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"LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!"

by Carla Petersen

No, this is not your typical "I love snow story," so read on. It's more of an atypical snow story, and I owe it all to UNO—not the card game!

Picture this, Tuesday, December 8, 1994. It is 2:00 p.m. and I'm sitting in the office at MCC-O doing what every student and teacher does when the first snowflake hits the pavement and sticks for a moment before melting. I'm listening to the radio to find out if classes are shut down for the day and most importantly if they've been cancelled for the night!

Ah! The Omaha public schools have let out two hours early. And so have Millard and La Vista and Bellevue! There's hope! Surely UNO officials will recognize the danger in sending people downtown at 7:05 p.m. to attend classes at Peter Kiewit. Surely. Rrrrrrr-ing! "Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. May I help you? Oh, oh, there it is—the announcement I've been waiting for—what, ALL CLASSES CANCELLED BUT THOSE AT PETER KIEWIT! WHAT! --Oh, oh, I'm sorry, Rev. Howard is not in the office on Tuesdays. May I take a message?" I CANNOT BELIEVE IT! ALL CLASSES BUT MINE! THEY MUST BE CRAZY! I was out at noon, and it was really slick then. This weather hasn't done anything but get worse since then. They must be crazy!

Yes, it's true, I had class to teach the night of our lovely snowstorm. But in her truest lesbian form, my hero (no, I'm not being sexist—I'm being lesbian!), my darling, my sweetie, Sharon, of course, anyway, this woman who I love decided she must accompany me downtown so that I would not be out in the storm alone—she forgot that I would be going in FeFe, our fearless 4-wheel drive Explorer. FeFe, the fearless, would take me through the night and through the storm.

I should have known the stars held even greater tales for me on that fateful evening when my phone rang at 6:00 p.m. and on the other end of the line I heard a very small voice ask, "Are you

having class tonight?" Am I having class tonight? What a question! Do I have a choice? I thought the university made that choice for me! This profound question came from our evening class coordinator down at PK, and he just called to ask because all my students had been calling. Excuse me, I said, What have you been telling them? His response was just as amazing. He said he'd been telling them "Yes!"

Now you tell me, why if he had been telling them "yes" did he call? And if I could cancel it, why didn't he call at 4:00 or 5:00—early enough so that my students wouldn't be on their way! Do you see what I mean, an unusual call such as this should warn one that stranger things are yet to come.

Okay, to get this story moving. Sharon and I went to PK and I had class with all of my students who came—actually I sent them home as quickly as I could. Some were gone in 10 minutes, but there were others, who like me, love snow and have a 4-wheel drive vehicle that can go anywhere! By 8:45 we were headed towards home, and Sharon said, "Do you want to go get a movie?"

I should have said, "Yes!" I really should have. You see, I'm the type of person who likes to have a plan for everything—everything. A movie had not been in my plans, so I suggested we just go home, turn on TV and wrap presents—anyway, she was just going to go in the office and type on the *New Voice*, so I'd end up watching the movie by myself or if she did "watch" it with me, she'd be knitting or playing her handheld pocket blackjack game and I'd still end up watching the movie alone. So I said "No, let's just go home." I should have said "Yes!" It would have changed the whole course of events.

As we turned onto Chicago Street, we began to discuss where to park. This has been a rather regular topic of conversation ever since we had our little pickup and spent a whole winter parking at the bottom of the hill because it couldn't get

enough traction to go over the little hump in the middle of our street. And when we took the Bronco II out, well on more than one occasion it sort of slid dangerously close to the fire hydrant that rests right near the end of our driveway! Sharon thought we should park in the driveway; my vote was for the street. Of course, I would have won out (I was the driver), but all of our neighbors decided that they too needed to park on the street, so there wasn't a spot to be found.

Just as I turned into the drive, I pushed FeFe's 4-wheel drive button—the same one I pushed last April when we rescued FeFe from the used truck lot. But alas—nothing happened—well, that's not wholly true. Our forward motion stopped and our sideways motion began—right toward the fire hydrant. About four inches from it, FeFe stopped. Sharon and I were, of course, reaching for the owner's manual to see what could be so hard about pushing a button—afterall, we had done fine with the manual hubs on the Bronco II.

No matter how many times we pushed the button, nothing happened, so we resigned ourselves to getting out and shoveling. Being the butch I am, I insisted on helping—bad back and all. When it was done, we walked all around FeFe to admire our work, and then I reached for the door handle.

I do hate electric locks! You guessed it, we were now locked out of our stuck car and our warm house. And this is all Sharon's fault—if she had only stayed home and typed this article, I wouldn't be standing in the street covered with snow at 10:30 at night!

Finally our neighbors did rescue us. Thank goodness our fundamentalist friends didn't want frozen lesbians in their yards! Of course they first had to "check out" why the 4-wheel drive didn't work—Hallelujah! It didn't work for them either—but that's another story!

Classes ended this week, so snow—lower that I am I still say, "Let it snow, let it snow, SNOW!"



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

B.C. CARTOON OFFENSIVE

Greetings,

Unless I'm missing something, this "B.C." cartoon seems to be a no longer funny stereotype. Do persimmons make one lisp? I doubt it, though to be fair, I've never been much of a persimmon eater. Where does one find them around here anyway? I've always heard they're fed to opossums in the southern states before the 'possums are killed and served after boiling to extinction, but maybe that's another outdated practice."

So forgive my political correctness (please), but I just had to run this one by you and your readers. Anyone still a "fruit" out there? Are the United Fruit Growers Unions pissed? Let's hear what you think!

The ever-dubious Omaha Weir-Herald, while not responsible for its editorial comment (one supposes), ran this on December 6 (in the morning edition). If there's not a copyright problem, I think *The New Voice* should reproduce this to illustrate how far the revolution hasn't progressed.

Peace,
Arlen Lazaroff

Editor's Note: The cartoon portrays one character standing behind a rock labeled "FRUIT MARKET." Another character asks "Do you carry persimmons?" The character behind the Fruit Market responds "Thorry, I juht ate the laht one." The comic use of the stereotype of the lisping "fruit" is self-evident — except to the people I showed the cartoon to, who responded with "I don't get it." Just FYI, persimmons have a high alum content and actually do make the mouth pucker and could cause difficulty with enunciation. By the way, Arlen, I'm sure you realize we would be breaking all sorts of copyright laws if we reproduced the cartoon without permission.

SEX IN PARK 100% WRONG

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the article "Sex in the Parks". I wholeheartedly believe that going to any public place for the sole purpose of engaging in sexual activity is one hundred percent wrong — no ifs, ands, or buts (no pun intended). It is wrong morally. It hurts our community. It devastates the loved ones (their faithful partners, and family.) This type of activity reinforces the beliefs of the radical religious right that all gay and lesbian citizens are only sexual beings. I would like to be able to go to any public place and hold my spouse's hand. This cannot be done because of the perverted, immoral behavior of a few that makes the straight community believe that all gays and lesbians would exhibit this behavior if they accepted our existence and gave us equal rights.

I have heard that some of the men were entrapped. Oh, come on now, these guys were going to the park with the sole purpose of their sexual gratification. These men unzipped their own pants and exposed themselves — they knew what they were doing — they wanted sex. Explicit sexual activities in public places is not normal behavior. They need to admit to themselves that they need help. There are twelve step programs called "Sex Addicts Anonymous" and "Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous" that have helped many with controlling this sexual addiction. In SAA and SLAA, the group learns how they can help themselves and save their marriage (or partner's relationship) — not only do they harm themselves but they hurt their partner with this behavior. They meet weekly. For information on SLAA meetings please call 556-6787.

Louise M.

ACTION NEEDED IN SEX IN THE PARKS

Dear New Voice Readers,

The penalty for running a red light should be the death penalty. What do you mean unfair? Unjust? Running a red light is breaking the law! It is wrong to run a red light. That is the sort of logic you will get from many Nebraskans over the round up of homosexuals in the park. No one asks if the law is right or whether police enforcement is being used effectively in dealing with crime.

Let us face facts. The current round up of homosexuals in the park was nothing more than a homophobic political move. The squeaky wheel gets the grease and police are hearing the homophobes squeak. Elmwood Park was becoming a homosexual cruising ground, when suddenly there was a summer long construction project which took an usually long time to finish. Now with the construction done, it can be midnight and you read anywhere in the park because of the new ultra-bright lights even though the lights no longer cover the road that once was there.

Sex in the parks? Is it a real concern of the police? For years, UNO at Omaha students who walked home through the parks at night have seen couples having sex in the parks. Even as a kid, I remember my friends and I playing football in the park and it was too dark to play anymore. As we left the park, there was a couple getting it on, not caring that we were looking on. No police bothered to arrest them. If this is so horrible, let us arrest the dogs who sniff each other's butts in public, lick their private parts and even screw in public. Sex in the park is wrong even for stray dogs but it isn't the sex that causes the dog to be picked up, but because it is a stray in public. So the police are not arresting people for sex but arresting people for being homosexuals in the park.

There is a darker side which the homophobes know. If a guy screws a girl in the park and gets arrested for it, he won't be fired from his job. In fact, he may get employee of the month for it. The girl, if a prostitute, may get a ticket but the police often don't bother the prostitutes either unless local businesses complain. As for the homosexual who had sex in the park and were arrested; several were suspended and even fired from their jobs. This is the injustice of the system. Two school teachers were arrested as well as married men. I would like to make some jokes about family values but those arrested are being unjustly punished without trial. Those arrested are not a threat to the public any more than their heterosexual counterparts.

But most of all the police action against public sex acts was frivolous waste of taxpayers money. In no way did it improve the personal security of the citizens of Omaha. Many people have bought clubs for their cars because of the number of car thefts and many have bought mace and guns in the last year because of their fear of crime. The police department should receive a cut in funds for wasting its time with public sex acts instead of making a serious effort to arrest violent criminals.

But this won't happen until the gay and lesbian community makes a point of being more concerned with these matters and making those concerns known to the media. The talk is great but action is needed.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan

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NEBRASKA DOES NOT END IN LINCOLN!

Dear Sharon,

It seems to me that any major gay publication I pick up caters to men. Most of the personal ads are for men, not womyn. Most of the poems and such that are written also seem they are written by men. So I want to change that by giving you some of my writings. I don't know if they are the type of material you want for your magazine. But I am at least offering them.

At present I am associates with PGLSS in Scottsbluff. I will be moving to Kearney shortly. I want to help with any support group I can. I think I need to get more involved with our family than what I am here in rural Nebraska. It is through your publication, I can find other groups in which I can contact before I get there. Thank you for your services.

Might I also remind Nebraskans, the state doesn't stop in Lincoln, or North Platte. It does continue all the way to the Wyoming border. For some reason, we out here in the rural seem to fall through the cracks regarding support or communication. It is only through your publication, do people even know we exist. Thank you for your continued support.

In family, R. Reid



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ANGRY GAY VOTERS

by Richard D. Mohr

The data is in. The November 13th edition of the *New York Times* published exit-poll statistics for one-hundred demographic groups across the last eight races for the U. S. House — with "gay, lesbian, bisexual" added as a category for the first time in 1990. That year, 78% of gays voted Democratic. In the 1992 election, 77% of gays voted Democratic, but in this year's election only 60% did so — a whopping 17 point shift to the Republicans. By contrast, the shift for whites was 8%, men 6%, union households 4%, women 1%, blacks 1% (89 to 88), and Jews 1% (79 to 78). The overall national shift was 4% (54 to 50). In the year of the angry electorate, gays were over four times as angry as your Average Jo(e). Only two of the one-hundred groups were angrier still: liberal Republicans and those who perceived their standard of living as in decline.

How is one to interpret these startling results? Some gays may simply have given up on the Democrats and reverted to voting their middle and upper class interests — Log Cabin types returning home, as it were. But something morally more interesting was afoot as well — a case of rising gay consciousness in action.

When the Democrats seized control of the White House and both branches of Congress, they degraded gays as gays had not been degraded before. They jointly wrote discrimination against gays into federal law for the first time ever, doing so for the very institution — the military — whose embrace has traditionally been for America the mark of full personhood. And so gays justifiably struck back, putting their self-interest on the line for the sake of what is right. Gays at the ballot box made the sort of sacrifice by which

identities are asserted and solidified. The vote was not a benighted power grab for gays, rather it was a morally-motivated assertion of gay dignity gained at the very risk of power and self-interest lost.

Though the strategy entails short-term social disadvantage, it is expedient over the long haul. For it means that gays cannot be taken for granted by the Democrats — or by anyone. The problem with being taken for granted by some group is not that the group's opponents simply write you off, but that the group itself writes you off — as, for example, Clinton had done to blacks with his racist stance on Haitian immigration, by his jettisoning the Racial Justice revisions from the crime bill, and by using the same racial code as the religious Right when discussing crime and welfare. In the voting booth, gays refused to passively accept similar humiliation and discrimination.

But have gays simply cut off their nose to spite their face? No. Can gays live with the results of the elections? Yes. There may well be some ugly, largely symbolic legislation passed, like this year's nearly passed Helms Amendment, which would cut federal funding to school districts which teach that it's okay to be gay. Look for similar restrictions at the National Endowment for the Arts. But none of this is worse than what the Democrats have already done. And if we can successfully defend ourselves against the anti-gay referendum initiative in Idaho — where The Aryan Nation feels at home — we can be fairly certain that the more paranoid fantasies of some gay leaders are misplaced.

But even the non-paranoid seem to be

seriously off the beam. Sheila Kuehl — 'Zelda Gilroy' turned gay Democratic political operative — said at and of NGLTF's post-election national gay leadership conference, "People are in mourning, as they well should be." This whining is one more sign that the nation gay "leadership" is out of touch with its constituency. Our organizations are still stuck on the Democrats even as we have moved on. It's time to send our own national leaders the message we sent to Clinton: we can do without you.

Take Canada. There gays can serve openly in the armed forces, encounter no sodomy laws, have been given constitutional protections, and have legislated civil rights in virtually all provinces. These gains have been achieved even though the country has no national gay political organization, indeed has never had one. Ditto for gay-progressive Norway. It is the culture that matters and gays need not worry too much that we are generally losing the political wars, for we continue to win the cultural ones. In these wars, we will do better to ally with principled conservatives than with phony liberals, by whom we have been too frequently betrayed.

Richard D. Mohr is the author, most recently, of *A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights*.

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FEATURES

CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: Safest Sex?

by Shelly Roberts

I have bad news. Maybe you missed it in your local mainstream paper. It's about lesbians, so if they carried at all, it would have been hidden back in the Classified Information section, Section V or W or Z, somewhere around page two thousand. That's of course, where they put articles about lesbians unless we happen to be exceptionally cute that day, are wearing exceptionally low-cut dresses, or happened to have murdered six or seven upstanding civilians. (If we murder each other, or even severely baseball bat a couple of well-deserving Cameros or four by fours, that could also move us right up there along with Bosnia, and Bill Clinton's weakly plea bargain.)

But this time it's a lesser story about death and destruction. It's about what's killing us. Now. So they probably didn't run it.

Guess what? AIDS. I promised to tell you anything I found out. Well, I found out something I didn't want to know. I spotted a very obscure mention that is of major magnitude to us. You see, AIDS has found a new back door to lesbians, a new way into our ranks. It could mean that we aren't necessarily Heaven's most favored any more after all. So if you've been (like most of the rest of us) hanging out saying "Nyah, nyah, Nyah, nyah, Nyah...nyah, God-loves-me-God-loves-me-God-loves-me". Hold on, Honey, it's time to stop and count the T-cells.

It's nothing so distant as raped puns. Or hashed and battered sisters in other parts of town, exiting from bars we wouldn't go into. Nor so close and obscure as shared toothbrushes, or razors in the already infected (though that's the way it could go from now on for a lot of us if we aren't more careful.) It's not even about the understood dangerous liaisons of being bisexuals. It about a totally unexplored corner of our own galaxy, one we thought was relatively safe from harm. Our insistent passion for baby-booming.

It seems that semen has to be considered a bodily fluid. Well, no great surprise there, of course. We already knew that it can do great

bodily harm in boys-and-boys, and boys-and-girls. I don't know how we missed the concept in girls-and-girls. Somehow we overlooked the fact that, even though we may not be doing any dirty deeds, (and isn't *no sex the safest sex?* Or so we thought.) we're *injecting* the stuff. *Into our bodies.* In Turkey basters, which have been the hypodermics of choice for a generation of lesbian who want to become one of Heather's mummies.

And now, it seems, it could kill us. AIDS. You see, apparently there are, or were a lot of sperm banks that didn't bother screening for the deadly dreadful until just a few years ago. There may even still be some right now, even as you read this, that aren't testing at all. So the virus is getting through. It's hard to imagine that this is possible, that they wouldn't have screened for something this serious. But, then, that is probably what the hemophiliacs said.

Damn, I hate to be the one sharing this. It's just, I didn't see any headlines in my *Daily Planet* or your *Clarion-Sentinel-Gazette*. Just lesbians, right? So who cares? We may have to take a lesson from our brothers about caring for each other and ourselves. And this is where I start. By spreading news. Even if it's bad. I don't want to be alarmist. This is only an inroad. No, that's not true. I want to be very alarmist. All the virus needed was an inroad way back when for the men.

Here's the lecture part. (Assume you're hearing this in your mother's voice. This time, of course, you can let yourself listen and actually hear.) We know if a virus that can stay latent for decades. So if you inseminated early, whether you succeeded or not, please, scary as it seems, go get tested. You need to know in order to do what's necessary to take care of yourself and your baby. If you were successful, you also need to get the baby, or child, or adolescent tested. Because s/he needs to do what ever is necessary as well.

Some of you were smarter, or luckier. You asked the bank to make certain that all deposits were clean and safe. Many of the sperm banks

figured it out sooner rather than later, and began screening. Some of you simply assumed. I'm sorry. You aren't going to be like the answers.

Since some of you are injecting even as we speak, stop and check that vial. Everybody would prefer clean babies. Double check the source. Everyone says that they would die for their children. This is not what they mean.

I've heard a lot of conversation in the past couple of years about lesbian disappointment in the men's community because of the lack of reciprocity of caring. The men didn't seem to take our causes seriously when so many of them were withering. Unfortunately, this is not the way we want to establish equality. I've lost too many brothers I had hoped to grow old knowing. I've released too many inscribed balloons to the sky, and shed too many tears on the ground to have to start now with my women.

Please, please, please, if you want babies they won't let you adopt, be sure the men have been tested negative. That part you already know. But about the banks. Don't assume anything. Be certain the seed bank screens everything and anything they send out. Ask them. Out loud. Call them today and find out when they started screening and pray it was before they started sending you anything frozen in a Styrofoam box.

If you aren't involved in the practice, but know anyone who is, tell her, and tell her, and tell her again. Nag if you have to. Make certain anything she uses is screened and clean. Let everyone you know who's been there and done that get tested to find out for sure. This is a gateway. A deadly doorway. *One we want to keep closed.*

I don't have to tell you.

But if I don't, who will?

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DARKNESS by R. Reid

I seem to leave later and later each night. I know what I'll find so there's no rush to go home. The air has gotten crisp with an autumn breeze. I am glad I remembered to wear something warm. Pulling into the driveway, there are no lights welcoming me. The house is dark and the chill from the air has followed me inside. The darkness engulfs me as I walk through the door feeling for a light. The cats are there to tell me they are hungry — for that sake alone they are glad to see me. But once fed and content, they go back to their world, aloof and independent once more.

I walk down the long corridor to the bedroom we once shared. The feelings I have of hurt, despair and loneliness are so strong. I don't know where to turn where there isn't something that will remind me of what we shared. I don't dare turn on the light, it will hurt too much not to see you there waiting for me. So if only for a moment, I can still pretend that you are there. Reality will slip me in the face soon enough.

The time on the clock radio blinks 12:00. You were always the one who would change it. I time didn't seem to matter when we were together. I didn't know I would have only memories to hold

on to instead of you. I lay on the bed, still not turning on the light. There is a cool breeze coming through the window that caresses my skin. Can I fool myself into thinking that it's your touch? As I roll over wanting to reach out to you, I touch only your pillow. I pull it towards me and cradle it in my arms.

Tears gently fall from my eyes. The tug in my heart gets strong as does my longing for you. I close my eyes, but only you appear. Your face, your voice, they control my thoughts. I no longer can discern difference between reality and imagination. Music plays and my memory flashes back to happier times when we held on to each other as if our lives depended on it. Alcohol doesn't deaden my senses, it only heightens my desires.

Sleep doesn't come just this pain in my heart. There must be a way to resist this yearning, but if I destroy it, will I destroy myself as well? Going to the bathroom for a glass of water, I see your toothbrush on the counter. I open the cabinet to get a valium and your cologne is there as well. I take the cologne down and open it. Letting the aroma dull my senses, I feel I am still close to you. Looking into the mirror, I see my tear stained

face. Out of anger I throw the cologne, watching the bottle shatter as it falls to the floor. Instead of erasing you I seem to enhance your presence.

Not bothering to pick up the broken glass, I take the water and the bottle of valium and return to the bedroom. How many do I need to take? Details are never about these things. Is ten enough, or do I need to take more? Did I get enough water. Thoughtlessly, I pop a handful into my mouth as drink some water. There is no effect. I know it will happen slowly, so what is it that I expect. Taking another handful I look around. Do I need to write a note? Will anyone look for it? Does it really matter?

After the bottle is empty, I lay back down. I close my eyes. I no longer will have to worry about being in the dark. The sounds around me seem to fade. I can feel my body getting limp as it begins to relax, washing away all emotions. I am relieved now, knowing I won't have to think about you anymore. I wonder how this will effect you. Will you even care? How will you react? Will you miss me as much as I miss you. Darkness engulfs me as the pills take effect and carries my soul away without answering my questions.

CIRCUMCISION: A PRICKLY DECISION

Is There No End to the Circumcision Controversy?

by Chuck Thompson

In a study that began 72 years ago, I have concluded that the battle between the anti-and pro-circumcision advocates continues with no end in sight!! The fight takes place on talk shows, in the press, and more recently on the bulletin boards of Computer Services. Circumcision has been described as "a big issue over a small tissue". However, the subject draws strong emotional reactions.

For fifteen years now, I have sought out thousands of men who are willing to reveal their own personal feelings and experiences as they related to their circumcision status. One only has to read their stories to realize how tremendous a shock it is for a boy to find out he is different from his peers. Those who suffered the most shock and were often subjected to ridicule, were those few boys left uncut during the post World War II years when almost 90% of all boys were cut. Pressure toward conformity is strong in children and teens. My own interest in this subject arose because of my childhood, I perceived I was different, and for years allowed no one to see me naked.

Against the views of urologists, the American Academy of Pediatrics, in 1971, determined that there are no valid medical reasons for routine neonatal circumcision. Rates slowly began to drop.

Then, with much more research available and with the growing concern over sexually-

transmitted diseases, especially AIDS, an AAP Task Force on Circumcision, in 1989, changed its position and concluded that there were clear medical benefits conferred by circumcision, including prevention of phimosis, paraphimosis, and balanitis (infection) and reduced risk of penile cancer and especially of urinary tract infections.

That reduced position now corresponds with the position of urologists who have always favored infant circumcision, considering its low cost a life-long preventive health measure, especially important in adulthood, as protection against disease.

Studies have shown that a parental decision of circumcision is most influenced by cultural forces ("penile chic") and especially by the status of the father.

The major health problem for the uncut male revolves around the fact that the moist, warm space between the foreskin and the head of the penis offers microbes a natural harbor where they can multiply, fed by smegma. Greater attention to personal hygiene is required throughout one's life.

Studies made in Africa have shown that uncut males are eight times more likely to acquire HIV virus than cut males, and recent U.S. studies bear out the fact that AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases ARE a greater problem for the uncut man.

Even though circumcision advocates have

offered many arguments for their point of view, the major argument for retention of the foreskin has to be the great pleasure that a foreskin can provide its owner.

One should then consider the advantages of circumcision: Reduced need for more frequent genital cleaning, the greatly reduced risk of sexually-transmitted diseases, the elimination of any need for later circumcision, and in most cases, the higher chances of conformity to other boys, with the reduced risk of a boy's feeling "different".

It is estimated that as many as 15% of males are circumcised later on, either by choice or by necessity, with the cost and inconvenience increased with age. The rates for infant circumcision (now usually performed with a mild anesthetic) have now begun to climb again.

One thing characterized the men in our survey who found themselves "different". They universally developed an almost obsessive interest in finding out the circumcision status of every male with whom they had contact. The result: The men have put together a list of over 2000 celebrities, showing their cut/uncut status. Their research, as well as their own experiences, are published in quarterly newsletters.

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POETRY: Edited by Brian Bengtson's Mom

"MOMMAS, DON'T LET YOUR BABIES GROW UP TO BE GURUS."

While my first-born son (who put me through 36 hours of labor and still had to have a Caesarian) is off gallivanting around the Midwest in search of the perfect cocktail, he has asked me to fill in for him this month.

This month, we will be featuring selections from Stacey L. Johnson and Kelly Morgan, both out of Lincoln (where Brian's grandmother lives. Not that he'd ever know, since he can't seem to operate a phone during the holidays) and r. reid, from Scottsbluff.

Next month, my son will be back at the helm. I hope he used this time off wisely. That boy would lose his head if it wasn't attached. Call your mother.

Brian's Mom

CRYING WOLF

By Stacey L. Johnson

Coupled with darkness and aroused by its breath,
I open to its cook stroke yet struggle with my heart.
Your scent pours through my body; a toxic memory.
Your eyes caress me and pull me to the edge.
I am alone but my desire still dances for you.

Safety lies close, just past my grasp
But desire seduces me farther from it.
How far will I go, how far must I go
To release this scream from my breast?
Feelings so new, I beg to cry wolf.

Frightened, I run into the arms of my inhibitions.
I search for solace in the busy moments of the day.
But the weight of your stare still crushes my breath.
Each nerve screams in pain for your pleasure.
Behind each door lies fantasy of flirting encounter.

Safety is banished forever from my soul
As desire conquers belief and pride.
Freedom from feeling, freedom to feel.
I stand at the edge of all I know
And yet I insist on crying wolf.

Sleep ignores my pleas as I battle my shame.
Morality twists and smothers my raging desires
And my body grinds locked in a sweaty dance.
The pain of want lingers into its own pleasure
As sleep at last grants me the door to fantasy...

Your hands glide over my body
Defly opening doors of pleasure
Others only feebly tapped upon.
In your eyes, I find a new safety.
Shuddering, I beg to cry wolf no more.

TRANSFORMATION

By Stacey L. Johnson

A journey south, a journey home
From unaware to unknown
Like miles melting under hot tires
Thoughts and feelings fall from me.

A youthful sage, an old child
A new woman comes forth
With wonder and fear, I see myself
Stripped of convention and duty.

A courageous flight, a cowardly retreat
From society to essence
Step by step, leaving all I know
I gather pieces of all I forgot.

An ancient urge, a youthful quest
From ordinary to fantastic
I cannot prove where I am headed
But I can disprove where I have been.

THE AWAKENING

By r. reid

Flesh touching flesh.
Tongues touching tongues.
My fingers run through your hair, as we
embrace.

My lust for you consumes me,
as our nakedness
overwhelms me.

The beat of the music
arouses the animal in me.
My yearnings grow stronger.

Our juices start to flow,
they mix together.
The musk smell
heightens our lovemaking.
And our passion
continues to grow.

THE LESBIAN SOUL

By Kelly Morgan

She Touches me in a place
which is forbidden
from Pleasure -my Mind,

She Touches me in a place
which is forbidden
from Knowledge -my Body,

She Touches me in a place
which is unfamiliar
to Pleasure -my Body,

She Touches me in a place
which is unfamiliar
to Knowledge -my Mind.

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- 6.) What, were you raised in a barn? Close the door and shut off the lights when you leave the room.
- 7.) If you keep making that face, it will freeze that way, and you'll never get into an Ivy League school.

"HOW GAY ARE YOU?"

How gay are you? Even if you are sexually attracted to your own gender, do you ever fantasize about the opposite sex? Do you develop emotional attachments with the opposite sex? Do you prefer socializing with the opposite sex?

San Diego psychiatrist Fritz Klein has had innumerable gay and lesbian patients who were comfortable in an out-of-the-closet lifestyle, but had questions about nebulous interests in the opposite sex. They wondered about more than just physical acts and occasional fantasies.

"Some people prefer to have sex with one gender but are emotionally involved with the other," Klein notes. "Physical attraction is only one variable. A gay man may prefer a straight woman as a housemate. He may prefer socializing with heterosexuals in gay bars. And he may not think of himself as predominantly gay."

So Klein developed the Klein Sexual Orientation Grid to reflect a person's overall being, not just physical acts or sexual attraction. He included the grid in the recent update of his book, *The Bisexual Option*. At first Klein relied on Alfred Kinsey's Homosexual/Heterosexual Rating Scale which recognized sexual orientation as a continuum instead of an either/or determination. The seven-point scale ranges from a "one" as exclusively heterosexual to seven being exclusively homosexual. A person rating five is predominately homosexual, but more than incidentally heterosexual.

As much of an improvement as Kinsey's scale was over labeling a person either homosexual or heterosexual, Klein takes it further. His sexual orientation grid includes sexual attraction, sexual behavior, sexual fantasies, emotional preference, social preference, homosexual/heterosexual lifestyle and self-identification. Each category is divided into past, present and ideal.

"Sexual attraction is not synonymous with sexual behavior," Klein says. He cites a 34-year-old mother of two children as an example. "She was monogamous with her husband, but she admitted she had been attracted to women since her childhood," he notes.

Recently stars such as Elton John and Boy George have identified themselves a bisexual. But Fritz Klein believes some celebrities of the past who were labeled homosexual were more likely bisexual. Many gays today may have more interests in the opposite gender than they have realized. "Oscar Wilde was not a homosexual," Klein declares. "Though tried and convicted in the 1890's in England for homosexuality, Klein believes Wilde was bisexual. "He was in love with his wife and they had two sons. He wrote beautiful love letters to her," Klein states. Prior to his marriage he had emotional and sexual love affairs with women which would have qualified him as a womanizer in today's terms. But even Wilde's early poems exhibited an interest in male physical beauty. During his last 14 years, he was equally enthusiastic about men, Klein noted.

While a gay man may rate himself a "six" on the Kinsey scale (predominately homosexual, only incidentally heterosexual) the Klein grid gives a broader picture. The same gay man places himself at a 6 in attraction and behavior but has a slightly higher level of fantasies for women (5). Emotionally and socially he is equally involved with men and women and his lifestyle is evenly mixed between the straight and gay - giving him a 4 rating in those categories. He identifies himself as mostly gay for a 6. With his totals running 6-6-5-4-4-4-6 shows a more diverse sexual orientation than Kinsey.

The results may help people reach their full

potential, Klein believes. For example, self identification as just gay or straight can be "a painful self-limitation. A bisexual who views him or herself as a homosexual suffers not only because of the label. He or she may find nothing negative in being 'gay'. But one part of that person knows that the label is a lie." If the grid shows they are not as exclusively homosexual as they had thought, it may encourage them to be who they really are, Klein says. Because the gay community has rejected bisexuality as homosexuals living in denial, some gay men and lesbians may have repressed even the slightest

interest in the opposite sex.

"People differ infinitely - in height, intelligence, excitability, perseverance, color, age, point of view, nationality, religion, weight, sex ability, and on and on and on. In every external and internal way they differ. There is no bisexual person who necessarily reflects a 50/50 degree ratio between his male and female preference."

The Bisexual Option (Second Edition/Harrington Park Press, An Imprint of the Haworth Press, 1993) is available in bookstores or can be ordered for \$17.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling at 4545 Park Blvd. #207, San Diego, CA 92116.

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"ZODIASCOPE" Astrological Forecast for JANUARY 1995

by C. Lichtenstein

We can finally slam the door closed on 1994 and look with anticipation on 1995. They say that politically we have broken the "lavender ceiling", but the job has just begun. Let 1995 be a new, mature phase in our development. Let it begin in January with many planets hovering in politically adept Capricorn and humanistic Aquarius. Planetary influence must not be denied. Read ahead: **ARIES (March 21 - April 20)** If January teaches anything, it will be never take anything for granted in your career. Play political cards right and make tremendous inroads in professional goals. The question is whether you are too hung up on what those in power think. How much are you willing to compromise to get a key of the stardom? **TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)** Ring... ring... Do you hear the world calling? It is the perfect time to expand horizons through study, reevaluation of personal philosophy or international travel. Much can be gained from seeing the world in a new angle. The Capricorn/Aquarian energy will make almost any legal matter a triumph as long as you do the proper research and remain diplomatic and in control.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) January may seem a bit more tropical than usual as you are ablaze with sexual drive. It is possible to gain a clearer understanding of how to "merge" with others on deeper physical and psychological levels. Be prepared to face a few unpleasant realities about your own behavior. Realization is the first step to overcoming ingrained problems.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) It is 1995. Are you still searching for that special someone? Relationships and what they offer require increased scrutiny. Do you play well with others? What are you really looking for? Are your expectations too high or too strict? Avoid the tendency to idealize a "perfect partner". It is unrealistic and keeps you from true happiness.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) The holiday may have taken a toll on your best laid dietary plans. January demands that you attend to a better balance of food and exercise. Capricornic energy also requires you to attend the job. The nasty tasks that you tried to sweep under the rug are peeking through. No excuses — the planets have spoken!

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) How long will the fun last? The good times continue to roll in from December but, by mid-month, strict and proper Virgo may be itching to get back to work. Enjoy the bon temps while you can; Try a little romantic fling or two while you're at it. There is plenty of time to roll up your sleeves and dust away the cobwebs of '94 later.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) Your home is a perfect center of activity in January. Create an opportunity to get a few friends or family members together to relax and enjoy your hospitality. Change may also be beneficial: Moving some of the furniture around, redecorating, or even a change of residence will have an invigorating effect on your entire outlook.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) Be careful of what you say and how you say it. Scorpios are good at strategizing and plotting a course of action, but come off cold and calculating if not sufficiently diplomatic. If you need to say something unpleasant or critical, wrap it in sugar and let it sit in a cup of tea for a while.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) More attention should be paid to monetary security and investments. The planets stir up your desire to plant a few money seeds so you will be able to live out your dreams and desires. You feel as if your home and base of security is not as solid as you thought or would like. Careful financial planning now will help you firm up foundations for the future.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) January is the time of the year to shine. Use this fabulous energy to meet and greet as many new people as possible; your charisma quotient is sky high. The people you meet now could greatly impact projects for the coming year and help alleviate potential problems. It's easier to achieve goals when you have a helping hand or two.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Your closet flies open as all your carefully hidden secrets come spilling out. Don't panic. Consider it a refreshing development, you won't have to suffer in silence anymore at the whim of secret enemies and personal delusions. 1995 is a new year; it's time to open all the doors and let the fresh air in. You don't need to be a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Friendships will seem exceptionally important to you now. Are you prepared to sublimate your personal needs and desires in order to feel at one with the group and "greater cause"? Learn to strike a happy balance between the groups' demands and your own personal plans. Stay true to yourself; you have too much to offer on your own terms.

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WALK THE NIGHT: A REVIEW

By Greg Hicks

Walk the Night by Robert C. Reinhart, is a very moving and serious work of fiction, dealing with the fate of the homosexual man during the Nazi occupation of Germany in the 1930's.

Since the recent release of Schindler's List, there has been an intense interest in the Holocaust. We have been told through numerous fictional and nonfictional accounts about what happened to the Jews during that period of history; however, little has been said or written about the fate of homosexuals in those concentration camps.

Several researchers of the Holocaust have been reticent in dealing with the "delicate" subject of homosexuals; but recent studies have put the number of gays who died under the Nazis in the many tens of thousands.

During that era, the Nazis created a legal system that closed exits to their newly defined "undesirables," who were scooped up and deposited into bins labeled "politically undesirable," "racially undesirable," or "homosexuals." If one didn't fit a certain category, a new label and a new bin were created by a new law.

Leda Kohl, from a small town in Germany, had lived a very sheltered life. Upon entering a prestigious music school in Berlin, she longs to discover Berlin's "sinful" nightlife.

In Berlin, Leda meets Rudy and Dieter, who show her a side of Berlin very few encounter, unless they happen to be gay, or from a select group of people.

Leda eventually falls in love with Rudy, but their love affair is cut short by the disappearance of Rudy. (It seems Rudy was smuggling people out of Germany to Poland, and was caught by the SS.)

Rudy is never seen or heard from again. Turning to Dieter for help, Leda later discovers that Dieter is being sought by the Nazis because he is gay. Leda eventually decides to help Dieter escape from Germany, but before her plan is executed, Dieter is captured, and never heard from again.

Living in New York in the '70's, and near her death bed, Leda decides to tell her only child, Paul, some of the secrets of her past life. What is revealed is disturbing and startling to Paul.

Leda, however, has one final request to her son before she dies, and that is to find out what happened to Dieter, who just happens to be Paul's father.

Walk the Night is a work that makes one wonder about the fate of those tens of thousands of homosexual during the Nazi occupation. The story of many homosexuals will never be told.

But, as there were many Jewish survivors of the holocaust, I believe there had to be some homosexual survivors, who are still afraid to come out and tell their stories. That fear is present within most of us today.

Guys during that period can provide us with an important introduction to a forgotten chapter in gay history.

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Is there someone out there who is not afraid?

Where are they?

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NATIONAL NEWS

"PRIDE" SCHOLARSHIPS

Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride, Inc. awarded four scholarships totaling \$2000 to local gay and lesbian students. Keeping in tune with the 1995 theme "From Silence to Celebration", those local college students exemplify the fortitude and termination to be "out and proud" while in the collegiate environment. Kim Herbstritt will receive \$750 for winning in all three categories of the essay competition which scored each applicant on academic achievement/potential, community service, and political/social activism. Kim is a Psychology Major at CSULB with an emphasis in gerontology. Paul Burnett (Community Service) and Thomas Linek (Academic Achievement) were awarded \$500 each for their schooling at CSULB as well. Dee Dawson received \$250 to help her complete studies at Long Beach City College.

Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride, Inc. has given over \$500,000 back to the greater Long Beach community. The specific purpose of this pride organization is to engage in literary, educational and charitable activities and programs, as well as to provide services and assistance to the lesbian and gay communities, working toward one common goal: to instill pride in our lesbian and gay communities.

LBGLP, Inc. is also looking for artwork to accompany 1995's International Theme -- "From Silence to Celebration". For more information, please call 310-987-9191.

HARVEY MILK INSTITUTE APPOINTS DEAN

The Harvey Milk Institute, the new adult education academy in gay/lesbian/bisexual studies has appointed Andrew Lisac as its Dean. Lisac currently serves at Stanford University as Assistant Dean of Continuing Studies and Summer Session. He has taught and worked at Stanford since 1984. He holds the position of Resident Fellow at Muwekma-Tah-Ruk, the Native American theme house at Stanford, and brings to the Milk Institute a long standing involvement in multicultural education.

While at Stanford, Lisac has been influential in securing domestic partner benefits for same-sex couples, helped establish the University's support to AIDS, and has founded faculty and staff organizations in the queer and Native American communities. He has lectured nationally in the field of semiotics, and has maintained a career as a screenwriter, poet and video artist.

Lisac notes, "There is a widespread reexamination of the purposes of higher education as we approach the new millennium. Many students feel alienated from their institutions, for lesbian and gay students, this is especially so. That's why I am excited to be working on a new program in which lesbian and gay students can claim an equation, as the lesbian poet Adrienne Rich wrote, rather than just receive one."

Lisac has recruited an ambitious lineup of courses for the first term of the Milk Institute, which opens its doors January 23, 1995.

"This job means I am constantly recruiting," Lisac said. "So I am Jesse Helms' worst nightmare."

Immediately upon opening, the Harvey Milk Institute will be the largest lesbian and gay studies program in the world with over 50 courses in a wide range of subject areas.

Among the classes, the Milk Institute is planning for a lecture series, visiting scholars, on-line educational services, and academic symposia.

For a Harvey Milk Institute catalog or other information call: Jonathan Katz, Board of Directors 648-6563, Andrew Lisac, Dean, 723-4161, or Leslie Katz, Board of Directors, 647-1994.

12th INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

The 12th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization will be observed worldwide on Sunday, May 21, 1995. The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS and demonstrates support for people living with HIV and AIDS. It is the world's largest annual community-based AIDS event. 243 cities in 45 nations participated in 1994 and for the first time was observed in all 50 states in the U.S.

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization is coordinated under the auspices of Mobilization Against AIDS, a San Francisco-based non-profit AIDS advocacy organization. MAA supplies event coordination kits to local groups, such as AIDS service organizations and churches, which then coordinate observances of the event in their cities. Local observances range in character from small gatherings in houses of worship to huge marches through city centers.

"A single person, without previous experience, can bring the Candlelight to his or her town with our guidance and support," Program Director Ben Carlson said. "We urge those who care about the HIV/AIDS pandemic to get involved. People are still dying of AIDS. The Candlelight is a powerful way to get the message across."

In some cases, participation in the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization marks a community's first acknowledgment that AIDS is a local issue, as well as a national and global issue.

In addition to raising awareness, the event offers a public demonstration of compassion and solidarity to people whose illness very often makes them the target of fear, hatred and discrimination.

The Global AIDS Action Network, a global AIDS advocacy organization, coordinates the non-U.S. observances of the event under contract to MAA.

Anyone interested in organizing an AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization in their area may call Mobilization Against AIDS at 415-863-4676.

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RYAN WHITE CARE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

With the hopes for national health care all but lost, Congress should pass health-related legislation that addresses some of the most vulnerable groups in America.

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990 (CARE Act) provides over \$600 million in community-based health and social services for thousands of men, women, and children living with AIDS and HIV disease.

Congress should act early in the next session to reauthorize the CARE Act for a second five year period, beginning in October 1995.

After nearly ten years of deadly silence from Washington, the CARE Act represented the first major federal response to an epidemic growing at an unprecedented rate. With the rising cost of caring for the sick overwhelming state and local public health systems, the CARE Act was conceived as disaster relief for all fifty states and twelve local communities that were disproportionately affected by the epidemic.

As is often the case with other forms of disaster relief, Congress temporarily set aside its partisan interests, passing the CARE Act by a nearly unanimous vote in both the House and the Senate.

Four years later, with the number of "AIDS disaster communities" now numbering thirty-four, the need for the CARE Act continues to grow. While gay and bisexual men — including men of color — continues to be disproportionately affected by the disease, the numbers of infected women, heterosexual men, injection drug users

and youths are increasing at startling rates. Moreover, though the nation's urban epicenters continue to experience the highest numbers and concentration of cases, HIV and AIDS is no longer unknown in suburban and rural areas.

As the need for the CARE Act grows, so too does the recognition of its effectiveness. Through its support of community-based health and social services, including preventive AIDS drugs and therapies, the CARE Act prevents unnecessary and costly hospitalizations. Its decentralized planning model recognizes that the HIV epidemic in the United States is really a combination of many local epidemics, each with its own unique face and unique service needs. Local planning has also demonstrated that traditional top-down decision making by public health officials can successfully be replaced by decision-making that involves people living with HIV as well as community-based service providers who are on the front line of the epidemic.

The CARE Act was named after Ryan White, a young boy from Indiana who, before his death, inspired us with his tremendous courage and determination in the face of ignorance and fear on the part of his schoolmates and neighbors. Today, Ryan White's experience of courage in the face of discrimination is experienced daily by thousands of gay and bisexual men, women, and injection drug users who live with this disease and refuse to be silent or invisible. While the nation waits for truly meaningful reform of the nation's health care system, Congress should act now to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act.

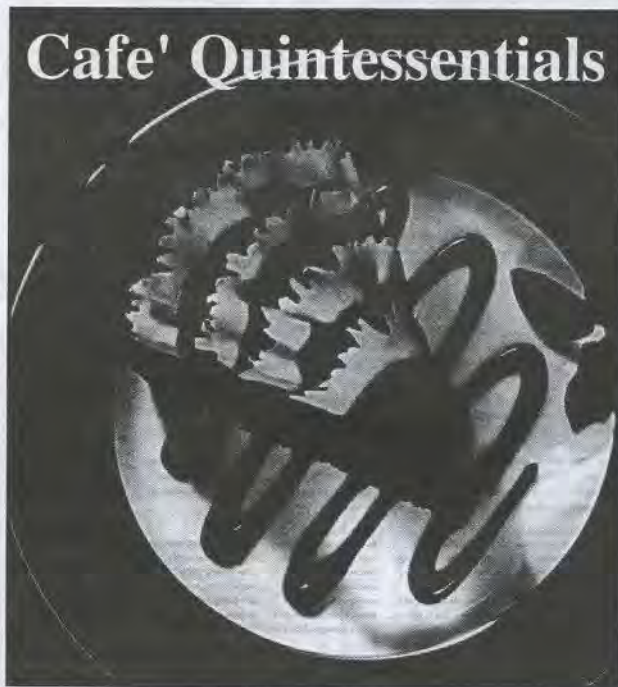
What is the Ryan White CARE Act?

- Since 1990, the Ryan White CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency) Act has provided vital federal funding to state and community organizations to provide services to people with HIV/AIDS.
- The CARE Act represents the federal government's largest investment for the provision of services to people with HIV. For 1995, Congress appropriated \$633 million to fund the act.
- Many federal programs, including the CARE Act, must be reauthorized every 5 years.
- For the first time ever, the act must be reauthorized in 1995. A national campaign is underway to enhance CARE Act programs and win congressional support.

How Does the CARE Act Work?

- The legislation calls for community input in setting priorities for service delivery and creates planning councils and consortia to facilitate that input.
- CARE Act funding supports: Primary medical services, case management, transportation, mental health services, legal services, substance abuse treatment, dental care and a variety of other services for people with HIV/AIDS.
- Services funded through the CARE Act are provided by: Community-based AIDS service organizations, migrant health centers, ambulatory care facilities, case management services, hospices, homeless health centers and other providers.

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AIDS AND ITS ACADEMICS

by Richard D. Mohr

On November 17th, some two-thousand gay and lesbian academics descended on the University of Iowa to hear three-hundred papers presented over three days at the 6th National Lesbian and Gay Studies Conference. There was the usual measure of academic silliness. Papers bore little too clever by half: "Anals of History," "Butch Rage," "The Erect Penis: Can We Top It?," "Clits in Court." But there were a fair number of AIDS presentations too — all with sober titles. Death concentrates the mind.

How has the academy been doing on the AIDS crisis? Academe's response to the crisis has largely been governed by the various strands of what is called "postmodernism." Chief among these strands are moral relativism, cultural determinism, and skepticism about science — strands which the French philosopher Michel Foucault spun out in the 1960's and 1970's. Foucault himself died of AIDS in June 1984, but a decade later the styles of thought that he inspired still dominate the social sciences and humanities. Unfortunately, the results have been a series of opportunities and lives lost. Postmodernism's influences on government regulation, applied science, and educational policy have been a disaster.

Traditionally academe has at least tried to provide cool reason as a brake against social hysteria. But under postmodern pressures, academe hasn't even tried in the AIDS crisis, where magical thinking and prejudice have usually carried the day. The traditional structures of public health policy are based on the classical liberal understanding of rights — the belief that the individual is the primary unit of social value and that restrictions on the individual should be limited to the least restrictive means that will protect others from harms and from perils for which they themselves are not responsible. But in the postmodern view, the individual is the product of social forces and therefore cannot constitute a source of value over and against the popular will.

Postmoderns have been chary to own up to the communitarian and communistic

consequences of their premises. And yet, their effects on the popular press have been seductive calls for the government to enforce "responsible" behavior, where the criteria for "responsible" are communitarian and communistic. I am thinking, for instance, of *New York Newsday's* weekly gay columnist, Gabriel Rotello, who takes Foucault as his intellectual hero. As AIDS in the 1990s has again come to be socially viewed as an affliction of minorities, governments have been all too glad to answer such calls for coercive measures. Over the last four years, half the states have passed laws making acts that might transmit AIDS count as attempted murder even when the acts are consensual. It is less likely that these unjust measures would be on the books if academe had nourished rather than undercut the country's liberal traditions.

After Larry Kramer abandoned ACT-UP, it came under the sway of Foucauldian academics like Douglas Crimp. In consequence, politics corrupted science, ACT-UP's slogan became "Drugs Into Bodies!" The slogan derived from Foucault's homage to drug use in an interview published posthumously in *The Advocate* (August 7, 1984). Through media blitzes and demonstrations, ACT-UP got the government to release the anti-viral drug AZT untested — a fine enough anti-paternalistic move. If people desperate for anything want to put untested drugs into their bodies, that's their own business.

But apparently believing that ignorance is bliss, ACT-UP also got the government to abandon its double-blind effectiveness studies of the drug, which itself was known to be highly toxic and whose anti-viral effects diminish the extended use. Now, double-blind studies are how rationality is maintained in drug trials. In them neither the doctor nor her patient knows whether he is getting drug or placebo. In this way, the effects of false hopes are screened away.

Politically-driven false hopes proved disastrous here. For subsequently, the broad-gauged French and British Concorde Studies found that people on AZT live no longer than people with AIDS who take no drugs at all, though the

onset of fatal opportunistic diseases is somewhat delayed with AZT. Rather than admit it had made a whopping mistake, the U.S. government now recommends that individual doctors decide on a case-by-case basis whether to prescribe AZT. But in terminating the fine-tuned double-blind studies, the government botched acquiring the very knowledge that doctors need in order to make this decision — knowledge of when AZT's toxicity and diminished returns become reasonable tradeoffs for its delaying effects. Thanks to postmodernism, doctors are now back to square one as far as anti-viral therapies go — thrashing about in the dark.

Postmodernism has also bedeviled preventative efforts. Postmoderns hold that sexual categories and, derivatively, sexual desires are socially formed, and so socially re-formable. All we have to do is change the way we talk and think about sex, and — *voilà* — our sexual natures, desires, and behaviors will comply with the current social understanding of goodness. Or so it goes. With this as a background dogma, Foucault disciple Simon Watney, for instance, holds that we simply have to get kids to believe — the lie — that safe sex is part of the very definition of gayness, and gay kids will, in turn, act accordingly. Similar lies glare from posters which read "Safe Sex Is Great Sex" — a case of the lady protesting too much.

Not surprisingly, these simplistic efforts backfired. When people see through the lies, they simply lose faith in safe-sex campaigns. After a decade of safe sex advertising lies, gay men are again becoming infected at a rate that will return AIDS to its saturation level among them — about fifty percent. Realistic AIDS education teaches that safe sex is merely okay sex and counsels, without moralizing, the prudence of reduce expectations. Realistic AIDS education acknowledges that many people will not be saved by its message. But more people will be saved by it than by lies.

Postmodernism's unwillingness to face the fact that there are facts — to admit there is a cussedness and intractability in people, sexuality, and germs — has bungled both therapeutic and preventative efforts and prompted needless deaths.

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17 NEWSWORTHY FIRSTS

First State to Decriminalize Homosexual Acts — Illinois, in 1961.

First Scientific Treatise on Homosexuality — A case history of two men passionately in love with members of their own sex was published in a German scientific journal, the *Magazine of Experimental Physical Studies*, in 1791.

First Use of the Word "Homosexuality" — "Homosexuality" coined by Hungarian physician, Karoly Moaria Benkert, in 1869, in an open letter to the Prussian minister of justice, calling for repeal of laws persecuting homosexuals.

First Laws Punishing Homosexuals — In 1533, Henry VIII made sodomy a felony punishable by death — the first law of its kind in English history, in effect until 1967, although in 1861 the maximum penalty was changed to life imprisonment.

First Trial of Oscar Wilde — Wilde was actually tried twice on charges of having committed acts of gross indecency. The first trial ended in a hung jury. Although he was given every opportunity and encouragement to jump bail and flee to Paris, he remained in England and was retried three weeks later. In the second trial, he was found guilty and sentenced to two years hard labor.

First Use of the Word Homophobia — The word "homophobia" was coined by author Wainwright Churchill in his 1967 book *Homosexual Behavior Among Males*.

First Openly Gay United States Judge — Stephen M. Lachs was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court by California Governor Jerry Brown in 1979.

First State to Pass Statewide Gay Rights Bill — Wisconsin, in 1981.

First Public Figure to Openly Support Gay Rights in the United States — Political activist Emma Goldman, in the 1910s. In a 1923 essay she wrote that "it is completely foreign to me to wish to regard such people as less valuable, less moral, or incapable of noble sentiments and behavior." For this, and other opinions, the FBI later dubbed her "the most dangerous woman in America."

First Openly Gay Candidate to be Elected to Public Office in the United States — Kathy Kozachenko, to the Ann Arbor, Michigan, city council in April 1974.

First Gay Rights Group in the United States — The Chicago Society for Human Rights, founded in 1924.

First Use of the Word "Heterosexual" — The use of the word "heterosexual" first appeared in the 1890s, in American medical journals. It originally referred to individuals attracted to both sexes.

First Modern Condom — Invented by Italian Gabriello Fallopius in the 1550s as protections from venereal disease.

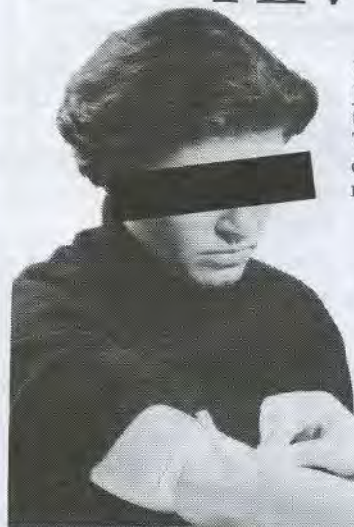
First English Language Play to Deal With Homosexuality — Christopher Marlowe's *Edward II*, in 1561.

First Mainstream Movie to Acknowledge Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals — Mel Brook's *To Be or Not To Be*, 1983. One of the main characters is a gay theatrical dresser forced to wear a pink triangle.

First and Only All-Gay Army — The Sacred Band of Thebes, composed entirely of 150 pairs of homosexual lovers who had taken a vow to stand or fall together. Undefeated for years, they fell in 338 B.C.


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#1. *Remote Control* by Megan Terry — A Comic Gymnastic Extravaganza about Domestic Violence, 7 p.m.

#2. *Dialogue Between A Prostitute and Her Client* — Starkly Honest & Revealing Reversal of the Dynamics of Seduction, 8 p.m.

"Switch Seats and Buckle Up": See One or Both Productions. Admission \$12 see one show or stay for both (students/seniors 5-7); Performances - January 6, 7, 8 and January 13, 14, 15. Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees (*Remote* at 2 pm *Dialogue* at 3).

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The Magic Theatre as is their tradition presents the most contemporary serious subjects - playfully - as theatrical entertainments. If you like to laugh and think thinking is "fun", check out their two new plays. Their performance facility is worth experiencing. Prior to its life as a theatre it was a downtown department store.

About Dacia Maraini (playwright *Dialogue Between A Prostitute and Her Client*) — Internationally known Italian poet, playwright and novelist. Maraini has won every major writing award in Italy and in Europe. She is also a well known investigative reporter and literary critic. It was announced this year the Stanford Univ. in Palo Alto, CA., will archive all Dacia Maraini's literary papers. OMT is proud to bring the work of this great contemporary writer to our midwestern audiences.

About Megan Terry (Playwright *Remote Control*) — Magic Theatre playwright in residence since 1970; internationally renowned writer for more than 100 published works translated into every major language; was pleased to have been asked by Family Services to write this new play *Remote Control* on the subject of spouse abuse. We've spent this Fall touring it to Nebraska High Schools. As current media testifies (O.J. anyone?) this is a subject of momentous concern both locally and nationally. In 1994 Terry was honored by being elected to the College of Fellows of American Theatre at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. This lifetime society recognizes distinguished service to the profession by an individual of acknowledged national stature.

The Company: David Brink, Erich Christiansen, Ron Dappen, Sora Kimberlain, Officer Bob Lausten, Amy Hansen Ryan, JoAnn Schmidman, Gretchen Ventericher and David.

MORE NEWS

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Body Leaks by Megan Terry, JoAnn Schmidman and Sora Kimberlain, original 1991 OMT production about self censorship, published in the 1995 edition of *Theatre Alive* anthology play sections from Sophocles to the Omaha Magic Theatre. (Used in colleges and universities across the country.)

January 20 Production of Sound Fields In KC — at Johnson County Community College as part of their Performance at American College Theatre Festival in Lincoln, NE.

February - March Dallas Residency — The Omaha Magic Theatre, while in residence at The Dallas Children's Theatre, will present a public performance of its new collaborative "work-in progress" *Star Path Moon Stop* — February and March. Call for information 402-346-1227.

The *Star Path Moon Stop* script by Megan Terry, JoAnn Schmidman and Sora Kimberlain is being developed with Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Funds.

BAY AREA YOUNG POSITIVES OFFERS CARE, SUPPORT FOR HIV-INFECTED YOUTHS

Positives, a peer-support group for young people with HIV, released a poster campaign touting the agency's counseling services and social events for HIV-positive Bay Area youth.

The agency's programs include one-to-one peer counseling, a wide variety of support groups, health and social services, educational workshops, and a buddy program to help young people living with HIV connect with another BAY Positives member.

The campaign kickoff coincided with the seventh annual World AIDS Day, a global event commemorating and celebrating those affected by HIV and AIDS.

The theme of this year's World AIDS Day observance is "AIDS and Families: Protect and Care for the Ones We Love" — which, according to Antigone Hodgins, 26, executive director of BAY Positives, speaks directly to the concerns of young people with HIV.

With the headline, "Young People With HIV Supporting Young People With HIV," the BAY Positives billboards, posters, and internal bus cards feature HIV-positive young women and men of all colors in photos emblazoned with the words "friendship", "fear", "relief", and "hope".

The posters, which will be seen by a potential daily MUNI-riding audience of 706,722, also carry the BAY Positives phone number, 415-487-1616.

Recent studies show there have been 2,542 cases of AIDS diagnosed in San Francisco among young people aged 20-29, representing one in eight cases. The vast majority of them contracted HIV in their teens or early twenties.

New HIV infections in the city are expected to occur at a rate of 4% annually among gay and

bisexual men ages 17 to 25, as against an annual increase of 1.5% among adult gay men and bisexual men. That is about 200 young gay and bisexual men becoming infected with HIV each year.

Hodgins said young people living with the virus are more likely to accept support from someone in a similar situation who is speaking with a similar voice.

"Given the stigma, ignorance, and fear associated with young people and HIV, it is most effective for HIV-positive youths to offer emotional support and educational services to youths who are newly infected or who have ongoing concerns about living with the virus," Hodgins said.

Bay Area Young Positives as founded in January 1990, when two HIV service providers began facilitating a Monday night drop-in support group after concluding city HIV services lacked youth sensitivity.

Soon that group was youth-led; the peer facilitation model proved highly effective in supporting the nearly 200 HIV-positive youths that attended over the next few years.

After receiving federal funding through the Ryan White CARE Act in December 1993, BAY Positives moved into Lower Haight quarters earlier this year, and remains the only purely peer-based program run by and for HIV-positive young people in the Bay Area.

THE CASE OF THE GOOD-FOR-NOTHING GIRLFRIEND

Nancy Clue and Cherry Aimless return for more hair-mussing gay adventure and their toughest case yet in Mabel Maney's second full-length girl sleuth parody, *The Case of the Good-For-Nothing Girlfriend*.

Like Maney's wildly popular and best-selling *The Case of the Not-So-Nice-Nurse*, this hilarious new Nancy Clue mystery is for everyone who knew all along that Nancy and her chums had secrets of their own...

The Case of the Good-For-Nothing Girlfriend begins in San Francisco, where the merry entourage has just foiled the wicked Father Helms and solved the mystery of the disappearing nuns. But their celebrations are cut short by news of the arrest of the Clue's wonderful housekeeper, Hannah Gruel, who has been accused of murdering Nancy's father, the famous attorney Carson Clue.

Of Maney's first novel, *The Los Angeles Reader* wrote, "Maney has penned a mystery with tongue-in-cheek homoerotic hilarity that's simultaneously fun, nostalgic, and completely contemporary." According to *San Francisco Weekly*, Maney "flawlessly lampoons the torpid style of children's books and lesbian mysteries where nothing happens without at least three changes of clothing and a good, hot meal..." Maney's affection for detective novels has been brewing since she was a girl. "Because so little was communicated about gay and lesbian lives when I was young, I was constantly forced to play detective," writes Maney in *Mystery Readers Journal*.

See a very special production of *Harvey* at the Dundee Dinner Theatre on January 21. Relax and be "out" among your friends. Proceeds benefit ANGLE's Phone Line and The Imperial Court of Nebraska. Be sure to mention ICON when you call 558-8535 for reservations. Admission is \$25 per person.

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE SCORES HIGH WITH TOYS FOR KIDS OF PWA'S

The Monarchs of ICON led the way once again as they took to the stage for their annual "Toyz for Totz" benefit show held December 4 at The MAX. It was a cold and frosty night, but hearts were generous as funds were raised to purchase toys for 37 children. Empress XII, Phoenix Fallentino (see photo), was once again emcee for the event, joined by Emperor XIII, Connie Henke. The show featured some of the best performers in the area. Notable performances included Steve Williamson, Margo, Empress XIV Mac, Emperor XIV David Hansen, Mr. MAX Tim Pedersen, Stella Dallas, Miss Gay Omaha 93 Monica West, Emperor XIV Connie Henke, Miss Laura Grey, Empress XIV Roxy (see photo), Mr. R.N. Hedges, and Czar XIV Annie. A special number was performed by Athena II Carla with a parody of *The Night Before Christmas*, written especially for the show. Carla was joined by her spouse, Sharon, for another original poem honoring Show Director Jim Gau who was celebrating his birthday. When ICON had asked to book the Show, the December calendar was full, but Jim responded to the need of these special children and relinquished the date he had scheduled for a special Birthday Show. On behalf of all the children, Thank You, Jim! At the end of the evening, over \$925 had been donated and earmarked to buy toys. ICON continued to be Santa's elves as Steve, Sammi, and Tim filled 6 shopping carts with toys which were delivered to the Nebraska AIDS Project for distribution. The additional funds raised at the Toyz for Totz show will go to purchase personal items for PWA's.

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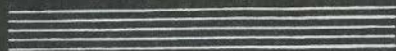
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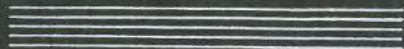


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MR & MS LEATHER NEBRASKA '95 CROWNED

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Contestants for the title of Ms. Leather Nebraska 1995 were: **Miss Amanda (chosen Ms. Leather Nebraska 1995)** of Lincoln. Miss Amanda has 7 tattoos and 2 piercings. Her statement to the community is "The Leather S/M community has been blessed with the gift of consensuality and proven over and over again that consensuality does work and allows people the freedom to grow close and give to one another safely, sanely, and wholly. My friendships and relationships of all types have grown extensively secure and intense."

Blake (first runner-up) of Omaha. Blake has 1 tattoo and 2 scarifications. Her statement to the community is "I am currently in a fulltime Daddy/Girl relationship with two Dyke Daddies. I also integrate leather into my life by discussing S/M theory and practice at length with friends (and my Daddies, of course!) I attend OPC workshops and play parties on a monthly basis. I read anything I can find about S/M, Leather, and Fetish."

The only contestant for Mr. Leather Nebraska 1995 was: **Carter**. Carter's statement to the community is "Leather has helped me to become a survivor of the challenges of our time. It's also helped me to be able to pass these attitudes, beliefs, and lifestyles on to others." Since there was only one contestant for Mr. Leather Nebraska, the judges established a minimum score which the contestant had to meet in order to receive the title. Carter's performance was close to the mark but did not meet the required score. As a result the judges award the title of **Mr. Leather Nebraska 1995 to Renfield**.

The judges included Keith Hunt, International Mr. Drummer 94-95; Joey Kraly, Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1993; Viola Johnson, T.U.L.S.A. Tool Box Technicians; Sarah Dishong, Ms. Missouri Leather 1995; Raymond Le Brun, Mr. Minnesota Leather 1994; Brent Fluty, Oklahoma Daddy's Boy 1993; and Mike Cox, Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1994. Emcees for the evening were Donna Shroud, Ms. Northern California Leather, and Terry Gatewood, Mr. Oklahoma Leather 1994. Tally Master for the evening was Larry Everett, Mr. Oklahoma Leather 1995. Tally Mistress was Therese Hegarty, Citizens for Equal Protection. Other dignitaries included Dustin Logan and Bob Ewing, co-sponsors of Fantasy; Anne Merrill, Ms. St. Louis Leather Pride 1993; Steve Lenuis, Mr. Great Lakes Drummer 1994; Mark Frazier, International Mr. NLA

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP FORMS

The Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Omaha Chapter announces the beginning of a support group for spouses of gays and lesbians. When husbands or wives come out, the straight spouses go into closets of their own. Unlike their partners, who find support from gay, lesbian, and bisexual organizations, straight spouses find little support. Isolated, they cope with issues their mates face as well as their own unique problems and those of their children. Most partners, friends, and family members do not understand the spouse's concerns, and few professionals are familiar with mixed-orientation relationships.

Recognizing the needs of spouses, PFLAG formed a Task Force whose goal was to establish an international network of support and resources for spouses. In 1991 the Task Force began to address children's needs as well. A Straight Spouse Support Network (SSSN) is now also in place. The SSSN has Regional Spouse Contacts who provide spouses personal contact and support, resources, and referrals to available local assistance and other national networks.

The PFLAG Omaha Spouse Support group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass. The first meeting will occur on Thursday, January 12, 1995. For those months that the program is of interest to them, the spouses will join the PFLAG chapter meeting for the program portion of its meeting and then move to an adjacent room for a time of sharing, support and networking. There is already a spouse serving as a referral for other spouses who call the PFLAG Helpline seeking information and support. If you know of a spouse that needs the support of other spouses or would like to share with other spouses, please let them know of this new group. They may call the Helpline at (402) 291-6781 for further information on meeting location.

PFLAG Omaha is excited and proud to offer this opportunity to help others with an unexpected change in their life. PFLAG Omaha is not just for parents, friends, family, lesbians, gays, or bisexuals, but now also for SPOUSES!!!

1994; Mike Reese, Mr. Missouri Leather 1994; Paul Jaques, Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1994; Janet Ryan, Ms. Mid America Leather, 1992; Jim Gau, Mr. Omaha Drummer 1994; Mark Warner, Mr. Minnesota Drummer 1993; Charles Blake, Mr. Minnesota Leather 1995; Kris Rabunza, Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1993; Larry Everett, Mr. Oklahoma Leather 1995; C.J. Rocky Mountain Drummer Boy 1994; Lady Dorothy; and Rick Gannon, Great Plains Drummer Boy. Executive Producer of the pageant is Amy Marie Meek, International Ms. Leather 1993.

Cindy Bookout Receives IML '95 Title

A special feature of the evening was the official presentation of the title of International Ms. Leather 1994 to Cindy Bookout, now residing in Omaha. Cindy was first alternate at the competition but was awarded the title when the winner stepped down. Cindy repeated the fantasy which she had performed in the International Ms. Leather Competition, a heart-rending representation of her last visit with her friend and mentor who died of AIDS shortly before the competition.



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DON FLOWERS TURNS 50, RETIRES RED DRESS WITH A FLOURISH

Don "Flowers" Randolph celebrated his 50th birthday on December 10. He marked the occasion by hosting an "intimate" dinner at The MAX as part of the Night of 1000 stars celebration. The dinner was attended by 56 of his closest friends, family, and acquaintances.

He continued the celebration at the gala reception held at Regency Court. Since Don Randolph was treasurer for the event, he did not leave Regency Court until nearly 3:00 a.m.

The next morning, Don was up and showered and at the MAX for rehearsal with the Meatpackers and Packettes by 11:00 a.m. Isn't it amazing that a man of his advanced years can party that hard?

The party continued Sunday night as the Meatpackers and Packettes took to the stage of The MAX for the final performances by the lady in the red dress, Don Flowers. Don made it clear throughout the evening that he was not retiring from fundraising, but he was hanging up his red dresses and tutus after tonight's performance. Don then reached back into his bag of tricks and pulled out his best performances on such numbers as "God Bless America," "The Impossible Dream," and the delightful story of that football queen, Bruiser.

Don was joined by members of the Omaha Meatpackers and the Packettes for the opening medley, "He's So Fine," and for the comic opening of the second set, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

The Meatpackers and Packettes also showed their unique individual talents as David Hansen took off his Emperor's Crown and put on a short, fringed, red satin creation.

Michael DeVore performed not only as Miss Easy Does It but also joined Packette, Sharon Van Butsel, as he polkaed across the stage to the sound of Romanovsky's new song, "I Love to Polka."

Packette Carla Petersen disappeared and was replaced by Carl, straight from Pasagoulah, Mississippi.

It was a special evening for the Packettes as they welcomed the newest Packette, Miss Annie Welty, to the stage. Annie's performances of "Call Me AI" and "Trashy Women" assured her a position as a Packette.

During the second set, Don Randolph reminded the audience of the reason for the show — that we were celebrating reaching a 50th birthday, something that many in our community will never see.

He then called Carla Petersen to the stage to perform Lyn Lavner's number recalling "The Fine Young Men" that we have known and have lost to AIDS.

The evening closed with the traditional presentation of "I am What I am." As the final chords sounded, Don Flowers removed his wig and took center stage for his final bow.

Way to go, Don.

GAY ACTIVIST BECOMES MINISTER & COUNSELOR

Rodney Allen Bell, II, a former Nebraska gay/HIV activist was ordained as a minister November 25, 1993 from the American Fellowship Church in Carmel, California. Rodney received his B.A. in 1987 in Political Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Rev. Bell received his Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling from Truman Institute in 1993 and his Doctor of Divinity in 1994. Love Spirit Ministry is the organization that he founded and continues as director of today.

Rev. Rodney A. Bell, D.D. was president of the UNL Gay and Lesbian Resource Center. He is the originator of the "Wear Blue Jeans If You're Gay Day!" that shook the UNL campus in 1985. Rev. Bell also received the Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity in 1986. He founded the UNL Gay/Lesbian Alumni/ae Association and founded the Rodney Allen Bell, II Scholarship Fund for Gay and Lesbian Students. While in Nebraska, Rev. Bell promoted concerts, wrote grants, publicized gay/lesbian events, built bridges between organizations, studied life and made waves handing out condoms in February of 1987. Initially, the Administration of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln went to court to get a restraining order to prevent the students from handing out condoms and educational material. UNL GLSA won. The headlines were nationwide. Mr. Bell created the Gay/Lesbian Programming Committee at UNL, which is now COLAGE (Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events.)

CHORUS NOTES

Planning for the future and additional performances have kept the River City Mixed Chorus busy the past few months, on top of rehearsing for the Winter Concert in January, and all the behind-the-scene preparations required to stage these performances.

River City was excited to participate in the National Coming Out Day Celebration at the Civic Auditorium in October. We sold tee shirts, distributed brochures and season ticket flyers. The Chorus participated in the second annual Night of 1,000 Stars benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project on Saturday, December 10, 1994. The thousands of people attending the social event at Regency Fashion Court were given a preview of the concert pieces to be performed this month at Strauss Performing Arts Center (see article in this issue for concert details). An ensemble from the Chorus performed for PFLAG on Sunday, December 4, and another ensemble performed at the MCC Choir concert on November 6. In addition to its own segment of the program, the group joined the MCC Choir for a finale performance of *Let Hope Spring Forth!* by Mark Hayes, under the direction of Bill Burtch.

In an attempt to stay ahead of a growing chorus' needs, the Chorus has taken several steps to distribute some of the work load and begin planning for the future. The Board of Directors voted to increase the size of the Board from seven to eleven. A special election was held last fall, to fill these additional positions as well as the vacancy created by the resignation of Ellen Adamson. The five new Board members are: Lisa Stover, Renee Reimer, Kathy Fischer-Berry, Christine Peek and Greg Toohy. Unfortunately, due to career conflicts, Christine found it necessary to resign in December. In December a Board retreat was held at Mahoney State Park where the initial phase of vision-setting took place.

Planning is also underway for the Chorus to attend the GALA Festival in Tampa, Florida in July 1996. Because of the growing number of member choruses participating in GALA, only a partial number of choruses have been invited to perform. River City Mixed Chorus is proud to have been selected as one of those choruses, so it is important that we be represented by as many of our members as possible. Special fundraising events will be held over the next year and a half to meet the expenses of such an undertaking.

The 1994/95 Development campaign also began this fall. Fundraising is an important part of meeting the chorus' financial demands. A special thank you to all who continue to support the Chorus through their financial contributions. The season ticket campaign also continues for the 1994/95 season, and single tickets for the January concerts are also on sale and are available through Chorus members and at New Realities in the Old Market. Production of the program book and all the necessary details required to get a performance on stage are continuing.

RCMC has been invited to participate in the May production of Mahler's 8th Symphony (a choral symphony) at the Orpheum Theater. This will require many additional rehearsals with the other participating choruses and with the Symphony musicians, all at the same time we will be preparing for our June Pride concert less than a month later. We feel quite honored, however, to be included in this very "mainstream" community event! Watch for details in a later article.



TECA TEENS DO THEIR THING FOR PREVENTION

The fastest-growing HIV population today is teenagers. In Omaha, teenagers themselves are fighting against the spread of HIV infection.

In association with NAP, young adults ages 13 to 19 have formed a group called TECA (Teens Educated to Combat AIDS). Volunteer Rachel Wolk coordinates the group, which began with 13 members and has grown to 40.

The goals are to educate themselves about HIV/AIDS and educate their peers through

speaking engagements and services as HIV/AIDS peer consultants in their schools. Plans include a teen hotline and a support group for teens with AIDS.

Two members of TECA, Tiana Riskowski and Katie Collier, were recently interviewed on KMTV Channel 3 News. This publicity will help a great deal toward the goals of the group.

If anyone is interested in learning more about this group or seeks a speaker, call Tiffany James at 342-4233.

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MR AND MISS HGRA NAMED AT DC'S

On November 19, rodeo and country music fans from around the region crowded the tables at DC's to cheer for their favorite contestant for the title of Mr. and Miss Heartland Gay Rodeo Association. The reigning Monarchs, Madame X and Mr. Patrick Williams, bid farewell to their subjects and helped welcome the new monarchs.

Jim was crowned Mr. HGRA (pictured above on the left), and Bobby Jo Beaujolais was crowned Miss HGRA (pictured above on the right). Congratulations, Jim and Miss Bobby!

ICON'S 1995 OFFICERS ELECTED

At the December 5 meeting of the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, the following officers were elected:

Gary West, President
 Connie H., First Vice-President
 Gerald B., Second Vice-President
 Claire F., Secretary
 Carla Petersen, Treasurer

In addition Claire F. was appointed to be the official representative of ICON to ANGLE meetings!

All of this was a hearty welcome to Claire who became a member of the Board in November. The Imperial Court of Nebraska extends a gracious thank you to Jack D. for his work last year as Vice President and to Steve K. for filling in as Secretary during the past few months. Thank you both for a job well done! We look forward to putting you to work in 1995 as active Board members!

In other action the Board approved a six months leave of absence for Alice B., voted to trade 1/2 page ads with RCMC, received an unofficial update on the status of E. Smiarowski's diversion application, heard the reading of seven thank-you's from various individuals and organizations, and approved the application of Tami G. (Athena III & IV) to the Board.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska will meet Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. This is a change from the norm. Community visitors are always welcome! Until Jan. 9, that's it from the "Courtthouse."



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RUN JIM DANDIES STILL LEADS RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE AFTER 14 WEEKS

As of Week #15 of bowling, the first place spot was still held by Run Jim Dandies with 43 wins and 13 losses. Second place was held by 9-4 — Gets & Not! with 39 wins and 17 losses. DC's 1 had dropped to third place with 37 wins and 19 losses.

Dan Cooper still holds high men's scratch series (697), and high men's average (207.4). Cooper's is tied with Joe Bloemer for second high scratch game - men with identical 248's, but the high men's scratch game is held by Mike Wierznicki with a 258. Bloemer still has second high scratch series with a 674. Mike Wierznicki has third high series (646). Bill Boren has the second high average with 183.9, followed by Bob Andersen with a 183.6.

For the women, E. Mueller has the second high game (231), high series (602), and high average (172.8), but the women's high game has been taken by Rhea Lukehart with a 233, who also holds second high average (164.8) and second high series with a 598. Third high game (213), third high series (552) and third high average (163.5) are held by Cherie Iniguez.

City Lickers are still #8 in the standings, and they still hold both high handicap team game and high handicap team series (814 and 2328 respectively). Rainbow Chasers have second high team game with a 783, followed by DC's #1 with a 766. DC's #1 also holds second high team series (2112), followed by Rainbow Chasers with a 2101.

During week #14 of bowling, Charley Wade bowled a nice 245 game. Mike Wierznicki bowled

a 631 series and Mike Maciejewski bowled a 234 game and 605 series, which was 116 pins over his 163 average. Marc Potet bowled a 511 series (178, 143, 190) which was 136 pins over his 125 average. Melissa Getschell was 87 pins over her average, and Kellie Lovell was 84 pins over her average. Tony Iniguez bowled games of 207 and 222 (558 series) and ended 108 pins over his 150 average.

Complete team standings as of week #6:

	Won	Lost
1. Run Jim Dandies	43	13
2. 9-4 Gets & Not	39	17
3. DC's #1	37	19
4. The MAX	35.5	20.5
5. Dicksters	35.5	20.5
6. Gilligan's 2	32.5	23.5
7. Wurgler Photo	32	24
8. City Lickers	29	27
9. Rainbow Chasers	29	27
10. Delivery Boys	29	27
11. DC's Liplockers	29	27
12. Puss&Boots Gilligan 3	28	28
13. The DIs	27.5	28.5
14. Gilligan's 1 CCB	26	30
15. DC's 2 Reason to Drink	25.5	30.5
16. DC's Tuna Melts	25.5	30.5 17.
Express Male	25	31
18. Misfits	23.5	32.5
19. The Taylor Shop	23	33
20. TM #8	23	33
21. Kings & Queens	23	33
22. Bowling for Tricks	22	44
23. Night Riders	19.5	32.5

MCC-OMAHA UPDATE

We hope that this holiday season has been a blessing to you and those you love. We invite you to join us for either our 9:00 a.m. or our 10:30 Worship Service this coming Sunday! MCC-Omahara offers both children's and adults' Christian Education Classes every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Visitors are always welcome!

Did you make it by the church when you were out looking at Christmas lights? If so you had a chance to admire our nativity scene, as well as the garland and red bows that decorated our black iron fence. The decorations were just as festive inside! Hope you participated in one of our many Christmas activities: the children's party, the caroling, buying gifts for our Christmas families, the decorating party, the Christmas Eve Service, or Christmas Day Worship.

Rev. Howard begins serving as our Interim Pastor Jan. 1. The congregation is quite happy to know that he will be directing the worship services during this transition period while the Pastoral Search Committee continues its work. Rev. Howard will continue to plan and direct the worship services, preaching every third week. He will conduct Holy Unions as his schedule allows and be available for advising church leaders as the need arises.

As 1994 came to a close, all of us at MCC-O wanted to thank some of our people who have been filling some important posts here at the church for the past few years: Becky, Peggy, Harry — thank you for your years on the Board. Pat, thank you for all of your time working in the yard. Craig, thank you for serving as our Head Usher for over five years! Jeff, thank you for your work as our newsletter editor! And, of course, Matthew — thank you for being our shepherd. The flock has grown in so many ways! Thank you!

Did you catch our Piano fundraiser at DC's? If not, you missed a great time: pizza, lots of great live singers — and some not-so-great singers (the Cowchip Chorus), Omaha's very best impersonators, etc. Great night! Great show! Great cause! And there's still time for you to donate! Imagine that! For \$100 you can purchase a key for our new piano! Send your donations to the church, P.O. Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Mark them "Attention: Bill." And thank you all for coming out for the show!

An MCC-O tradition came to an end in December. Due to a basic lack of interest, the deacons have discontinued their Saturday night Coffeehouse that they've sponsored for the past several years. But the greater tradition continues this January as MCC-O celebrates its 21st Anniversary. Watch for details later in the month. Until then — "See you in church!"

COMING SOON: YELLOW BOAT AFFIRMS LIFE

Emmy Gifford Children's Theater, in cooperation with the Mid-American Arts Alliance Program, the Nebraska Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, will present *Yellow Boat* March 27 at 7 p.m. at Emmy Gifford, 3504 Center St.

The play will be performed by the Metro Theater Co. Conceived by David Saar of Childsplay Inc. in Tempe, Arizona, it celebrates the life of the playwright's son, Benjamin, a hemophiliac who died in 1987 at age 8 from AIDS.

A gifted visual artist, Benjamin uses his buoyant imagination to transform his physical and emotional pain into a blaze of colors and shapes in his fanciful drawings and paintings.

Although this play touches on issues of illness and death, it is not a tragedy. *The Yellow Boat* is a glorious affirmation of one child's life and of the strength and courage of all children.

The Yellow Boat was selected for the 16th International Showcase of Performing Arts for Young People and has been performed in cities across the United States for the past two years.

You won't want to miss this wonderful family show. Tickets are \$10 each or may be purchased for \$8 at local Burger King Restaurants and Hy-Vee Stores. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 402-345-4852.

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RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS NEWS

The River City Mixed Chorus will present its Winter Concert on Saturday, January 14 and Sunday, January 15, 1995 at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the campus of UNO at 60 and Dodge Streets in Omaha, NE. Both concerts begin at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. John J. Bennett will direct the 55 member chorus in a program that will appeal to nearly all musical interests. Featured guest artist for the performances will be jazz harpist Anita Clark-Jaynes who will perform solo works for harp in addition to accompanying the chorus on several of the pieces. Piano accompaniment will be provided by Mr. Ron Guthrie.

Highlighting the program are four pieces from the Tony Award Winning Musical *The Secret Garden* with lyrics by Marsha Norman and music by Lucy Simon. Featured in the medley presentation are *Come to My Garden*, *Hold On, Lily's Eyes*, and *Winter's on the Wing*. Drawing from the pop culture, the chorus will sing *River of*

Dreams and Lullabye Goodnight, My Angel written and recorded by Billy Joel, arranged by Emily Crocker) will be sung in Hebrew. *Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind* by John Rutter, *O filii et filiae* by Volckmar Leising, *Eriskay Love Lilt* (from the King's Sisters 25 Anniversary Jubilee) arranged by Simon Carrington, *Songs for Peace* by Allister MacGillivray and *Greensleeves* (arranged by Bob Chilcott) will round out the Chorus' program. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Guthrie also plan to perform a piece for two pianos.

Directing the chorus in his fourth season, Mr. Bennett maintains an active music life in Omaha. He is the Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Omaha; he is in his fourth year as conductor of the University Mixed Chorus at UNO; he served as Music Director at the Omaha Community Playhouse for 15 years, and is currently working on his Master of Music Degree at UNO.

Joining the Chorus in his first year as

accompanist, Mr. Guthrie also brings a wealth of musical background. Mr. Guthrie toured with the Nebraska Theater Caravan for a number of years, and has just returned to Omaha, serving as staff accompanist at UNO.

These performances mark the eleventh year for the Chorus. Because of sold-out performances during the past several years, a Sunday evening concert has been added. Single tickets are on sale at New Realities, 1026 Howard Street (in the Passageway) and from chorus members. Tickets are \$10 in advance and 12 at the door. Season tickets for the Winter Concert and for the Pride Concerts on June 3 and 4 are also available at New Realities or by calling 341-SING. Season tickets are \$20, and include admission to both the Winter and Pride concerts, reserved section seating and a reception following the Saturday evening performances. River City Mixed Chorus is a non-profit corporation, and received funding from the Nebraska Arts Council.

SNAP TO TREAT OMAHA TO FALSETTOS

SNAP! Productions, a fundraising support organization for NAP, will stage the Omaha debut of *Falsettos* March 8-12.

This insightful and embracing musical will be staged at the Witherspoon Auditorium in Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge Street at 8 p.m. There will be two performances on March 12, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

A champagne and dessert reception will follow opening night in the Storz Foundation Court. M. Michele Phillips will direct the production.

Falsettos offers such traditional family tableaux as a Little League baseball game and a bar mitzvah.

It is set in an America where, as one song has it, "the rules keep changing" and "families aren't what they were." It is about family members, though not exactly the Cleavers or the Nelsons, who manage to come together when they have to. It's a family, in short, that is transformed by homosexuality in the era of AIDS.

Winner of two Tony awards, including "Best Musical of the Year," *Falsettos* is the collaboration of composer William Finn and director/writer, James Lapine.

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO NEEDS OF THOSE INVOLVED IN RECENT PARK ARRESTS

A small group of Omahans gathered in November and December to develop a way to deal with the crises resulting from the recent arrests in the parks. Without dealing with the right or wrong of the behavior, it was acknowledged that these events have caused problems in people's lives. One man chose to take his own life. Others have been suspended from their jobs and many may be fearful of legal consequences. This group included people from various disciplines, especially counseling, ministry, and law. Together they developed a statement offering supportive services to anyone caught in the sting operation. The general attitude of the participants was that the community must reach out in compassion and without judgment.

The statement which is being sent out to the media encourages persons to call the Information and Referral Line. The volunteers will give names of therapists, lawyers, and ministers available for referral. Anyone wanting to offer services is invited to contact the Phone Line at 402-558-5303 with the needed information.

This group is also offering a panel representing legal, therapy, and spiritual professionals for media interviews to discuss making these services available and the need for a compassionate and non-judgmental community response. Anyone wanting further information is invited to contact Rachel Foley at 402-551-7171 or Rich Ketter at 402-341-1371. The statement being sent to the media follows: *Whenever there is a tragedy or a perceived tragedy in our lives we tend to have the feeling that we are all alone. The feeling of loneliness might be accompanied by the feelings of shame or guilt for what has happened. As a result of these feelings we avoid seeking assistance or confrontation in the hopes that the attention will fade away. Some of you may be having those feelings now if you were part of the park roundup or have visited the parks in the past. You want some assistance or maybe you just want someone understanding to talk to, but you do not know where to turn. Some of you will just plead guilty and hope the whole thing goes away. Others have thought of suicide and one has already committed suicide, and others will lose relationships or jobs over the publicity. No matter how overwhelming these feelings may be, giving up is not the answer.*

There is a group of concerned citizens in Omaha who have gathered together to lend their assistance to those who might need it. This group consists of attorneys, ministers, therapists, and citizens who are willing to lend assistance with whatever need you might have, whether it be legal, spiritual, psychological, or just someone to talk to. The group is non-judgmental. They are here to ensure that you find the help or information you need. You are not alone and help is just a phone call away. Call 402-558-5303 for assistance. You will receive a recording. Please leave your name (first name only is okay), a number where you can be reached and what type of assistance you need. All messages are held in the strictest of confidence.

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS EVEN BIGGER THAN BEFORE

Over 60 dinner parties took place on or before December 10 as a part of the second annual Night of 1000 Stars. This gala fundraiser for the Nebraska AIDS Project features dinner parties and receptions of all sizes and types, followed by a gala reception where all participants come together for dessert and dancing. This year's reception, held at Regency Court, was attended by an estimated 2500 persons. A special feature of the evening was shopping at Borshiem's, which donated a percentage of all sales to NAF. As the evening drew to a close, over \$70,000 had been raised, with more to come in.

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OMAHA POLICE SEIZE GAY ARTWORK FROM THE NEW RUN BAR ACLU May Join Battle Against Censorship

As reported in *The Omaha World-Herald* and on all three major TV stations in Omaha, on Tuesday, December 13, police vice inspectors entered The New Run Bar at 17th and Leavenworth and confiscated one oil painting and two pencil drawings by the renown gay artist, Snowflake.

The works were put on display at the Run through arrangements with an Omaha collector.

The series of works includes male nudity and some depiction of gay sexuality. Individual pieces are valued between \$1000 and \$20,000.

Bar owner, Terry Tippitt, stated that the police arrived at the bar and asked to see the display which was housed in the newly remodeled lower level of The Run.

The lower level was not open at the time, and Terry stated that he had to unlock three different doors in order for police to gain access to the area.

It was reported in *The World-Herald* that the police were responding to a complaint from fire inspectors who had been in the lower level over the weekend checking compliance with the recently issued after hours permit.

In an exclusive interview with *The New Voice*, Terry stated that the American Civil Liberties Union is considering taking the case as part of their project to deal with censorship in the arts.

As of this writing, Terry Tippitt will not be cited for any criminal acts, but, through his attorney, he did reach an agreement with the city prosecutor to remove any artwork which might be construed in any way as portraying sexual activity.

Any further action will be taken up as a civil matter.



David Hansen presents check for Phone Line to Sonia, chair of Phone Line Committee.

R.N. Hedges does comic "I saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus"



PHONE LINE GETS BOOST WITH EMPEROR'S SHOW AT DC's

Emperor XIV David Hansen responded to a community need and hosted a special variety show at DC's on November 27. The funds raised went to support the activities of ANGLE's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Information and Referral Line, better know as The Phone Line.

Emcee for the evening, Emperor XIII Steve Koeller, introduced a star studded cast including, Emperor XIV David Hansen, Empress XIV Mac,

Don Hooper, and singing live Annie Welty and R.N. Hedges who performed an original parody of "I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus." We've heard R.N. sing inspirational and romantic songs, but it was a new and delightful experience to see him take to the stage with flannel 'jammies, fuzzy slippers, and a huge teddy bear.

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-excerpted from CFEP News



Steve Koeller mixes salad for Unity House Thanksgiving dinner. ICON board members wash up the dishes after dinner.

**THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA
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BENEFIT AFTER BENEFIT!**

Wow! What a busy holiday season we've had! You can tell from the photos above that ICON has dipped its fingers into something new. Pictured above are several Board members busy at work preparing and cleaning up after a Thanksgiving dinner they personally donated (with the help of a few friends) for area PWAs.

Thanks to all of you and your great support, we've been able to expand the benefits we've participated in! But before we get to that let me tell you about what's coming up this month.

Two really big shows ought to be on your calendars. The first is a benefit hosted by Emperor David at The MAX on Sun., Jan. 8, at 9:30 p.m. Proceeds from this show will be split between the Unity House and ICON. The second is an evening at the Dundee Dinner Theatre Sat., Jan. 21. The evening's entertainment will be the ever-popular *Harvey*. Proceeds from this show will be split between ANGLE's Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line and ICON. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$25.00 per person, and you must mention ICON when making your reservations. Make your reservation today by calling 558-8535; remember to mention ICON!

Coming in February will be a "Retitling" Show—Feb. 26. During this show Athena II, Athena III, and Athena IV will be given new titles. Come and see as ICON presents you with this new image! Watch for details in the Feb. *New Voice*.

"Toys for Tots" was a booming success. The proceeds from the show enabled us to buy \$925 worth of toys for 37 kids of PWA's and over \$300 worth of personal care items for PWA's. Thank you for making their holidays brighter!

Friends of ICON provided the turkey and ham and condiments for a Potluck Dinner Christmas Day for PWA's who wanted to spend Christmas with their friends at Unity House.

And near the very end of December, ICON wrote its first check to ACE for the Unity House. ICON has pledged \$100 a month during 1995 to the Unity House as long as it continues in its present location offering the services it currently offers.

What a busy time the 1994 holiday season was! Thank you for helping to make it all possible!

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Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
Volunteer Svs and 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

HOME HEALTH CARE

LINK-ON Home Health Care, 2118 South St.
#B, Lincoln, 68502, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm,
care, treatment, counseling, teaching of HIV
infected individuals, people with AIDS, and
others: Rick Swaink, Director.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*
*More info call. Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

American Red Cross,
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 341-2723

Community Prescription Service AIDS Info,
medicine, supplies by mail, 1-800-677-4232

Douglas County Health Department,
1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

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

People of Color Consortium Against AIDS
2226 Leavenworth, Omaha (402) 341-8471

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

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

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

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Omaha, NE 68105,
345-1992, Open Wed - Sat 10am-4pm for Drop
In Visits. Activities include: Support groups,
classes, T.V., movies, therapeutic massage,
other activities for those with HIV.

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

AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),
For anyone living with HIV and those inter-
ested in AIDS advocacy. 345-1976, Office
Hours: M-F 9am-4pm, Unity House, 1007 S.
37, Omaha. Meet every other Sunday 6pm

PASTORAL CARE

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

AIDS Interfaith Network, 215 Centennial
Mall South, Rm 411, Lincoln 68508, 474-
3017, Services: 1st Tues, 7pm, Trinity United
Methodist, 1345 S. 16, Lincoln

LIVING WITH AIDS IN THE 90s

Results of the recent survey, "Living with
AIDS in the '90's" call for increased education on
managing opportunistic infections (OI), a critical
area in AIDS management. The survey was
conducted among representatives of organizations
that offer services to people with AIDS who were
attending the National Skills Building Conference.

The survey shows that 90 percent of those
surveyed agreed that the people they serve need
a better understanding of AIDS-related OIs,
illnesses that develop in a person of the respondents
agree that they would also like to have a better
understanding of OIs. The need for information
is further underscored by 92 percent of respondents
who agree that some OIs in people with AIDS can
be averted with preventative therapies.

"AIDS patients need to know about
opportunistic infections and the related symptoms
to seek appropriate and timely medical care,"
said Alberto Avendano, M.D., medical director,
NAPWA. "It is alarming that experts working in
the trenches believe that they do not have enough
information to share with AIDS patients."

"The survey also reveals what the respondents
believe their clientele know about AIDS
management:

* Forty-five percent said their clientele know
some but not enough about when to seek treatment
for various symptoms. Thirty-six percent said
their clientele know very little or nothing at all,
compared to only 15 percent who said their
clientele know very much.

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.

Bisexual Discussion Group, Room 234, Nebr-
Union, UN-L Campus, 14 & R, Lincoln, Meets
Wednesdays at 7:30pm, (402) 472-5644

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

INFORMATION/SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln
68542-2043, Info, Conference Updates, Education
for older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee
House 2nd Saturday, 4-9pm, at 3319 S. 46th,
Lincoln. Everyone welcome.

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, 2nd Sunday 1pm, 3221 "W"
St., Lincoln. Focus "Spiritual Healing", Gay/
Bisexual Men, all ages, all races welcome.
Membership \$10/quarter. Info write/vite: Stan
Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln-
political & grassroots activist org. in every issue
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 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, 467-
4599. 4th Tuesday, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300
"A", Group for family of people with HIV, and G/
L Youth Group meet same time & place.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Nebr
Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644,
Social, info, referral, library, General meetings
Thursdays, 7:30pm, during school year

The Wimmie's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZL/AM,
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*****

Al-Anon, support group for those affected by
a loved one's use of alcohol. Tuesdays, 7pm,
1st Unitarian, Side Door, 3114 Harney **Omaha**
Alcoholics Anonymous, Info: 345-9916

**Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm MCC-Omaha
**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri. 7pm,
MCC-Omaha, 455-7916;

**Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran,
303 S. 41, **Omaha** Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm
**Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Saturday 4:30pm

**A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endea-
vors),** Box 31375, **Omaha** 68131 558-5303,
Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE
activities throughout the year

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

Different Realities, Computer Bulletin Board
for gay, lesbian, bisexual, leather, transgender
community. Access by modem at (402) 345-8381
using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours/day at 14.4 baud.

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays &
Lesbians. US WEST. Contact R. Worman, 1299
Farmam, 3rd Flr, **Omaha** 68102. (402) 422-6080

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

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 Support Group, MCC-Omaha.
Not meeting at present.

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

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

Metropolitan Club, PO Box 31484, **Omaha,** NE
68131-0484. For gay and lesbian professionals to
meet, socialize, and network with others.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha,
345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, **Omaha,** 68103.
Services: 8:19 S. 22., Children & Adult Christian
Educ. 9am, Sunday Worship 9 & 10:30am.
Evening worship 1st Sunday, 6pm

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

OLIS (Our Love Is Special), Box 11335, **Omaha**
68111 Support/social grp for women of all colors

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

Omaha Men OMEN, Box 3706 **Omaha** 68103
Men interested in masculinity/masculine image
3rd Sunday, 4pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth

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

Omaha Women for Sobriety meeting,
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 United Methodist, 7020
Cass, 2nd Thurs, 7pm, Room 204, East End.
"Program & Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, Mead
Hall Below Mead Chapel, West End "Sharing"

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

Prime Timers, Social/support org. for older gay/
bisexual men and admirers. 3rd Sun., 4pm, UNO
Relig. Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Info: Chris
345-8305 or write: Box 8171, **Omaha,** 68108

River City Mixed Bowling League, Sundays,
3pm, Skylines, 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
for Les/Gay College Student 800-4-GAY-SIDA

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Org Not active.

Women of the Plains, Box 24355, **Omaha,**
68124-0355, Bring women's culture 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,
ages 13-21. Meets Sat., **Omaha,** Call 291-6781.

*****STATEWIDE*****

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts, Box 94882,
Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter, socials.
Bus. Mtg. 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm; 1st Saturday
Social, 7-10pm, Both at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16

Equality Before The Law, Box 80172, Lincoln
68501, 477-3336 (Lincoln) 341-1371 (Omaha)
Ad hoc coalition for hate crimes law in Nebr.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr., Support
meetings, social events, newsletter. Info: GLAGN,
Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call:
(308) 534-7820

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**

ICE BOWL Involuntal Bowling Tournament,
Box 3622, **Omaha** 68103-0622

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, **Omaha**
68102. Org for advancement of Gay/Lesbian
community, Business Meeting 1st Monday each month

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

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

Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services,
P.O. Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046

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

PEN Magazine, PO Box 1693, **Des Moines,** IA
50306, (515) 265-3214, Alternative Entertainment
Magazine - Subscriptions \$25 12 issues.

PRIDE Group, c/o Counseling Center, Wayne
State College, **Wayne,** NE 8787. Info: Karen or
Virginia, (402) 375-7321. Group for Gay, Lesbian,
Bisexual Students and Friends to meet new people,
discuss issues, provide community service,
educate, and raise awareness.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Children & Adult Christian Education 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

Gay & Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South St. by tennis courts. Optional brunch follows.

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, 12m (308)382-0240

MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 7:15-9:30pm, First United Methodist, 7020 Cass, (Northwest Door), Omaha

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3619 Dodge, Suite 110, Omaha 7-9:30pm

TUESDAY

Omaha Women for Sobriety meeting, 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29, Call Judith 472-2598

Al-Anon, 7pm, For those affected by loved one's use of alcohol, Side Door, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, Omaha

WEDNESDAY

Gay Men's Discussion Group, Lincoln, 6pm, for more info contact Luis at 472-7450

Omaha Frontrunner/Walkers, 6:30pm, Ford Birthsite, 32nd & Woolworth, Omaha

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm Call AIDS Information Line: 475-2437

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Stone-wall" Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

Nebraska Bisexual Network, Lincoln, 7:30pm, Call for Location & other Info 472-5644, 476-0314/477-0217

THURSDAY

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center General Meeting, Lincoln, 7:30pm, Nebr Union, 14th & R, Room 234, 472-5644, days or 435-4813, nights

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

G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" St., Lincoln, 7:30pm, For more info contact V.J. at 477-3526

FRIDAY

Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm, different locations, call 472-5644 for location

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

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, ***"An Alternative" Open Gay Men's Stag Group, 7pm, Unity House, 1007 S. 37 St., 455-7916 ***"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran Church, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

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

After Hours Dancing, 1:30-4am Late Night, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha The New Run Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha Tricks, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha

SATURDAY

Lincoln Women for Sobriety Meeting, 10am, The Gathering Place, 15th & "E" Sts., Lincoln, Judith 472-2598 for information

Womens Support Group, 11am, MCC-Omaha 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563

P-FLAG Youth Support Group, ages 13-21, for gay, lesbian, and those questioning sexuality, Omaha, 291-6781

Open AA Meeting, ACE Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Omaha

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

After Hours Dancing, 1:30-4am Late Night, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha The New Run Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha Tricks, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha

PLEASE CHECK YOUR GROUP'S LISTING IN THE CALENDAR. SEND CORRECTIONS TO: NVN, P.O. BOX 3512, OMAHA, NE 68103

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

First SUNDAY

6pm Evening Worship Service, MCC-Omaha 819 S. 22 345-2563
Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

First MONDAY

Bi-PALS (BiSexual People, Alter-nate Life Styles), Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm
Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, Info: Barb (308) 865-5610

First TUESDAY

A.N.G.L.E. Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha
HIV/AIDS Healing Worship Service, Trinity United Methodist Church, 1345 S. 16, Lincoln, 7pm

First THURSDAY

Citizens for Equal Protection 7pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Omaha
G/L Student Association Rm 234 Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7:30pm, 472-5644.

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

First SATURDAY

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights Drop In Social 7-10pm Corner Stone, 640 N 16, Lincoln
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc., 6pm, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha
River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender community, RCGA, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Second SUNDAY

New Voice Steering Committee, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 1pm
The Male Space, 1pm, 3221 "W", Lincoln, Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Contact: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.
MCC Prayer, Share, Care Circle, Lincoln, 7pm, All persons welcome, Call Ronald at 477-3215 for info

Second MONDAY

NOTE MEETING CHANGE, for this month only
Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Governors, 6:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Omaha
AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St.Cecelias, Neb Chapel, Omaha

Second TUESDAY

Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln
P-FLAG Omaha Board, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Library

Second THURSDAY

MCC Prayer, Share, Care Circle, 6510 Charles, Omaha, 7pm, Call R.N. Hedges 556-1769 for info

Second THURS.(continued)

Grand Island Support Group, GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call: (308) 384-7235
Straight Spouse Support Group, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 402-291-6781.
PFLAG-Omaha, 7pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass 291-6781

Second SATURDAY

Omaha Players Club, Workshop 2-5pm, Play Party 8pm, 451-7987
INFORMATION/SAGE Intergenerational Coffee House: open to everyone. 4pm-9pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, (402) 488-4178

Third SUNDAY

P-FLAG/Kearney, St.Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave. (308) 382-0752 (308) 995-5490, 3pm
Prime Timers, 4pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd., Omaha
Omaha Men (OMEN), 4pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth, Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

Third TUESDAY

Lincoln NOW (Nat'l Organization of Women), The Women's Club, 407 S. 14, 477-1226, 7pm
Omaha NOW (Nat'l Organization of Women), 7pm, Firsts Unitarian 3114 Harney, 391-7303
Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, 8pm (308) 381-5175

Fourth SUNDAY

MCC Prayer, Share, Care Circle, Lincoln, 7pm. All persons welcome, Call Ronald at 477-3215 for info

Fourth TUESDAY

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7pm (402) 467-4599
Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658

Fourth THURSDAY

Grand Island Support Group, GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848 or call: (308) 384-7235
MCC Prayer, Share, Care Circle, 6510 Charles, Omaha, 7pm, Call Theresa 390-0138 for info

Fourth SATURDAY

Coalition Bowling Night, 7pm, Gateway Bowl, 333 N. Cotner, Lincoln, Free shoes, \$1.50/game

Fourth SUNDAY

Parents FLAG-Omaha, Mead Hall, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781

Last SATURDAY

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, Omaha, 733-1360

JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

Gather your friends and head on down to your favorite establishment to watch Nebraska in the Orange Bowl

Fun, Food and Frolic, Gilligan's Pub, 1823 Leavenworth, Omaha

FRIDAY, January 6

Remote Control by Megan Terry — A Comic Gymnastic Extravaganza about Domestic Violence, 7 p.m., *Dialogue Between A Prostitute and Her Client* — Starkly Honest & Revealing Reversal of the Dynamics of Seduction, 8 p.m. Admission \$12 see one show or stay for both (students/seniors \$7); The Magic Theater, 325 So. 16 St., Omaha. 402-346-1227.

SATURDAY, January 7

Jimbo "Big Train" Madsen performs acoustic pop at Downtown Grounds, Omaha, 9-11pm

Remote Control by Megan Terry, 7 p.m., *Dialogue Between A Prostitute and Her Client*, 8 p.m. Admission \$12 see one or both (students/seniors \$7); The Magic Theater, 325 So. 16 St., Omaha. 402-346-1227.

SUNDAY, January 8

Remote Control by Megan Terry, 2 p.m., *Dialogue Between A Prostitute and Her Client*, 3 p.m. Admission \$12 see one or both (students/seniors \$7); The Magic Theater, 325 So. 16 St., Omaha. 402-346-1227.

Emperor David Hansen and Friends Benefit for Unity House and Imperial Court of Nebraska, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

MONDAY, January 9

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 7pm, 3101 Webster, Call Tom Bertino 345-8948 for info

TUESDAY, January 10

Deadline for February Issue of New Voice

THURSDAY, January 12

Straight Spouse Support Group, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Omaha. 402-291-6781.

FRIDAY, January 13

Remote Control, 7 p.m., *Dialogue Between A Prostitute and Her Client*, 8 p.m. Admission \$12 see one or both (students/seniors \$7); The Magic Theater, 325 So. 16 St., Omaha. 402-346-1227.

Tom and Donna Parker perform folk music at Downtown Grounds, Omaha, 9-11pm

Drop-In-Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am

SATURDAY, January 14

Remote Control, 7 p.m., *Dialogue Between A Prostitute and Her Client*, 8 p.m. Admission \$12 see one or both (students/seniors \$7); The Magic Theater, 325 So. 16 St., Omaha. 402-346-1227.

River City Mixed Chorus Winter Concert, 7:05pm, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, Omaha, for tickets call 341-SING

SUNDAY, January 15

Remote Control, 2 p.m., *Dialogue Between A Prostitute and Her Client*, 3 p.m. Admission \$12 see one or both (students/seniors \$7); The Magic Theater, 325 So. 16 St., Omaha. 402-346-1227.

River City Mixed Chorus Winter Concert, 7:05pm, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, Omaha, for tickets call 341-SING

Gloria Ravelle returns to The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

SATURDAY, January 21

"Harvey," Dundee Dinner Theater, Omaha, Dinner and show \$25/person. For reservations, call 558-8535. You must mention ICON. Benefit performance for ANGLE's Phone Line and the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

SUNDAY, January 22

No Show Tonight, Open for dancing in the disco, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

MONDAY, January 23

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 7pm, 3101 Webster, Call Tom Bertino 345-8948 for info

FRIDAY, January 27

Drop-In-Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am

SATURDAY, January 28

Lynn Patrick performs contemporary folk at Downtown Grounds, Omaha, 9-11pm

SUNDAY, January 29

Super Bowl Sunday

Pig Roast, \$5 per person, Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth, Omaha, Benefit for Ice Bowl '95

Miss MAX Pageant, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

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Omaha, NE 68103

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RELOCATE TO IOWA

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Omaha **DINNER FOR TWO:** Jim, in late 30s, like to spend quiet eves, going out for supper, like to hear from you like 20-30 slender build. #18426

Omaha **QUIET EVENINGS:** Jim prof'l like to meet masc guy for quiet eves, going out, late 30s, give me a call. #18426

Lawton **SCI FI FAN:** Robert, 5'9 170, blond/blu, theatre, movies, sci fi, int in 30-45 sense of humor, fun, friendship poss. rel #18659

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Odessa **COMPANION/FRIEND:** Charles, lkg for a male companion for friendship or rel, lv your name and phone # and I'll call you back. #32098

Palestine **GOOD TIMES:** Randy, 6'6, 225, brn/brn iso someone 18-27 just to go out and have a good time. #15976

Rusk **HUGABLE JIM:** like to meet fun loving, int in doing things outside goin' places, hugging affectionate, like to get to know you. #16612

Rusk **AFFECTIONATE, CARING-** iso same like to have a good time, just drop me a line let me hear from you. #16612

Rutherford **DYLAN 18 5'7** 130 blk/brn med bld short hair white/hisp; iso some friends poss rel just see what happens #16481

Wichita Falls **WANT COMPANY?** Rob, 32, int include being a homebody, movies, and enjoying the company of a good man- I'll be waitin' for ya! #16026

Omaha **ZIPPER PROBLEMS?** Lamar 30 BM tailor, iso a man w/ a nice suit who is having probs w/ his slacks, 4 best results, make sure U wear them when you come & see me w/ a suit of course, give me a call, I lve my tape measure ready. #15963

West Omaha **LOVE ON THE SOFA:** WM, 36, 6'2 198, brn/ looking for Mr. Right, quiet times, on the sofa or in bed I also have a room to rent #15739

Ft. Smith **LIKE TO HUNT?** 25, like music, movies, like sports, anything like that, hunting, pref blondes but open to others, #15677

Lawton **TEACH ME PLEASE:** Rodney married but not fulfilled, I'm 24, clean cut 5'4 145 new to this looking for an older WM to show me the ropes- waiting to be schooled. #16423

Midwest City **BE GENTLE:** John, '67 chevy iso someone 30-45 that knows how to treat someone who's never been around- give me a call. #15615

NE Area **INTRODUCE ME:** GARY SM 5'2 blk/brn avg build, hot and looking for anyone male or couple to show me leather lifestyle love to hear from you. #15551

NW **FEMININE MEN:** David, 28 GWM 1p cute, shy, tall, slender, iso cinnamon, long haired

guy, slender, 18 21 on the feminine side, roce open. #15749

NE Nebraska **LOOKING FOR A SON,** 40's gd build, top, fun loving, hard working, non smoker/drinker, edu loyal, imaginative & supportive, lkg for younger with sim traits- looking for a long term rel, can help supp you- and help u reloc. #13799

Omaha **10 FEET TALL AND BULLETPROOF:** Kurt GWM 29, brn/hazl, like country, rock, jazz, movies, eves at home lkg for another GWM in the area- Give me a call. #12467

Omaha **BODY ART,** 6' 185, long hair, tattoos, hard rocking partner, want to party up, call me! #7729

Omaha **I KNOW MR. RIGHT IS OUT THERE,** GWM young 39 5'11 180, blond/blu like to meet light slim 21-26 for friendship or rel, attr to men from other countries, walking music dancing, quiet eves at home. #12738

Omaha **COMPANIONSHIP, MICHAEL** 40: 6'2, 195, like to watch foreign films, horror films, stay home go out to eat, looking for my age 35-45, tall and lives in the area, friendship, companionship poss rel. #11833

Omaha **PARTY ANIMALS, MARTIN** 20: BM looking for someone to have fun with, walk in the park, go to parties and stuff like that. #12317

Omaha **COUNTRY ROADS, Chris** 23 GWM: like to go out, country drives, sports, like to have some fun- looking for a guy 19-24 #13566

Omaha **ROMANTIC INTERLUDE,** seeking a GWM 25-30 attr: for fun discreet rel, movies,

dinner, things of that nature- like to hear from you soon #13457

Omaha **BULGES IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES,** Russell, lkg for a GBM mus 190 + 5'8-6'2 like the physique of a man- give me a call. #13715

OKLAHOMA

Norman **JOCKS AND FRAT DUDES!** Perry WM 25 like jocks and frat dudes, like to work out lift weights swim and run. #17984

Norman **NEW TO THIS:** Mike, int in meeting around my age 27-28, 6'2, brn/brn, attr, 190, really new at this, so lv your name and # I'll call every one, like to meet in the area and sit and talk to and have some fun! #19439

Oklahoma City **EVERY TUESDAY:** 36, 6'1, 175, 33w, like to meet 18-25 inexp a plus, int lv a message, in Oklahoma City every Tuesday. #19287

Stillwater **BRAD GWM** 26, 5'9 175 brn/blu, wide var of int, looking for guys in my area. #18818

Tulsa **DINNER DATE:** Nick, 26, in one swimming, horse back riding, shopping dinner and movies, int in meeting nice people, 178 brn/blu lv a message. #17815

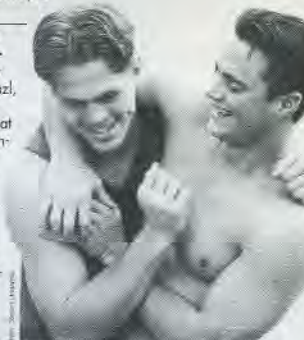
Tulsa **FRIENDSHIP/FUN:** Tom, 25, 6'2, 250, hazl, brn, looking for men, 20-30 masc gdlkg, for friendship fun and pass relationship if this sounds good lv a message. #18048

Tulsa **FIT AND FURRY:** Jerry, GWM mid 40s, phys fit, 5'5, 160, hairy, iso GWM for great times, lv a message and we'll get together. #18764

Tulsa **LONG BLONDE HAIR:** Jonathan, 19 6'5, tall and slender, long blond hair, greyish green eyes, iso someone, 18-25 to dance, have fun poss rel with. #19144

Tulsa **FUN AND FRIENDSHIP:** Tom, 25, 6'2 250, brn/hzl, iso fun friendship and pass more in the area, lv a message. #19290

Tulsa **DISCREET FUN:** Cute bi cd, 35 5'3 135 iso aggr stocky male for discreet fun #19566



Omaha **GOOD TIME COUPLE,** Ron- we're both early forties, looking for couples and other single guys, like to get together for friendship, prof'l into sports, travel to sporting events, like to have a good time- let's get together. #14325

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