable on the unique experience of growing up gay on a Midwest farm. We are proud to have had a small part in this bit of history. Encourage your favorite book store to include this work as a featured selection.

**GLBT RESOURCE
CENTER SEEKS
APPLICANTS FOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The resource center continues to move toward becoming a reality. An important part of this process is the selection and installation of a Board of Directors. This article describes the procedure that will accomplish this.

The Steering Committee of the GLBT community resource center encourages all members of the community to give consideration to applying for these positions. However, applications should not be made lightly. The ongoing future of the resource center will depend upon the commitment, talents, and devotion of its Board.

Applicants will complete a two part application. The first section requests specific information about the applicant — name, address, etc. The second section consists of several open-ended questions designed to allow applicants to summarize their qualifications to serve. Answers may be as long as necessary and applicants may attach additional sheets as required.

The Steering Committee will distribute the application forms through the community's bars and organizations beginning December 15, 1996. Due to space considerations, the form will not appear in the *New Voice*; however, an article listing the required information and the open-ended questions will appear in the January issue. Applicants may use the January article to guide them in preparing an application.

Completed applications should be returned to the GLBT Steering Committee, PO Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108. They must be postmarked no later than January 31, 1997.

A screening committee composed of people active in the community but not directly affiliated with the Steering Committee will make the initial evaluation. Screeners will receive only the responses to the open-ended questions. They will not know an applicant's identity unless a response is so specific that it can be deduced (e.g., "I assumed the presidency upon Richard Nixon's resignation"). Thus, the initial screening will be based solely upon the application itself, rather than a name-recognition event or personality contest.

Each screener will independently evaluate each application to assign a score between one and ten. The screeners will complete and return their evaluations by February 21, 1997. When screeners have returned their ratings, a mathematic average will be determined for each applicant. The top 18 scores will then be passed on to the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee will select members of the initial Board from this list of eighteen. As part of the process, the Steering Committee may ask the finalists to meet with them in a social setting.

If the Steering Committee feels the field of 18 is not representative of the community's diversity, it may choose to leave some positions vacant so that the Board can recruit members to reflect diversity.

The Steering Committee will complete the selection process by March 15, 1997, and the initial Board of Directors will be installed no later than April 1, 1997.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the application process you may write to the PO Box above, or call Jim at 323-7821.

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HUMAN GENE PROTECTS AGAINST HIV-1 INFECTION

An alteration in a human gene can protect people from becoming infected with the most common, sexually transmitted strain of HIV-1, the virus that causes AIDS, report scientists from the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in the August 9, 1996 issue of "Cell".

"Our study of people resistant to infection by HIV-1 has revealed that they have an altered form of an immune cell gene and, therefore, cannot easily become infected with HIV-1 spread by sexual contact," explains coauthor Nathaniel R. Landau, Ph.D. "Whether an individual has normal or altered copies of the gene could in the future be determined by developing a simple laboratory test."

The gene, CKR-5, controls the ability of individuals to produce a protein on the surface of their immune system's T cells that acts as a "gateway" for HIV-1. When HIV-1 joins to both the CKR-5 protein and another gateway protein, CD4, the virus can enter these immune cells and begin its deadly cycle of replication and cell killing.

Individuals with two copies of the altered CKR-5 gene cannot make the CKR-5 gateway protein. When the virus is passed to them by

having sex with an infected person, it remains harmlessly locked out of their T cells, the investigators report.

For the currently reported research, the researchers studied two men who contacted the Aaron Diamond Center because they knowingly had frequent exposure to HIV-1 from unprotected sex with HIV-1 infected partners, yet remained uninfected themselves.

"These people came to us asking a simple question, 'How is it that I'm still standing?' They knew that they were somehow different. And they were right," says coauthor Richard A. Koup, M.D.

The investigators found that unlike the T cells from most people, which HIV-1 easily infects in laboratory experiments, the T cells of these two men could not be infected, even by HIV-1 doses 1,000 times greater than the amount usually needed. By analyzing the genetic material contained in the T cells, the investigators detected that each of the men, who are not related, had inherited a pair of altered CKR-5 genes. A person needs two copies of the altered gene, one inherited from each parent, to be protected against this strain of HIV-1, say the scientists.

The scientists warn that no one should change his or her behavior based on these findings. While the CKR-5 protein plays a role in infection by the strain of HIV-1 responsible for a large majority of sexually transmitted AIDS, other proteins may serve as gateways for different strains of HIV-1, such as types of the virus frequently passed among injection drug users through the sharing of needles.

"Everyone, even people who have two copies of the altered CKR-5 gene, should continue to exercise precautions to guard against HIV-1 transmission during sexual or other activities in which they may be exposed to blood, semen or other body fluids," Koup says.

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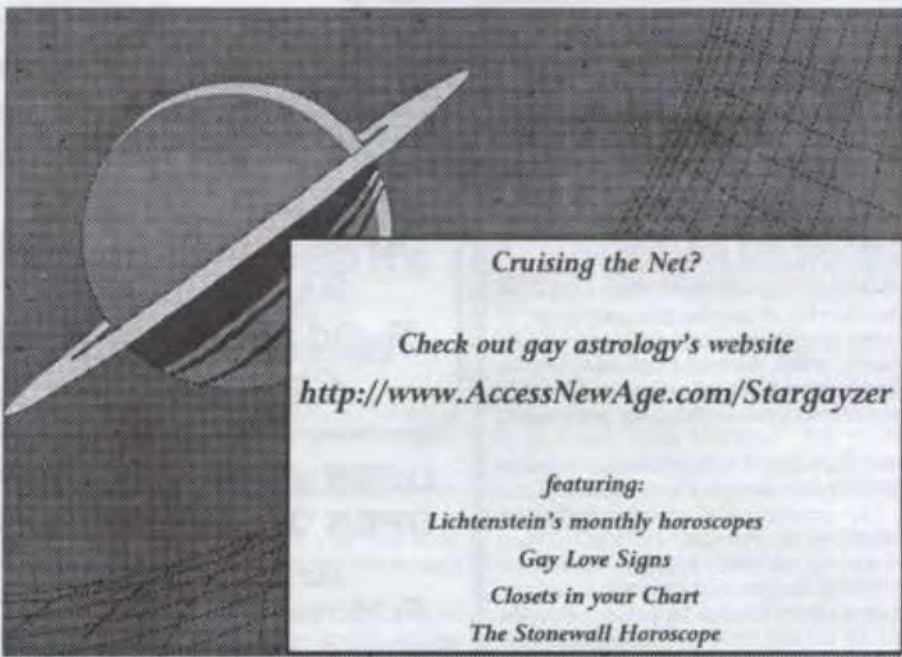
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HAPPENINGS AT COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT

TOYZ 4 TOTZ in Omaha and Lincoln

The Imperial Court of Nebraska continues its holiday fund-raising with the annual Toyz 4 Totz shows held in Omaha and Lincoln. The proceeds from these shows will go to buy toys for nearly 100 children affected by AIDS and to purchase personal care items for PWA's through the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Toyz 4 Totz will be held in Omaha on Sunday, December 8, at the MAX beginning at 8:30 p.m. The Lincoln show will be held at Q on Sunday, December 15, at 9 p.m. We encourage you to support one or both of these shows.

Friday the 13th Phoenix

and the Fabulous Fruitcakes

Friday the 13th promises to be filled with fun, frolic, food, and fruitcakes as Empress 16 Phoenix presents a holiday Bake Sale and a "Fruity" show at DC's. The fun begins at 7pm. Don't miss it, or you might just go hungry!

**Princess Royale 16 & ICON Say
Thanks to Community with Free
Food, Free Admission, Free Gifts at
DC's Show December 22.**

Princess Royale 16 Sharon Van Butsel and the Imperial Court of Nebraska welcome you to a special show at DC's on December 22. "This One's For You!" is designed to say thank you to the community and to the performers who have been so supportive of Reign 16.

Ashley and DC's are joining with ICON to provide free appetizers before the show. There will be NO cover charge and everyone attending will take home a small "thank you" gift from the Imperial Court. Each performer will get to select a present and there will be door prizes and surprise gifts for members of the audience.

And, for those of you who just have to spend money, there will be a raffle for special gifts. The proceeds from this raffle will benefit ICON and the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association.

For a night that's strictly fun, join us at DC's on December 22. After all, "This One's For You."

APPLICATIONS FOR EMPEROR AND EMPRESS AVAILABLE JAN. 1

The Imperial Court of Nebraska has extended the time period for members to apply as candidates for Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court. Applications will be available by January 1, 1997 and must be returned to ICON by March 1.

The campaign period has also been extended and will last for 3 months, ending prior to Coronation 17, to be held July 5 at the Paxton Manor Ballroom.

Complete details on eligibility and campaign procedures will be available from the ICON Board of Governors and in local glbt establishments beginning January 1.

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**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA ANNOUNCES
NEW STRUCTURE FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS
"COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES"
WILL BE ELECTED BY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

The Imperial Court of Nebraska announces By-Law revisions which provide for "Community Representatives" to be elected to the Board of Governors by a vote of the General Membership.

ICON welcomes representatives of the community to apply for membership on the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is responsible for the operations of the Imperial Court and provides leadership for the members. Along with the Monarchs, the Board of Governors make policy decisions, determine major projects, award grants, and organize fundraising activities.

Under the recent restructuring of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, there will be four (4) seats on the Board for Community Representatives who are elected by secret ballot of the general membership of the Imperial Court. These Community Representatives will serve staggered two year terms, with two Representatives being elected each year. The first year four Community Representatives will be elected, two to two-year terms and two to one-year terms.

These Community Representatives must meet basic eligibility guidelines and demonstrate commitment to and participation in the Imperial Court in order to be listed on the ballot. The membership will then vote by secret ballot and the candidates with the highest percentage of positive votes will be seated on the Board.

Successful candidates will be announced at

Coronation 17 to be held July 5 at the Paxton Manor and will be seated at the following meeting of the Board.

Eligibility requirements include such things as:

- 1) Current membership in ICON
- 2) No outstanding insufficient fund checks with any organization or business
- 3) No felony warrants or criminal actions pending against the applicant
- 4) Demonstrated participation in the activities of The Imperial Court
- 5) Adherence to ICON's Code of Conduct

Complete rules for eligibility and for voting will appear in the January issue of *The New Voice* and will be available in glbt establishments by January 1.

**HASTINGS COLLEGE
RECOGNIZES WORLD
AIDS DAY**

Hastings College is planning several vents for World AIDS Day, even though it can't begin until December 2 because of Thanksgiving break.

There will be 2 12 x 12 blocks (16 panels) of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at Hastings Student Center, 9th & Elm, December 2 - 6 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day. PHIVE-O (Peer HIV Education Organization) will sponsor informational booths near the Quilt.

A Candlelight Vigil and Campus Candlelight Walk will be held Monday evening, December 2 at 9 p.m. at the Campus Chapel. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this service of remembrance.

Galen, who is living with AIDS, will be our speaker at noon Thursday, December 5, in Perkins Auditorium of Fuhr Hall of Music.

The all-campus chapel service, Wednesday, December 4 at 10 p.m. will center on the Quilt and AIDS.

Everyone is welcome at all these events.

MISS GAY OMAHA

Quinci Valentine has been crowned as Miss Gay Omaha for 1997. This long-legged beauty beat out four excellent candidates to win the crown. First runner-up is the beautiful Feleena Katz. Other contestants included Felice Whitney, Ashley Simone, and Ariel Attack.

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An Inter-religious Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, at First Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, in Omaha. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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Interim Pastor Sharon Sloat

MCC-O will officially welcome Interim Pastor Sharon Sloat and her partner Donna to Omaha with a reception following the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 1. Rev. Sloat is a familiar face to many MCCer's as she trained as student clergy with Rev. Matthew Howard and has frequently been a guest speaker at MCC.

A Time for Caring and Sharing

The Christian Social Action Committee is sponsoring two very worthwhile events again this holiday season. First of all, the CSAC in conjunction with St. Martin DePorres is providing us the opportunity to share our love with smiling little faces between the ages of 5 to 14. All you have to do is select a gift request for the Christmas "tree" at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, purchase the item, wrap it, and return it to the church. It will then be delivered (we believe by Santa) to the child you have selected. Neat, huh? Remember, it's more blessed to GIVE than to...well, you know the rest.

Second, Christmas baskets will be assembled for MCC-O members who might not be quite as fortunate as some others. Once again, it seems that Elves have something to do with this process. For more information on either of these projects, contact the Church office at 345-2563.

SING OUT!!!

At 5:30pm on December 14th, you are invited to join in with a multitude of others to go Caroling. Not only will the ears of many residing in nursing homes be lifted by the warmth of your voices, you will be fed as well. Hot soup and sandwiches will be served to those who participate!

Also, please remember that the Choir is in full swing at MCC-O. They began in November and will continue through the winter months. ALL are invited to join the Choir in their harmonious endeavors.

Christmas Eve

The warmth and joy of the Advent and Christmas seasons will be celebrated throughout the month of December, culminating with a traditional Christmas Eve service on December 24. Watch for flyers in local establishments or call the church office at 345-2563 for the time of the service.

OTHER NEAT NOTES.....

Watch for activities to begin with the River City Couples. This group plans to provide a forum for Couples to discuss and share what's happening in their lives.

Children's Time with the Pastor has once again resumed. Kids, plan to attend and bring those sleepy parents with you.

When you're out (no pun intended) and about, plan to swing by the Church property and view the wonderful lights and especially the outdoor Nativity scene. You'll be glad you did!

Last, but not least...let's not forget the true meaning of this Holiday Season. In everything we do and everyone we meet, Christ is always with us.

In a very special way we celebrate this at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. We're located 1/2 block South of Leavenworth at 819 South 22nd St. Services are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. For information, contact the Church office at 345-2563. All are welcome, so please join us. Hope to see you next Sunday!

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GAY RODEO COMES TO NEBRASKA

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, representing Iowa and Nebraska, is proud to be hosting its first rodeo, the Heartland Regional Rodeo. This rodeo is scheduled for the weekend of June 27-29, 1997 in Fremont, Nebraska, 40 miles northwest of Omaha. Heartland Regional Rodeo is on the International Gay Rodeo Association circuit of gay rodeos. It is the culmination of many years of effort by the members of HGRA.

Gay rodeo began with one rodeo in Reno, Nevada in 1976 as a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy. Today there are 21 members associations of the International Gay Rodeo Association, and in 1997 there will be 23 rodeos on the IGRA calendar. Gay rodeo is still primarily a mechanism to raise funds for the charitable organizations. It is our hope that Heartland Regional Rodeo becomes a successful fund-raising endeavor and a weekend of first class entertainment for our community.

There are a total of thirteen events in gay rodeo, divided into four categories: Rough Stock events, Roping events, Horse events, and Camp events. There are four Rough Stock events: Chute Dogging, Steer Riding, Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding. The rules are similar for the three riding events. This article will describe Chute Dogging and Steer Riding. The next article in this series will describe Bronc Riding and Bull Riding.

Rough Stock Events, Part 1

Chute Dogging

This is a timed event. Chute Dogging is similar to steer wrestling. The contestant stands in the chute with the steer, holding it by the horns. Time starts when the gate opens. The contestant must move the steer ten feet out of the chute and then wrestle it to the ground. The judge calls time when the steer is lying on the ground with all four of its feet pointing in the same direction as its nose. Fastest time wins. Men and women compete separately in this event.

Steer Riding

This is a slightly tamer version of Bull Riding. The contestant starts off sitting on the steer in the bucking chute. The gate opens, and time starts when the steer leaves the chute. Time ends 6 seconds later, and a horn sounds to signify time end. The contestant rides with one hand free and must remain on the steer for the entire 6 seconds. The contestant is disqualified for touching **anything** with the free hand, including the animal, the contestant's hat, equipment, etc. Two judges score the ride and each judge awards up to 25 points for the animal and up to 25 points for the rider for a total possible score of 100. Highest score wins. Men and women compete separately.

HGRA GOES ROLLER SKATING IN JANUARY

Everyone is invited to a **Gay Roller Skating Party** at Cheap Skate on 90th and Maple in Omaha on Saturday, January 4, from 5-7pm. The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be sponsoring a fundraiser with the monies going towards the 1st Annual Heartland Regional Rodeo. We will skate to "YMCA" and the Macarena, do the Limbo and the Hokie Pokie! There will be couples skates and balloon races. Tickets will go on sale November 1st for \$4.00 per person, in advance, with skate rental at \$1.00 for regular skates and \$4.00 for inline roller blades. All tickets must be purchased by December 31st to get the advance price.

To purchase tickets, call Shelley at 325-0434 in the Omaha area or Patrick at 515-255-3842 in the Des Moines area.

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NAP ADDRESSES HOMOPHOBIA IN HEALTH CARE

By Larry Bierce
NAP Education Coordinator

On Wednesday, November 6, Nebraska AIDS Project Client Services Director Susan Merrick addressed the issues of heterosexism and homophobia with two groups of health care professionals at a conference entitled, "Cultural Competence of Health Care: Creating a Mosaic of Healing." The conference was organized by UNO's College of Continuing Studies and the Douglas County Health Department to bring to light the needs of special cultural populations within the health care setting.

Merrick Warns Professionals Against Making Assumptions

Merrick warned the health care professionals to "avoid making assumptions about a patient's sexual orientation." She reminded them that "not everybody is straight, and if you assume they are you are going to lose information that is likely to inform your treatment plan and your patient education efforts." Merrick cited studies conducted in San Diego that revealed a high incidence of homophobia and heterosexism among health care professionals in that city. "If it's this bad in San Diego, I can only imagine how common it is in the Midwest."

Lesbians Particularly Disadvantaged

Lesbians seem particularly disadvantaged in terms of access to health care, according to Merrick. Most women's gateway to the health care system stems from reproductive health needs like OB/GYN visits. Pregnancy and birth control are the most common reasons for women to visit a doctor, and women who do not have sex with men are often left outside the health care system because it revolves around sexual health issues that arise from straight sex. Some lesbians lend to the problem as well, by believing that not having sex with men somehow eliminates their need for regular Pap-smears and breast exams. Yet, the higher prevalence of smoking, drinking, and obesity among lesbians clearly calls for preventive health exams. "Lesbians are at risk for cervical cancer, breast cancer, HIV, and STD's," Merrick emphasized. "Not having sex with men is not protection from these possibilities."

Panel Shares Stories of Homophobia Encountered in Health Care Settings

Joining Merrick in a panel discussion at the conference were Denise Horn, NAP Executive Assistant, and Ron and Tom, two NAP volunteers living with HIV who are also gay men. Together the panel discussed a number of horrifying instances of homophobia and heterosexism in health care from their own personal experiences. Horn related a story about a doctor who never asked her about her sexual orientation before he mandated that she use birth control pills. Tom told a story about a doctor who performed a digital rectal exam on him. When Tom winced as the doctor inserted his finger, the doctor commented, "Well, I can see that you're not a queer." Stories such as these are examples of how a patient's self-esteem and dignity can be obliterated by insensitive health care workers.

According to Merrick and the other panel members, encounters with homophobia and heterosexism are entirely too common in the health care system.

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS NEWS

Mark your calendar! Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26 the River City Mixed Chorus will present "Out Loud," their 1997 Winter Concert.


Tickets for the first concert of RCMC's fourteenth performance season will go on sale soon. Franz Schubert's "Mass in G" will be featured in this year's program.

Tickets may be purchased from Chorus mem-

bers or by calling the sing-line at 341-SING.

RCMC is seeking new talent to join our ranks. If you like to sing, please consider becoming a member of the Chorus. Auditions for new members will be held shortly after the Winter Concert.

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January's topic is "Flogging" while February brings everyone's favorite topic "Bondage," each presented by experienced players and speakers. As always, we will answer questions and help you understand your fears on the subject of bd/sm. If you have an interest in the bondage or power exchange, this is the place to find out more information about your areas of interest.

Join us at the Wooden Apple, 21st and Martha, December 8th at 2pm. The entrance to the private meeting room is on the west side of the building.

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JOE HALL TO CO-CHAIR NGLTF BOARD

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Board of Directors has named Joe Hall co-chair of the board. Hall is executive director of the Nebraska AIDS Project in Omaha and a long-time advocate for gay and lesbian and AIDS/HIV community groups.

Hall succeeds Chris Collins of San Francisco, who served as co-chair for three years and will remain on the board. Co-chair Susan Anderson of Denver, Colorado, remains in that position.

Task Force Report

FIFTH ANNUAL MOTHER JUGS AND SPEEDOS FUNDRAISER IS A RECORD BREAKING SUCCESS

Mother Jugs and Speedos once again would like to thank the community for its support of their yearly fundraiser. On Saturday, September 21, Mother Jugs and Speedos members, Jeanette, Jeff B., Arch, Chas, Jeff W., Rick N., Rick S., Russ, and Tim held their 5th Annual NAP Fundraiser. Two thousand six hundred four dollars (\$2604) was raised this year, topping last year's record of \$1960. In addition, about eight boxes of dried goods were raised for the food pantry. In the five years this party has been held, over \$7500 and approximately 40 boxes of dried goods have been donated by their friends and families.

Every single dollar donated at this event goes directly to the organizations sponsored for the fundraiser. This can be done thanks largely to the generosity of local and regional business persons who support their efforts. Mother Jugs and Speedos would like to give special thanks to the following supporters:

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Thanks to all of you who attended this year's party and parties in the past. We truly appreciate your generosity. As usual all donations are made in memory of our friends who have passed away, but are always with us in spirit.

HGRA ROYALTY WEEKEND

By Michael R.

HGRA Royalty weekend started at the Chesterfield on Friday night, October 11, with the Steppin' Down show.

In addition to farewell performances by our reigning Mr., Ms, and Miss HGRA, the crowd was also treated to the singing talents of some non-members as well. Sarah, Emily D. and Kathy from Sioux City each did a fantastic job. We *definitely* need to get these gals to volunteer to perform at our rodeo!

Gregg, the current Mr. HGRA, continued with his vocal training lessons [Shelly up front lip-synching], and demonstrated just how good he's gotten over the past year.

Jim B. also treated the crowd to a reading of some of his own Cowboy poetry.

The crowd also enjoyed performances by Char (Ms HGRA), Dana Dahl (Miss HGRA), Dave E., Rita Coppafeelia, and Mr. MAX.

A warm and sincere thank you goes out to the patrons of the Chesterfield for their enthusiasm and donations. The evening event raised \$137 from the tips to the performers.

The next night it was time to crown the HGRA Royalty for 1996-1997. The evening began at DC's with the western attire category. The candidate for Mr. HGRA, Dave E., completed his ensemble with silver accouterments. And since once was not enough, Char returned as the candidate for Ms HGRA.

As part of the judging, each candidate had to choose from prepared questions and formulate a response. If Dave has his way, watch out for the "Wild Cow-Milking" camp event at our rodeo. And Char divulged that in her next life she wants to return as a Quisnart. Seriously, she reminded us all that one of the best things about being a member of HGRA is the opportunity for mixing with and meeting new people.

The evening was rounded out by performances by the candidates. They were also joined by Autumn Weather (Miss HGRA '94-95), Jim B. (Mr. HGRA '94-'95), Gregg (Mr. HGRA '95-96), Tim P. (Mr. MAX), and Aramis (Miss DC's).

To no one's surprise, the two candidates became our Mr. and Ms HGRA for '96-97. Good luck to them both, and I'm sure they will do a super job as representatives of HGRA in the coming year.

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PLGC HOSTS PIZZA PARTY AND MOVIES

By RJ

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns hosted a pop, pizza, and movie evening at their November meeting. The movie shown was "Wedding Banquet," an excellent movie about Gays, Straights, cross cultures, and a Shakespearean comedy of errors. But the truth finally came through, and all turned out well.

This was a delightful movie and well worth seeing. I've never heard of the movie before. It is put out by Fox Video. If you get a chance to see the video, by all means do so.

Following the movie a brief business session was held, discussing issues pertinent to PLGC. The gathering broke up about 7 p.m. One person had about a 150 mile trip to get home. Now that is determination when one makes a 150 mile trip each way to get to a meeting.

No announcement was made of a next meeting, so contact PLGC (Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns) for the next meeting to be held. Any Presbyterians out there, concerned about lesbians and gays and their stance in the Presbyterian Church, now is your chance to show your concern.



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WOMYN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Womyn's Book Discussion Group will be discussing these books on the dates listed: Dec. 6 *Fried Green Tomatoes* by Fannie Flagg; Jan. 10 *Dyke Life* by Karla Jay; Feb. 21 *Wild Wood Flowers* by Julia Watts. Purchase your book at The Book Station, 1913 Leavenworth and receive a 10% discount. Contact Laurie at 556-0937 for discussion group location and further information.



BLUE BARN PRESENTS "REFORM SCHOOL TIMMY!" (an "XXX"mas Carol)

The Blue Barn Theatre presents **REFORM SCHOOL TIMMY!** (an "XXX"mas Carol). This Gay 90's version of Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, runs December 6 - 22. Show times are later than usual: 10pm Fridays and Saturdays and 8pm on Sundays.

REFORM SCHOOL TIMMY! (an "XXX"mas Carol), an adult comedy, tells the story of Screwge, a bitter, older man (almost 29!), coming to terms with his own closeted self and his love of young Tiny Tim, fresh out of Reform School. It is directed by a newcomer to Omaha, Zack Humbee. Mr. Humbee plans on staying in Omaha only a few months. "I was seeing someone here, it fell apart, now I want to get out of this hell hole," he says. Humbee plans to move to Denver in the Spring of 1997 to manage a Baccarat Clothing store. Humbee explains what drew him to this unusual reworking of the beloved Christmas story. "No decent city would pay good money to sit through this filth. Except Omaha. I'm doing it for the cash."

Humbee found this script for **REFORM SCHOOL TIMMY!** late one night while rummaging in the dumpster behind the MAX, a gay nightclub in downtown Omaha. "I was looking for empties to recycle," he says. Humbee tracked down the author, an obscure local drag artist, Miss Tanqueray LaVoria. "She lost the Miss River City Pageant and boy is she bitter," says Humbee. Tanqueray is currently serving a six month sentence in Douglas County Correctional Facility for other literary efforts: writing bad checks at Gilligan's and the Omaha Mining Company, both local gay bars. "We hope she'll be out on work release by opening night," says the optimistic Humbee. Unfortunately, none of the actors will allow their names to be associated with the show. Asked to comment on this, Humbee replied, "They're all over 18. Proof on file."

Like a good fruitcake, **REFORM SCHOOL TIMMY!** is a gaudy mix: half drunk comedians, disreputable go-go boys, lascivious behavior, blaring carols, and abrasive holiday decor. "I know how to attract a crowd," boast Humbee.

Show times are: December 6 - 22. Fri/Sat 10pm. Sun 8pm. All seats are \$10. Call 345-1576 for reservations. The Blue Barn Theatre is located at 1258 South 13th Street (1/2 block North of the Bohemian Cafe.)

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- 4 - HGRA Roller Skating Party
- 5 - ICON "Bob & Inga's Show"
- 10 - Book Disc. Dyke Life
- 11 - LEO Meet & Greet
- 12 - Miss MAX Stepping Down
- 18 - MCC 23 Anniversary
- 19 - ICON Live Extravaganza
- 25, 26 - River City Mixed Chorus Winter Concert, UNO
- 26 - Miss MAX
- TBA - GLAGN Las Vegas Night
- TBA - Womyn Winterfest - Racoon River

February 97

- 2 - MCC Anniversary Show at MAX
- 9 - Miss ICE Bowl at MAX
- 15-16 - ICE Bowl Bowling Tourney
- 16 - ICON Sweet 16 Prom
- 21 - Book Disc. Wild Wood Flowers
- 22 - "Hearts of Fire" Hastings
- 23 - Roxy on Stage at Q

March 97

- 2 - ICON Snoball
- 28 - Good Friday Services - MCCO
- 30 - Easter Services at MCC-O
- 30 - ICON Easter Bonnet Contest

April 97

- 13 - ICON Closet Ball
- TBA - GLAGN Barn Dance

May 97

- 26 - ICON Memorial Day Picnic
- TBA - GLAGN Gay Prom

June 97

- TBA - HGRA/Pride Party
- TBA - Womyn's Supertubing Valentine
- TBA - Desert Plains Drummer
- 14 - RCMC Pride Concert, Witherspoon Gallery
- 22 - ICON Stepping Down
- 22 - Pride Parade & Festival
- 27 -29 - Gay Rodeo - Fremont

July 97

- 4 - ICON July 4 Picnic,
- 4 - ICON "Out of Town Show"
- 5 - ICON Coronation, Paxton Manor
- 6 - ICON Victory Show
- TBA - Mr. Nebraska Fantasy Contst

August 97

- TBA - Womyn's Summerfest Racoon River
- TBA - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest

September 97

- ICON Labor Day Picnic

October 97

- 11 - National Coming Out Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite
110, Omaha 342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-
342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or
info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/

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

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

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

LEGAL

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

Sean McFarlin, Omaha, 333-6000

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

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

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

ART/AIDS AWARENESS

Art/AIDS Awareness Foundation, P.O. Box
461033, Papillion, 68046-1033, (402) 592-
7812, e-mail ezgoing@ix.netcom.com Group
of HIV+ visual artists educating public about
realities of AIDS through art.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call **Neb AIDS Project 342-6367**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project
{statewide} (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or
info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
Volunteer Services, Administration 342-6367;
AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV testing,
AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
Lincoln Office: 2123 Winthrop, 484-8100.
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807

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

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

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

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

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

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

To Be Listed on Either Resource Page,
send info to:
New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512,
Omaha, NE 68103-0512

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. A program
developed by Charles Drew Health Center.

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

Nebraska AIDS Project
{statewide} (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or
info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
Volunteer Services & Administration 402-342-
6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV tests,
AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
Lincoln Office: 2123 Winthrop, 484-8100
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807

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

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



*****LINCOLN*****

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

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

Gay Men's Support Grp, Counseling & Psych
Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL.,
Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential
Lambda Business Assoc, Box 6341, Lincoln
68506-421/483-6183, Mtg 4th Sun, 3pm

Lesbian Discussion Group, Womens Resource
Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL., Lincoln,
68588. 472-2597, Call for meeting information
Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg, 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, 477-1226

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-
FLAG), Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880.
4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A",
HIV Family Grp, Under 21 Grp same time/place
SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, For
older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee
House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at
7:15pm, 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, All welcome.
Straight Spouse Support Group -- Lincoln,
Call 489-9088 for info

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Nebr
Union, 14 & R. Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-
5644, Social, info, referral, library, General
meetings Tuesdays, 7pm, during school year
The Wimmin's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM,
89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln.

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

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

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

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

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

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

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

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

Community Resource Development Center,
Box 8343, Omaha, 68108, Call 558-5303

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

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

Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo), UNO
Students - Wednesdays, 4-6pm, Jenkins Rm,
Milo Bail Student Ctr, Talk Group 2nd Wed
3pm, Info: Jonathan Raymond 571-8518

AREA RESOURCES

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

Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line,
A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 558-5303
Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD)
G/L/B/Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386

ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament,
Tournament held President's Day Weekend
L.E.O.(Leather Engineers of Omaha) educa-
tional-social grp, Gay Men interested in Leather
Lifestyle. Write: Box 8181, Omaha, 68108

Lutherans Concerned, 453-7137, 7pm, Mar. 3,
June 2, Oct. 6, Dec. 1, 1st Lutheran Omaha
Metropolitan Club, Box 8603, Omaha 68108-
0603, 3rd Thursdays, Neon Goose, 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.
Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am

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

National Org. for Women (NOW) Omaha -
political/grassroots activist org. issues of full
equality for women- Omaha NOW, Box 3325,
Omaha 68103-0325, (402) 391-7303, Meets
3rd Tuesday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

Novice BD/SM Support Grp, Back Room,
Wooden Apple, 22nd & Martha, 2-4pm,
Omaha Meatpackers, AIDS fundraising
organization. Call: (712) 366-1791

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

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

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

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

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

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

River City Couples, Social Support for GLBT
couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric:
392-1443, email rccouple@probe.net

River City Mixed Bowling League, Sundays,
3pm, Skylanes, 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

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

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712,
Quarterly newsletter for lesbian voices & events

*****REGIONAL/STATEWIDE*****

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.

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

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts, Box
94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter
Community Alliance, 1301 Villa Ave, Sioux
City, IA 51103 (712) 258-4704

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

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College,
Hastings 68901 July 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.

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772,
Omaha 68103 Advancement of G/L/B/T
society. Board Meets 1st Monday each month

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

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

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

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

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

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

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha
68103. 556-9907 or tjrr05c@prodigy.com

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

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

***Sioux City, IA PO Box 1311, Sioux City,**
51102 Meet 2nd Sun, 2pm, Mayflower
Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18

***Sioux Falls, SD 4th Sat. (605) 334-5508**

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

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

U of N-Kearney GLBT Support Grp, Thurs,
4pm, Student Affairs Bldg. Ronnie 308-865-
8488/236-5312, e-mail reid@platte.unk.edu.

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

DECEMBER CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

EVERY MONDAY

EVERY TUESDAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m.
MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am,
38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts

HIV Tests, NAP, 3610 Dodge,
Suite 110, Omaha 7-9:30pm

River City Mixed Chorus
Rehearsals, 1st Methodist,
7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm

Women for Sobriety 5:30pm
YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha,
Call Judith 472-2998

Mens Support Group 7:30pm
MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm,
Contact Luis 472-7450

Frontrunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-
Talbot

PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support
Grp, 7pm, 475-2437

AA, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha

Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St.
Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA

UNO GaLO 4-6pm, Jenkins Rm,
Milo Bail Student Ctr, Call 571-8518

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

December 1 (1st Sunday)

World AIDS Day
Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
Lutherans Concerned, Omaha
World AIDS Day Benefit host: Mr. Q Troy
Haasis, proceeds to "Night of 1000 Stars"
Miss MAX Dietra Snow, 9pm, Omaha

December 8 (2nd Sunday)

Frontrunners, Heartland of America Park,
10am, Omaha
Learning to Exchange Power Novice BD/SM
Grp, "How to Meet Play Partners" Back Rm,
Wooden Apple, 22 & Martha, 2-4pm,
PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church,
1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm
"Reform School Timmy", 8pm, Blue Barn
Theatre, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, All seats \$10
ICON Toyz 4 Totz at The MAX, Omaha
Kinsey Sicks at Q, Lincoln
Christmas Drag Show, Touchez, Sioux Falls

December 15 (3rd Sunday)

Frontrunner 10am Loveland School Omaha
Community Resource Center Steering
Committee, 2pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22
PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm,
2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/995-5490
Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488
"Reform School Timmy", 8pm, Blue Barn
Dorian Drake Birthday Show at The MAX,
Omaha
ICON Toyz 4 Totz at Q in Lincoln, 9pm

December 22 (4th Sunday)

Frontrunners, 10am, Elmwood Park, Meet at
Pool, Omaha
PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth
Lambda Business Association, 3pm, Lincoln
483-6183
"Reform School Timmy", 8pm, Blue Barn
Theatre, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, All seats \$10
MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215
Mr. MAX Christmas Show The MAX Omaha
"This One's For You" ICON Appreciation
Show, 8pm, DC's, Omaha

December 29 (5th Sun)

Frontrunners, 10am, Mt. Vernon Gardens,
Omaha
White Winter Night, The MAX, Omaha
"Toys, Turkeys, & Tools" 9pm, Omaha
Mining Co, Benefit for GLBT Resource Ctr

January 5 (1st Sunday)

Inga & Bob present, 9pm, The MAX,
Omaha

Dec 2 (1st Monday)

Names Project AIDS
Memorial Quilt, 16
panels on display at
Hastings College
ICON Board Mtg, 7pm,
The Omaha Mining
Company, 1715
Leavenworth

Dec 9 (2nd Monday)

AIDS Interfaith Service,
7pm, St Cecelias,
Omaha

Dec 16 (3rd Monday)

Dec. 23 (4th Monday)

Dec 30 (5th Mon)

Jan 6 (1st Mon)
ICON Board Mtg, 7pm,
Location TBA

Dec 3 (1st Tuesday)

Names Project AIDS Quilt, 16
panels Hastings College
AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St.
Francis Chapel, South & 11th
Lincoln
ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO
Religious Center, 110 N. Happy
Hollow, Omaha
Candlelight Vigil and AIDS
Walk, 9 p.m. Campus Chapel,
Hastings College

Dec 10 (2nd Tuesday)

Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n,
Red Cross, Sioux City, IA
Free/Confidential HIV Testing
5-7pm by Lancaster Co Health
Dept at The Panic, Lincoln
HIV/AIDS Support Group for
Women, 7-9pm, NAPOffice, 2123
Winthrop, Lincoln
Bi Discussion Group, 7:30pm
Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln,
Wendy 476-0314

Dec 17 (3rd Tuesday)

NOW-Nat'l Org for Women
Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432
"M", 474-1960
Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian,
3114 Harney, 391-7303
Grand Island HIV Support
Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175

Dec.24 (4th Tuesday)

Christmas Eve Services, MCC-
Omaha, 819 S. 22, Call for
time, 345-2563

Dec 31 (5th Mon)

New Year's Eve Parties
at Your Favorite Bar

January 7 (1st Tuesday)

ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, Omaha
AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St.
Francis Chapel, Lincoln

Dec 4 (1st Wed)

Names Project AIDS
Memorial Quilt, 16
panels on display at
Hastings College
All Campus Chapel
"Service of
Remembrance", 10pm,
Hastings College

Dec 11 (2nd Wed)

GALO Talk Group, 3pm,
Q's call Jonathan 571-
8518 for info

Dec 18 (3rd Wed)

Dec 25 4th Wed)

Christmas Day
Ham & All the Fixings,
Omaha Mining
Company, 6-8 pm

Jan. 1 (1stWed)

New Year's Day

Jan. 8 (2ndWed)

DECEMBER CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

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

EVERY FRIDAY

Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7pm 488-2043
Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln
Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln
Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative"
 Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave
"Live & Let Live" 8:15pm Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74th
Lincoln: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214

EVERY SATURDAY

Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am, Gathering Place, Lincoln, Judith 472-2598
Womens Support Grp, 11am, MCC-Omaha
Youth Support Grp, 291-6781, age 13-21 gay, lesbian, or questioning sexuality, Omaha
Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Dec 5 (1st Thursday)

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, 16 panels Hastings College
Galen, PWA, Guest Speaker, 12 noon Perkins Auditorium, Flur Hall of Music, Hastings
Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, Video, 1st Unitarian, Omaha

December 6 (1st Friday)

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, 16 panels on display at Hastings College
Womyn's Book Discussion Group, *Fried Green Tomatoes* Call Laurie 556-0937
Community Resource Center Development Committee, 6:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22
Kinsey Sicks at Q, Lincoln
"Reform School Timmy", 10pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, All seats \$10

December 7 (1st Saturday)

Night of 1000 Stars Dinners, Benefit for NAP River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community. (402) 398-1255
Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880
Kinsey Sicks at Q, Lincoln
"Reform School Timmy", 10pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, All seats \$10

Dec. 12 (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

December 13 (2nd Friday)

Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Fronrunners Friday Afternoon Club, Gilligan's, Omaha, 6:30pm
Phoenix's Fabulous Fruiteakes, Bake Sale & Show, DC's, 7pm
"Reform School Timmy", 10pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, All seats \$10

December 14 (2nd Saturday)

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, Des Moines
Omaha Players Club, 2pm, Workshop "Genotorture", 8pm, Play Party
SAGE Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
Christmas Caroling, 5:00pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Caroling at Golden Manor & Douglas Co. Hospital, followed by Soup & Sandwich supper at Church
"Reform School Timmy", 10pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, All seats \$10

Dec. 19 (3rd Thursday)

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

December 20 (3rd Friday)

"Reform School Timmy", 10pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, All seats \$10

December 21 (3rd Saturday)

Fronrunners, 9am, Ford Birthsite, Omaha
Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880
"Reform School Timmy", 10pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, All seats \$10

Dec. 26 (4th Thursday)

December 27 (4th Friday)

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

December 28 (4th Saturday)

PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD, 1pm (605)334-5508

Jan 2 (1st Thursday)

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

January 3 (1st Friday)

Community Resource Center Development Committee, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Time TBA

January 4 (1st Saturday)

River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community. (402) 398-1255

Jan 9 (2nd Thursday)

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

January 10 (2nd Friday)

Fronrunners Friday Afternoon Club, Omaha, 6:30pm

January 11 (2nd Saturday)

Omaha Players Club, 2pm, Workshop: 8pm, Play Party
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HUSH HUSH I'm a 31 year old Bi male, 6ft, 155lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, soft skin. I'm looking for other men in my area to have discreet fun with. (Lincoln) #14195

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

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BIG GUYS WANTED I'm looking to have some fun. I'm 45 years old, 190lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I'm looking for well endowed men of any race for good times. Call me. (Lincoln) #3975

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LET'S TALK OVER COFFEE I'm 27 years old, 5'7, 120lbs, nice muscular body, drug and alcohol free. I do smoke and drink coffee. I like dancing, movies, reading, etc. I'm looking to meet White men around my age for fun and more. Call me. (Lincoln) #15190

SUMMER HEAT I'd like to meet some guys to get together with. I'm not interested in a boring relationship, just hot fun. Call me. (Lincoln) #3927

LET'S CUDDLE I'm 6ft, 300lbs, and I love sports. I also like cuddling and watching movies. If you are interested please call me. (Lincoln) #24223

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

WORK HARD PLAY HARDER I'm a Gay White male, 30 years old, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 6'5, 220lbs. I'm looking to find some new friends and companionship. I like the outdoors, hiking, biking, camping, romance, etc. I'm a country boy now living in the big city. Interested? (Omaha) #12542

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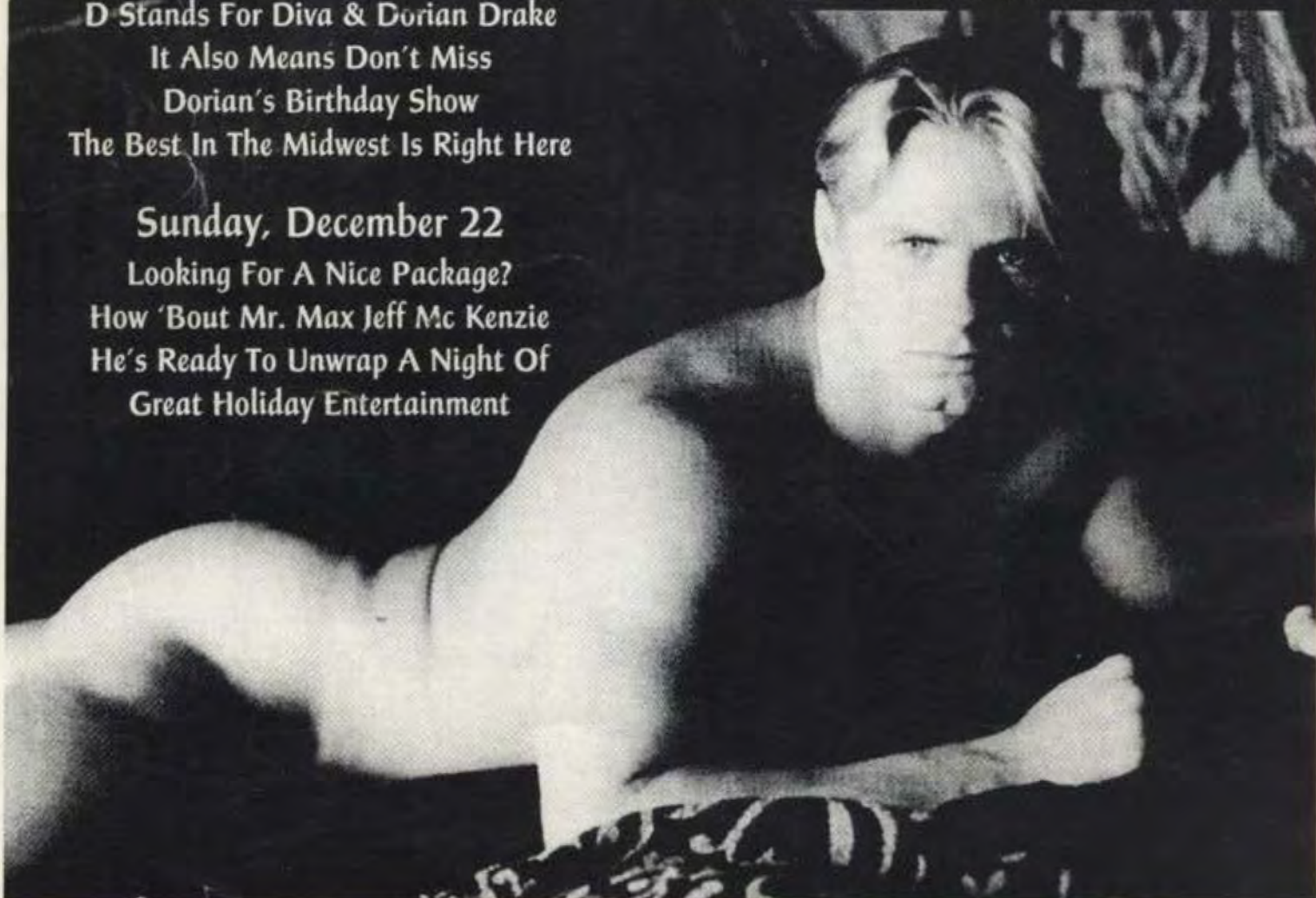
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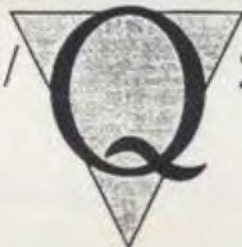


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