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OUR TURN: *Opinions of New Voice Staff*

GOOD BYE GLORIA FREDERICKS

By Stef Matthews

It is with a heavy and sad heart that we say good bye to our friend and our leader, Gloria Fredericks. She died on March 5, 1996 in an accident at her work.

It is a cliché to say that you never really appreciate what you have until it's gone. But in the case of Gloria, I believe we all know what we had — we only wish we had the chance to tell her how much we loved her and appreciated her sacrifices on our behalf. We had one of the most loving, caring and giving people in the transgendered community. She had almost endless energy and spirit and was willing to give of herself to ensure that others' lives were better. What she didn't realize, I believe, is that our lives were bettered just by knowing her.

Her compassion, self-deprecating sense of humor and her courage will be remembered by me as a standard that I might live up to. I never knew how much I had taken from Gloria's example. I had on occasion, offered my services to Gloria — all she had to do was ask. I know many in the group had. But, rarely did she ask for help — she just did it! And she never looked for accolades or thanks. She knew what needed to be done and set to it. If the saying "You only get out of life what you give," is true, then Gloria had to have had a wonderful life. Let's not remember her with sadness, despite our grief, let's celebrate the part of Gloria she has given to us.



I sat at our March meeting, a couple of days before Gloria died, as did many of you, and listened to Gloria "preview" the song she had planned to sing at the IFGE convention. No one realized then that it wasn't meant to be. I would give all of the CD's in my collection now to hear Gloria sing another song for us. But that won't happen.

The day after RCGA's March meeting, I e-mailed Gloria the text of an article I had written to be included in this newsletter. She received it and e-mailed a "thank you" to me on Monday evening. I received her e-mail Tuesday morning about 9:30a.m and had written her a reply and sent it off. Floating around cyberspace is a message to Gloria that ends with the lines, "Take care and remember you have friends that you can talk to if you want. Doris and I send our love and wish you the best! See ya on 3/31!"

There are so many of us that were touched by the time we had with Gloria. We wish things were different, that we might roll back the clock and do or say some things different. But we can't and life goes on. So it is with great sadness and spirit of hope that we say:

Good Bye Gloria Fredericks!

—*The Transformer: The Newsletter of the River City Gender Alliance*

Editor's Note: Gloria was a good friend to the whole community. Whether dressed in her party best, or with her work clothes on, Gloria was a generous, giving individual who set an example for us all. She was sure of who she was and would go through a lot to be able to be herself -- including putting panty hose and a dress and make-up on while sitting in a beat-up station wagon in the parking lot of the restaurant where the Gender Alliance was to be recognized at the ANGLE Recognition Dinner. We were very proud of you that night.

Gloria, I'm sure you're busy up in heaven, talking a mile a minute and telling all the angels about your sisters down here. Thank you for sharing part of your life with us.



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WOMEN'S TRAVELER COMES OUT KICKING FOR 1996!

Want to know where's the nearest place a woman-loving-woman can park her RV? Trying to decide which festival to attend this May? Need help acting out your favorite scene involving a rubber raft, some white water rapids and a lot of lesbians? Ready to cruise to Lesbos? Want to stay at a women's guesthouse in San Francisco? How about in San Jose, Costa Rica? Wonder where the girls really are in Denver or Detroit, Provincetown or Portland? *The Women's Traveller*, America's favorite lesbian travel guide, has the scoop.

Since our debut in 1989, *The Women's Traveller* has been the travel guide that is as fun to read as it is easy to use. But don't let its tender age and baby dyke good looks fool you. This guide packs 450 pages of travel information for women of all ages, races, sizes and abilities. And the 1996 edition is no exception. In fact, both the exterior and interior have been given fabulous makeovers.

Inside *The Women's Traveller*, you'll find thousands of groups, bars, accommodations, bookstores, retail stores, spiritual groups, publications, restaurants and travel agencies that welcome lesbians. Each of these listings includes an address, a phone number, hours and other relevant details like wheelchair accessibility. Major metropolitan areas and popular resorts are covered in-depth by an overview essay and a side bar with info on annual events, the date for lesbian/gay pride, the phone numbers of all types of transit, a weather report, and, of course, the all-important dish on where the girls are. The calendar of festival and events have also been expanded along with the directories for women's tour operators and mail order companies. On the outside, you can't help but see that graphic designer Beth Rabena Carr has taken the trademark suitcase cover to artistic heights as only someone with an uncontrolled paisley fetish could.

As an added bonus to *The Women's Traveller 1996*, famed photographer Phyllis Christopher showcases some of her recent work, capturing a few of our favorite women travellers on the go.

FUNNY BOY by Shyan Selvadurai A Review

by Kelvin L. Van Manen

I don't usually enjoy political stories. History was always my least favorite subject. The problems of people in countries I know nothing about — with cultures that I don't understand — have never really impressed me that much. In *Funny Boy*, however, by describing the social tension in Sri Lanka as seen through the eyes of a gay boy, Shyan Selvadurai has created a picture of prejudice, struggle, and survival that we can all relate to.

Set in the first person, our narrator is Arjie Chelvaratnam, a Tamil boy living in Sri Lanka during the seven years leading up to the 1983 riots in Colombo. Arjie introduces us to his life and his family by describing "spend-the-day" days — one Sunday a month that he and his cousins spent at his grandparents' house. While the boys played cricket in front of the house, Arjie and his female cousins would play "bride-ride" inside. Arjie would dress as the bride, while another cousin played the unimportant role of the groom. After being forbidden to play with the girls anymore, Arjie describes his feeling of alienation with a sentiment that I, certainly, could relate to:

"I glanced at the sari lying on the rock where I had thrown it, and I knew that I would never enter the girls' world again. And then there would be loneliness. I would be caught between the boys' and the girls' worlds, not belonging or wanted in either."

Arjie goes on to describe his aunt's socially-disapproved romance with a Sinhalese man, his mother's affair with an ex-lover, his father's hiring of a Tamil political radical, and his own problems in school and his eventual romance with a classmate. The book ends with a description of the riots that finally caused Arjie and his family to immigrate to Canada. The common thread is political and social: problems of prejudice between the dominant Sinhalese and the Tamils. Intertwined throughout, however, is a sense of differentness; Arjie looks at the world in a way that is contrary to expectations.

This is not your classic coming-out story, nor is it primarily about the problems of growing up gay. The book is about prejudice and societal presumptions. However, I believe that it was the author's intention to make an analogy between the political struggles in Sri Lanka and the difficulties that we, as gays and lesbians, face. Prejudice is a problem for everyone; something that we not only have to face from the outside, but something that we must confront in our own hearts and minds as well.

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PFLAG LINCOLN STARTS STRAIGHT SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Dear Sharon,

The Cornhusker P-FLAG organization is launching a Straight Spouse Support Group. There has been one organizational meeting held. Would you please place the following announcement in the Lincoln section of the Resource Directory? If there's space it would be good to show the meeting on the monthly calendar of the fourth Tuesdays as well.

Straight Spouse Support Group: Mtng 4th Tuesday, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A (meets simultaneously with P-FLAG) P-FLAG Cornhusker, Box 30128, Lincoln, NE 68503-0123. (402) 434-9880. Support group meeting for current and former spouses of lesbians and gays.

Thanks for your help, Sharon.

Sincerely,
Gene Bunge, Board Member PFLAG

UPDATE ON NETWORK Q NOW BROADCAST IN LINCOLN ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

Dear New Voice,

Thank you for including Network Q in your magazine. However, it is listed incorrectly. This is partially due to our local Cable changing channels and times around 3 or 4 times. Also your deadline and the fact that I have not picked up a New Voice for sometime was a factor. It has been showing at 9:00 p.m. on Fridays for sometime now despite channel changes and is now on Lincoln Cablevision 20.

We have also started a Lambda Business Association. We meet every 4th Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (location varies) and have a newsletter. (If you would include in Resource Directory.)

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UNABLE TO SLEEP

By Marc A. Thomas

Lying next to this strange man
who shares my bed tonight,
I wonder why he doesn't find my presence
as overpowering as I find his.
With every inhale and exhale,
I think I get to know him more.
His restless body seems to be
calling me to come closer
to comfort him in these strange surroundings
it finds itself in tonight.
When I lean my body toward him to announce my presence,
his body detects my approach.
Instead of receiving my body language's message
of my willingness to comfort him,
he awakens momentarily from his sleep
speaking only in whispers
to insure his quick return to sleepdom
because it seems once again
my touch has interrupted his nocturnal bliss.
My effort to comfort his dormant body
as if I were his lover or at least his loved one
has become an interruption
rather than a gesture of affection.
It is only after my third attempt
at soothing his contorted body
that I learn he views my attention on him
as a means by which
I'm keeping him from his golden goal of sleep.
I feel mortally wounded
and fall from my perch with a thunderous crash
only my ears can hear.
Time, space, and circumstances
create this personal jail of mine
dooming me to lie there
beside my sleepy cohort
sentenced to watch him wrestle
with his sleepless torment
after being labeled unneeded and unwanted
by this strange man who shares my bed.

DREAMING ON THE WIND

By Marc A. Thomas

In the middle of the darkest of black spaces
a huge bed is stationed at the center
upon approaching this bed in which you lay
on the whitest of sheets with no pillows in sight
you lay motionless with no expression on your face
your body is strong and beautiful
its arms, legs, thighs, and waist are thick
with a manhood not shared by others
your penis and testicles hang heavily
like a bunch of ripening grapes on a vine that need tending to
your chest and nipples are confidently thrust forward
as if you were awake standing guard over someone precious
not wanting to awaken you
it is my thirst for you which prompts me
to climb up your slumbering body
like it were a rose covered trellis
leading to the stars
despite the absence of a celestial collection of brightness
it is your heavenly body I seek and have found
your body not started by the arrival of mine
rejoices in the blanket of warmth I've brought to it
you open your eyes and greet me
with a kiss from your sweet lips
the sheer delight of the thrill of what's to come
shines in your eyes with a brilliance
that could only be eclipsed by the sun.

A LETTER TO MY TUTOR, ASKING FOR SOME HELP

By Brian E. Bengtson

Dear Fred: I am sorry we haven't had our Thursday mornings together. It feels like the Nebraska winter and life in general have conspired against us and hatched a plan to keep us apart. I miss our two hours (though we tended to finish up in an hour and a half) together; it was one of the things I could count on as my journey keeps winding and turning, like this disease floating in my veins.

As the new year crept up on us, the bottom fell out of my world, and he left me for greener pastures with a lover who was AIDS-free, and young enough to still think hanging out in a bar all weekend could be fun. I feel like the townspeople mistook me for the monster, stripped me naked, and left me chained in the square; open, and on the receiving end of the taunts by pointing children.

There are mornings I wake up, and can forget all the fights because I realize that for the first time in two years, I am sleeping alone. Then a void forms in my stomach, and the tears almost flow. Every few days, he toys with the idea of coming back home, only to change his mind and give me a few more shattered hopes to sweep up. I really don't think he knows what this is doing to me; no one can really be this cruel.

I am having chest pains again, like all those clichés about broken hearts have become real (as if my body didn't have enough to fight, huh?) Like Joan of Arc on a really good day, I have visions of the future and voices running in my head. I am scared that I will die alone in an antiseptic room as my family waits outside (none of them really have the stomach for this, you know. I come from a long line of people who died in their sleep.)

I do not think that I have another relationship left in me, and I know that others fear falling in love with someone who may die. I think it is the time invested that scares them; as if someone would tell them the months were wasted and they could have done better. We all have dreams of two-bedroom houses with fenced-in yards; no one dreams of bedpans and visiting nurses three years down the line. On nights like this I secretly wish I would follow family tradition, and have one final nap.

I hope that I will see you soon, and maybe some of your wisdom will rub off on me. I need some guidance because today I feel lost in the woods and Gretel forgot to leave a trail of breadcrumbs. I know all this angst will make a great chapter in some luck stiff's biography of me. I just hope he spells my last name right. Give my love to Gary and the boys. Love, Brian.

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"A GURU TURNS THIRTY (AND ISN'T THAT THRILLED ABOUT IT!)"

It is May again, which holds two very special days for everyone's favorite guru of things poetic and somewhat metered. First off, my birthday (the 13th) comes around, and this year I will turn thirty. Now all my older friends can get even with me for all my cracks over the years, and I can have one of those "crises of life" that everyone talks about. You know, I color my hair, get a sports car, and attempt to date teenagers. Either that, or I chuck all my worldly possessions, and join a monastery that makes pound cakes for the less fortunate. But knowing myself as well as I do; I will probably just crawl from bar to bar trying to score free drinks! So if you see me out and about, just send me your condolences (along with a nice imported beer).

May is also the anniversary of my diagnosis of HIV. This will now be my third year of living with this disease. I remember spending most of my first year alternating between shock and learning about all the changes that would happen in my life. During my second year, I was put on medication (I now take more pills than both of my grandmothers combined, and sometimes I play Judy Garland in the mornings when I have to take about ten pills before my first cup of coffee), and had to make some tough choices (such as going on disability; and in effect, retiring at the age of twenty-eight). During this past year, I have learned how my illness affects those around me. While I became closer with my family than I have ever been, and have discovered how many friends I really do have, my relationship of two years ended, and I now live alone (in other words, "you win some, and you lose some.") in a studio apartment. All of a sudden, I have the urge to spin around on Leavenworth Street while tossing my hat up in the air (too much "Nick at Nite").

Enough of my ramblings!! This month, I am featuring poems from two new contributors! Marc A. Thomas hails from New York City, and read about our magazine in *Putting Out*, a how-to book on getting gay/lesbian material published and where to send it. John Bergner is a local reader who took heart and sent me some poems after begging for months on end. And as a special treat, I am including one of my more depressing pieces in honor of my birthday (hey, if I am going to be depressed, others should have the chance to join in too!) Until next month, take care of each other.

Brian

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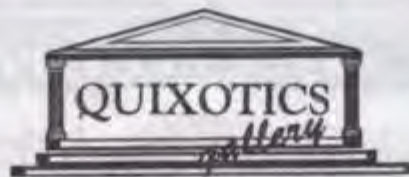
By John Bergner

i simply ask to be remembered
as a soft, flickering glow
in someone's life;

where a need has been fulfilled -
however simple or unimportant;
where a wish has been granted
and a prayer answered;
where a tear falls
and a heart is comforted.

i simply ask to be remembered
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in your pillow of dreams

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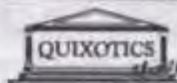
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The natural end of every human life is death. Some people choose to end their own life. The reasons for suicide are not entirely understood. It is most commonly believed that people choose this end either because it is their solution to a conceived hopeless situation, or because of terminal illness. In the first situation, the person ends his or her life in what amounts to a final temper tantrum against a world that can no longer be tolerated. In the latter, the persons expects a painful and prolonged "existence" while waiting to succumb to an incurable disease.

Perfectly healthy people who choose to commit suicide are best addressed by the medical and mental health professions. However, suicide of a terminally ill individual sometimes becomes a legal issue.

A terminally ill person can be very convincing about asking another to assist them in their demise. Many see assisted suicide as a noble and admirable act. Medical advances make it possible to keep patients alive far beyond any hope of recovery or improvement. When a person becomes emaciated and a shell of his or her former self, it may become compelling to provide whatever he or she asks. A perfectly sane person, facing the option of continued malingering death or suicide, may only choose suicide once they are so incapacitated that self-induced suicide is no longer an option. So he or she may naturally turn to that person's family members or close friends. However, in doing so, that person is asking that their friends or family commit a crime.

Prior to January 1, 1979, assisting a person in their own death was first degree murder. The law made no distinction between a premeditated killing for benevolent or malicious purposes. The United States and Europe began wrestling with this apparent conflict of motivation and started to change the laws. The Nebraska Legislature addressed this problem by passing Nebraska Revised Statutes section 28-307 which took effect on January 1, 1979. That statute reduced the penalty for assisting another to commit or attempt to commit suicide to a class IV felony. Instead of possibly facing the death penalty, the assistant could receive a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. There is no minimum penalty for the crime.

Nebraska lawmakers further responded by authorizing Health Care Powers of Attorney in 1992. Their intent was to finally allow competent adults to designate another, called the attorney in fact for health care, to make their medical care decisions once they became incapacitated. The doctor, once prosecuted for failing to provide all available care, may now legally withhold such care. It is still illegal for a doctor to induce death by, for example, administering an overdose of drugs, but he may safely withhold treatment. Unofficial medical powers of attorney were in use before this law, but it was up to the doctor to honor them. Now, upon certification by the treating physician of incapacity, the person designated by the power of attorney could make all decisions regarding treatment of the terminally

ill patient. Decisions to continue or withhold artificial life support, operations, and even nutrition and hydration in specific circumstances, can be exercised under a properly executed medical power of attorney. The document itself includes instructions on how and when to discontinue medical treatment. These instructions can be very specific or as brief as a person wishes.

I cannot stress the importance of a Medical Power of Attorney for the individual and their family. Treatment of terminally ill patient can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Final health care is paid before other creditors of the estate. The costs can quickly dissipate an estate intended to support loved ones. A Medical POA allows someone to quit fighting a losing battle and save those useless expenses.

It also, indirectly, designates who may have access to a hospital bound patient. Medical policy dictates that only family members and "spouses" may visit critical patients. A lover, probably the most important person in a gay or lesbian's life, may be denied visitation. However, a Medical POA gives that person complete access to the person and medical records.

While suicide in itself is not a crime, assisting a suicide is a felony. A Medical Power of Attorney is a great tool if it is prepared before incapacity. While the laws are not as liberal as Dr. Kevorkian might want, they now provide more options than ever before.

A word of caution. This column is for informational purposes only, and is not for the replacement of your attorney. Each case has different facts which can produce different results. Please consult your attorney for advice relevant to your needs.

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NEW HOTLINE TO REPORT HATE CRIMES

A new non-profit toll-free hotline is now available to assist all victims of anti-gay incidents and provide them with a centralized source of information and documentation. The Gay & Lesbian Victims' Assistance Hotline (800-259-1536) is a 24-hour project of LAMBDA Service Anti-Violence Project, in El Paso, Texas. The hotline is answered by trained volunteers who provide information and referrals to persons who have experienced terrifying violence or more common anti-gay incidents, such as discrimination, harassment, or vandalism. Callers may remain anonymous and all information is

kept strictly confidential.

"We hope that anyone with information to report will call us," said Rob Knight, president of LAMBDA Services. "Anti-gay brutality and discrimination has long been invisible, mainly because it is among the least reported of crimes," said Knight. "Anti-gay rhetoric is so common that it is largely ignored. People are being taught to fear and hate homosexuals — and that fear, unchallenged, often leads to violence. The first step in countering the hate is to report it."

Founded in 1991, LAMBDA Services is an international, all-volunteer, non-profit, LesBiGay

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The second annual ART/AIDS/AWARENESS exhibit is currently being organized. A July 26, 1996 date has been tentatively set. Any HIV+ visual artist interested in exhibiting works of art or obtaining other information relating to the project is encouraged to contact Sam at 592-7812.

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by Ace London, Nationally Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Getting away from it all! Ahyes! Getting away. That's what a vacation is; away from the day to day grind of the

job, house-hold chores, the ennui of making a living. A vacation is a time to take those precious extra dollars which one has purposely or secretly set aside...and spend them!!! A time to leave the safety, security and dullness of the nest and experience the romantic and exotic. A vacation is a side-road trip in one's adventure of life. A vacation is a time for relaxation.

Remember when we were kids? The day finally arrives. The suitcase is packed. Actually the suitcases are packed!! Overflowing because one never really knows what exciting possibility one might encounter. So, one always manages to over-prepare — only to return home with a suitcase-plus of unused vacation outfits. Yet we seem to do this every time thereafter, don't we?

The pets have all been deposited in their vacation bed-and-boarding houses...and, will be so happy to see us once again when their "vacation is over"; while we bemoan the incredible cost of their vacation. Hm? Maybe we could take them

with us next year!?

We solved the questions which face vacationers: Should we ride a bus? (With all these suitcases? Are we crazy?) Take a train? (We'd go broke tipping the porters!) Take a plane? (Are we kidding! We'd have to take two taxis from the Airport. One for us, one for our luggage!) Should we take the family car? Well of course. We're used to it and thank God we had sense enough to buy one with a large trunk! The car is it! "We'll-be-able-to-see -so-much-more-of-our-great-vacation" subconsciously runs through our mind in the self-reassuring caress.

Fortunately, we've kept the car in good condition and we've only had to spend about a grand to prepare "her" for this day.

We comment about our "wonderful neighbors", whom we've only had two altercations with this past year for a change! Whom we now trust to water our lawn and indoor plants; turn on a few lights in the house each night and off in the morning; pick up the newspaper so would-be robbers might assume we're home. And, we've diligently unplugged all electrical appliances.

We've prepaid all bills we can and made arrangements for those coming due during our vacation so our credit won't be blemished. The improbability of life without those cards is inconceivable. And, we've covered our butts by dutifully spending an hour in line at the Bank to secure Traveler's Checks.

Our list of "reservations in advance" which we made in exotic places we've never seen has been rechecked. We'll leisurely tour to our vacation destinations and we've reassured ourselves we made good choices from the dozens of brochures, pamphlets and books we combed through over the past month.

The time has finally arrived. We pack the trunk with our suitcases. Actually, we cram it and the two pieces we've unable to get in will have to go on the floor of the back seat. The kids will just have to rotate, sitting crosslegged. Whoops! Almost forgot! One last trip into the house to get three pillows and some blankets... plus the picnic basket of "snacks." Thank God we're finally on our way! Boy! Do we ever need this vacation!

Yes, all the fond memories of family vacations when we were younger. Thank God I finally came out of my closet and learned how different gay/lesbian vacations can be: Take as few clothes as possible. First-Class Airfare. Everything set by our Travel Agent. Of course, we've booked only pro-gay or gay-owned establishments so we'll feel "at home." Our home will be protected by a couple of lovers who'll stay there and take care of our pets.

Vacation time seems so much simpler being gay. Sort of like "girls night out" for a relaxing fling! And what is most important is that we've supported gay-owned or pro-gay businesses. And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet!

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SQUEAKS FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

"Wow, Grandpa! Look at all that neat stuff they're bringing into the Church. What's going on? First they tear the place apart and rebuild it, then they start collecting all this stuff. And I know they can't possibly use all of it in here. What's going on?"

Young Franklin was curious (but not in the usual sense of that word!) about all the things he saw being brought into the building. And so was I, I must admit. So I began exploring. There had to be a reasonable explanation — it was just up to me to find out what it was.

I slipped through the new walls, over that great new insulation that keeps everything so nice and cozy, and climbed into the chilly chamber occupied by the Pastor.

I sat very still and quiet in the corner while he pondered over a book of some sort, then turned to write on the word processor. In a few minutes, Pastor closed the book, wrote a bit more, then pushed some buttons on the keyboard. The machine began to whirl, then the printer began adjusting the paper. Then clackety-clack, the printer began doing its job. Since it needed no supervision, the Pastor stood up and walked over to the Church office.

He was just a bit too far away for my old ears to hear what was being said, so I scampered back through my mousehole, raced across the ceiling and popped my head up just in time to hear something about a Yard Sale. "It's great the way things are coming in for the Yard Sale, the Pastor said. "It should be one of the best ones yet."

"Agreed," said the nice lady who keeps the office so efficiently. "We've got a good crew to come price and pick and transport things. We could always use more, of course, and I know when folks find out about the big sale, they will clean out those closets and garages and bring their salable goods to us so we can make use of them again."

Just then the phone rang — nearly made my head ache, it was so loud. The nice lady listed and then responded, "Yes, the Yard Sale is May 17-18th, at 1052 Park Avenue. It will be on the parking lot of the Franciscan Mother House, who also have a lot of neat things to offer that day."

Well, now I knew. A Yard Sale — something special was getting ready to happen. And the thing that makes it special is how folks all pitch in to help get things together, get them over to the Church or to the site of the sale, so they can be sorted and marked. Then everyone will be there to help with the sale.

Everyone except us! We're going to get left behind here at the Church building, so we will miss the excitement. Maybe we could slip into that big overstuffed chair they brought in a little while ago and ride over to the sale. But with my luck, someone would buy that chair, load it right up, and I would be on my way to a new home!

Guess I'll just have to be happy to watch things being done to get ready and then to hear the excitement when it's over and some special projects are funded, all because so many of our church and community folks pitched in to help make those two days a great success. How much fun!

I wonder if anyone would come if we little mouse-folk had a sale out on the lot behind the church. Hmmm! That's something to think about.

Rocquefort

CLOCK TICKING FOR AMENDMENT 2 DECISION

With the clock ticking toward a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is gearing up for what may be one of the most important decisions by the high court this year.

Court watchers say only about seven potential announcement days remain during the current session for the Supreme Court. The days include May 13, 20 and 28; and June 3, 10, 17, and 24.

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RUN TO THE BORDERS

By Diane Moore & Denise Horn

The sky is blue, the grass is green and all is right with the world. Tomorrow it is supposed to be 75 degrees, just the right amount of sunshine to make everybody happy. I am certain it was time for Winter to end. When I turn into "Memnoch" I am ready for some of the good old sunshine healin' weather to arrive. You know, PMS every day of the month?

The excitement here at Borders actually falls on April 27th, you may not even have this in your hands by then. Kate Clinton will be here at 5:00pm doing a CD and Video signing before her WomenSpace show at the Joslyn. Did you know Kate has a book "coming out" (bad pun) the first of next year? Oh, well, even if this does not get to you in time, just remember that the store has been officially blessed by 'Hilarity' Clinton.

Since I am busy setting up the grill, walking my dog and doing that spring cleaning (which rolls around every 2-3 years), Denise Horn was kind enough to write a review. Denise is a recent transplant from Manchester, Conn. - she and her honey, Kitty, traveled many miles to make this Borders incomparable. Kitty is the Merchandise Manager at Borders and Denise is our lovely creative consultant and she looks just like Drew Barrymore.

Thanks, for the review, Drew!

Toward Amnesia by Sarah Van Arsdale

There are times in everyone's life that we would rather forget. How we deal with pain in our lives - the loss of a lover, a friend - is the subject of Sarah Van Arsdale's first novel, *Toward Amnesia*. She explores the possibility of simply willing to forget and to create a new life out of a painful past.

Toward Amnesia invites us to share in the personal trauma of a woman who has lost her lover and best friend. Often accused by her lover as being too "closed," self-absorbed and unemotional, the protagonist, a marine biologist (an apt profession for a loner), leaves her home and everything she owns in North Carolina (before she leaves, however, we are treated to her torturous vigils outside her ex-lover's new home and her fantasies of reunion). She sells her car, changes her name to Virginia, and even changes the hand with which she writes. "Virginia" finds herself on a small island near Canada where she develops her new identity and comes to terms with herself.

Obviously a journey of self-discovery is an introspective one. However, Virginia ponders her life but rarely tells us anything truly interesting. We know that her lover has left her for another woman, that she is hurt, and that she has discussed this with a few of her equally miserable friends. We know that she feels she must shed her past, where her mother drank, her father abandoned her family, and her childhood was sadly cut short, but we never really feel the anger - nor any strong emotion - of this character. Virginia never reveals the rage that she surely must feel, and deserves to feel, in her situation. Her journey of self-discovery is, in fact, an escape, not a solution.

Virginia is not stronger for having left her life behind, she is a coward. Although Ms Van Arsdale paints a lovely backdrop for her character's reflections, the novel is flat. We may understand Virginia's pain, but we are left unsatisfied with the taste it leaves behind.



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DATE AND LOCATION SET FOR 1996 NIGHT OF 1,000 STARS

Here's The Date!

Dust off your daytimer and circle Saturday, December 7 for the next edition of NAP's largest annual fund raiser, Night of 1,000 Stars.

Last December's crowd (estimated at almost 3,500) makes it clear that a new place was needed for this increasingly popular event.

New Location!

After much consideration and with the assistance of NAP benefactor, Terry Watanabe, Night of 1,000 Stars is moving to the AKSarben Coliseum.

According to NAP President and 1996 Night of 1,000 Stars Chairperson, Susan McGillick, "We are very grateful that we have this opportunity. Last December we raised \$150,000 to support the programs and services of NAP this year. With the new location and everything it offers, we should raise even more."

Clear your calendar and get ready for the party of the season. Look to the summer and autumn issues of the *NAP News* for more details about the Fourth Annual Night of 1,000 Stars.

Interested in Hosting a Party?

If you are interested in opening your home or business to host one of the many dinner parties that are a part of this dynamic event, please contact either Jeff Wilson or Jami Anders in the Omaha NAP office at 342-6367 or 1-800-782-AIDS.

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FESTIVAL IN INDIANA**

Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, the Chief Nurse of the Washington State National Guard who was reinstated to her job after challenging the military's policy on homosexuality, will be the keynote speaker at the National Women's Music Festival in June. Also appearing will be Ronnie Gilbert, a former member of the influential folk group, The Weavers, who continues her singing today.

Other guests of interest include Pat Califia, a writer who has been on the leading edge of women's erotica; Jewelle Gomez, author of "The Gilda Stories" (winner of two Lambda Literary Awards); Luisah Teish, a ritual consultant who wrote "Jambalaya: The Natural Women's Book of Personal Charms and Practical Rituals;" and Karla Jay, writer and editor who is a professor of English and director of women's studies at Pace University.

Concerts and workshops are the main components of the festival, which is in its 22nd year. There also are dances each evening. The festival will be June 6-9 on the Indiana University Campus in Bloomington, Indiana. It is the country's longest-running celebration of women's music and culture. The festival is held in campus buildings. Dorm housing and meals are available, and local stores, restaurants, and motels are nearby.

A four-day pass costs \$195. One- or three-day passes and individual concert tickets also are available. Information about working during the festival in exchange for a reduced-cost pass is included in the registration brochure. Brochures are available at women's bookstores or by writing P.O. Box 1427-PR, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1427. You also may call (317) 927-9355 and leave your name and address. **Registration after May 15 must be done on-site at the Festival.**

**"MOTHERS DAY CARDS"
CAMPAIGN**

Since 1992, Mothers' Voices, a non-profit organization working to increase AIDS awareness, has mobilized mothers in every state, turning grief, anger, and fear into positive action to end AIDS. For the past five years, the Mother's Day campaign has also produced tens of thousands of messages demanding AIDS education and research, delivered directly to the President and congressional leaders.

Here's how the Mother's Day card campaign works. Each beautifully designed card contains an important message to mothers, asking them to help send a Mother's Day message supporting AIDS prevention, research and education to President Bill Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, and House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

The Omaha Chapter of PFLAG has the Mother's Day cards and will be getting signatures to add to the thousands of messages of hope and support for people with AIDS and a strong demand for more AIDS research and education. For more information, call the Helpline at 402-291-6781.

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PAST/OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO

What are some of the products gays and lesbians have boycotted over the years?

Boycotts have been a useful form of political action for the American gay and lesbian community in the last several decades. While petitions and marches bring some measure of publicity and visibility to participants, boycotts are much quieter. They allow a lesbian in rural America who would be terrified if her neighbors knew she favored gay rights to register her protest by simply ceasing to buy orange juice or visit Colorado.

One of the first nationwide efforts by the gay and lesbian community to boycott a specific product came in 1973 when gays and lesbians around the country began to boycott Coors beer. As with many boycotts, this one spread by word of mouth much more than by organized political action. Reasons for the boycott included unfair labor practices at Coors (including asking potential employees if they were gay) and the anti-gay donations by the Coors family. The local Coors boycott in San Francisco was organized by none other than future supervisor Harvey Milk.

In 1977, Coors took out ads in *The Advocate* declaring that the company and the Coors family do not give money to anti-gay organizations, but the boycott continued. In 1982, the company even filed an unsuccessful lawsuit against *Solidarity*, a gay organization pushing the boycott. In 1987, when the AFL-CIO settled its labor disputes with Coors, the boycott fizzled, but some gays and lesbians still refuse to drink Coors, and some community bars still don't sell its brand of beer.

Another major beverage boycott by gays and lesbians came in 1977 when Florida orange juice spokeswoman (and former pop singer and Miss Oklahoma) Anita Bryant began her crusade to repeal non-discrimination laws in Miami and other parts of the country. To protest the "Save Our Children" campaign, Bryant opponents around the country stopped purchasing and drinking Florida orange juice. Some gay bars even displayed signs which insisted "We use California orange juice only." In 1980, Bryant was dropped by the Citrus Commission, and Florida orange juice reappeared on the breakfast tables of same-sex households throughout America — at least until Rush Limbaugh was hired by the Florida Citrus Commission in 1994.

Probably the biggest gay and lesbian boycott in recent years hasn't been of a product, but of a state — Colorado. On election day 1992, just as gays and lesbians around the country were celebrating the election of Bill Clinton, Colorado voters approved "Amendment 2." This measure, sponsored by Colorado for Family Values, sought to forbid any jurisdiction within the state from protecting gays and lesbians from "any claim of discrimination." The very next day, activists announced their plan to boycott Colorado's tourism industry, which continued until a court suspended the initiative. The case has been appealed, and the Supreme Court is expected to render a major decision this spring as to whether states can ban gay rights laws. Early indications suggest the court will be sympathetic to opponents of Amendment 2, but should it decide the other way, many activists are likely to call for a return

to the Colorado boycott.

Unlike the Coors and orange juice boycotts, however, the Colorado boycott has generated significant controversy within the gay and lesbian community. Some gays and lesbians have questioned whether by boycotting the state, activists were abandoning Colorado when it needed outside help most. Others questioned the wisdom of boycotting Gay Ski Week in Aspen — a city which had passed a non-discrimination law that Amendment 2 had voided — and instead vacationing in Park City, Utah, which never protected gays from discrimination in the first place.

On the other hand, the boycott has deprived Colorado of millions of dollars in convention and tourism revenue. More than simply punishing the state for its 1992 vote, Colorado's loss of funds has sent a financial warning to other states and cities considering such initiatives.

Why aren't the Gay Games called the Gay Olympics?

They were, once. In 1982, Olympics decathlete Dr. Tom Waddell organized what he hoped would be a "Gay Olympics" in San Francisco. More than a thousand athletes from around the world came to San Francisco for the August event, but arrived to find out that the name had been changed to the "Gay Games" because of a court order secured by the United States Olympic Committee.

Of course, the USOC had no objection to the Police Olympics, the Special Olympics, or even the Canine Olympics, but the Gay Olympics was unacceptable. Waddell's organization sued, and the case went all the way to the Supreme Court.

In one of the highest-profile gay or lesbian cases ever to come before the nation's top court, the justices ruled 7-2 that the USOC did have the right to stop the gay olympiad from using the word "Olympics." The case, *San Francisco Arts and Athletic vs. United States Olympic Committee*, held in effect that the Amateur Sports Act had given the USOC broad rights to determine who could and could not use the term "Olympics."

The initial reaction among Gay Olympics supporters was anger and protest. The city of San Francisco even defied the initial court order and declared August 28, 1992 "Gay Olympics Day." But soon the squabble over the name was overshadowed by the sense of power, unity, and fun that came with the largest ever gay athletic competition. At the opening ceremonies for the Gay Games in 1986, again in San Francisco, writer Armistead Maupin told the more than 2,000 athletes gathered there that the important word was "gay," not "Olympics."

The Gay Games have grown geometrically since then, with the 1990 games in Vancouver and the 1994 games in New York, drawing thousands of tourists to those cities. As athletes around the world prepare for Gay Games V in Amsterdam two years from now, the squabble over the name is barely remembered.

David Bianco, MA, teaches gay and lesbian history and politics at the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood. If there's anything about the history of gays and/or lesbians you've always wondered about, contact him in care of The New Voice or through his e-mail address: arbianco@aol.com

DES MOINES RETREAT FOR GAY MEN

Whether it's a move from the bustle and excitement of New York to the quieter climes of Des Moines, or simply a recognition of being No Longer Young and Done Some Maturing, the transition can bring a whole load of new challenges and concerns. This is especially true for many gay men as they shed the delight of youth, and move into middle age. The Church of the Holy Spirit MCC of Des Moines, Iowa, has designed a weekend retreat that will be a fun, relaxing event for gay men.

This weekend retreat will be held at the Raccoon River Resort, just off I-80, 20 miles west of Des Moines, from May 10th through May 12th (Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon). The cost varies with accommodations listed.

- in the cabin \$50 per person (no single rooms)
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There'll be opportunity for walking, discussion, massage, spiritual reflection, plus some structured workshops. Some of the issues focused on during the weekend will be: coping with multiple loss, growing older alone, health issues, finding fulfillment without compromising our integrity. There will be some guest contributors but much of the wisdom will come from our shared experience.

The focus of the weekend is for gay men over 35, but if you're interested in the concept, your age won't exclude you.

JUNE MIDWEST MALE NATURIST GATHERING

The 4th Annual Midwest Male Naturist Gathering (MMNG) will be Thursday, June 13 through Sunday, June 16, at Camp Gaea near Kansas City, Kansas. All gay and bisexual men are invited to attend. Camp Gaea (pronounced gay-ah) is on 168 acres of woodland and grassland and a 15-acre lake and features easy accessibility a regionally central location and supportive ownership. The event will feature workshops ranging from massage to body casting to relationship with ample time to swim, sun, and socialize along with activities like body painting, nude game show, and "drag" racing. A two-meal-a-day schedule will keep appetites satisfied yet allow time to enjoy all aspects of the gathering.

Registration fees are \$100 for a cabin space and \$90 if camping when received by May 10 (slightly higher after that date). Space is limited to 175 attendees and a sell-out is likely, so early registration is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Full information on MMNG '96 and applications are available now. Anyone desiring current information can check out the MMNG web site at <http://members.aol.com/MMNG96/> or can send an inquiry via e-mail to MMNG96@aol.com or via mail to MMNG '96, PO Box 52, Big Lake, MN 55309.

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C. Lichtenstein's "OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for May 1996

It's maypole time again kids, which means that sultry summer is not too far away. May will bring unusual surprises as a result of our actions and a renegade Mercury that makes mincemeat of our best turn of phrase. Best advice: Let your actions speak louder and prouder than your words.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Proud Rambos are usually fairly independent, but May brings planetary liberation with you as Che Guevara. Especially powerful forces working behind the scenes could transform and overturn all you hide and avoid in life. I recommend a good cleaning of the pipes where secrets and closets are concerned. Don't let it shake your self confidence.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Don't be surprised if the planets serve a hot steaming portion of corporate au jus. Mars is stirring up your public persona and folks that you meet and greet could be very good (or very bad) for your career track. Choose your mentors wisely, my friend, think before you speak and communicate very distinctly. This could be a make or break time professionally.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Pink Twins will likely let the cat out of bag when planets turn the screw on communications. Mercury practically broadcasts your darkest secrets and you'll be doing double duty to fix what your ruling planet has scratched. On the bright side, sometimes certain secrets hold you back from true happiness. Cats and people are often happiest out of the bag.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Queer Crabs are not the most outer directed, but this May you are out and about in far reaching, global ways. You may believe your career is stalled due to recent problems. View these as opportunities to learn and succeed. The main thing is not to listen to the

advice of friends. What is right for others may not be right for you. Go with your inner voice.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) If Lions are keen to climb that corporate ladder, it is best not to talk too much about it this month. Mercury will have a way of screwing up your best laid professional plans with the absolutely wrong comment at the exactly wrong time. Whine if you must among friends, but don't let the evil sharks smell your panic. Leos are great actors; Act Up a storm!

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) If planning that great escape, make sure to check reservations and itinerary at least twice. Plans may have a way of getting sidetracked and what you thought you'd get at the end of the rainbow is not what the travel agent promised. Never mind; any fun event will have some grand and surprising elements that will certainly make your life more interesting.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 21) This will be a time of great introspection but expect static on the line, compliments of Mercury. Sex may not be all it's cracked up to be right now. Things have a way of looking less passionate in morning light. Expect the unexpected; you never know when inspirational actions will pop the cork in the champagne and you'll need a glass in hand.

SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22) If repartee with partners is a little strained, chalk it up to renegade, retrograde Mercury. This miserable soul casts a fog between you. If searching for a special someone, check merchandise carefully before you buy; right now you have no idea of what you're gonna get. That jewel by the bar may make an awful housemate.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Archers feel like rats on a treadmill as work

responsibilities become almost overwhelming. To make matters worse, you won't accomplish as much as you would like or as much as you would expect considering the effort. Maybe it's time to get Out, take a vacation and view the bods on the beach. Don't leave a forwarding phone number...

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Fun was never so much trouble. The planets have a way of ruining parties with misinterpretations and miscommunications. Caps can better enjoy work or a stint at the gym where at least you feel appreciated and at ease. It's better than spending money and effort on questionable pastimes that, for now, provide little relaxation and enjoyment.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) If you thought about escaping to your safe cocoon at home, think again. Mercury stirs up a hornets nest in home-related issues. What you say may not be what you mean or could be misinterpreted. If angling to talk to relatives about your lifestyle, wait until June when everyone is listening clearly. (Fleck, it's Gay Pride month anyway.)

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Pink Fish may be ready, willing and able of fire off that perfect letter to the editor or a government official, but give your muse a rest. Feisty communication will not reach the intended target or will not have the expected effect. You certainly don't want to exacerbate or create problems, especially when it involves any charitable efforts for our community.

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ROBERTS' RULES: Book 'em, Danno!

by Shelly Roberts

It was 1972 B.F. (Barely Feminist). I was at the Hollywood Public Library, having been an official lesbian for a minute and a half. (Okay, six months. But five were spent out of the country with the first woman to make it make sense, so those didn't count in American time.)

The library, all darkwood efficiency, was the legacy of opulent times, and easy movie money. Industry and glamour could do that to an industry, orange grove littered, Southern California spittin' — stop sporting the good fortune of long sunshine and variegated landscape. In this make-it-all-up-from-plywood arena, the library was as real as extravagant 1930's civic largess could produce. Granite. Somber mahogany, stripped from pre-protest Brazilian rainforests. Librarians, here, were back-lot castoffs, the never-be's from ancient decades, grown, themselves to institution, with all the petty, accumulated authority that broken dreams can cause.

After initial investments carved this institution out of and into stone, the goodly counselors took their ration elsewhere, letting the setting settle undisturbed, leaving me standing, four decades forward, facing the remains of their awesome benefaction. I wanted books on homosexuals.

Homosexual. See *Librarian*. (Italics mine.)

No numbers. No titles. Nothing helpful for a hapless, clueless newbie hungry for understanding. Nothing you could write down on an anonymous scrap to slide across the marble top. The card might just as well have said: HOMOSEXUAL!!!! GO UP TO THAT MOUNTAIN OF MORALITY BEHIND THE GRANITE LEDGE AND THIN RIMMED

GLASSES. TELL HER, ALL OF HER JUDGMENTAL CRONIES, AND ABSOLUTELY EVERY INDIVIDUAL OCCUPYING CURRENT GEOGRAPHY, THAT YOU ARE A SINNER LECHER, DAMNED TO ETERNAL DESPICABLY, AND YOU WANT TO OBTAIN A BOOK SO DANGEROUS THAT IT HAS TO BE KEPT IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. YOU UNSPEAKABLE PARIAS! Terrific.

I broached that damnable desk and asked for everything they had in book jail on the subject. I must have survived. I have no recollection of withering glances, (or empathic ones either, given what I now know about librarians) in my abortive effort to memorize the scuff mark pattern in the hardwood tongue and groove, while acquiring the library's total accumulation of stock on "homosexual." She handed me both of them: *The Well of Loneliness*, and *Society and The Healthy Homosexual*. A contradiction in anybody's terms. I wasn't even yet savvy enough to understand or refute. I devoured them whole. Repeatedly. Have you been to your Barnes and Noble lately?

Never has there been such a rush to publish. Beyond anything that the women's, or African American market could have ever envisioned. Hey, we have more money. Maybe it's the very same computers that let you anonymously inquire the open stack whereabouts of all the queer literature, that also lets anybody with a masochism quotient, and a book on desktop publishing start a small press to issue our pressing stories.

Just for sport, I scoured the shelves in an odd gay book emporium, and collected some random

titles telling our tales, *Growing Up Gay In The South*, *Sports Dykes*, *Out In America*, *The Gay Militants*, *The Invention of Heterosexuality*, *I'm Looking for Mr. Right, But I'll Settle for Mr. Right Away*. There are now books out on *Lesbian Sex*, and *The Joy of Lesbian Sex*. We have books by new heroes with strange sounding names, like Cammermeyer and Louganis, and more recently reinvented biographies about president's wives and past poets. And anybody who was anybody who wasn't who they said they were.

Our latest literature has put every aspect of us under the microscope. Race. Religion. Hair color. Icon Culture. Anything sacred. Nothing's sacred.

Writers like Paul Monette, who's words are so perfectly wrought they leave others wordless, find shelf space with anybody with a word processor, and the ego to believe that anything saved to disk is significant.

Lesbian Nuns aren't the only one breaking silence. So are gymnasts and queens and princesses and welfare dykes and country club fancies. The love that dare not speak its name is now writing *everything* down. And everyone's publishing it. It makes me wonder what the Hollywood cronies would have to say to somebody asking to see the literature: homosexual. Where a Nineties' newbie would start? And where would they get a truck big enough to bring it all to the front desk?

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NATIONAL NEWS

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN ENDORSES CLINTON

by Elizabeth Birch

This is a critical hour for gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans. As we move into this election year, the political climate is marked by increasing demagoguery, hatred, ignorance and upheaval. On every front, the stakes for gay Americans are high.

That is why we must be an informed and engaged electorate, because in many instances in 1996, we will be quite literally voting for our lives. We must demand enlightened leadership in the White House, Congress and in state and local offices across the nation. Campaign '96 provides us with many opportunities to move forward on our long journey toward equality.

This is especially true of the race for President. While we have faced disappointment from this administration, it is essential to remember President Clinton has done more for lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans than any other leader in the history of this nation. Moreover, the Republican field is increasingly looking like an anti-gay snake pit. So it is in this context that the Human Rights Campaign has the responsibility to exercise leadership and make an early endorsement of President Bill Clinton. We do so, quite frankly, because he has earned it. His achievements have sometimes been clouded by the disappointment over gays in the military and the decision not to file an amicus brief in the Colorado Amendment 2 case.

Most recently, President Clinton was put in an untenable position by the Republican majority in Congress and specifically the virulently anti-gay Republican presidential contender, Rep. Bob Dornan of California. Clinton faced a veto-proof Department of Defense spending bill, which contained a discriminatory provision to discharge all HIV-positive service members. Clinton opted to pursue a legislative strategy to undo this hateful, unnecessary measure. But compared to any of his Republican opponents, Clinton has stacked up an impressive pile of accomplishments for our community:

- * He endorsed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, making him the first U.S. President ever to back a gay civil rights bill;

- * He convened the first White House conference of HIV and AIDS;

- * He appointed more than 100 openly gay people to administration jobs, including Roberta Achtenberg and Bruce Lehman, the first open lesbian and gay man to be confirmed by the Senate;

- * He nominated open lesbian Deborah Batts to U.S. District Court in New York, making her the first openly gay or lesbian federal judge in the nation's history;

- * He helped us defeat anti-gay ballot initiatives in Oregon, Idaho and Maine;

- * He ordered all federal agencies to implement non-discrimination policies that included lesbian and gay people;

- * He issued an executive order mandating that security clearances no longer be denied on the basis of sexual orientation;

- * He changed U.S. policy to grant political asylum to people who fear persecution in their home countries because of sexual orientation;

- * He has increased public health spending for HIV/AIDS programs by 40 percent since taking

office, including a 108 percent increase for Ryan White CARE Programs and a 26 percent rise for AIDS-related research.

Much harm will undoubtedly come to our community if President Clinton is not re-elected. During the Republican primaries, the views of three anti-gay extremists went unchallenged: Rep. Robert Dornan of California, former columnist and TV commentator Pat Buchanan and Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas.

And, whenever Sen. Bob Dole has appeared to stake out a moderate stand on ending anti-gay discrimination, religious political extremists have lashed out, and he has retreated.

Facing criticism from such anti-gay extremists as Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, Dole sent a letter to the *Washington Times*, saying, "I oppose the special-interest gay agenda that runs from gays in the military and reaches as far as to suggest special status for sexual orientation under federal civil rights statutes." Asked whether he believes homosexuality is wrong, Dole said, "I think so. I believe it is."

Moreover, Dole's senate voting record ranks him consistently below 25 percent on HRC's 100-point scale, which is based on the most crucial votes on gay-related issues each term in Congress. The anti-gay Christian Coalition ranks Dole at 100 percent on its own congressional scorecard.

Former GOP hopefuls, including former Education Secretary Lamar Alexander, millionaire publisher Malcolm "Steve" Forbes and Indiana Rep. Richard Lugar, hid behind the stock Republican rhetoric on the issue of gay rights, saying they believe "in equal rights for all and special privileges for none" — language designed to satisfy everyone because it says nothing. But Forbes has gone even further, saying that he supports the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy. "Under the current policy, if you are discovered to be homosexual, you are discharged from the military. Mr. Forbes supports that," a campaign operative said.

In 1996, it is essential that we return Clinton to the White House and return the core of Republican moderates and Democrats who support gay equal rights to Congress. That is why HRC is also making early endorsements of GOP Reps. Sue Kelly in New York and Tom Campbell in California. HRC plans to spend \$1 million to support the political campaigns of pro-lesbian and gay candidates to the House and Senate and defeat those candidates who are against us.

Beyond working to return Clinton to the White House, HRC's Campaign '96 plan is the most ambitious ever undertaken by the gay and lesbian community. Central to that plan will be HRC's commitment to removing Jesse Helms from the U.S. Senate. To that end, we are committed to registering thousands of new voters in North Carolina to topple this anti-gay zealot once and for all.

And we will do much more. We will launch a full field operation to get out the vote and provide training and campaign professionals in dozens of federal races across the country. We will work to elect openly gay and lesbian delegates to both national political conventions.

Most importantly, we as a community must continue in 1996 to broaden our appeal, opening our arms wide enough to embrace parents and families and friends — and all those who must be reminded that lives are at stake.

Elizabeth Birch is Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign. To join HRC, call 1-800-777-4723.

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A NEW ERA OF PRIDE

1996 Pride Parade and Rally

Even though the 1996 Pride Parade and Rally is Omaha's twelfth, it has many firsts; the first centering on Heartland of America Park, the first to proceed through the heart of the old Market, and the first to provide nationally known entertainment. The Pride Team has planned this highly visible parade and gathered a line-up of nationally known speakers and entertainers for the rally hoping to motivate members and supporters of the GLBT community to join in *A New Era of Pride*.

Parade Route to Go Through Old Market

The parade, Sunday, June 30th, will step-off at 3pm. From the staging area on Eighth Street between Douglas and Farnam Streets, it will proceed West on Farnam to 14th Street, South to Howard, East on Howard through the heart of the Old Market, then North back to the staging area to disperse into Heartland of America Park.

Rally features Red Wing, McGivern, Greenspan

The rally begins at 4 p.m. around the triangular stage. Donna Red Wing, national spokesperson for GLAAD, will address the crowd. John McGivern and Robin Greenspan, gay and lesbian comedians who have appeared on VH-1 and Comedy Central, will entertain, along with local singers and performers.

Note: The New Voice of Nebraska will again provide Ollie the Trolley for those who wish to be in the parade but are unable to walk the distance required.

JOHN MCGIVERN

John was recently awarded the 1994 John W. Schmid Award for Best Writer of a New Work and the After Dark Award for Outstanding Performance by an Actor for his critically acclaimed one-man-show, *Midwest Side Story*.

Over the past year John has performed to sold-out houses in New York, San Diego, Portland, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Columbus, Tampa, Orlando, Key West, and New Orleans.

John was the featured entertainment for the GLAAD Awards in Washington, D.C. where he performed for the "gay member" of government. John is working for the Human Rights Campaign as the M.C. and comedian for the black tie dinners and fund raisers all across the country.

John opened his second one-man show, *More Midwest Side Stories*, in Chicago at the Baillwick Pride Festival. Many remember John as the over-the-top hairdresser in the long-running hit *Shear Madness* in Chicago, St. Paul, and Tampa. John's national commercials include Sears, Philadelphia Cream Cheese, and Kohl's Department Stores.

John was seen on the *Out There* Special on *Comedy Central*. He is a resident of Los Angeles.



DONNA REDWING

Donna Red Wing is the National Field Director and National Spokesperson for The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), a national membership organization that is dedicated to cultural advocacy, and to improving fairness, accuracy and inclusiveness in news coverage and media portrayals of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, from print, music, film and television representation to reference work, curriculum reform and workplace diversity.

Red Wing has worked around the country as organizer, speaker and activist. In 1992, *The Advocate* named her "Woman of the Year" for her work against the Radical Right in Oregon. That year, her adversaries named her "the most dangerous woman in Oregon" for her work.

Red Wing is the former Executive Director of The Oregon Lesbian Community Project (1989-1994). From 1985-1989, she was Executive Director of The Child Assault Prevention Project of Central Massachusetts and continues her advocacy for the rights and safety of children.

Donna Red Wing holds a master's degree from Clark University and a bachelor of arts degree, in fine art, from Assumption College, both in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Red Wing lives in Portland, Oregon with her partner, Sumitra, her two dogs (a golden retriever and a golden/gordon mix) and her two cats. Her son, Julian, 26 years old, is a professional musician.

ROBIN GREENSPAN

Robin Greenspan, a Los Angeles-based comedienne has impressed audiences everywhere with her unique point-of-view and unusual insights. Her theatrical background and training in improvisational comedy, make her a very versatile performer.

She performed at the *GLAAD Laughs Benefit* with Margaret Cho to help raise money for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. She has been featured on *HBO's World Entertainment News Report* and *KPFK radio*. She most recently appeared on *Comedy Central's Out There in Hollywood* the third in a series of nationally televised comedy specials showcasing gay and lesbian comics from around the country.

She will soon be featured in a book called *A Funny Time to be Gay* scheduled for publication by Fireside/Simon and Schuster in the Fall of 1996. She was selected as the "Best Lesbian Comic of 1995" by the *Gay and Lesbian Times*.

Robin is a regular at the World Famous Comedy Store in Hollywood and currently performs in comedy clubs and comedic venues nationwide.

PHOENIX CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE PRIDE

Memorial Day weekend is traditionally a time of celebration as Omaha greets the long, hot days of summer with parties and picnics. This Memorial Day weekend will be no different, and in the midst of that celebration Miss Gay Omaha '95 and Empress XII of the Imperial Court, Phoenix Fallentino, will continue her support of *A New Era of Pride* with the third of three shows benefiting the 1996 Pride Celebration.

The first show, held at DC's, raised over \$1100 for ANGLE's Pride Committee. Phoenix continued her winning ways with a benefit show held April 25 at The New Run Bar and she now returns to The New Run Bar for a Holiday Weekend Celebration that will help take the funding for the 1996 Pride Celebration over the top. In addition to being entertained by the best of Omaha's females impersonators and live performers, Phoenix will make sure that you leave the event being PROUD to be a part of *A New Era of Pride*.

Be sure to be at The Run on Sunday, May 26, at 9p.m. for Phoenix's Pride Benefit. You won't want to miss it!

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS NEWS

Spring has finally arrived and the members of the River City Mixed Chorus are busy preparing for their next concert on June 8 and 9. The Chorus is looking forward to celebrating their pride in the gay/lesbian sensitive community they represent with their 1996 Spring Pride Concert "Something to Sing About." With approximately 65 singing and non-singing members, RCMC is a voluntary community chorus dedicated to providing musical excellence through performance. Celebrating their twelfth performance season, the Chorus will present a program of varied musical styles at the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center on June 8 and 9 at 7:05 p.m. You can purchase tickets for RCMC's Spring Pride Concert from any Chorus member for \$10 (\$8 for students/seniors) or call 341-SING for ticket information.

In July many members of RCMC will travel to Tampa, Florida for GALA Festival V. More than 4,500 performing delegates representing over 100 choruses are expected to attend the week long festival celebrating an international community of Lesbian and Gay Chorus. The festival begins with the Tampa Lesbian and Gay Pride March on Sunday, July 7 and will come to a close with a final concert on Saturday, July 13. Several noted guest conductors and composers are scheduled to participate and at least seven world premier compositions will be presented during the final concert. Numerous networking, public outreach and social events are also planned throughout the week. RCMC members look forward to representing our community's pride at GALA Festival V in Tampa this summer.

Please keep the River City Mixed Chorus in mind as you clear out your closets during your spring housecleaning this year. RCMC will hold their annual Closet Cleaning Garage Sale again this June and will gladly accept your donations. If you have any items you wish to donate, just call 341-SING for more information or to arrange for pickup.

BLANKMAN-PEEK HOLY UNION

Susan Blankman and Christine Peek will exchange vows May 4, 1996, at Unity Church of Omaha. A Reception will follow and there will be a honeymoon in Alaska.

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WELCOME TO DC'S!

DC's has become one of the hottest Country dance bars in the midwest with Country Dance lessons every Tuesday and Thursday night.

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DC's has also produced a consistent pattern of very successful fundraisers. This May they plan to continue this tradition.

May 5 brings a benefit show for Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A. and then on May 12 DC's brings you a special show featuring the candidates for Emperor and Empress XVI of the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

We hope you'll join the crowd at DC's for all the fun!

COMING ATTRACTION: FARM BOYS: LIVES OF GAY MEN FROM THE RURAL MIDWEST

Slide Show and Forthcoming Book
Include Interview With Western
Iowa Farmer

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30pm at the First Unitarian Church in Omaha, 3114 Harney, and Thursday, May 2, 7:30pm at the Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A.S., Wisconsin writer Will Fellows will present a slide-illustrated talk based on his book to be published this fall by the University of Wisconsin Press. It's free and open to the public.

Fellows has produced a slide-illustrated talk that presents a fascinating overview of the Midwestern gay farm boy experience during this century. He interviewed more than seventy men throughout the Midwest. Of these interviews, he chose 25 he felt "most substantive and representative." These stories appear as one chapter for each farm boy in the first person.

Fellows says, "I thought, not only would it be interesting to look at the life experience, especially the growing up experiences, of gay men raised on farms, but how they feel as gay men today and how their rural roots have influenced their lives."

Note: Included in the 25 chosen to be included in the book is the story of Harry Beckner, Iowa farmer and member of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.

IT'S HEATING UP AT THE MAX

THE MAX is known across the country as one of the greatest night clubs around. The men and women of the Midwest know that it's also the place where they can find the best entertainment every night of the week.

One of our favorite MAX Ambassadors is Miss Inga. On May 5, Inga will show us that she'll do anything to get to Tampa, Florida. Tampa is where the GALA festivities will be this year and all of our friends in the River City Mixed Chorus want to go. Inga's Variety Show is a benefit for RCMC, so let's do our best to send our little song birds.

They're both blond and they're both talented and they're both named Laura. Of course, we're talking about Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A. Laura Gray and her first runner up, Laura Brooks of Kansas City. Both gals will be representing Omaha at the Miss Gay U.S.A. finals in Dallas, Texas, Memorial Day Weekend. Don't miss the last show before nationals. On Sunday, May 12, Laura Gray will have all her Omaha girlfriends here and Laura Brooks will be haulin' up some of the gals from Kansas City. This will be a night of first class entertainment.

I know that all you guys have had fantasies of men in uniform. Well, your fantasies might come true in Stosh's Saloon on Saturday, May 18. THE MAX is celebrating Armed Forces Day. We'll have a Best Uniform Contest and Best Chest Contest along with drink specials for all guys in uniform. A portion of the evening will be sponsored by L.E.O., the Leather Engineers of Omaha, and will be hosted by Mr. Desert Plains Drummer and Mr. Nebraska Fantasy. Special guests from Kansas City will include Mr. Dixie Bell Leather, Mark Norton. This is the spot where the hottest men in Omaha will be on Saturday night.

You've all missed them and wondered where they've been. Dry your tears, Omaha, and get ready for a night of fun and frolic with The Babes Behind Bars. The Babes are back to headline the Annual Nebraska P.W.A. Benefit on Sunday, May 19. Don Flowers and Velvet will be back as well and they're ready for an exciting night with a serious message.

Where do you go when you have four nights to party? Where do you go to find the hottest men and women in the Midwest? Where do you go for the best music and the #1 sound and light show? Where will you go to celebrate Memorial Day 1996? There's one answer to all these questions and you know where it is! THE MAX!

Summer is here and we're ready. Stop in and find out what makes us number one from coast to coast.

GRAND ISLAND SITE FOR GLAGN'S SPRING FLING DANCE

May poles, May flowers, and just plain maybe... Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18th, as the party starts as fevers rise and bodies gyrate at the Spring Fling dance at the Izaak Walton Complex in Grand Island. Work those bodies on the dance floor from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Admission to the dance will be \$4.00 for members of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Great Nebraska (GLAGN) and a mere \$6 for non-members. Snacks will be provided. This is also a B.Y.O.B., and as always, remember to drink and act responsibly.

GLAGN Newsletter

AUTHOR OF UNCOMMON HEROES TO RETURN TO OMAHA

"Family Values: More Than a
Catchy Phrase"

Those who participated in last year's Pride parade activities will remember that our chapter hosted Phillip Sherman, the executive editor of the book, *Uncommon Heroes*. We have kept in touch with Phillip and recently asked him if a return trip to Omaha would be possible and productive. His answer was that he certainly wanted to come back to visit. So we are working on making that happen.

One of the reasons Phillip would want to come back to Omaha is that he has another project in the works. His latest endeavor is *Family Values*, a bound collection of profiles of more than 100 courageous lesbians and gay men, famous and no-so-famous, written by members of their extended families. These parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins as well as life partners and children, talk about the important contributions their openly lesbian and gay loved ones have made in their families and society. Accompanying these personal stories are compelling full-page black and white photographs of the subjects showing them immersed in various aspects of their family life.

Patterned after the photography anthology *Uncommon Heroes*, (Fletcher Press, 1994) which profiled accomplished lesbian and gay role models, *Family Values* will examine the many issues gays and lesbians face in coming out and how their families respond and are eventually delivered from ignorance and fear to a place of mutual understanding. These are inspirational stories filled with courage, compassion, humor, and love. *Family Values* will provide a road map for gay people and their families who have not yet started the journey of discovery and will reaffirm the strength and achievements of those who have.

Family Values is aimed at reaching mainstream America with truthful messages about gay and lesbian people. This compilation will be a powerful and lasting tool for heightening public awareness and for influencing voters, legislators, and opinion makers. It will be a valuable addition to schools, libraries, and homes across America.

We are planning a special meeting/event with Phillip on Friday, June 28, in Mead Hall at 7:00 p.m. to participate in some way in this latest project. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us for a great evening as we Celebrate Real Family Values.

-PFLAG-Omaha Newsletter

Do You Want to Vote in the
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and Empress XVI but know
you won't be able to get to the
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to ICON, Box 3772, Omaha, NE
68103, before June 1 for an
absentee ballot.

PRIDEFEST

WomenSpace's 4th Annual PrideFest Heartland Women's Music Festival will be held at the Terra Jane on Saturday, June 22, from 3:00pm to Midnight. **Jamie Anderson**, nationally known lesbian singer songwriter and comedian, will headline the day's entertainment. Lincoln's own **Alias Jane** will provide live music for a dance in the evening. The night will be topped off with an "under the stars" viewing of the movie "The Incredible True Story of Two Girls in Love." Though you may have seen this movie, there's nothing like watching it outside under the stars with your sweetie.

Other activities will include workshops, board games and sand volleyball, and shopping at the "lesbian mall" of women artists and craftswomen. Those attending may bring food and beverage, as long as it is not alcoholic. Food is not included in the admission price. Snacks, soft drinks, beer, and wine will be for sale throughout the afternoon.

You may wish to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on for the concerts and movie which will be held outside. Tickets are \$14.00 through May 18, \$16 from May 19 through June 21, and \$18 at the gate. Tickets are available at New Realities in the Old Market, The Way Home Book Store or by mail from WomenSpace at PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124-0712.

GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER CONTEST JUNE 21 & 22

Things are heating up for the 1996 Mr. Great Plains Drummer, sponsored by Fantasy Productions, which will be held June 21 & 22, 1996 in Omaha Nebraska. The Great Plains Drummer has a proud heritage as representatives of the Great Plains region consisting of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota, have gone on to do very well at the International competition. Last year's Drummer representative from our region, Jim Gan from Omaha, placed 4th at the International competition. The winner of the 1996 Mr. Great Plains Drummer contest will again represent our region at the 1996 International Mr Drummer finals to be held in San Francisco in September.

The Great Plains Drummer competition includes 5 categories: Pre-Judging, Jockstrap, Presentation of their Fantasy, Speech, and on stage Question and Answer. For more information, including contestant information, please contact Fantasy Productions, PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108-8203.

More information will be available in the June issue of *The New Voice*.

KATRINA IS MISS SUICIDE '96

DC's 3rd annual Miss Suicide show brought the original Miss Suicide Amy Zahn back to Omaha from Kansas City. Amy has developed a style and a look that is both sophisticated and sensual! And, of course, Miss Suicide '95, Roxy, was on stage ready and perhaps eager to pass along both the crown and the lily to the new winner. Thanks to producer, Steve Lucart, at the end of the evening a donation of \$275 went to The 1996 Pride Celebration, *A New Era of Pride*. The competition was keen but at the end of the evening Miss Katrina Kane knelt to receive her award as Miss Suicide '96!

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SECOND ANNUAL ART/AIDS AWARENESS SHOW NOW FORMING

Local Artists Also Hope to Form Permanent Cooperative Gallery

A group of visual artists who exhibited their work last year at the Art/AIDS Awareness exhibit are currently organizing their second annual show and exploring the possibilities of a permanent cooperative gallery for persons living with AIDS.

HIV-positive visual artists interested in exhibiting their work or finding out more about the exhibit are encouraged to contact the group at (402) 592-7812.

Organizers hope to include professional and amateur visual artists of all ages and sexual orientations.

Participation in the show is limited to visual artists who are HIV-positive or who are living with AIDS.

Others who would like to volunteer support for the artists are also encouraged to contact the organizers. Financial support is also being sought.

Artists who want to keep their HIV status private will be able to display their work anonymously.

Preliminary plans for the proposed artists' coop include a permanent workspace and gallery, on-going outreach programs, art therapy, lessons, workshops, and opportunities for networking.

Organizers hope to display pieces from this year's show in metro-area galleries during AIDS Awareness Month in October.

Anyone who would like to get involved is encouraged to call (402) 592-7812 for more information.

CANDLELIGHT AIDS MEMORIAL

Omaha Symphony to Perform at AIDS Candlelight Memorial May 19

The 13th Annual International Candlelight AIDS Memorial will be recognized in Omaha with a Candlelight service at St. Cecilia's Cathedral at 701 N. 40th Street at 7:30 p.m. on May 19. This year's Candlelight Memorial will feature Henryck Gorecki's *Symphony #3 Symphony of Sorrowful Songs* performed by the Omaha Symphony with soprano Anne DeVries conducted by William Jenks.

This event will recognize those we have lost in the AIDS epidemic. The Candlelight AIDS Memorial is sponsored by the AIDS Interfaith Networks of Omaha and Lincoln, the Cathedral Arts Project, the Nebraska AIDS Project, and the Lincoln/Lancaster County AIDS Task Force.

PANHANDLE WELCOMES SPRING

The Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Support Services of Scottsbluff have set May 25 as the day for their Spring Dance. This affair will be held in the West NE Arts Center, 106 18th Street in Scottsbluff.

The third annual Spring Dance will begin at 8 p.m. and last until 12:30 a.m. There will be free coffee, tea, and snacks. Soft drinks are available from the vending machine.

Alcohol may be brought to drink. PGLSS will adhere to their policy of banning underage drinking.

For further information, call PGLSS' voice mail at 308-632-3423.

—Out West: Nebraska Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Newsletter

RODEO ASSOCIATION HOLDS CHARITY BALL AND DINNER AND DANCE IN DES MOINES MAY 18

Proceeds Benefit HGRA and All-Iowa AIDS Benefit

The May meeting of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be held at the GLRC building right near Blazing Saddles.

There will be an Entertainment/Fundraising meeting at 2 pm followed by the Convention Committee meeting at 3 pm.

The General Membership meeting will be held at 4 p.m. This should give everyone time to get spiffed up for the Charity Ball and Dinner starting at 6 p.m.

The 1st Annual Cowboy Country Charity Ball and Dinner & Dance will be held at the United Rubber Workers Hall, 125 NW Broadway, Des Moines, Iowa. Cocktail hour with a cash bar is from 6 - 7 p.m.

Dinner and Entertainment featuring a Texas size Steak Dinner and live piano music will be from 7 - 8:30 pm and then there will be dancing to country and other favorites from 8:30 - 1 am.

Tickets are available in advance at Blazing Saddles in Des Moines and at DC's in Omaha. The cost is \$15 for one ticket or \$25 if you bring a friend.

This event is open to everyone. You do not have to be a member of HGRA to attend.

Proceeds from the Charity Ball and Dinner and Dance will benefit the All Iowa AIDS Benefit and the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association.

—compiled from HGRA newsletter

ANGLE INFORMATION UPDATE

Come to Downtown Grounds on May 4th, from 1 am to 4 am (Sunday in the AM) and celebrate Cinco de Mayo as we raise funds for ANGLE's general fund. Enjoy free Nacho's and soda and dance into the morning!!!

Phoenix's PRIDE Benefit MAY 26, the Run. Don't miss the show at 9PM.

****ATTENTION***...Please note the following...ANGLE's meeting space changes June 4th to 3923 Farnam...Be there.*

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NEWS FROM THE COURT — THE IMPERIAL COURT THAT IS!

**Introduction of Candidates
May 10, 11, 12
Includes Bar Tour & Shows**

It's the busiest and the most wonderful time of the year for the members and friends of The Imperial Court of Nebraska as we enter the campaign for Emperor and Empress XVI. The candidates for these Imperial titles will be introduced in a series of bar appearances and shows during the weekend of May 10, 11, and 12. May 10 will be the bar tour for the candidates as candidates and court members travel through all the Omaha bars greeting community members and kicking off the '96 campaign. Saturday, May 11, the members of the court travel to Lincoln with the candidates for a cocktail party and show at the Panic followed by a whirlwind introduction to the crowd at the Q. Sunday night, May 12, the candidates return to Omaha for a special candidates' show at DC's. Join us on the whirlwind weekend and meet the candidates for Emperor and Empress of the Premier fundraising organization in the community.

Mark your calendars for Coronation XVI! We'll be returning to the Ramada Inn Airport for the festivities and the motel will be filled with gangsters, flappers, and gun molls for "The Roaring Twenties: Whatever Happened to Bugsy Malone?" We encourage you to get your tickets early. It should be standing room only!

WATCH FOR "INGA DOES TAMPA" AT THE MAX

**A Benefit for
The River City Mixed Chorus
By Stan Brown**

The Show Director of The MAX, Jim Gau, asked me, "Where did you come up with that name for your benefit show?" Well, it just so happens that I, Inga (AKA Stan Brown), am producing the *variety* benefit show for the River City Mixed Chorus' GALA Fund.

The Chorus, including myself, will be traveling to Tampa, Florida during the week of July 7-15 for the GALA festival IV. We will be one of many choruses throughout the world to perform that week in front of thousands of festival participants.

Who knows? Maybe Inga will even get on stage somewhere in Tampa, too.

Join Inga and her friends from the Chorus as well as other community performers including Phoenix Fallentino, Madame X, R.N. Hedges, Michael Taylor-Stewart, Tom N., Joe Reed, and many more.

It's sure to be a fun and entertaining evening of live singing, comedy, and female impersonation.

Who knows? Maybe that wild fruit headdress of Inga's will make an appearance in honor of that tropical theme.

Be sure and be at The MAX on Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 and find out!

INTERNATIONAL MR. FANTASY AUGUST 16-18

Fantasy Productions is proud to announce that the 1996 International Mr. Fantasy Contest will be held in Omaha, Nebraska the weekend of August 16-18. The very first International Mr. Fantasy, JD Buchert from Dallas, Texas, has done a terrific job in representing this new title across the nation. This year's slate of candidates should make this contest an even greater powerhouse than last year.

This contest is different than any other International contest currently on the circuit in the fact that it is non-political. This contest focuses on the "Sexual" areas of our community, emphasizing the confidence and pride that comes from being someone who is completely comfortable with his sexuality and his sexual identity.

Across the U.S. and Canada, state and province-wide contests are underway to select the men that will represent their areas. Only 1 contestant is allowed to enter from each state or province.

Categories for the International Mr. Fantasy contest are: Pre-Judging, Fantasy Wear, On Stage Question and Answer, the "Mystery" category, and presentation of the Sexual Fantasy.

For more information on the 1996 International Mr. Fantasy contest, watch future issues of *The New Voice* or write:

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Whether you realize it or not, history is being made in the Omaha GLBT community with the continued development of the GLBT Community Resource Center.

Five determined committees are working diligently to change "a work in progress" to "a working process." These committees include Fiscal Development, Location, Policy and Procedure, Programs and Resources, and Public Relations and Marketing.

Each committee is meeting regularly to develop and perform the necessary steps in their respective areas to make opening day happen before the end of the year.

You can become a part of these committees simply by expressing an interest and attending that committee's meetings. WE NEED YOU!

We are especially interested in individuals with fiscal, public relations, and marketing ability

and/or interest.

The GLBT Community Resource Center Steering Committee is currently meeting once a month to make fundamental decisions relative to the ongoing development of the Resource Center.

The Steering Committee is led by an Executive Board of four individuals elected by the Steering Committee members. Executive Board members recently elected include Darrin Greenlee, Carla Petersen, Jim Morford, and Jay Tremont.

We are looking for more individuals to serve on the Steering Committee.

We want people who are interested and committed to our vision.

The Steering Committee meets every third Sunday of the month at Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street, Omaha.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m.

For more information on how you can become involved, attend the Steering Committee meeting or leave a message for Darrin on the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line at 558-5303.

PFLAG LINCOLN IS TRYING NEW THINGS

Wine and Cheese Party

Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays will hold a wine and cheese fundraiser on June 1st. Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the PFLAG Newsletter and in the June *New Voice*.

Social Group for Youth Organizes

PFLAG is also pleased to announce the formation of a new youth group geared especially for youth social activities.

Initially, this group will focus primarily on providing a common time and place to meet that is also safe.

This group will be led by a group facilitator and all activities will be supervised. Initially this group will meet from 8pm - 9pm on the Fourth Tuesday of each month to coincide with the regular PFLAG meeting.

This may extend into Saturday meetings as decided by the group. For more information call the PFLAG Helpline at (402) 434-9880.

"Q" THINGS

TO DO IN LINCOLN

"Q" continues to be the hottest night spot in Lincoln as they announce their May line-up of entertainment.

May 5 features the Magic of Jeff Castle. Then, May 21, will be Plastic Trumpet live in Concert.

May 26 brings Miss Q to the stage for a benefit show for the Youth Talkline.

And remember, every Tuesday is College Night, open to those 18 and over.

ICON BEGINS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is taking a bold step as the Court begins its first membership drive. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the affairs of the court and, for a nominal membership fee, you can join the number one gay and lesbian fundraising organization in the state.

With your official membership card, you will receive \$2 off admission to ICON's picnics, a subscription to the quarterly "Court Report", entries into "Members Only" raffles and cocktail parties, as well as having your ballot for Emperor and Empress mailed directly to your home.

For more information, or to become a member of ICON, see the advertisement in this issue of *The New Voice*.



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A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

ANGLE has canceled our night at the Dundee Dinner Theatre for May 10 but hope to reschedule another date later in the summer. We are sorry for any reservations already made but we encourage you to attend this production anyway. "Lend Me a Tenor" has received good reviews; the cast includes many community members; and the theatre continues to be very supportive of the GLBT community.

Our After Hours Party & Dance, "Salsa A Go Go," will be held on Saturday (Sunday morning) May 4th from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. We will be raising money for our general fund as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson Street. The cover charge of \$5.00 will include nachos and soda while they last. Please join us for drinks, food, and hot spicy fun with music and lights by J.P. Enterprises as we dance into the morning hours.

A special thank you again to Phoenix Fallentino and all the performers at the Pride benefit on March 17 at D.C.'s. Over \$1000 was raised from door money, tips, raffle, and merchandise sales. Phoenix and her friends did it again on April 25 at the New Run Bar and put on a great show. I'll have more about that show in next month's issue. Also, a big thanks to our Pride Chairperson, Matt Samp-Petersen, and his committee as they prepare for our Pride events in June. You are all doing a great job!

Speaking of Pride events, mark your calendars now for Inga's 6th Annual Pride Show for ANGLE on Sunday, June 9th at The MAX. This is always a special show as Inga (that's me!) invites title holders and special friends from throughout the GLBT and straight community to perform and celebrate Pride together.

Please join us on the first Tuesday of each month for our regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., at the UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd. Please call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line (558-5303) for more information and look for another article about Pride events in this issue.

HGRA WINTER ROUND-UP II

By Shelly Foster

If you were at DC's Saloon on Friday March 1, you saw a GREAT show that was hosted by the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association. It was a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project and the International Gay Rodeo Association Convention. Our current royalty (Gregg, Char, and Dana Dahl) performed and emceed the show. We had performers from at least 3 states: Autumn Weather, Aramis, Nicy Braxton, Winter DeFrost, Madame X, and Inga were among the female impersonators. Todd, Ron (Mr DC's), Jim, Dave and Gregg all sang live for us. The AIDS Number was performed by our current royalty with Christine Peek-Blankman signing for the hearing impaired. It was a very moving number complete with the riderless saddle that is seen at all gay rodeos. Then several members of HGRA gave a demonstration of how to participate in the Wild Drag Race, a camp event at all rodeos. We had a fantastic turnout for the show and we raised \$324!! Half of that will be donated to the NAP office and the other half will go into our savings account to help offset the cost of hosting the IGRA 12th Annual Convention at the Red Lion July 25-28. Jerry Wurgler was on hand all evening taking professional photographs of our royalty and board of directors, as well as many of the customers.

MCC YARD SALE MAY 17 & 18

Members and friends of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will be hard at work during May preparing and pricing items for MCC's spring garage sale.

This huge sale will be held in the parking lot of the Franciscan MotherHouse, 1052 Park Avenue in Omaha on Thursday and Friday, May 17 and 18, from 9am to 3pm.

Of course we want lots of shoppers that day but we also can use your discarded or outdated or outgrown items to help make this sale an overwhelming success.

So get busy with that Spring cleaning you've been putting off and sort out all those things you're just tired of having in the garage or in the closet. Then pick up the phone and call MCC at 345-2563 to arrange delivery or to arrange for the items to be picked up.

And remember! Your donations are all tax deductible!

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BATHROOM BUST FOR TRANSPeOPLE

In a bizarre incident reminiscent of bathroom busts historically used against gay men, more than a half a dozen transpeople were cited on March 9 by Denver police for using the women's room at the Red Lion prior to a local drag event.

Claiming that a "hysterical woman" had complained there were "men in the ladies room," hotel security chief Robert Higdon posted his men outside bathroom doors, reportedly watching event participants as they entered to use the facilities, and in one case even smiling at them as they opened the door.

Security guards then followed them in and apprehended the women and escorted them to the hotel's security offices, where an officer of the Denver PD, previously summoned to the hotel by Higdon, issued them citations and had them escorted off the property.

At first unable to find a law the women had violated, police cited them with "Disturbing the Peace," a citation in Denver, requiring a public courtroom appearance and taken with some seriousness by conservative judges.

Neither hotel security nor police department was able to identify the "hysterical woman" whose complaint allegedly launched the incident.

Questioned by local activists after the event, Higdon stated that the group holding the event, the Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire, had been warned to make an announcement to participants not to use the women's room and to post notices on the bathroom door.

Unfortunately, the women cited by the police were there in advance of the event and didn't see the signs. It is not clear why hotel security watched them enter instead of simply informing them the bathroom was off limits.

One of the women said, "The Red Lion never offered me any explanation of how having men in evening dresses and minis wearing high heels and stockings were any better off standing at a urinal in the men's room than in the ladies' room."

HUMAN & GAY RIGHTS IN COSTA RICA

Costa Rica's "Defensoria de los Habitantes" has ruled that the Costa Rican government may not deny legal recognition to gays and other minorities.

The "Registro Civil" of government here considers applications for all legal charters.

In the first of its kind decision, signed by Rodrigo Carrazo, Director of the Agency, the Defensoria ruled that the original decision by the Registro Civil to deny legal recognition of the Triangulo Rosa gay group, is in violation of the country's constitution which guarantees the right of association to all citizens.

The National Register had eventually bowed to international pressure and granted Triangulo Rosa its charter, but the gay group continued to pursue this situation on a legal level through its attorney, human rights advocate Marco Castillo.

Thus, all future gay groups, as well as other minorities, are guaranteed this right and no individual employee of the government may make a decision to the contrary, as occurred originally with Triangulo Rosa.

Decisions made by the Defensoria are legally binding.

Triangulo Rosa President Francisco Madrigal said that, "We are extremely pleased with this decision and we hope it will set a human rights precedent in all Central and Latin American countries. Gays in this region continue to suffer abuses legally as well as socially."

Triangulo Rosa holds activities each night of the week in its community center in Alajuela. For more information, send e-mail to rnstern@so.nacsa.co.cr - The mailing address is: Apartado 1619-4050, Alajuela, Costa Rica, Central America.

ICON ANNOUNCES SUMMER PICNIC SCHEDULE

Summer is rapidly approaching and members of the Imperial Court of Nebraska are busily preparing for three summer "blow-outs"!

The traditional Memorial Day Picnic will be again held at Vennelyst Park, 9100 North 31st Street in Omaha. This beautiful site has become a favorite with picnic goers with open areas for games of volleyball, shaded areas for sitting and watching and quiet corners where you can spend a moment or two away from the crowd. And, if the heat gets too much, there is an air-conditioned shelter building just waiting for you. This Picnic is sure to be a great time. The \$7 admission includes tap beer and soft drinks. Mixed drinks and food are also available for sale on the grounds. This is a great time to get together with your friends and to meet the members of the Imperial Court. The picnic gates open at 12 noon and we'll shut down the picnic at 5pm - so you have 5 hours to party! And if you ride the free bus that Gilligan's so generously donates, you won't even have to think about the police or a DUI! As always, there will be organizations present with booths and information. Be sure you look for the River City Mixed Chorus booth because the first \$1000 of the proceeds from this picnic go to the Chorus to help them travel to GALA in Tampa! And I bet there will be Pride Buttons and shirts for sale as well as the Pride Guide and the June issue of *The New Voice* hot off the press.

The Fourth of July Picnic will be held on, guess what!, the 4th of July! But the July 4th picnic will be at Progressive Park, just south of Council Bluffs, Iowa. This riverfront park is quiet, secluded and has lots to do; horseshoes, volleyball, and the river only yards away!

And when it comes to the Big Labor Day Blowout, we'll be back at Vennelyst Park again. The Labor Day picnic will be a fast paced day with raffles all day long. After all, this is our traditional AIDS fundraiser and we want to give you lots of FUN ways to help meet the needs of our brothers and sisters with AIDS.

Remember, admission to each and every picnic will be \$2 off with your ICON Membership. In addition, I would suggest you start thinking about those "members only" raffles and cocktail parties that ICON is planning. You won't be part of the action unless you're a "card-carrying member" of the Imperial Court!

Remember!

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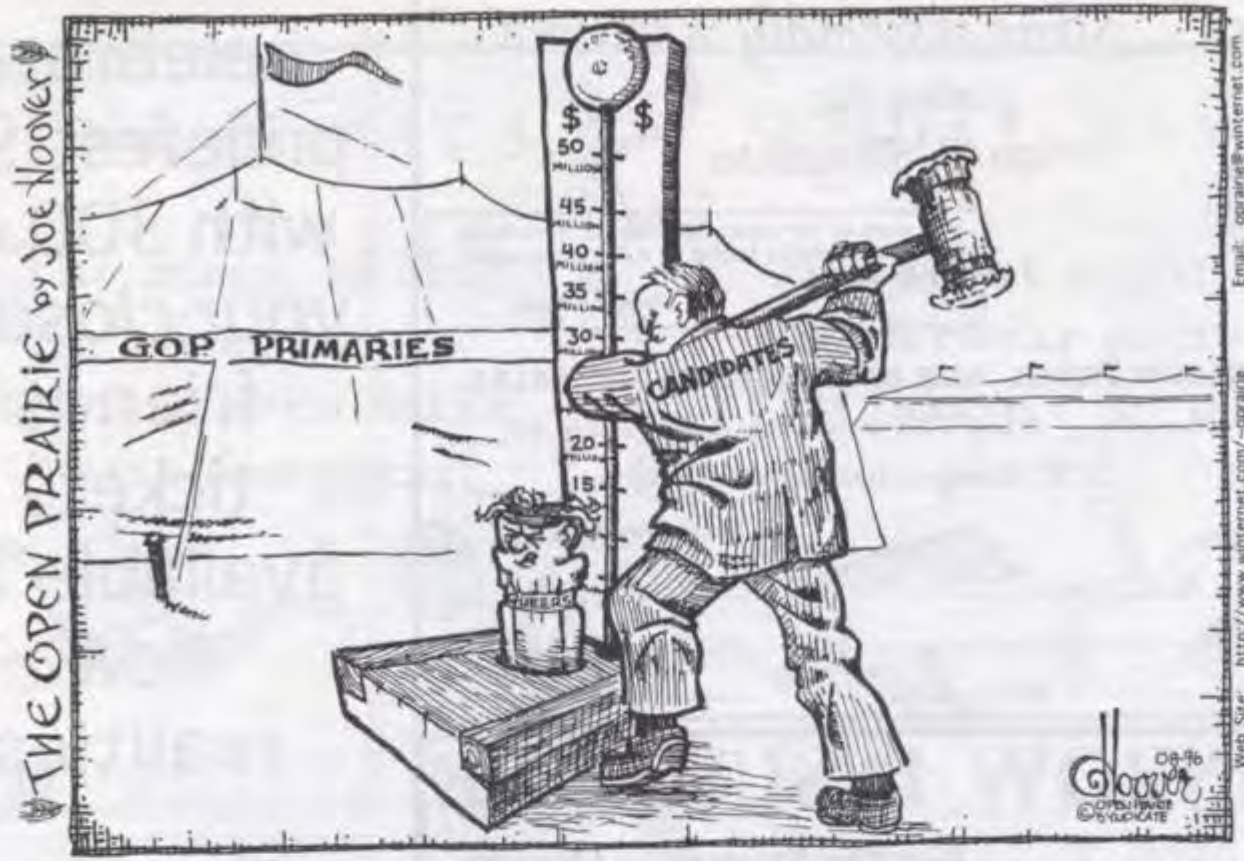
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A CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE COMING YEAR!

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May

- 4—Pride Benefit After Hours Party
- 5 - Inga's RCMC Benefit Show
- 10 - ICON Intro of Candidates-Om
- 11 - ICON Candidate Show - Lincoln
- 12 — MCC Mothers Day Dinner
- 12 — ICON Candidate Show - Omaha
- 17,18— MCC Yard Sale
- 18 — GLAGN Spring Dance - G.I.
- 19 — AIDS Candlelight Memorial
- 19 — Tracy's Annual PWA Show
- 23-26 — MCC District Conference.
- 24 — Panhandle Spring Dance
- 27 — ICON Memorial Day Picnic

June

- TBA — RCMC Garage Sale
- 1 - PFLAG Wine & Cheese Party
- 1 — HGRA Dance Competition
- 2 - Lutherans Concerned
- 2 — ICON Stepping Down Show
- 8, 9 — RCMC Concert
- 9 - Inga's Annual Pride Benefit Show
- 14, 15— ICON Coronation
- 16 — ICON Victory Show
- 21-22 — Mr. Great Plains Drummer
- 22 - PrideFest with Jamie Anderson/
Alias Jane

June (cont)

- 28-29 GLBT Labor Conference - CA
- 28-PFLAG "Celebrating Family Values"
- 30 — Pride Parade & Rally - Omaha
- 30 — Pride Parade & Rally - Denver

July

- 4 — ICON Picnic
- 7 — Mr. MAX Contest
- 7-15 — RCMC at GALA Festival
- 13 - Mr. Nebraska Fantasy
- 20, 21 — Int'l Ms Leather—Phila
- 21 — ICON Investiture
- 25-28 - Int'l Gay Rodeo Convention
- 28 — Entertainer of the Year

August

- 2-4 — Rendevous '96 — Laramie
- 13-18 - Mich Women's Music Fest
- 15-18 - Old Lesbian Gathering- Minn
- 16-18 - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest

September

- 4 — ICON Labor Day Picnic

October

- AIDS Awareness Month
- TBA AIDS Awareness Art Show
- 5 — HGRA Awards Banquet

October (cont)

- 5 — Suzane Westenhoefer Concert
- 6 — Lutherans Concerned
- 11— National Coming Out Day
- 12 — HGRA Royalty Contest
- 31-Nov 2-Transgender Celebration-
Cedar Rapids, IA

November

- 10 — ICON Food 4 Thought
- 10 & 17 — All Iowa AIDS Benefit

December

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

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- Retro
- The Infield
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- St. Mary's Tan
- Visions (Custom Framing)

Council Bluffs:

- Adult Emporium

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- Nebraska Book Store
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- Q
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- Touche's 323 S. Phillips Ave., 335-9874

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

HIV TESTING*

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

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

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

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

Equilibrium 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]

Nebraska Dept of Health, Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847, 308/865-5609
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Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 910 "L" St. Lincoln 68508-2228 476-3882; Jim

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

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

AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.), Box 31305, Omaha 68131, For anyone living with HIV & those interested in AIDS advocacy Call Nebraska AIDS Project at 342-6367

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-6367

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project [statewide] (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131 Volunteer Services, Administration 342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100
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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
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Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center, UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227.

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

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

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

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

HOME HEALTH CARE

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

RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:

**Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526

**Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214

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

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

Lambda Business Association, PO Box 6341, Lincoln, NE 68506-0341 (402) 483-6183, Meet 4th Sunday, 3pm, Location Varies

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

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

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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), Box 30128, Lincoln, NE 68503-0128, 434-9880 4th Tuesday, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group meet 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, at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, All welcome.

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

The Wimmis Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln

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

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

Alcoholics Anonymous,

**Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High

**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri. 7pm, **Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm

A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108-0343 Phone: 558-5303, Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE activities, Internet www.angle.org.

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

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians, US WEST, Contact 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 Organization of UNO (GaLo), UNO Students/sponsors Monday Milo Bail Ctr, 3rd Floor Board Room, Info call Jonathan Raymond 571-8518 or Diallo Mudd 554-3492

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street, Omaha, 345-2563, Send mail to: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103, Children/Adult Christian Ed.; Worship Service 9 & 10:30am

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

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

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

Omaha Players Club (OPC), PO Box 34463 Omaha 68134, (402) 451-7987. Leather/SM education & play group. Men's & women's group.

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

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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays PFLAG 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123, 291-6781. Meets 1st 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

River City Mixed Bowling League, Sundays, 1 & 3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha

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

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

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

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

Women of the Plains, Box 2-4355, Omaha, 68124, Bring women's culture back to Omaha

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

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

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

REGIONAL/STATEWIDE

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

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

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

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

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

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College, Hastings 68801 Call Judy 402-461-7372 (Health Ctr) 402-462-2961 (home). For G/L B Students & Friends - safe place to meet, discuss & learn.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr., Support, social events, newsletter. Info: GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call: (308) 472-3249

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

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

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

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

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

Internet Address: tjrr05e@prodigy.com

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

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

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

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

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

MAY CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p> <p>River City Bowling League, 1 & 3pm, Skylanes, 42nd & Center, Omaha</p>	<p>GalO UNO Student Grp, 4-6pm Milo Bail, 3rdFloor Board Rm, 571-8518/554-3492</p> <p>HIV Tests, NAP, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Frontrunners Run, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7pm, call 475-2437</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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			<p>May 1 (1st Wed)</p> <p>Pride Team Mtg, 7pm, 3923 Farnam, Omaha Everyone Welcome!</p> <p>"Farm Boys" Slide Show, by author Will Fellows, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, Omaha</p>
<p>May 5 (1st Sunday)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Omaha</p> <p>Family AIDS Support, 2-4pm, 1st Meth, Om</p> <p>"Inga Does Tampa" Benefit for River City Mixed Chorus, The MAX, Omaha</p> <p>Miss Gay Nebr USA Benefit, DC's, Omaha</p> <p>Magic of Jeff Castle, "Q" Lincoln</p>	<p>May 6 (1st Monday)</p> <p>ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, Stosh's Saloon at the MAX, Omaha</p>	<p>May 7 (1st Tuesday)</p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St Francis Chapel, South & 11th St., Lincoln</p> <p>ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p>May 8 (2nd Wed)</p>
<p>May 12 (2nd Sunday)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birthside, Omaha</p> <p>MCC Mother's Day Dinner, 12noon, tickets \$5 at door, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p> <p>MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215 Lincoln</p> <p>PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm</p> <p>ICON Candidates Show, DC's, Omaha</p> <p>Miss Gay Nebr USA Benefit, The MAX</p>	<p>May 13 (2nd Monday)</p> <p>AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Omaha</p>	<p>May 14 (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>Free/Confidential HIV Tests by Lancaster Co Health Dept 5-7pm The Panic, Lincoln</p>	<p>May 15 (3rd Wed)</p> <p>Pride Team Mtg, 7pm, 3923 Farnam, Omaha Everyone Welcome!</p>
<p>May 19 (3rd Sun)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Laura Dodge Schl, Om</p> <p>Community Resource Center Development Mtg, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 2-5pm</p> <p>PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/995-5490</p> <p>Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488</p> <p>AIDS Memorial Candlelight Service, St. Cecelia's, 40th & Webster, Omaha</p> <p>Tracy's PWA Benefit, 8:30pm, The MAX</p>	<p>May 20 (3rd Monday)</p>	<p>May 21 (3rd Tuesday)</p> <p>NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln: 7pm, Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, 477-1226</p> <p>Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p>	<p>May 22 (4th Wednesday)</p>
<p>May 26 (4th Sunday)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Omaha</p> <p>Lambda Business Association, 3pm, Lincoln (402) 483-6183</p> <p>MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215, Lincoln</p> <p>Phoenix Fallentino Pride Benefit Show, The New Run Bar, Omaha</p> <p>Miss Q Benefit for Youth TalkLine, Lincoln</p>	<p>May 27 (4th Monday)</p> <p>ICON Memorial Day Picnic, 12noon-5pm, Vennelyzt Park, Omaha, Admission \$7</p>	<p>May 28 (4th Tuesday)</p> <p>PFLAG, 7pm Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Topic "Gay Marriage" Lincoln, 467-4599</p> <p>Straight Spouse Support Group 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln</p> <p>Frontrunners Monthly Mtg, 6:30pm, Omaha, 496-3658</p>	<p>May 29 (5th Wednesday)</p> <p>Pride Team Mtg, 7pm, 3923 Farnam, Omaha Everyone Welcome!</p>
<p>June 2 (1st Sunday)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Omaha</p>		<p>June 4 (1st Tuesday)</p> <p>ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, 3923 Farnam, Omaha</p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th St., Lincoln</p>	<p>June 5 (1st Wednesday)</p>

MAY 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

Network Q, 1pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln
Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7pm 488-2043
Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln
Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative"
 Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave
 "Live & Let Live" 8:15pm Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 411
 Lincoln: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214
Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

EVERY SATURDAY

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

THURSDAY

May 2 (1st Thursday)
Gay & Lesbian Parent Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha
NOW Program Night, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, Omaha
"Farm Boys" Slide Show, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 6300 A, Lincoln

May 9 (2nd Thursday)
F-FLAG 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass Omaha 291-6781 7pm
Straight Spouse Support Group 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

May 16 (3rd Thursday)
Metropolitan Club, 6:30pm, Neon Goose, 10 & Pacific, Omaha
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

May 23 (4th Thursday)

May 30 (5th Thursday)

June 6 (1st Thursday)
CFEP, 7pm, Omaha
G/L Parents, 7:30pm, Omaha
NOW Program Night, Omaha

FRIDAY

May 3 (1st Friday)
Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

May 10 (2nd Friday)
Frontrunners Friday Afternoon Club, The New Run Bar, 6:30pm
ICON Introduction of Candidates - Omaha, Bar Tour Begins 6:30 and continues through all 8 bars
CANCELED--ANGLE NIGHT AT DUNDEE DINNER THEATRE--CANCELED

May 17 (3rd Friday)
Womyn's Book Discussion Group, Call Laurie 556-0937 or Beth 435-2418
MCC Yard Sale, Parking Lot of Franciscan Motherhouse 1052 Park Ave Omaha, 9a-3pm
Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

May 24 (4th Friday)

May 31 (5th Friday)
Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

June 7 (1st Friday)

SATURDAY

May 4 (1st Saturday)
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, 5pm, DC's Om
MCC Day at the Zoo, Meet at front gate at 1pm, Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha
"Salso a Go Go" ANGLE's After Hours Party & Dance, Late Night 1am - 4am Sunday, Downtown Grounds, Omaha, \$5 cover

May 11 (2nd Saturday)
SAGE Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
ICON Introduction of Candidates - Lincoln 6:30 Cocktail Party 8:30 Show at The Paric. 10:00 Introduction of Candidates at Q

May 18 (3rd Saturday)
MCC Yard Sale, Parking Lot of Franciscan Motherhouse 1052 Park Ave Omaha, 9a-3pm
HGRA Cowboy Country Charity Ball, Dinner & Dance, tickets \$15, United Rubber Workers Hall, Des Moines, IA, 6pm-1am
GLAGN's Spring Fling Dance, Izaak Walton League, Grand Island, 9pm - 12:30am, BYOB, \$6 non-members (GLAGN Annual Meeting is at 8:30 preceding dance)

May 25 (4th Saturday)
American Professional & Business Guild, Sioux City, IA, For Information, write: ABPG, Box 142, Sioux City, Iowa 51102
Panhandle Spring Dance, 8pm-12:30am, West Nebraska Arts Center, Scottsbluff, NE

June 1 (1st Saturday)
BINGO at MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha
River City Gender Alliance, Omaha
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, DC's, Omaha
PFLAG-Lincoln Wine & Cheese Party

June 8 (2nd Saturday)
SAGE Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
River City Mixed Chorus Concert, UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 7:05pm, Omaha

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ARE YOU READY TO SETTLE?

GWM, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, 120, 42, seeks long term relationship. If you're interested, give me a call. (Lincoln) #9135

I WILL IF YOU WILL

Bi WM, 26, into anything and willing to try more, seeks others for fantasy fulfillment and more. Let's talk! (Lincoln) #6389

ARE YOU INTO FUN?

Bi BM, 37, 6'2", 205, seeks same into fun and good times. (Lincoln) #6780

KINKY KIDS

GWM, 38, 5'10", 160, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks guys in their 20's, for romance, friendship and lots more. Leave me a message. (Lincoln) #4741

BLACK AND WHITE

GBM, 6', 260, seeks GWM's, who are mature, 48-55 and masculine. Please be HIV- and give me a call. (Lincoln) #5198

PLEASURE PATROL

GWM, big brother type, seeks younger guys for little brother or Daddy/Boy relationship. Give me a call. (Lincoln) #49840

COMPANION FOR LIFE

GWM, 5'6", 110, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks others for fun, friendship and companionship. Call me. (Lincoln) #49569

ALL AROUND NICE GUY

GWM, 5'6", 135, blue eyes, blonde hair, goatee, hairy chest, seeks same for fun, friendship and possibly more. It will be nice to hear from you. (Lincoln) #48003

MIKEY LIKES IT!

GWM, 22, 6'3", 180, blonde hair, blue eyes, into alot of things including dancing and theatre, seeks others for fun and friendship for now. Please be masculine and attractive. (Lincoln) #47302

ANIMAL LOVER

GWM, 5'6", 130, long brown hair, blue eyes, goatee, 35, seeks GWM's only, for pleasure. Call me! (Lincoln) #47305

LOOKING FOR HORSES

GWM, 39, HIV-, 6', 160, seeks others, 25-40, for sale and fun times. You must be well endw'd! (Lincoln) #34290

SAFE AND SANE

GWM, medium build, good sense of humor, seeks other men, 18-45, for safe, sane and consensual fun. (Lincoln) #32099

HERE I AM, WHERE ARE YOU?

GWM, 25, 6'4", 200, blonde hair, blue eyes, football player's build, clean shaven, HIV-, seeks others, disease/drug free and 20-35, for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Lincoln) #32963

BIG GUY SEARCH

GWM, 34, 160, seeks stocky and heavy set men for good conversation and more. (Lincoln) #31659

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

GWM, new to the area, 5'11", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks others to show me around. Call me. (Omaha) #18738

THE BIGGER THE BETTER

GBM, 44, 6', large build, 265, seeks GWM's, 48-55, over 6' and big builds a must, balding men a definite turn on, for fun and friendship. Give me a call. (Omaha) #6077

BOTTOM'S UP

GWM, 5'8", 180, well built, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker and drug free, alot of varied interests, seeks bottom guys who are masculine and straight acting. Let me hear from you. (Omaha) #1746

THIS IS CODY

GWM, 30, 5'9", brown hair, green eyes, very hairy, seeks others for more than one niters. (Omaha) #2372

LET'S SHARE

GBM, 28, seeks local guys for fun and possibly more. Leave me a message. (Omaha) #48445

AN EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL

GWM, 33, 200, 6'1", brown hair, 'stache, into alot of things, seeks same for fun and friendship. Call me soon. (Omaha) #48872

THIS IS MIKE

GWM, 27, 175, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, seeks local guys for fun and adventure. (Omaha) #49016



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I'M A FUN GUY

GWM, 5'4", well built, 140, 31, short thinning hair, attractive, seeks others, who are versatile and attractive, for fun and more. (Omaha) #31421

LOOKING FOR CUB SANDWICH

GWM, 52, bear, seeking other cubs for hibernation and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Omaha) #27100

NAUGHTY IN NEBRASKA

GWM, 25, 5'10", 175,

I'M REALLY CURIOUS

Bi WM, 57, 180, no experience, seeks same, young and slim only, for learning experiences. Call me and let's learn together. (Omaha) #49042

TUBE RIDER

GWM, bottom, seeks top men, well endw'd only, for pleasure. Give me a call. (Omaha) #30105

LET'S MEAT

GWM, 30's, 5'9", brown hair and eyes, medium build, hairy body, varied interests, seeks same with similar qualities. (Omaha) #48203

THIS MAY BE IT!

GWM, 35, 5'7", 165, not into smoke or bar scene, seeks others for fun, friendship and possibly more. (Omaha) #31249

MY NAME IS CODY

GWM, 5'9", brown hair, green eyes, hairy, into camping, cuddling, movies and more, seeks others for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Omaha) #32252

PLEASURE PATROL

GWM, 32, 5'10", 175, seeks others for fun and adventure. (Omaha) #33147

CONFUSED BUT WANTS YOUNG GUYS

Bi Curious WM, not really sure, 5'9", 180, seeks others with similar feelings and tendencies. Please be discreet, drug/disease free, young and slim. (Omaha) #32982

BIG BOYS ARE FUN

My name is Charlie and I'm a GWM, 5'10", 240, 33, variety of interests, seeking others, 25-45, for fun and more. (Kansas City) #32890

FREEZING ALONE

GWM, 24, 6', 158, brown hair and eyes, seeks others, 23-30; muscular college guys preferred, for warm fun and more. No kat's or lem's! (Kansas City) #28345

LET'S HAVE A PARTY

GWM, 5'9", 170; blonde hair, green eyes, varied interests, seeks others for fun and more. (Marion) #47975

LET'S GET TOGETHER

GWM, 31, 5'10", 155, brown hair and eyes, 'stache, Italian/Irish/Dutch descent, professional nurse, varied interests, seeks others for fun and friendship. Photo appreciated! (Ponsonage) #13123

PLEASURE PATROL

GWM, 5'8", blonde hair, 160, good body, seeks top guys, who are tall and well built for fun, adventure and more. (Shawnee) #25762

READY FOR FUN!

GWM, attractive and straight acting, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'11", 165, varied interests, seeks others, GWM's or Bi WM's and 18-28, average height and weight, straight acting cowboys a plus, for long lasting fun and more. Call me. (Tapeka) #48933

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GWM, 20, 6', 185, clean shaven, dark hair, smooth, HIV-, varied interests, casual drinker, seeks others, under 25, for mutual pleasure. (Kansas) #8443

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