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DEAR WORLD HERALD

Dear Editor:

A few months ago my same-sex partner and I were featured in the *World Herald*. We have had nothing but positive responses from friends and complete strangers who recognized us from the photograph. Friends commented how nice it was to see the *World Herald* showing gays and lesbians in a positive light and how good it felt to see the writing in a positive way about the topic. Strangers came over to us and said, "Great story!" A relative newcomer to Nebraska, I have seen great changes in your policy dealing with the gay and lesbian community in just a short time. I appreciate the "new" attitude. I hope the *World Herald* will lead the way for Omaha in legalizing a same-sex marriage in this state. I know gay couples who have been together for over 20 years. They have relationships as much a marriage as the marriage my mother and father had, as my sister and her husband and my brother and his wife. Each of these gay couples is a family—in every sense of the word. They have in-laws, children, ex-wives, grandchildren, foster children, sisters, brothers, moms, dads and grandparents. Like all families they do not always live harmoniously, but they do share life with its bad times, as well as its good times. How sad it is with all the problems in the world—disease, hunger, homelessness, nightly shootings (to name a few that exist even here)—that some want to regulate how two people who love one another live. When the day comes that Douglas County issues marriage licenses to same-sex couples, know for a fact that I'll be there. And I assure you many other couples both gay and lesbian will be, too. Until then, thanks again for telling our story and opening the closet doors for Omaha's gays and lesbians to come out!

Carla Petersen



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMMENDS JUDGE CHANG ON HAWAII DECISION

Dear Editor:

I wish to commend Judge Kevin Chang of the Hawaiian Circuit Court for his heroic decision overruling the ban on same-sex marriages. The court initially recognized legalized homosexual marriages in *Baehr vs. The State of Hawaii*. This is a historic occasion for every gay American in our democracy. It represents a step in the right direction for the gay rights from religious bigotry upon a stigmatized minority. It advances the principle of equal rights for every American citizen, regardless of their sexual orientation.

I hail the Hawaiian court which has merely substantiated what the gay rights activists have been saying for quite sometime. No, you can't discriminate against other Americans based on sexual orientation. And religion cannot be used as any right to exercise that discrimination to deny the same equal marriage rights to other American citizens, regardless of religious conviction under the Constitution.

Needless to say, the issue of same sex marriage is purely a social and civil issue which demands a political resolve through the judicial process. This has been uniquely accomplished through the judicial proceedings of the Hawaiian courts. Clearly, the Hawaiian court is undoubtedly within its jurisdiction and has made its decision, let it stand forever! The separation of church and state is a valid argument although vehemently opposed by the so-called majority religious and Conservative Right.

Religion should not be exercised as a right under this democracy to willfully deny to other Americans all the same or like equal rights or privileges so enjoyed by a majority of Americans. This on the other hand is religious intolerance at

its worst. Our forefathers fought a Revolutionary War to throw off such religious tyranny centuries before, no matter what its disguise today.

It is now imperative for the U.S. Supreme Court eventually to strike down and overturn as unconstitutional the merits of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, on grounds of sexual discrimination. Furthermore, enacted as a desperate measure to counteract the judicial and historic proceedings in Hawaii. And to placate, in the religious mind, "Thou shalt now allow a homosexual to marry his/her beloved spouse," even on grounds of love, monogamy and commitment. In my view DOMA was enacted by a Republican-dominated Congress immersed in hatreds and paranoia perpetuated upon the gay population. Little do they realize it is God alone who will judge both gay and straight on Judgment Day. That they should now spew out their judgmental animosity upon the gay citizenry.

The ethical and moral argument here is established in the premise, or for that matter, can religion be exercised by a ruling majority to reinstate the institution of slavery, if it so chooses? Or to invalidate women's right to vote merely on grounds of a majority vote? In any case, would the conservative/religious Right directly responsible for DOMA, now deny those liberties to black Americans and women simply by a ruling majority in the Congress? No, I think not, or America would then have another civil war on its hands.

In any event, the argument for gay rights before the judicial system will remain a hard-core plausible and valid argument. For justice and liberties sacred to every American, regardless of sexual orientation. Provided that the courts hold

unflinchingly to the legal and ethical ramifications of the gay marriage issue. Above all, the gay citizens of our land merely seek to advance the American principles inherent in life and equality by which all citizens are entitled under the ideals of the Constitution. History then will record the final outcome of this country and their leaders.

I impress upon the High Court to follow in the example of granting the exercise of free marriage privileges to gay American couples. In the greatest cases of jurisprudence which has enabled our land to be free and great, in spite of our faults and differences as Americans. In the judicial deliberation resolving prayers in school, the abolishment of slavery, voting and equal rights for women, the real of Prohibition, a right of flag-burning based on the right of free expression, and tolerance to allow neo-Nazis to march in the streets of our land protected under the right of peaceful assembly.

Therefore, if the gay rights struggle falters based on gay marriages, and DOMA is not struck down, it will be due to the inability of the conservative and religious Right majority in the country to overcome their homophobia based on religious intolerance.

My fellow Americans, this is what has made our democracy survive, let us not see it destroyed by unjustly denying the issue of gay rights. It works for every American regardless of their many ethnic origins, persuasions, and at this glorious movement the franchisement of equal marriage for gay couples advanced on sexual orientation. This indeed is a glorious hour for gay rights bestowed upon them the Hawaiian judiciary members, who stand firm to the principles of our sacred Constitution. God bless, America!

Sincerely,

Alex Wolf Stricker
Gay Americans for the
Defense of the Constitution

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WHY LETTERS NOT PUBLISHED?

Dear Ms Van Buisel:

I am writing in regard to my letter being presented and published in a future issue of the New Voice of Nebraska. I have previously forwarded to your office four letters commenting on the gay rights issue and my support for same-sex marriage for gay Americans. Each time for some unknown reason you have elected to reject or ignore my public commentary for print. My question is why and does not my opinion reflect the greater views of the Lincoln and Omaha gay community.

I am hoping as editor you can provide a wider public forum for gay community members to express their opinion on issues strongly important and relative to gay rights in the political/social sphere.

It is all well and fine to read any gay magazine, and digest the regular sex ads and sex-mania tripe of the gay lifestyle. However, it would be redeeming also if gay magazines would present a greater voice of political commentaries and articles, so essential to the progress and advancement of the gay rights struggle under our democracy.

I compliment you for your fine and professional presentation of *The New Voice* and further congratulate your staff. Nonetheless, could you find it in your heart to print this letter regarding the recent Hawaiian decision by Judge Kevin Chang? Your assistance and attention to this request would be highly praised. I extend best regards for your future endeavors and progress. Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely, Alex Wolf Stricker

Gay Americans for the Defense of the Constitution

Sorry, Alex, but I have no record of having received these letters you say you sent. Did you send them to the P.O. Box or e-mail or what? I do find your letter to be rather long and wordy which creates problems when time and space are at a premium, but I do try to publish all the letters to the editor which come in.

THANKS FROM RESOURCE CENTER

This letter was submitted for publication by Mr. Steve Koeller after he received it from the Steering Committee of the Resource Center.

Dear Steve,

YOU ARE FANTASTIC!!! The members of the Steering Committee for the Resource Center are deeply in your debt for the wonderful and very enjoyable show you produced on our behalf at DC's.

You and the many other entertainers will never know how much you really did in helping our community by helping us raise the \$1105.00 that was donated that night.

We thank you and the others for your great talent, the freely donating of your tips and the sincere and positive force you all displayed to the rest of the community.

Again, Steve, we are in your debt for all the hard work, time and talent you gave us. Thank you from the bottom of our heart.

Sincerely,
The GLBT Resource Center
Steering Committee

GRAND ISLAND RESIDENT WARNS OF GAY BASHERS AT RESTAURANT

Dear New Voice,

If any homosexuals or lesbians pass through or live in Grand Island, Nebraska, avoid eating at the Village Inn Restaurant because there are gay bashers working there. I'm a gay man who works as a waiter at the Village Inn and I'm looking for a new job because of the gay bashings.

One day at work, I heard one of the gay bashers say he participates in gay bashing. He also said he thought one of the employees was gay and if he found out it was true he was going to beat the shit out of him. He later told me he hated gay people. He and another male waiter crack gay jokes. Other employees crack gay jokes. I heard the other gay basher say he likes to beat gay people with baseball bats. He also claimed to have hit a gay man with a baseball bat and knocked his teeth out.

If gay people don't think the gay bashers are a reason to avoid eating at the Village Inn, keep this in mind. One day a waitress came into the kitchen and said she figured two guys she waited on were gay. The next time a waitress or waiter says that they think the people they waited on were gay, the gay bashers could hear them and ask them to point out the gay people. That way they can get their friends together and beat up the gay people, if they see the gay people around town.

The gay bashers and their friends could also follow gay people to their homes or hotel rooms and beat them up. Keep in mind, that gay bashers could have girlfriends who like to beat up lesbians. A reason for lesbians not to eat at the Village Inn.

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FEATURES

GOVERNOR WELD SAYS HAWAIIAN MARRIAGES WILL HOLD UP IN BAY STATE

By Meg Vaillancourt

Gov. William F. Weld of Boston declared Wednesday that if a Hawaiian law recognizing gay marriages is upheld by that state's supreme court, Massachusetts will be forced to recognize those bonds as legal and to endow the newlyweds with "all the benefits and burdens of marriage."

Weld's remarks came as a Hawaiian judge Wednesday stayed his order of Tuesday allowing gay marriages, pending an appeal of the ruling to the state's supreme court.

Weld said he views the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which was recently passed by Congress and is designed to allow states to ignore gay marriages sanctioned by other states, as clearly "unconstitutional."

Weld said that his primary obligation as governor is not to adhere to the will of Congress but to the words of the US Constitution. And he believes the Constitution requires Massachusetts and other states to recognize the legal legitimacy of gay couples who might eventually marry in Hawaii and travel or move to Massachusetts.

"My position as a matter of law ... as the chief

executive officer of a state is that (gay) couples would be entitled to all the benefits and burdens of marriage," Weld said when asked about the Hawaiian case. "That's the Constitution. It's the law."

Weld acknowledged there was a limit on what he would promote in Massachusetts. While he argued the state should recognize gay marriages performed elsewhere, he pointedly did not endorse a new state law legalizing gay unions in Massachusetts.

"I'm not sure public opinion is ready for that, quite frankly," Weld said.

If the Hawaiian supreme court upholds the right of gays to marry, some constitutional scholars say that other states would eventually have to recognize the legality of Hawaiian marriage contracts in their jurisdictions and that the Defense of Marriage Act may overstep the federal government's bounds in such matters.

Eventually, issues involving the legality of gay marriage, and perhaps the Defense of Marriage Act itself, are expected to make their way to the

US Supreme Court, which would interpret any constitutional concerns.

Weld's comments triggered quick and harsh reaction from several groups opposing gay marriages.

"Gov. Weld is being intellectually dishonest, and he knows better," scoffed Matt Daniels, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute, a conservative group.

"Massachusetts does not have to recognize those marriages. What Weld is saying is that he wants to, but the Defense of Marriage Act specifically says other states cannot be forced to change their laws," Daniels continued. "And gay marriages are not allowed in Massachusetts."

Other traditionalists agreed with Daniels, arguing that federal law supersedes the Hawaiian ruling that could legitimize gay unions in that state.

Opponents of gay marriage argue that the federal law, passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton this year, gives each state the power to ignore gay marriages performed and recognized in other states.

"Eventually one or the other law would have to be struck down, but it doesn't automatically mean the Hawaiian statute stands," argued state Sen. Robert Antonioni, a Democrat. "And aside from overturning the expressed will of the elected representatives of the people, I'm not sure that the US Supreme Court wants to take such a significant and perhaps unprecedented leap in reengineering social policy."

Meanwhile, local gay rights groups hailed Weld's comments and legal analysis Wednesday.

They noted that in the past when Massachusetts banned interracial marriages, it still recognized such unions legalized in other states.

"Rhode Island allows first cousins to get married, but Massachusetts does not," noted Mary Bonauto, a lawyer with the Gay and Lesbian Defenders. "Yet when those Rhode Island couples come here, their marriages are recognized as legitimate."

Weld, who as governor has championed gay rights, offered another parallel. "We recognize Reno divorces here in Massachusetts even though they are a lot quicker than divorces that in this and other states," he said. "I think the problem would be the other way. For example, if you were on a cross-country train trip and whether you were married or not depended upon what state you were crossing at the moment."

However, opponents argue that a legally sanctioned marriage is different. "The passage of the Defense of Marriage Act reflects the fact the Congress and the American people understand the difference between tolerance and endorsement of the gay lifestyle," Daniels said. "We currently tolerate homosexual unions in this country. But with the Hawaiian case, what homosexuals are asking is for us to endorse them."

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Ms. Navratilova, spokesperson of the Rainbow endowment (the non-profit organization responsible for distributing funds derived from the Rainbow Card), announced another \$51,000 in donations to its non-profit beneficiary groups. Beneficiaries of the Rainbow Endowment are: AIDS Information Network, Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation, Community Research Initiative on AIDS, National Breast Cancer Coalition, National Lesbian and Gay Health Association, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Each of these organizations dedicate their work to issues affecting lesbian and gay health, cultural or civil rights services.

Furthering their commitment to help fund causes of great importance to the lesbian and gay community, co-founders of the Rainbow Card program introduced the Rainbow Card Leadership Awards. According to Ms. Navratilova, "Our intent was to establish a program that will be supported in the future by Rainbow Card-holders who will have input in the nomination process."

Rainbow Card Leadership Awards and grants totalling \$30,000 were presented to: Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the non-profit public interest law firm that commits much of its work to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gays, and people with HIV/AIDS through impact legislation, education and public policy work; Urvashi Vaid, attorney, writer and community leader, who is currently developing plans for a fifty-state march to educate and build awareness of sexual orientation-based discrimination; and LIFEbeat, the non-profit organization dedicated to mobilizing the music industry as a fund-raising resource for HIV/AIDS service organizations nationwide.

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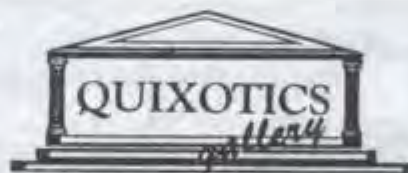
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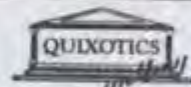
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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! You're surprised that non-gays have a hard time understanding gay and lesbians!? You've got to be kidding! If you're a gay, lesbian or bisexual person, can you honestly imagine what it would be like for you to be straight?!? I can't...and I've even been a married man in heterosexual relationship!

Honestly now, as a gay person, do you look at someone of the opposite sex and drool or get a twitch in the groin like straight people do? Come on, now, be honest. It is no different that that for a straight person also, wondering HOW in the world we do our own drool and twitch. It makes no more sense to them as it does to us wondering how THEY feel.

Oh sure, we can imitate their actions and make it look like we're really hot to trot...if necessary, but you and I both know it is an act. We all may have done it at some point in our progress out of our closets. We've also seen straights try and "act" gay, but they don't do it for the same reason as we "act" straight. They would have the same feelings of repugnancy about

"making it" with gays as we have about "making it" with a straight. We really do need to have compassion for one another as straights and gays, as we're really both in the same boat of non-understanding.

Having spent nearly three decades in the Entertainment Industry, I could never imagine what gay and lesbian actors must have gone through in straight love scenes! It's only been recently where straights have done gay love scenes and I would imagine the feelings must have been mutual. For any of these scenes to come across as real only means they are "PROS" and do utilize every tool at their disposal as actors. Talk about Academy Award nominations! Bisexuals might have a decided advantage in such instances. And, don't tell me there aren't such animals as "bisexuals"; I know too many who are, AND, I do know that I do not fit into THEIR category, nor does any straight person I know.

Gays and lesbians however might be the most accomplished actors in life since we've had to learn to live in a straight, many times hostile, world, and we couldn't reveal our true inner feelings. Many of us have had to learn how to construct elaborate facades for years and have married members of the opposite sex just to solidify our facade. Talk about acting abilities — and if you haven't been there, you have no idea!

Loving a non-gay wife or husband in a straight facade is not a lie however. We are very capable of loving! Being "in love" with a non-gay may be an impossibility as that is totally a horse of a different color...if it be a horse at all! I personally believe it is only possible — "in love", that is — for straights with straights and gays with gays and lesbians with lesbians. I could be

incorrect but I can't really imagine falling "in love" with a straight woman. I loved dearly my wife, but I knew what I felt for her was not "in love" even at the time we married...only love. Never knew what "in love" was all about until Patrick, and we spent the rest of lives together. That "in love" thing is a STICKING LOVE for straights and gays.

Falling "in love" may involve lust and attraction to a type, but it goes to our souls — way beyond attraction of type or lust. "Love," in its varieties, may be describable. I'm not sure that "in love" can be adequately described, although writers throughout the ages have tried.

Gays and non-gays can share in this "in love" experience, yet non-gays may still have difficulty in understanding how this could exist between people of the same sex. Gays, however, do seem to be capable of understanding how straight couples can feel when "in love"; this may be a possibility because as young gays growing up we witnessed - at least I hope we did - our parents in such a relationship. If gays have a hard time comprehending this it also may be because they never saw it at home.

As difficult as understanding one another may be, may we never stop trying as a community of straight and gay citizens to do so through the sharing of thoughts and feelings with one another.

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

Mr. Landon is former Mg. Editor of Zapper Magazine and The Coast to Coast Times. His autobiographical legacy: *The Closets Are Empty... The Dining Room's Full is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing House. Visa/MC orders: 800-356-9315.*

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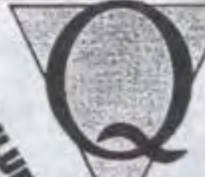
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by Shelly Roberts

"WHAT HAPPENED TO ALTLIFE?" I virtually screamed, typing furiously in capital letters. Flecks of spittle accenting my outrage, spattering the keyboard, and my screen, reflecting my fury.

"How could you?! How dare you?! Don't you know that... blah... blah... blah!" I diatribed.

I was damn mad and I wasn't going to take it any more.

I was on-line through my library freenet, and suddenly, when I typed the keyword that would open the entire gay electro-universe to me, something I had done for many months, it simply wasn't there. Vanished. My screen instead spit back a thoroughly enraging, "Not a valid keyword." And left me contemplating a blinking cursor.

Previously, merely typing "ALTLIFE" had produced a magic menu that gave me instant access to worldwide queer resources of all sorts. Now there was nothing.

Visions of too many Christian coalitioners screaming, "Unnatural acts with public funds!" coursing through my brain. I tried again. Nothing. Oh, no! I knew the wrong wingers had struck my library. Robbed me of my rights. Surgically removed my information.

Swinging into immediate action, I fired off a burning epistle to the local administrator about rights and free speech and representation of all the community. It was eloquent, if I do say so. You'd have been proud.

But I'm getting ahead of myself.

I belong to a freenet.

For those of you who are not Internet literate,

let me immediately caution you that I am not a member of a secret sect working diligently for the emancipation of Martina Navratilova. (Although if I can be of *any* assistance in any way to Ms. Wimbledon's pursuit of happiness, I certainly encourage her to write me personally at any time. Or call. Collect.)

You see, I am a computer nerd. Something I never deny if anyone asks me directly.

My county library, funded by my state legislature, gives me cruise control on the Infobahn for nothing. (Well, if you don't count the couple of grand for the hardware and software, and all the productive hours lost because I'm "on-line" instead of doing paid labor.) It's easy. Accessible. Fun. And the price is right.

Now the library wants to believe that I use the computer network to look up dusty tomes and obscure authors from the privacy of my own home. And sometimes I do. More importantly for my work, they also connect me to the World Wide Web, which is the roulette wheel of libraries. Archives everywhere. With a few keystrokes, I can find my way into public listings of every imaginable institution. I can download information from the OSHA, NIH, NASA and Disney. All for knowing the write address. All supplying pages and pages of paperless information. It's a librarian's dream gone gonzo.

It's also gay journalists' heaven. On the Internet too, we are everywhere. But finding us has always been a treasure hunt, till they instituted a convenient menu, just like they did for health concerns, home loans, and hurricane hunters.

Well, now it was gone and I was incensed.

My knees jerked. My fingers flexed.

My ire erupted. "How can you disenfranchise an entire segment of your subscribers?" I accosted, knowingly. "Surely you know that you have at least as many homosexual participants as you do, oh, say, bridge players, or Billy Beer can collectors, all of whom have their own keyword menus!" I exerted, expertly. "This is an outrage!" I ranted in no uncertain terms. I wouldn't let them cave in to the religious fanatics. They'd know where *I* stood, that's for sure.

Three days later, I checked my email. (The drug of choice for Nineties Nerds.) Aside from the usual chatter from my mailing lists. (...for carnival glass collectors... for older, wiser lesbians... for younger, brasher lesbians... for writers... for readers), was, buried amidst my conversations with intimate strangers was the postmark I had awaited. The freenet administrator. She'd answer to ME all right!

"Try typing GAY she wrote. "We've changed the keyword to make it easier to find." She responded in a manner far more civil than my indictment deserved.

"Oh. Er. Um. Well. 'Gay,' huh? Gosh." (Do the immortal words of Roseann Roseannadanna ring a bell?) "Never Mind."

I mutter typed something about "GAY AND LESBIAN," to try to take some of the heat off my embarrassment, feeling merely foolish. I have since, of course, apologized for my not surprising, but in this case, wholly inaccurate presumptions.

The whole incident ha made me wonder how far ahead of us the rest of the world is in accepting acceptance. Just how many years it will take us to stop living with our hands up, protecting our heads, in expectation of assault.

And I am making it my new year's absolute resolution, to learn to take "Yes" for an answer.

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BOOK COMPANY AWARD

Hall Closet Book Company, the nation's only publisher specializing in gay/lesbian audio books, has been awarded a coveted "Golden Headset" from *Audio World*. Carol Jordan Stewart was selected as "Best Audio Reader - Unabridged Book" for her reading of *Hallowed Murder*, an audio book by Hall Closet in 1995.

Written by Ellen Hart, *Hallowed Murder* is the first in a series of mystery novels featuring lesbian sleuth Jane Lawless, and was the first title to be released by Hall Closet Book Company.

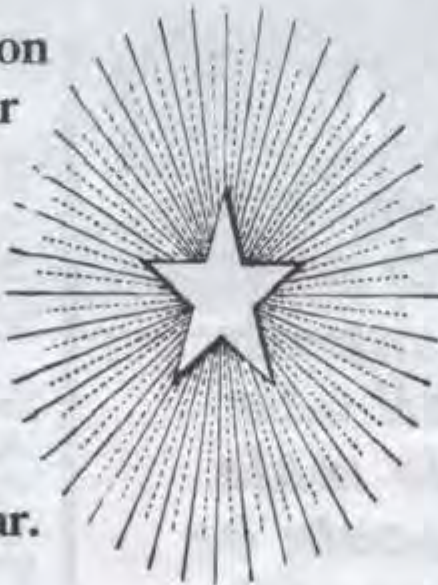
"We're thrilled with this award," said Ron Hall, the company's President and founder. "I think that Carol's reading is flawless. She captured the characters in the book perfectly, especially Jane Lawless and her sidekick Cordelia Thorn."

Since 1995, Hall Closet Book Company has released three titles, with its fourth, the cult classic *The Man Who Fell In Love With The Moon*, due to be released in late November.

The Seattle-based company also sells other audio books of interest to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community from other publishers, including Simon & Schuster, Navad Press, and Passion Press.

For more information please contact Hall Closet Book Company at 800-895-8915, or via e-mail at closetbk@aol.com.

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"OUT IN THE STARS"

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Astrological Forecast for January 1997

For Entertainment Purposes Only: It's a new year and a new outlook friends. Let the revolution...I mean resolution...begin. 1997 means we no longer have to kowtow to the straight and narrow. What better time to begin than January when a cluster of planets in uncompromising Capricorn gives us strength, direction andchutzpah. Full steam ahead, brothers and sisters.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Queer Rams have full professional plates in January when all those planets in Capricorn pile on the responsibilities. Are you prepared to ascend to the stargazer my proud master builder?

A word to the wise: All this stressful corporate activity may make you short tempered and snarly so avoid avoidable confrontations with partners now.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) These planets in Capricorn may tickle the hooves of the most complacent and sedentary queer Bulls. Maybe it's time to get your show Out on the open road and seek some of your lost tribesfolk. (A good place to start is some beach somewhere...oh say Key West or SoBe.) Expand your mind while you're at it and breathe that continental air.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) If January feels hot and sultry maybe it's because gay Twins fell hot and sultry themselves. Sexual stimulation is a must have with all those planets in Capricorn. Be warned. As you dance the night away in your alluringly drafty leather outfit, friends may feel like old peeling wallpaper. Try not to ruffle the feathers of a few good birds.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) All these planets in Capricorn demand that you reassess what you are looking for in a relationship. Be rational and practical. Heck, be lusty and sleazy! Then examine yourself in the mirror, warts and all and see if your idealized partner would be attracted to you. If the answer is a resounding yes, then get Out there and seek your mate. Come clean, but don't come cheap!

LEO (July 24 - August 23) I always recommend that proud Lions eat Out as often as possible, you may find an apres holiday bulge where that flat stomach used to be. Use the month of January and those disciplined planets in Capricorn to choose a diet/exercise regime and develop a svelte, alluring you. Cruise season is a year round sport in my book.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) If you thought that party season was over, think again proud Virgin. All those planets in Capricorn seem to be plotting and planning a jolly January so don your party hat and hop on the party train. You may feel slightly sexually repressed (so what else is new...) but take heart. Even if money can't buy love, it can certainly buy an excellent bottle of strong champagne.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) Queer Libras may get their fill of family mandates this January. Expect those planets in Capricorn to stir up ancestral dust you've been shoving under the rug. Good thing, you can no longer live your life according to the mandates and expectations of others. Life is too short to compromise. Come out, come out, wherever you are!

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 23) Manipulative and calculating queer Scorps will be happily surprised at how well their repartee is received. Give thanks to all those planets in conservative, discerning Capricorn for the bountiful bon mots. Perhaps you can put our eloquence to work at one of our worthy community causes. Try shouting and waving the rainbow flag were everyone can hear and see.

SAGITTARIUS (November 24 - December 23) Helping friends in need comes at the expense of fun and frolic, but who cares? Queer Archers realize that their value system needs a recount so grab a calculator and add up the points. There is money to be made for those of you with a clear sense of risk and reward. Thankfully, all those planets in practical Capricorn prevent you from buying that fur lined bathing suit.

CAPRICORN (December 24 - January 20) Every cloud has a silver lining so it's a good thing to have all those planets clouding up your sign. It's an excellent month to begin new projects and test the waters on a new wardrobe or hairstyle. Have we achieved stylish cult status yet? If not, seek the advice of those in the know. It may be true that you are just the type to wear those hot pink chaps. Then again...maybe not.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Although the Age of Aquarius is still a few years off, all those planets in Capricorn turn on the mystical bubble machine full force. Aquarians are well advised to allow the spiritual energy to flow freely and seek affirming kinships to strengthen your fortitude. It also couldn't hurt to volunteer for a worthy gay cause. Karma builds on all levels now. Build a pink palace.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Pink Fish find a comforting school to swim in this January. Thankfully, those planets in Capricorn enable you to draw friends from all social groups. Choose carefully, queer Pisces. You only want to hang around those that make you feel proud and happy. There can be no compromise. You don't have to dance with just anyone who asks.

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IMMEDIATELY SCAN YOUR COMPUTER FOR THESE VIRUSES!!

PAT BUCHANAN VIRUS: Your system works fine, but it complains loudly about foreign software.

COLIN POWELL VIRUS: Makes its presence known, but doesn't do anything. Secretly, you wish it would.

HILARY CLINTON VIRUS: Files disappear, only to reappear mysteriously a year later, in another directory.

O.J. SIMPSON VIRUS: You know it's guilty of trashing your system, but you just can't prove it.

BOB DOLE VIRUS: Could be virulent, but it's been around too long to be much of a threat.

STEVE FORBES VIRUS: All files are reported as the same size.

PAUL REVERE VIRUS: This revolutionary virus does not horse around. It warns you of an impending hard disk attack. Once if by LAN, twice if by C.

POLITICALLY CORRECT VIRUS: Never identifies itself as a "virus", but instead refers to itself as an "electronic micro-organism."

ROSS PEROT VIRUS: Activates every component in your system, just before the whole thing quits.

TED TURNER VIRUS: Colorizes your monochrome monitor.

DAN QUAYLE VIRUS #2: Their is sumthing rong with your komputer, but ewe cant figyour outt watt!

GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST VIRUS: Nothing works, but all your diagnostic software says everything is fine.

NEW WORLD ORDER VIRUS: Probably harmless, but it makes a lot of people really mad just thinking about it.

GALLUP VIRUS: Sixty percent of the PC's infected will lose 30 percent of their data 14 percent of the time (plus or minus a 3.5 percent margin of error).

TEXAS VIRUS: Makes sure that it's bigger than any other file.

ADAM AND EVE VIRUS: Takes a couple of bytes out of your Apple.

CONGRESSIONAL VIRUS: The computer locks up, and the screen splits in half with the same message appearing on each side of the screen. The message says that the blame for the gridlock is caused by the other side.

AIRLINE VIRUS: You're in Dallas, but your data is in Singapore.

FREUDIAN VIRUS: Your computer becomes obsessed with marrying its own motherboard.

PBS VIRUS: Your programs stop every few minutes to ask for money.

ELVIS VIRUS: Your computer gets fat, slow, and lazy, then self-destructs, only to resurface at shopping malls and service stations across rural America.

OLLIE NORTH VIRUS: Causes your printer to become a paper shredder.

NIKE VIRUS: Just does it.

SEARS VIRUS: Your data won't appear unless you order new cables, power supply, and a set of shocks.

JIMMY HOFFA VIRUS: Your programs can never be found again.

KEYORKIAN VIRUS: Helps your computer shut down as an act of mercy.

STAR TREK VIRUS: Invades your system in places where no virus has gone before.

HEALTH CARE VIRUS: Tests your system for a day, finds nothing wrong, and sends you a bill for \$4500.



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VICTORY FUND CANDIDATES TRIUMPH - - TOPPED BY FIRST OPENLY GAY CANDIDATE ELECTED TO STATEWIDE OFFICE

Twenty-two of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's 32 openly gay candidates have won their races. Among the winners, Victory Fund candidate Ed Flanagan has made history as the first openly gay person elected to a statewide office. Consistent with their tradition of fairness and tolerance, the people of Vermont elected Ed by a 10-point margin. "Every gay man and lesbian should feel tremendous pride in what Ed Flanagan has accomplished for us," says Victory Fund Deputy Director Kathleen DeBold. "Thanks to this courageous man, our community has finally broken through the lavender ceiling which has kept qualified openly gay and lesbian candidates from winning statewide office."

The 22 Victory Fund winners are:

Ed Flanagan (D) for Vermont State Auditor
Sabrina Sojourner (D) for D.C. Shadow Representative
Diane Sands (D) for Montana State House
David Parks (D) for Nevada State House
Art Feltman (D) for Connecticut State House
Larry McKeon (D) for Illinois State House
Sheila Kuehl (D) for California State Assembly
Carole Migden (D) for California State Assembly
Chuck Carpenter (R) for Oregon State House
George Eighmey (D) for Oregon State House
Ken Chevront (D) for Arizona State House
Deborah Glick (D) for New York State Assembly
Mike Pisaturo (D) for Rhode Island State House
Ed Murray (D) for Washington State House
Leslie Katz for San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Greg Pettis for Cathedral City (CA) City Council
Libby Cowan for Costa Mesa (CA) City Council
Gary Miller for Robla (CA) School Board
Juanita Owens for San Francisco School Board
Paul Feinman (D) for New York Civil Court
Sebastian Patti (D) for Cook County (IL) Court
Eileen Rakower (D) for New York Civil Court

This has been a record-breaking year for openly gay candidates. The Victory Fund entered this election with five wins from earlier this year, bringing the 1996 win total to a record-breaking 27 (the previous highest win total was 14 wins in 1994). Our early winners are:

- San Francisco Superior Court Judge **Kevin McCarthy** (March)
- Dane County (WI) Supervisor **Scott McCormick** (March)
- Wilton Manors (FL) City Councilmember **John Fiore** (March)
- Brooklyn (NY) School Board member **Jill Harris** (elected in May)
- Dade County (FL) Judge **Mark King Leban** (elected in September)

All of the Victory Fund alumni were re-elected:

- Tammy Baldwin** (Wisconsin State Assembly)
- Tim Van Zandt** (Missouri House of Representatives)
- Cynthia Wooten** (Oregon House of Representatives)
- Ken Yeager** (San Jose Community College Board)
- Glen Maxey** (Texas House of Representatives)

DeBold notes that this unprecedented success rate for openly gay candidates is especially significant in light of the continuing rightwing backlash against the gains our community has made in the past few years. "Each of our candidates won two races," she says, "One against their opponents; the other against the distorted image of gay men and lesbians foisted on the public by our enemies. This election results send a clear message that the extremist viewpoints that lead to hate campaigns and gaybaiting are out of step with mainstream America. Our openly gay candidates won because their personal and community values are consistent with those of the average American family - values like hard work, responsibility, and respect for others."

SUMMARY OF ELECTION VICTORIES FOR THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY

- We broke through the "Lavender Ceiling" and elected the first openly gay official to statewide office.
- We added openly gay representatives to the state legislatures in Nevada, Connecticut, Montana, Rhode Island, Washington, Illinois, and Maine. Twenty-three openly gay and lesbian officials serve in 15 states.
- Every openly gay/lesbian incumbent on the ballot won reelection.
- U.S. Representative--District of Columbia, Sabrina Sojourner is the only openly lesbian African-American in elective office.
- Sebastian Patti garnered more than 1,100,000 votes in his race - the highest total of any openly gay elected official in history.
- Since the Victory Fund was founded in May of 1991, our members have contributed almost \$1.4 million to openly gay and lesbian candidates.

NATIONAL NEWS

JUDGE RULES SAME-SEX MARRIAGE OKAY IN HAWAII: BUT DON'T PACK YOUR BAGS YET

A circuit judge in Hawaii says the state has not given any compelling reason to deny marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples. After issuing his long-awaited ruling, Judge Kevin Chang ordered the state to begin issuing the licenses to couples who apply for them.

However, he almost immediately put his order on hold while the state could appeal. The issue may not be resolved for a year, maybe longer.

In any event, the decision was considered a victory for those who have been fighting to end this form of discrimination. The case involved three couples who sued for the right to marry. Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said, "This decision is one small but crucial step forward in a long march toward civil equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. We see the same rights and responsibilities of marriage that heterosexual people enjoy. Marriage is an important personal choice and a basic human right. Whether gay people decide to get married or not, it should be our choice."

Partners Task Force for Gay and Lesbian Couples, also applauded the decision. Demian, co-director, said "The government has no business interfering with two consenting adults who wish to legally marry. Thankfully, the court disregarded popular prejudice and honored the state's Constitutional prohibition of sex discrimination."

Reaction from opponents of same-sex marriage was, at times, predictable. Conservative groups called it a slap in the face of traditional marriage between a man and a wife. Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg went further. He was quoted in the *Omaha World-Herald* as saying, "There is some danger that Nebraska homosexual couples could travel to Hawaii in the next few days or so and then come back to Nebraska and claim Nebraska is legally required to recognize that marriage." It's safe to assume that his office could explain the attorney general's feeling regarding the "danger" of marriage. His number is 402-471-2682 for anyone wishing to know.

The issue of same-sex marriage is certainly unresolved. The Hawaii decision is being appealed. In September, Congress and President Clinton approved the Defense of Marriage Act, which allows each state to decide if marriages licensed in other states would be honored. The DOMA will also likely face court challenges.

SOUTH AFRICA CONSTITUTION ADDS SEXUAL ORIENTATION

After suffering for years under a system known as Apartheid, the South African people have approved a new constitution — one that includes sexual orientation protection. A Constitutional Court gave final approval to the historic document that is considered one of the more liberal constitutions in the world. It promises to lay a foundation for human dignity and equality for all. It specifically bans discrimination on the grounds of race, gender or sexual orientation.

JURY AWARDS \$10M TO VICTIM OF BASHING

A Wayne County, Michigan jury awarded a Detroit man \$10-million against a security firm, after learning that a guard stood idly by and watched while a man was repeatedly harassed and then shot six times because, "they didn't like the way he wore his hair." The incident happened January 27, 1994 when Sean McBride, now a paraplegic, returned home from work. After arriving at his apartment, he was met by three

men in the lobby who shouted anti-gay slurs and profanities. A guard working for Pinkerton's Security and Investigation, Inc. took no action even as the harassment escalated more than a half hour.

Carol McNeilage, McBride's attorney, said of the jury's verdict, "Society has finally realized that homosexuals are entitled to full respect and dignity."

The Imperial Court of Nebraska Announces:

Jan. 1

Applications for Emperor 17 & Empress 17 are now available in most GLBT establishments, as are applications for the Board of Governors. See related story in Jan. New Voice. Both apps are due March 1, 1997. Both require ICON General Membership.

Jan. 10 Breakfast & BINGO



Afterhours DC's

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BRIAN'S PAGE

"ALL THE LEAVES ARE MUSH, AND THE SKIES ARE PUCE..."

Brian's Note: In my never-ending quest to make this page more appealing to the common masses (and the uncommon ones), I am again trying something new. Please bear with me, watch your step, and we will all get through this in one piece.

The "It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel fine" Department:

Now that the holidays are over, and everyone is trying to find new uses for that last loaf of fruitcake (I personally recommend saving them until you have enough to construct your own holiday barbeque-pit), I wonder how many children will need therapy in the future because they did not get a "tickle me" Elmo doll. I also wonder if giving a child a stuffed toy that laughs like Charles Manson on helium is helpful to his emotional development.

Another reason to be thankful the holidays are finally over Department:

That horrible Romeo's holiday gift certificate commercial (you know, the one that begins with "jolly old muchacho, turn your ear this way...") will not run until November! Every time I hear that stupid song, my colon clenches! By the time the song gets to "Wow! An enchilada!" I am in a fetal position on the floor, praying that God will allow Susan to order "number five" for a change.

The "Now you know, and knowing is half the battle" Department:

Never teach your cat how to fetch. Unlike dogs, cat have their own schedules, and try to inflict it upon anyone in the general vicinity. My cat likes to drop her "throw toys" on

my face at 3:30 am. She also likes to drink out of the toilet, so maybe I should be a bit more understanding.

The literate Poofler department: To those who want to know themselves better (or who like to obsess over every life-change), I wholeheartedly recommend *Uncharted Lives: Understanding the Life Passages of Gay Men* by Stanley Siegel and Ed Lowe, Jr. (Penguin Books, 1994). Normally, I tend to look at these types of books as a self-fulfilling prophecy ("I'm in my dormant period now, please don't ask me anything difficult."), but this book takes you through all the steps gay men take from their first inkling of awareness, to becoming a happy member of the gay community. Using interviews and case studies (along with their own experiences), the authors help to shut up all those "nay-sayers" who think gay men just suddenly wake up one day with a perfect fashion-sense and knowing all the lyrics to *Chorus Line*. All in all, it's a great read.

Another "great read" is *Stuck Rubber Baby* by Howard Cruse (Paradox Press, a sub-division of DC comics, the home of Superman and etc.) Cruse is the creator of the comic strip *Wendell*, which used to run in *The Advocate*. In this graphic novel, he presents the compelling tale of a young man growing up gay in the deep south during the years of the civil riots in the sixties. Cruse is a master at creating three-dimensional characters, and uses the backdrop of the struggle

against desegregation as a parallel of the Gay and Lesbian equal rights battles of today. So the next time you wander by a comic book store, stop in and check it out.

The "I can't think of anything else to write, so I will just wing it." Department:

Someone told me that the gay character on *Melrose Place* is finally in a "normal" relationship, and I should watch it. Gay man?! Network television?! "Normal" relationship?! I don't believe it. The guy is probably an alien and part of an invasion-advance team. Either that, or society is finally starting to accept us. I'll stick with the alien-theory.

The "I can't think of anything else to write, so I will just wing it." Department:

I want to personally extend an invitation to all those "creative" types to stop at The Book Station on January 11th at 4:00 pm. If you have always wanted to get in on the proverbial "ground floor" on a new, original performance piece, this is the place to be. I will be starting workshops on a new play, entitled "An evening of bad Gay and Lesbian Poetry." So if you like to laugh at yourself, and dig inappropriate humor, this is the gig for you!


Well, I guess it is time to sling some poetry, huh? This month, I am showing a brand-spanking new piece, never seen before by human eyes, along with a piece that I haven't sold to save my soul ("It's good to have a page!"). Until next month, take care of each other, and send me some poems.

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SLEEPLESS

By Brian E. Bengtson

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torn from its branch
in the fury of the storm.

I am simply a watcher
immune to the events
played out before me;
I see but do not touch.

Sleep does not calm me
like a cool breeze on the face
of a man in the desert;
it passes too quick to enjoy.

I am helpless as this night
has its turn with me,
I close my eyes
and pray for the morning.

CHEST

By Brian E. Bengtson

I touch your chest.
My fingers
become ten gnarled twigs
and I search
for any hidden wells.

My nails
graze through your hair
like I am flipping
pages in a book,
looking for the good parts.

My fingertips
brush over your skin.
I go blind
and try to read the past
that shaped each muscle
and added each scar.

I am swallowed
by your strength.
My head falls
toward you.
I listen for your breath.

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Friday, Jan. 10

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Join your DC's family for after hours fun from 1-4 a.m. to help conclude your evening. Prizes will be awarded for bingo winners. For a \$5 cover charge, everyone will receive a bingo card and all the food they can eat.

Sunday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m.

Duets

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Thursday, Jan. 23

Fiesta Thursday!

Hosted by our own Miss DC's, Roxy, and Empress XVI, Phoenix. Tequila shots and beer bust. Taco bar opens at 7 p.m., show at 9 p.m. Great entertainers and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will benefit Iris Phoenix Scholarship Program.

**Sunday, Feb. 2,
8 p.m.**

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ICON ANNOUNCES RESTRUCTURING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ICON Membership to Elect Community Representatives to Board

The Imperial Court of Nebraska has undergone major restructuring during the last year. One year ago the Imperial Court began offering memberships to the public. These memberships entitle the member to discounts on the picnics, a subscription to the ICON Newsletter, invitations to "member only" cocktail parties, and entries in free members only raffles and giveaways. In addition, membership in ICON gives the member the right to vote for Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court.

Beginning with the election of Emperor and Empress 17 which will be held in June 1997, only current, active members of the Imperial Court will be allowed to vote for Emperor and Empress. All voting will be done by mail-in ballots which will be mailed directly to the member's home. Ballots must be returned by mail and must be received by a deadline which will be set by the Board of Governors.

In addition, beginning with the campaign for Emperor and Empress 17, only members may run for Emperor or Empress. The time for accepting applications and the campaign time have both been extended. Applications for Emperor and Empress will be available in local bars and businesses by January 1, 1997. Candidates will be approved and campaigning will begin by March 1, 1997. Campaigning will end and ballots will be mailed by the middle of June and the winners announced at Coronation 17, which will be held at Paxton Manor over the July 4th weekend.

Community Representatives Added to Board of Governors

As a result of further restructuring the Board of Governors will now be composed of past Emperors, Emperesses, and Prince and Princess Royales and 4 "community representatives" elected by the ICON membership. Persons interested in being on the Board of Governors must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be a current member of ICON
- 2) Have attained the legal drinking age as determined by the State of Nebraska
- 3) Shall not have any felony warrants or charges pending against them.
- 4) Shall not have any outstanding insufficient fund checks with any organization or establishment.
- 5) All members of the Board of Governors must sign an agreement to adhere to the Code of Conduct as set forth by the Board and must agree to abide by the regulations set forth regarding attendance, participation, and properties as set forth in the current By-Laws of the Imperial Court. All members are subject to removal for just cause.

The specific revisions to the By-Laws are:

4. Community Representatives:

Four seats on the Board of Governors shall be reserved for representatives of the community. These Community Representatives shall be elected for 2 year terms by the membership of ICON through a secret ballot.

1. Applications must be submitted by a date determined by the Board of Governors. (SET AS MARCH 1)
2. All applicants must meet the general

requirements as set forth in Article V, Section 1. In addition, a Community Representative may not have served as Emperor, Empress, Prince Royale or Princess Royale of the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

3. During the period between the date set for applications to be accepted and the Board Meeting immediately prior to the mailing of ballots for Emperor and Empress, the applicant must attend 75% of all meetings of the Board of Governors and must attend 75% of all ICON shows, events, and functions. If Memorial Day falls during this period, all applicants must attend and assist with the Memorial Day Picnic.
4. All applicants will serve on at least one committee to be assigned by the Board of Governors. The applicant will attend at least 75% of all meetings of any committee to which the applicant is assigned.
5. The applicant is responsible for notifying the Secretary or an Executive Board member of their presence at any meeting, show, event, or function.

2. Community Representatives: Community Representatives will be elected by a yes/no vote of the membership by secret ballot, which will be mailed at the same time as the ballots for Emperor and Empress. The Secretary will verify that applicants have met all requirements for consideration for the Board of Governors. Only after the Board of Governors has received verification from the Secretary will the applicants' names be placed on the ballot. The candidates receiving the highest percentage of "yes" votes will be declared the winners. To be elected a candidate must receive "yes" votes from at least 51% of those voting. In the event of a tie, the final selection will be made by the Board of Governors. The ballots for Community Representatives shall be counted at the same time and in the same manner as those for Emperor and Empress. The announcement of the successful candidates for Community Representative will be made as a part of Coronation and the new Community Representatives presented to the membership.

3. Community Representatives: Each Community Representative will be seated at the first Board meeting following Coronation and will serve with all rights and privileges for a two year term.

4. Number of Terms: Board members may be re-elected to an unlimited number of terms.

Note: Special Requirement for the Initial Election of Community Representatives: The first year 4 Community Representatives would be elected — two to two year terms and two to one year terms. The highest vote getters would be seated for two years, the next highest vote getters would be seated for one year.

Questions regarding the requirements for Emperor or Empress or to be a Community Representative to the Board of Governors may be addressed to President Carla Petersen at 556-9907.

THE JOY OF BEING A LinOma BARE

The LinOma Bares, a nudist/naturist club for gay and bisexual men is having indoor activities all through the winter. And they're keeping warm! The club was organized last July and has nearly 50 members from Lincoln, Omaha and surrounding towns. They have members who have joined from Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, Okinawa and Africa. The group publishes a monthly newsletter for members only and a roster for those members who wish to be included.

The group has an average of two functions per month. Usually, these are in members' homes. A potluck meal is generally served. For activities, they have had a weekend camp out, chili feed on the deck, chicken on the grill, polish sausage on the patio, pizza night, Thanksgiving dinner and a Christmas party.

On the upcoming schedule, there will be a movie night, gay theme but non sexual, massage night, hot tub night — and, as the weather permits — more outdoor activities.

The LinOma Bares are associated with several other out-of-state groups including Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. There are numerous other clubs in nearly every state. Additionally, there are several local, national and international gatherings scheduled each year.

Consider joining the LinOma Bares, to help build the acceptance of the nudist/naturist lifestyle. Your participation will assist in helping understand that the nude body is not something to be ashamed of, nor ignored. Nudism is a natural thing and until you have the opportunity to experience the joy of mother nature caressing your body out of doors, you might always wonder what it was like. It is like no other joyful experience and it costs little or nothing.

Why should I join? 1. You have the opportunity. 2. You have the privilege of meeting other like-minded individuals. 3. Perhaps you will meet a significant other, who is interested in many of the same things that you are interested in.

Look for a brochure in one of the local gay bars or write to: LinOma Bares, PO Box 8493 Omaha, NE 68101. You will be provided with additional information regarding the club's rules & etiquette, general guidelines, and an application for membership. It costs just \$17 for singles, \$25 for couples. Out of state members pay \$15 for singles, \$20 for couples. A separate application is required for each participating member and you must be at least 21 years old.

METROPOLITAN CLUB MEETING JANUARY 16

The Metropolitan Club, Omaha's only professional Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered social club, invites all to attend its WINTER BEACH PARTY.

Come shake off the winter blahs at the Neon Goose on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 PM. Hawaiian shirts strongly encouraged — wear shorts if you dare.

Tropical drinks are definitely available and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Do you wonder what the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association is up to? Come hear what they have in store for you in the new year. See you there.

STONEWALL II DECLARATION

We, the Stonewall Community of St. Louis, having been deprived of our traditional June celebration of the Stonewall freedom riots for three years in a row, hereby declare that henceforth, the last weekend in June, culminating on Stonewall Sunday, will be the permanent official date in St. Louis for celebrating the historic beginnings of our fight to live freely and openly. We ask all in St. Louis and throughout the world to come together on the same day each year to create a worldwide bond of solidarity and celebration.

After a quarter century of celebrating Stonewall on various dates in June, we believe it is time for our brothers and sisters throughout the world to unit on a single day for this global celebration of our struggle for love and freedom. We also propose the beginning of a new tradition, that our community's bars around the world flash their lights at midnight on June 28th each year to commemorate the police attack that sparked those three nights of resistance, using the same signal that was used that night in 1969 to warn the Stonewall Inn's patrons of a police raid.

We believe the Stonewall Community includes gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered, and straight friends; all of whom were surely present on the streets of Greenwich Village in New York City during those three nights of resistance from June 28 - 30, 1969. In the spirit of their fight for personal freedom, we have therefore chosen the name of "Stonewall Community" to include all of these groups.

To all of the excuses and rationalizations that have been used to justify moving our Pride celebration outside of June, we respond as follows: If America can celebrate on the 4th of July, then it is not too hot to celebrate our own independence day in the heat of June. Those wishing to travel to other cities for a bigger celebration are welcome to do so, but the majority of the community should not be deprived of their traditional June celebration to accommodate any small group. And yes, history and tradition do matter, that is why every other culture's celebrations are tied to specific dates. The Stonewall riots that last weekend in June, 1969 were the first time in history that our community took to the streets and fought for its freedom and we believe that historic event should be remembered and honored.

We urge all who read this declaration and believe in our vision of a universal day of celebration to spread the word and work within their own communities to make it a reality.

LEO TO HOLD MEET & GREET PARTY

The men of L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha) will be hosting a Meet and Greet January 11, 1996 at The MAX at 9:00 p.m. for all those men who wish to pledge the group or for those who just want to come out and party with us. The next pledgship for L.E.O. will begin in February, however, if interested in pledging you must attend the Meet and Greet to obtain your sponsors. The duration of the pledge process is 3 months in which you must attend ALL LEO functions and meetings. Contact any LEO member for more information on the Meet and Greet, Pledge process, or upcoming events. Just look for the patch.

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ATTENTION GLBT PEOPLE IN LINCOLN - LINCOLN PRIDE NETWORK WILL WORK FOR YOU!

Lincoln Pride Network (LPN) is the brain-child of PFLAG-Lincoln. Organized in the summer of '96, LPN worked diligently to become the communication hub for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered individuals living in Lincoln. We're here for you and WE NEED YOU!! Composed of a seven member Steering Committee, as well as Legislative Awareness, Social, Health Issues and Education Committees, we invite you to join us or simply to call us for more information.

We invite you to send us information you'd like to share with the community in Lincoln and surrounding areas. This information can be about specific or non-specific events such as Pride Events and Parades, Coming Out Day, upcoming weddings/unions, births/adoptions, or events you'd like to see LPN sponsor. Send your questions or "queer"ies to our resident "Ask A Baby Dyke" columnist. Subscribe to the LPN Newsletter, have it mailed discreetly to your home or office, and keep informed on local happenings. Anyone interested in joining the Steering Committee or any of the committees listed above, please contact the PFLAG Hotline, leave your name and number and we will get back to you. Promise!

Sincerely, The LPN Steering Committee
 p.s. Watch for upcoming information on the "Merry Queermas Post Holiday Blues Bash" on January 11, 1997!

SHARE YOUR TRUE STORY ABOUT COLLEGE LIFE

Are you a college student or 90's grad? Editors Kim Howard and Annie Stevens are in search of first person true stories for a proposed anthology describing undergraduate experiences coming out, being out and staying closeted on college campuses. For guidelines, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to PO Box 5345, Takoma Park, MD 20913, e-mail us at as154@umail.umd.edu or check out our web page at <http://www.wam.umd.edu/~StevensA/book.html>. The submission deadline is March 31. Confidentiality and discretion assured, if that is a concern.

SCHUBERT AT STRAUSS!

On Saturday, January 25 and Sunday January 26 the River City Mixed Chorus will open their fourteenth performance season with their 1997 Winter Concert "Out Loud." Highlights from this year's program include selections from the musical "Jekyll and Hyde" and Franz Schubert's "Mass in G" for four voices, orchestra, and keyboard. Under the direction of John J. Bennett, RCMC will offer the program both evenings at 7:05 p.m. at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the UNO Campus. Tickets are on sale now and are available from any Chorus member or call 341-SING for ticket information. Tickets are \$10.00 for regular admission and \$8.00 for students and seniors.

Auditions to join the River City Mixed Chorus will be held following the Winter Concert. Anyone interested in singing with RCMC (especially Basses and Sopranos) can contact us by calling the Sing Line at 341-SING.

RCMC's Fifth Voice is also seeking new members. If you would like to be involved with the Chorus but don't like to sing, consider joining our non-singing partners in the Fifth Voice. These very important people help with all the behind-the-scenes activities that make our concerts possible. For more information about becoming a member of RCMC's Fifth Voice call the Sing Line at the number listed above.

The River City Mixed Chorus has proudly represented our Gay and Lesbian Community for over thirteen years. Please join us as we celebrate our fourteenth season "Out Loud." See you at the concert!

MCC-OMAHA TO CELEBRATE 23rd ANNIVERSARY JANUARY 18, 19

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street, will celebrate the anniversary of its chartering with a Dance and Entertainment in the Church Social Hall on Saturday, January 18.

Special guests for this event will be the members of the District Committee, the decision making body for the Mountains and Plains District which includes MCC-Omaha.

The public is invited to join the family and friends of MCC-Omaha and the District Committee for a dance beginning at 8pm.

There will a variety of entertainers taking the stage during the evening, beginning at 9pm. The dance will continue until 11pm. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the church office at 345-2563

HGRA GOES ROLLER SKATING IN JANUARY

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

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



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THE GAY AGENDA: TALKING BACK TO THE FUNDAMENTALISTS

by Jack Nichols

While fundamentalists are not alone in objecting to homosexuality, their attacks on gays and lesbians over the years have been particularly brutal and malicious, strategically defining homosexuality in terms of sex acts alone, refusing to acknowledge affection or love.

It was these fundamentalists who coined the term "gay agenda" to brainwash citizens into thinking gay people demand "special rights" and are part of one single group looking to impose its own grand scheme to subvert social and moral values and to undermine the family.

Exposing lies, threats, misunderstandings, and hate-mongering by the "righteous" religious, Jack Nichols confronts this prejudice in *The Gay Agenda: Talking Back to the Fundamentalists*.

An acclaimed pioneer of gay and lesbian liberation, Nichols explained, "The gay agenda is a propaganda term thought up by the religious right as a fundraising tactic.

There is no such agenda that appeals to gay men and lesbians (who are as varied in their views as their fellow citizens) on a nationwide scale." He adds that certain religious leaders have "strong-armed Congress to ban same-sex commitments and to refuse job security for gay and lesbian employees."

Ranging from biblical times, through the early days of the American settlers, and on into the sexual revolution to the present day, *The Gay Agenda* explodes bogus claims about a secret gay cabal, while critiquing grotesque superstitions and "witch-hunt" tactics that subvert self-esteem and social harmony.

"We who stand for the equal right of such love to exist beg no inflammatory 'special rights'...but only simple fair play to assure we are not deprived...of equal employment security, housing, and access to the kind of general safety enjoyed by our fellow citizens."

With tender and yet powerful eloquence, Nichols draws on his many years of activism to show how the gay and lesbian movement has played an integral part in expanding social equality and pluralism, and encouraging tolerance.

Defeating fanaticism, as well as instilling reason and tolerance within today's tempestuous political climate requires new approaches, cultural strength, and work toward harmony. *The Gay Agenda* also includes hard-hitting commentary on foes of same-sex love such as Jerry Falwell, D. James Kennedy, and Pat Robertson.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LIVING LONG AND WELL WITH HIV

by Lark Lands, Ph.D.

Commandment #1: Manage Your Disease. Do the Work.

Subtitle: Avoid the Humpty Dumpty Syndrome. We can't keep waiting for people to fall apart so that we can try to patch them back together. There are two parts to this commandment.

#1 You don't wait to start managing this disease. Begin now.

#2 You'd better understand what it really means to manage a disease. It's hard work, but it's worth it.

Commandment #2: Eat What's Good for You

If you don't have the nutrients, you can't build the T-cells or any other immune cells. For that matter, you can't build any cell in the body without these building blocks. You've got to put good levels of protein, good levels of unrefined complex carbohydrates, lots of fresh fruits and vegetables, and moderate amounts of only the good kinds of fats in your body every day, and you have to wash all that down with lots of good healthy liquids. That's the way you give your body the building blocks it needs to keep up the immense battle against HIV. And always make sure the food you eat and the water you drink is safe!

Commandment #3: Do Everything Necessary to Help Your Body Digest Food and Use It Properly.

Even if you're eating the right things, it won't do you any good if you don't have good digestion and the ability to use the nutrients. Many people need to improve how their bodies handle food by supplementing the hydrochloric acid, pancreatic enzymes, vegetable enzymes, acidophilus, biotin, L-carnitine, and L-glutamine.

Commandment #4: Supplement Your Good Diet with the Nutrients that Will Help You Have Slower Disease Progression and a Lot Fewer Symptoms Along the Way, Including Optimal Levels of Antioxidants.

Remember John James, the highly respected editor of AIDS Treatment News, reviewing one of the important nutrient studies, summarized his review by saying that research has shown that supplying the right level of nutrients in the body may be associated with greater reduced progression of HIV disease and better improvements in long-term survival than any anti-HIV drug tested to date. And, in addition, nutrients can reduce or eliminate or contribute to eliminating many symptoms such as fatigue, skin problems, neuropathy, digestive problems, memory or other mental problems, wasting, and others.

Commandment #5: Protect the Body in Every Way Possible from the Damage that Infections Cause and Give the Body what it Needs to Repair Itself When the Damage Does Occur.

First, use the best available treatments; then supply the particular nutrients that the body can use to repair itself. In particular, repair the intestines with zinc, beta-carotene, vitamin B6, vitamin E, bioflavonoids, vitamin C, and, especially, L-glutamine. If necessary, use doses of up to 30-40 grams of L-glutamine per day until repair is effected, followed by lower doses for maintenance. You can't absorb nutrients or drugs if you don't keep your intestines healthy.

Commandment #6: Do Prophylaxis, Where Appropriate, and Add to Your Pharmaceutical Prophylactic Regimen the Nutrients and Natural Therapeutics that Help to Protect

You from Infection, and That Help You to Fight Them when You Get Them.

Important nutrients for protection from infections: L-glutamine (intestinal, lung, and cervicovaginal infections), acidophilus (Candida overgrowth and other intestinal infections), garlic and oregano extract (Candida overgrowth), folic acid (anal or cervical cancer), and a good level of nutrients in general. Remember: Your body's response to any infectious agent or abnormal cell

is absolutely dependent on the nutrients needed for competent immune response. Thomas McKeown, M.D. says "deficiency of almost any of the essential nutrients may have a marked effect on the manner in which the host responds to an infectious agent. The same infection may be mild or even unapparent in a well-nourished host, but virulent and sometimes fatal in one that is malnourished."

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Applications Available at Local GLBT Businesses or from the Imperial Court of Nebraska, P.O. Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68103. Or call 556-9907 and leave your name, address—including your Zip Code, and phone number. One will be mailed to you. All applications are due at the ICON P.O. Box by March 1, 1997. Applicants must be current members of ICON—other requirements apply and will be mailed to all who inquire. Voting on applicants who qualify will be in June by the ICON General Membership.

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Commandment #7: Take the Best Available Antivirals in the Best Possible Combinations and, While You Do It, Protect Your Body from Their Side Effects.

We finally have antiviral approaches that are worth doing — combination antiviral therapy with the best possible antivirals — and the viral load test to help determine when they're needed. The more you can use antivirals to suppress the viral load and let the body regain its immune function, the better off you are and the longer you'll be able to fight off infections. You must have good nutritional status for the body to use drugs effectively. Also, some nutrients may help protect you from the side effects of certain drugs. For AZT: B1, B3, B6, B12, E, magnesium, zinc. For bone-marrow suppressive drugs, in general: recombinant human growth hormone, anabolic steroids. For liver-toxic drugs: alpha-lipoic acid, NAC, vitamin C, carnitine.

Commandment #8: Handle the Hormone Problem of this Disease.

For both men and women, maintaining testosterone and using, where appropriate, anabolic steroids and/or recombinant human growth hormone may help prevent the loss of the lean tissue that keeps you alive, while helping you look better, function better, and feel better. Women may also need female hormone replacement.

Commandment #9: Exercise

Just do it. You need to build up the muscles

with progressive resistance exercise like weight training. That's what gives you a body with plenty of the lean tissue that you need for survival. **Commandment # 10: Program the Mind Toward Healing.**

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(Lark Landis, M.S., Ph.D., is a health educator, consultant, and the author of Positively Well: Living with HIV as a Chronic, Manageable, Survivable Disease. She has given her Positively Well seminar to thousands of people world-wide and is a frequent speaker at international, national, state, and local AIDS conferences.

In both her seminars and private health education practice, she attempts to provide a base of information to educate HIV+ people on the elements needed for a comprehensive health plan. This fact sheet is a philosophical overview of the type of approach to living with HIV that is described in depth in Dr. Landis' book: Positively Well: Living with HIV as a Chronic, Manageable, Survivable Disease. A practical guide to nutrition, drugs, and therapeutic agents, energy therapies, psychoimmunity, and hope! To order the book, please call 800-542-8102, 9 am to 5 pm Eastern Time)

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DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL NO GOOD

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network is concerned about the rising number of investigation seen where servicemembers who are suspected of being gay are accused of sexually harassing another servicemember of the same gender in an attempt to circumvent the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" rules prohibiting witch hunts and investigations simply to determine sexual orientation.

The suspicion can arise with innocent intentions. For example, if a servicemember asks another of the same sex to go to see a movie together, the suggestion could be misinterpreted as a sexual overture.

Commanders frequently rush to believe the accuser where same gender sexual harassment has been alleged.

Even though it's unfair, servicemembers are urged to err on the side of caution. If at all possible, do not put yourself in a situation or make remarks that can easily be misinterpreted. Gay and lesbian servicemembers should scrupulously follow fraternization guidelines.

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The Steering Committee of the GLBT resource center encourages all interested persons to consider serving on the Board. However, application should not be made lightly -- the ongoing future of the resource center will depend upon the commitment, talents, and devotion of its Board.

This application is in two parts. The first section requests specific information. The second section consists of open-ended questions which allow you to summarize your qualifications to serve. Your answers may be as long as necessary; attach additional sheets as required.

Return your completed application to:

GLBT Steering Committee

PO Box 8583

Omaha, NE 68108

It must be postmarked no later than January 31, 1997.

A screening committee composed of people not directly affiliated with the Steering Committee will make the initial evaluation. They will see only the responses to the open-ended questions and will not know your identity unless a response is so specific your identity can be deduced. Thus, the initial screening will not be a name-recognition event or a personality contest.

By February 21, 1997, each screener will assign each application a score of one to ten. A mathematic average will then be determined for each applicant and the top 18 scores will be passed on to the Steering Committee.

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

The Steering Committee may choose to leave some positions vacant.

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

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

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WOMEN'S TREATMENT CENTER OPENS

Nebraska's first gender competent primary substance abuse treatment program for women open at St. Monica's in Lincoln

Program planning and start-up costs for the program to date have been provided by the Cooper Foundation, the Lincoln Foundation, the Rogers Foundation, James and Ann Rawley, First Bank, The Gallup Organization, and Duncan Aviation.

The program provides gender competent treatment for women who are chemically dependent or with co-existing substance abuse and mental health issues. It operates 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday in Lincoln. Child care and transportation assistance are provided. Program components include individualized treatment plan, individual counseling, daily group therapy, mental health screening and assessments, and health screenings.

Weekly topic groups include parenting, relapse prevention, general health, grief and same, relationships and assertiveness, and mental health. Daily psych-ed groups cover 30 topics over a six week period, and address issues such as domestic violence, forgiveness and guilt, spirituality, holistic health, sexual violence, stress management, socialization of women, body image, self-esteem, sexuality, and the physiological effects of substance abuse on women. Family care is included in the program. Fees are negotiated on a sliding scale based on each client's income/ability to pay. Insurance and Medicaid are accepted.

Recent scientific research across the country has verified that substance abuse treatment is most effective for women when it is "gender competent." that is, when it is specifically designed to meet the needs of women. Until now, there have been no gender competent programs for women anywhere in the state of Nebraska.

There are several major issues that affect substance abusing women more, or differently, than men.

- * Substance abusing women often have sole or primary responsibility for children, and little support system that could provide assistance such as a break from parenting or child care during treatment.
- * Pregnant women are affecting the health of their babies by abusing substances, but often don't admit to health practitioners that they are abusing drugs or alcohol for fear of prosecution for child abuse or loss of custody.
- * Women alcoholics and addicts are often surviving on incomes below the poverty level with no transportation or health insurance.
- * Studies have verified our experience that as many as 95% of substance abusing women are victims of domestic or sexual abuse, either now or in their childhood. Women don't feel free to discuss their abuse in mixed gender settings, so this major relapse issue is often not addressed at all.

For over 30 years, St. Monica's has provided gender competent residential and relapse prevention programs for women. These programs facilitate a woman's return to the community, and provide gender competent secondary treatment, after she has completed a traditional four to six week primary substance abuse treatment program.

Planning of this important program involved focus group meetings with over 100 community professionals in the field of substance abuse, mental and behavioral health counselors, representatives from schools and local women's organizations, and alumni of St. Monica's. Many other agencies, organizations, and individuals have agreed to collaborate with us on this project by presenting educational sessions on issues such as domestic and sexual violence, relapse prevention, health, relationships, and money management. For more information, contact Sheryl Schrepf, Executive Director at 402-441-3761.

ON YOUR MARK! GET SET! GO TO THE "MERRY QUEERMAS POST HOLIDAY BLUES BASH!"

On Saturday, January 11, 1997 from 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. at the Unitarian Church (6300 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE), we will be gathering to recover from the holidays. Join us for a dessert bonanza, mega fun with comedienne Katie McDonald, DJ Mania and Hullabaloo Dancing. If you wish to imbibe, BYOB. Entry is free, but the desserts will cost you. We are making our first attempt at "fund-raising" for the 1997 LPN Newsletter and projects. For all you parents out there, childcare will be provided at a minimal charge of \$2.00/child. PLAN TO BE THERE!! Show your sense of community pride. This is your opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Spread the word to your friends out of town. The more, the "queerier."

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CLINTON/GORE GAY AND LESBIAN OUTREACH GAINS MOMENTUM IN NEBRASKA

For the first time in Nebraska history, a gay and lesbian coalition was part of a Presidential campaign. The Clinton/Gore Gay and Lesbian Outreach, an extension of the Washington, D.C.-based Outreach office, shared office space with the Democratic coordinated campaign office in Omaha. With its efforts directed primarily at gay and lesbian voters in the Omaha area, the coalition urged voter registration and spread the "Get Out The Vote" message to this sector of the public. "We made hundred of telephone calls to the gay and lesbian community, as well as other voters concerned about progress," said Mark Allen, Nebraska State Chair for the Clinton/Gore Gay and Lesbian Outreach. "It was a grassroots effort in the truest sense of the word."

Working with the Rainbow Political Action Committee (PAC)*, the group also coordinated a mass mailing to about 1,000 voters. "This was history in the making for Nebraska," he said. "And, it's only the beginning. We're determined to impact future elections."

The coalition also distributed promotional material at the Democratic Party's election night rally and canvassed establishments frequented by Omaha's gay and lesbian community. It plans to work closely with the Washington, D.C.-based organization, as well as sister coalitions throughout the country.

The Clinton/Gore ticket garnered the group's support because of the Clinton Administration's emphasis on non-discrimination issues, HIV/AIDS funding, and gay and lesbian political

appointees. "He's done more for the gay and lesbian community than all former Presidents collectively," said Allen. "Just to hear him say the word 'gay' at the Democratic Convention was heartening and a validation of our important role in the political process."

*The Rainbow PAC is a group of metro-Omahans concerned about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues, as well as other progressive causes. Following this year's election, the Rainbow PAC will monitor political actions of those in office and keep records for future elections. Candidates' endorsements will be based on voting records and support for progressive issues. For more information, contact Scott Winkler, Rainbow PAC, at (402) 493-8277, or Mark Allen, Clinton/Gore Gay and Lesbian Outreach, at (402) 344-4939.

"LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER"

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

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

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SIOUX CITY COUPLE NAMED TO OUT 100

Jean Mayberry and Aleta Fenceroy of Sioux City, otherwise known as "The Fenceberrys", have been named to *OUT Magazine's* 100 List of "The 100 Most Impressive, Influential, or In-the-News Gay Men and Lesbians of 1996".

Listed in the December/January issue of *Out* in the category: "High Tech: Virtual Victories", the Fenceberrys were cited for being "tireless purveyors of gay news to Netizens" based on their e-mail news service, which is received by most of the major organizations, writers and activists in the g/l/b/t movement around the nation.

The service, founded by an Iowa City man two years ago, was taken up by the Fenceberrys in August when its originator decided that he no longer wanted to continue. They scour the Net for mainstream newspaper and magazine articles and letters on topics pertaining to g/l/b/t issues and forward them to their mailing list of almost 500 for two purposes: to keep their readers informed and to encourage people to write letters in reaction to the news.

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NAP SPONSORS WOMEN'S OUTREACH

By Larry Bierce

NAP Education Coordinator

Across the United States, HIV And AIDS surveillance data have pointed to women of childbearing age as an emerging high-risk group for HIV disease. Historically, Nebraska women have comprised only about 9 percent of AIDS cases reported to the Nebraska Department of Health (NDOH) since 1983. However, according to the newly implemented HIV surveillance data released by NDOH, women are accounting for 21 percent of newly diagnosed HIV infections in Nebraska.

Addressing the needs of women who may be at risk for HIV is a complex task requiring that intervention providers look at a variety of issues the women face in American society. Sexual Assault, domestic violence, poverty, substance abuse, children and family, and many other issues may come into play in the lives of women at risk for HIV and other life-threatening health problems. A group of female professionals, headed by NAP volunteer Kelly Boury, have formed a group called W.A.R., or Women-at-Risk, to begin addressing HIV prevention and harm-reduction education for women in Metro-Omaha.

According to Boury, W.A.R.'s primary goal is "to empower women to reduce their risk for HIV infection by providing education, support, referrals, and access to risk-reduction information and devices." W.A.R.'s services and activities will be housed in the NAP Outreach Center at 1723 Leavenworth. Beginning in January, woman-to-woman HIV testing and counseling will be conducted the first and third Saturday of each month from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Outreach Center. In the near future, W.A.R. hopes to make available female condoms, finger cots, latex dams, bleach kits, and other risk-reduction supplies to help women regardless of their sexual orientation, take charge of managing their risk. Audrey Espinoza, testing coordinator for NAP, is working closely with W.A.R. volunteers to devise ways of reaching women in minority communities who may not be getting the help they need because of cultural or linguistic barriers.

In addition to W.A.R., other outreach activities are on the drawing boards at NAP for 1997. The Leavenworth Outreach Center will also house activities designed to reach the gay community, sex workers, and other populations at risk. If you are interested in joining the outreach effort in '97, please call the NAP office at 342-6367 to request a volunteer application.

LETTER POLICY

The *New Voice* will publish only those letters to the editor which include full name and either address or phone number so we can verify authenticity. You can request that your name not be published but we must be able to contact you for verification.

LEGISLATION, LOBBYING AND LEGALIZED MARRIAGE! CFEP PREPARES FOR UNICAMERAL SESSION

by Gary L. Beck

With the continuing legal battles in Hawaii for recognition of same-sex marriages, many states on the mainland have taken it upon themselves to implement legislation denying recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states. Nebraska's Attorney General Don Stenberg urged the unicameral to do the same last Spring with no success. It is expected that a bill will be introduced in the unicameral during the 1997 session. Therefore, it is tantamount that gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered individuals across the state need to lobby their senators to ensure that they know how we feel. With a unified effort, we stand a better chance of preventing the passage of such a bill.

Citizens for Equal Protection will be organizing to educate senators in the unicameral and try to work with those members who have been identified as progressive towards gay and lesbian issues. With the assistance of the Rainbow Political Action Committee, CFEP has a listing of senators whom we expect to be supportive in this endeavor of blocking a vote negative to same-sex marriages in Nebraska.

Another legislative issue that CFEP is investigating is inclusion of sexual orientation protection in the state's employment non-discrimination policy. Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha sponsored this bill last year which failed. Attempts are expected to be pursued again this year.

At the CFEP meeting on **Thursday, January 9, 1997 at 7:00 P.M.**, we have tentatively scheduled a professional AIDS lobbyist from Lincoln to speak at our meeting. It is a crucial time for the G/L/B/T community of Nebraska. We need every able-bodied individual to help us with letter writing campaigns, phone calls, and personal visits with senators to prevent our rights from being impinged. CFEP meets at the First Unitarian Church at 31st and Harney. If you have any further questions or would like to volunteer, please come to our meeting or call the phone line at (402) 398-3027.

APPLICATIONS FOR EMPEROR AND EMPRESS AVAILABLE

The Imperial Court of Nebraska has extended the time period for members to apply as candidates for Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court. Applications will be available by January 1, 1997. Applications must be returned to ICON by March 1. The campaign period has also been extended and will last for 3 months, ending prior to Coronation 17, to be held July 5 at the Paxton Manor Ballroom. Complete details on eligibility and campaign procedures will be available from the ICON Board of Governors and in local gbt establishments beginning January 1.

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RIVER CITY COUPLES: Up Close and Personal

November 10, 14 g/l/b/t couples from Nebraska and Western Iowa gathered at MCC-Omaha for a potluck dinner; the River City Couples became a reality. This organization came about as the result of a retreat sponsored by EXCEL during September. Four couples met at EXCEL, forming strong bonds of friendship. As the weekend progressed, we discussed our need for greater opportunities to meet other couples. What was needed, we felt, was a group geared to g/l/b/t people in committed relationships. At an October get-together, our discussion came around to a need for a broader circle of acquaintances. We decided we needed socialization with other couples more than a formal support group. As a result, the idea of the River City Couples was born. Who are "We"? We're Eric Strom and Scott Hays, Chuck W. and John L., Jim Morford and Jerry Dike, and Roy and J Wright, Steering Committee for the River City Couples (soon we'll be adding a lesbian couple to our committee so that we can begin our goal of integrating and diversifying).

Eric and Scott have been together for about 9 months. We met in the spring of 1995, "the modern way," via the internet. At that time, Eric lived in Indiana. Home for the summer, Eric met Scott face to face. Was it love at first sight? "Not really," says Eric, "after that first encounter I wasn't sure I'd

see him again. But as I was driving to see Scott for the third time, it dawned on me that I was growing to love him." Eric returned to Indiana, now head over heels in love. "The next year was hard. I had no idea how Scott felt. But I kept letting him know how I felt about him." In April, Scott invited Eric on a cruise. "Now I know, I guess!" When Eric moved back to Omaha in May of 1996, we moved in together. We plan to formally commit our lives to each other this summer.

Why our involvement in River City Couples? "Frankly, sitting home alone at night, while being rewarding, can get a bit boring. We wanted to get out, to hang out with friends. But let's face it, the bars just aren't that interesting to either of us. Where can we go to meet people?"

J (that's his real name!) met Roy Wright 5 and a half years ago at the MAX. For Roy, it was almost love at first sight. "Wow! He's cute. I want to get to know him," Roy remembers thinking. J remembers thinking "This could be Mr. Right. Let's find out." That night they talked about what they were looking for in a partner. In addition to partners who were honest, trustworthy, and faithful, both were looking for a best friend. They've found their dreams with each other. They went on another three dates, then J "moved Roy in."

They got involved in helping found River City Couples because they "always talked about having more friends to hang out with and to do things with, without having to worry about each other getting hit on." "We've always been friends with Chuck and John. They've been very good to us. But we all need more friends!" J says he's looking for other couples "to share life's experiences with." Roy and J see a great potential for River City Couples to serve as role models. "We see Jim and Jerry as examples of what committed life can be. We want to be an example to society that gays and lesbians can be monogamous for the long term. You just have to be willing to really work for it."

The third couple is Jim Morford and Jerry Dike. Jim and Jerry met at the Diamond over 23 years ago. Jim, on the rebound, wasn't interested in meeting someone. Jerry, on the other hand, took one look at Jim and fell in love. This has been his one and only relationship. "I took one look and thought, 'He's the cutest thing I ever saw!'" Jim told Jerry, "I'm not looking for a one night stand." Jim and Jerry have long seen a need for a couples group in Omaha. "We enjoy spending time with other couples. We're not bar people. Until we got involved in MCC we didn't know anyone else." Jerry says, "We're looking for deep friendships. People we can lean on when we need friends, like when I was in the hospital and Jim had to sit there alone, with no one to turn to." The two want to see River City Couples become more visible to counter negative images of promiscuity that pervade people's minds. "We need to be out in the public as a group. We CAN change public opinion. We can be role models for change."

Chuck and John met 15 years ago. At first, Chuck never thought anything would come of the relationship, and John kept wondering "how long before we go our separate ways?" After dating for about a month, they realized their relationship was growing deeper. Chuck says, "I sat him down and we talked about what we wanted. We agreed on three things. First, we agreed we were looking for someone to be faithful. We both wanted someone who loved us, whom we loved. And we both were looking for someone who was a Christian." Realizing the "met each other's standards," they moved in together. Fifteen years has proved them right. Chuck and John became interested in the concept of the River City Couples because they felt couples "need a place to go, an alternative to the bars. We just want a place to make friends."

For more information on the River City Couples, you may contact the church office at MCC, 345-2563.



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Barons John & Mark

Host Special Show January 19

January 19 Barons John and Mark host a special show at the MAX featuring the very best of live and lip synch. Mark and John have invited some of their close friends who perform in the Kansas City area to join them on stage for a very special show.

Fiesta Thursdays at DC's

And on Thursday, January 23, Phoenix will host the first "Fiesta Thursday" at DC's, featuring a Mexican menu including tacos and a chance to take a swing at a Pinata. For something different, check out Fiesta Thursdays at DC's.

Fundraising is underway for 5 scholarships to be awarded at Coronation 17 this summer. Watch for more details.

WHAT IS GAY RODEO? PART 2

Heartland Regional Rodeo, sponsored by HGRA, is scheduled for weekend of June 27-29, 1997, in Fremont, NE. Besides the rodeo performances on Saturday and Sunday, HGRA is also planning activities for Friday and Saturday nights. More on that in a later article. HGRA hopes that Heartland Regional Rodeo becomes a successful fund-raising endeavor and weekend of first class entertainment for our community.

There are a total of thirteen events in gay rodeo, divided into four categories: Rough Stock events, Roping events, Horse events, and Camp events. There are four Rough Stock events: Chute Dogging, Steer Riding, Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding. The rules are similar for the three riding events. Last month's article described Chute Dogging and Steer Riding. This article describes Bronc Riding and Bull Riding.

ROUGH STOCK EVENTS, PART 2

Bareback Bronc Riding

The contestant must remain on a bucking horse for 6 seconds with only a rigging to hold on to; there is no saddle. Times starts when the gate opens and the horse leaves the chute. A horn sounds 6 seconds later to signify time end. The contestant's boot heels or spurs must be touching the horse in front of its shoulders at the time the horse's front feet hits the ground on the first move out of the chute. The contestant may ride with one or two hands, but a two-handed ride scores lower. Two judges score the ride and each judge awards up to 25 points for the animal and up to 25 points for the rider for a total possible score of 100. Highest score wins. Men and women compete separately.

Bull Riding

This is the most dangerous event in a rodeo, and one of the most popular. Besides bucking, a bull may also spin, which adds to the difficulty of the ride. The contestant starts off sitting on the bull in the bucking chute. The gate opens, and time starts when the bull leaves the chute. Time ends 6 seconds later, and a horn sounds to signify time end. The contestant rides with one hand free and must remain on the bull for the entire 6 seconds. The contestant is disqualified for touching **anything** with the free hand, including the animal, the contestant's hat, equipment, etc. Two judges score the ride and each judge awards up to 25 points for the animal and up to 25 points for the rider for a total possible score of 100. Highest score wins. Men and women compete separately.

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LESBIAN WITH AIDS SPEAKS OUT

by Deb Hardy

When I came out of the closet as a lesbian 15 years ago, there were smiling faces, warm hugs and new friendships to guide me as I moved with excitement into the uncharted future. I was out and free to live my life and celebrate my sexuality.

In the past few years, I've learned that there are many kinds of closets which are just as dark and lonely as they were 15 years ago. When HIV struck, I found myself in the closet once again, all alone with my secret. Somehow I didn't think that those hugs and smiles would be there when I came out this time. I wondered if I should share my status with family and friends, or just remain silent in an effort to protect the ones I loved from the anguish I was experiencing around my new HIV diagnosis.

For years I had been a caregiver — part of the support system for several of my brothers with HIV/AIDS. I visited the housebound and sat with the lonely. I helped prepare meals, provided transportation to appointments, walked in the AIDS walks, participated in memorials, vigils, and marches — always thinking of these "others" affected by this disease and wanting to be a part of a solution that would end the suffering and alienation of these men I'd grown to love so much. At the time, in spite of what I'd heard, I thought that HIV/AIDS was somehow just "a man's disease." In ten years, I'd only met one woman with HIV, and I think I considered her disease "an accident of sorts."

I never realized that in my efforts to provide support and hope for these PWA's I cared about, that I was laying a foundation for my own future: the day when I found out that I was one of "them" — no longer only affected, but also infected by HIV.

That day my mind was flooded with questions, and my emotions felt out of control. What would I tell my family? How would I tell the lover I'd recently separated from? And how would I ever explain this to the community of lesbians I was a part of? Shame and fear quickly set in. I knew that HIV was an equal opportunity virus that doesn't discriminate. But quickly I learned there was an unspoken discrimination — a "rule" that even I subscribed to, that stated that if I were any kind of respectable lesbian, this wouldn't have happened to me.

But it did, and there I was — 28 years old, working, playing, loving and living my version of the "American Dream." I was growing and maturing and seeing my ministry in UFMCC getting more defined and more effective. Would this news change everything for me? Would any part of my life ever be the same again?

I tried to shoulder the news, silently at first, living in a kind of self-imposed exile. It only lasted for a couple of weeks. But in that time I felt alone, abandoned by God and victimized by circumstances. The promising future that I had looked toward was now looming ahead, frightening and uncertain!

In my growing desperation, I sought help from an MCC pastor. She was a lesbian, my friend, and I knew that circumstances in her own family had brought her face to face with the challenges of HIV, especially as it affects women. She laughed, cried, and prayed with me as I shared my struggle with her. She gave me support and encouragement as I sought out medical care and began working through the maze of services for PWA's. She reminded me that although I may have felt abandoned by God, God never let go of me — that I was still in God's care, and that God still had plans to use me.

For the first year or two, however, I did hide out in the shadows of my HIV closet. I was still afraid that I would be judged, and that no one would be there to support me. But there came a time when I couldn't carry the burden alone anymore, and a night when I laid it down and things began to change for me.

It was an evening in May at our Northwest District Conference in Boise, Idaho when I realized that I couldn't keep fighting this battle by myself. The two men who had been my primary HIV support had passed away in the preceding weeks, and I was feeling very alone and afraid. Rather suddenly I lost that composure that always seemed to carry me through, and tears of grief, fear, and struggle poured out of me.

As I began to cry, I wondered if the tears would ever stop falling.

Suzanne McKeag was visiting our district conference with her partner Marsha Stevens of BALM Ministries, sharing the Word through testimony and song. I didn't know Suzanne, but she ministered to me so effectively that she helped me find some much needed peace and relief. She also helped me shape the future of my ministry by demonstrating so beautifully what it really means to minister and care for someone. She didn't just pay lip service. She touched me. She met me in my grief and isolation, and helped me to see that I wasn't alone. As we shared, the tears of anguish were somehow transformed to a healing wash. I vowed to myself that I would never return to the shadows of that closet again. I held my head high, and with my newfound freedom and support in MCC, I identified myself as a lesbian living with HIV. I started living again.

It wasn't too long after that district conference that my health declined, and I was diagnosed with AIDS. I was retired from my secular job. At first, I felt useless, and I headed to the security of my recliner to live out the rest of my days! But within a few weeks, I was reminded that God still wasn't finished with me yet, and I found myself working with BALM Ministries. I now handle the bookings for Marsha's and Suzanne's ministry and often travel with them to MCC's all over the U.S. where I get to share my experiences and hope with others.

In my travels, I've visited a lot of churches, made a lot of friends, and found more prayer partners and support than I could have ever imagined. I've also met many people — men, women, and children — living with HIV. And my heart aches so much for the ones who go on living in fear of rejection, carrying the burden of HIV alone. There is so much love and support to be found in our Fellowship, and I try to be a part of that support network because I want to give back to this community of believers who have given so much to me.

I can't imagine what the last year would have been like without my family in MCC's and independent churches all across this country. In the last six months, I have been hospitalized eleven times with PCP or complications of other opportunistic infections I live with. At times, my declining health has seemed overwhelming, but at no time in the last few months have I ever really felt alone. I spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in the hospital with my biological family 2,000 miles away, and yet my holidays were still rich and full.

As I travel and talk to people about living with HIV, I try to remind everyone that HIV is not just my problem. We are all in this together. I talk about my search for answers when I was first diagnosed. In my search, I found strength and encouragement as I read about the miracles in the New Testament and how Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). I believe the Word and therefore know that God must still be in the miracle-working business!

I found hope in the story of the woman with the issue of blood found in Matthew, Chapter 9. Chad been sick for years and no one could find a cure, and it seemed that there was no hope for her. But she'd heard of Jesus. And she reached out, past her fears and the judgments of the day to touch the edge of His garment. He looked at her and said, "Your faith has made you whole!" She was healed.

It was on one of those faith-lacking days that my mother reminded me of the story of another miracle found in that same chapter of Matthew — a story about a paralytic. No matter how much the man wanted to get to Jesus, or how much faith he had, he couldn't get there on his own. But his friends picked up his bed and took him to Jesus. They carried him to the roof, tore back the tiles, and lowered him into the presence of Jesus. Scripture tells us that Jesus saw their faith... and the man was healed!

I started to see at that point that on those days when I just don't feel like I have the faith to carry me through, my friends and family, like the friends of the paralytic, take up my cause and carry my name to the feet of the Great Physician who is the source of my healing.

Today, my life is very exciting and richer than I could have ever dreamed. I have six months worth of cards, letters, phone calls and well wishes from my sisters and brothers in this Fellowship. I need to respond to them — and at the rate I'm going, I'd better pray for a very long life, or I'll never get to them all! But I think that's a challenge I can live with!

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BISEXUAL RESOURCE GUIDE - NEW 1997 EDITION

Robyn Ochs, Editor

The Bisexual Resource Center is proud to announce the publication of the second edition of The Bisexual Resource Guide. The Guide is a valuable and unique resource to the burgeoning bisexual movement in the United States and beyond.

It contains:

- Listings of more than 1700 bi and les-bi-gay groups in 22 countries
- An annotated bibliography of recommended books which deal with bisexuality, including information on forthcoming publications
- An annotated guide to recommended films
- Internet resources for bisexuals
- How to get buttons, T-shirts, books, etc.
- Safer sex information
- Upcoming conferences, calls for papers, etc.

One reader writes, "I have spent hours reading through the book. We are fairly isolated here in my country... You have no idea how wonderful it can be to leaf over page after page listing bi groups of every kind, it is tremendously heartening to know that we are not isolated freaks but part of a worldwide network."

The Bisexual Resource Guide, published by the Bisexual Resource Center, is available for only \$11.95, postage paid. To order your copy, send a check, along with your address, to BRC, P.O. Box 639, Cambridge, MA 02140.

NUDE CRUISE

Naked Magazine, the premier publication for gay male naturists, announced another cruise in its series of gay, naked, male-only, tall sailing ship cruises. The itinerary for this cruise is to the Greek Isles. Previous naked cruises have been only to the Caribbean.

The NAKED GAY GREEK CRUISE dates are June 7 - 15, 1997. Prices begin at \$1,799.00 per person double occupancy. Single shares, as well as single cabins, can be arranged for solo passengers. The price includes on the cruise, all food, all liquor on-board, all gratuities, transfers, taxes and port charges. Included also is sight-seeing in Turkey. Discounted airfare is available.

Robert Steele, publisher, said, "We are very excited about this new destination. It gives our naked passengers a chance to play bare in the home of the Greek gods - one of the ultimate fantasies. Our passengers can be as naked as they want while they enjoy the fun and sun of the Mediterranean."

The ship for this cruise is a luxury tall sailing ship which holds 170 passengers. The ship has two pools, an outdoor tropical bar and an inside piano bar. Casual elegance is the decor and the ambience of the vessel. Watersports, including scuba are available. Each cabin has a private bath, telephone, cable movies and music. Departure will be from Kusadasi, Turkey and scheduled ports of call will include Mykonos, Samos, and two deserted islands. The only time clothing is required aboard the ship is during meal service. In ports of call, appropriate sightseeing clothing is required, except at nude beaches and the deserted isles on the itinerary.

Additional information and brochures are available from NAKED MAGAZINE TRAVEL, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 109-232, West Hollywood, CA 90046 or by calling 800-962-5330.

CATALOG LISTS GAY BOOKS

Paths Untrodden, a gay owned/gay operated mail order book service for literature concerning male homosexuality, gay liberation and men's issues has released its annual catalog. The catalog lists hundreds of titles in an expanded subject classification that includes 87 subject areas.

Paths Untrodden specializes in hard to find out of print, small press, and imported books. This catalog highlights non-fiction. It also contains recent acquisitions of gay fiction titles published in earlier eras, and a selection of vintage gay erotic paperbacks from the early '60's and '70's for gay nostalgia buffs. A special supplement on the *Joy of Collecting Gay Books* by Florida gay writer Jesse Monteagudo is included.

Paths Untrodden was founded in March, 1979 and operated for many years from a site near the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in New York. This catalog is the first issued from the West Coast where it relocated early in 1996.

The catalog, a 48-page bibliography of gay literature, is available for \$3.00 from Paths Untrodden, P.O. Box 430, Seattle, WA 98111-0430.

**Congratulations
to the
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for a successful
first issue!**

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When I found out that I was HIV positive, it seemed that my life was over, and life as I knew it, was. But as I've grown, and as my disease has progressed, I really have been blessed with "new eye" that see most days as beautiful, no matter what the weather is like. I found love and compassion for other people that I never knew existed. And although I deal with the reality of the struggles that come with living with AIDS, with the help of my caregivers and friends, most of whom are in MCC, I've begun to celebrate my life instead of worrying about my death.

As I am writing this article, I am sitting in a treatment room at the clinic that treats me for HIV/AIDS, enjoying that first cup of morning coffee and friendly chat with Lauri, my caregiver, and the clinic staff. We're sharing thoughts and feelings, dreams and future plans. Today, we have some pretty important decisions to make like, what should we do for lunch?

I'm really not the least bit concerned about what other people think of me and the fact that I have AIDS. I have the support and love that I need to face anything. My concern today is much bigger, as I ponder the origin of these three units of blood I'm receiving in this transfusion. Who were these donors? What are they like? Could they possibly have been a gay brother or a lesbian sister - or is it possible that they were flaming heterosexuals, or even Republicans? The possibilities seem endless and laughter fills the room as I share my concerns with the nursing staff.

I remember a time when I sat in this very room feeling like I'd been dealt a death sentence. Since then I've learned that it was just another obstacle in this road we trudge called "life."

I try to make the most of every moment and I find that life is good! There is still love, laughter, and play. Even after an AIDS diagnosis, there is life!

There is a saying that I've taken to heart - "T is the first day of the rest of your life!!" And it is! Each new day brings with it hope. I look toward the days ahead anticipating a bright future. And I am strengthened as I face that future as a willing participant and no longer fear it as a victim!

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RESOURCE CENTER SEEKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In last month's issue of *The New Voice* the Steering Committee announced that applications for the Resource Center's Board of Directors would be available beginning December 15, 1996. The applications have been distributed to various organizations as well as the community's bars and businesses. A copy of the full application form is found on pages 21 and 22 of this issue of *The New Voice*. If you have questions, please write to GLBT Steering Committee, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108 or call Jim at 323-7821.

or check our web page at <http://www.angle.org/comment.html>. Answers may be as long as necessary. On a separate sheet, please submit the following information: your name, address, phone number(s), occupation, and the last four digits of your social security number. Completed applications should be returned to the P.O. box listed above, and must be postmarked no later than January 31, 1997.

The Board of Directors will be installed by April 1, 1997.

SECOND "TOOLS" SHOW A SUCCESS

Steve Koeller Scores Another Success at DC's

Once again, the community turned out with dollars in hand and high spirits to support the Resource Center. Sunday, November 24, the steering committee sponsored its second fund raising show, "Tools and Turkeys: What a Twosome." The event raised over \$800.00 for the center. Under the able direction of Steve Koeller, our brightest and best entertainers put on a wonderful show. An interesting wrinkle to this show was the appearance of co-hosts, with Mr. Koeller generously sharing MC duties with several of the performers. Especially amusing was a turn put in by Ms Joan Rivers who shared her insights into the celebrity world with the audience.

The steering committee extends heartfelt thanks to all who performed: Katrina Kane, Quinci Valentine, Annie Welty, Jeff McKenzie, Miranda Rights, Royal Bush, Barbra Love, Roxy, and Satin (as Joan Rivers and Cher.) These entertainers not only donated time and talent, they also donated all of their tips. Congratulations and thanks to the management and staff at DC's who hosted the show, and the people who worked hard behind the scenes to make the show a success.

JANUARY AT Q

The month starts off HOT! as Q brings Portfolio Men from Minneapolis with an all new multi-media male revue for a special show on Saturday, January 4. Sunday, January 5, enjoy an evening with the diva, Miss Sheeza Mann herself! and on January 12 Miss Sinnamon brings together an evening of unique entertainment with "Go-Go Gadget Girls." January 19 is Casino Night with Las Vegas style table games, prizes, and more. The next two Sundays are devoted to looking for the best new talent around. January 26 is Star Search '97 and Sunday, February 2 is Amateur Strip Night with cash prizes AND ALL THAT FLESH! In January, turn your Blahs into OZ.....at Q.

THE BOOK STATION HOSTS WORKSHOP FOR NEW ORIGINAL SHOW

Georgia O'Keefe tag-team symbolism wrestling! Drag Queen Tupperware parties! A twenty-one pom-pom salute to birkenstocks! Quentin Quisp on a tab of acid! Special parking for the rainbow coalition! All these and more will be touched on in a workshop sponsored by The Book Station. Owners Heather and Sally Akerber, along with local poet Brian Bengtson will be hosting the first in a series of workshops at The Book Station on January 11th, at 4:00 p.m. The end-result of these workshops will be a new performance piece tentatively entitled "An evening of bad Gay and Lesbian poetry."

This workshop is open to anyone in the community who would like to join in the creative process of this "tongue in cheek" performance. A sense of humor is the main requirement, along with a background in creative writing and some theater experience.

Future workshops and the eventual performance date will be scheduled at this first meeting.

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LOOKING AHEAD: A Calendar of Events for the Coming Year

January 97

Check Community Calendar

February 97

- 2 - Bob & Inga Show at MAX
- 9 - Miss ICE Bowl at MAX
- 15-16 - ICE Bowl Bowling Tourney
- 16 - ICON Sweet 16 Prom, The MAX
- 20 - ICON Fiesta Thursday @ DC's
- 22 "Hearts of Fire" Hastings

March 97

- TBA P-FLAG-Omaha 10th Anniv
- 28 - Good Friday Services - MCCO
- 30 - Easter Services at MCC-O
- 30 - ICON Easter Bonnet Contest

April 97

- TBA -GLAGN Barn Dance
- 25, 26 PFLAG-Omaha Garage Sale

May 97

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

June 97

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

July 97

- 4, 5, 6 ICON Picnic & Coronation
- TBA - Mr. Nebraska Fantasy Contst

August 97

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

September

- 5 - PFLAG Putt-Putt Golf
- 7 - ICON Labor Day Picnic

October

- 11 - Nat'l Coming Out Day

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- The Garden 112 SE 4th St. 243-3965
- Tacky's 515 E 6th 245-9126
- Chat Noir Cafe 644-18th 244-1353

Omaha (A.C. 402)

- The Chesterfield 1901 Leavenworth 345-6889
- CR Babes 1951 St. Mary's 344-2310
- DC's 610 S. 14th, 344-3103
- The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595
- Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147
- The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110
- Omaha Mining Company 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

Lincoln (A.C. 402)

- Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764
- Q 226 S. 9th St. 475-2269

Sioux City, IA (A.C. 712)

- Kings & Queens 417 Nebr. 252-4167
- 3 Cheers 414 20th St. 255-8005

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- Metropolitan Community Church
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- New Realities
- Omaha Mining Company
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
- Retro
- The Infield
- The Mystery Bookstore
- St. Mary's Tau
- Visions (Custom Framing)

Council Bluffs:

- Adult Emporium

Lincoln:

- The Panic
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
- Q
- UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
- Women's Resource Center

Kearney:

- GLAGN
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays

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AREA RESOURCES

RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS EDUCATION, INFO & REFERRAL

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

****Omaha Office:** 3610 Dodge, Suite 110,
68131, Administration 342-6367; AIDS
Hotline 402-342-4233.

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

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

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

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

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

****Nebraska Dept of Health**,

***Kearney** 3423 2nd Ave 68847 308/865-5609

***Norfolk Regional Ctr Adm Bldg** 16 370-3395

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

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

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

** **Planned Parenthood of Omaha-Council
Bluffs**, 4610 Dodge, Omaha, Ne 68132 (402)
554-1040, Testing, Same Day Results (2nd &
4th Wed 4-7pm) recorded info (558-7526)

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

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

Veterans Admin Medical Center, 42 & Wool-
worth, Omaha 346-8800; Deaf/Pierce, x 4119

HIV/AIDS COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR HIV/AIDS

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

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



GLBT RESOURCES

GREATER NEBRASKA BASED RESOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IOWA BASED RESOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
*Sioux City, IA PO Box 1311, Sioux City, 51102
Meet 2nd Sun, 2pm, Mayflower Congregational
Church, 1407 W. 18

SOUTH DAKOTA BASED RESOURCES

PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
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Sioux Falls Support Group for Men, IV) Box
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"O" St., Lincoln, (402) 434-9482

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

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

AREA RESOURCES

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND RELATED RESOURCES

LINCOLN BASED RESOURCES

- Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings**
**Mon. 7:30pm, Rainbow A.A., 3rd Floor, "Meeting Place" 28 & S, Lincoln
**Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526
**Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214
- Bi Discussion Group**, 2nd Tuesday, Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln, Wendy 476-0314
- Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts.**, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter
- Gay Men's Support Grp.**, Counseling & Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL, Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential
- Lambda Business Assoc.**, Box 6341, Lincoln 68506 421-483-6183, Mtg 4th Sun, 3pm
- Lesbian Discussion Group**, Womens Resource Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588, 472-2597, Call for meeting information
- Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects**, 610 "J", Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. O/P chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality. Sliding Fee
- Lincoln Pride Network**, Pride events, Coming Out Day, Newsletter, Call P-FLAG Hotline for details 434-9880
- Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg.**, Sat, 10am, YWCA, Lincoln, Contact Judith at 472-2598
- National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln** activist org. issues of full equality for women, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 477-1226
- Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG)**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880, 4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", HIV Family Grp, Under 21 Grp same time place
- SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, For older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, All welcome
- Straight Spouse Support Group -- Lincoln**, Call 489-9088 for info
- UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr**, Rm 234 Neb Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644, Social, info, referral, library, General meetings Tuesdays, 7pm, during school year
- The Wimm'n's Show**, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln
- A Woman's Place**, Lincoln, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women
- Youth Support Group--Lincoln**, Every Other Saturday 4-6pm, Call 434-9880
- Youth Talkline** 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm-Midnite, Lincoln Emotional support, referrals, AIDS info for callers. Age 23 and under. Project of Coalition for G.L. Civil Rts
- YWCA Counseling & Education Department**, 476-2802, Lincoln. Information and Referral

OMAHA BASED RESOURCES

- Al-Anon Fridays** 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74
- Alcoholics Anonymous**, **Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prsbymn
**Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High
**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm.
**Live & Let Live Group, Friday, 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74
- A.N.G.L.E.** (Achieving New Gay Lesbian Endeavors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108, 558-5303, Network, raise consciousness, PRIDE activities, Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet www.angl.org
- Art/AIDS Awareness Foundation**, P.O. Box 461033, Papillion, 68046-1033, (402) 592-7812, e-mail: ezgoing@ix.netcom.com Group of HIV+ visual artists educating public about realities of AIDS through art.
- The Book Station and Coffee Lounge**, Books, Gifts, Coffee, 1913 Leavenworth St., 342-0520
- Citizens For Equal Protection**, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155, 398-3027, Legislative action 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney
- EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians, USWEST Pat Phalen, 1299 Farnam, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102, (402) 348-8569
- Frontrunners/walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104, HOTLINE 496-3658, Running Walking Club (SASE for info)
- Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo)**, UNO Students - Wednesdays, 4-6pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Talk Group 2nd Wed 3pm, Info: Jonathan Raymond 571-8518
- 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
- GLBT Resource Center**, Box 8343, Omaha, 68108, Call 558-5303 "A Work in Progress" Working to establish a GLBT Resource Center in the Omaha area
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGRA)**, Box 3354, Omaha, 68103-0354, Dan 597-1689 Enjoy/support rodeos, country activities. Meets 1st Saturday alternating between Omaha/Des Moines
- ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Tournament held President's Day Weekend
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 Fundrasing organization workign for advancement of G.L.B.T society, Board Meets 1st Monday each month, 7pm, Location varies
- "Learning to Exchange Power"** Novice BD/SM Support Grp, 2nd Sunday, 2-4pm, Back Room, Woxden Apple, 22nd & Murtha, Omaha
- L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha)** educational-social grp, Gay Men interested in Leather Lifestyle Write: Box 8181, Omaha, 68108
- LinOma Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68106 Nudist Naturalist Club for gay-bi men
- Lutherans Concerned**, 453-7137, 7pm, Mar. 3, June 2, Oct 6, Dec 1, 1st Lutheran Omaha
- Metropolitan Club**, Box 8603, Omaha 68108-0603, 3rd Thursdays, Neon Goose, 7pm, gay lesbian professionals to meet, socialize, network
- Men's Support Group**, Meet Tuesdays 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St. Call 345-2563
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, 68103, E-mail address: MICCOMAHA@radiks.net Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am
- National Org. for Women (NOW) Omaha** - political grassroots activist org. issues of full equality for women-Omaha NOW, Box 3325, Omaha 68103-0325, (402) 391-7303, Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney
- Nebraska Zen Center** for all persons, 3625 Lafayette Ave, Omaha 68131, 551-9035
- New Realities**, Books, Tapes, Gifts, Old Market Passageway, 1026 Howard, 68102, 342-1863
- The New Voice of Nebraska**, Box 3512, Omaha 68103 Monthly magazine, (402) 556-9907 or tjrr05c@prodigy.com
- Omaha Meatpackers**, AIDS fundraising organization Call: (712) 366-1791
- Omaha Players Club (OPC)**, Pansexual education support group Meeting parties monthly, Send \$5 and an age statement to OPC, Box 34463 Omaha 68134
- Omaha Women for Sobriety** meet Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29 St., Contact Judith at 472-2598 for more info.
- ONYX IMAGES**, Box 31026, Omaha, NE 68132-9998, Fraternity for African American men. Age restriction for membership. Support for brothers of all ages.
- Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays PFLAG** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064, 291-6781 Meet 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7pm, "Program & Sharing" - 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"
- Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns**, 733-1360, Cleve, Omaha
- Proud Horizons Youth Support Group**, sponsor: PFLAG. For gay, lesbian youth & those questioning sexuality, age 13-21. Meets Sat., Omaha, Call 291-6781.
- River City Couples**, Social Support for GLBT couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric: 392-1443, email recouple@probe.net
- River City Mixed Bowling League**, Sundays, 3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 3112, Omaha 68103-3122 Message Hotline 398-1255, Email: sgibbna@synergy.net. For cross-dressers, transsexuals, those wishing to know more. All orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267, 341-SING (341-7464). Volunteer chorus for Gay Lesbian Sensitive people
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 7-9pm, 2nd Thursday, 1st Methodist, Room 209, 291-6781
- W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather Tactics)** Box 7083, Omaha, 68107-7083 Educational social group for women of leather, Omaha Lincoln 402-477-7741
- Women of the Plains**, Box 24355, Omaha, 68124, Bring women's culture back to Omaha
- Women's Support Group**, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am
- WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712, Quarterly newsletter for lesbian voices & events

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

JANUARY CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

EVERY MONDAY

EVERY TUESDAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m.
MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563
Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts

HIV Tests, NAP, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, Omaha 7-9:30pm
River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm

Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598
Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450
Frontrunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot
PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437
AA, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha
Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA
UNO GaLO 4-6pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr. Call 571-8518

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Jan. 1 (1st Wed)

January 5 (1st Sunday)
Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
An Evening With the Diva, Sheeza Mann performs at the Q, Lincoln
Strippers at The MAX, Omaha

Jan. 6 (1st Monday)
ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

Jan. 7 (1st Tuesday)
AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th Lincoln
ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha

Jan. 8 (2nd Wed)
GALO Talk Group, 3pm, Q's call Jonathan 571-8518 for info

January 12 (2nd Sunday)
Frontrunners, Gene Leahy Mall, 10am, Omaha
Learning to Exchange Power Novice BD/SM Grp, Back Rm, Wooden Apple, 22 & Martha, 2-4pm,
PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm
Miss MAX Stepping Down Show, The MAX, Omaha

Jan. 13 (2nd Monday)
AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Omaha

Jan. 14 (2nd Tuesday)
Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA
Free/Confidential HIV Testing 5-7pm by Lancaster Co Health Dept at The Panic, Lincoln
HIV/AIDS Support Group for Women, 7-9pm, NAPOffice, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln
Bi Discussion Group, 7:30pm, Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln, Wendy 476-0314

Jan. 15 (3rd Wed)
1997 Pride Team Meeting, Call Matt Samp for details, 393-8080, or call Info Line at 558-5303

January 19 (3rd Sunday)
Frontrunner 10am Field Club Trail, 39 & Harney, Omaha
Community Resource Center Steering Committee, 2pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22
PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/995-5490
Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488
John & Mark "No Frills Love", The MAX, Omaha

Jan. 20 (3rd Monday)

Jan 21 (3rd Tuesday)
NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432 "M", 474-1960
Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303
Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175

Jan 22 4th Wed)

January 26 (4th Sunday)
Frontrunners, 10am, Elmwood Park, Meet at Pool, Omaha
PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth
Lambda Business Association, 3pm, Lincoln 483-6183
MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215
The MAX Omaha
River City Mixed Chorus "Out Loud", Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO
Miss MAX Pageant, The MAX, Omaha

Jan. 27 (4th Monday)

Jan. 28 (4th Tuesday)

Jan. 29 (5th Wed)

February 2 (1st Sun))
Frontrunners, 10am, Omaha

Feb. 3 (1st Mon)

Feb. 4 (1st Tuesday)

Feb. 5 (1st Wed)

JANUARY CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Jan 2 (1st Thursday)
Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, AIDS Lobbyist Speaks, 1st Unitarian, Omaha

Jan 3 (1st Friday)
Womyn's Book Discussion Group, *Fried Green Tomatoes* Call Laurie 556-0937
Community Resource Center Development Committee, 6:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

January 4 (1st Saturday)
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, (402) 398-1255
Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880
Outreach Center, HIV Info Tests for Women, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

Jan. 9 (2nd Thursday)
P-FLAG 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass Omaha 291-6781 7pm
Straight Spouse Suppt Grp 7-9pm Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

January 10 (2nd Friday)
Outreach Center, HIV Info Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Frontrunners Friday Afternoon Club, Omaha Mining Companies, Omaha, 6:30pm
After Hours Breakfast and Bingo, Hosted by Grand Czarna Michele, 1:30 a.m. (Saturday morning) DC's, Omaha

January 11 (2nd Saturday)
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, Omaha
Leather Engineers of Omaha, Meet & Greet, The MAX, 9pm, Omaha
SAGE Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
"Merry Queermas Post Holiday Blues Bash", Lincoln Pride Network, 7-11pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln
Evening of Bad Gay & Lesbian Poetry, Workshop for New Performance Piece, The Book Station, 4pm, Omaha

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

January 17 (3rd Friday)

January 18 (3rd Saturday)
Frontrunners, 9am, Ford Birthsite, Omaha
Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880
Omaha Players Club, 2pm, Workshop "Temperature Play", 8pm, Play Party
Outreach Center, HIV Info Tests for Women, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

Jan. 23 (4th Thursday)
FIESTA THURSDAY @ DC's, with hostess Phoenix Fallentino

January 24 (4th Friday)
Outreach Center, HIV Info Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

January 25 (4th Saturday)
PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD, 1pm (605)334-5508
River City Mixed Chorus Concert "Out Loud", Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus

Jan. 30 (5th Thursday)

January 31 (5th Friday)
Deadline for submitting applications for Resource Center Board of Directors

February 1 (1st Saturday)
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community (402) 398-1255
Omaha Players Club, 2pm, Workshop "Romance & S/M", 8pm, Play Party
Outreach Center, HIV Info Tests for Women, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

Feb. 6 (1st Thursday)
CFEP, 7pm, Omaha
G/L Parents, 7:30pm, Omaha

February 7 (1st Friday)
Community Resource Center Development Committee, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Time TBA
Outreach Center, HIV Info Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

February 8 (2nd Saturday)
Omaha Players Club, 2pm, Workshop, 8pm, Play Party
SAGE Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178

CLASSIFIEDS

SEEKING GAY/LESBIAN IN-HOME CHILD CARE for infant. Hours: 6:30am-4:30pm Mon-Fri. Please send letter of interest or resume to: Childcare, Family Style, 13366 West Maple Rd., Suite 161, Omaha, NE 68164 (Fe97)

Dirty, Nasty, Shameless! If this describes your small office, let me clean it for you. Experienced, reliable, references available. David 553-7280 (Ja97)

The holidays are over. Thank God!! Take Time to Take Care of YOURSELF with a tan from **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave., 341-3740.**

Go Online locally with TriangLe BBS, a Gay and Lesbian computer system. 24 hours. Call (402) 597-2908 with your modem now! (Ja97)

LEATHER JACKETS, VESTS, CHAPS, PANTS, CAPS, GLOVES, BOOTS, ETC. PHIL'S FUN STUFF, BOX 431, DECORAH, IOWA 52101-0431 (Catalog \$5.00, Refundable) (Ja97)

ORGANIZATIONS EVERYONE WELCOME!

Attend the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) Board Meeting **Monday, January 6,** at **Metropolitan Community Church Social Hall, 819 S. 22nd, Omaha, 7:00 p.m.**

MUSE Culture Club Forming club similar to English Bloomsbury Group. Want artistic inclined persons to share their muses in gay culture club. For information, write to P.O. Box 8171, Omaha, NE 68108. Please send self-addressed, stamped envelope. (Ja97)

MASSAGE

Burnt out from the holidays? Forgot what it feels like to totally let go and relax? Tired of the "quick rub down" excuses for massage? Put your body in my hands for an hour or so and experience the "Magic of Touch." Recorded details (800) 406-9741 (Ja97)

Full Body Swedish Massage/Reiki. Healing, Nurturing (in a Peaceful Environment) Downtown Omaha. Juan-Carlos, C.M.T. (402) 342-1017. (Ja97)

You work HARD and work-out even HARDER! *FULL-BODY MASSAGE will take the EDGE OFF and provide BALANCE* Serving Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bi, & Hetero Communities. Gift Certificates Available. Hours: 6pm-6am. Weekend hours vary. OM/LIN APPT./INFO 342-1964 (Mr97)

Don't have time to tan? Nonsense! There's always time for a ten minute tan at **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave. 341-3740** After all, aren't you worth it?

FOR RENT

Looking to share nice house in Southwest Omaha. Must be non-smoker. \$300/month plus 1/2 utilities. Call 597-6382. (Ja97)

PERSONALS

Seeking Bi Women

Well, I've met some really nice ladies through my last ad but I'm still looking for Ms Right. I'm a **straight, SWM, 30, 5', 10", 180 lbs,** average looks **seeking bi or bi curious ladies** for friendship leading to something long-term. I do know some other bi ladies, some married, some involved, some just looking for occasional fun that also seek ladies. If interested, please write. I'm discrete, sincere, drug and disease free. R.E., P.O. Box 37812, Omaha, NE 68137-0812 (Ja97)

Bi-Women

Straight male looking to meet YOU. Twelve years of marriage ended due to an accident and I cannot seem to find happiness with straight women for the last nine years. I would like two things from a woman: a relationship like I had before and a business partner. I prefer small built women, long legs, with a computer, a car, and great or warped sense of humor. I am 38 years old, 6'2", 260 lbs and losing. Also waiting for your letter with photo or you. All letters answered with photo. Get my office phone number with exotic photo on or near computer. Will get name and address or I will call you the same day. Write to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 713, Council Bluffs, IA 51502-0713 (Ja97)

Women Seeking Women

Feeling all dumpy and bloated after the Holidays? Hit the gym, eat right, and top it off with a tan from **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave., 341-3740**

SWF, Professional, old-fashioned, financially secure, drug free, mid 30's seeking same for friendship and/or possible relationship. Love music, poetry, animals, and sunsets. Avid reader, incurable romantic, smoker. If interested please call 402-734-4793 (Ja97)

GWF late 30's looking for part-time girlfriend 10-15 hours a week. No nags or hags. Try something new in '97" Not all people who run ads are ugly and freaks. I'm just over the bar scene. Looking for a no-hassle girlfriend for walks & talks, honesty and humor. No commitments. Apply to BOXHOLDER, P.O. Box 7082, Omaha, NE 68107 (Ja97)

GWF Attractive nonalcoholic 36 y/o looking for same 25-50. I am open-minded and caring. I enjoy books, movies, music & shopping. Call 445-2079. Ask for PISCIS (Ja97)

Middle-aged GW looking for new beginning. Cautious start with pen pal. Will respond to friendly or curious. Boxholder, P.O. Box 38, Creston, IA 50881 (Fe97)

Professional Sane Stable SW Lesbian looking for same. S Central Nebr. Enjoy outdoors, the Arts, Animals, ready. Write: Sane, PO Box 67, LA, NE 68957 or call 402-756-7337 (Ja97)

PERSONALS for Men

Thank You to Everyone that called the AD (Closet) last month. The calls were great, but I would like anyone still interested in meeting to write me at PO Box 390402, Omaha, NE 68139. Letters are good, but photos are great! Write soon! (Ja97)

I'm new to the area and not into the bar scene. I'd like to meet well endowed, masculine men. Any age, any race. I'm very handsome, Early 30's, 6'0", 170 lbs. Very much into oral sex and submission. I'm looking for new experiences and fun, not a commitment. If you'd like a friend, sex buddy write me at: Boxholder, P.O. Box 7415, Omaha, NE 68107 (Ja97)

Well-hung 37 yr old GWM looking to make many new friends in Omaha area. Call Bryan at (402) 345-5721 (Ja97)

GWM, HIV pos 15 years, one of the lucky ones, very healthy with no medication, good looking muscular build, 6', 195lbs, Dk Brown hair, Green eyes, versatile, mid-40's look 30's. Seeks Gay or Bi Male any race, 18-38 with good body for no strings attached F— Buddy in the aks. area. For more INFO call Gray any time. (402) 689-1871 (Mr97)

GBM, 32, looking for GWM 30-40 for friendship. Interest includes sports, hanging out, movies, and reading. P.O. Box 241-472, Omaha, NE 68124-5472 (Ja97)

An exceptionally attractive Latino Man, 34, 5'6" (2, 140 lb.), well-educated, articulate, is currently seeking older men to fantasize with and there is nothing on my mind other than to please you. Please inquire with a letter to me: "Sweetie" P.O. Box 1159, Bellevue, Nebraska 68005-1159 (Ja97)

2 Wild and Crazy Guys, HIV-, looking for GWM HIV- 20-40 for safe sex. Ask for Dizzy or Pat or Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun. 457-4271 (Ja97)

Bored with the Scene? Try the Singles Dateline. Recorded Voice Mail Personals. 1-900-288-0406 Ext. 313. \$2.95/min. 18+ T-tone. 24 hrs. AVALON COMM. 305-525-0800 (Mr97)

ATTENTION GUYS! EXOTIC HOME OR APARTMENT CLEANING SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE IN OMAHA!

Attractive, in-shape college student will clean your home **in the buff** while you watch! Your personal satisfaction guaranteed. \$60/hour. 571-0929. Leave message before 10:00 p.m. (Fe97)

Young gay male wants Gays, Bi-sexuals, for Good Time. Bikes, pool, bars. Phone: Call 221-8260 = 3-4 AM, PM. (Ja97)

Gay male seeks Gay/Bi male 21-35 to share nice house, maybe more. Southwest Omaha. Nonsmoking. \$275/mo. 593-7217 (Ja97)

S&M/Leather

COLLEGE BOYS: Been naughty? Out too late? Bad grades? Need a spanking to keep you in line? Daddy available to warm up your bare butt. Box 12094, Omaha, NE 68112 (Mr97)

WANTED: LEATHERWOMEN INTERESTED IN EDUCATING YOURSELVES AND OTHERS ABOUT LEATHER AND S/M. FIND OUT WHAT W.E.L.T IS ALL ABOUT! CALL (402) 477-7741 (Mr97)

NEBRASKA PERSONALS

TALKING PERSONALS! HUNDREDS OF GUYS TO CHOOSE FROM! CALL NOW!

1-900-860-4636

Call The 900 number to respond to ads, browse unlisted ads, or retrieve messages. Only \$1.99 per minute. 18+. Customer Service: 415-281-3183

Nebraska

JOIN ME IN OMAHA I'm 46, 215lbs, Reddish Brown hair, Hazel eyes. I love going to clubs in Omaha and having a great time. I'd love to hear from you. (Fremont) #6858

MASCULINE MAN I'm 27 years old, 6'4, 200lbs, dark hair, dark eyes, very attractive, very masculine. I'm seeking guys in central Nebraska to get together with. Call me. (Grand Island) #42438

IN MY AREA Call me if you live in or around the Lincoln area give me a jingle. (Lincoln) #15809

PROSTATE PATROL I'm 33 years old, Black male, 5'10, 165lbs, very muscular, I'm a top looking for a muscular bottom. (Lincoln) #15541

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

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

ANYTHING GOES I'm 5'11, 26 years old, versatile. I'm looking for men in the Omaha area who want to go out and do things. Call me. (Lincoln) #12456

BALD MEN A PLUS I'm a Black male, 44 years old, large build. I'm seeking guys 44 or older for fun. If you are bald that's a plus. Call me. (Lincoln) #6216

LOOKING FOR BOTTOMS I'm a 28 year old total top looking for bottom men. I got blond hair and blue eyes. I run 5 miles a day and I'm in great shape. I'm looking for young bottoms. Call me. (Lincoln) #3395

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS I'm a Gay White male, 32 years old, 165lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, average build. I'm looking to meet people for friendship, maybe more. I like to do most things. Call me. (Lincoln) #32320

NO STRINGS I'm a Black male, 5'11, 240lbs, good looking. I seek no strings fun from other attractive or well endowed guys. I'm looking for fun and good conversation. I prefer older men. (Lincoln) #31817

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? I'm looking for friends in my area. I'm a Bi White male looking for singles and couples. I like to try new things and new ideas. Call me. (Lincoln) #22624

SAFE AND SANE I'm looking for people in Eastern Nebraska. I'm 23 years old, 5'9, 200lbs. I like camping, reading, entertainment, safe partying, and more. I'm versatile. (Lincoln) #22765

SADDLE UP I'm a Gay White male bottom. 6'1, Blue eyes, Brown hair. I'm looking for top men in my area. If you would like to top me please call. (Lincoln) #20295

CLEAN AND SAFE I'm 5'11, 170lbs, 34 years old, dark blonde hair, Blue eyes, 34" waist, moderately hairy. I would like to meet some guys for clean and safe fun. Call me. (Lincoln) #20411



JUICY JOCK I'm 22 years old, 5'9, 160lbs, short crew cut, blonde hair, Green eyes, good gymnastic build, work out every other day. I'm looking for other guys who are 18 to 25. Call me. (Lincoln) #19288

READY FOR SOMETHING NEW? I'm a Bi White male looking for exciting married or single guys to try new things with. Call me. (Lincoln) #16972

BUSINESS BEARS WANTED I'm a White male, 46, 240lbs, looking for a 30 to 50 year old business man, bear type. I like bigger men. Call me. (Lincoln) #15595

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

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

LET'S CUDDLE I'm 48, 300lbs, and I love sports. I also like cuddling and watching movies. If you are interested, please call me. (Lincoln) #24223

MUTUAL IN OMAHA Good looking, submissive available for anything you want. I'll show you a really good time. (Omaha) #20116

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

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

STARLIGHT DELIGHT I'm 35 years old, 5'8, 160lbs. I'm looking for men in the Omaha area for good times. (Omaha) #31249

TALL AS AN OAK I'm 41 years old, 6'11, 190lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I'm good looking and I have a good sense of humor. I like home life, music, movies, cuddling, trying out new restaurants, and dancing. I'm looking for someone in my area who is over 6ft tall. (Omaha) #16769

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

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

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

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

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

SIT BACK AND RELAX I'm 26 years old, 5'9, 170lbs, submissive bottom into anal sex. I'm looking for someone who wants to have some clean safe fun. (Omaha) #13193

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

YOU CAN I'm 22 years old. I'm looking for a Black or Latino male 19 to 23 to go out with. If you are interested please call me. (Omaha) #20404

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

ALL IN THE NAME OF FUN I'm looking for guys to go out and have fun with. I like movies, dancing, and friends. I'm 57, 175lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for Gay men 19 to 37 for a possible relationship. (Omaha) #7390

ROMANTIC I'm a 33 year old White male, 5'9, 175lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, beard, mustache, neatly groomed. I'm looking for someone who likes quiet evenings at home, movies, and romance. Call me. (Omaha) #33806

HOMO ON THE RANGE I'm 5'10, 165lbs. I would like to meet guys who like to have fun. I love to give and I'm interested in well endowed cowboys. Call me. (Omaha) #26256

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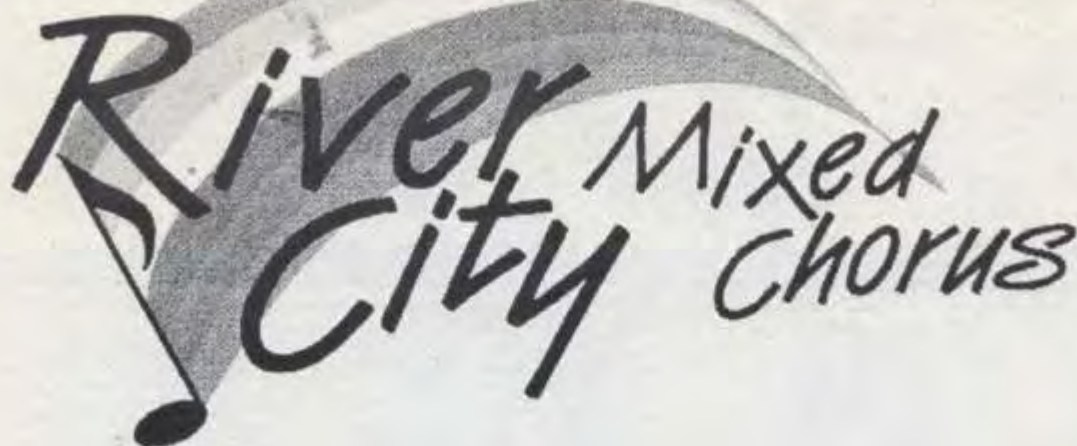
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