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STANDING AT THE EDGE OF THE QUILT

By Sharon Van Butsel

Like thousands of others, I walked the aisles of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt during the Omaha display. I have seen the Quilt many times and to some degree, it has lost its gut-wrenching impact. Many panels have become old, familiar friends. Here is the square made by the River City Mixed Chorus when the Quilt was first in Nebraska. Those panels appeared at half-time of a Nebraska football game. Here's the panel *The New Voice* made for Jerry Peck. And here is an old panel, with the appliqued letters becoming frayed and worn. A representative from the San Francisco office tells me, "That one will have to go back for repairs." The number on the edge of the panel tells me that this is the 55th block that was assembled. Now there are over 30,000 panels. This year there are many more panels dedicated to children. An air-brushed portrait of a man and his 5 month old baby — both gone now. And here a letter to 3 year old Sadie — created by the loving doctor who took care of Sadie in the hospital. This year I volunteered on Friday, when the school children come to see the quilt. Hundreds and hundreds of adolescents — some impatient and angry at having to be here. Others just glad to be out of the classroom. But there were others — a girl in tears, supported by her classmates, as they consider the panel of a friend. A slender, studious young man who stares at one panel first and then another. A young girl who writes on the signature square a message to her uncle who died of AIDS. I returned on Saturday to watch the beauty of the opening ceremonies as the quilt blocks bloom like flowers reaching up for the sun. And for a few moments, I stood with my friend Brian at the edge of the quilt. On Sunday, I return for the closing ceremonies — the first time I have ever seen the panels presented. Tears ran down my face as group after group hand over the panel they have made. Some stand and look at the panel one last time. Some bend and gently kiss a picture before they walk away. Some reach out for a hug. Others walk away so quickly that they seem to be running. Others hang on as though they cannot bear to release this piece of cloth. At last the panels are all presented and are bundled for shipment, and once again the Quilt becomes something far away from my daily life. But already I find myself looking forward to the next reunion with this old friend. The reunion will always be bittersweet, but nothing in the world will keep me from it. Perhaps next year at this time I will travel to Washington, D.C., so I can once again stand at the edge of the Quilt.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Friends,

My name is David Hall and I would like to introduce to you the Ecumenical Catholic Church of America. I have been a member of the Portland, Oregon congregation for 5+ years. Having two homes was difficult for me, but Lincoln has been my permanent home for 2 years now.

The ECCA is an established religious, charitable, non-profit organization whose focal points after the usual work of a church, is to the sick, poor and disenfranchised of our community and state. Many of my friends in Portland who have died or are dying of AIDS have found comfort in the ECCA, and now its pastor, Bishop James Arling and his Deacon, Bro. Francis have relocated to Lincoln to further the work of the church.

Although based in Catholicism, the ECCA has basic differences. Some of which are:

(1) The ECCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, marital status, handicap, sexual orientation or prior religious affiliation.

(2) The calling to preach, teach, and spread the word of God is also open to women. No church has the right to hinder God's word. The ECCA also serves an open communion. Anyone wishing to participate in this most sacred sacrament is welcome at the altar.

The community is sponsoring a fund raiser to assist the church in obtaining the funds to rent or purchase a facility to further the good works of the church.

This will be a variety show with live singers, with a comedian or two, a few female impersonators, raffle items, and a fun filled evening for all.

Please Reserve Your Tickets! Tickets are \$5.00 each/\$9.00 for couples or if you wish to bring a large group the tables of 10 are \$42.50. Please make your reservations at least 3 days in advance. Please phone (402) 464-0270.

Thank you for helping show that Nebraskans care.

God Bless You,
David L. Hall

Editor's Note: The benefit show is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, at Lincoln Station in the Historic Haymarket.

A BIG THANKS FROM YOUR FANTASY MAN

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the people who assisted me in the Mr. Nebraska Fantasy and the International Mr. Fantasy contests.

Little did I know that my first contest as Miss Closet Ball in 1989 and subsequently Mr. Gay Nebraska 1990 would eventually lead me down this path. I've enjoyed helping Jim Gau with his fantasies (on stage, I might add) throughout the years and decided it was time to go out on my own.

Winning the title Mr. Nebraska Fantasy at DC's was exciting. Many thanks to Pat Phalen for running a great contest.

It was especially fun since all the contestants got along well, helped each other, and honestly wished each other the best of luck. The camaraderie showed throughout the contest was amazing.

The International Mr. Fantasy Contest at The Max was a nerve-wracking two days. Once again, though, all the contestants were helpful from the initial contestants meeting and the judges interview on through the main events held on Saturday evening.

Dustin and Bob put together a top-notch production that will be hard to top. They continue to improve Fantasy each year, so I can't wait until next year's event.

Special thanks to Jim Gau for supporting me in my endeavor and helping me in countless ways; to Jeff W. for designing and making my fantasy wear and for putting up with a very 'bitchy' roommate throughout the week; to Duane and St. Mary's Tan for helping me look my best; and to all my fantasy players, Jeff, Pat, Rick, Chas, Margo and Paula.

One very big "I Love You" goes to my lover Rick who supports me to all ends of the earth.

I hope everyone was pleased with my first performance at an international leather event. I only hope to build on that experience and bring an international title back to Omaha.

May all your fantasies come true,
Rick Noss

Mr. Nebraska Fantasy 1995

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Hi,

Just received the *New Voice* yesterday and want to share an observation. This may not be important to anyone else but the subscribers. When you put in the monthly calendar for places like the MAX and others could you include the first week of the following month? Since I don't drive I am unable to get to the bars as often as I would like but sometimes the publication does not arrive until after the event is over.

Sincerely, Don

Editor's Note: We do include the first week on the following month in the community calendar — to the extent that we are informed about events. However, I suspect that the reader is referring to the calendar of events included in the advertisements for the various bars. So, advertisers and bar owners, listen up! At least one reader would like you to include what's happening during the first week of the following month so he can patronize your establishment.

PRISONER WANTS PEN PAL

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask if you would place an ad for me. I heard you place an ad one time free to prisoners. I'm 34 years old w/male around 200 pounds. I have Brown Hair & Blue Eyes. I'm interested in Country music & some of the old rocks. I get out June 3, 1997. I like to go on a trip & go camping with hu ever wants to go with me. I really would like to hear from you on this. Im also looking for a pen pal & maybe more later. Thank you.

Lynn Geier 38824
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AIDS

by Peter Duesberg and John Yiamouyiannis

A Review by Fred A. Cline

The AIDS dissident movement has long suffered because of the lack of a popular book on the subject.

Dr. Duesberg, professor of molecular and cell biology at the University of California, Berkeley, and perhaps THE leading critic of the HIV establishment, has collaborated with John Yiamouyiannis to give us such a book.

The book was conceived in the fall of 1993 when Dr. Duesberg met John Yiamouyiannis at a convention in Chicago. Dr. Yiamouyiannis has a background in science and medicine, and has held such widely divergent positions as "consultant to the Scottish Legal Society, the Union of Professional Workers and Scientists at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the mayor of Auckland, New Zealand (!)"

According to a last minute note inserted after the preface, Dr. Yiamouyiannis decided to publish the book through his own Health Action Press without the consent of Dr. Duesberg because "too many lives are being ruined to allow its message to be delayed."

In 28 short chapters, which are all copiously footnoted, the lamentable story of a biomedical establishment wedded to the outmoded germ theory of disease, and thus unable to address the true cause of AIDS, is revealed.

The largest part of the book is devoted to Peter Duesberg's drug-AIDS hypothesis, which, quite simply, states that HIV is a harmless passenger virus, that AIDS is not an infectious disease, that it is probably caused by various combinations of recreational drugs, and that AZT and its analogues are now the major factor in causing the illness.

Dr. Duesberg is fond of pointing out (page 102) that Burroughs Wellcome, the producer of AZT, admits that "it is often difficult to distinguish adverse effects possibly associated with Zidovudine (AZT) administration from underlying signs of HIV disease..." (Physicians' Desk Reference, 1994, 'Retrovir', p. 742-746).

If we are going to cure ourselves of chronic diseases, including AIDS, we must begin to eliminate toxins from our systems, and, in this regard, this small book makes us acutely aware of how the biomedical establishment has become predatory and inimical to our well being by plying us with these toxins. By exposing the toxic effects of AZT, and in downplaying the role of pathogens as the cause of disease, the authors ally themselves squarely with the holistic practice of medicine.

Get the book, read it, and take control over your own life.



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NEBRASKA'S GAY POET LAUREATE

By Fredrick Zydek

Gay - Some Assembly Required. By Brian Bengtson. Lone Willow Press, P.O. Box 31647, Omaha, NE 68131-0647. Paper \$7.95

I seldom review chapbooks. But this one is special. It is a first collection by Brian Bengtson, an extremely talented new poet living with AIDS in the heartland of America.

These poems do not just deal with the stuff it takes to face life with an all-consuming disease. It is also a collection of some of the funniest, wittiest, and finest examples of high camp this reader has seen in years. Bengtson has invented a profound vision in the prisms of these poems. The reader will find no spastic surrealism here. Only poems that deserve to be read many times. He challenges his readers to remember their own adolescent coming out experiences in such pieces as "Saturday Night Sleepovers"

"Saturday night sleepover, and his parents think we're asleep.

We move in the dark to find our cast-off briefs. The sleeping bag moves out to the floor.

and

"Please Don't Call Me Chicken"

"Please don't call me chicken, when the pit in my stomach sloshes to my legs, and I wonder if my story to Mom & Dad worked."

This is a poet who remembers what it was like to grow up gay. In that way, certain poems speak for the adolescent in all of us.

But this is not just a poet who remembers. This is also a poet who possesses a keen vision of what is in store for him. He is, perhaps, no where more eloquent and prophetic than in his poem "Standing at the Edge of the Quilt."

"I think of who might attend my vigils with shaking hands, how many days may pass between the crumbling of topsoil and the folding of the cloth."

These are poems that walk the gambit between the joy of sexual discovery and the horror of facing an early demise. In this way, as Steven Blaski has said, Bengtson speaks for "those whom many in America would like to silence."

Bengtson is a columnist and poetry editor for *The New Voice of Nebraska*, a monthly journal of local and national news which enjoys a national circulation and reputation for publishing some of America's finest gay and lesbian poets. He made his mark as a good editor some time ago. It is certainly time for him to have a collection available for those who admire his work.

What I like best about this poet is that he is

capable of sharing every aspect of his psyche with his readers. This is no more evident than in his "Virus Rag."

"I think I'll wake up today, or maybe not, maybe I'll snuggle up to the glamour of it all, now that I'm dying, it's gotta count for something."

Even in moments that would send most of us into the arms of our psychologists — Bengtson is able to admit that some days there is something glamorous about struggling with his deadly virus. This is a poet with real guts who writes gutsy poems that will both delight and sustain those who share his journey and those of us who watch and worry.

If you like poetry that sings off the page and poems that want to be read over and over, you'll like Bengtson's work. I would never go so far as to suggest that Bengtson is just a gay poet but he is certainly a poet who has mastered the art of being gay and being proud of it. This is a collection of poems that should be on the shelves of every gay/lesbian who reads and appreciates the English language.

Fredrick Zydek formerly taught Creative Writing at UNO. He is the author of four books, including a book of poetry which was awarded the Sarah Foley O'Loughlen Literary Award from the editors of America. His work has appeared in Catholic Digest, Christian Science Monitor, Grit, Michigan Quarterly Review, Prairie Schooner, Yankee, and others. Most recently Lone Willow Press release a chapbook of Zydek's poems titled The Abbey Poems.

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"HEY, BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE A HAIKU??" (and other lessons in imagery.....)

Good morning again, my wee travelers in this little suburb of whimsy and rhyme! As promised last issue, this is the first installment in the "You can be a poet without making yourself look like a *Seinfeld*-extra.' home-study course. Every other month (or so, you know I have to think these things up!) I will be presenting the How-To's of a type of poem, along with some definitions to help make your time more productive. Then send your stabs at the lesson to this page, and will print the best ones in future issues. Okay, here goes:

Section One: Imagery

Imagery (and metaphor, simile, symbol, etc. but more on that later) is what separates "the man from the beast," in the world of poetry. In order for a grouping of words to be classified as a poem, rather than prose (which is the term for any other type of writing when compared to poetry), it must use at least one of these devices. Imagery could best be defined as the "tacking-on" of mood to an action, person, place or thing. If you're totally lost, let me explain this way:

My hamster escaped from his cage last night.

This is a pretty basic sentence. Anybody can understand the message of *what* the phrase is trying to say, but the *how* of this event is not explained. The reader has no lasting effect after reading it. The mind is not invited to "click." This, ladies and gentlemen, is *prose*.

But what if this event made me feel sad, or angry? What if the fact that my hamster escaped made me think of the struggle of freedom? If that were the case then I might "tack-on" some of my own viewpoint to the phrase, like this:

My small tan hamster broke free from his prison late in the evening.

I have not started to get into the area of *showing* my reader an image, rather than *telling* of an event. I am using imagery (and a few other things, but we will get into that later.) I have given the reader something more than the fact. Now let's talk about a type of poem where imagery is a "must use."

Section Two: haiku and tanka

The haiku is a Japanese poem consisting of three lines, the first line consisting of five syllables, the second seven, and the third also having five. The purpose of a haiku is to present a clear picture so as at once to stir up emotion and suggest a spiritual insight (one of the ideas Buddhism teaches is that we are tied into all things around us, bound by a "life-force;" but I digress....) The tanka is an expanded form of the haiku. A tanka has five lines, the first and third of which have 5 syllables, and the others have 7, making the total number of syllables 31. Here is an example of a tanka that I wrote a while ago:

Tanka Gardening

After the shock died,
I watch clouds pass my windows
like I tend the weeds
of the garden in my soul;
plucking the old and dead weight.

In order to write a successful haiku or tanka, you must really spend some time delving into the *how* of the message you want to convey. Because of the limitations in syllables, each word has to count. So, now that you have seen one, try it at home. Send me your best attempts. I will print a selection of tankas and haiku in an upcoming *New Voice*.

In Other News.....

This month I am featuring a couple of poems from Greg Kosmicki, a local poet who also forgot to give me any bio information (but I do know he has many, many publishing credits), although I can say for sure that he is the Creative Director behind the *Sunday Afternoon Poetry Series*, held each month at the Diner Theatre (look for yours truly in January 1996). Greg has a unique voice, one that blends the state of society today with the background of life/nature in the Midwest. Enjoy!
Brian

I WALK OUT ON THE BACK PORCH UNDER THE FULL MOON

By Greg Kosmicki

after a day which followed another day
each one filled with heat more fierce

all day I sit at my desk in cold
air processed like cheese

come home to more cold, sit
the night away in chairs
to read news of the usual

the usual man on death row
tried to kill himself
so they revived him
tested him for sanity
found him to be ok
then carried out the sentence
only two hours late

the usual rapes
the usual athlete
drug and sex busts

went back to the desk
sent out the usual poems
then went outside

to sit in the moonlight and listen
to the rustle of the cottonwood

cicada whirr

crickets said *yet yet yet yet yet*

while the silvery moon watched
our usual earth.

AUGUST 29TH, 1995

By Greg Kosmicki

Mark comes home —
11:50. His first night
of work at Idelman
Telemarketing. Says
he liked it. Worked on
computers tonite —
training. He is happy.
Has smoked cigarettes.
I ask are you carrying
your own now.
Sometimes, he says.
I wish you wouldn't
I say. He says he knows.
He's got to get to bed
Into his messy room
littered with
all the things of his life.

"Tankas — for the memories...."

- 1.) Send **typed** poems of thirty lines or less.
- 2.) Send a SASE if you want 'em back, or want a comment/critique.
- 3.) Will try to respond within a reasonable amount of time.
- 4.) **Buy my book!!! Buy my book!!! Please!!**
- 5.) If you keep making that face, it's gonna freeze that way,
and then where would you be, Mr. Smarty-pants?!

ROBERTS' RULES: Religious Conspiracy

by Shelly Roberts

I have, of course, been exposed to the overwrought, overbearing, do-badding of the R-Cubed's whether I like it or not. (That's Radical Right Religionists. Since I refuse to honor their intent by using the word "right" in any breath that contains their essence, R-Cubed's will do very nicely for me for now, thank you very much.)

Now where was I?

Oh, yes, having my sensibilities assaulted by these whole-ier-than-you-could-ever-dream-of-beings.

Whether I like it or not does not seem to be the issue for them. Whether they like me or not is. Oh, not as a person, 'cause who couldn't like such a swell human being such as myself, no question?

But as a stereotypical vilification beyond hope of redemption. (Did you notice how often the word "incarnate" crops up?)

Now, recently, if you are a homo-oriental persuasion...oops, let me rephrase that lest some suspecting religiouso be eyedropping on this personal conversation we happen to be having, and report me to the God-police for implying that any of us were "persuaded" to do this for a living...if you are of a homo-affectual nature, and have an EEG anywhere above zero degrees centigrade, you may have noticed, as I have, that other people's religion keeps appearing in the middle of perfectly normal discussion of politics, philosophy, or what you intend to do for the rest of your legal life. Or tomorrow.

Not to mention discussions involving incarceration, and registration. (As one dear friend opined: "Gee...Montana! We finally get to line up at city hall and get registered...and look what it's for!")

These Waco, er, wacko religionists have Newtered our congress. And are considering re-legalizing forced Christian prayer in public schools, except, of course in Missouri, where they hardly even noticed that it had ever been ill. With this Christian Congress, you can pretty much say, "Bye-bye, baby" to abortion and "Hello!" to all manner of queer of legislation which may be what we get for presuming that one vote didn't matter anyway, and besides, it a) was going to be a long day at work, and who wanted to get up so early just to vote? Or b) had already been a long day at work, and who wanted to get home any later than necessary just to vote?

They have claimed God for their side. Which puts the rest of us, with our noses pressed, outside the goodness glass. Apostolics reserve "family" for themselves and leave us all orphaned. Pretend Presbyterians, besides giving their denominations a bad name, keep solving national problems we haven't created yet, for their own good. And we know what denominations the Robertson-Falwell-Bakker-Kennedys prefer: tens, twenties, and hundreds.

In the name of religion these groups are exempt from the rules of conduct. They can perform bizarre and/or unnatural rituals, acts, and "laying on of hands" without fear of intervention. Freedom of Religion lets them define acceptable marital practices. (Hello, You Capricious Catholics). And partners. (Oh, You Madcap Mormons.)

Religion can define socially acceptable norms and mores, own their own airwaves without restriction, game unmonitored, and even serve liquor on *Sundays*. (Pass that chalice, please!) And people willingly give them 10% of their income every week. Tax exempt.

Sounds pretty good, huh?

So? (This is what you pay me the big bucks for.)

Why don't we do it too?!!!!

Why don't we (By the way, are there *Hetero Sapiens*? Oops, Sorry, I digress)...simply declare Homosexuality a religion. I'm sure somebody among us knows where to get the permit papers.

Then we don't have to pay any more taxes. We can pretty much say anything we want to. We can take over the government without fear of reprisals, at least for one term till everyone else notices.

The Justice Department *has* to protect us. If they accuse us of anything, we can retaliate with charges of religious persecution. And we get bingo in the bargain!

Hey, we already have the buildings. MCC won't mind a few million more in the pews. Ministers? Bishops? Troy and Mel are just waiting in the wings, not to mention a few hundred

thousand others who salivate at the prospect of legally sanctioned caftans and high-satin millinery.

Plus any of those lovely Episcopalian, Unitarian, and Reform Jewish lady clerics and assorted shaman.

It's a can't-lose.

And many of our supplicant are *already* performing ablutions on their knees.

We could bring a whole new meaning to the phrase "Safe Sects."

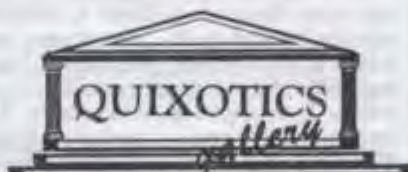
And all that all twenty-three million of us have to do to make everything okay again is simply show up at church on Sunday morning.

Or at the ballot box on the first Tuesday in November.

Hallelujah!

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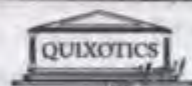
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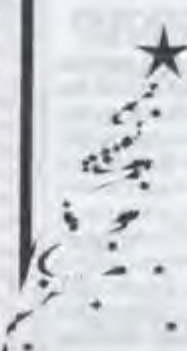
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WILLS AND TRUSTS

The topic of Wills and Trusts is often hard for people to talk about because it deals with death. Therefore, many people tend to ignore the subject. We all think nothing will happen to us and we can deal with a will at a later time. However, many never do.

Wills and the Gay Community

The laws that govern who a person's property goes to is designed primarily for the straight community. If you fail to have a will, and you die, your property automatically goes to:

1. a spouse pursuant to a legal marriage (i.e. husband and wife)
2. any children
3. any living parents
4. any other blood relatives
5. the state

Notice that a same-sex partner is not mentioned in the list. In order to protect a same-sex partner or to give your property to someone other than blood relatives, it is necessary to draft a will. It is possible to make a will very durable in the sense that a family member cannot later challenge it and take property.

A will is a very flexible instrument. Almost any division of property can be accomplished. Belongings can be left to a spouse, a friend, relatives, or an organization. Likewise, the parents who disowned you because you are gay can be specifically prevented from taking any items. Money can be given in lump sums or with specific instructions on how it may be used. People have even "bequeathed" their pet to another and provided money to ensure proper care and feeding of the animal. A will basically gives a person complete control over how and when their property is distributed at their demise.

Trusts

A related, but separate component of a will is a trust. A trust is a device where money or property is held by one person for the benefit of another. For instance, Jack wants his 15 year old cousin, Sean, to have \$50,000 but doesn't want him to spend it foolishly before he becomes older and more experienced. He may place the \$50,000 in a trust, controlled by Susan to be used only for

the care and benefit of Sean. Susan would control the money but could only use it to provide for the care, feeding, education, and clothing of Sean. A trust basically is used when the person creating the trust wants to ensure that the trust principal will not be depleted quickly and foolishly.

The trustee (Susan in my example) will have a duty to invest the money wisely and to reinvest the principal and interest. A trustee has a duty to act only in the best interest of the beneficiary (Sean in my example).

Another advantage of a trust is that the amount placed in the trust can be beyond the reach of the beneficiary's creditors. This type of trust is called a spendthrift trust. For instance, ABC Rent-to-Own could not garnish any money placed in the trust nor could anyone else. A trust is a safe haven designed to guarantee that the beneficiary will be provided for.

Cost

Another advantage of a will is the savings in attorney's fees. Any will worth the weight of the paper it's printed on should be able to avoid a lengthy and expensive probate of a person's property. Going through probate can quickly deplete much of a person's estate and should be avoided by careful planning before death. There are many devices available to automatically transfer items at death. The attorney chosen to handle a person's estate planning can take care of any difficult situations to avoid probate of an estate. Even if probate is necessary, if a Court does not have to guess a person's true intentions, then it can make a quick and inexpensive decision regarding property.

Summary:

Every gay man or woman should carefully consider whether he or she will have a will since the existing laws do in no way provide for their potential wishes. If he or she has a spouse, it is not recognized in law and that person's property will pass over them as if they were a stranger.

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

EARTHLINGS

by Carol Bennett

Of Dolphins and Deer, Play and Pain

"If heaven went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in." - Mark Twain

Dear Carol,

What's your favorite animal? John R., Hoboken, NY

Dear John,

It's impossible for me to choose a favorite; I find them all so incredible. But if you were to ask me which I'd choose to be, I would if I could be a dolphin.

Dolphins and other whales walked the same land as humans once; then we leaped into the trees and they dived back into the oceans from which they all began. Inside their flippers are "finger bones"; at the base of their body trunks are vestigial hip and leg bones. Not gills, but lungs enable them to breathe, so they can drown if hurt and unable to surface for air.

Most of us knew some of these things, but did you also know that dolphins can get stomach aches, catch colds, or get lonely or depressed--that they communicate with ocean-spanning sonar, which may link all dolphins and whales in a network of shared knowledge -- that they can "read" a ship's cargo and "see" what a diver had for lunch -- that a dolphin's brain has one more lobe than a human's and receives heightened sensory data along many more nerve fibers? Some scientists believe the human brain will not equal it in some ways for another five million years. Robin Brown's book, *The Lure of the Dolphin*, tells us these and many more fascinating dolphin facts.

As human paws were turning into hands, the dolphins' were becoming flippers. The dolphins, with a complex intelligence but no hands to write poetry or history, or build cathedrals or bombs to protect them, grew in other ways we are just now trying to fathom. Unhampered by material things, their lives seem to be centered around friendship, play, freedom, and yes, love. The inquisitive dolphins and other whales have always approached us as friends, while we, on the other hand, have exploited them to no end.

Do you see why I would, if I could?

FOREST LOVE AND BRAVERY: In the fall of 1986 a Michigan deer hunter came upon a buck and doe standing side by side in the forest. When they did not run from him, he raised his rifle and killed the buck as he stood there. In spite of the shot, the doe remained motionless. As the law did not permit shooting does, the hunter approached her. She allowed him to walk right up to her; it was then he saw that she was blind. Further inspection showed a large area of fur worn away from the buck's left side and a similar area on the doe's right side. By pressing his side against hers, the buck had led her through the forest and cared for her. He chose to stay behind, although he could have run from the hunter.

No doubt the doe died soon after, from crashing into a tree or some such accident.

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LESBIAN BOOK CATALOG

Linda Weiss and Joyce McKeeman are pleased to announce the arrival of the new Fall-Winter edition of the Heartland Books Catalog. Heartland is a mail order company run by Linda and Joyce out of their home in rural Corinth, Vermont. Called "The Catalog for Lesbians Who Love to Read," the beautiful 16-page annotated and illustrated publication features approximately 120 selections of lesbian interest. The catalog includes fiction and non-fiction books as well as a selection of cards, catalogs, and videos. It's available free to interested women by writing Linda and Joyce at P.O. Box 1105A, East Corinth, VT 05040-1106.

GAY MORMONS GROUP

The magazine *A New Direction* for gay and lesbian Mormons, their families, and friends has received wide acclaim within the Mormon gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered community. For those who have Mormon parents or friends who are willing to learn about this, the magazine will be of great help. To further the magazine's efforts to provide support, *A New Direction* is pleased to announce the formation of an association of G/L/B/T Mormons. If interested, you are invited to get involved by joining the worldwide association and/or forming a chapter in your area. For further information, please call: (213) 874-8424; write: *A New Direction*, 1608 N. Cahuenga Blvd, Suite 440, Los Angeles, CA 90028. Or E-mail us at waynendir@aol.com

FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon
Nationally Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Never know what's going to happen when you get involved with a lifemate or significant other, do you?!

Just like in a "legal marriage" situation, you take on a whole new family of "inlaws", an out-law or two, and, THE relatives of your "other half".

Ever been deep-tongued by your mother-in-law? Don't laugh, it could happen! To you too!

Let me set the scene: My lifemate was 23 years my junior; he was the middle child in a family of 14 brothers and sisters. His dad was homophobic.

His mom and dad were separated when we first started dating. His dad was also a very heavy beer-drinker... which I pretty much excused because God, with 14 kids, I'd-a been a full-fledged alcoholic!

His Mom accepted me as his lifemate from day one; which was far different from my mother accepting Patrick as her "adopted grandson".

Now don't forget I said I was 23 years older than Patrick; well, this made me nearly the same age as his mom. Then one day it happened.

The family had gathered to celebrate the upcoming marriage of one of his brothers.

Now, Irish-Mexican American Catholics celebrated such events very differently from my Bible-banging clan of Protestant Swedes; this was some party! Mom got well-oiled early-on and decided she "like" me.

I was sitting in one of those recliner chairs, watching all the goings-on; it was one of those chairs, where, if you lean back, your feet go up.

Mom came over, sat down on the arm of the chair, facing me, putting her hand across on the right arm of the chair.

I was now pinned in my seat, facing my Mother-in-law 6 inches in front of my face.

I remember thinking: only the Lord knows how many beers she's had... and then, she planted the biggest juiciest kiss I'd had since Shep!

Trying not to create a scene because, after all, this was my new family; so, I leaned back.

Up went feet. Mom now literally was pinned on top of me and unaware we had just fallen backward in the seat, but most definitely determined to follow up with a french kiss.

The next thing I knew I hear Patrick's loud voice saying "Mother! What do you think you are doing! Get the hell off my man!"

And with that he picked her physically off of me sending her to the kitchen for a strong, black cup of coffee.

Yesiree! You never know what's going to happen when you finally do find your one-and-only!!

On the other hand, it wasn't too long into our

relationship when Patrick had to face the fact that my life's involvement in the Entertainment Industry also had me with many friends and acquaintances who were "names" or celebrities.

This bothered him to no end because he was basically quite shy and definitely unprepared to socialize with any "big shot friends", as he called them.

This was something he had never expected when we got together.

It never entered my mind that he would find himself so ill at ease around any of my friends but he was always taken aback when he'd be introduced to someone he had seen in the movies or on TV.

Once he told me that his entire fantasy he had had over the years was now ruined.

But we all change and make compromises when we have a mate.

It took him a while but one day it dawned on him these folks were just as human as he was.

He might have been a bit more relaxed than normal upon this occasion because he had already met George Maharis prior; but we'd never socialized together.

I'd invited George and his lifemate, Danny, over for a home-cooked dinner. Danny was about as young as Patrick and a superb artist.

They were a similar couple and good for us to get to know.

That eve before their arrival, Pat was a bundle

of nerves and worried they wouldn't enjoy the down-home chicken dinner I was preparing.

Only after George made a normal-type pig of himself did Patrick feel completely comfortable. He was so happy they were real and human.

Yesiree! Little did he think when he said "I love you" what an incredible influence on life MY friends and family would have on him.

So, if you're in a new long-term relationship, just remember to go with that proverbial flow; enjoy every family member and acquaintance of your mate that you can.

You'll garner some incredible memories!

I guarantee it. And oh! I almost forgot the most important part: your life will be very rich and full.

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

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NATIONAL NEWS

SUPREME COURT HEARS AMENDMENT 2

It's all over but the waiting. On October 10, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments both for and against Colorado's controversial Amendment 2. The amendment, passed by voters in 1992, prohibits local governments from passing laws that guarantee basic rights to gays and lesbians.

During the arguments, a few justices appeared to be siding with those who argue the amendment is unconstitutional. One justice seemed to side with the amendment, even giving the "apples and oranges" argument that since sodomy laws have been upheld, Amendment 2 should be upheld. While it's not known if this particular justice has committed sodomy with his wife, it may have left many wondering if he should be removed in case he has committed such an "atrocious and unnatural" act.

A decision from the court is expected by July 1996. Neither the morality nor the legality of homosexuality is involved in this debate. However, the decision will be important. It will have a remarkable impact on all gay rights efforts in this country.

The following are remarks from Kerry Lobel, Deputy Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force which were delivered at a media briefing after arguments were giving at the Supreme Court.

"My name is Kerry Lobel, Deputy Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Yesterday, activists from 36 cities and towns across the nation gathered for vigils, rallies, press conferences and teach-ins to raise awareness of the dangerous nature of Colorado's Amendment 2 — whose fate will be decided over the next few months by U.S. Supreme Court justices.

As part of a nationwide "UNDO 2 Day of Action" coordinated by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, activists from Anchorage to Tampa Bay came together yesterday because we share a common principle: We believe that the equality of a minority must not be held hostage to the prejudice of the majority. If Amendment 2 is allowed to stand, civil rights for all Americans are jeopardized. Last night, we gathered to call on Americans of conscience to stand with us to remove this special barrier against basic equal rights.

Today, the spotlight is on the plaintiffs, the attorneys and the Supreme Court Justices. Meanwhile, the impact of this case will be felt by millions of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans and our allies who hope that the Supreme Court will not give the green light to special barriers that curb democratic access for some citizens.

Since before Amendment 2 was passed in 1992, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has helped activists with these measures around the country. We have traveled more than 150,000 miles to some 30 states and 50 cities to assist in the fight against these anti-gay ballot initiatives. In fact, as we speak today, NGLTF staff is in Maine working to defeat an initiative on the November ballot, the latest salvo from the Radical Right in its quest to deny gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans our basic right to live free from discrimination.

Our experience in the field tells us that the center of gravity in this battle is at the state and local level, where Amendment 2 and other measures are tested and advanced. We know that

a ruling in this case will have a dramatic political and symbolic impact on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans.

Amendment 2 would change the playing field for lesbian, gay and bisexual Coloradans by creating different political rules just for them, excluding gay people from equal protection in the democratic process. In our system of government, citizens have the right to lobby their lawmakers for basic protection from discrimination. Amendment 2 would change that by creating a special barrier only for gay people, requiring a constitutional amendment for any change in laws.

Because Amendment 2 is so outrageous, we are confident that the U.S. Supreme Court will agree with the (Colorado) State Supreme Court which struck down Amendment 2 as unconstitutional. Regardless of the personal politics of any of the nine justices who will decide the fate of Amendment 2, legal principle alone must guide the justices to hand down a decision that will UNDO 2 once and for all.

Even with this victory behind us, the battle for equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans will carry on. Without a federal civil rights law providing gay people basic protection from discrimination, Americans in 41 states still live with the fear that they might lose their jobs, their homes or their families because they have chosen to live honestly as themselves.

Lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans want equal rights — nothing more, nothing less. Amendment 2 singles out gay people for special discrimination. Because our freedom is not won or lost at the Supreme Court, we must never rest until we win the battle for equal rights for all Americans."

REV. HATE'S COMPOUND FIRE BOMBED

Days after an explosion rocked a home at the Phelps compound in west Topeka, Kansas, police discounted the idea that the bomb was targeted at the Rev. Fred Phelps, Sr., his church or his family. But Phelps — notorious here and across the country for his pickets against gay men, lesbians, and people living with AIDS — continues to say the bomb was a threat against him and his work through the Westboro Baptist Church. The explosion occurred about 11:30 PM on August 20. A plastics bomb exploded between a stockade fence and a van parked in the driveway of the home of Shirley Phelps-Roper, the pastor's daughter. While no injuries were reported, the van and fence were damaged. Police said they believe the explosion was not targeted at Phelps because they confirmed a second explosion in west Topeka that night and received reports of a third. Before police discounted Phelps' theory and claim that he was the victim of a "pro-homosexual" attack, Phelps speculated that local law enforcement would conclude that he was not the intended target. He said Topeka police, fire officials and prosecutors are "pro-homosexual" and the local media are "pro-homosexual" and they would fail to fully investigate the incident.

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WHAT THE BALLOT SAID

Everyone has an opinion about Amendment 2, but how many people have actually seen what was given to voters when they made their decision?

The following language was on the ballot in November 1992, the same day the nation elected President Clinton to office and Coloradans approved of legal discrimination:

Neither the state of Colorado, through any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities, or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulations, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships shall constitute or otherwise be the basis of, or entitle any person or class of persons to have a claim minority status, quota preference, protected status or claim of discrimination. This section of the Constitution shall be in all respects self executing.

FORMER OREGON GOVERNOR JOINS GAY POLITICAL GROUP

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has announced that Barbara Roberts, former Governor of Oregon, has joined the organization's board of directors. Roberts, currently director of the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, was governor of Oregon from 1991 to 1995.

"I am looking forward to participating in the leadership of HRCF," said Roberts. "We must enlist the support of more and more non-gay citizens to join this effort to ensure that all Americans without exception may live free from discrimination."

Roberts worked valiantly with Oregon's lesbian and gay community to defeat anti-gay initiatives in Oregon in 1992 and 1994. She joined retired Senator Barry Goldwater, an Arizona Republican, as co-chair of HRCF's Americans Against Discrimination project in 1994, which helped rebuff all of the anti-gay ballot measures that threatened to institutionalize discrimination in ten states last year.

During her term as governor of Oregon, Roberts appointed the largest number of judges of any governor in Oregon history, including the most women, people of color, and lesbian and gay men. Her hundreds of appointments to state boards and commissions also reflected this strong commitment to diversity. Prior to being elected governor, Roberts was Oregon's Secretary of State from 1985 to 1991. She was a member of the state's House of Representatives from 1981 to 1985 and served as majority leader of the House in 1983 and 1984.

The HRCF is honored that Roberts will be serving on its board. HRCF Executive Director Elizabeth Birch says Roberts brings her wealth of experience and stature to a gifted and talented group of volunteers that guide the policies and financial health of HRCF.

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QUILT: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION

SNAP! Productions scored what may be their biggest success with the Omaha debut of *Quilt: A Musical Celebration*. Scheduled to herald the arrival in Omaha of The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, the SNAP! musical was SNAP's most ambitious production to date, with a talented multi-racial cast of 35, ages 12 - 70, and a crew of 15. Under Keith Allerton's direction, with musical direction provided by Kurt Kelley and choreography by Michael Simpson and Patrick Roddy, *QUILT, A MUSICAL CELEBRATION* examined one 32 panel block of The Quilt, presenting in song, dance, and story the people who made the individual panels: lovers, spouses, family, and friends.

The musical moved rapidly through the individual stories like a ride on the super fast roller coaster at your favorite theme park. Your emotions raced with breakneck speed from anger to gut-wrenching grief to laughter to the warmth of a friend's love.

The characters are straight, gay, old, young, from farms, from the inner city. *Quilt* covered the gamut of those lost to AIDS and the gamut of those who made panels to remember them.

Binding the vignettes into a whole are the stories of Wes (who is in charge of the panel making project at the Gay & Lesbian Center) and Karen (a warm, loving, klutzy straight girl). They reappeared throughout the musical and provided the framework for the starbursts seen in the individual vignettes.

Every person who attended brought away their personal favorite memories. From the opening chorus, "Out of Something Terrible, there is Something Beautiful" to the closing chorus as the entire cast sings with "One Voice," the individual stories of pain and rage and joy and triumph shined forth like the panels of the Quilt which they represented.



A panel from the Omaha Quilt Display proclaims "There is not enough darkness in the whole world to put out the light of one small candle"

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MARGARETHE CAMMERMEYER SPEAKS AT UNL

By Sally Lansdale, National Organizational for Women

Wednesday, October 11, 1995 was National Coming Out Day. What luck for Nebraska — a visit and lecture from Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer.

I went to the lecture and was pleasantly surprised to see a full room. I was told the room holds about 800.

Dr. Cammermeyer is a stately woman, extremely bright and very warm. She teased us about Nebraska. She said she had always thought of Nebraska as being a big flat place with a house in the middle. However, she also made fun of herself, saying at one point it was odd to be talking about human sexuality, since she is Norwegian, and everyone knows Norwegians have no sexuality.

Dr. Cammermeyer explained that she is a teacher and she spoke to us as if we were a group of her most beloved students. The point of her speech she said, was to explain a bit of the history of our country and "...how the role of women has changed, how the role of blacks has changed, and how the struggling role of gays and lesbians in society is changing and the cost of what happens if we don't become proactive and how there are a few examples in our more recent past of people who have made a difference in making this a better place to live."

Her speech was a good dose of Lesbian/Feminist lessons and a little history of women's roles in the military.

In World War II, for instance, women were in the military as WAC's. One of the things women did in that war was to train male pilots. However, they received neither relative nor comparable

ranks and were denied veteran's benefits after the war until just recently. The message being, Dr. Cammermeyer said, "that you're good enough to do part of the work but not all of it." Women's role in the Army has been a constantly changing one, with greater and greater latitude for involvement until today when women are almost completely involved, even in combat missions.

Dr. Cammermeyer went on with a brief autobiographical sketch. I don't want to spoil the book for you so I'll go on to her discussion of the military's handling of social changes.

She put it very well when she said, "Certainly the military's albatross was Tailhook. It was Lt. Caughlin talking out of school about the sexual harassment that was taking place towards women at the Tailhook convention. And their logic was, 'she should have known better.'" Dr. Cammermeyer described the men involved as "animals" and pointed out how the leadership involved was promoted and retired until "Lt. Caughlin also had to resign her military career because there was no way she could continue without being harassed for the duration."

She compared Tailhook with the "civilian albatross," the Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas hearings and the more recent Senator Packwood resignation.

As she continued to discuss social changes in our country she spoke of the pressures against women's rights of reproductive choice. She spoke about violence against women, the O.J. Trial, racism, essentially almost every single issue on the National Organization for Women's agenda. I was so proud.

As she spoke of her personal epiphany, she was brief, but I was touched by her honesty and her diplomacy. She was honest in her description of self-discovery, and diplomatic in her discussion of her treatment by the Army.

She told us about "the beach scene" in the T.V. movie *Serving in Silence*, "the real story." She met Diane that night and developed a gradual relationship with her until she realized that, yes, she was in love with this woman.

She also told us that this all happened more or less simultaneously with her

completion of her doctorate and her decision that she wanted to be a General. Thus the crash of the Glass Ceiling in the guise of the infamous security clearance interview. She had not held back her sexuality, and when the question was asked, she replied, "Yes, I've just discovered it. I am a Lesbian."

Dr. Cammermeyer challenged the system. She thought that they would change the policy, she said, until the very day she was separated. And she continued to challenge the system. At the time, she thought she was the only person this had ever happened to — but she learned differently.

Between 1980 and 1990 more than 17,000 people were separated from the military because they are gay or lesbian — at a cost of a half billion dollars to U.S. Taxpayers. When Gay Vietnam Veterans marched on Washington, D.C., there were, by some estimates, between 100,000 and 1,000,000 of them there.

And when Dr. Cammermeyer returned to her unit after having been reinstated 25 months later due to judicial ruling, she was given a standing ovation.

All during her speech, Dr. Cammermeyer reiterated again and again: Get Active Politically! She said, "We need to be so outspoken that homosexuality is no longer an issue." We need to "demystify the stereotype." She compared the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy to the witch hunts of McCarthyism. She pointed out that discrimination against gays and lesbians leads to racism and sexism and vice versa, much like the saying "If one group is not free, none of us are free."

When I asked Dr. Cammermeyer what her experience can mean to those of us who are not women or lesbians, she said that those of us who advocate for gay and lesbian rights run the "risk" of being labeled as such, thereby facing whatever dangers gays and lesbians face sort of by proxy.

I can tell you that is true from personal experience. However, I have always considered it an honor to be labeled a lesbian, and I consider it even more so now that I have had the privilege of listening to and meeting Dr. Margarethe Cammermeyer, Colonel, U.S. Army.

Watch for Dr. Cammermeyer's newly published autobiography, "Serving in Silence" available at your favorite bookstore.

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A.C.E. SPONSORS PLWA'S AT COLORADO HIV CAMP

By David Gray

On September first, the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment president, Don Pruden, chose four persons living with AIDS (PLWA's) in a random drawing to attend the Shadow Cliff Life Camp in Grand Lake, Colorado.

The life camp, co-directed by Patt and Warren Rempel, is set up as a non-profit youth hostile. However, several weekends a summer are set aside to host PLWA's and those that care for them. The retreats provide seminars for those attending to learn about health care options and other HIV/AIDS related issues. A total of seven people from Omaha attended the weekend trip, September 15 through 17. The group drove from Omaha, leaving late Thursday evening, making a stop in Lincoln to pick up one of the winners then returned late Saturday evening. The camp, set high in the mountains of Rocky Mountain National Park, provides a home-like, dorm style atmosphere that can host approximately 60 people per weekend. Next year's camps are already in the planning stage. A.C.E. hopes to be able to assist PLWA's with attending these future camps. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation to help sponsor area PLWA's at next year's camps, please write to: A.C.E., P.O. Box 31305, Omaha, NE 68131.



Top: ACE Delegation travels to HIV Camp in Colorado

Left: Campers explore trails high in Rocky Mountain National Park



OMAHA P-FLAG

Most PFLAG Omaha members know what is like to be the parent of a gay, lesbian, or bisexual child. But what is it like to be a gay or lesbian parent with children. Members of Gay and Lesbian Parents (GALP) will meet with Omaha PFLAG on Thursday November 9 to share some of the special challenges they face.

On Sunday December 3, P-FLAG Omaha will host its annual Holiday Gathering. Mark your calendar.

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ICE BOWL UPDATE

By Dan Johnson

As Director for the 1996 Ice Bowl tournament, I am pleased to join with the Board of Directors to announce that The Ice Bowl Association, Inc. is now certified as a non-profit organization. I also want to take this moment to give special thanks to the "Snatch Sisters," three wonderful, warm guys who hosted a benefit show on Sunday October 5th at DC's. Without Jeff, Lance, and Rich's efforts and help it would not have been the success it was. They raised \$708 for Ice Bowl along with the many talented performers in the show, including Miss Gay Omaha, Roxy; Mr. DC's, David Hansen; Miss MAX, Monica West; Carla & Sharon; Dana Dahl; Emperor XV Annie Welty; Jennifer Jett; Reagan; Muffy Rosenberg and Buffy; Rita Coppafeela; Theresa Robinson; and more. I also want to thank the emcees Annie Welty and Jeff Flores aka Rita Coppafeela for their talents. I know I left out some and I apologize for that, but speaking for all of the Board, we thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts, especially Jeff, Lance, and Rich. Thank you!

FRANCISCAN MOTHERHOUSE SHARES WISH LIST

The new Franciscan Motherhouse, opening in Omaha, is committed to providing compassionate care to those facing terminal illness. The Franciscan community is also maintaining its commitment to being self-supporting through the generosity of the local community.

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The Holiday Inn in Downtown Des Moines was the site of Coronation III of the Imperial Court of Iowa. The ballroom high atop the Hotel was transformed into a scene reminiscent of an evening in Pre-Castro Havana, with dapper men in tuxedos and lovely ladies in evening gowns and jewels. Show girls strutted their stuff while tourists from the neighboring state of Nebraska snapped picture after picture of the celebrities.

Emperor Michael Ferry and Empress Lili Whyte held court as they bid farewell to their loyal subject and visiting dignitaries from Imperial Courts located in San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, Minneapolis, and Omaha.

The Houses of Whyte, Starr, and Sakowitz were well represented during the festivities, along with representatives from all across the state of Iowa.

The evening's celebration reached its climax as Emperor Patrick Quinn and Empress Liz Starr were crowned to be the reigning monarchs for the Imperial Court of Iowa for the coming year.



Photos: Top, Left: Emperor IV Liz & Emperor IV Pat
 Top, Right: Empress III Liti & Emperor III Michael
 Center: ICON Emperor XV Annie & Prince Royale XV Gary
 Below: Cuban Dancer set scene for "Night in Havana"

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*Photos: Left, Rev. Lewis receives his stole representing his service to the church
Center: Clergy gather for a prayer of blessing during the installation
Right: Rev. Lewis greets his congregation*

REV. DR. C. EARLE LEWIS INSTALLED AS PASTOR OF MCC-O

September 23 was cold and blustery but the sanctuary and social hall of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha glowed with light and love as the Rev. Dr. C. Earle Lewis was formally installed as Pastor. The sanctuary was adorned with the bright red of the Pentecost season as clergy and congregation gathered to celebrate this event.

The Reverend Bob Arthur, District

Coordinator of the Mid-Central District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, spoke directly to Rev. Lewis as he charged him with the responsibilities of the position he was accepting. Rev. Arthur spoke just as firmly to the congregation gathered there as he charged the church with its responsibilities. Rev. Arthur then led the formal installation as Rev. Lewis stated his willingness to lead the

congregation. Members of the congregation then presented Rev. Lewis with various symbols of the many and varied responsibilities he was accepting, and the visiting clergy joined Rev. Arthur for a prayer of blessing on the new Pastor before Rev. Lewis formally greeted his congregation.

A reception followed the service for the 125 guests who joined in the event.



OMAHA WOMEN ATTEND MONTANA RETREAT

By Laurie Heavey

For the second year in a row, I was able to attend "Woman Power," a retreat in Helena, Montana for HIV positive women. This retreat is in its fourth year now and attendance has increased each year.

This year, thanks to the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment and the Imperial Court of Nebraska (who sponsored us), there were two of us from the Omaha area who were able to go to Montana and participate in the experience.

"Woman Power" draws women from many different areas and it gave Terri and me an excellent opportunity to network and to exchange information about our own personal struggles as well as the various medical and social support systems around the United States.

It was especially beneficial for us because Nebraska currently does not offer much for women challenged by this virus. Statistics tell us that there are women in Nebraska who are living with HIV. Unfortunately, we don't see much of these women. Why? What can we do to change this? These are the questions we are asking and searching for answers to.

Besides enjoying a peaceful, nurturing weekend surrounded by beautiful scenery, perhaps the most positive thing to come out of the retreat for us is that we are more determined than ever to develop a support system for women in Nebraska.

It's time to acknowledge positive women, to recognize that we have different issues when coping with HIV, physically and emotionally, and to work towards making this state a place where women seeking support will find it.

NO TURKEYS IN THIS PLACE — MCC BENEFIT SHOW, THE MAX NOV. 26

Yes, it's Thanksgiving weekend. Yes, it's a time for families to be together. Yes, you will be all worn out. Yes, you'll be bemoaning the fact you have to return to work. But tell me the truth, after all that traditional holiday time with your family, won't you be ready to let your hair down and be yourself? Won't you really be ready to have pizza instead of leftover turkey? Won't you be ready for great entertainment (live and lip sync) after all that football? That's what we thought! So, MCC-Omaha is hosting a Pizza Party and not one but TWO SHOWS at the MAX Sunday, November 26. For just \$5 you can have all the pizza you care to eat and two great shows.

In fact, for those of you who do have to get up early the next day, we're planning a special early show that will begin at 8pm and will end by 9:30pm. So you can be home and in bed by your regular bedtime! If you don't come for pizza, you'll just pay the regular \$3 cover. But if you're more of a night owl, you'll especially enjoy our second show which will begin about 9:30pm and will be done before midnight so you'll still have an hour or so for dancing.

If you're an entertainer and you really, really, really want to be in one of the shows contact Carla at 345-2563 by Nov. 10, and she'll get you in touch with the entertainment organizers, who will try their very best to include you in the line-up—but you know, only God works miracles, so don't wait until midnight on the ninth! Of course, we'll be asking you to give up all those tips—then again, you knew that, right! It's a benefit! But it's going to be a great time too! Remember—no turkey, only pizza, show & show!

LOCAL GROUPS JOIN NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LOBBYING SESSION IN D.C.

By Joni Joyce

The first ever National Transgender Lobbying Session is now in the Record Books. Gloria Fredericks, representing Iowa and Iowa Artistry, and myself, representing Nebraska and the River City Gender Alliance, are both proud to be a part of that page in history.

The goal for October 2nd & 3rd was to bring together about 55 Transpersons from across the country to Washington, D.C. to educate and enlighten our Senators, Congresswomen and Congressmen on some of the issues crucial to the Transgendered community. Topics included job discrimination, Veteran's affairs, health insurance, imprisonment concerns, and hate crimes.

On the evening of October 1st, our group gathered for a short course on "Lobbying 101" and a bit of a rally to kick things off. There were about 95 people present, not just 55! What a Rush! (Limbaugh not included!) The excitement over what was to take place over the next two days was tremendous. We were all assigned about 6 to 8 offices to visit, given the necessary information packets and sworn to our duty.

Capitol Hill will never be the same. You couldn't walk more than a block or two without running into someone from our group. All in all we were able to speak with someone of authority in more than 550 House and Senate offices. In all but a very few cases we were treated with a great deal of respect and allowed time to dialogue on the issues. It was a growth experience for all of us.

As for myself, one of the highlights of the trip was actually visiting with Congressman Jon

Christensen. Even though he is very conservative and not likely to change, he has at least met a Transgendered person and maybe, just maybe, will recognize us as intelligent responsible individuals.

Gloria had similar positive meetings with people from Iowa. She was excited to have spent 15 minutes with Senator Grassley. During her visit with the Senator, the appointment secretary would pop in and remind him that the Russian delegation was still waiting. Now that's clout!

Needless to say, the trip was a huge success. The Transgender community is not silent or invisible anymore. We're making a statement and people everywhere are beginning to listen.

A great many thanks need to go out. The funding for this trip was raised almost entirely from donations. Kudos go out to all the members of the River City Gender Alliance for heavily supporting my trip and to all the members of Iowa Artistry for supporting Gloria.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to the Imperial Court of Nebraska for its generous donation.

Last, but not least, thanks to all those friends I've made through Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha and elsewhere that were so thoughtful of giving not only of their dollars but also their support. It's really great to be a part of the ever growing G/L/B/T Family in Nebraska and Iowa!

In closing, I'd like to say... This year was the first National Transgender Lobbying effort. It won't be the last. The plans for the second are already on the drawing board. I know that Gloria and I would be very happy to do it all over again!



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This year's nominees are:

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January 28	Fred Zydek, Brian Bengtson
February 25	Julie Thompson
March 31	Sarah Fairchild
April 28	Nancy McCleery
May 19	Kim Whiteside & Eric McGhee
June 30	Michael Skau

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After week #7 of bowling, the River City Mixed Bowling League boasts the largest number of teams registered since the League moved to the Skylanes.

29 teams are participating — so many teams that the league must bowl in two shifts, 1pm and 3pm.

Obviously, with so many teams taking part, there are lots of new names and faces this year. However, the high scores feature several familiar names.

Taking an early lead in the high scores, Dwight Wages holds high men's scratch game with a 269 and high scratch series with a 665.

Bob Andresen holds second high game and series with a 247 and 643 respectively.

Charley Wade holds third high game with a 245 and Joe Bloemer hold third high series with a 631.

Bob Andresen has the high league average with a 197, followed by Joe Bloemer with a 190, and Bill Boren with a 181.

The high women's series is held by Cherie Iniguez with a 227, followed by Trish Findley with a 224, and Rosie Wills with a 216.

Kathy Barnes holds high women's series with a 559, followed by Jill Cole with a 553, and Trish Findley with a 551.

High women's average is held by Jill Cole with a 165, followed by Kathy Barnes with a 162, and Jennifer Moore with a 162.

There were 25 outstanding individual performances during week #6 including:

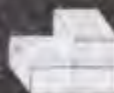
Greg Whitmore	207 game
Russ Holledieck	201 game
Dan White	200 game
Mike Price	203 game
Craig Owens	217 game
Bob Andresen	226 game
Jill Cole	204 game
Kathy Hockett	202 game
Jim Vagirt	500 series
Charley Wade	502 series
Jeff Flores	513 series
Bob Andresen	597 series
Craig Owens	535 series
Ron Brewer	525 series
Joe Bloemer	521 series
Dwight Wages	500 series
Greg Whitmore	541 series
Dan White	586 series
Gene Perrin	555 series
Jill Cole	528 series

Team standings reveal a close match among the top 6 teams. Chesterfield holds first place with 18 wins, followed by DC's Misfits, Choke Artists, and Night Riders with 17 wins apiece, and Dry Till Strike with 16.5 wins and The MAX with 16 wins. High team game (handicap) is held by DC's Misfits with an 805, followed by DC's Golden Girls with a 706, and Delivery Boys with a 768 game. Delivery Boys hold the High Team Series (Handicap) with a 2205, followed by the Chesterfield with a 2189, and DC's Golden Girls with a 2106.

Complete team standings follow:

	Won	Lost
1. Chesterfield	18	6
2. DC's Misfits	17	7
3. Choke Artists	17	7
4. Night Riders	17	7
5. Dry Till Strike	16.5	7.5
6. The MAX	16	8
7. Kumquarts	14	10
8. Big O Ho's	14	10
9. Wurgler Photo	13.5	10.5
10. DC's Golden Girls	13	11
11. DC's EZ Pick-Ups	13	11
12. Delivery Boys	13	11
13. Bend Me/Fill Me	13	11
14. Stosh's Saloon	12.5	11.5
15. DC Dudes	12.5	11.5
16. Damn Shame	12	12
17. Been There Done It	11.5	12.5
18. Tie Us Down & Run	11.5	12.5
19. Kings & Queens	11.5	12.5
20. Gilligans #2 Sc&Sn	11	13
21. Gilligan's #1	11	13
22. Garbos	11	9
23. 3 Blondes + 1	10	14
24. Roz's Rollers	9	15
25. Impact	8	16
26. TM #29	8	16
27. Spare Us	7	17
28. Out of Sync	6.5	17.5
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"We Have Arrived" marked the initial flyer celebrating the opening of services made available to the Lincoln community by the Ecumenical Catholic Church of America. It invited the Lincoln community to come and enjoy prayer meetings with Pastor Jim Arling, who would also give blessed communion to all who showed. "I'm thankful I was there. To me, it wasn't who would be there the first or second or tenth service. It's that we, as a church, are here for the community and, should this truly be a calling from Jesus himself, then he will open the right doors at the right time," said board member David Hall.

On October 8, after the prayer session, the ECCA board held its third quarterly meeting. This was the first board meeting for the ECCA board since moving here, and there definitely were a lot of new topics of business. Pastor Jim, who is the chair, called the meeting to order and led the members in prayer. He read the minutes, showed the financial report, and then gave the Sacramental and Activities Report which included Gary and Jim's trip to the Max to sit in and then be introduced to the members present at the ICON meeting in September. The S&A Report stated that nine people were present at two services and all nine accepted communion. It included various drop-in visits including a young neighbor who was a burn victim.

We were informed that the ECCA articles of incorporation were applied for and approved by the state of Nebraska, and the incorporation papers were published on the third, tenth, and 17th of October, and that the corporation by-laws and

constitution had been rewritten with Nebraska as its headquarters.

All parts of the S&A Report were accepted, voted on, and passed. Although one board member became longwinded, his views were important. Simply for record purposes, he stated that he would vote for and approve of the corporate constitution only when it was understood that these are corporate laws which are not binding to the Lincoln Parish except when in conflict with corporate wishes. Board member David Hall felt the need to express his concern that the Lincoln Parish have its own set of by-laws which would include the right and ability to have Sunday evening services with a more Pentecostal focus. As in the past, all board members present agreed that Lincoln, and its people, will be able to set up their own by-laws with help and assistance when and where needed. Roger Smith, interim Bishop of the Portland Diocese, was formally Knighted by Archbishop Arling, just before leaving for Nebraska.

John Taylor of TAYLOR & WILD Attorneys at Law (see ad in *New Voice*), has offered his services as the Church's corporate attorney. Thanks John!!! Laura Grey, Miss River City, threw a benefit bash in October at The Run. Praise Jesus!! And thanks to The Run and Miss Laura for all their help and support.

Wow! This is what it's all about, folks! People helping people. Have you taken down the names of these people who are so giving? We hope you patronize their establishments for without both individuals, and corporation-type

sponsorship, this endeavor would be less possible.

Finally, I wish to let everyone know how they can be a part of helping the ECCA become a more abled Church body. On November 2, ECCA will hold a variety show fundraiser in the train station banquet facility in Lincoln's historic Haymarket. Donations for sound equipment, live singers, comedians from Lincoln, and many businesses in the area, have all been provided so that we can raise the funds to purchase a facility. We hope you will be a part. On November 2, doors open at 8pm and show begin at 9pm. Tickets are \$5, \$9 for couples, and \$42.50 for a RESERVED table for ten. Call 402-464-0270 for reserved tickets. They will be sold until standing room only. The room seats 500. We hope to see you there or in services soon. As one in attendance said, "I could tell the Holy Spirit was here, and it felt good. I'm so glad you're here."

BINGO AND MORE IN SCOTTSBLUFF

The les-bi-gay community, family and friends are invited to a night of fun on Saturday November 18th at West NE Arts Center in Scottsbluff. Proceeds of the bake sale and bingo will benefit the Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services. There will also be tables set up for individuals to sell their own crafts. These tables are free but must be reserved by calling (308) 635-8488 by November 11. Set-up time for craft tables will start at 6:00 p.m. Bingo will commence at 7:00 p.m. *OurWest*



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NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT MCC

November will be a busy month for the members and friends of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. As we move into the holiday season and the excitement of Advent, the church calendar is filling up rapidly.

The month kicks off with a fundraising Breakfast at the church which will be served after both services on November 5.

November 12 members and friends will join for a potluck dinner following the 10:30 service and will then hold the fall congregational meeting. The meeting is open to everyone, but only members may vote. Items on the agenda will include electing three new members to the Board of Directors and approving the budget for 1996.

On November 18, members of the congregation will display their talents with a craft sale at Quixotics. Then they will celebrate the day with a pumpkin painting contest and karaoke in the MCC Social Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of showing off your talents in crafts, in art, and in singing.

MCC will be hosting a benefit pizza party and show at The MAX on Sunday November 26. This show will feature the best live and lip sync in two "reallilly big" shows. Pizza will be served from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Cost \$5). The early show will begin promptly at 8 o'clock for all you early risers. The second show will begin about 9:30 p.m. All proceeds from the Pizza Party and show will benefit MCC.

Throughout the month, the Christian Social Action Committee will be hard at work with two major projects. First they will be coordinating MCC's involvement in the Christmas Family project of St. Martin de Porres Center. This project provides toys, clothing, and food for needy

families who might not have Christmas otherwise. If you would like to make a donation toward clothing or toys or food, contact the church office at 345-2563. The second project is the preparation of a Thanksgiving dinner for Persons Living With AIDS and those in the congregation who would like to attend. Donations of money or food are welcome. Again, contact the church office.

The men's support group is meeting regularly on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. This peer support and discussion group is proving to be a vital resource for the men of the community. The women's support group continues to meet on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. Both groups are open to the public. You do not need to be affiliated with MCC in any way to attend either of these groups.

MCC still has Pleasure Pacs available for just \$25 apiece. These coupon books are a must for anyone who eats out, goes to a dry cleaner or car wash, or just wants to save money. The coupons are good through December 1996, so you have plenty of opportunities to save money. December 4 will be the last day that you can get your Pleasure Pac from MCC, so you better get a move on. Call the church at 345-2563 if you want a Pleasure Pac. We deliver!!

Work is progressing well on the repairs to the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. The restoration is being done by members of the MCC congregation under the guidance and tutelage of a local stained glass artisan.

MCC-Omaha continues to offer a variety of ministries to the community, from Sunday worship services to opportunities to volunteer your time and talent to times for fellowship and times for study. Regardless of your interests, there is something for you at MCC.

LEATHER CLUB FORMS IN OMAHA

On Sunday October 1, the first meeting of a new local leather club was held.

Ten members were in attendance and will be meeting bi-weekly to establish its name and club by-laws.

The members wish to establish a traditional leather club and provide an information center for the "leather curious."

They also wish to make the leather community more visible and promote leather within the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, and Transgender community.

To do this, they will have social activities, networking events, and will prepare members for participation in local and international contests.

Initially, the group will be limited to the original members.

Once the club has by-laws put together and has guidelines in place, the members will seek small numbers of people to go through a pledgship.

This is being done to ensure each new person learns about the leather lifestyle and has someone available to them to answer any questions they may have.

The club's hope is to grow slowly and have well-informed and responsible members.

The first group is made up entirely of men. Once this group has been firmly established, it will assist in the development of a sister group.

A list of 10 women has already been gathered for the initial women's club.

Should anyone be interested in participating once pledgships are available, please contact any of the Steering Committee members.

These include Bob Ewing, Rick Noss, Jim Gau, Chuck Wilson, and Gene Perrin.



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This work by the Italian author, Dacia Maraini, illustrates the author's conviction that eroticism and sensuality are important to women's lives and helps the audience become freer, more powerful, and more aware of the repression inherent in male-dominated, anti-sensual institutions.

"Dialogue" is about "the terrible impossible of relationships between unmarried men and women, gender-defined perspectives; issues of legality, control, power, public-private / street-home rights — it brings into question definitions of prostitution, dating, sex, and violence; and media exploitation of women's bodies, women's roles as mothers, service givers, and leaders."

"Dialogue" is the latest in the Magic Theatre's presentations of the latest, cutting-edge theatre.

During November the members of the Magic Theatre will be touring nationally with their production of *Sound Fields*, and offering seminars and workshops.

Sound Fields will be offered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on November 9-10 at Mt. Mercy College, and on November 15-17 at SUNY in Oswego, New York.

On November 4, Megan Terry will deliver the keynote address to the Asian Theatre Conference in Seoul, South Korea.

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MISS GAY OMAHA ROXY

By Steve

On October 1, The MAX was the setting for the crowning of the new Miss Gay Omaha (#7). The room was full to capacity to watch five wonderful contestants compete for the title which was held this past year by Phoenix Fallentino.

The five contestants were: Roxy, Quincy, Ashley Simone, Vanessa Van Dam, and Felina Katz. Emcees for the evening were Jim Gau; Monica West, Miss MAX 11; and the always wonderful Dorian Drake. The set, which was designed by Tom Cech, was wonderfully done as always and set the mood for a night of pageantry. As the crowd awaited the first of two competitions (Talent) they were treated to the wonderful talents of Phoenix Fallentino, Dorian Drake, Laura Gray, Dietra Snow, Monica West, and finally, by the promoter for the pageant, Jennifer Jett.

The talent competition was the first competition and what wonderful talent it was. Felina Katz performed "I am What I am." Then came Quincy (and crew) who did a powerful display of talent and choreography on the song "I Need a Man." Third was Vanessa Van Dam who performed artistically the songs "Half Breed" and "Bang Bang" (which included changing in a teepee). Next Ashley Simone was full of energy as she performed "Black Cat," and finally, Roxy performed a dramatic rendition of "Nobody's Side" from the musical *Chess*. The crowd was entertained by a few more wonderful numbers from the lovely, talented entertainers for the evening which included a duet by Dorian Drake and Mr. Q, Matt, doing "Don't Let Me Walk This Road Alone."

In Evening Wear competition each contestant came out in bright, sparkling dresses, matching shoes, superlative hair, and accessories which could have been from Tiffany's. Finally, the moment came. The results:

Miss Congeniality — Ashley Simone

2nd Runner - Up — Vanessa Van Dam

1st Runner - Up — Quincy

Miss Gay Omaha 1995 — Roxy

Judges for the evening were: Laura Lee, Dietra Snow, Owen, David Townsend, and Jeff Adams.

MT. RUSHMORE NEARLY BLUSHES DURING COMING OUT WEEK

The tourists were startled and the granite bust of George Washington almost blinked in disbelief as National Coming Out Week kicked off with an "official photo op" for queer South Dakotans at the famous Mt. Rushmore National Memorial.

First they unfolded a giant rainbow flag.

Then they stepped up to the scenic viewpoint not far from where Cary Grant tried to escape the bad guys in the Hitchcock classic, "North By Northwest"

Then they took a deep breath, struck a pose, shouted out a chorus for the local news media, "Happy National Coming Out Day in South Dakota!" — and made history as gay, lesbian and bisexual people came out in a big way here in Black Hills country.

One couple even staged an impromptu kiss in practically under Teddy Roosevelt's nose.

More than a dozen folks, most of them either not out of the closet or just barely out, participated in the event.

Earlier in the day at a downtown press conference, an impressive list of official National Coming Out Week events across the state was formally released.

The media event was covered by the Rapid City Journal and the ABC and NBC local affiliates, not to mention a stringer for the Nichi Bei Times (Japanese American Daily News).

On the list of events in Rapid City were:

The coming out story circle and brown bag lunch.

The new All Faiths gay, lesbian and bisexual worship service, plus a Unitarian Universalist sermon.

The NCOW video screening potluck. A meet and greet breakfast.

The Mt. Rushmore photo op.

Not on the official list, but perhaps most important, were the private conversations and personal encounters made by gay, lesbian and bisexual people and non-gay supporters who reached out to meet each other.

Being openly gay in South Dakota can be extremely difficult.

There is tremendous fear and isolation. There are no protections against discrimination.

It's a terribly conservative state.

The Radical Right is growing here.

There's really been no gay movement or even a place where gays can gather safely in this part of the state.

These people have shown true bravery and courage in coming out.

There is a sense of community forming, and more people are getting politically involved.

The folks of Rapid City, population 60,000, are talking about the local buzz created in the media and around town by the new gay visibility.

So far, about 30 gay, lesbian and bisexual residents have come forward with another 20 non-gay allies joining them.

You'd think most of the town was coming out based on the press coverage. Both of the local TV stations carried evening news reports.

The Journal splashed NCOW across the front page of the local section, complete with color photo, after running an advance leaser the day before.

It was certainly an eventful week.

The first-ever G/L/B/T South Dakota Resource Guide was photocopied and distributed to businesses, churches, synagogues and other places around town and throughout the state.

For more information, and to make contributes, contact Free Americans Creating Equal Status of South Dakota, Inc., at 605-343-5577, 13121 South Creekview Road, Rapid City, SD 57702.

The group's e-mail address is facesd@aol.com.

This article was written by Robert Bray, a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force field organizer. He spent ten days visiting four towns in South Dakota to organize a gay visibility tour of the state. Bray lives in San Francisco when not on the road.

WOMYN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FORMING

On November 18, at 10 a.m. an organizational meeting will be held for a Womyn's Discussion Group which will give womyn an opportunity to come together and discuss books and other literary works. All womyn are welcome at this meeting which will be held at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street.



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THREE MOVIES YOU WON'T SEE AT THE MALL

The Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater on the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln (12th & R) will be showing three movies of interest to the gay and lesbian community. Anyone is invited, admission is \$5.50 for the general public, \$4.50 for students, \$3.50 for members, seniors and children. For more information, call the theater at 472-5353 in Lincoln. The following are brief descriptions of the films and the dates they'll run:

PRIEST (November 16-29, 24-26) "In Liverpool, Greg Pilkington (Linus Roache), a sternly handsome young priest, enters a gay disco and picks up another man. The real shock of *Priest* is that the movie turns out to be anything but anti-Catholic. Instead, it suggests that Greg is a better priest, with a fuller experience of humanity and faith, because of his war with desire." — Entertainment Weekly.

Along with *Priest*, the theater will show a short feature called *The Attendance*. "Isaac Julien's attendant is older, wiser, black and works in an art museum, where — with a young white gay man as his erotic memory — he sees a 19th century painting, 'Scene on the Coast of Africa', of slaves and chains come to life. Vivid imagery reveals the attendant's fantasy of the psychic pleasures of sadomasochistic relationships." — Frameline.

BALLOT MEASURE 9 (November 30-December 2) "By now, everyone knows the outcome of Oregon's 1992 ballot measure: unlike its Colorado counterpart, this proposal to deny civil rights to gay people was decisively defeated. But how? And why? Director Heather MacDonald ducks behind the headlines to lay bare the passions, strategies, and clear-eyed organizing that drove the forces up to the November day when the United States elected Bill Clinton as President, and the state of Oregon voted 57 to 43 percent to continue to confer the status of humanity upon its gay population. MacDonald and her crew have chosen a cool, low-voltage style, examining heated issues with near-clinical precision. Central to the film's power are the brave crusaders who risk harassment, attack, even firebombing to stand up for themselves, their gay or lesbian friends and allies, and their own beliefs. As the odds even out and the level of violence escalates, the documentary acquires the tension and suspense of a fiction film. *Ballot Measure 9* is that rare film that an audience enters sure of what's to come only to find expectations overturned. Its local chronicle evolves into a far-ranging expose of hate politics that crosses lines of race, religion and sexual identity." — B. Ruby Rich.

A short feature will also run with *Ballot Measure 9*. *Straight from the Heart* profiles parents who have come to a new understanding of their gay and lesbian children, and who now courageously wish to share their stories. It presents simple stories about real people: a police chief who talks about how proud he is of his lesbian daughters, a Mormon family whose son is believed to be the first gay man in Idaho to have died from AIDS, and a black woman and her two lesbian daughters from Lincoln, Nebraska, both of whom had been accused of 'catching' their lesbian orientation. Perhaps one of the most moving segments revolves around Dr. Roscoe Thorne and his son Tracy, the naval aviator who was drummed out of the military in 1993 after publicly acknowledging that he is gay. Nominated for an Academy Award, *Straight from the Heart* comes at a time of increasing hate crimes and anti-gay ballot measures proposed to codify discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

THE INCREDIBLY TRUE ADVENTURE OF TWO GIRLS IN LOVE (December 7-10, 14-17) "With freshman auteur Maria Maggenti's tale of kitten love, the embers of Lesbian Chic have set off a blast of gynomite. In this sweet teen girl grind — inspired by the John Hughes school of adolescent angst — a tomboyish outcast (played by an irresistible charmer named Laurel Holloman) seduces a pretty, popular and heretofore hetero girl (Nicole Parker), and they quickly find themselves at odds with the Heather-and-Biff set. But Maggenti snuffs out Hughes' *Sixteen Candles* with her depiction of the Victorian intimacy of adolescent female friendship (right down to the emotional missives that get showed into lockers), garnished with a big dollop of wondrous mutual attraction.

A short feature will be shown along with *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love*. "In this highly entertaining short, *Greetings from Africa*, Cheryl Dunye uses her dry wit to ruminate on lesbian dating '90s style. Cheryl (playing herself) is searching for someone to date. Unfortunately, most of her friends are still stuck in those long-term relationships from the '80s. Just when she thinks all is lost, she meets L, a beautiful, mysterious and captivating woman. Cheryl gets caught up in the chase and L leads her in and out of hot water." — Women Make Movies.

MOTHER JUGS & SPEEDOS

The 4th Annual Mother Jugs and Speedos Summer Bash held September 22 was once again a success. \$1936.42 was donated by all the guests and will be donated to the Nebraska AIDS Project. With some of the money still coming in, they hope to reach the \$2000 mark.

In addition to the money, nine boxes of food and dry goods were also donated. This will be given to NAP's food pantry.

When the party started four years ago, it was intended just to be a summer party. Then they decided to have a "party with a purpose". In the first year, only food was requested and eight boxes of food were gathered.

As the reputation and the party grew — and the hosts learned what they were doing — local businesses and people began donating prizes, food, beverages, flowers, etc. Without their help, the party would not have grown to the extent that it has.

Rick, Jeff W., Arch, Jeff B., Chas, Jeanette and Tim would like to thank everyone who attended the party or made a donation for their generosity. In the four years this party has been in existence, \$4926.42 and 29 boxes of food have been collected and distributed to various organizations.

This is their way of giving to the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender community. It is also their way of honoring their friends and loved ones who are always with them in spirit.

Finally, Mother Jugs and Speedos would like to congratulate the House of Dey on their party in August. Those who attended had a great time and hope they continue to build a tradition of their own.

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NOVEMBER AT THE MAX

The MAX was the setting for the seventh annual Miss Gay Omaha Pageant. The staff of the MAX was pleased to assist pageant promoter Jennifer Jett, in making this one of the most successful Miss Gay Omaha contests ever. Miss Gay Omaha 1994, Phoenix Fallentino, had a stupendous year. It will be quite hard to fill her shoes. Former Empress and Babes Behind Bars cast member, Roxy, walked away the winner. All the contestants were great! Remember, girls, Miss MAX 12 is right around the corner!

We have a great line up of shows for November. Sunday November 5, the newest reign of the Imperial Court of Nebraska hosts their first show "Food for Thought, Served Up with Steamin' Weenies." Brooke and Annie are taking ICON in a new direction and The MAX is ready to help them out and we hope you are, too. Join us for a night of laughter and help fill

Thanksgiving Baskets for P.W.A.'s and fill the shelves of MCC's Pantry at the same time.

On Sunday November 12, The Babes are Back and they're hotter than ever. Roxy, Ruby, and The Fraulein host a benefit for ICE BOWL 96. If you feel like you're in a gutter and you can't seem to make a strike and you have time to spare, the Babes are here to help!

Quench your taste for Leather on Saturday November 18 and Sunday November 19 at The MAX. On Saturday, Bare Images presents the Mr. & Ms Leather Nebraska Contest. Leathermen and Leatherwomen will pack Stosh's Saloon. If you've never experienced a Leather Event, this is the time to start. Sunday November 19, Mr. Desert Plains Drummer hosts "Live and Sleazy." We'll keep the leather experience going with this benefit for Rick, Mr. Nebraska Fantasy. Rick will be competing in the Mr. Olympus Regional

Contest in Denver, December 8, 9, & 10. Live performers, Fantasies, Strippers, and Omaha's top female impersonators help Rick out.

Tired of turkey? Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will host a Pizza Party and Shows at The MAX on Sunday November 26. \$5 gets you great pizza and a terrific show. Pizza will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. and then there will be two shows. One at 8 p.m. and one at 9:30 p.m. MCC provides Omaha with much needed spiritual and emotional support. For 5 bucks everyone should be able to afford to help MCC-Omaha.

The staff of The MAX is getting everything ready for Christmas and our Legendary New Year's Eve Party. Out light show and sound system will be upgraded and ready for a blast of party on December 31. You can look in a lot of other spaces but to find the best, there's only one.

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NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT

By Emperor XV, Annie Welty

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is once again jumping into the holiday season with both feet! For starters, we would like to invite you to our annual Food for Thought Show at The MAX, Sunday November 4 at 9:30 p.m. Emperor XV, Annie, and Rita "Jeff Flores" Coppafeela will be "serving up" some of your favorite area entertainment - Music, Laughter, and "Steamin' Weenies!" (No Double Coupons, please!)

Our monthly meeting will be held at The MAX, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A big thank you to Empress IX Felice and Co-Empresses IX Carla and Joe for their work and help on the "Flash of Fall" Show, October 22 at DC's. This was a benefit for the Franciscan Motherhouse. A big thanks to all the performers in this show as well.

On to traveling. Empress XII Phoenix and Emperor XII Steve will be representing Nebraska in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Colorado Springs Court is celebrating their 20th anniversary and we are proud to have Nebraskan representation.

Until next month, Peace!

METRO CLUB TO MEET AT NEON GOOSE

The next meeting of the Metro Club will be Thursday, November 16, at the Neon Goose. We will be hosting a wine tasting party that evening at 6:30pm. Cover is \$15. For further information, please call 556-0287.

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GAY PASTOR OUTRAGES UNO STUDENT PRESIDENT

Last year, the University of Nebraska at Omaha welcomed campus minister, Rev. Phil Owen. Well, not everyone. This fall, UNO's student president expressed his outrage over the acceptance of an openly gay minister. That has led to overwhelming support for Rev. Owen. More on that later. The following is an article from the campus newspaper, Gateway, reprinted with permission.

September 19, 1995

Student President/Regent Justin Peterson addressed his concern about the sexual orientation of UNO's campus pastor, the Rev. Phil Owen, in his report at Thursday's Student Senate meeting.

"As you all know our campus pastor is gay," Peterson told the Senate. "I just can't believe we have a gay campus pastor. I just can't believe it. It's ridiculous. I think he should resign."

While in Washington, D.C. this summer, Peterson said he received concerns from students on campus about the issue.

He said he received about seven or eight contacts while out of town, and many more when he returned to Omaha.

"I don't know exactly why he's concerned about anybody's sexuality," Owen said, "I have no idea what kind of comments he's received, and if there's an issue or concern, I'd be more than happy to talk to him."

Peterson did say he has met with Rev. Owen before and has talked with him a number of times. Peterson said he remembers one time in particular.

Last spring, Peterson said that while talking with Owen, Owen made comments about the UNO administration, apparently saying that student apathy on campus is because of the administration, and that the campus was a mess due to construction.

"He was bashing our administration," Peterson said.

Bashing the administration, Owen said, he did not do.

"I don't remember saying anything about the administration. What I have said, last year especially, was that most of the campus was feeling stressed out and stretched out. That goes from the administration down," Owen said.

He said he doesn't think that people being a bit stressed on campus would be a surprise to many people.

With the construction and renovation of the Student Center, Owen said the building, being that it has been torn up, has had an effect on students.

Students don't have that central meeting place, and changes and detours caused by the construction have an effect on students, he said.

"I looked forward to the time when it's actually done, and things such as the food tent were a really creative way to take care of things," Owen said.

"I don't like the term apathetic," he said. "Students are not apathetic; they're just too busy. And they may not choose to do their extracurricular activities on campus. Different people need different things at different times," Owen said.

Saying the two are totally unrelated, Peterson said his conversation with Owen is totally separate from his sexual orientation.

"I think a pastor should be in a position of moral and spiritual leadership, and that lifestyle doesn't lend itself to either one of them," Peterson said.

If he (Peterson) ever sees that there's an issue or a problem, Owen said, it's something he wants to hear.

"We shouldn't agree all the time because that's the nature of people, and certainly of democracy. That's the nature of the game in working in the public arena," Owen said.

A week later, Peterson's office was found slightly vandalized. The Gateway reported that it is not known whether the vandalism was done in

retaliation for Peterson's comments. A temporary wall had a hole punched in and Peterson's Troy Aikman poster was missing.

After Peterson's comments were known, the Gateway was flooded with letters.

A huge majority were defending Rev. Owen including a former Student Senator and UNO alum. She wrote to say that in 1993, her sexuality did not bother Peterson when he needed her help in his campaign that won him Speaker of the Student Senate. She says her sexuality was hardly a secret. She thought it was interesting that Peterson condemns gays and lesbians only when one of them can't do something for him.

Rev. Owen also wrote in to defend himself, while not wanting to prolong the controversy. He urged anyone who has questions about issues raised to contact him.

His office number is 558-6737 & his e-mail address is aphilip@cwis.unomaha.edu

He is one of four "religious professionals" who work on the UNO campus. Each of them represents several religions. They are not supported by taxes or student fees.

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1824 N. Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549

LEGAL

Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 910 "L,"
St Lincoln 68508-2228 476-3882; Jim

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

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

AIDS ADVOCACY

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-6367

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project
(statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
for Volunteer Services and Administration
402-342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233,
HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical
support, counseling
Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100.
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361. (308) 635-3807

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

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

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

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

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

HOME HEALTH CARE

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project
(statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
Volunteer Services & Administration 402/342-
6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV tests,
AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361. (308) 635-3807

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

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

**WORLD
AIDS DAY
DECEMBER 1**



RESOURCE DIRECTORY

*****LINCOLN*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:

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

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

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

Ecumenical Catholic Church of America, 2201 N. 31 St., Lincoln 68503. (402) 464-0270. Pastor Jim Arling, Deacon Gary Balch. Prayer Meeting, Sun. 11am. Open Communion. Please Call with Questions/Prayer Requests. All Are Welcome.

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

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

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

The Male Space, 3rd Sunday 2pm, 1744 "L" St., Lincoln. Focus "Spiritual Healing", Gay/Bi Men, all ages, all races welcome. Membership \$12/year. Info write/visit Mark Whitworth, Dir., 1744 "L" St. 1-C, Lincoln, Ne. 68508 S.A.S.E.

National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln political/grassroots activist org. in issues relating to full equality for women- meets monthly, Lincoln NOW, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 477-1226

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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, Info, Conference Updates, Education for older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln. All welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

Alcoholics Anonymous,

**Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha

**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri. 7pm, call 455-7916 for location

**Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

New Voice Internet Address:
tjrr05c@prodigy.com

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

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians. US WEST. Contact Pat Phalen, 1299 Farnam, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102 (402) 348-8569
Frontrunners/walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104, HOTLINE 496-3658, Running/Walking Club (SASE for info)

Gay And Lesbian Organization of UNO (GaLo), for all UNO Students & sponsors, Meet Mondays 4-6pm on UNO Campus, Milo Bail Student Center, 3rd Floor, Board Room, Information call Jonathan Raymond (402) 571-8518 or Diallo Mudd (402) 554-3492 or Email

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

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

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

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

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Sun 7pm 1st Luth, 31 & Jackson, Omaha 345-4080/453-7137

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays PFLAG 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123, 291-6781. Meets 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7pm, "Program & Sharing", 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"

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

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

River City Gender Alliance, Box 680, Council

Bluffs, IA 51502 For crossdressers, transsexuals, & those wishing to know more. All orientations welcome. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday, Omaha

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

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

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

Women of the Plains, Box 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 build heartland lesbian community

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

REGIONAL/STATEWIDE

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

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

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Center, Hastings, College, Hastings, NE 68901. Info: Judy at 402-461-7372 (Health Center) or 402-462-2961 (home). For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students & Friends - a safe place to meet, discuss & learn.

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

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68102, Organization for the advancement of Gay/Lesbian society, Board of Governors Meeting 1st Monday each month, All Welcome
Integrity Prayer Service, Wednesdays, 6pm, St. Thomas Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA. Call Al (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr (712) 258-0141

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

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





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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays PFLAG, Kearney, NE: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St. Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 382-0752 or (308) 995-5490. Direct correspondence to: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay & Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South Streets, Lincoln, by tennis courts; optional brunch follows</p> <p>Ecumenical Catholic Church, Prayer Mtg. 11am, 2201 N. 31, Lincoln, 464-0270</p> <p>River City Bowling League, 1 & 3pm, Skylanes, 42nd & Center, Omaha</p>	<p>GaLo UNO Student Grp, 4-6pm Milo Bail Student Ctr, 3rdFloor Board Rm, 571-8518/554-3492</p> <p>HIV Tests, Nebr AIDS Project 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Entrance, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Men's Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Fronrunners Run, 6:30pm, Ford Birthsite, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7pm, call 475-2437</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>November 5 (1st Sunday) Fronrunners 10am, Keystone Trail Omaha Family AIDS Support Grp, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist, Sponsor: P-FLAG Lutherans Concerned, 7pm, 1st Lutheran, 31st & Jackson, Omaha ICON Food for Thought, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha</p>	<p>Nov. 6 (1st Monday) ICON Board Mtg, 6:30pm The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p>Nov. 7 (1st Tuesday) ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p>Nov. 1 (1st Wednesday)</p>
<p>November 12 (2nd Sunday) Fronrunners 10am, Metcalf Park, Omaha MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215 Lincoln Ice Bowl Benefit Show, featuring The Babes Behind Bars, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha</p>	<p>Nov. 13 (2nd Monday) AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Omaha</p>	<p>Nov. 14 (2nd Tuesday) Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln P-FLAG Omaha Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Library</p>	<p>Nov. 8 (2nd Wednesday)</p>
<p>November 19 (3rd Sunday) Fronrunners 10am, Elmwood Pk Omaha Community Resource Ctr Development Meeting, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 2-5pm PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave., (308) 382-0752/995-5490 Live & Sleazy, hosted by Mr. Desert Plains Drummer, 9:30pm, The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p>Nov. 20 (3rd Monday) MCC-Omaha Board of Directors Meeting, 819 S. 22nd St.</p>	<p>Nov. 21 (3rd Tuesday) NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln: 7pm, Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, 477-1226 Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303 Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p>	<p>Nov. 22 (3rd Wednesday)</p> 
<p>November 26 (4th Sunday) Fronrunners 10am, Spring Lake, Omaha PFLAG-Omaha, 1st Meth, 2pm, 291-6781 MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215 Lincoln "No Turkey Tonight" MCC presents Pizza Party & Shows, Early Show at 8pm, Late Show at 11pm</p>	<p>Nov. 27</p> 	<p>Nov. 28 (4th Tuesday) PFLAG, 7pm "Coming Out Day" Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 467-4599 Fronrunners Monthly Mtg, 6:30pm, Omaha, 496-3658</p>	<p>November 29 (4th Wednesday)</p> 
<p>December 3 (1st Sunday) Fronrunners, 10am, Omaha Family AIDS Support Grp, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist, Sponsor: P-FLAG-Om Poetry Reading, 2pm, Diner Theatre, Om Lutherans Concerned, 7pm, Omaha ICON Toyz 4 Totz Show, 9:30pm The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha</p>	<p>Dec. 4 (1st Monday) ICON Board Mtg, 6:30pm The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p>Dec. 5 (1st Tuesday) ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p>December 6 (1st Wednesday)</p> 
<p>December 10 (2nd Sunday) MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215 Lincoln</p>	<p>Dec. 11 (2nd Monday) AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Omaha</p>	<p>Dec. 12 (2nd Tuesday) Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln P-FLAG Omaha Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Library</p>	<p>December 13 (2nd Wednesday)</p>

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

HIV Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Door **Omaha** 7-9:30pm

G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" **Lincoln**, Call V.J. 477-3526

EVERY FRIDAY

Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

Lesbian Discussion Grp **Lincoln** 7:30pm 472-5644

Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative" Mens Stag 7pm, 455-7916 "Live & Let Live" 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 411 **Lincoln**: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214 **Al-Anon MCC-Omaha** 7:30pm

EVERY SATURDAY

Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am, Gathering Place, **Lincoln**, Judith 472-2598
Frontrunners Run/Walk, 9am, Brownell-Talbot parking lot, 56 & Underwood, **Omaha**
Womens Support Grp, 11am, MCC-**Omaha**
Youth Support Grp, 291-6781, age 13-21, gay/lesbian, or questioning sexuality, **Omaha**
Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

November 2 (1st Thursday)

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, **Omaha**

Gay & Lesbian Parent Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-**Omaha**

NOW Program Night, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, **Omaha**

November 3 (1st Friday)

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

November 4 (1st Saturday)

ANGLE's annual Recognition Dinner honoring community members, 6:30pm, Best Western, 72nd & Grover, **Omaha**

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Awards Banquet, 6pm

Nov. 9 (2nd Thursday)

P-FLAG 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass, **Omaha** 291-6781, 7pm

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

November 10 (2nd Friday)



November 11 (2nd Saturday)

Omaha Players Club Workshop: 2pm, Party: 8pm, Call Master Amy 451-7987

SAGE Coffee House; 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, **Lincoln**, (402) 488-4178

Nov. 16 (3rd Thursday)

Metropolitan Club, 6:30pm, \$15 cover for Wine Tasting Party at the **Neon Goose**, 10th & Pacific, **Omaha**

GLAGN Support Group, **Grand Island**, (308) 384-7235

November 17 (3rd Friday)

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

November 18 (3rd Saturday)

Womyn's Book Discussion Group, 10am, Organizational Meeting, 819 S. 22, **Omaha**

PGLSS Bingo Night, West NE Arts Center, **Scottsbluff, NE**

Karaoke Night, 7-9pm, MCC-**Omaha**

Nov. 23 (4th Thursday)

Thanksgiving Day!

November 24 (4th Friday)



November 25 (4th Saturday)

American Professional & Business Guild, **Sioux City, IA**, For Information, write: ABPG Box 142, **Sioux City, Iowa** 51102

Nov. 30 (5th Thursday)

December 1 (1st Friday)

World AIDS Awareness Day, Special Activities at UNO Campus

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

December 2 (1st Saturday)

River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, DC's, **Omaha** General Meeting: 6pm

Night of 1000 Stars

Dec. 7 (2nd Thursday)

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, **Omaha**

Gay & Lesbian Parent Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-**Omaha**

December 8 (2nd Friday)

December 9 (2nd Saturday)

Omaha Players Club Workshop: 2pm, Party: 8pm, Call Master Amy 451-7987

SAGE Coffee House; 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, **Lincoln**, (402) 488-4178

CLASSIFIEDS

BAR FOR SALE, 19th & St. Mary's. EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY for members of the Gay Community (or) Anyone. 344-2310 Roger (Nv95)

TYPING NEEDS? 493-4075 or 493-2308. Will handle all, very reasonable rates: documents, correspondence, term papers, other office work including mail processing. (Nv95)

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ORGANIZATIONS EVERYONE WELCOME!

Attend the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) Board Meeting **Monday November 6**, at Stosh's Saloon in **The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha, 6:30 p.m.**

The Forum on the Right to Marriage (FORM) the first multi-state organization to work solely on attainment of marriage rights for same-sex couples, seeks interested members of the gay community to help start chapters in their area. Please contact FORM at 227 Chelsea St., E. Boston, Mass 02128. (617) 569-9733. E-mail: FORMBOSTON@AOL.COM. (Comp)

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THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE - Serving Gay, Bi, and Hetero Communities. Swedish and Deep Tissue Massage. Reserve your appointment today! Call 402-477-0138, Lincoln (Nv95)

Full Body Swedish Massage Healing, Nurturing (in a Peaceful Environment) Juan-Carlos, C.M.T. (402) 342-1017 (Mr96)

It's time to think about the holidays. Let your skin reflect the beauty of the season. **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave., 341-3740**

FOR RENT

Need G/M, non-smoker to share my home in Norfolk, Nebraska. \$225/month. Call 402-379-1295 Leave Message. (De95)

Share Home Crossroads Area - Female Only. No Drugs or Alcohol - Sue 397-3528 (Nv95)

Housemate Needed *Spacious semi-furnished 3-bedroom brick house w/fenced yard in Benson *Cable-TV included in rent, must furnish own TV *On-street parking *Single Male or Female *Call 453-7685, no calls after 10:00 p.m. please. (Nv95)

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Omaha **YOUR COMMAND IS MY DESIRE:** 25, GWM, very submissive, looking for very aggressive and masculine men to meet on a regular basis. Leave me a message. #11040

Omaha **TAKE CHARGE:** Richard, 28, 6'3, 200 blk, looking for someone clean, discreet and likes to take charge of things. give me a call- #7597

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Lincoln **HELLO THERE:** I'm 30 y/o, 5'11, 190lbs, reddish hair, mustache, blue eyes. I'm an educated prof'l lkg 2 meet guy's 20-50 to get to know. #8695

NE **NEBRASKA DUDES:** Jason, 25, blind/ 5'10 165, like to meet and talk with same guys in the area, give me a call #6241

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Omaha **FREE AT LAST:** recently divorced 35 y/o lkg4 someone 28-40 who is mature, responsible and friendly, if interested, please leave a message! #46013

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Lincoln **LETS SPEND THE NIGHT TOGETHER:** 6'2 blonde/blue 185lbs lkg4 someone with long hair. I spend a lot of time outdoors and I like rock and country music. I'm lkg2 meet someone to spend some time with, call me! #46361

Lincoln **TATTOO LOVER:** I'm a 28 y/o btm into tattoos, WS, and watching video's, call me! #46511

Omaha **LOOKING FOR EXCITING TIMES:** GWM 198lbs, 5'11, 38 y/o lkg4 fun and exciting times, for more info, please call. #45835

Lincoln **LETS DO IT:** I'm 22 y/o, 5'10, 140lbs and I love to do many things, call me! #45285

Omaha **FUN LOVING:** 25 y/o professional hairdresser in Omaha, I'm lkg2 meet a fun loving, caring guy 22-32 who likes to have a good time, body hair a+ #46292

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Omaha **Attractive bi** White male 25 no diseases no drugs muscular build would like to try to fulfill your fantasy. #1293

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Omaha **LETS PARTY:** I'm 25 y/o and I'm in school. I'm lkg4 someone 19+ who likes to have fun, party and meet new people, call me! #46292

Omaha **GREAT LEGS:** 24 y/o bi WM 5'8 190lbs well built, great legs, beautiful butt, I'm

Lincoln **CHECKIN' IT OUT:** I'm a very slender 23 y/o guy lkg2 meet young guy's 18-22 who are slender, hot and would like to get together and check things out. #47078

Omaha **CALL ME ANY-TIME:** my name is Chuck, I'm a WM 5'10 185lbs, I'm lkg2 talk with other guys in my area, call me! #44859

Omaha **NEW KID IN TOWN SEEKS TOP GUN:** my name is John, I'm new in town and I'm lkg2 meet some very dom. men in the Omaha area, call me, you want be disappointed! #45107

Lincoln **SHOW ME THE ROPES:** my name is Joe and I'm new at this, I'm 5'10 140lbs and I'm lkg4 young guy's 18-25 to show me the ropes. #45285

O'neil **HONESTY:** 44 y/o GWM lkg4 anyone open and honest enough to be a companion and poss. more. #45403

Omaha **NEW AT THIS:** GBM 21 y/o 5'9 blk/brn 197lbs, I'm into heavy rock music as well as jazz. I also like romantic times and movies. I'm new to this and would like a guy 25-30. #45206

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Sunday, November 12
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Ruby, Roxy & Fraulein
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Saturday, November 18
Stosh's Saloon Hosts
The 1995
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Sunday, November 19
Omaha-Live & Sleazy
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Sunday, November 26
Turkey Tonight
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November is a *Horn-E-Plenty*

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Thursday

November 2

A Time To Remember

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Sunday

November 5

Amateur Strip Show

Boxer Short Nite

Sunday

November 12

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A Benefit To Provide Thanksgiving Dinner For PWA's

Thursday

November 16

CASINO NITE

Get Your Q-Pons Early

Sunday

November 19

Mr. & Miss Q

Matt & Brooke Together at Last

Sunday

November 26

ROXY & FRIENDS

Thursday

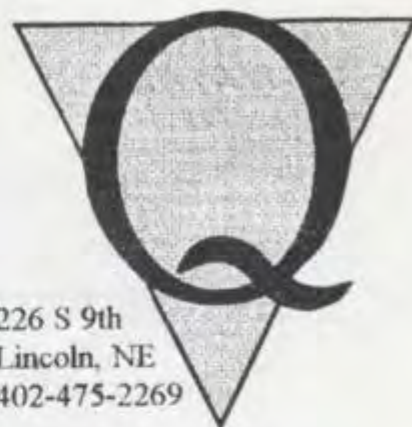
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