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## REAL LIFE ADVENTURES OF TWO LESBIANS IN THE HOSPITAL

### ACT 3, Scenes 1 & 2

by Carla P.

Okay, by now most of you have seen me out and about, so you know I survived that 12 hour ordeal they call surgery and that lovely encore performance where they took out all the layers of stitches and flooded the room with nasty fluids my body just didn't want to absorb. Gee! Can you imagine why not! Seems obvious to me! The fluids were NASTY!

Anyway, it was kind of fun when they sewed it all back together--well, almost all of it was fun! Doc Phillips must have known Sharon and I were Fantasy Fans--he ran out of time with the local anesthesia he'd used, so when he got to the last layer of skin, he had to staple it together. Now, if you have never had 26 staples (big ones like they use in building houses) applied to your back side, well, suffice it to say--it was a touching experience! Oh! And my doctor's wife did have her baby the week before, so one of the nurses did try to entertain me with baby pictures throughout.

But that's all old news. As our adventure left off last month, I was about to get the final drain removed. That in itself is not a pleasant task either. It's gone now, but not forgotten! And there was no infection--at least none that we had to worry about.

I took the doctor at his word and checked out the following day when he took the day off and let one of his associates check in on me!

My mom had hung around, so she did her "nursing" duties for another week. Can you believe she was overheard talking to my sister one night telling her, "Carla was her bitchy self today!" Imagine that! Twenty-six staples on my back side and eight inches of stitches on the other side, and I'm supposed to be nice! Get real!

Well, that takes us to the end of July!

Then came August. I've returned to work at MCC-O. The first week it was two hours a day. After that I managed four to five hours a day. By

September I expect to jump up to full time. That will be a challenge, but as you can imagine, with all the bills, it will be a necessity. Oh yeah! I'll start teaching a night class for UNO Aug. 23, so with that and ICON, MCC-O, and the *New Voice*, life will get plenty busy again. Then again, some of those activities only slowed down to a brisk walk during all of this, but I digress. Back to the bills!

You may remember from previous stories that I am a customer of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. I pay for my own insurance at the ungodly rate of \$340 per month. That gives me 70% coverage on pre-approved treatment. The big bills look like this:

Hospital--Visit #1--	\$37,998.40
Surgeon--Visit #1--	\$14,758.00
Hospital--Visit #2--	\$ 8,645.65
Surgeon--Visit #2--	\$ 724.00
TOTAL	\$62,126.05
My 30%	\$18,637.80

(Actually, it's a little less because the charges were adjusted a little because I used "participating physicians") But then the charges above don't include the \$40 a day my personal physician charged for looking in on me for 11 days. Nor do they include the special infection doctor brought in to check for nasty bugs. And, the surgeon who did my abdominal surgery hasn't even billed me yet. (she's so cute!) so I look for my share of this delightful experience to top \$20,000. And I'm still paying off my 30% of the 1992 surgery. Lucky me! Hum! I wonder if Sharon would like to get a part-time job or two or three. Any millionaires out there just begging to adopt two cute cuddly lesbians? Call 556-9907 for an immediate appointment! Operators are standing by! (Drat--I hear no bells ringing. I may have to resort to becoming treasurer of an unsuspecting organization--say, the *New Voice*--only kidding.)

Trivia for those who love it: The smallest item on the bills was \$27.30 for Occupational Therapy. The quickest notice from BC/BS came by 11 a.m. on a Thurs. following a 3:30 appt. on a Mon. You tell me--How did the doctor's office bill BC/BS so fast? And, how did BC/BS process the claim so fast that I was notified of it less than 72 hours--more like 65 hours--later. And why is it it takes two weeks for them to send me a check when I send a claim to them? More trivia--The highest charge was \$23,054.45 for the first 12 hours surgery. I wish there were a room in our house that I could rent for \$1,900 an hour! So far I have received 6 pages of bills from hospitals, doctors, etc.; 32 pages of correspondence from BC/BS--including the same form twice only seven days apart. On both forms I clearly wrote, "NO, THIS SURGERY WAS NOT THE RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT." Oh yeah--there's one more thing while I'm raising these questions regarding BC/BS--I find it interesting that the claim they settled in 65 hours was for x-rays on Aug. 8, and yet they still haven't settled on a single item from the June 29 surgery which they pre-approved back in May. Why is that?

You ask, "Carla, do you favor a health care plan that covers all Americans?" My response, "Yes, but could we leave the word blue out of it!" I'm into green right now--greenbacks!

Finally--did all of this surgery do the trick? I don't know. We didn't know the hardware--those dimestore screws--were broken last time until I went in for my one-year checkup. It's only been 9 weeks. Ask me next June after the Pride Parade--better yet, look for me June 11, 1995. If I'm walking in the parade, well, there's a chance all of this worked. If I'm leaning on the sidelines, don't ask. And now Sharon's two-cents on all this: "Thank you, God. And thanks to all of you for your support and your prayers." (I agree!)



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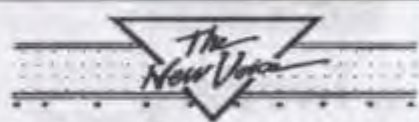
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KARL

Dear Editor:

Karl Heinrich Ulrichs' 169th birthday was celebrated on August 28. It would be nice if all your readers took a few moments to remember he is the first known openly Gay person to speak and write that Gay people are healthy in both mind and body.

In 1867 at age 41, before a convention of 500 jurists assembled in the Grand Hall of the Odeon Theater in Munich, Germany, he made a public plea for the inalienable rights of Gay people, even before the word homosexual had been coined.

Ulrichs spent 18 years producing 12 books on Gay rights. He legally defended Gay people, and the Prussian police twice imprisoned him for his political views. At age 55 he retired in Italy and died in L'Aquila on July 14, 1895.

If your readers want more information about this pioneer of the Gay Movement, they may contact us. Happy birthday, Karl!

Sincerely,  
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## READER SAYS U S WEST MORE DETRIMENTAL THAN HELPFUL

Dear Editor:

The actions U S WEST in the last few years have been more detrimental than helpful to the gay and lesbian community and it is important to understand why. After reading what Janet Houston and Pat Phalen wrote in the *World-Herald*, it is clear U S WEST cannot defend gay people because it fulfills the worst rhetoric of the extreme homophobes who accuse gay people of wanting "special rights."

U S WEST fired a woman who wore a pro-life button depicting a live fetus. Translations, she was fired for holding a viewpoint and expressing it, not because she was a bad employee. U S WEST said it was disruptive. Let us put the shoe on the other foot. What would happen if you went to work with a button saying, "I'm gay" and were fired because it was disruptive? And what if that employer depicted a month of the family with celebration to children and marriage? Wouldn't you be upset with the one-way direction of expression? That is what Rev. Rick Coles was complaining about. Rev. Coles is trying to defend the right to hold and express an idea if that same right is given to his opponents.

U S WEST only fosters the fear that homosexuals are seeking "special rights" when it fails to recognize that rights are universal. Their

rights are our rights, and our rights are their rights. If gays are to be equal, we must understand the inequalities and injustices affecting other people. An Omaha man was fired from his job for writing "God" on a breakroom chalkboard. Does he suffer the same injustices as a person who is discovered to be gay and is fired? Again, someone was fired for holding and expressing an idea. If anti-discrimination laws are to protect homosexuals, it must protect everyone. Nebraska needs stronger laws defending people's right to hold and express ideas. Here gay and lesbians can set a clear example that gays want equal laws and rights for all people not just those who are gay.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Sullivan

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## LESBIAN AND GAY CENSORSHIP

Since its founding the PEN Lesbian and Gay Committee, has been actively campaigning against censorship of lesbian and gay authors. A copy of Nancy Garden's book *Annie on My Mind*, which is about a lesbian teenager discovering and coming to terms with her sexual orientation, was burned by parents and local ministers in front of the Kansas City School District office. The following month, Lee Summit's High School in Kansas City removed *Annie on My Mind* from its bookshelves. Garden, a member of the Lesbian and Gay Committee, wrote an op-ed piece for the *Kansas City Star* protesting the attacks on her book. The PEN Children's Book Committee and Lesbian and Gay Committee, wrote both to the newspaper, pointing out that the bookburning threatened the "rights of the free access to books and

ideas", and to the local board of education, expressing alarm over the removal of the book from school shelves. Meanwhile, the Lesbian and Gay Committee, in conjunction with Canadian PEN, monitored the seizure by Canadian Customs officials of thousands of books and periodicals being imported into the U.S. Many of the confiscated and (in some cases) destroyed titles were on lesbian and gay themes and included books by Dorothy Allison, Andrea Dworkin, David Leavitt, and Edmund White. The Committee wrote to the Canadian government in protest at the practice and received in reply a promise to investigate the matter from Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell. *If you are interested in joining the PEN Lesbian and Gay Committee please write: Stephen Friedman, PEN, 568 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.*

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Thank you,  
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Hello!

I'm a gay white male 5 feet tall 160 pound, brown hair, grey eyes, wanting someone with a very good heart please. Thanks.

Fred Luckenbill \$108389  
KSP 3-11-R-15  
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To whom it may concern,

I'd like to place an ad with *New Voice of Nebraska*.

G/W/M, 27 years old, 6' 185 lbs., correspondence with someone who's honest, sincere and wanting that special lasting relationship. No Games, Please. My interests are mostly outdoor — camping, hiking, basket ball, walks in the park.

Write to Mike Cook #98417, KSP, PO Box 128, Eddyville, KY 42038-0128.

Hello, my name is Bobby Ledford and I'm a new kid as for writing requestion a ad of any kind, but beings I am presently incarcerated and unable to pay like the others and lonely for correspondence I would really appreciate it if you would place my ad or what you can of it. It would be a big help to my loneliness. Thank you very much.

I'm a good lookin gay white male, 23 years old, and presently incarcerated. But soon to be released. I have blond hair, a greenish color eyes, 5'4" tall and about 135 lbs. Clean and in the best of health.

Bobby Ledford #109787, KSP, 5-cell house, P O Box 128, Eddyville, KY 42038-0128.

## NEVADA PRISONER WRITES

Dear Editor,

I am currently incarcerated for burglary. I am doing a 15 year sentence. I just want to know if you can print the following ad in your magazine. I am no longer interested in women anymore. I am 5'10, 160 pounds, green eyes, light brown hair and am 19 years. Young, hot and lonely. Looking for experienced older male. Let's talk about life, hopes and dreams. Benny Bond #32116, PO Box 189, Ely, NV 89301.

**Respond in communication only. Do not send money or other items. Please be responsible for yourself and your response to the prisoners.**

## NEVADA PRISONER SEEKS PEN PAL

Dear Editor,

I am an inmate at the Ely State Prison and I am write this letter because from my understand your paper do print free ad for inmate's that dont have any one or seeking for someone to write to.as pen pals.

Well if so I hope that your paper can be of some help to me.

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## COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET

BY ANONYMOUS CFEP MEMBER

"The distance is nothing; it is only the first step that is difficult."

- Madame Du Deffand (1763)

October 8, 1994 is National Coming Out Day (NCOOD 94), but this article is not a guilt trip about being in the closet. In addition this article is not a warm fuzzy for the courageous in our community who will join the millions already in the fresh air. No, this is for all of us in the closet, whether huddled in the darkest corner or fumbling with the doorknob.

For now let's forget about the ominous closet door that has been staring at us for all these years and take a look up above the frame. You may have to strain your eyes but you will see it. Yes, there it is - that ventilation vent to the outside! The beauty of it is that we can look out, say bold things, question the world and nobody knows who is talking! Enough with this contrived metaphor, what I am getting at is that there are varying degrees of being out and no matter where we are in our journey we can be a positive force for the LesBiGay community. The ventilation vent metaphor is not too far from reality if you think about it. With a little imagination everyone's voice will be heard. To get thing moving in the right direction, I've come up with a list of ideas that everyone can do and feel liberated in their own way. Besides the sociopolitical implications, just think, you may meet new people!

### 1. ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS DO NOT HAVE TO BE OBSCENE OR THREATENING!

Much of the power of any group is built from the lack of resistance to their ideas. If more of us would come out as rational thinking adults (forget even identifying yourself as lesbian or gay) and question the ludicrous logic of the hate-mongers, we would all benefit from a less paranoid world. Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP) and the Rainbow Action Team have both proven the power of anonymous communications to politicians, the media, and local civic groups. Many of their members participate with a guarantee of anonymity and still feel the power of civil action.

### 2. CALL IT AS YOU SEE IT.

Let's not bother raising hands, most of have done it. I too am the innocent mute bystander to anti-gay remarks and slanderous speculations about his or her sleeping arrangements. No one has to be open about their sexuality to make someone reflect on what they just said and why it

is wrong. In many workplaces, the person can simply be reminded of how unprofessional they appear to everyone around them, especially if it is a business with plenty of contacts with the public. In a social setting it can often be amusing and appropriate to throw sexual orientation pondering back onto the speculator with an innocent, but well amplified, "Are you speculating about them or fantasizing?" It doesn't take a martyr to stand up for another person. Sometimes it takes a little courage, but more often it takes some compassion and a decision to be a small positive influence on your surroundings.

### 3. EXERCISE THE RIGHT YOU DO HAVE.

We may not have domestic-partnership or right-to-work legislation yet, but we do have the right to vote. No one has an excuse for not voting. Everyone has the means, no matter how closeted, to find out where candidates stand on social issues and whether they think public office gives them the right to enforce their morality. Most political groups, whether gay or straight, liberal or conservative, publish some type of "report card" on candidates' views. Please take the time to educate yourself to the issues and vote for whomever you believe is your best voice in government.

### 4. KEEP CURRENT ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS:

If LB395, Don't Ask-Don't Tell, Camp Sister Spirit, and Domestic Partnership are not familiar ideas or phrases you are not getting the latest in LesBiGay news. Locally, we have wonderful resources in *The New Voice*, *WomenSpace*, and National Public Radio's news broadcasts at 7AM and 4 PM every weekday on 91.50FM. On the national level *The Advocate* gives great coverage on all the significant political developments and many emerging social trends (both positive

and negative) that affect our community.

Personally, I have found just listening or reading about some of the larger issues and hearing about how Gays and Lesbians are coping across the nation is empowering. The more I learn about makes the world seem like a less threatening place. The more I can identify with the larger community the more comfortable I am with my own sexuality.

Now to some of us this list may have seemed basic or maybe even stupid, but I think it is important that we realize we are all at different places on the road to coming out but each of us must take responsibility for our future and personal freedoms. We can't all be plaintiffs in Supreme Court cases, but we also can't sit patiently wringing our hands and fervently hoping someone will magically give us a perfect society where it is all right to be gay. Each of us needs to keep moving forward on that road to coming out, if you stop too many wonderful experiences are going to pass you. Like I wrote at the beginning, I am still in the closet (for the most part only at work though), but I refuse to accept that as a permanent condition. Some days my journey down that road is slower than others, but I don't want to stop and luckily I no longer look wistfully back to the past. Happy trails!

### OUT IN VIDEO FESTIVAL CALLS FOR ENTRIES

The *Out in Video* Festival Of Lesbian/Gay Narrative Shorts invites submissions of dramatic works, under 30 minutes in length, available for exhibition on 3/4 inch NTSC videotape, for its first San Francisco screening in 1995. Producers are asked to send the following for each short: a VHS preview copy, \$5.00 entry fee (check payable to Persona Press), description & bio, and a self-addressed mailer with return postage to: *Out in Video* Festival, Box 14022, San Francisco, CA 94114. *Out in Video* is a quarterly newsletter featuring news and reviews about the latest non pornographic lesbian/gay home videos. *Out in Video* also covers movie classics, new theatrical releases, festival programs, and works in production, both in North America and other parts of the world, as well as listing lesbian/gay film and video festivals worldwide. To subscribe to *Out in Video*, send name, address, and a check or money order for \$10 in US funds to: Persona Press, Box 14022, San Francisco, CA 94114. Allow four weeks for processing.

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# UNITY HOUSE WELCOMES



Photos: Top to Bottom: 1) Members of AIDS Coalition for Empowerment gather in the living room of Unity House, 2) Two members of ACE landscape the patio, 3) The quiet elegance of Unity House.

On a quiet street just north of Field Club's Golf Course there is a quietly elegant building, constructed of brick with the understatement of dark brown pillars framing the doorway. A casual passer-by might not even notice this house set among the lovely old homes that grace this neighborhood. It is the sort of house that would provide a gracious home to a successful person who has no need for ostentatious show.

However on the day when we visited, the house was filled with laughter and chatter and people coming and going. The front door stood open, the screen unlatched to facilitate the activity. Several trucks had just left after depositing stacks and stacks of furniture, clothing, and other items in the garage. A group of men were gathered around, helping unload and connect a stereo system in the "family" room. Two other men were at work on the patio painstakingly setting slips of a plant every few inches in a flower bed, carefully putting each slip so it would grow at just the proper angle.

We were greeted at the door by Joe Conrad and other members of A.C.E., our hosts for the afternoon. "I'm so glad you could make it. Let me show you around." And with that Carla and I were swept up into the joy and excitement of Unity House, Omaha's first Drop-In and Activity Center for those living with HIV.

Unity House, located at 1007 S. 37th, is the result of years of hoping and dreaming that there would someday be a place where persons with HIV could come to find fellowship, activities, and hopefully a reason to continue living. Joe described how the AIDS community had been talking about a drop in center for years, believing that it would be developed one day. He went on to describe how Rod Shuey (you may remember that two years ago Rod rollerbladed through the whole Pride Parade route with a sign proclaiming "Positively HIV Positive") called him with the idea of looking at this house owned by Rod's landlord. They went to look and, as Joe says, "we liked what we saw and we began to dream."

The next step was to put together an organizational meeting of A.C.E. members, the AIDS Interfaith Network, Nebraska AIDS Project, Don Randolph with PWA Assistance Fund, facilitators from the support groups, and representatives from the medical community. Joe explained that the purpose of this meeting was to talk about funding sources and to "feel out the community to see if they thought we were crazy or what."

As a result of that meeting, the Board of A.C.E. with Rod, Gary George—Executive Director of NAP, and Brother William of the AIDS Interfaith Network would work out a deal where A.C.E. would take the house for three months with a commitment from NAP and AIDS Interfaith to each pay for one month's rent. A.C.E. was responsible for one month's rent (\$850 which includes utilities) as well as getting the utilities hooked up. A tentative agreement was reached with Gary George and Brother William, and then the members of A.C.E. met on the last Sunday of June and voted to open Unity House on July 1.

Joe described those first few days as "frantic" as the group went through the process of getting the lease, seeking donations, formulating a fund-raising letter that would go out by mid-July, and getting the house ready. The response to those efforts is described as "fantastic." All of the furnishings in Unity House—the furniture, artwork, plants, rugs, food, office equipment, and office supplies—have been donated.

# AND EMPOWERS

However, Joe went on to say that what is needed now is money. Cash is needed if Unity House is to remain open after September. Eventually Unity House will be funded by grants but the Internal Revenue Service is, according to Joe, "holding our tax exempt number hostage" due to typical red tape. Without a tax exempt number the group cannot apply for grants and donations cannot yet be claimed as tax deductions.

## "Impressed by warmth and feeling of welcome at Unity House"

From the moment I walked in the door, I was especially impressed by the warmth and the feeling of welcome that I found at Unity House and from the members of A.C.E. I asked why Unity House was so special. Joe was the first to respond as he explained that Unity House is special because everything is done by people with AIDS. He went on to say that the house is something that people with AIDS have done for themselves, not something that others have done for them. This is a perfect example of the philosophy of the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment which is to "empower ourselves and take a certain amount of control over our lives. We have put together a house where we can come together in union and share our lives with each other, make friends, and educate ourselves on how to live longer with this thing. We want to live. We wanted to show the community that we could do this for ourselves with some help financially, spiritually, emotionally...all those things."

The members of A.C.E. went on to describe how they, as a group of people that don't have very much in common except this disease, can come together at Unity House and work towards a common goal. Others gave their feelings about Unity House. "It's a great place-it adds quality to my life. I'm accepted here more than any other place."

Joe commented that it "seems strange to most people who think we're at the end of our lives that we're actually just beginning to live. And here at Unity House we can come together in a non-threatening environment to watch TV, do crafts, talk, all sorts of things. We have only a few house rules - No drugs, no alcohol, and no pets since some people are allergic to them. The House is open to the whole community, whether they have HIV or not. It's an equal opportunity drop in center. Partners, spouses, children, the worried well are all welcome here."

## Unity House is open to ALL.

I asked what the community can do to help with Unity House. The response was instantaneous as they asked that we spread the

word about Unity House to all our friends with HIV. They said "Let them know that we're here. You don't have to be a client of the Nebraska AIDS Project, and you don't have to get your medical care at the University of Nebraska - all persons are welcome here. If you know someone at home with HIV, let them know we're here and tell them to drop over."

## GARAGE SALE Sept 8,9,10

Of course, the group was also quick to say that if someone wanted to do a fundraiser for Unity House, that was okay. And, of course, they still have a wish list which included: Dishes, Money, Silverware, Money, Laser Printer, Money, Copy Machine, Money, VCR, Money, Transportation volunteer, Money, Groups to host regular Sunday brunches.... As you can see, the greatest need is for money to pay the rent, the telephone, the cable bill, postage, etc. To help raise that money, A.C.E. will be holding a HUGE Garage Sale on September 8, 9, 10 from 9am to 6pm. Donations are welcome - just call 345-1992.

## Sand Volleyball Tournament

Another major fund raiser, planned for September 24, is the 1994 SPIKE-AIDS Sand Volleyball Tournament to be held at McCormick's Volleyball Beach, 4428 S. 140 St. in Omaha. The tournament will include both mixed team (6 members, no more males than females) and 4x4 teams (teams of 4 men or 4 women). Team members will be asked to collect pledges from individuals and businesses. The net proceeds of this tournament will go directly to support the services of Unity House. For more information about the tournament, contact ACE Unity House (345-1992).

## Membership open to all

The group also clarified that membership in the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment is open to anyone. People who are not infected can also join. A.C.E. has regular meetings at Unity House every other Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and they now have an office there. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9am - 5pm. For more information on the group, call 345-1976.

The activity calendar at Unity House is already very busy. Unity House is open for folks to drop in from Wednesday through Saturday, 10am - 4pm. Other activities include:

Tuesday Night Movies	7pm
Wednesday Night Art Classes	7pm
Wednesday Therapeutic Massage	
Thursday Night Support Group	7pm
Friday Luncheons	12n
2nd Saturday Luncheons	12:30p

Saturday AA Open Meeting 4:30p  
Every Other Sunday ACE Meeting 6:30p

As we started to wind down, Joe shared a recent experience when, at one of the regularly scheduled Friday luncheons which are open to anyone with HIV, 10 members of the cast of "Up With People" came to Unity House to spend the day. Joe described how "the 'kids' fixed lunch for us, played games, and in the afternoon went on the patio and we did an HIV education session with them. It was a great day, probably one of the best I've ever spent since I've lived with the virus. It was positive and life-affirming. They promised to be back when they are in town and we need for Unity House to be here and going strong when they can come back."

## GAY MUSIC IS BREAKING RECORDS!

1993 was the biggest year ever for gay and lesbian music. More new artists emerged, more openly gay and lesbian themed albums were recorded and released (most on independent labels), and more gay and lesbian albums were purchased than ever before in the history of our community.

The abundance of new gay and lesbian albums warranted the writing an entire book on the subject according to music journalist Will Grega, author of the newly released *Gay Music Guide*.

This first-ever guide to contemporary Gay Pop Music includes 100 album reviews, artists profiles, interviews and photographs. Grega also produced the companion 24-song, 96-minute *Gay Music Sampler* cassette, which features many of the artists reviewed in the guide.

But what does the Gay Pop Music explosion mean to the average gay and lesbian person in America?

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## ZODIASCOPE: Astrological Forecast for September 1994

By C. Lichtenstein

September doesn't really get going until Labor Day's Wigstock. It's nice that, although summer is winding down, there is still quite a bit of sun-baked energy left. Planetary, we have the usual toe dances of fast paced Mercury and domineering Mars. Just pace yourself this month- there will be several difficult aspects that may send you off course or frustrate you. Keep your eyes open and don't let the planets push you around.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20) What kind of advantage can you gain this month in the area of love, sex and commitment? I suppose it depends upon what you intend to do to make things happen. By mid-month, you may feel like your thoughts are not based in reality or are leading you down the primrose path. You may have to choose between your privacy and personal desires.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21) The job keeps you on your toes, but your heart lies elsewhere. Taurians are very adept, though, at doing the old balancing act and you will triumph at work as you happily master any relationship needs. You feel you are able to relate to others on a deeply personal level, but be careful of voicing your opinion before you have thought things out.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) Fun may cost much more than anticipated. I suggest you keep a watchful eye on finances, especially when they involve risks like gambling. On the bright side, you will certainly enjoy yourself this month, lavishly or otherwise. By the end of September, the job will beckon, but this is all for the best. There are good things in store for you there.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) You are spurred to action and will feel the warm glow of the spotlight in center stage. Personal magnetism soars! This is what you have been striving for - the love of many - but remember that it comes at the expense of your privacy and sense of security. Are you ready to compromise your rugged crab shell for an accolade or two?

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23) It seems intuition is a tad overactive this month. Events may take a different spin if you decide to react to that little voice and scream your ideas to all sundry. Take it one step at a time, shall we? Put energies to better use by doing something for the community. Volunteer to do something meaningful.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23) Friends are there when they need you and you may find yourself expending extra energy on their behalf. This is not a bad thing unless you find yourself more on the giving and and less and less on the receiving end. Virgos are very servicing and self-sacrificing, but don't be a sap to a sappy story and keep a watchful eye on finances.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23) Do you feel like you are working hard, but not making very much progress in your ascent up the corporate ladder? Keep plugging away and try not to become discouraged. Mid-month may seem especially taxing, but the bottleneck will begin to abate by the end of September. Forge ahead and damn the sharks! Investments bear fruit.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22) There are many alluring things out there in the greater world. You are quite prepared to taste them all! It's an excellent time to take a well deserved vacation, but expect a snag or two from some unexpected sources before you depart. Don't worry, a light will shine on those rough edges and you can dispatch any problem (or potential problem) before it gets too unruly.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 22) Sex could get in the way of a perfectly delightful friendship. It's your choice to allow the rage of hormones to take the lead and lead you astray. Maybe in the furor of the moment, you will get a glimmer of personal insight and be able to change a direction in your life that no longer provides you with fulfillment or satisfaction. One intense path leads to another.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) Partners and their needs may come into direct conflict with professional career concerns. You won't be able to please both constituencies so decide now who comes first. Capricorns are so outer directed that the choice may be sadly easy - career and status rule! My advice is that life is one big balancing act so try not to sell personal relationships short. They may not always be there for you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) The job becomes so mundane & labor intensive that it may deprive you from more universal projects. Don't allow that - Aquarians need global dreams and to be able to follow the sun. Maybe it's a question of reprioritizing or delegating tasks. Conserve energy and redirect it to what pleases.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20) The party hound is ready and raring to go but don't allow your passions to rule you. It is all well and good to sample those sexy morsels here and there but it could get out of hand. Pisces are known to go overboard in their desires. Try to maintain a certain level of moderation for your own sake. Psychological breakthroughs are possible now.

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## A MOTHER'S VOICE

In March of 1993 I was home on Spring Break from the University of Northern Iowa. I was a Junior in the Social Work Department. (Professors have a tendency to heap on papers which are due the week following Spring Break.)

As I sat at the dining room table working on a Research Paper, the mail came. HURRAH! A letter from Jesse, our 27 year old son who lives in Kansas City. Dear Mom and Dad, and there it was. Jesse spent three pages explaining he was Gay, always had known it, had never had a relationship and didn't ever plan on having one.

I finished the letter, looked at the signature which was...Love, Your Son Jesse. I folded the letter up, returned it to its envelope thinking I have to write to Jesse right now, so he knows I love him. I began, but stopped, and read the letter again. I repeated this process three times, realizing each time I read the letter I read something I had not seen in the reading before. The last time I read it, I realized it had been post marked a month after it had been written. It had taken Jesse a month to work up the courage to mail it.

I returned the letter to the envelope one final time and thought, "My God! How do I tell his Dad?" I then realized I didn't need to tell him, he could read just like me. So I laid the letter down on the kitchen table so his Dad could read it.

At 3:00 PM Dean came home from work, fixed his usual peanut butter sandwich, gave half to the dog as usual and sat down to read Jesse's letter. He slowly returned the letter to the envelope, got up and as he went up the steps I could hear him crying. He bathed, went to the basement to work on his airplanes and I decided to leave it alone and give him some time. The next day I said to him, "Dean I'm writing to Jesse. Can I tell him you love him and this will always be his home?" Without looking up, he said "Yes" gruffly. As I began to walk away, he said "I got just one question." I said "What?" to which he replied "why did he have to tell us?" Jesse had explained all this in his letter. That he felt dishonest. Felt like he was living a lie.

I finished the letter to Jesse and mailed it. Sunday A.M. I realized the letter would get hung up over the weekend and it was not necessary for Jesse to continue to suffer, so I called and we talked a long time.

Where are we today? I love Jesse with all my heart and in my opinion nothing has changed. Dean took a while to come around. I'm not sure he has accepted Jesse as Gay. Matter of fact, I'm sure he hasn't. But he loves Jesse and lives in denial. Jesse at this time is willing to accept that. He is a kind and generous (to a fault sometimes) person.

Karen Lines

ACCESS Line (August 1994)

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## THE WIZARD DEFINES THE NEW GAY CULTURE

by Scott Lowther

The gay community celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots and Gay Games in New York City. Our community cast the "gay vote" to elect the current President of the U.S. We mobilized to enact legislation to protect us from discrimination as well as to defeat legislation designed to allow discrimination against us. Gays have been featured in more multi-media than any other period in American history (or herstory as the case may be), bringing our community out of the closet and into daily consciousness of the balance of society. The debate about what percentage of population is gay continues, as does the debate about whether we're a security risk in the military (bunk!), and whether we should receive "extra rights." Little attention has been paid, however, as to what status this segment of the population, commonly referred to as the "gay community", will have in society. For example, do we constitute a distinct, separate culture? Are we simply people exhibiting similar characteristics? Are we a society unto ourselves? Is it a lifestyle issue? Are we a minority? If we hope to unite, these questions must be answered.

Much like a corporation or public agency benefits from a mission statement in the formulation of business goals, our community needs to formulate a sense of identity beyond the confines of a mere "community". An attempt to answer the questions above might begin by defining terms and determining how well they describe our sense of the gay community, if at all. This uses definitions from *American Heritage Desk Dictionary*, published by Houghton Mifflin.

First, since the word community has already been used in this article, let's begin by defining it. **Community** is a noun defined as 1. a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government. 2. The district or locality in which they live. 3. A group or class having common interests. New York's Hispanic community; the scientific community. 4. Similarity or identity; closeness; a community of interests. 5. Society as a whole; the public.

Certainly, the American "gay community" does not live in the same locality and under the same government. Government - yes. Locality - no. We might be considered a group or class having commonality by the mere fact that gay men are attracted to other males and lesbians to other women? This is reminiscent of the identity confinement I experience when someone describes homosexuality as a "sexual orientation." Do we all enjoy baseball, theatre, similar musical taste, the same restaurants, or particular brand-name clothing? By what standard can we say that we have the same common interests?

Perhaps we're a separate society within the confines of a larger society. **Society**, a noun. 1. Human beings in general. 2. A group of people with common culture or way of life. 3. A group of people who unite to share a common interest: a stamp-collecting society. 4. The rich and fashionable social class: her introduction into society. 5. Companionship, company.

Unless you're a member of the "religious wrong", you probably agree that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are Human beings. We've ruled out a common interest (at least I have no interest in stamp-collecting as in this definition) and, although some might argue that the fashion consciousness of many gay men places them in a rich and fashionable social class, it would be difficult to demonstrate this for every member of our "community." Hence, we are not a society, although we may meet the definition for a group with a common culture or way of life. "Way of

life" can be translated into lifestyle. **Lifestyle** is a noun defined as a way of life or style of living that reflects the attitudes and values of an individual or group.

It has often been said that gays, lesbians and bisexuals live an "alternate lifestyle, deviant lifestyle or immoral lifestyle." Nonetheless, if one adheres strictly to the definition provided the gay "community" does not meet the criteria for consideration as a lifestyle. It seems ludicrous that an estimated 25,000,000 people nationwide would subscribe to the same values or style of living! Therefore, having ruled out a "common way of life," our attention turns to a "group of people with a common culture."

**Culture** is a noun defined as 1. The result of intellectual development, as evidenced by a high degree of taste, refinement, appreciation of the arts, etc., a man (or woman) of great culture and charm. 2. Intellectual and artistic activity and the works produced by this: Our libraries and museums bring culture to the people. 3. The arts, beliefs, customs, institutions and all other products of human work and thought created by a people or group at a particular time: The culture of western Europe owes much to Greece. 4. Development of the mind or body through special training: He believes in physical culture.

It seems safe to say that not all gays, lesbians or bisexuals will develop their intellect through taste, refinement or an appreciation of the arts, although many do. We might apply the second definition if broadly interpreted. The fourth definition, requiring special training, would not be applicable to every person in the United States who happens to be homosexual. Definition number three, however, is promising.

Again, the definition states "the arts, beliefs, customs, institutions, and all other products of human work and thought created by a people or group at a particular time is a culture." As described in the first paragraph of this article, the gay "community" has accomplished much during recent years. Our visible emergence into mainstream society, particularly in the last 25 years, provides some parameters in which to establish our time. For these reasons, this writer suggests a more appropriated term for describing gay "community" would be Gay Culture.

The next question to be answered is if this newly-defined Gay Culture is a bona-fide minority? **Minority**, a noun. 1. The smaller in number of two groups forming a whole. 2. A group that differs, as in race, religion, or ethnic background, from the larger group of which it is a part. Gay Culture meets this definition. Therefore, by using standardized definitions for terms which have been interchangeable, we establish that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are members of the Gay Culture which is a minority. Although commonly used, we cannot claim "community" status which, in the opinion of this writer, is to our benefit. A culture is more encompassing than a mere community, and we can legitimately claim minority status in accordance with definitions provided. Having determined this, let's proudly proclaim the emergence of a new, minority culture, and focus on educating people about the uniqueness and societal contribution this Gay Culture provides mainstream society.

**NOTE:** The Wizard wishes to thank the Scarecrow, by virtue of his magnificent brain, for his assistance. And, if discriminatory legislature should be introduced by the many wicked witches out there, I wholeheartedly recommend we drop a house on them, but be sure to keep the ruby slippers! Nice pumps are hard to come by!

## GAY RIGHTS COMMERCIAL FILMED IN DALLAS

History was made Saturday, July 20, as the Dallas-based nonprofit organization, Alliance For Progress in conjunction with WPT Productions, shot its first television commercial entitled *Sunday Morning* in various Dallas locations, including the home of Human Rights Campaign Fund board member Lory Masters.

*Sunday Morning* similar in design to Roger Ailes' 1984 Presidential commercial entitled *Morning in America*, depicts the daily lives of lesbians through a chronological series of vignettes. These images pointedly show that the lesbian community shares the same values of family, religion, patriotism, and economic success as the heterosexual community.

"It is important that the lesbian community educates parents, grandparents, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to the fact that the majority of lesbians and gays live normal everyday lives, except with a same-gender partner. The most cost-effective way to inform them is through 30-second television commercials aired into their homes," stated co-founder Christopher Parman. "It's a simple message to counteract the Radical Right's propaganda to heterosexuals that lesbians and gays are sexual deviants out to spread AIDS and molest children."

"These commercials have been designed with three goals in mind," according to Parman. "First, educate the heterosexual community that like it, the lesbian community is mostly mainstream, so that the negative stereotypes spread by the Radical Right will be negated. Second, show that the harsh reality of discrimination, hatred, and violence against lesbians necessitates legal protection. Finally, to cut the alarming rate of teen suicides we must provide positive role models proclaiming that it is OK to be gay."

AFP needs the financial support of the lesbian community to effectively implement its advertising campaign. Once we have raised the necessary funds to broadcast the commercial, Parman stated, "the benefits to the lesbian community should become quickly apparent. Alliance For Progress will target areas where lesbian issues are at risk."

To inquire about obtaining videotapes of the commercial, hosting community fund raisers or to make a financial donation contact Jon Etienne Mourot at Alliance For Progress, The Centrum, Suite 700, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas, TX 75219-4272. For more information call 1-800-520-4237 or in Dallas 214-520-2205. AFP may also be reached by electronic mail at [AFPProgress@aol.com](mailto:AFPProgress@aol.com)

## IKEA FURNISHES BREAKTHROUGH

IKEA, a Sweden-based retailer, has decided images of gay men can sell home furnishings. This is the first mainstream television commercial to depict a couple explicitly identified as gay. The couple is seen shopping for a dining table, but they're also shown as being a loving couple, and as building a life together. This is real breakthrough: the straight world gets a glimpse of an aspect of lesbian and gay life it rarely sees — our everyday life. Thank IKEA by writing to: Pam Diaconis, Public Relations Mgr., IKEA, Inc., Plymouth Commons, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.

—GLAAD/NY Bulletin

# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: Having A Ball

by Shelley Roberts

It was the fourth annual All Girls' Barbecue, the kind of party the seasonal Northerners throw for themselves in their South Florida winter homes to celebrate the fact that the only things they have to shovel off their driveways here in the middle of January are bougainvillea leaves, and palm fronds. And, as happens annually, some of us year-rounders were included in the invites. (By the way, if I haven't convinced you by now that you should be considering giving up shivering for a living and shifting to some South Florida sunshine, The Ft. Lauderdale Lesbian Great Lesbian Destination Club will be coming around to tear up my contract as Newsletter Editor. Com'on down.)

Anyway, this was my fourth year at it. I'd been to every AGB so far, and I know all the dialogue by heart.

"Lookin' great! How was the Summer? Business is great. The market is better. Is the market better? How're the dogs? Is the boat in the water? When are you closing on the house?"

This year, I decided I'd done all those conversations already, and it was time to put a little more excitement into it.

You see, every year at the AGB, some time after the "Hi-how-are-you's" a major chunk of the party turns up missing. They all disappear into one of the bedrooms. Ooooh. And, this year I wanted to join them.

Now, those of you who speak fluent Lesbian know exactly what was going on. For you uninitiated, let me pass you a clue. At weekend, January, over-30, lesbian parties, when that many women disappear into a bedroom, (Oh, you have such a dirty mind) it can mean only one thing.

Right!... **FOOTBALL!**

This year one of the football queens must have won the coin toss, because the TV was set up in the living room. Unheard of! But not disastrous to a Ft. Lauderdale party, because every house is equipped with what they call a "family" room, which we all refer to as the "Dyke den." Parties happen in the den. Living rooms are for walking through to admire how exquisitely they've decorated. We'd all long since admired the life-sized rattan baby giraffes and the signed Kate Millet litho, so this unused space was available.

FOOTBALL!!!! In a public room! Whoa! It was a diversion too intriguing to pass up. Especially since I'd already learned the states of the bond, flower, stock, and real estate markets.

Now, I am not what you normally call your

average girl jock. Oh sure, I do have some butch tendencies, but I pretty much keep them under a couple of coats of high gloss Revlon Pinkety Pink. Unless there's an emergency ceiling fan to install, or roof to pressure-clean. I know an innkeeper from a quarter, a TD (Touchdown, for those of you of the absolute femme persuasion) from an RBI (Ask your girlfriend, girlfriend.) Christmas or New Years, I have been known to hunker down in front of a set to watch grown men with buns and other apparatus clearly defined by very tight, revealing clothing, throw themselves at each other without benefit of a Donna Summer tune or revolving, mirrored, ceiling ball.

I could be cool. I could be with it. I would walk the walk, talk the talk, fit in with the gridiron gals. "Hey," says I, pulling up an O'Doul's and an easy chair. "I recognize that black and silver shield. It's the Oakland Raiders. Cool. But who are they playing?"

Well, did I get hoots over that, or what? "Oakland? Oakland? Where have you been, woman?! It's the LA Raiders." More hooting. "Eight or nine years ago," I was informed. OOPS. What did I know? So I'd missed a few quarters. They let me stay anyway. Although I did almost blow the privilege again a little later, when I asked who we were voting for. We were, it seemed, voting for the Broncos, at which no one seemed concerned, were from... Denver... in the dreaded state (sic) of Colorado.

It was a thoroughly enlightening and somewhat surprising experience. Several of my sisters could spout stats. Impressive. They knew quarterback's by actual name. Last and first. They could cite their injuries.

It was an interesting afternoon. Football wives carried on conversations in distant rooms, and came by occasionally to cuddle their honeys. Or to get them chips and dip refills. The Pigskin Polly's punched each other on the upper arm, and cheered good blocking. Many of them spoke actual English in between quarters. At half time, they arose as

a group, leaving cap/sweater/program markers to keep their reserved seats reserved, and joined the rest of us in light supper conversation.

Then, someone blew the whistle for the second half. Let the games begin. Again. I asked a number of dumb questions of the group, such as "Um, so whatever happened to the Rams?", which were given all the same tolerance I used to get from hetero dating when my oh-you-great-big-handsome-date-decider brought me along to see, oh, say, boxing. They thought I was cute. And answered my silly inquiries with studied patience, never making any eye contact which would require removing their eyes from the actual action.

When the score hit 35 for the Not-Coloradians, and a Serves-You-Right-For-Living-There-In-Homophobes-Heaven 24 for the Broncos, I got up to go back to the rest of the party. Football wives had wound themselves into conversations of other interests, and, glancing over my shoulder at their tube-tied mates, inquired the score. "Almost over but the complaining," I responded. "Ah," they all echoed, hopefully, and returned to their Moscarpone and sun dried tomato dip.

It was an eerie flashback of thousands of other parties I'd attended alongside Whatsisname so many years ago. It made me wonder what was actually so different now than what I was doing then. And then I remembered. The sex is better.

Go team! Rah.

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## PANSY DIVISION AT RANCH BOWL by Al S.

I had a gay time July 14 at the Ranch Bowl with Pansy Division. That's right—the Ranch Bowl. The "outpunk" group Pansy Division opened up for Green Day and really surprised a lot of people. It was an all ages show, and they went all "out." Every song was about gay experiences and feelings. It was beautiful! They sang tunes like "Bill and Ted's Homosexual Adventure," "Smells Like Queer Spirit," "Queer Rockers," and "Pocket Pool Club." Pansy Division is Butch Flowers on bass, Jon on guitar and vocals, and Chris on drums. They come from (where else?) San Francisco and have been together about 2 1/2 years. They had perfect sound so that all 500+ people heard every word. Believe it or not, I only heard two boos from the crowd. Most people got into it and had a good time. They sold several records and CD's after the show. Most of them had "obscene" pictures on them. I couldn't believe I was at the Ranch Bowl! If you want to learn more about Pansy Division and get a list a merchandise such as 45's, CD's, T-shirts (one with a big penis on it), etc., write: Pansy Division, P.O. Box 460885, San Francisco, CA 94146. I'm not sure about the sexual persuasion of Green Day, but they sure were good — looking and music-wise — especially Billie Joe, the lead singer and guitarist. He is 22 years old and cute as a button. I'm surprised more gay people don't go to see the punk rock and heavy metal bands that play the Ranch Bowl, the Capitol, etc. The music is fun and the guys and gals are super-sexy. Try it, you'll like it.

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## FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon

Nationally Syndicated Columnist

### GUIDE TO SAFE FAX

Q. Do I have to be married to FAX?

A. Although married people FAX often, there are many single people who FAX complete strangers everyday.

Q. My parents say they never had FAX when they were young, and were only allowed to write memos to each other until they were twenty one. How old should someone be before they FAX?

A. FAXing can be performed at any age, once you learn the correct procedure.

Q. There is a place on our street where you can go and pay for FAX. Is this legal?

A. Yes, many people have no other outlet for their FAX drives and must pay a professional when their need for FAX becomes too great. Nevada is a unique State in this aspect of FAXing.

Q. Should a cover always be used for FAXing?

A. Unless you are absolutely sure of the one you are FAXing, a cover should be used to insure safe FAX.

Q. What happens when I incorrectly do the procedures and I FAX prematurely?

A. Don't panic. Many people prematurely FAX when they haven't FAXed in a long time. Just start over. Most people won't mind if you try again.

Q. I have both a personal and a business FAX. Can transmissions become mixed up?

A. Being Bi-FAXual can be confusing, but as long as you use a cover with each one, you won't transmit anything you're not supposed to.

Q. If I FAX something to myself, will I go blind?

A. There hasn't been any recorded case of blindness due to FAXing oneself.

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

*Mr. Landon is former Mg. Editor of Zipper Magazine and The Coast to Coast Times. His autobiography legacy: The Closets are Empty...The Dining Rooms's Full is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing House. Visa/MC orders: 800-356-9325.*

honorable response. Maybe we could even breathe a prayer that God might provide a brain to fill their void between the ears. That's about it. We certainly wouldn't want to lash out at them since it would only reveal our own incapability of trying to educate a non-existent brain.

Maybe what we've got to do is work hard on helping to educate those with brains who simply haven't exercised those brains enough yet.

**CHANNEL CHANGE:** It's often crossed my mind over the years that gays and lesbians in the 1900's may be the modern day nomads; we do seem to move around a lot. It's as if our lives are a part of a traveling circus and we've got our bag packed and ready to get our show on the road. We learn early to accept and blend in. It's as if our lives are a part of a traveling circus and we've got our bag packed and ready to get our show on the road. We learn early to accept and blend in; sometimes only for a month here or there and we feel right at home no matter where. Oh the places I've lived and loved over the years for brief and lengthy periods! So many memories! And maybe we ought to take a moment in the present to thank ourselves for these memories. So many new and now-old acquaintances; some of which have blossomed into true friendships even after we moved on. So many memories. Memories from Beresford, SD; Puyallup, WA; Hillsboro, OR; Guadalajara and Mexico City; Ruidoso, NM; Paso Robles & Truckee, CA; Greenwich Village, San Francisco & New Orleans; Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN; Rockford, IL...and in the LA area: Pasadena, Hollywood, Monrovia, Azusa, Sierra Madre, Whittier, West Hollywood, Glendale, Venice, Van Nuys, Riverside, Bradbury Estates, Camarillo. Do you think our paths may have crossed in some long forgotten rendezvous of strangers in the night? Ah! Memories! And now my home is in Reno, NV. "Home" - where the heart is! Where we hang our hats!

### ALL IN THE FAMILY

Gary Trudeau, one of America's best-loved and most widely syndicated cartoonists, has welcomed an openly gay character to the Doonesbury family. The character is Mark Slackmeyer, a radio personality, and Trudeau has created a wry storyline about his foibles coming out of the closet. Thank Mr. Trudeau for giving us a character that we can call our own. Write to: Gary Trudeau, c/o Universal Press Syndicate, 4900 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64112.

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I couldn't help saying to myself "now there's a real educated man! Wonder where he got his degree!" That portion of Scripture also came to mind where it says "God winked at their ignorance". It really is hard to believe there are folks out there like that, isn't it! This is the 1990's! Do you think they have any idea at all how dumb they appear to others? Probably not, no one really wants to appear stupid. So, when someone like this pops up with such a stupid statement, what should we do? Since they truly are such ignoramus's, would it do any good to get upset and try to "correct" them? I seriously doubt it. It would like be trying to carry on an intelligent conversation with a drunk. Pity might be an

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## HELMS AMENDMENT WILL THWART AIDS EDUCATION

Despite an intensive lobbying effort by AIDS Action and other advocacy groups, the U. S. Senate approved an amendment August 1, that, if enacted, will prohibit any federally funded effort to provide health education to gay and lesbian youth in public schools.

By a vote of 63-36, senators approved an amendment sponsored by Senators Robert Smith (R-NH) and Jesse Helms (R-NC) that restricts local schools from distributing materials or sponsoring curricula and counseling programs that "have either the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative". Schools that defy the measure risk losing federal funding. The amendment was attached to the \$12.5 billion Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). "The Senate's action sends a chill through the halls of America's schools that reaching out to young gay men— who are at highest risk of HIV infection among teens— and

providing them with positive and effective HIV prevention programs is wrong," charged Christine Lubinski, AIDS Action deputy executive director for programs. In voting against what he called the "cruel" and "mean-spirited" amendment, Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-MN) lamented that "sometimes I think we talk about gay and lesbian people on the floor of the Senate as if they are less than fully human." The Helms-Smith Amendment was challenged by a broader, less onerous amendment offered by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA). A Senate committee must now reconcile the two amendments, along with one attached to the version of the ESEA passed by the House of Representatives earlier this year.

**Among those voting in favor of the Helms Amendment were Nebraska Senators Kerrey and Exon and Iowa Senator Grassley. Iowa Senator Harkin voted against the amendment. Contact these Senators to let them know your opinion of their vote.**

## GAY GAMES WADDELL CUP

The Federation of Gay Games announced the recipient of the Tom Waddell Achievement Award during closing ceremonies of Gay Games IV in New York City. Selected from a slate of more than 70 candidates from around the world was Ms. Rikki Streicher of San Francisco, CA. Sara Lewinstein and Brent Nicholson-Earle presented her the Waddell Cup before an audience of more than 50,000 in Yankee Stadium. Ms. Streicher was nominated for her long-time commitment to the Gay Games movement. She has been involved since the inception of the games and was co-president of the San Francisco Arts & Athletics Association prior to its evolution into The Federation of Gay Games, Inc. Ms. Streicher was instrumental in the formation of The Federation in 1989 and still serves as a director. The Waddell Cup was first awarded in 1990 at the Gay Games III in Vancouver, B.C. after a Canadian organization donated funds to purchase a silver cup to be a perpetual gift to deserving individuals.


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Urban Indian Health Ctr, 140 S. 27, 434-7177

**Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept,** 105 East  
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**Hastings College, Hastings, NE**

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**Nebraska AIDS Project,** 3624 Leavenworth,  
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**Nebraska Dept of Health,**  
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**AIDS Care,** The Mercy Center, 427 E.  
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**AIDS Support Group,** Sponsored by PFLAG,  
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**Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support  
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**Lincoln Office:** 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100  
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**North Platte Area Support Grp.,**  
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## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

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**AIDS Educ Project,** UNI, G/L Resource Cntr,  
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**American Red Cross,**  
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**Community Prescription Service AIDS Info,**  
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**Douglas County Health Department,**  
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**HIV Clinic,** Univ of NE Medical Center,  
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## CHIMPANZEE VACCINE PROTECTS AGAINST HIV-1

New data from studies in chimpanzees show that development of a potential vaccine used an inactivated or weakened form of whole HIV-1, the virus that causes AIDS, may be possible, according to scientists from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and three other institutes. Scientists knew that unlike humans, chimpanzees infected with HIV-1 fail to develop disease. So they exposed HIV-infected chimpanzees to a different HIV-1 strain and found that they resisted infection with the second virus. Scientists now have a model system that can be used to help develop an attenuated HIV-1 vaccine for humans.

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## AIDS ADVOCACY

**AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),**  
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## PASTORAL CARE

**AIDS Interfaith Network,** 100 N 62, Omaha  
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## THE FORGOTTEN VICTIMS

Grieving Family Members Recount  
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According to Dept. of Health figures, as of  
September 1993, the number of acknowledged  
AIDS cases in the U.S. totaled 339,250. Of these,  
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women. How many of us realize the enormity of  
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Author Bobbie Stasey does now. But little  
did she realize that her work as a hospice volunteer  
and bereavement counselor was preparing her for  
the death of her own son to AIDS.

Her first book, *Just Hold Me While I Cry* was  
published sharing her family's emotional journey  
through her son's death. Her new book, *Running  
With the Angels, the Gift of AIDS* (Elysian Hills  
Publishing Co., 1-800-368-3208) details the true  
stories of lives touched by AIDS, stories of  
courage, love and miracles, coping with an  
epidemic, with "Social Death" and with friends  
and family that turn away and disappear overnight.

Ms. Stasey attributes AIDS as the vehicle for  
teaching unconditional love. As this disease  
marches across the earth, Ms. Stasey continues  
her mission to reach out to those living with and  
dying from AIDS and to end their isolation. She  
personally answers all letters. You may reach her  
at PO Box 40683, Albuquerque, NM 87196.

## WOMANSOURCE HIV:

### A New Resource

Burroughs Wellcome Co. has begun distribution of *Womansource HIV: A multimedia resource for HIV-positive women and their providers.*

The program consists of a 30-minute video and an accompanying Leader's Guide booklet. The video presents the insights of thirty experts and HIV-positive women from the HIV/AIDS service community; the booklet contains a transcript of the video along with supplementary resource materials and topics for individual and group discussion.

The video and booklet cover such topics as providing services for women, understanding women's needs, empowering women, women and addiction, relationships, women and children, and finding the strength. A resource guide includes information on electronic bulletin boards, hotlines, legal and access issues, resources for communities of color and the lesbian community.

#### A Lesbian with HIV Speaks Out:

One of the participants in the video talks about the specific problems of being a lesbian with HIV. Amelie Zum states, "We're 12 years into an epidemic and the Centers for Disease Control still refuse to acknowledge that there are lesbians living with HIV. We know from a survey done both anecdotally and by the Centers for Disease Control themselves that probably 1% to 2% of the population of women living with HIV may be women that are having sexual relationships with women, regardless of how they identify."

So a lesbian living with HIV has to feel very brave and confident in order to come out, within the lesbian community as HIV-positive, or within the HIV community as lesbian. So she's often isolated, she's often lacking funds to access services. And when she goes to seek services, those services don't meet her needs, they don't say, you know, "You're a lesbian woman and you have a unique family structure, you have unique health care needs, you have unique psychosocial issues, and we will care for you."

Copies of this multimedia resource is available to service providers only, by calling 1-800-722-9292, ext. 54511. Specify program BW-Y05235. Individuals may request copies through their service-providing organization.

Some of the resources listed in the Burroughs Wellcome *Womansource HIV* include:

Newsletters for HIV-Positive Women - *LAP Notes*, for the Lesbian AIDS Project at Gay Men's Health Crisis, 129 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011. 212-337-3532. (Monthly)

*NJWAN NEWS*. New Jersey Women and AIDS Network, 5 Elm Row, Suite 112, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. 908-846-4462. (Quarterly)

*The Positive Woman*, P.O. Box 34372, Washington, DC 20043, 202-529-5447. (Bimonthly)

*Women Being Alive*, 3626 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026, 213-667-3262. (Treatment quarterly, free to women with HIV. Contact Nancy MacNeil.)

*WORLD, Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases*. A newsletter by, for, and about women facing HIV disease. P.O. Box 11535, Oakland, CA 94611, 510-658-6930. (Monthly, quarterly Spanish edition. Free to low-income women.)

#### HIV/AIDS RESOURCES FOR THE LESBIAN COMMUNITY - Pamphlets:

*AIDS...and Lesbians*. San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Women and AIDS Network, 25 Van Ness Ave., Ste. 600, San Francisco, CA 94102, 415-864-5855.

*Lesbians and AIDS*. No/AIDS Task Force, 1407 Decatur St., New Orleans, LA 70116, 504-945-4000.

*Lesbians and AIDS*. Women AIDS Project, 8235 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste 201, West Hollywood, CA 90046, 213-650-1508.

#### ARTICLES:

Camlin, C. *Dams be damned!* Carol Camlin surveys the safer sex debate. *QW*, September 20, 1992: 43-46.

Camlin, C. *Risk reduction guidelines for lesbians*. *QW*, September 27, 1992: 46.

Cole, R. & Cooper, S. *Lesbian exclusion from HIV/AIDS education: ten years of low-risk identity and high-risk behavior*. *SIECUS Report*, December 1990/January 1991: 22-23.

*Wet, Wild and Well: A Workshop for the Lesbian Community of Sexuality, Safer Sex, and Communication, Facilitator's Guide*. Whitman-Walker Clinic, Lesbian Services Program, 1407 S Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009, 202-797-3509, and the HEART Project.

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# MANAGING AIDS IN THE 90s

It begins slowly and silently. One by one, the body's T-helper cells are eradicated. This is the experience of a person who is HIV positive. Although the search for a cure continues, the emphasis remains on how AIDS can be managed.

In April, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) reported that patients with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) are living longer. The study concluded that prophylaxis (drugs that prevent the onset of AIDS-related infections) and treatment of opportunistic infections were more important factors in longer survival time than antiretroviral therapy. In addition, the study strongly suggests that prophylaxis can provide significant survival benefit to all populations with HIV infection.

When the first cases of AIDS appeared, doctors did not have the ability to manage the disease. Today, the medical community has learned more about the life-threatening infections a person with AIDS is at risk of developing when their immune system is compromised and how those infections can be prevented.

## What are opportunistic infections?

Opportunistic infections produce illness only when they infect a person whose immune system is not functioning properly. Some of the more common opportunistic complications people with AIDS become vulnerable to are: Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia or PCP, Kaposi's Sarcoma and Mycobacterium Avium Complex or MAC, the fastest-growing bacterial opportunistic infection among people with AIDS.

PCP is caused by a germ many people already have in their body. It usually does not pose a problem unless an individual's immune system is weakened. If that is the case, the germ can

produce a very serious lung infection. Symptoms of PCP include: fever, fatigue, weight loss, dry cough and shortness of breath.

Kaposi's Sarcoma, a cancer of the skin, can be a life-threatening illness for people with AIDS. KS is a malignancy of the cells which line blood vessels (called endothelial cells). The reddish-purple lesions, characteristics of KS form when capillaries, the fine thread-like vessels that carry blood, begin to grow irregularly and rapidly. The capillaries often become leaky which results in an accumulation of red blood cells. AIDS-associated KS can appear at almost any site on the body, including the mouth, the gastrointestinal tract and the eyes. Researchers still don't know what causes KS. Some have speculated that this may not be a cancer; others say the disease is caused by an infectious agent.

Mycobacterium avium complex or MAC organisms constitute different groups of slow-growing, environmentally transmitted bacteria. They have been found in the water we drink, inadequately washed vegetables and fruits, and dust particles. Consequently, an individual whose immune system is compromised (by HIV infection, for example) and who is exposed to those bacteria either through the gastrointestinal tract or through the respiratory system, may acquire MAC infection. Little evidence, if any, has been found to indicate MAC disease transmission from person to person.

The incidence of MAC has increased dramatically over the past few years in people with AIDS. The number of MAC cases more than quadrupled between 1985 and 1990. Currently, 50 percent of all AIDS patients develop MAC disease within 2.5 years of their AIDS diagnosis.

## Prevention vs. Treatment

Of the three most common opportunistic infections, Kaposi's Sarcoma is the only one without preventative therapy. However, there are drugs which can prevent the onset of PCP and MAC. The criterion for when a physician should initiate prophylaxis correlates with a person's risk factors and/or T-cell count. Once a person with AIDS has a certain risk factor or the CD4 count drops below a certain level, there are steps that can be taken.

Bactrim, which was recently approved by the F.D.A., is one of the drugs available for preventing the occurrence of PCP.

Mycobutin, which prevents MAC infection, works by inhibiting the growth of the bacteria responsible for causing this infection. When taken twice daily, it has been clinically proven to prevent MAC.

Although another option is treating a person once he or she develops an opportunistic infection, that course of action can be more complicated. For instance, treatment of MAC requires the use of anywhere from two to five drugs to maximize effectiveness and avoid resistance. The appropriate dosing regimen and combination of agents for this approach are unknown.

According to some physicians and patients, AIDS management may involve a variety of elements to be effective. Fostering a reciprocal patient-doctor relationship, eating a healthy diet, exercise and maintaining a positive mental attitude are recommended. An individual needs to take an active role in learning about all of the current therapies available for preventing and treating opportunistic infections.

— Pharmacia

## RAISE THE RAINBOW FLAG RAISES MONEY FOR AIDS

An awestruck crowd of nearly one million threw coins and dollars on the world's largest rainbow flag as it paraded majestically up New York City's First Avenue during the Stonewall 25 International March on the United Nations June 26. More than two thousand marchers, each making a donation for the privilege of carrying the flag, came together to show their commitment to the fight against AIDS and to give life to the Raise The Rainbow flag. To date, a total of \$115,000 in desperately needed funds has been collected through Raise the Rainbow to support AIDS services in the continental United States. Further, the important AIDS awareness message of the flag was communicated through the media to an audience of nearly 1 billion worldwide on this historic day.

Officials of The Stadlanders Foundation, organizers of the Raise the Rainbow event, announced that grant guidelines for the funds raised was issued on August 15th, and grant applications will be due by September 30, 1994. All costs for the flag were generously underwritten by corporate sponsor Stadlanders pharmacy, a nationwide mail service pharmacy specializing in the needs of people with chronic conditions, so that all money raised will go directly back to the community through the HIV/AIDS Community Grant Fund of the foundation. To qualify for funding, grant applications must provide documentation of their 501(C)(3) status.

Additional donations toward the Raise The Rainbow project are still being accepted, and each new dollar donated through December 1, 1994 will be added to the fund and granted to AIDS service organizations. Send checks, money orders, or requests for grant guidelines to The Stadlanders Foundation, 600 Penn Center Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA, 15235-5810 or call 412-825-8105 for more information.

Merchandise to commemorate the Raise The Rainbow event is available through The Stadlanders Foundation. To order the 12" X 30" strip of the Raise The Rainbow flag for \$27.50, or an aerial photograph of the event for \$12.50, call 1-800-NYC-1994.

## EARLY ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY

Antiretroviral therapy has no detectable effect on the amount of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in lymphoid tissue or in certain white blood cells of patients with early HIV disease, according to preliminary results from a study by investigators from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID).

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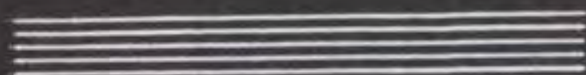
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## "VIVA LAS GURU"

Welcome, true believers! This month's grooves include tracks from local crooners Christopher Thomas, De Moreland, and Kirk Kellison. I also had an impartial jury of Tibetan Monks chant and meditate for hours on end (well, I really had a fellow poet, Frederick Zydek, choose which one of my hits to use, but the other way sounds much cooler, huh?) on which poem of mine to expose you all to.

While I have your attention — SEND MORE POEMS!!! I am starting to run out! And besides, if I don't get any more, I will be forced to use my cat's latest epic, "An Ode to Fresh Litter, After Just Eating Herring Guts." Trust me; in some counties, this could be a criminal act!

Be good to yourselves, Brian

## LIKE A KID IN A CANDY STORE

by Kirk Kellison

Every time I see him, I think it's the last time.  
This is white hot and will burn out.  
For now, this is intense. I want more.

I made the decision.

I chose the patch that would surely bring  
an onslaught of pain and confusion.

I told myself I could handle this.

That this affair would be good for me.

So I equate physical pleasure with being alive.

But in reality, I wonder about my values.

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## FIRST TIME

by Christopher Thomas

We were thirteen.  
Freshly scrubbed  
Sleeping in the guest room  
on his uncle's farm.

It was a magnificent bed.  
Four thick oval posts  
tended something phallic  
everywhere we turned.

It started with kisses.  
We decided to practice  
the French kind,  
in case we ever met a girl.

But the moment our tongues  
teased each other,  
we closed our eyes  
and fell into each other's arms.

We were one delicious surprise  
after another,  
vocal chord deep  
in a wonderful hunger.

## A BALLAD FOR GIRLS WHO CAN'T GET DATES

by Brian E. Bengtson

In the land of the three-dollar cover,  
where the pretty boys skip and preen,  
lived the lair of Eunice Higgenbottom,  
the true fag hag to all the queens.

She'd tip you her last dollar,  
and she'd tell you that you look fierce  
On Friday nights before the bar,  
she would find a new body part to pierce.

One evening after playing Techno,  
true tragedy struck the land,  
for Eunice took a fatal nosedive  
while dancing on the speaker stand.

It wasn't the fall that killed her.  
Oh my — if only that!!  
It was all the jewelry that stabbed her,  
spewing blood both this way and that.

The DJ stopped the music.  
Oh, it's harsh, I'll admit,  
but all the queens just had to dis' her  
for getting blood on all their shit!

So listen, all my darling girls,  
and let me quiet all your fears.  
It's okay if you're a fag hag,  
but for God's sake, just pierce your ears!!

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## JUST OUTSIDE THE DOORWAY OF THE SAINT JUDE HOTEL

by De Moreland

Doctor Proctor  
stoops in Chicken alley,  
a real quack back in Memphis, now  
practicing his special skills in anal augury.  
He wraps prehensile fingers round  
a dirty wrinkled bag, wobbles it toward his  
raisin face, sloshes back a toast  
to his imagination.  
Right on time, he has this vision.  
No formaldehyde phantom,  
almost alive, still pretty  
Rico drizzles down Church Street,  
his syrupy Morphine strut  
more habit than intention,  
damp black curls spring and dance  
a wicked halo round his head.  
Hissing like a steam pipe, Doctor  
Proctor pays his tribute:  
"Hey, Sweet Meat, you make my cheeks hard",  
excluding classic Cracker charm  
Rico

clenches like a fist.  
He's tired and sore and positive  
he's positive, doesn't lift  
a finger in the fool's direction.  
Across the street a shadow grows  
secure in leaden leather  
some sumo-social pit bull jungle jogs  
Miss Thing up the corner  
Chameleon at the crossroads, she's  
waiting for a light somewhere to change.  
The pit bull grins, pulls her  
into Spider's bookstore.  
The doorman strings his wad of Juicy Fruit  
twirls it round his finger.  
Politically correct, he shines  
at the seams, inbred leisure-suited  
geek in action  
got his ear on Little Richard and  
his mind on refried beans.  
He spits the gum at Rico who  
slaps him off the sidewalk,  
knocks him on his polyester ass.  
Just outside the doorway of  
the Saint Jude Hotel  
Big Eartha laughs like hell.  
Solid as the rock of ages,  
everybody's grandma by design,  
she doesn't know who's president,  
the date or time. When she sees  
truth she knows it, look it in  
the eyes. She knows Rico inside out,  
loves him anyway, doesn't tell him  
not to cry, doesn't tell him anything,  
just wraps her arms around him, rocks  
him like the ocean.  
Big Eartha hugs like hell.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

by Stan Brown

Mark your calendars now to be at our Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Pride Parade, Rally, and Picnic on Sunday, June 11, 1995. We are starting to make plans for Pride in 1995 and need your help! First, if you are interested in applying for the position of Chairperson of the Pride Committee, applications are now being accepted by contacting the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line 558-5303, and ask to give the message to Becky. Second, if you are interested in helping on the Committee as a member or would like to volunteer your time or talents for Pride 1995, also call the Information Line. Finally, make plans now for your organization to march together in the parade with banners, a float, or other form of transportation.

**Friday, October 21**, is the date set for our 4th Annual Recognition Dinner and Dance. The location and cost will be announced in the next issue of *The New Voice*. The evening will begin with a Social Hour (cash bar) from 6-7. Dinner at 7:00, a Speaker, a performance from the River City Mixed Chorus, and the Recognition Awards from 8:30-9:30. Following the Recognition Awards will be a dance with music from one of the area's favorite live bands to add to the evening's festivities. Tickets will be available soon. For more information, call the Information Line and ask for Stan to return your call. See another article with more information about nominations for the Recognition Dinner in this issue.

As always, we appreciate any support you can give to the Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line. We are in need of more volunteers to answer the Information Line's voice mail, and donations are needed and may be sent to ANGLE, PO Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131.

Please join us the first Tuesday of each month. ANGLE meets at the UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd., in Omaha, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there in the future!

## EXCEL OF THE MIDLANDS

EXCEL is an Exercise in Christian Living. The principles of EXCEL are shared during a weekend retreat experience, by a group of committed Christians who are seeking to employ the EXCEL principles in their own lives. These principles have been known as the Christian Way for thousands of years, yet today, busy people, in a busy world sometimes lose the way, or it is made too difficult, or complex. EXCEL helps guide us back to the basics.

Participants are led through a series of talks, discussions, and activities, centered on the basic elements or tools, of Christian Renewal. Participants gather into small groups to share, learn, laugh, pray, and enjoy the companionship of other Christians. The EXCEL Team is made up of friends and members of MCC-O from the Omaha/Council Bluffs area who have previously attended an EXCEL Weekend.

The weekend begins on Friday evening at 7:00 PM, and runs through Sunday afternoon. Since all parts of the weekend build upon each other, you need to be present for the whole experience. There will be talks, group discussions, activities, workshop experiences, and time for solitude. Each part of the weekend is designed to help nourish your personal, and spiritual growth.

The 4th annual EXCEL of the Midlands Weekend Experience will be held on September 23rd through the 25th, at Camp Kitaki just west of Omaha. Over the weekend 5 meals, lodging, and all supplies needed for the experience will be provided. The cost of the weekend is \$65.00.

We must request that a deposit be made for no less than \$10.00. Payment schedules can be arranged for those wishing to spread the cost over several months. If you need to make payments, we ask that the final payment be made by November 15th, 1994. A limited number of partial scholarships will be available for those unable to afford the full cost of the weekend. For information, contact MCC-Omaha at 345-2563.

## DIFFA CHAPTER FORMING IN OMAHA

There will soon be a DIFFA (Design Industries Foundation for AIDS) Chapter forming in Omaha and Greater Nebraska. DIFFA is a fund-raising organization that encompasses all design disciplines. Monies raised are distributed to AIDS/HIV Service Organizations in the chapter's territory.

Founded in 1984, DIFFA is the oldest and one of the largest funders of HIV/AIDS service and educational programs in the United States. In ten years, DIFFA has grown to comprise 20 chapters and communities large and small throughout the country, and has provided nearly \$19 million to hundreds of AIDS organizations. DIFFA is well known for its low administrative and fundraising expenses, with a high percentage of DIFFA spending going directly to programs on the front lines in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

DIFFA is a national organization, but is strongly represented at the chapter level. Each DIFFA chapter — from Seattle to Omaha to Boston — carries DIFFA's message and mission of fighting AIDS to large cities and small towns throughout the United States. Every chapter springs from the resources and talents of the local community, and works to meet the particular needs and challenges posed by the AIDS epidemic in that part of the country.

DIFFA and the chapters fight AIDS in two ways: raising awareness about the disease through educational and cultural programs, while raising millions of dollars annually, which is returned to that community in the form of grants for HIV/AIDS treatment, care and education. Indeed, DIFFA's efforts have often been vital in keeping small, understaffed and under-funded programs alive. Meantime, DIFFA grants are also given at the national level.

DIFFA mobilizes the vast and considerable talents of the design, fashion and artistic communities into a veritable army of concerned people about AIDS.

DIFFA has also been an innovative and determined agency in drawing corporations into the fight against the epidemic. Having started with volunteers from the fields of fashion, interior design, furnishings, and architecture, supporters of DIFFA now come from the following trades also: craft design, tabletop, visual, design publishing, hospitality, floral, fashion, exhibit, textile, display, product, graphic, and hair cosmetics. In addition, DIFFA enjoys tremendous support from the entertainment, publishing, broadcasting, finance, advertising, retail and marketing industries.

The local DIFFA Chapter is preparing a spring fund raiser — "Dining By Design". Dining By Design is an elegant, visually and emotionally enriching evening including entertainment, dinner and dancing. Table designs for the evening will be done by local designers from a variety of fields. Their creativity and magic will set the tone for the event — with innovative creations and themes.

If you are interested in helping with Dining By Design and other local DIFFA events, please call Mark Maser, 402-345-6047, for information.





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## SNAP RECEIVES SIXTEEN TAG NOMINATIONS

SNAP Productions (Support Nebraska AIDS Project), recently received sixteen TAG (Theatre Arts Guild) nominations for excellence in Omaha theater. Final awards were announced at the annual dinner held at Dance City on August 20. Voting for TAG awards is by the Omaha working theatre community. *Jeffrey*, SNAP's February 1994 comedy directed by Rob Baker, was nominated for outstanding comedy, direction, lead actor, supporting actor (3), and featured actor (2); featured actress (2), and sound design. *The Normal Heart*, presented in September 1993 and directed by Norm Filbert, was nominated for outstanding drama, direction, lead actor, supporting actress, and sound design.

SNAP Productions was formed as a non-profit, fund-raising support organization for The Nebraska AIDS Project. All SNAP proceeds benefit the programs of NAP, and all management, artistic staff, and production members are volunteers.

SNAP's primary focus is to produce and present dramatic plays and other performing arts offerings which help to create community awareness of AIDS-related issues. SNAP believes that the performing arts deliver a unique source of enjoyment, enlightenment, therapy, and a celebration of life.

To date, SNAP has raised over \$85,000 for the Nebraska AIDS Project through its initial six offerings.

## GAY AND LESBIAN PROFESSIONALS' GROUP RE-ORGANIZING

There has been considerable interest to resurrect the Metropolitan Club which was once a very active organization in the Omaha area. This organization will be specifically directed to the Professional Gay and Lesbian Business people in Omaha and surrounding areas. If you were a past member of this organization or are interested in participating in a new organization, please call the following people with your comments, thought, or suggestions. (i.e. meeting days, times, topics to cover). Contact: Richard at 345-2329 or Dave at 556-1819.

## PRIMETIMERS

By RJ

For the month of July, Prime Timers celebrated their First Anniversary with a cookout at the home of one of the members. Over 20 people, members and their friends, came to share. The weather cooperated and it was a pleasant, cool evening out on the patio. There was plenty of food to eat and plenty of good companionship. People came from Lincoln as well as Fremont.

Prime Timers is basically a club for men over the age of 40, looking for companionship with those of, or closer to, their own age group. The club is growing and meets once a month, on the third Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the UNO Religious Center. So, menfolk, if you're 40 and over you might just want to look into this club. It's a good place to meet others your own age, and a good place for companionship.

## US DEPT OF LABOR CONSIDERS ANTIVIOLENCE STANDARD FOR THE WORKPLACE

OSHA, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, is considering creating a new standard that deals with violence in the workplace. At a recent presentation, Joe Dear, the Assistant Secretary for OSHA, was asked if there would be a provision in this proposed standard that would deal with Hate Crimes that occur in the workplace, like anti-Gay violence and violence that based on race or gender. He said he learned something from the questions and that he wanted information.

As a result, Gay and Lesbian people who have experienced violence in the workplace solely because they're Gay or Lesbian, need to come forward and talk about their experiences. Information is needed about physical attacks, harassment that's verbal or done through acts, and threats of violence, no matter what year the incident happened, and whether it was done by an employer, a co-worker, or an outsider.

Information is also needed in regards to people who have experienced violence in the workplace because of their race, gender, nationality, age or anything else.

The inclusion of a Hate Crimes provision in this proposed standard won't become a reality unless people step forward and fight back! If this standard is enacted with this provision, it'll be another victory for Gay Liberation.

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## WE REMEMBER TORGY:

### A Eulogy

by David Hansen, Loni Harper, and Mary Carpenter

*On August 10, over 50 friends of Ronald "Torgy" Torgeson gathered at Gilligan's Pub to remember Torgy. Torgy's mother and brother joined his friends at the memorial service and stayed to share memories. This eulogy was written by some of Torgy's special friends.*

Anyone in need — Torgy took under his wing —  
A place to stay, a ride home, a meal —  
Anytime, Anything, Anyone.

Torgy had the heart and the stamina to continue will all his favorite things

— Omaha MeatPackers — Doing fundraisers for the disease that took him from us - AIDS - or for anyone in need of help: MCC, PWA, NAP, Gay Rodeo Association.

Bowling — Even when his strength had failed he kept fighting to bowl because it meant so much to him.

Gilligan's — His favorite place to party. He could party anyone under the table.

Torgy had a hunger for life, refused to give up, always had a plan for tomorrow. Even when he got out of the hospital the last time he was planning the MeatPacker Labor Day Benefit Show. He said he would do it no matter what.

When Torgy was out around his friends he never failed to pull out his hillfold to show the pictures of his children and his granddaughter — his very special Shelbie Marie. They were the pride of his life.

His mother was his life. When they lost his dad, he was there for his mom's support, taking her to dance club every week — which he was President of for 2 years. He called his mom 4 or 5 times a day, and at the last, once a day to say "Good Night" and let's not forget his fish call, J.D.

Torgy loved his sweets, forever chasing around town to find the Twin Bing and a special run to Pettit's Pastry for two dozen Eclairs and a gallon of milk.

So conspicuous in his absence — a void in the lives of so many who love him.

Torgy, you'll be missed and you'll be remembered always.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTS YOUTH GROUP

By Dave England

The Greater Omaha area came to The MAX on Sunday, July 31, to offer their support and to find out what the PFLAG Youth Support Group is all about. The day's events began with a BBQ cookout prepared by Jim Gau. The event was planned as a fund raiser, but was also an educational opportunity. Members of the Youth Support Group shared what having the group meant to them as they struggled with whether to come out or not, and what to do once they came out. Two members of the Omaha School Board, Bernard Kolasa and Shirley Tyree, joined us. We appreciate their coming and sharing their afternoon with us. We hope that they can pass on what they learned to the rest of the school board. A total of 99 people attending the BBQ, which allowed us to raise \$495. The afternoon drew to a close as Lavender Couch entertained us for an hour.

A special thanks to Duane Schomer, Gary West of Club 2001, and the Alan and Marcia Baer Foundation for underwriting the cost of putting on this event. To Bruce and Stosh, thanks for making the Patio available to us for the BBQ.

After a quick trip home to rest, many of us returned to The MAX Sunday evening for a benefit show. A combination of Drag Queens and live performers entertained an appreciative crowd. Between some of the numbers Ken Vorhees, a Youth Group facilitator, and Jim Gau shared some of the youth vignettes from the afternoon. During the course of the evening patrons donated to the Youth Group and some performers turned over their tips so that we raised a total of \$478 during the show. The MAX also turned over \$400 from the door.

Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised \$1373 on July 31st with one pledge still outstanding. None of this would have been possible without Jim Gau's and Ken Vorhees' dedication and hard work. Thanks for your efforts.

The enthusiasm from those attending these events was contagious and inspiring. I left Sunday evening recharged and ready to tackle some new projects with the youth. More to come as we make our plans. Thank you, Omaha.



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## NETV CANCELS *IN THE LIFE* SERIES REFUSES TO SHOW TAPE OF STONEWALL 25

For the past two seasons *In The Life*, has been broadcast monthly on all nine NETV stations and has provided informative and entertaining programming with a gay and lesbian perspective. You may not have had the opportunity to watch *In The Life*, but unless Nebraska Education Television is assured that there is significant support for the series, they will never broadcast it again.

*In The Life's* presence on NETV had been in jeopardy since its suspension this past April. Since that time there have been several conversations between Gary Scharfman, Director of Broadcast Operations for *In The Life*, and Gene Bunge, NETV's program manager, to ascertain what *In The Life* needed to do to get the series reinstated.

### DECISION NOT BASED ON QUALITY OF PROGRAMMING

Initially Gene Bunge said NETV's decision was based on the quality of the series. However, in July, in explaining NETV's decision not to broadcast our one hour special season finale, *Stonewall 25: Global Voices of Pride and Protest*, Gene Bunge admitted that quality was not the issue. To date, *Stonewall 25* has been broadcast on dozens of public television stations in this country as well as throughout the United Kingdom.

Though they may not admit it officially, *In The Life's* cancellation is due to the increasing hesitancy by the executives of NETV to broadcast programming that they think will offend their viewers; and to them this includes the placement of gays and lesbians in a positive light.

### VIEWER SUPPORT IS NEEDED IF *IN THE LIFE* IS TO BE PUT BACK ON THE AIR

Your help is needed if NETV is to put *In The Life* back on the air beginning this October with our fall season. Gene Bunge has stated that a sincere effort could be quite effective in allaying the doubts by NETV that they can count on viewer support if the series is reinstated. You should be aware that Gene Bunge said that telephone calls carry the same weight as letters, and that the more individual the comment the more weight they will be given. All comments should go to: NETV

P.O. Box 83111 Lincoln, NE 68501 Tel: 402-472-3611

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** I strongly encourage each of you to write or call Gene Bunge at Nebraska Education Television as soon as possible to express your support for NETV again carrying *In The Life* and other Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Transgender programming.

## ICE BOWL '95 ACTIVITIES

The 1995 Ice Bowl Fund Raising Committee was kept busy during the past month with two major events - the production of an Ice Bowl Benefit Show at DC's on June 26 and the mulling of the bar, bake sale, and food concessions for the Imperial Court of Nebraska at their July 2 Picnic. A big thank you goes out to show director Jeff Flores, (who played Mrs. Quee plus four other characters), and her Ice Princesses who performed at DC's. Entertainers included Empress and Emperor XIV, co-hostess Eva Davis, and many other Omaha Impersonation luminaries. Combined efforts raised over \$390.00 for the 1995 Ice Bowl Prize Fund. Thank yous go to Dan and Charley for the use of their space, D.J. and staff. Steve Koeller provided a grand winter-like set and decorations. A great time was had by all at the sunny ICON July Picnic at Vennelyst Park. Dick Brown's outstanding Bake Sale booth raised \$112.00 by selling made-from-scratch goodies. Scott Rezek, Gary, and Duane manned the bar and raised \$234.00 including their tips. Budda organized the food kitchen with the help of Tim, Jeff, and Kevin. Special thanks go to Gary West for his continued support of all Omaha organizations. Omaha is a city of great fund-raising support and event networking. The 1995 Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament Exec. Committee thanks all who contribute financially and give their help.

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## SNAP ANNOUNCES FALL PRODUCTION: *LIPS TOGETHER, TEETH APART*

Terrence McNally's recent Broadway hit, *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, has been chosen as SNAP's latest offering. Slated for production September 17-20 and 25-27, this touchingly funny comedy will be staged at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 11th and Jackson Streets in Omaha's historic Old Market. Opening night tickets are \$30 and include a patron reception immediately following the performance. Tickets for all other performances are \$20 and can be obtained by calling the Firehouse at (402) 346-8833. All proceeds benefit the programs of the Nebraska AIDS Project.

As one of the best of modern American playwrights, Terrence McNally has a string of Broadway hits (*The Rink, The Lisbon Traviata, The Ritz, and Frank & Johnny in the Clair de Lune* to name just a few) as well as a number of distinctive awards (two Guggenheim Fellowships, a Rockefeller grant, and a citation from the American Academy of Arts and Letters) to his name. *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* is one of his best - funny, fascinating, and amazingly empathic.

The plot revolves around two inter-related married couples spending the Fourth of July together at a beautiful beach house on Fire Island. Uneasy with themselves and each other, they're also incredibly uneasy in their new environment - surrounded by gay neighbors on all sides and vacationing at the home inherited by one of the women from a brother who recently died of AIDS. McNally manages to make the hopes, fears, and foibles of his characters endearing and humorous despite their obvious failings. Frank Rich of the *New York Times* called *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* "the one new American play that must be seen."

SNAP (Support Nebraska AIDS Project) is very excited about *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* because it represents a point of view heretofore unexplored in previous productions. In addition, it offers four equally weighted acting opportunities for two men and two women. The cast includes four Omaha Theatre veterans and SNAP newcomers - Brenda Kelly, Terry Berner, Angela Ankenbaur, and Earl E. Bates. The play is being directed by M. Michele Phillips and produced in cooperation with the SNAP Steering Committee, David Catalan, Executive Producer.

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## LINCOLN AIDS HEALING SERVICE TO BE FIRST TUESDAYS

As a result of a meeting for persons interested in the Lincoln HIV/AIDS Healing Worship Services, the monthly Healing Service will now be held on the first Tuesday of each month. From September through December 1994, the AIDS Healing Worship Service will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1345 South 16th Street, in Lincoln at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. During that time, the Urban Ministries Committee of the Lincoln Interfaith Council will be looking at the possibility of a permanent location for the service. Responsibilities for planning and leading the monthly worship service will be shared. The schedule for AIDS Healing Worship Service leaders is:

**Tuesday Sept. 6** — Rev. Dr. Robert Kunz, First Christian Church  
**Tuesday Oct. 4** — The Rev. Murray Schmechel, Aldersgate UMC  
**Tuesday Nov 1** — The Rev. Richard Scheerer, Vine Congregational UCC  
**Tuesday Dec. 6** — Father Don Hanway, St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal

Strong support was given to the need for personal commitments to attend these services so as to provide a *continuing congregation* of supporters. Persons with HIV need to be able to expect that many of the *same congregational members will be present each time* — to build trust and develop friendships, which are integral elements in the healing process.

There was also strong affirmation to continue these as *Christian ecumenical healing services, with the laying-on-of-hands liturgy*. Christianity has a long history of healing services within its traditions, and this type of worship is a special *gift* from the Christian community to those who wish to accept it. Different *gifts* from other religious traditions could be offered via the Urban Ministries Division of the Lincoln Interfaith Council for consideration. To be "inter-faith" does not mean that the Lincoln Interfaith Council has to deny the uniqueness of its individual members.

Anyone wishing to express further comments on these guidelines may do so by calling (402) 474-3017 and asking to appear on the Agenda of an Urban Ministries Committee meeting. This committee meets on the 2nd Thursdays at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. James Cooke is chairperson.

## LYNN LAVNER AT JOSELYN

Omaha audiences have a treat in store when Women of the Plains, Inc. brings Lynn Lavner, "America's most politically-incorrect entertainer, to the Joselyn on Saturday, October 29. The quick-witted Lavner stands five feet tall and performs in black leather with her original music and comedy.

In a world where "going mainstream" has become the end of the rainbow for many performers, Lynn Lavner happily remains a minority of one. While her act is gay in content, her appearance is aimed at a playful parody of stereotypes and her material is universally appreciated by anyone, both men and women with an open sense of humor. This Brooklyn native served her apprenticeship in the piano bars of Greenwich Village. She made her debut at the Duplex, to glowing reviews and a description as a "pint-sized Tom Lehrer" with such songs as *Shelly, You've Gone Nelly on Me*. Appearances followed across the United States and Europe with several albums for Bent Records.

A crossover act, Lavner performs at events as diverse as the 25th anniversary of the National Organization for Women and twice emceed International Mr. Leather. Her irreverent wit serves her well at Pride celebrations, political and AIDS fund raisers, women's festivals, college campuses and special events throughout America and abroad. She received the 1992 Christopher Street West Award for extraordinary creativity in gay/lesbian music and entertainment.

Tickets for Lavner's 8 p.m. concert at \$15.00 each and will be on sale at New Realities, 1026 Howard in the Old Market, Trick's Public House, 1019 S. 10th, and the Albino Rhino, 101 North 14th Street in Lincoln, or by mail from Women of the Plains, Inc., P.O. Box 24355, Omaha, NE 68124-0355 (include either 50¢ postage and handling or a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

## PRAYER SHARE CARE CIRCLES

The Prayer Share Care Circles are a ministry of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha which offer an a heightened sense of community, and continued spiritual growth. These group meet every other week in private homes and are open to any interested individuals. New participants are welcome at any time. For more information, contact the church at 345-2563 or contact the group leader directly. Available groups are: Monday Circle: Will meet September 5 & 19, October 3, 17, & 31 at 3101 Webster. Contact Tom Bertino at 345-8948. Thursday Circle: Will meet September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20 at 6510 Charles. Contact R.N. Hedges at 556-1769. Sunday Circle: Will meet September 4 & 18, October 2, 16, & 30 in Lincoln. Contact Ron Mindt at 477-3215.

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# HGRA LASSOS 1996 IGRA CONVENTION

By Patrick Williams

Omaha and the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will have the honor of hosting the 1996 International Gay Rodeo Association Convention and Dance Finals Competition. Eleven members of the HGRA traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas July 29-31 to attend this year's convention. The delegation, led by Charley Wade, IGRA Trustee, and Dan Johnson, HGRA President, attended business meetings as well as making a bid presentation for the '96 convention. Members also attended the IGRA Dance Competition Finals where we were entertained by numerous talented dancers, as well as various entertainers from IGRA and its member associations. On Friday evening, our Association hosted a hospitality suite for those attending the convention.

Other destinations in July for HGRA members included the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in Denver and the North Star Regional Rodeo in Minneapolis/St. Paul. At these rodeos we had members compete in chute dogging, steer & bull riding, calf roping on foot, steer decorating, goat dressing, and the wild drag race.

Road trips in August were to Wichita for the Great Plains Regional Rodeo and to Kansas City to do a benefit show for the Missouri Gay Rodeo Association's Labor Day Weekend Rodeo. HGRA will have a large contingent attending this Great Plains Regional Rodeo in Kansas City. D.C.'s Saloon and HGRA are each sponsoring a buckle. These are awarded to the top cowboy and cowgirl in each event.

HGRA royalty are winding up our one year reign with a series of events leading up to the Mr./Ms/Miss HGRA contest November 19. On September 17, we travel to Des Moines to do a promo for our Steppin' Down Show on November 12 and to meet with prospective candidates to discuss what exactly is involved for both the contestants and winners. Sun., Oct. 9, we will conduct a similar meeting in Omaha to be followed by the "Off to Denver" show at D.C.'s. The weekend of Oct. 22, yours truly, Patrick Williams, goes to Denver to represent the Heartland at the Mr. IGRA competition during the IGRA Finals Rodeo weekend.

September meetings will be Sat., Sept. 10 at D.C.'s, the Board of Directors at 4:00, general membership at 6:00.

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## ANGLE'S RECOGNITION DINNER 1994: A GAYLA AFFAIR

by Stan Brown

Nomination Forms are still available throughout the community at all the bars, MCC, NAP, Umty House, New Realities, or by calling the Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line (558-5303) and requesting a copy sent to you. The deadline for nominations to be turned in is Tuesday, September 6, and can be sent to ANGLE at PO Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131 or given to me, Stan Brown, at ICON's Labor Day Picnic on Mon., Sept. 5, or before our monthly meeting on Tues., Sept. 6.

If you know of someone who makes a major contribution through their community service as an individual, a business, or organization, please nominate that individual or group. Also, Individual Personal Achievement will be recognized from those who have made an outstanding personal accomplishment which reflects positively on the community.

Our GAYLA evening on Fri., Oct. 21, will be ANGLE's 4th Annual Recognition Dinner and Dance, starting with a social hour with cash bar from 6:00-7:00pm; dinner at 7:00; a speaker, a performance from the River City Mixed Chorus, and the Recognition Awards from 8:30-9:30; and finally dancing to live music from 9:30-12:00. The location and ticket price will be announced in next month's issue of *The New Voice*. Tickets will be available soon at many of the community events around town or by calling the Gay and Lesbian Information Line and ask for Stan to return your call.

## TRANSGENDER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CEDAR RAPIDS FALL HARVEST 1994 NOV 17-20

Fall Harvest for 1994 will be held November 17-20 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the Sheraton Inn. It will be divided into four tracks, each oriented toward a specific area of interest. The tracks are:

The New Girl - self improvement for the cross-dresser who is just coming out.

The Active Crossdresser - for the crossdresser who wants to learn more about her feminine side and to best present herself.

The New Woman - for the transsexual who is considering this or those who are unsure.

Partners and Significant Others - for spouses and friends to share experiences, ask questions and learn from others.

Concessions will be open during the weekend, including a beauty salon, a clothes and accessories boutique, and a professional photographer. Registration fees include Thursday pizza party, Lunch Friday and Saturday, Friday night dinner, and Saturday banquet. Cost: Before Sept. 15

\$125	Sept 15 - Nov. 10	\$150
	Partners/SO	\$ 85
	Saturday only	\$ 70
	Sunday Brunch	\$ 11
	Room reservations	\$55/day for up to two people.

For room reservations call (319) 366-8671, mention Fall Harvest. Brochures and further information are available at RCGA meetings or by writing: Fall Harvest '94, c/o Iowa Artistry, PO Box 75, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0075.

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## RICHENBERG SPEAKS TO LUTHERANS

by RJ

In August Lutherans Concerned held a special speaker, Captain Rich Richenberg, USAF, giving an account of his "coming out" in the USAF. His case is now pending.

Captain Richenberg is fighting to stay in the Air Force. Being quiet simply does not work. It is living a lie, and living a lie is not what being an officer is all about.

Captain Richenberg only came out about 2 years ago. He is now 35. His father is a 20 year veteran of the Air Force. Captain Richenberg credits the understanding his family has to him to those 20 years when, as an AF family, they lived almost everywhere and had many different kinds of people and cultures around them, constantly.

Yes, his family is very supporting and understanding. And, surprisingly, Captain Richenberg's co-workers are also very understanding. The trouble is the Brass, who seem to act more like the last three letters, and the "Brass" seems to be in their skivvies more than anywhere else.

But here is a top rated Captain, specially trained in electronic warfare at a cost of thousands of tax dollars. The Captain, who has an outstanding record, is now judged by Air Force Brass as a misfit just because of his sexual orientation. Nothing has changed. He is still the same, outstanding, exemplary officer. He has done nothing to shame the Air Force. Yet, now that the Brass knows he is a "faggot," that he is "one of those queers" they want him out.

So Captain Richenberg is facing a General Discharge. He is on a desk job, pushing paper. His training that has cost us thousands of dollars is going to waste.

How can we help Captain Richenberg? By taking a page out of the Far Right's (wrong, sick, real sick) book. Write those letters to Senator Kerrey, to Senator Exon (a waste of time), to the Secretary of the Air Force, the Secretary of Defense, and especially to President Clinton, reminding him of his promises that he crayfished out of. Even write Ann Landers and Dear Abby! But Write! We are the voters! And in numbers is strength!

Also a Legal Defense Fund has been started at the Southwest Bank. Or send donations to Linda Richenberg (Captain Richenberg's sister and family spokesperson) 3647 California, Omaha, 68131.

It was a good evening. It gave others a chance to see what Bovine feces the top military brass can dish out. Harry asked Captain Richenberg if an article like this would hurt him. Harry was assured it would not. I also asked several times and was assured it would not. Comments on the Brass are mine and I'm no longer in the military.

Don't miss the next meeting. A special movie will be shown, as well as other agenda items. Lutherans Concerned meets the first Sunday of each month at the First Lutheran Church at 31st and Jackson.

## GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS GROUP MEETS

The Gay and Lesbian Parents Group (GALP) has had a busy, fast summer. The group has gone to the zoo, taken part in the Pride Parade, and continued to meet monthly at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month and are open to anyone. For more information, contact Dave at 556-1819.

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Enter the **Basketball free-throw contest** and win fabulous prizes.

Pay tribute to **GLBT businesses and organization booth exhibits** or rent your own booth space (\$50 per booth space!)

Check out the community sponsored **Silent Auction** — and bid on items like: an autographed Melissa Etheridge guitar, original paintings from gay and lesbian artists, platinum records and CD's donated in the name of NCOD '94 from artists like the Indigo Girls and many more.

Enter yourself in the **NCOD '94 Hall of Fame** by sending a color, (vertical) 3x5 photo of yourself or members of your organization, with your names to the address below (entries accepted through October 1, 1994). Your photos will be mounted in the NCOD Hall of Fame gallery.

Listen to the open microphone segment from **Nebraska politicians** about GLBT legislative issues that affect us personally.

Come for the entire celebration! The festivities will begin at 3:00 p.m., last all day... and commence with an evening dance from 8:00 to Midnight! **The first GLBT dance at the Civic Auditorium!** Cocktails and food will be available — so bring your **LD's**. *Don't You Dare Miss It!* This is a day for everyone to come out and celebrate. **Don't miss this opportunity. Bring your friends to town...tell everyone you know...ask your "Straight but not Narrow" friends to come.**

There is a \$2 cover from 3:00-8:00 p.m.; \$6 dance cover from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight.

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For more information: Contact CFEP Public Relations Director, M.J. McBride at 558-7583 or send correspondence/inquiries to: 1818 Twin Ridge Blvd., Omaha, NE 68105. NCOD '94 is looking for donated items with a \$10 - \$1,000 value for the Silent Auction. Please contact us if you have an item. We'll donate it in the name of your choice...and we'll gladly pick it up at your convenience.

## NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

By David Hansen, Emperor XIV &  
Steve Williamson, Prince Royal XIV

Well, guys and gals, break out your knee pads and get your throwing arms ready! Yes, ICON is sponsoring another picnic, **Monday, September 5**, at Vernet Park — the yearly Labor Day Picnic. \$7.00 will get you in the gate, and you must have ID (unless you, of course, look as old as we do, but you'll still need it — state law...) "What will my \$7.00 get me?" you ask. Well, for starters, **all the Beer and Soda you can drink** and, yes, there will be Diet Pop for those of you who didn't get any at the last picnic. There will be plenty at this one. **Games** — oh, my heavens, yes — what would a picnic be without games. We'll have the Egg Toss, Balloon Toss, Horseshoes, Volleyball, and everybody's favorite, the Drag Races. Let's see who can throw on a face, dress, wig, and hose the fastest (Let's not forget the pumps to match!). **A good time** is going to be had by all. Now is the time to ask yourself, "Do I really want to miss all this fun?" The answer is NO! The park is located at 9100 N. 31st in Omaha. There will also be **food available**, and also a **cash bar** will be provided for those of you who can't stomach beer. Sorry, **no Pets**. There will be **raffles** throughout the day for a variety of prizes, so buy your tickets from an ICON Board member. You'll know who they are. They will be the ones with all the tickets hounding you to purchase a ticket to help support P.W.A., so buy, buy, buy — the more you buy, the better your chance of winning. As usual, the proceeds from Labor Day Fund-raising goes to the P.W.A. Assistance Fund, so be generous.

Just when you thought it was safe to go home after the picnic, you can bring yourself to The MAX for the annual **Meatpackers and Packettes Show**, hosted by the very beautiful Velvet, and his Royal Meatiest, Don Flowers. ICON will raffle off the \$500 TWA Flight Voucher, the Photo Shoot, and the Print during the show so bring plenty of cash along Monday night so you can stock up on raffle tickets and support the ALWAYS fabulous Meatpackers AUCTION, Fun & Fundraising — that's what these Labor Day Festivities are all about! The show will start at 9pm, and will include such talents as **The Babes Behind Bars**, and many more of your favorites, so please come on down and help support the P.W.A. Assistance Fund. The picnic starts at noon and will run until 5pm, then the show runs from 9pm until the cows come home!

The Board of Governors of ICON would like to congratulate Steve Koeller, elected to the Board of Governors, and to Carla Petersen for being appointed Treasurer. Congratulations to you both.

Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino just returned from Colorado Springs with a Key to the city. Go Girl! (My luck, the minute they handed me a key, they'd change the lock!)

Also, mark your calendars for **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**, November 13, and **TOYS FOR TOTS**, December 4 — two really good shows for two really good causes.

Remember, Labor Day, Sept. 5th, noon-5pm, \$7.00, all the fun you can pack into a 5 hour time slot and still be donating to a good cause all at once.

Until next time, go shopping!

## INFORMATION/ SAGE

By Sandy Vopalka

Information/SAGE is now celebrating its first year. Basic things are the same. The Intergenerational Coffee House is available from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. each second Saturday of each month. There is a new part of the coffee house. At 7:15 videos are now being shown. The videos are on topics dealing with women or lesbian issues. This new selection is a success.

The yearly honors potluck was a big hit. People from Eastern Iowa were contacting Information/SAGE for details, thanks to someone in New York sending out a Sagenet. Plans for next year's event are already underway. Things in Nebraska are going well.

Besides working on the monthly coffee house and yearly honors potluck, I have found myself busy this summer getting things in place to start my research for my qualitative thesis. I will be interviewing lesbians and gays 50 years old and older who live in the Midwest. A study exactly like this one has not been done before.

For details on the research or about the coffee house, please write to: SAGE, P.O. Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043. Or call (402) 488-4178. If the message on the recording talks about the "Society of Friends," you have the right number.

## GAY, LESBIAN, AND AFFIRMING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

GLAD Nebraska is a part of the GLAD (Gay Lesbian and Affirming Disciples) Alliance which welcomes all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and affirming laity clergy, and friends from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) churches throughout the U.S. and Canada. We have an irregular meeting schedule so please call 553-2386 if you're interested in meeting us!

## RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE RESUMES PLAY

September means that the kids are back in school, the leaves are turning color, the goldenrod is in bloom, and the bowlers have returned to SkyLanes Bowling Center. Sunday afternoons at 3pm you will find the lanes filled with bowlers who range from the most competitive and most skilled to those who are satisfied if the ball stays on the alley long enough to get to the pins. The enthusiasm and the camaraderie are unmatched. The burning question on the lips of all the bowlers is whether Ernie's Bookstore can repeat their home stretch win of last season when they edged out City Lickers during the last few weeks of competition. The second most burning question is what will the team name be now that Ernie's has closed? Check it out in next month's *New Voice*.

## LINCOLN TO HOST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

Nebraska's first statewide G/L/B/T community organizing/leadership training conference will take place September 10 & 11 in Lincoln, and will feature workshops by national and regional experts. Confirmed presenters include: Robert Bray and Scot Nakagawa from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Fight the Right Project; Marcy Westerling, director and founder of Oregon's Rural Organizing Project, and Alexa Bradley, co-chair of It's Time Minnesota, the campaign that succeeded in getting a comprehensive civil rights bill passed in Minnesota. The conference is open to anyone. If you're interested in learning more, or would like to receive registration materials, call Rich at 402-341-1371 (Omaha), or Andy at 402-477-3336 (Lincoln).

## DROP IN CENTER

The Drop In/Outreach Center, located at 1723 Leavenworth in Omaha, will be open September 2, 16, and 30. You can stop by to be tested, pick up some condoms, meet the volunteers, or simply have a refreshment, like coffee or a soda. There are staff to answer your questions. We are open from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. FEEL FREE TO STOP BY WHILE WE'RE OPEN.

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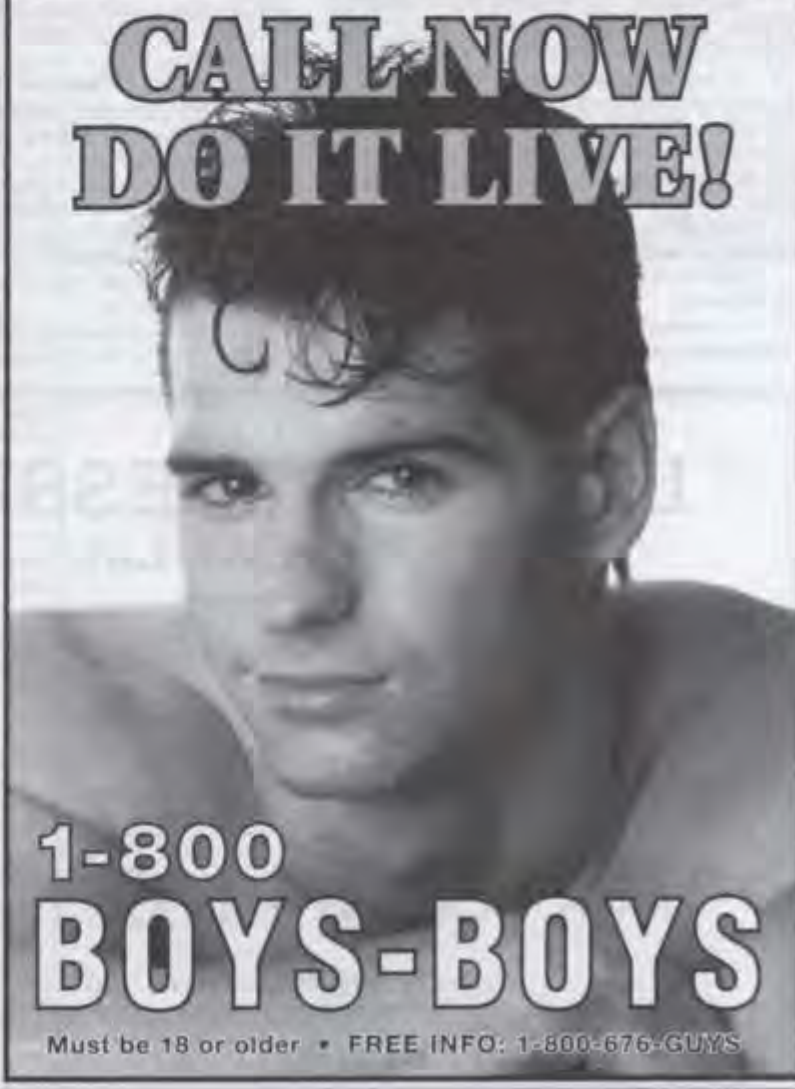


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# EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW

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A few months back, a small group of people got together to discuss their concerns about the alarming number of crimes motivated by hatred in Nebraska. Out of that meeting, *Equality Before the Law* was formed.

At that first meeting one incident in particular, the New Year's Eve murder of three young people in Southeastern Nebraska, was at the forefront of discussion. Teena Brandon, who went by the name Brandon Teena, was a Lincoln, Nebraska native who had made a new home in Falls City. Though Brandon's body was physically female, she felt as though she were truly male. True to her feelings, she was living as a man in Falls City. Many local people felt that this was a lie on Brandon's part, but any doctor specializing in gender identity would have advised Brandon to do the same.

Rumors began to spread that Brandon was physically a woman. Two men, who for some reason felt particularly threatened by Brandon's identity, acted out their fear in a brutal, ruthless manner. They kidnapped Brandon, beat her, and raped her. They locked Brandon in a bathroom with orders to clean herself up, and a warning that if she went to the police, they would kill her.

Brandon escaped out a window, and went to the police, who were more curious about Brandon's identity than the crimes that had been committed against her (*Lincoln Journal*, Jan. 5, 1994, p.1). The police took no action against the men Brandon accused of raping her.

Upon learning that Brandon had reported the incident, the two men hunted her down. They found her at the home of a friend near Humboldt. They broke into the home and killed Brandon by shooting her in the back of the head, and stabbing her repeatedly. They also killed a black man who had been dating the sister of Brandon's girlfriend, and the woman who was letting them stay in her home.

Three basic sentiments prevailed at that first meeting as we discussed this horrifying incident:

\**Nobody* deserves to die for being perceived as "different."

\*A woman who does not conform to the "traditional woman's role" does *not* deserve to be

beaten, raped, or killed.

\**Everyone* deserves the protection of the law.

Thus, *Equality Before the Law* came into being. *Equality Before the Law* takes its name from the official state motto of Nebraska. It means that Nebraskans value equality above all else, and that Nebraska law should ensure the equality and protect the individualism of all Nebraskans. Equality cannot exist unless everyone is included. If equality doesn't exist, then our motto is meaningless. *Equality Before the Law* is an ad hoc coalition of individuals and organizations concerned about hate crimes in Nebraska. We are founded on the fundamental principle that *we all have the right to live our lives without fear of being victimized for who we are.*

A hate crime is one committed against a person solely because that person is perceived as "different" in some way. A person can become the victim of a hate crime due to his or her ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, age, physical or mental disability, or, as in the case of Teena Brandon, gender identity. Hate crimes differ from other crimes in that they are motivated by ignorance, fear, bigotry and hatred of the victim. Any one of us could be the victim of a random crime - a robbery, mugging, or carjacking, for example - but Teena Brandon was at greater risk simply because *who she was made her a target.* That's reality for many Nebraskans. If we can decrease that risk, Nebraska will become a safer place for everyone. That's why hate crimes legislation should be important to all of us.

As of 1993, 20 states, the District of Columbia, and eleven cities and counties had enacted hate crimes legislation. Typical components of hate crimes legislation are provisions for law enforcement training in identifying, responding to, and reporting such offenses; the maintenance of a central registry for the collection and analysis of hate crimes; definitions of hate crimes; and the provision for some type of civil action for the victims of the crime.

The goals of *Equality Before the Law* are:

1. Support the passage of hate crimes

legislation in the Nebraska legislature during the 1995 session.

2. Raise awareness of the Teena Brandon murder case and other hate crimes in Nebraska, and educate the community about the need for hate crimes legislation.

3. Call for an investigation into the conduct of the Richardson County Sheriff. Sheriff Charles Laux made statements to Brandon's sister such as, "What kind of a sister did you have?" (*Lincoln Journal*, Jan. 5, 1994, p. 1). These statements and the fact that the men Brandon accused of raping her both had previous criminal records (*Lincoln Journal*, Jan. 3, 1994, p. 8) suggest that Sheriff Laux may have had a personal bias that prevented him from performing his duty as sheriff. His failure to act promptly may constitute a violation of Brandon's civil rights.

In calling for an investigation into the sheriff's conduct, we are not in any way making an accusation of criminal conduct on the part of Sheriff Laux. We are only expressing our desire to *find out* if the law came through for a victim of a horrible crime.

A rally and candlelight vigil is scheduled for Monday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. We will gather on the west steps of the Capitol where community members will speak about how hate crimes have affected them in Nebraska. We will then light our candles and walk to the old Federal Building at 10th and "O" Streets where a vigil will be held in memory of victims of hate crimes. We are asking that you plan to attend the rally and vigil on October 10th.

In addition, we also ask that you consider contributing \$20.00 to help us defray postage, copying, and rally/vigil expenses. As we are an ad hoc coalition of groups, we have limited funds. Checks may be made payable to *Equality Before the Law*.

For more information, contact Matthew Govig, Coordinator, *Equality Before the Law* (402) 477-3336 (Lincoln); Colleen Hughes, Treasurer (402) 477-1226 (Lincoln); or Rich Ketter, Representative (402) 341-1371 (Omaha).

## CORNSHAULERS INVITE YOU TO CORNBALL '94

The Cornshaulers Leather & Levi Club invites you to its 18th Annual Run, Cornball '94, which will be held September 16 - 18 in Des Moines. For more information on cost and the schedule of events, contact Jim Sterba at (515) 226-8711.

## DIFFERENT REALITIES BULLETIN BOARD

This new Omaha area computer bulletin board for gay, lesbian, and transgendered people, is growing and attracting new sisters and brothers. It is providing an information resource and contains much transgender information, provides a means of passing information (private and public) between people, provides outreach, and is allowing community organizations to network and work with each other.

About eight or nine sisters are one it along with many supportive people. So if you have a computer and modem, log on and you may have a lot of fun, pick up some good information, and meet some new interesting people. The modem phone number is (402) 345-8381.

-The Transformer

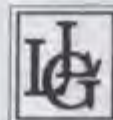
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# RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## \*\*\*\*\*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) 640 N 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. Meets Thursdays 6-7:30pm, at  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16.

**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/visit: Stan  
Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

**National Org. for Women (NOW)** - 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-  
FFLAG)**, 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.

**Star City Lines**, Box 21903, Lincoln, NE 68502,  
(402) 483-5251, Leather club, Educational

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr**, Rm 234 Nebr  
Union, UNL, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644  
Social, info, referral, library, Support grp Wed  
7:30pm during school year

**The Wimm'n's Show**, 12:30pm Sunday, KZLW,  
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 Dxor, 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, Sat. 4:30pm

**A.N.G.L.E.** (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeav-  
ors), Box 31375, **Omaha** 68131 558-5303,  
Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE

**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, and transgender  
communities. Access by modem at (402) 345-  
8381 using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours/day at 2400  
baud. Sponsored by River City Gender Alliance.

**EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Assoc. of Gays &  
Lesbians. US WEST. Contact R. Worman, 1299  
Farnam, 3th Floor, **Omaha** 68102.

**Frontrunners/walkers**, Box 4583, **O maha**  
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,  
819 S. 22nd, 345-2563 Tuesdays 7:30pm.

**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 Community Church of Omaha**,  
345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103,  
Services: 819 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

**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's & 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.

**Overeaters Anonymous** Lambda Plush, Wed  
7:30pm *Family & Friends* 3040 N 102, **Omaha**

**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 younger admirers. Meet 3rd  
Sunday, 4pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N.  
Happy Hollow, Info: (402) 493-5415 or write:  
11516 Burt St. #E-13, **Omaha**, 68154

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

**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 680, Council  
Bluffs, IA 51502. For crossdressers, transsexuals,  
those wishing to know more. All orientations  
welcome. Newsletter, Meets monthly, **Omaha**.

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

**Seventh Day Adventist Kinship Inc**, Support  
Info for Les/Gay College Students 339-6682,  
**Omaha** or 800-4-GAY-SDA

**UNO Gay and Lesbian Student Org (GLSO)**  
Membership open to UNO students, Students  
from all colleges invited to participate, contact  
president Suzette 558-8697 or the UNO Office  
of Student Activities 554-2717

**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 Invitational Bowling Tournament**,  
Box 3622, **Omaha** 68103-0622

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, **Omaha**  
68102 Org for advancement of Gay/Lesbian  
society. 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

We will be doing a major  
update on the resource  
directory in the near fu-  
ture. Please check your  
group's listing.

# CALENDAR of Regularly Scheduled Events

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563. Children's Christian Ed. 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

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

Grand Island AA Open Meeting 12noon, (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, 3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, 7-9:30pm

### TUESDAY

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 345-2563, 7:30pm.

### WEDNESDAY

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

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 6pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th, Contact Women's Center 472-2597 for more info

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, "Stonewall" Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

BiSexual Discussion Group, The Mill, 800 "P", Lincoln, 7:30pm, Info: Contact Erica 489-2024

Lambda Plush Overeaters Anon, 7:30pm, Family & Friends, 3040 N. 102, Omaha

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Meeting, Lincoln, 7:30pm, Nebr Union, Room 234

### THURSDAY

HIV Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth Omaha 7-9:30pm

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, \*\*\*"An Alternative" Gay Men's Stag Group, 7pm, MCC O., 819 S. 22, 455-7916  
\*\*\*"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

Every Other Fri., Outreach Cntr, HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenwrth, Omaha, 10pm-2am

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

### SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/Info for callers 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

**Please Check Your Group's Listing and notify The New Voice of any discrepancies. Call 556-9907 or write to: NVN, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103**

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### First SUNDAY

6pm Evening Worship, MCC-Omaha 819 S. 22 345-2563

Lutherans Concerned, First Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

### First MONDAY

Bi-PALS (BiSexual People, Alternate Life Styles), Cornerstone, 640 N 16, Lincoln 7:30pm

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, Call Barb (308) 234-8183

### 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 1345 S. 16, Lincoln, 7pm

### First THURSDAY

Citizens for Equal Protection 7pm 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Omaha

G/L Resource Ctr Mtg., Rm 342 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

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

### First SATURDAY

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc., 6pm, DC's, Omaha

Coalition Drop In Social, 7-10pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

### Second MONDAY

Note Change: ICON Board of Gov., 6:30pm, The MAX, Omaha

AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, Omaha

### Second TUESDAY

Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln

P-FLAG Omaha Board, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Library

### Second THURSDAY

Grand Island Support Group, GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call: (308) 534-7820

PFLAG-Omaha, 7pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodist Church 7020 Cass 291-6781

### Second SATURDAY

Omaha Players Club, Workshop 2-5pm, Play Party 8pm, 451-7987

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

### Second SATURDAY(continued)

INFORMATION/SAGE Intergenerational Coffee House: open to everyone. 4pm-9pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, (402) 488-4178

### Second SUNDAY

New Voice Steering Committee, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 1pm

GLAGN (Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr.) Board mtg, 1-3pm,

The Male Space, Discussion, 1pm, 3221 "W" St., Lincoln. Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

### Third TUESDAY

Lincoln NOW(Nat'l Organization of Women), 7pm, The Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, Info: 477-1226

Coalition for G/L Civil Rts, Corner Stone, 640 N 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, (308) 381-5175

### Third SATURDAY

Deacon's Coffee House, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-10 p.m., Admission \$1 or Can of food

### 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

### Fourth TUESDAY

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7pm, 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) 534-7820

### 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

# CALENDAR of September Special Events

## FRIDAY, September 2

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

## SUNDAY, September 4

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, Lincoln, 7pm. Call Ron Mindt at 477-3215 for info

## MONDAY, September 5

Labor Day Picnic, sponsored by The Imperial Court of Nebraska, 12noon-5pm, \$7 admission includes free beer/pop. Also available, cash bar & food for sale. Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31, Omaha, Benefits PWA Assistance Fund

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

"MeatPackers PWA Benefit Show" featuring Omaha MeatPackers, the Packettes, the Babes Behind Bars, Don Flowers and Velvet. Proceeds to PWA Assistance Fund. The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

"24 hours of Labor Day Festivities" Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Rd, Lincoln, 10pm

## TUESDAY, September 6

HIV/AIDS Healing Worship Service, Trinity United Methodist Church, 1345 S. 16th, Lincoln. Rev. Dr. Robert Kunz of 1st Christian Church of Lincoln presiding

## THURSDAY, September 8

HUGE A.C.E. Garage Sale, 1007 S. 37th, Omaha. Proceeds benefit ACE Unity House, 9am to 6pm. Donations welcome. call 345-1992

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

## FRIDAY, September 9

A.C.E. Garage Sale, 1007 S. 37th, Omaha. Proceeds benefit ACE Unity House, 9am to 6pm

## SATURDAY, September 10

Deadline for October Issue of *The New Voice*

A.C.E. Garage Sale, 1007 S. 37th, Omaha. Proceeds benefit ACE Unity House, 9am to 6pm

"FORWARD TO FREEDOM" Statewide Leadership/Coalition Building/Activist Training Conference, Lincoln. Info call Rich at 341-1371 (Omaha), Andy 477-3336 (Lincoln)

Omaha Players Club Workshop "Temperature and Fire Play", 2-5pm; Play Party "OPC Goes Back to School - Nuns, Rulers, Coaches" Call 451-7987 for details

## SUNDAY, September 11

"FORWARD TO FREEDOM" Statewide Leadership/Coalition Building/Activist Training Conference, Lincoln. Info call Rich at 341-1371 (Omaha), Andy 477-3336 (Lincoln)

## FRIDAY, September 16

Cornball '94, 18th Anniversary Run of Cornhaulers L & I. Club, Des Moines, for info call Jim Sterba 515-226-8711

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

## SATURDAY, September 17

SNAP Productions presents *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 11th & Jackson, Omaha. 346-8833. Opening night tickets \$30 include patron reception following performance. Benefits Nebraska AIDS Project.

## SUNDAY, September 18

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, Lincoln, 7pm. Call Ron Mindt at 477-3215 for info.

SNAP Productions presents *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 11th & Jackson, Omaha. Tickets: \$20. 346-8833. Proceeds benefit Nebraska AIDS Project.

Mr. Club 2001, Troy, hosts a Star-Full-Stage, 10pm, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

## MONDAY, September 19

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

SNAP Productions *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 11th & Jackson, Omaha. Tickets: \$20 346-8833. Benefits NAP

## TUESDAY, September 20

SNAP Productions *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 11th & Jackson, Omaha. Tickets: \$20 346-8833. Benefits NAP

## THURSDAY, September 22

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

## FRIDAY, September 23

"EXCEL of the Midlands", Weekend Spiritual Retreat, Call MCC-Omaha 345-2563

## SATURDAY, September 24

"EXCEL of the Midlands", Weekend Spiritual Retreat, Call MCC-Omaha 345-2563

## SATURDAY, September 24 (continued)

1994 "Spike-AIDS" Sand Volleyball Tournament, at McCormick's Volleyball Beach, 4428 S. 140 St., Omaha, call ACE Unity House for information 345-1992

## SUNDAY, September 25

"EXCEL of the Midlands", Weekend Spiritual Retreat, Call MCC-Omaha 345-2563

SNAP Productions "Lips Together, Teeth Apart", Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 11 & Jackson, Omaha

Football, the Omaha Gals vs. the Lincoln Gals, 3pm, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

## MONDAY, September 26

SNAP Productions *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 11 & Jackson, Omaha

## TUESDAY, September 27

SNAP Productions *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 11 & Jackson, Omaha

## WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE NEW VOICE?

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### Omaha:

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Nebraska AIDS Project  
New Realities  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays  
The Run  
St. Mary's Tan  
Trick's Public House

### Council Bluffs:

Adult Emporium

### Lincoln:

Club 2001  
Nebraska Book Store  
The Panic  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays  
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UNI, Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Women's Resource Center

### Imperial:

Phil's Fun Stuff

### Kearney:

GLAGN  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays

### Des Moines:

Blazing Saddle  
Garden Night Club  
Club 508  
D & M's

### Sioux City:

Metropolitan Community Church  
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## Bars & Restaurants

### Des Moines (A.C. 515)

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St.,  
246-1299  
Garden Night Club 112 SE 4th St.,  
243-3965  
Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508  
The D & M 424 E Locust St., 243-9629

### Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys,  
342-1244  
DC's 610 S. 14th, 344-3103  
The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595  
Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,  
449-9147  
The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110  
The New Run 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703  
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Webster describes Cabaret as a restaurant that provides singing and dancing. Cabaret Productions' presentation of *Forever Plaid* at Frankie Paynes was this and more. Plenty of real good, enjoyable comedy with a serious and intensely emotional side as well. Go back, if you will, 30 years ago to 1964. A band of four guys, a harmonizing group, (not the best) is broadsided by a school bus full of parochial virgins. Now it is 30 years later, 1994. The dudes have been in Limbo all this time. And now they have a brief - very brief - night to strut their stuff. They go through a medley of 29 songs. Harmonizing was great and the props went from zany to sobering. From *Catch a Falling Star* through *Chain Gang*, from *Day-O* through to *Sing to Me, Mr. C.*, from *Sixteen Tons* (we all remember good Ol' Ernie, don't we?) through *Three Coins in a Fountain*, this group had the audience in stitches.

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intense. They had to go back. But, Wait! They had earned their Plaid Jackets! They closed with *Love is a Many Splendored Thing*. The crowd went wild. The group received a standing ovation. Folks, this you gotta see. It isn't just good - it's excellent. It has everything. I just don't know of a better way to spend an evening. The four guys, the bass, and the keyboard are all local Nebraskans. I'll bet you never knew Nebraska had such outstanding talent. The first time they all had worked together was 3 weeks ago, but working hard six days a week, they pulled off a show that would do any production proud. I give this a 10 star rating. Not just any 10 star rating, but a gold 10 star rating. It is that good. *Forever Plaid* is booked for 4 weeks, 28 performances. Everyone knows where Frankie Paynes is, by Campbell Soup, just north of Central Park Mall. So haul down there, and make it an evening to kick off your shoes and just plain enjoy.



# Nebraska Personals

Gay Phone Personals By Area Code

by MANFINDER™

## NEBRASKA

Omaha **LATIN LOVER:** Reginald, 20 blk/bm looking for 18-20 latino, nice sense of humor open minded #9036

Omaha **AIM TO PLEASE:** John, 30, sgle GWM 5'5, 160, brn/blu-mustache like to get together w/30-45 for quiet evenings at home, or movies, dinner, out non smoker, drinker love to satisfy. #30800

Omaha **TENDERFOOT:** Sam - 5'10, 150 firm body attr and sensual int in meet cute fem guys 18-30 smooth in my area #1560

Westminster **SINGLE BM** seeks GBM attr 25-30 likes to have a good time, travel, and just have fun! #1926

Gladstone **...AND BE SPECIFIC!** looking for someone in my area 6' brn/bm nice body, mind, feel int- lv a descr of yourself- #4960

Glenwood **CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT:** Tim - looking for someone to spend some time with-like long walks-movies, romantic eves at home, if you're out there give me a call #30156

NE **DON** 5'8 150 red/blu trim beard must 38 int in meeting guys for fun and friendship. #42744

918 Area Code **BACK IN THE SADDLE:** Ron 27 5'9 brn blu stocky hairy 185 looking for 18-35 cowboys toned swimmers bld gdlking bodybuilder's I'm versatile- #43156

Lincoln **LOVE, JOHN:** Looking for a nice looking man for a possible long term relationship. The summer is here, let's hook up. #32807

Omaha **BI BI BIRDIE:** Bi white male, 33, looking for other bi or gay men to get together with for some summer fun. #32843

Jones **BUILT LIKE A ROCK:** 21 yr. old, 5'6", looking for guys 18-25 yrs. old who are slim, well built and looking for a real great time. #32863

Gladstone **WASTING NO TIME:** Looking for a guy just as fast as I can. I just need someone right now. #24924

Lincoln **5'9", 150 Bm/Hzl,** interested in movies, tennis and all kinds of music, looking for a TP. #33783

NE **A DESCENT PROPOSAL:**

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Looking for a very good looking guy, tall, musc, into walks and movies and fun for friendship and more. #33624

Ft. Smith **GUYS:** 29 yr. old, 5'8", 130, Blk/Bm, attractive, outgoing, looking for friends and possibly more. #33803

Jones **BRING IT ON:** 21 yr. old, into just about everything just as long as its fun, looking for a relationship with a special guy. #32863

Hastings **GOD SHAVE THE QUEEN:** Looking or someone to meet and maybe have a relationship. I like movies, any kind of music and more. #30156

Lincoln, **PUSH ME AROUND:** 31 yr old, 5'10", 155, brn/blu. Seeking good looking guys who are dom tops. #28672

NE, **ME FOR PRESIDENT:** I will change the rules. 34 yr old, artist-poet seeks guys of all ages-types. Call me soon. #28881

NE, **BLACK BEAUTY:** Seeking a beautiful black guy to spoil. If you are out there, call me for the time of your life. #29323

NE, **FUN CITY:** 6'2" GBM seeking someone who wants to have a discreet relationship. We can have a whole lot of fun. #30589

Omaha, **SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO:** GM, seeks older man who enjoys quiet evenings and eating out. I am very versatile. #30800

Omaha **A SMILE ON YOUR FACE:** SWM, 30, seeks other men to make happy. I like quiet evenings at home and you should too. #30800

Omaha **LIFE'S PUZZLING QUESTIONS:** Curious white male, 24, seeks slender white males 18-24 yrs. old for answers. #31200

Omaha **MY FINGERS DO THE WALKING:** Dan, 5'9", GM into outdoors and massage looking for someone to massage. #25322

Omaha **HOW SPORTING:** Joe, GBM, 32, 5'7", musc, seeks someone who likes the outdoors and sporting events. #31639

Henryetta **I'LL DRIVE:** 6'1", 48, GM smoker, neg, into drives in the country and cooking, seeks someone with similar interests. #31323

## OKLAHOMA

OK **HOME IMPROVEMENT:** Jay 34 brn/blu must 32w like landscaping remodeling houses and walking like to meet my age or younger #3671

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Norman **GOOD HOT STUFF:** Joe bi- 5'10 180 brn/red-looking for someone who wants to have a good time. #34780

OK **WANT A LONG, GOOD BI:** Danny 6'1, 185, bi-WM blind/blu interested in meeting other bi-males or masc gay males 18-35 lets have a good time. #34507

Oklahoma **MY BEST DRESS:** 29 yr. old, CD, inexperienced, looking for someone, 35 yrs. old or older who would like to teach me things. #32780

N. Oklahoma City **WINING AND DINING:** 6'3' 185 lbs enjoys dancing ,eating, movies. Discretion a must if interested leave a message. #33466

Norman **SNAP SHOT:** 23 yr. old, 5'10", Blk/Bm, smooth, looking for people in the area, send me a picture. #33745

OK **THE RIGHT STUFF:** Jim, 5'10", 215 lbs, Blu/Blu, into tennis, reading, and more, looking for anybody. #33509

OK **LOOKING FOR A BUDDY?:** I am a white male, 5'8", 130, smooth, 26 yrs. old, into the outdoors, looking for a real special man 25-40 yrs. old for a committed partnership. #34036

OK **22 YR. OLD,** 6', med build, looking for someone 18-30 yrs. old who is similar in qualities to me. #34037

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OK, **MAKE MY DAY:** 5'10" GM looking for good time and meeting people of any race. #30263

OK, **GET COMFY:** 34 yr. old GWM seeking a guy I can get comfortable with. Call me. #30608

OK **ROCK AND ROLL OVER:** Is there any out there into Led Zeppelin, Kiss, Pearl Jam? I am looking for someone into good music, versatile, TP, 21-35 yrs. old. #16959

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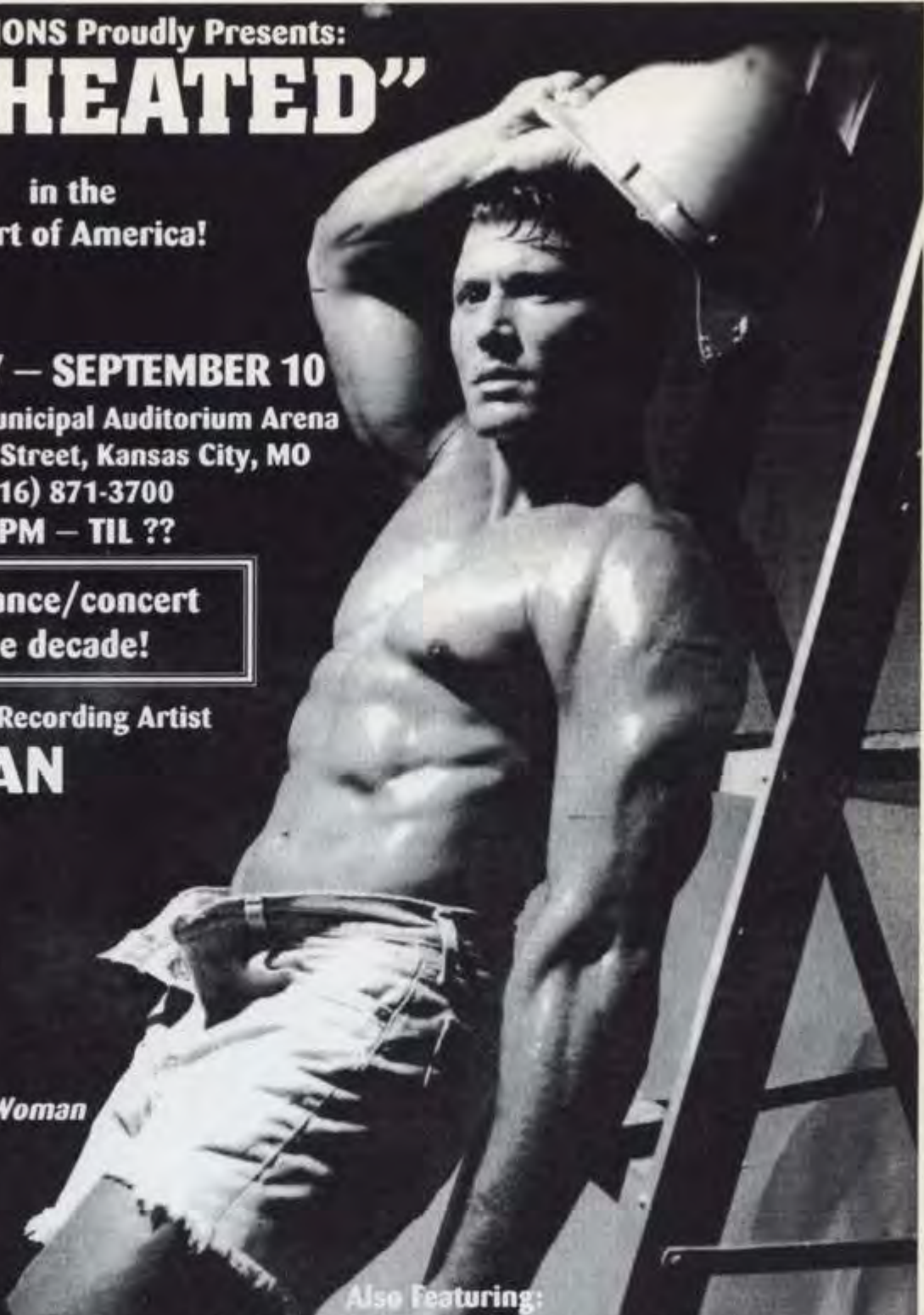
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