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SEX IN THE PARK

Sex in the public is wrong. Who could disagree with that? Through no fault of our own, Omaha's gay community suffered a black eye with the recent sting that arrested 40 or so gay men in several city parks.

The sting was the talk of the town the week before Thanksgiving. You couldn't find anyone who was not talking about it. It especially upset the gay community. Let's examine why.

Omaha police say sexual activity in the parks — anything from exposure to outright sex — has been a problem. Police should and must clean it up. Those who take part in the activity should pay the consequences. Police call it quality of life issue. And it certainly is. Citizens, gay or straight, have a right to be in their parks without the threat of being a witness to such activity.

In an article in the *Omaha World-Herald*, the officers involved in the sting said the issue is not homosexual sex. One officer in particular said he doesn't have a problem with any lifestyle. City councilmember Paul Koneck also said homosexuals were not being singled out (that point is arguable however). Police and Koneck agreed that the issue is this: people should not be doing this in public parks.

But you have to wonder if the straight community let that part of the story sink in. Following the story's publication, letter after letter to the Public Pulse decried homosexuality as perverse, unnatural, and usual misinformed arguments. Unfortunately, the entire gay community was — once again — being battered around thanks to the actions of a few.

To the straight community, we say this: We are with you believing sex in the parks is wrong. But don't think that this sort of activity is all that common. Most homosexuals, who have accepted themselves despite society's pressure, have no need for this kind of behavior.

Police say a majority of the men caught in their sting are married and many have children. We can, in part, blame society's attitudes toward homosexuality for their behavior. Whether or

not, we all deal with the oppressiveness on a daily basis. However, these men should be held accountable. The activity for which they are being publicly ridiculed is an extension of their double lives — which are dangerous lives. They may have destroyed their own lives and the lives of their families. Who can admire that?

There has been a lot of talk about whether some of the men arrested were victims of entrapment. If that is the case, police were wrong. It's also wrong to be willing to expose yourself publicly whether you were entrapped or not.

Police must also be held accountable. Questions must be asked about this sting operation. Assuming the men were guilty, why was it necessary to photograph those caught in the parks? It seems unusual to be photographing suspects for a simple misdemeanor charge. It was not a violent crime nor was there a victim (besides society, as the police reports say). When was the last time an officer took your picture for a speeding ticket, running a stop sign or simple assault? Was taking these pictures harassment, only designed to make them feel worse?

Also, it's widely known that straight people are having sex in the parks too. Why aren't police conducting stings on them? Society should not be willing to look the other way. If there was such a sting, it's doubtful the public would respond to the news in the same way.

Justified or not, incidents like this can easily hurt the relationship between police and the gay community. The Omaha parks sting should not set us back. Let's look forward and build from here. The Omaha Police Department has no openly gay officers. It should. The department should actively recruit gay officers. In the future, these women and men could act as an internal liaison between police and the community. That could certainly be the foundation of solid trust.

Opinions on this issue are strong and varied. Let's hear from you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER REPORT OF SCAM

Dear Friends,

I picked up a copy of your paper while attending worship at Omaha MCC this past Sunday. Just this evening, I started to read it and was amazed when your "Our Turn" page caused me to remember something I had nearly forgotten about. Back in August we received a similar phone call from a gentleman in San Francisco who claimed to be Sioux Falls native who had AIDS and had just told his parents (who now live in California) that he had AIDS and they threw him out of the house. He wanted \$200.00 on an American Express card to come back to Sioux Falls. He became somewhat belligerent when my roommate, Larry Schut didn't remember a Robert (we've forgotten the last name he gave us). When we were not immediately forthcoming with the money, he was rude and eventually called back and threatened us. He mentioned a couple of people we did know. A couple of phone calls to them revealed that this same person had called them and used our names, but they did not know this person either. We concluded that someone had gotten a copy of the Gay Yellowpages and just started calling AIDS and Gay organizations in South Dakota.

Just two days later we received a phone call from one of the local UCC pastors who we know, telling us that some friend of ours in San Francisco had called his church asking for money. As Jack would have it, he had until very recently been stationed in San Francisco and was well acquainted with the help organizations out there. The individual in question hung up after finding out that someone on this end actually was familiar with the particulars in California. As far as we know, no one is actually out of any money, other than accepting charges for long distance collect calls. We just thought you might be interested.

Thank you,
Rev. Donald C. Reusch

STILL ANOTHER REPORT OF SCAM

Dear Friends,

A quick note in response to your "Scam" article. I too received a collect call at home for SDA kinship. I believe the caller had an old copy of the NVN since he called my home phone which has not been listed for some time in the NVN.

The caller made three attempts to call collect. I would not accept charges and mentioned the 800# listed. I do not know what the caller wanted (though now it's pretty clear), but when I denied acceptance of the call, the caller yelled things like "It's an emergency! I need help."

For anyone who accepted charges the caller's phone number will be recorded on your monthly statements. It can be traced and stopped if from a private phone. Call the phone company and see.

Sincerely,
Wes Perry

A LETTER FROM JOE

To the community,

I have been out of the bars, gay scene for 6 months. Do I miss it? NO! I feel I was mistreated, and people weren't very nice. I have no intention of going back ever. If I sound angry, I am. My life has changed the last 6 months. I have a wonderful lover, whom will become my lifetime partner.

I spent 13 years in the gay scene to find nothing but rejection and loneliness. There are a lot of mean people in the bars, gay scene. I do not have to put up with it! To the few people who know me, I'm OK.

For the one's who don't care, what can I say?? I have my best friends, lover, you are very special also have a fun job. I'm happy with what I got, thank you very much. For you out there, who are lonely, and think you'll never find anyone, you will. Trust me! I have the best person in the world and wouldn't trade him for anything!!

Sincerely,
The Weenie Boy, Joe

DEAR IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

Dear Editor:

Please publish the enclosed letter and note for the community's information.

Sincerely,
Board of Governors of ICON

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Omaha, NE 68102

Offense: Theft by Unlawful Taking
Offense Date: 6/11/94-7/8/94

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The Douglas County Attorney wants your input in this matter before a final decision is made whether to approve the responsible person's application for the Diversion Program. If you are willing to do so, please complete the enclosed Impact Statement and return it to diversion Services by the above deadline.

If you desire restitution for any losses or damages as a result of this crime, please submit written documentation of your claim to Diversion Services in the self-addressed envelope by the above deadline. If we do not hear from you by the above deadline, we will assume that you are not interested in restitution as a condition of the Diversion Program. If your losses were covered by insurance, please send us the name of the company and agent's name and phone number. If you filed a claim, any deductible paid by you will be reimbursed before any payments are made to your insurance company.

You may want to consider civil action against the responsible parties in lieu of voluntary restitution through the Diversion Program. If so, consult your attorney.

Please refer to the above case numbers in any correspondence. If you have any questions, please call the contact person listed above.

Sincerely,
Bob Thomas, Counselor

Note: The Board of Governors had two questions to direct toward Thomas: 1) What happens if Smiarowski does not for any reason make complete restitution? Thomas' response was that the County Attorney would then refile the charges against him. 2) Would restitution be made in a lump sum or in payments? Thomas responded that considering the amount involved probably a 12 mo. or 24 mo. payment plan for complete restitution would be established.

Following these responses from Thomas, a formal request for restitution was filed by the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. At this time we are awaiting the final decision by Diversion Services.

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MOM SHOULD HAVE KNOWN I WAS GAY WHEN

Dear Friends,

I am compiling a series of short stories from gay men about their childhoods, and comical things that we did as children. Especially things that would have given away the fact that we were gay to our parents. Think of it as: My Mom Should Have Known I Was Gay When I Did _____

at age ____ For example, "when I was 8 years old, I was fascinated with a boyfriend of my older sister's and I sat at the kitchen table playing with his hair, which was very long", or "I dry cleaned my backpack at age 9, journaled at age 10 and ironed my cords. I had a Charlie's Angels lunch book", or "My dad caught me, and he thought it strange, when I was jumping up and down on the bed, twirling around, screaming and singing along to *Beauty School Dropout* at 9." Or, "I put on my mom's pumps on my birthday and took her purse and paraded around the back yard. Anytime my family asked me what color anything was I said pink. What color is the sky: pink, what color is the grass: pink." So please share your stories by mailing them to me or faxing them to me a 213-467-0185. Thanks.

Sincerely, Michael Zambotti

1225 N. Orange Grove #4, LA, CA 90046

STONEWALL 25 POSTER

Dear Friends,

Syracuse Cultural Workers, a nonprofit, progressive, educational publisher designed and produced the official *Stonewall 25* poster. Unfortunately, the poster was not readily available to the some one million people who attended the Stonewall 25 events in New York City. We very much need your help in letting know that this beautiful, commemorative poster (\$12, 10 or more \$7.20 each) is available.

We have also recently published other lesbian/gay related items including a powerful *Audre Lorde* memorial poster (\$16) and postcard, gay Christmas/holiday cards; the 24th edition of the Peace Calendar with the *Audre Lorde* poster as February art and Amy E. Bartell's whimsical *Welcome Home, Honey* as June art; and the 1995 Women Artists Datebook which contains work by lesbians including Jan Phillips' color photograph *Lesbian Trapped In A Man's Body*. Both the Calendar and the Datebook contain annotations about gay people's history.

SCW's new 1995 *Art with Heart* catalog (\$1 or free with an order) contains several new gay

posters including *Love* by Keith Haring (\$24). Our catalog also offers rainbow flags, Sappho notecards and a variety of buttons and stickers.

A final note on the Peace Calendar. The calendar has been a "multicultural" publication, with proud gay content for many years — well before "multicultural" became fashionable and exploitable by commercial companies. There is no other publication that, year in and year out, combines dynamic, diverse art with a celebration of cultures and lifestyles. Yet I recently encountered a "multicultural" distributor (Highsmith in Fort Atkinson, WI) who was unwilling to carry the Calendar because of its gay content. I suspect this is just the tip of the homophobic iceberg in the burgeoning multicultural arena. I can only suggest that consumers, and especially teachers, exercise caution in selecting companies to patronize.

Thank you for your work and whatever assistance you can provide. Please call either me or Amy E. Bartell if you need assistance. Phone 315-474-1132 or write to Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217.

In Peace and Liberation,
Dik Cool, Director

NEBRASKANS RECOGNIZED IN OUT MAGAZINE

Dear Sharon,

The following appears in the Dec/Jan issue of *OUT* magazine.

In Memoriam

"Brandon Teena, Nebraska teenager murdered when his friends discovered he had been born a girl, Teena Brandon." p. 86

OUT 100

"Terry Watanabe (philanthropist) is one of the nation's most generous gay philanthropists — and the one least willing to toot his own horn. This Omaha, Nebraska resident helped fund the Gay Games IV and Becoming Visible, the ground breaking show on gay history at the New York Public Library." p. 86.

Thanks,
De Moreland

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LETTER FROM A GAY COUPLE FOUND AFTER 13 YEARS

Dear New Voice,

We recently moved and while we were remodeling we found this note hidden behind two cabinets. So when we moved them we replaced the note and added our own.

Thought it was a neat idea — we all figured they didn't think another group of fags would find the damn thing! We certainly did have a good laugh.

Also thought maybe Dick, Terry, or Pat might know the couple and what they are up to. Judging by the date we can only hope they have survived.

An interesting bit of gay Omaha history!!

Sincerely,
Mitch, Dan, and Randy

November 27, 1981

Hi!

We put these cabinets up at noon on this date. We are gay lovers and have been together 1 1/2 years. We completely redecorated or remodeled this house during the past three months.

Love and Peace to You!
(the first name is illegible)
& Robert J. Bogenreif

To Our Readers: If you have any information on the couple who left the note to be found so many years later, please write to *The New Voice*, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103-0512.

FEATURES

POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

"GURU WITH A BLUE DRESS, BLUE-DRESS- BLUE-DRESS. GURU WITH A BLUE DRESS ON!!"

Good Morning, my little buttercups of whimsy and rhyme! This month, I am very pleased to present the poetry of Steven Blaski, as excerpted from his new book, *Keep the killer asleep* (available through Carolina Wren Press, 120 Morris Street, Durham, NC 27707 at \$9.95 plus shipping), and I highly recommend buying a copy. Steven's work makes the reader a witness along with him as he shows the changing face of gay culture in the midst of AIDS, hate-crimes, and the like.

I am also including a piece as a gift to a lost friend. And Pig, if you are faking it, I will kill you.

Rounding out the month's stanza-fest is an open lover to a past love, way of life, maybe a bit of both by Daniel Siragusa. And a teaser for next month's *All-Womyn Page!!* (guest edited by my mother, because I am grounded for running in the house with scissors), I am giving you a life-affirming portrait by Kelly Morgan, who sent this to me from Lincoln (she didn't send any bio information, but might get me some by next month—**HINT!!**).

Until next time, my little vagabonds of culture, have a happy holiday season. And look for my new CD, *The Guru Sings Tonight*, with my ever-requested medley of Earth, Wind, and Fire hits, at your local truck stop and weigh stations. Makes the perfect gift for the one whose name you got in the office pool.

Love, Peace, and proper breathing,
Brian

FEVERS

by Steven Blaski

Heat wave in January.
The smell of rotting
earth simmers up—aroma
of ripe dogshit, onions
gone bad in the fridge.
Creeping to the store
in a fever, I'm intent on
pissing out the virus
with two liter of Diet
Coke. And getting my
black boots blacker
in a rut of mud
in my alley where the
blind cat hustles affection
like a cripple who hawks
pencils on a street corner. I
think of you and your cat
who's regal as a dowager
drag queen. But I'm
through with poems
for you, amigo. Now it's
heat spells and fevers
and waiting for spring.

FIRST LOVE

by Steven Blaski

What I remember is
one morning when we were still lost
between each other's
first and last names,
you held out your hand,
calling for me to come near the window that
overlooked the garden
where we saw the irises
had perfected themselves
so suddenly as though to announce
not their beauty
but how momentary
perfection is.

WISH LIST

by Steven Blaski

Again the streets blast with hymns, the windows
glare with garish stars, false trees, eyeless Marys.
Still I succumb each year to the spectacular creche
of swiveling Christs and clerks who appease with
blow-up dolls that bleed and 3-D binoculars
guaranteed to restore health and private ease.
They tell us it is so and I believe them each
December.

What innocence remains is starved for belief.

Yet if I can bring you happiness with some bright
useless thing, then I will be happy too, I reason.
Such logic exists only in this season — the
stained glass reflecting its passion across a winter
moon for once not the face of a dead woman, but
a wafer of hope in the black grudging sky.

A PRECIOUS REGRET — for Scott Schmidt

by Brian E. Bengtson

I wish I had seen all the flowers
adorning your final throne.
I can only imagine the sacred honor
of hugging those big shoulders,
letting you have one more rude crack
about my new hair, or my pierced ears.

I wish I at least had the chance
to test the cliché of cloudy days
during funerals,
or maybe slip you an inside joke
before they close the lid,
or even the option to stop by
and catch you up on my life
as I pull the occasional weed
or brush the leaves off the stone.
I wish I could cry.

The time delayed and the distance apart
dulls the edge of the shocked looks
as friends casually remember
your crackling laugh,
and your bar-room adventures.

I wish the final memory
wasn't your fading voice
over the phone
telling me to mellow out.
I wish the tears would come.

NOT A LOVE POEM

by Daniel Siragusa

I wanted to write a poem
especially for you. not a
love poem. one that would touch
you in a way similar to love but
better, distilled. i haven't
seen you or heard from you for
a while, and this poem will have to
substitute for long conversations
on the phone, chats over
caffe latte or musing sent on
crisp hotel stationary. i
believe a poem is capable of this.
I want to ask: where are you,
how do you feel, what are you reading, what
season is it wherever you are —
throw your bottled reply, i will
find it though it land in some
forgotten ocean
this pen is not moving fast enough
my eyes sting, the light is fading
you are lost and i must let
you know: i will
see you again?

A LESBIAN COWBOY

by Kelly Morgan

I have a friend who once knew an Old Indian Man
who called her Cowboy -
She broke horses
In her early days -
In her mid-thirties
She mellowed in her ways -
Now she has wisdom
at her Center -
As she walks
The Red Road
At the end
Of the dancers -
Where the rest
Of the Heyokas
are.

"GURU CODE OF CONDUCT"

- 1.) Send **typed** poems of 30 lines or less.
- 2.) Send comments/critiques if you'd like
(I promise I will try to respond!)
- 3.) SASE if you want 'em back.
- 4.) Will **try really really hard** to
respond in a timely manner.
- 5.) If you don't know the words, just
mouth "banana-banana-banana"
and wave your hand in front of
your face like a fan!



Well, kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns. "I wish I could just curl up and die." It's a thought which has gone through all our minds at one time or another. If it hasn't it probably will

before we make our exits. Physical life gets damn complicated. We get so stressed it would certainly seem like a logical thought to think. It's also a seemingly nice thought because we word it with a feeling of nesting - "just curl up" - and wouldn't it be such a relief!

No more boss pushing us to our limits; no more bill collectors with never ending phone calls and letters; no more news coverage of one monumental catastrophe after another; no more trying and trying to find the one and only; no more getting jilted and heart broken; no more rejections; no more physical pains. God wouldn't it be nice to just curl up and die. Yeah, we've thought it.

Of course we're not talkin' suicide when we use this phrase, we're just wishing; wishing for a nice easy escape from all the crap of our present reality. Physical death is not what we are actually wishing... just the feeling of be nestled.

Most in our community today have faced the situation of death I'm sure, with all the "family members" we've lost to AIDS, plus those to gay-

bashers, and then so many of us have lost parents and grandparents. We are aware of this thing called "physical demise" and the fact that we say final good byes to loved ones in physical bodies.

Maybe this is why we call "tune in" with Reba McEntire's song *If I Had Only Known*.

Yes, by the time we reach the half century mark we have watched so many loved ones pass over. I even watched my life mate while I was holding him in my arms. This was one moment when I wanted to curl up and die; the pain was so incredible I knew the physical loss. He was free once again and I was still earth bound.

When we first got together 13 years earlier he'd told me he'd be dead by age thirty. Now only a few weeks past his 30th birthday, he'd been correct. I'd always told him I expected to live to 93 and I'm still here, even though it seems so illogical to me. He picked up the virus in '86 in a one night fling when we were separated for three weeks following a spat. And, did we make love after we reunited over those next three years? Does a hen lay eggs? Of course we did. And, do I or should I have the virus? To me it seems logical. Do I understand? Only that I think we honestly do know our exit time. Most of us probably don't even like to think about it.

I used to think the majority of folks in America probably; having grown up in a evangelical Christian home. Then one day in the late '50s I experienced something which I've never heard of happening back then. It was the beginning of change philosophically for me. It was such a traumatic experience I could force myself to share it with a few loved ones who convinced me

this should be locked up in a closet. I called it a "life to death to life" experience. Today they speak of this freely and call it a near death experience.

One of the things that changed for me was I no longer could believe we were only here once; in this physical body, yes, but becoming aware of my eternal being was outstanding. "Heaven and hell" became fantasies created by some man, not my Creator. It became evident to me that we not only chose our present "entry vehicles" called "parents" but we also chose our entry time, which was put into an external record in the immutable stars. We even chose our time to exit prior to entering each physical life.

We choose our exit time?! I do believe it. Remember when you were a child, before your brain filled with all the crap of life and you "remembered" and would state "I'm going to live to be such-and-such an age"? It was easy to remember then and most of us don't remember as we age what we remembered until we get close to that time and then realize "yeah, this was our chosen time" to pass over... and it's OK.

I know you may not believe me but I'd like to challenge you to try something if you'd like greater peace in your present existence so you don't have to wish you "could curl up and die" so many times. Try experiencing through hypnosis a "past life regression". You'll be amazed!

That's it from the Poop Sheet.

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by Ace Landon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

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"LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DRINK SPECIALS YEAR ROUND"

CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: No. No. Thank You.

by Shelley Roberts

I've just returned for a glorious weekend in Atlanta where I had the delicious privilege of being a presenter at the Southern Voice Community Awards. It's a wonderful way for the community to recognize its contributors, and since the community nominates and then votes for the award recipients, with the local g/l paper officiating, it's a nice way for the community to honor its own. And it got me a few days off, which isn't easy when you work at home and have me for a boss.

If you were there, it was great to see you. If you were in a completely different state at the time, let me suggest that it's a great activity for y'all to get involved in.

I had the dubious distinction of presenting the *Public Enemy Number One Award*. Sure, they thought, what'd I care? I'm from out of town. Nobody local would hunt me down and make me pay up my speeding tickets. Or revoke my pet licenses just for spite.

The nominees in my category were (drum roll, please) the Cobb County Commission. Now here are a true bunch of brain surgeons. These are the guys (not a mere figure of speech) who decided to decree homosexuals and the lifestyle as kind of jcky, and at the same time figured they could just slide a few million revenue bucks into their pockets by holding 1996 Olympic volleyball in their backyard, and maybe all those icky homosexuals would just play ball, and not hold them up for ridicule till all the money was in and counted. Ha. They obviously don't know us very

well, do they? (An understatement on two counts.) Georgia's own Senator Sam Dumb was, of course included in the list of qualified candidates, as was neighbor, Jesse, the bastard of North Carolina. (Now there are a couple of guys who qualify as a bit beret in the beret.) And, of course, there were a couple of local wannabees on the list, with no commies left to kick around anymore, hoping to make the big time at our expense, but to no avail. At least not this night.

And the winner was...oops. We don't say that any more. Not politically correct. We are ALL winners. And the *Public Enemy #1 Award* went to...ta daaa...

Those good ol' boys who proved themselves several bulbs short of a lighthouse, *The Cobb County Commission, Cobb County, Georgia*. Rah!

It was, all in all, a most pleasant night under a massive awning in the Atlanta zoo. PFFLAG cooked. And was publicly proud. And lots of good people got recognized and honored in categories that weren't any surprise. *Most Boudacious Bar*. *Glamour Goddess of Drag*. *Hippiest Heterosexual*. *Most Committed AIDS Activist*. *Best Volunteer*. You know, the usual.

Now those of you who have been paying any attention at all know that I am on a nationwide crusade to get each of us to say, "Thank you" to all of us for everything we do, and everything we've done so far to get us all this far. And I think that what Southern Voice has done for a second year in a row is absolutely terrific. If they're not doing it already, I hope every g/l paper in the

country follows their example. And every city and township without the privilege of a paper finds a way to pass out prizes.

But it occurs to me, that maybe in the self-imposed two hour limit there wasn't enough time for the rest of the "Thank You Award" categories. So I wanted to offer them to you, so you could be thinking about nominating your nearest and dearest, or your own modest self for next year. Or you could just look up the people most worthy of honoring in their respective categories, and thank them without benefit of banquet. For example:

- ▼ Attended The Most Meetings Without Whining
 - ▼ Attended The Most Meetings Without Wine
 - ▼ Remembered Most Often To Thank The Lesbians
 - ▼ Remembered to Thank The Lesbians At All
 - ▼ Stayed To Clean Up
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 - ▼ Most Creative Ways To Cook Tofu
 - ▼ Most Creative Excuses Not To Eat Tofu
 - ▼ Completed A Monthly Newsletter In Under A Month
 - ▼ Completed A Monthly Newsletter With The Least Typo's
 - ▼ Completed A Monthly Newsletter
 - ▼ Stayed To Clean Up
 - ▼ Visited The Most Bars To Sign People Up
 - ▼ Visited The Most Bars To Shut People Up
 - ▼ Stopped Visiting Bars
 - ▼ Told Parents In A Brave and Courageous Manner
 - ▼ Told Parents In A Loving, Caring, And Affectionate Manner
 - ▼ Told Parents
 - ▼ Did Not Throw Tantrum When Parents Response Was: "Yeah? So? What's Your Point Here?"
 - ▼ Listened The Most Hours To A Friend Breaking Up
 - ▼ Listened The Most Hours To Friend Breaking Up Again
 - ▼ Stuck The Most Flyers Under Windshield Wipers
 - ▼ Stuck To Their Guns
 - And Last, but certainly not least:
▼ Stayed To Clean Up
- Surely you have categories of your own. There's no limit to the number of reasons you can think to say "Thank-you" to all the people in our neighborhood for their good work. Of course they do it for themselves. But they do it for you too.

Oh, and by the way, in case I haven't mentioned it lately, thanks for everything you do. It's a real honor sharing a community with you.

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"Entiendes...?" of Madrid, Spain reports that over 3000 gay and lesbian couples have registered their marriages in the Danish Civil Register. This gives them all the same legal rights as heterosexuals, except the right to adopt children, a right which is now supported by the European Parliament and should eventually be adopted by all countries that legalize homosexual unions.

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SWEDEN APPROVES GAY MARRIAGES

The Swedish Parliament passed a Gay/Lesbian same sex marriage law which will take effect January 1, 1995. As with the Denmark and Norway legislation, all legal rights that heterosexuals have are recognized except church marriages and adoptions. The Netherlands is expected to be the fourth country to approve lesbian and gay partnerships.

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CON MOCION

ConMocion is a newsletter and network for Latin Lesbians. Subscriptions are \$13 in the USA and \$23 outside the USA. Printed in Spanish, English and Spanish, issues are available from ConMocion, 1521 Alton Rd. #336, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, USA.

- Paz Y Liberacion

THOUGHT--SPUR OF THE MOMENT

by Anne

The sun burned low and dusty over the western stretch of chain link fence. Foggy mosquito clouds settled into the shadows as a cool summer breeze picked its way past discarded cups and candy wrappers, then on, across the pitcher's mound, ruffling the green skirt of the outfield. The ballpark lights flicked their first beams as the bat cracked and the ball sailed toward center field, smacking against a well-oiled glove.

It was the third out of the ninth inning, and our team tried to smile as their feet dug unconscious trenches on the path to the traditional handshake with the winning team. One heartbreaking step after another, in a single, over-spaced line, the team came off the field.

I guess the significance of the game didn't occur to me until Peter came off the field and Sara politely squeezed his shoulder. It was William, out flaming queen of a friend, who set the scene —

"Just lay one on him, girl. You're allowed."

"You're allowed." Today, in the cold, empty shell of that ball field, those two words burn; they sting with the hot reality of living and loving gay. For us, it will always be, "you're allowed" not we. In public, to avoid the loss of life and/or livelihood, it has to be "them" and "us". "Them" are allowed to say, "I love you" — "we" aren't. "Them" are allowed the brief, public display of affection in a kiss or a hug — not "we".

It's not fair, you know. We know that, but until they accept it, we'll always be fighting the wall — fighting for the simple right to show others that we are happy, we are loved, and — yes — we, too, love.

With the calendar turning its last page, with a

new year just around the corner of Christmas, I'm dreading the last click of the clock — that dreaded moment as the countdown ends. At that moment, the traditional New Year's kiss will be left salty and dry on my lips. I'm not allowed to share that kiss with the partner I've chosen.

So, I'll sit at the bar, realizing why so many of my gay friends hate the holidays. I'll sit at the bar and slip her a smile with the promise of my waiting kiss. I'll sit at the bar, wanting to tell her that I love her, wanting to hold her and make our own plans for the year to come.

But, I'm not allowed, so I'll sit at the bar.

I'm being honest with you: this is a bitter, greedy, self-centered holiday with nothing in it for this part of the "family" who is stranded — together, yet alone — in the flat, plain river-bottom of Nebraska. And, I think that admitting this is the first step toward change.

This holiday should not be about fights and spending money we don't really have. It should be a time when we wrap ourselves in the true spirit of the season. Tell a friend thank-you just for being a friend. Hold the man or woman in your life — hold them in your arms tonight and tell them that their gift of love to you, in the past year and the year to come, is priceless.

Being gay during the holidays doesn't have to be as bitter as the loss of that softball game, or hurt as much as the crack of bats and the smack of balls against leather. Xmas is not giving or receiving gifts, but giving tokens of love — which don't have to cost anything but a moment of time and the kindness of a word.

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"ZODIASCOPE" Astrological Forecast for December 1994

by C. Lichtenstein

December closes 1994 on a proud note. In retrospect, while it hasn't been all peaches and cream (there are still so many things to be done, redone, and perhaps even dismantled) it's been a year of steady progress and strengthened pride. The planets are able to guide us like a road map through this month and all the months of 1995. Now, bank on lucky Juniper to enlarge and energetic Mars to spark new areas of our lives. Are you ready for a change? Read ahead...

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Gear up for a new emphasis on work and career this holiday month. Energetic Mars will be stirring up day-to-day tasks on the job, while a motley collection of other planets force you to consider more long term professional goals. Don't be lazy now. You can advance your career with a nifty combination of pure gumption and a little bit of nerve.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) The Bull is ready to party hearty this month, and why not? Mars is turning up the juice on fun and frolic while other planets are encouraging you to take a vacation and pleasantly escape to parts unknown. Jupiter, in fact, almost assures you that you won't have to take this trip alone. Good luck is brewing in any deeply committed relationships.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) This may be the perfect time to get the house in order with some redecorating and refurbishing. Mars encourages you to give yourself a new, fresh base of operations for 1995. Maybe you could call it "feathering the nest", lucky and expansive. Jupiter is beginning to influence partnerships. Relationships could take on a whole new spin and verve.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Are you finding yourself a bit more boisterous than usual this month? Cancers are forced out of their shells by forceful Mars. You must give your opinion and you must give it NOW! This may actually happen on the job, which is not a bad thing. Jovial and lucky Jupiter is there to protect you from most of the awful fallout, and who knows, it may just do the trick!

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Whoever said it is better to receive than to give must have been a Leo. You are even more acquisitive than usual this December, just in time for the holidays. Mars is heating up your interest in money and financial security, but don't feel too selfishly guilty. You will be motivated to share your fortunes with those who appreciate a good time. That is, as long as they allow you to be the center of attention!

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) A new broom sweeps clean in December. Mars sets you off on new beginnings: new projects, a new

"look" in appearance, new people to meet and greet, and I could go on and on... Welcome all these possibilities enthusiastically and see what you can build on for the future. Change is always nerve racking, but I know you are ready!

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) You are ready to fight the dragons of inequality, discrimination and deceptiveness with Mars as your trusty weapon. Your inclination is to forge ahead into the unknown abyss. Libras can be swayed to action by sheer nerve, but I suggest you use Jupiter's more cerebral energy to make your daring point. Fight with words and you will fare much better. Your communications will have far more expansive effects.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) Money comes in unexpectedly this month as lucky Jupiter shines its good fortune on your good fortune. It works like a delightful aroma as friends come out of the woodwork to share in your gains. Scorpios are pretty savvy when it comes to distinguishing schnorrers from true pals. You'll know who really loves you and who is just along for the ride.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) There is a magnificent opportunity for you to finally come into your own in career matters this month. Feisty Mars is creating a fire storm professionally and Jupiter almost guarantees lucky new beginnings. The most important thing to be your jolly self. Reap the rewards. You have played second fiddle far too long and can now claim first place.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Your intuition proves to be right on target so go with your gut. Jupiter also indicates that if you can find it in your heart to be extra generous this month, it will have lucky repercussions for you. In other words, give once and receive tenfold. Capricorns will handle all large-scale projects effectively and accurately for the best long term effect. Plan accordingly.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Are you feeling a bit more "energetic" than usual? Mars is heating up your sex drive and you may be tempted to bite off more than you can chew. Jupiter makes your friendships extra special, but I strongly suggest you don't confuse friends with lovers. Let friends be there for you in both the good and bad times and reward them for it platonically.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) This may be the month for you to finally solidify partnerships. Fiery Mars pushes you to demand what is rightfully yours in relationship, come

what may. (And come what may may not be so bad. Sometimes, dear Pisces, you need to be hard to be soft!) Good opportunities come your way in career matters, thanks to jolly old Jupiter.

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PUTTING OUT

The Essential Publishing Resource Guide for Gay & Lesbian Writers

Cleis Press is pleased to announce publication of *Putting Out: The Essential Publishing Resource for Gay and Lesbian Writers; Third Edition*, edited by Edisol Dotson, a writer of short fiction whose own adventures in publishing led him to research, edit and self-publish the first edition of *Putting Out* in 1991.

Like a *Writer's Market* for lesbians and gays, *Putting Out* is a comprehensive, annotated reference guide to more than 500 book publishers, magazines, newspapers, newsletters, theater groups and agents, all of whom publish, produce or market gay and lesbian writing.

Lesbian and gay publishing is booming in the '90s. A Different Light Bookstore estimates that over 1,000 new lesbian and gay titles are published each year. Hopeful writers avidly follow stories of six-figure advances given to a handful of lesbian and gay authors by mainstream publishing houses.

More than ever, gays and lesbians need guidance to publish and promote their work wisely. Edisol Dotson's *Putting Out* will prove to be an invaluable resource for both the novice seeking an editor willing to read his unsolicited manuscript and the accomplished author researching queer book reviews for her straight publicist.

Offering no-nonsense information in a user-friendly format, *Putting Out* includes pointed essays by gays and lesbians in the business, who share their experiences of writing, bookselling, publishing and promoting gay literature.

Edisol Dotson is editor and publisher of *Putting Out Books*, a press he started in 1991 to publish the inaugural edition of *Putting Out: The Essential Publishing Resource for Gay and Lesbian Writers*. Dotson's writing has appeared in *Christopher Street*, *New York Native*, *San Francisco Sentinel* and *Bay Area Reporter*. Edisol Dotson lives in Washington, DC.

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PROFILE OF MARTA HARTLEY

Marta Hartley deserves recognition for her outstanding efforts in education about HIV/AIDS. She speaks from a personal perspective. She is living with the virus. Marta was diagnosed in July 1990. In October 1990, she was a participant in a panel at the NE AIDS Conference held at the College View Seventh-Day Adventist Church. There were hundreds of people in the audience. How she did it, only she knows. Then, and since then, she has educated thousands of people about HIV/AIDS. Her favorite audience is youth. She loves the children. Her presentations include facts on the disease, her personal life story and reflections, information on sexuality, information on addictions, and always a strong lecture on choices. There is hope for the future, but she tells people the choices we make in our lives, (sometimes our young lives) determine if our dreams come true. This has never been truer now that HIV/AIDS is here.

Marta educates people for a simple reason. She wants to make a difference. She believes education will save lives. If she can do that, it helps her make sense of the terrible tragedy she (and millions of others) found herself in. It is a tragedy to get HIV. Still, Marta is stronger, wiser, kinder, and more determined after HIV than before HIV. Her message to others includes this: find your growth through some other way. It takes honesty and courage to deliver her message. But deliver she does. She's a natural-born public speaker. She's been the subject of articles in the Daily Nebraskan and the Lincoln Journal Star. She's served on the Lincoln-Lancaster County AIDS Task Force from April 1991 to June 1993. She serves on the Care Options-Ryan White

Funding committee. Her story, intertwined with others, became a play, *Old Friends*, presented at UNL Theatrics in April 1994.

One of Marta's greatest accomplishments was to return to school. She graduated from Southeast Community College (SCC) with distinction. She earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Human Services with Alcohol and Drug Specialization in December 1992. She's taken training on HIV/AIDS through the NE AIDS Project and the American Red Cross. She is a talented, hard-working educator with much to share. Marta has traveled outside of Lincoln to present education on HIV/AIDS to public school children. She has educated for many colleges: UNL, Wesleyan, Doane, Concordia, and SCC. She has educated for the Attention Center, Freeway Station, Youth Development Centers in Kearney and Geneva, Indian Center, Lincoln Action Program, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Lighthouse, Optimist Club, VA Hospital, and the League of Human Dignity. She is a frequent presenter in coordination with the American Red Cross, State Department of Health, NE AIDS Project, and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Many, many people have listened to Marta. People really listen. The following is typical of the letters of "thanks" she receives.

"Marta,

Thank you for coming to speak to us. I really thought about what you said. You made me realize that anyone, or even I could be (infected) with HIV. I went home that night and talked to my mom (about) what you said to everyone. And

she actually listened to me. If you could, I would love to listen to you again. Please come back...Thanks you again for coming.

Sincerely, Natalie."

On behalf of Natalie and many others, thank you, Marta. One person can make a difference.

TO MARTA by Cynthia Hartley

To what of my sister do I owe
Our time was fast but savored as slow

She's the one who showed me the way
And for our souls I constantly pray

She's living with a virus called HIV
Sometimes I'm so scared I can barely see

She promises love is the one immortal thing about us
And that love would not require me make a fuss

We've shared a lot and we always grew
I know our love will see us through

I love my sister more than me
But if the time comes I'll set her free

When she dies I promise you this — She will not be forgot
For a better sister couldn't be found, even gift wrapped and store bought.

DAMRON REDESIGNS ITS CLASSIC GAY TRAVEL GUIDE

The Damron Company has once again set the industry standard for gay travel guides. Just look at the cover for the 31st edition of the *Damron Address Book*. The postmodern design of blue sky and clouds announces that the guide has moved firmly away from the style of a traditional book of addresses. "We remain very serious about thoroughly researching our information, but we want it to be presented in a format that is both easy and fun to read," said Damron Company President, Gina M. Gatta. "After all, people use our guides to plan vacations, and vacations are supposed to be fun! So we've added little touches throughout like choosing more vibrant colors and designs for our introductory pages or letting more of the staff's offbeat humor show up in the listings

for the travel calendar at the end of the book."

Gatta added that the new look allows important information that was overlooked in the past to leap off the page. Now readers can easily find Damron's invaluable one-page listing of phone numbers for national organizations. And peppered throughout the book are "no nonsense travel tips that even your mother will love."

The release of the *Damron Address Book 1995* marks the Damron Company's 31st year of publishing. The pocket-sized 650 page guide lists the names, addresses, phone numbers, hours, and clientele codes for resources in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The book is available in both mainstream and alternative bookstores nationwide.

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BOOK REVIEWS

B-BOY BLUES CONFRONTS RACISM

By Greg Hicks

B-Boy Blues, by James Earl Hardy, published by Alyson Publications, is a first novel for James Hardy. *B-Boy Blues* centers around the loving relationship between two people of color who are struggling not only with their sexuality, but also with today's racial issues. Being a black American author, Hardy understands first hand the pressure and problems facing most black Americans — pressures from within society as a whole, as well as in the gay community. This novel confronts the issues head on.

The central characters are not your typical black gay men. They are very well education professionals, who happen to be black. However, this novel gives the reader a look at another facet of black gay lifestyle, the 90's "hip-hop generation," "homeboy," or "B-Boy." Mitchell and Raheim are two completely different facets of black society who attempt to develop a loving relationship despite their differences, which include social background, educational status, monetary worth, or peer group pressures. This novel presents the obstacles they each must face to make their special relationship work, and in the end love does conquer.

The majority of today's gay fiction solely encounters problems and lifestyles of gay white Americans. Rarely have there been published works about love between people of color, not since James Baldwin's works of the '60's. This piece gives the reader a look into many of the problems which black gay Americans face daily being black, gay, or homosexual.

All Americans have had to face some form of discrimination or racism in their lives, and if you combine racial issues with being gay, or homosexual, you present to the reader a novel that lets all people know that being a black American compounded with being gay is an issue that should be addressed differently than just being a gay American. I highly recommend *B-Boy Blues* to everyone. This novel attempts to give the reader insight into central problems that many Americans may not know exist in the gay community — the problems of racism and discrimination in the gay community against people of color. Read it and you will understand.

SEASONS OF GRIEF AND GRACE

Susan Ford Wiltshire and John Ford grew up in the Texas Panhandle, "taking the long view of things, where there was lots to think about because there was nothing to see except the horizon twenty-five miles away." The four Ford children were taught the value of learning and hard work by their father, a cowboy with a serious love of poetry, and their mother, whose rural Texas origins did not prevent her from mastering Latin or reading all of Shakespeare. Susan became a noted Classic scholar. John's work in Republican politics lead to his appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in the Reagan Administration, from which post he resigned to become active in the American Farm Movement. (He was given the Heroes of American Agriculture Award, along with Willie Nelson, just two weeks after his death.)

When disaster struck and John was diagnosed with AIDS, Susan began writing a work reminiscent of May Sarton's journals: Madeleine L'Engle's *Two-Part Invention*, and Jessamyn West's *The Woman Said Yes*. She shows us two siblings sharing an agonizing but special journey, finding possibilities rather than resignation, sharing rather than silence, and strength instead of defeat. This is, in short, a good and inspiring story, one that will help point the way for others.

More than one and a half million Americans are now infected with HIV. If we count all the siblings, parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends of HIV-positive Americans, the number of people affected by this epidemic grows astronomically. By telling her own poignant and informative story, Susan Ford Wiltshire gives a voice to all those not physically affected by this scourge who nevertheless bear the emotional wounds the disease is inflicting on us.

The author of several works in the field of classics including *Greece, Rome, and the Bill of Rights*, which won the 1993 Alex Haley Memorial Award for Literary Distinction, Susan Ford Wiltshire is chair of the Dept of Classical Studies at Vanderbilt University. *Seasons of Grief and Grace* includes 22 photographs, an index, and a list of bibliographic resources.



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NATIONAL NEWS

PERI JUDE RADECIC NAMED NGLTF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY,

Steps Down as Executive Director

The board of directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced that Peri Jude Radevic stepped down as executive director at the end of her one-year contract in November.

Radevic, who for the past year as head of NGLTF oversaw several successful grassroots gay rights campaigns, will move over to become NGLTF Director of Public Policy following the naming of her successor.

Radevic served as executive director during a period of transition at NGLTF and the movement. During her tenure, NGLTF established and built the highly recognized Fight the Right Project, which has organized and trained scores of activists in more than 25 cities and 20 states. The project has assisted activists and campaigns around the country battle proposed anti-gay initiatives and has seen the number of threatened ballot measures drop from 10 to 2 this year.

Radevic will serve as executive director until a replacement is named. As Director of Public Policy, she will coordinate the Task Force's advocacy programs, including lobbying, Fight the Right, anti-violence and lesbian health work, Workplace and Campus projects and other work.

Grassroots activists saluted Radevic's advocacy during her tenure as executive director. In a recent letter to the NGLTF Board, the leadership of the Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition said, "Seeing us... on stage at Stonewall 25 with Peri Jude calling for one million people to descend upon Atlanta in 1996 is one of the most important actions that made us successful. They moved the [volleyball] venue out of Cobb County. Not because they wanted to, but because Peri Jude... said, 'We will tie the city in an Olympic knot. I want to thank the Task Force for not ignoring us. For asking us, 'How can we help?'"

ABLE-TOGETHER

Publication of International Newsletter
Serving Bisexual/Gay/Disabled

Able-Together, a quarterly newsletter serving gay and bisexual disabled men and those who care about them since 1986 has been revived and reorganized by a group of former subscribers and is now being published out of San Francisco. Publication months are October, January, April and July. A-T has members across the US and in Canada, Australia and several European countries.

Able-Together's October 1994 issue was published with twenty-eight pages including over sixty personal contact ads listed together with an expanded editorial section promoting the needs and interests of this insufficiently recognized minority within the bisexual/gay/disabled communities.

Subscribers to A-T are encouraged to contribute letters, opinions and articles. And we are particularly pleased to be able to offer A-T on tape to subscribers with visual impairment.

Able-Together applies member's subscriptions and donations to production and advertising costs. A-T advertises in mainstream disabled and gay publications and welcomes suggestions from subscribers on outreach policy.

Able-Together costs \$30 for a year's subscription (four issues); this is reduced to \$15 for persons with low incomes. Personal ads (of any length) are listed at no additional charge, and many be coded for privacy; a charge is made for forwarding replies to coded ads, which is limited to the reimbursement of A-T's postage costs.

For more information write: *Able-Together*, P.O.B. 460053, San Francisco, CA 94146, USA.

GAY GAMES V

Gay Games V will be held in Amsterdam in 1998. Plan to be there! For a free map/guide to Gay Amsterdam write to Pyl, P.O. Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266, U.S.A.

- Paz Y Liberacion

RETURN TO DC IN '96

An Open Letter to the Community

Dear Friends,

The results of a recent survey show overwhelming support for displaying the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt in our nation's capital once again. Despite the enormity of this undertaking, it's clear that friends and supporters believe that displaying the Quilt in one place — especially in Washington, D.C. — will have an enormous impact all across the country. As executive director, I had to weigh many factors in the decision to display the Quilt in Washington. But after reading the comments on our survey, I knew there was only right choice: return to D.C. in '96.

You see, so many people still remember the sight of the Quilt laid out on the grounds of the Washington Monument in 1992 — in fact, seeing the Quilt in its entirety inspired thousands of people like you to become more involved in the fight against AIDS. After all, that's what the Quilt is about. Remembrance... inspiration... and action. When the Quilt is displayed in Washington once again, the panel you helped create will be there, touching thousands upon thousands of people with its message of love and hope.

There can be no greater testimony to the power of the Quilt than the incredible transformation that takes place among all who witness it. Supporter Gordon Lovell wrote this note when returning his survey last month, "It is almost impossible to describe the emotions I felt the first time I saw the Quilt. One gets a sense of deep love, remembrance, despair, hope and healing. It should be mandatory viewing for everyone." As a result of our 1996 Washington display, countless people like Gordon will be moved to action, and the media coverage will once again be massive — bringing the AIDS crisis to the forefront of public consciousness again. We have high hopes that the display will also help spur our government to increase funding for AIDS research, treatment and prevention.

Today I ask you to make a special contribution to our Return to D.C. in '96 Campaign. We have already started work on plans for the display, and many of our costs must be incurred before the actual event takes place. As valuable as the D.C. display will be, the strain on the NAMES Project's budget will be tremendous. It's going to take the involvement and financial support of everyone who cares about making real progress in the fight against AIDS — including you.

We've got a long, hard road ahead of us. Coordinating the Quilt's transportation is a huge job in itself — by 1996, the Quilt will be double the size it was in 1992. It's going to take 16 railroad cars to transport it across the country!

Just think what it's going to take to carry out this immense display. From transportation to publicity, from shipping to event management... the list goes on and on. For the D.C. display in 1992, our expenses totaled over half a million dollars. So you can just imagine how much more the 1996 display will cost, due to the tragic fact that the Quilt will have grown by leaps and bounds by that time. 1996 may seem far off — but to make this ambitious display a reality, our work must start immediately. That's why I hope you can give us your show of support now. We're counting on the steadfast support of friends like you. Thank you for your ongoing commitment.

Sincerely, Anthony Turney

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AIDS IN CHILDREN

Two studies of HIV therapies in children appeared in the Nov. 3 *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Antibody Therapy Helps Fight Infections
Intravenous gamma globulin (IVIG) reduces the rate of serious bacterial infections — but does not change survival — among children with advanced HIV infection or AIDS who also took zidovudine (AZT). While not a part of the trial design, a further analysis of the study data shows IVIG did not benefit children who also received the drugs trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole to prevent *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia.

AZT Reduces Maternal Transmission of HIV
AZT therapy reduced by two-thirds the risk of transmission of virus from HIV-infected pregnant women to their babies. While the mechanism by which AZT worked is unknown, the scientists suggest that the drug reduces the amount of HIV circulating in the mother's blood. This, in turn, diminished exposure to the virus both for the fetus during development and the infant at delivery. Mothers began AZT therapy at times ranging from their 14th to 34th week of pregnancy through labor, with the length of treatment ranging from one to 29 weeks. The infants received AZT for their first six weeks.

HIV DAMAGE TO NERVOUS SYSTEM INCREASES

Despite the widespread use of antiretroviral drugs, HIV-related damage of the nervous system is increasing among AIDS patients, according to a study supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

"While therapy with antimicrobial drugs has protected HIV-infected patients against certain infectious diseases of the nervous system, the more widespread and earlier use of antiretroviral agents has not protected against the development of AIDS-related dementia or sensory neuropathy," says senior author Justin C. McArthur. The findings stem from analysis of seven years of data on 2,641 HIV-infected men.

The study demonstrates that rates of five HIV-related neurologic conditions increased among the men from 1985 to 1992. The frequency did not change significantly for a sixth condition, AIDS dementia, the progressive deterioration that afflicts some AIDS patients. However, dementia and neuropathy occurred almost three times more than the other conditions. "The increase in incidence rates of central nervous system among the men may stem from their use of antiretroviral therapy, which allows them to survive longer with more severely suppressed immune systems and lengthens the vulnerable

period of brain infection," says first author Helena Bacellar. These data, along with other MACS neurologic studies, suggest that despite therapy, HIV indirectly damages CNS parts.

RELIGIOUS NETWORK'S STATEMENT ON AIDS GAINS SUPPORT


Individuals, parishes, religious communities and all levels of Catholic organizations have endorsed a national declaration on AIDS calling for churches and people of faith to show support and compassion for people with the disease. The statement, titled, "A Commitment on HIV/AIDS by People of Faith...The Council Call", acknowledges that barriers based on religion, among other factors, have generated fear, persecution and violence. Organizers hope to have commitments from all levels of all churches by World AIDS Day, December 1, when a ceremony at the United Nations in New York will mark the 14th anniversary of the AIDS epidemic in the United States. Places of worship also are being encouraged to ring bells 14 times at 1:40 p.m. that day.

— *Catholic Voice*

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LOCAL NEWS

ANGLE RECOGNITION DINNER

By Sharon Van Butsel

In a gala affair held October 21 at the Best Western at 72nd & Grover in Omaha, A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors) recognized 27 individuals, organizations, and businesses nominated in four categories by members of the community. One business, organization, or individual in each of four categories received "Special Recognition" as determined by a panel made up both of those recognized in previous years and of impartial members of organizations outside Nebraska.

The 110 persons who turned out for the evening were greeted with tables covered with white tablecloths and centerpieces featuring pink triangles. Entertainment for the evening was provided by a showcase of entertainers including the diverse talents of Brian Bengtson and Pat Cline doing poetry readings; the former Miss Gay Omaha, Monica West, doing one of her high energy dance numbers; and the River City Mixed Chorus Ensemble, under the direction of John Bennett, performing several selections from their concert repertoire. R.N. Hedges opened the evening by singing the National Anthem, followed by an invocation by the Reverend Matthew Howard of Metropolitan Community Church. The evening closed with a Dance Concert featuring Lavender Couch. However, the focus of the evening was the presentation of the awards. Each person, group, or business that had been nominated was recognized. The nominees and a summary of the comments from the nominations are listed as follows.

Individual - Personal Achievement

Recognition was given to:

Sharon McCartney — On the *New Voice* steering committee as secretary, typist, and prison project manager. On the PFLAG Board as treasurer and newsletter typist. EAGLE regional representative to the Regional board. On the Nebraska Pluralism Council of US WEST. She is a true role model in corporate America and is attending college to become a counselor. "She is out and lets everyone know that she and all lesbians and gays are people who have families, jobs, and friends. She continues to work to change attitudes and beliefs that lesbians and gays are second class citizens."

Carla Petersen — Fantasy planning committee last 4 years, coordinated vendor fair 2 years, ANGLE member 4 years, treasurer, 1 year, phone line volunteer 3 years, *New Voice* steering committee 1 year, typist/layout 3 years; Omaha Meatpackers: a Packette for 4 years; ICON: Athena II, Treasurer 1 year, co-vice president 1 year, President 1 year, Board of governors 5 years; MCC: Office volunteer 2 years, Church secretary 3 years, Deacon 2 years, member 6 1/2 years. Carla has had major back problems for three years with two major surgeries. Despite physical and financial strain, she continues to contribute time and resources to the community. "It seems the more she is afflicted, the harder she works for this community. When help is needed she will be there. On top of all this she is a teacher who is proud enough to be "out". There are not enough lines to name everything she has done even though she has been in Omaha only 8 years. 20 years from now people will still know the love

and hard work she has given us."

Kayla Quist — Master degree Social Worker who was able to educate clients and fellow staff on issues relating to HIV and AIDS. She has been forced to retire due to increasing disability from Multiple Sclerosis but maintains a high level of volunteer involvement with MCC as Worship Coordinator and with the MS Society. She is a positive role model for members of the community who live with chronic illness. "Kayla should receive special recognition because of her personal example of dedication and motivation in spite of a chronic debilitating illness."

Capt. Rich Riechenberg — Boldly came out in the military and is fighting vigorously for our cause. He has made an effort to take another step toward freeing gays from discrimination. "He should receive special recognition because he exhibits a personal determination to be free with his sexuality. This requires selfless courage and preserves our Pride and Honor."

Receiving Special Recognition: Joseph Conrad — Co-founder and President of A.C.E., was instrumental in development of Unity House. An active speaker on behalf of PWA's who spoke publicly in a televised town hall meeting, as a person living with AIDS, he spoke directly to President Clinton via satellite. "His willingness to speak publicly on a televised satellite hook-up town hall meeting with President Clinton helped sensitize the general community, as well as the President himself, on the needs of persons with HIV."

Community Service - Organization

Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) — been in the corporate environment for 7 years striving to change attitudes and behaviors towards gays and lesbians. Instrumental in providing educational events for Metropolitan Community College, Creighton University, and the Med Center. Participates in Pride activities, donated the money to pay for Lavender Couch to perform at the Pride parade, has invited the Condors Drill Team to participate for the last four years. "The members of the organization are committed to domestic partnership issues as well as other issues that impact the gay community within the corporate as well as the greater community."

Omaha Players Club (OPC) — Activities include Black Night, Fantasy, and Leather Nebraska. Contributed to CFEP from Fantasy, Educational S/M activities to all or any community service groups. Goal is to remove stigmas and taboos which "lifestyle" has unjustly acquired. "Our community within the community is dedicated to the promotion of unity amongst all the separate community organizations."

River City Mixed Chorus — 10 years of musical concerts, performed at fundraising events for AIDS, sent ensemble groups to sing whenever asked. RCMC has been a powerful unifying place for a diverse gay and lesbian community. RCMC brings gay, lesbian, and straight together to experience the power and joy of music. "The Chorus is a gift not only to those of us who are gay/lesbian. It is also a gift from us to the metropolitan area. The Chorus breaks down barriers. They are people whose music changes

lives."

Support Nebraska AIDS Project (SNAP Productions) — 6 theater productions have raised over \$85,000 for NAP. This past year's productions of "Jeffrey" and "The Normal Heart" received 16 TAG (Theater Arts Guild) nominations and awards. Under the leadership of David Catalan, SNAP productions entertain and enlighten both gay and straight audiences. Productions provide actors/actresses opportunity to be involved in projects that deal directly with the gay/lesbian community. "SNAP Productions has achieved outstanding success with their projects and has gained support of the gay/lesbian as well as the straight community in the Omaha area."

Receiving Special Recognition: AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (ACE) — Empowers PWA's to continue productive involvement in the community through fundraising, support groups, and other activities. Organized and established Unity House, a drop in site for persons living with AIDS. Unity house offers a place to visit but also provides luncheons, massage therapy, clothing and food pantries, and assistance with financial needs. The members of A.C.E. saw needs that were not being met by other organizations and set out to meet those needs of PWA's, their friends, and their families. "We would give them special recognition for offering hope, love, and an opportunity for commitment to a group of people who are often abandoned and ostracized."

Community Service - Business

DC's — owners Dan Johnson and Charley Wade promote safe sex and HIV Education, were instrumental in the start-up of ICE Bowl in 1991. Instrumental in bringing the International Gay Rodeo convention to Omaha in 1996. "Special recognition should be given because of the extensive effort required to start-up and maintain safer sex education, Ice Bowl, and the Rodeo Association."

International Minute Press — Provides many organizations with free or discounted printing services since 1990 at the Bellevue location and for 8 years at the downtown location. Owned by the Knight family: father, mother and 2 brothers. One brother, Jim Knight, is openly gay and instrumental in providing a positive work environment for gay employees at both locations. "Through their continued support of the Gay, Lesbian, and Gay/Lesbian sensitive community, the Knight family, especially Jim, and International Minute Press provide a valuable service in our community with their donations of time and resources."

Receiving Special Recognition:

The MAX — Owners Don Moran and Bruce Barnard have, for the past 10 years, provided a wonderful entertainment facility for the community for meetings, fundraising events, holy unions, parties, and especially fundraising shows. With the generosity of the owners, many organizations have raised thousands of dollars. Almost every organization has benefited from events at The MAX in some way. "Don and Bruce provide the community with a facility that we are all very proud to have in Omaha, and they

continue to support the community personally with their donations of money and resources at many of the fundraising events in their establishment.

Community Service - Individual

Dick Brown — Treasurer and advertising manager for the *New Voice*. He's Out and Proud and has been featured in *OUT* magazine. He is active in many organizations and supports them by contributing time, energy and talent. "He is a genuine person who truly loves to impact a change in our community."

Budda — a member of the Omaha Meatpackers almost from the beginning, involved in fundraising for Jerry's Kids and continued with AIDS and PWA's, Past President of the River City Bowling League for 2 years, helped with Ice Bowl Tournament 3 years - fundraising chair this year, Manager of Gilligan's the last year, and helps organizations with fundraisers at Gilligan's and elsewhere.

Marshall Burnham, Jr. — Co-moderator of ANGLE in 1989 and 1990. Leader until 1991. He was instrumental in starting the Recognition awards and set his personal goal to start the Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line in April of 1991. He served as the chairperson until late 1993. "Without his persistence, determination, and powers of persuasion, Omaha might not have these services available today."

Bill Burtch — Music director of MCC for the past 2 years, he formed and developed an active choir of 15 - 20 members. He performs benefit shows for MCC & other organizations, networks between the gay and non-gay communities by bringing performers to MCC. "Bill serves as a role model as he is a gay man who is open and supportive in his dealings with the non-gay community. Bill deserves special recognition for his dedication and his unselfish use of his talent."

Dave England — PFLAG president for 2 years, Treasurer for 2 years, member of PFLAG speakers bureau, ANGLE moderator for 2 years, Vice moderator for two years, on the By Laws committee, Phone Line Coordinator, and Pride Chair 1994. NAP volunteer, NAMES: Quilt Project Treasurer, RCMC supporter and volunteer, Youth Support Group facilitator for 2 years, worked on Gays in the military issues and supported Captain Rich Richenberg at Offutt AFB. "He gives untold hours to behind the scenes activities that support his commitment to justice and compassion for our GLBT friends and families. He lives the real family values."

Jim Gau — Jim is a consistent asset to the community. He is always helpful through his position at The MAX and with any other activities. He is making a bold transition from female impersonator (Gloria Revelle) into the Leather/S&M lifestyle. "Jim has now 'come out' into Leather and is educating the people around him of the positive aspects of our lifestyle."

R.N. Hedges — Member of the Board of Directors at Metropolitan Community Church, leader of a Prayer, Care, Share Circle in his home every other week, provides special music and sings in the MCC Choir, Writer for *The New Voice*, has performed for Fantasy, ICON, ANGLE and other groups. Bob and his partner Greg Hicks are excellent role models as they raise Bob's three children: Nicole, Natalie, and Landon, and have regular visits by Greg's daughter, Shelby. Bob, Greg, and their family were nominated for recognition as a successful family at Family Services annual award banquet. Quoting from the nomination: "Bob's positive role model crosses many dividing lines — it involves his home life, his family, his dedication to the church, his use of the talents he has, and his service to

many organizations.

M. J. McBride & Lori Graesser — MJ and Lori joined CFEP 2 years ago and have given time and devotion to educating others about gay and lesbian issues. They have appeared on TV together as a lesbian couple and they speak to groups about their life together. They have special talents in putting together printed materials, developing themes and plans for activities such as this year's NCOE events and the Speaker's Bureau. "Their devotion and extraordinary enthusiasm to have others join them in letting the community know their pride in being openly lesbian is an unselfish and courageous example for us all."

Vincent Percy (Velvet) — Dedicates his fundraising efforts to the support of PWA's in the Meatpacker shows and others which raise money for PWA's. Vince's involvement goes back 10-12 years and includes ICON, Miss Gay Nebraska, etc. Vince has overcome many obstacles in life and is an inspiration to others as he shows the community the need to get involved. "Vince has been an advocate of promoting a positive image of the community and showing others that they can do the same."

Jeff Schiller — Active in SNAP productions, Ice Bowl, Unity House, Unity Church, NAP, and more. His talent for sound design and production helped "Jeffrey" win Best of Show award from the Theater Arts Guild this year. He collected donated equipment and put together a complete sound system which he installed, upgraded, and maintained for MCC. He donates hours of desktop publishing and design work. "Jeff is willing to help the whole community and is especially supportive of the HIV community."

Duane Schomer — Co-vice president, Co-treasurer, treasurer, and appointed treasurer of ICON; organized the Greg Kowal Reward Fund and served as treasurer for the fund; and regularly donates products and services to organizations for fundraisers. "Duane has helped to bring stability and support to organizations when they were floundering or when they have just been getting their feet steady. Duane is a community spirited individual with a generosity that includes all."

Sharon Van Butsel — while not eligible for special recognition since she received special recognition within the last four years, Sharon is recognized for her participation and support of ICON even though she is not a Board member. She volunteers with events, works with ICON on articles and ads for *The New Voice*, connects interested people to the ICON Board, has an awareness and concern for the community that is a benefit to all of us. She has great willingness to share resources and to work to promote positive relations in the community. "We recognize that she is not eligible for 'special recognition' but we believe her on-going efforts to network community groups is worthy of nomination."

Ken Voorhees — Spearheaded the movement which led to OJS including sexual orientation in their code of conduct policy. Ken facilitates and is the leader of the PFLAG Youth Group for the past 3 years. He organized a successful benefit for the Youth Group. He helped get Youth Group ads in school papers and has spoken to principals and counselors. Ken provides youth with positive experiences, a sense of accomplishment, meet others and hear speakers and to feel good about themselves. "Ken is a leader and role model for Gay & Lesbian youth and he has made considerable and real advances through his work and dedication."

Receiving Special Recognition:

Neva Cozine — Past 2 years Chairperson for CFEP, delivered a message at Stonewall 25, Initiated CFEP membership in Nebraska, member

of the Mainstream Committee, Caller for Voter ID project, identifying pro-choice and likely gay/lesbian friendly voters, Active in PFLAG and NOW, organized a summit meeting of Nebraska GLBT groups to try to coordinate ideas, lobbied state senators for LB395. "She has provided the leadership and selfless dedication necessary to accomplish goals, manage dedication necessary to accomplish goals, manage problems, and smooth the rough spots in order to move CFEP in a positive direction, as a result benefiting the entire community."

In addition, two nominees declined the nominations.

Rev. Matthew Howard was nominated in the Community Service-Individual category for his work during his 5 years as Pastor of MCC-Omaha.

The Baer Foundation was nominated in the Community Service-Organization category for its ongoing financial support of the needs of PWA's and the gay community.

Two other nominations were received after the deadline and were too late to be considered by the committee.

Jonathan Raymond was nominated in the Community Service-Individual category for his volunteer work with Open Door, the Corporate Cup Run, the American Lung Association, the Francis House, and the Red Cross. He was named the Open Doors Outstanding Volunteer and as Omaha Outstanding Volunteer. "He is a great, dependable, trustworthy, reliable, caring, open-minded, non-prejudiced, full of heart young man who is a role model for other teens, gay and straight."

Pat Greene was nominated in the Community Service-Individual category for her work as leader of the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights from 1990 - 1993. She started the Youth Talkline and has helped with it for the last three years. She coordinates training for new staff and keeps the staff up to date on issues. "Pat's outstanding achievement in establishing the Youth Talkline demonstrates how one person with a good idea, hard work, dedication, research, and concern for GLB youth can bring about change and provide an important service for the entire community."

We wish to offer a special salute to Stan Brown and his Recognition Awards Committees for a superb job. It was a gala evening as we gathered to honor some very special people.

DOWNTOWN DROP-IN CENTER EXTENDS HOURS

The Drop-In-Center on 1723 Leavenworth has additional hours. You can be tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, on Fridays from 1-4pm. During December the Drop-In-Center, will be open Friday afternoons on December 2, 9, 16, and 30. The Drop-In-Center will be closed on December 23 for the holiday.

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Cafe owner Larry Trickett butters his buns for the dinner crowd.

FBI ADDS SERIAL KILLER OF GAY MEN TO 10 MOST WANTED LIST

For the first time, a serial killer of gay men has been added to the FBI's 10 most wanted list. Gary Ray Bowles, 32, of Clifton Forge, Virginia, has been charged with the murders of gay men in Florida, Georgia, and Maryland and is wanted for questioning in connection with a fourth murder. The victims are Milton Bradley of Savannah, Georgia; David Jarman of Silver Springs, Maryland; and Albert Alcic Morris of Hilliard, Florida.

Bowles is said to frequent gay bars, hustling men in exchange for lodging, household chores, or sexual favors. Bowles is described as a white male, 5'9", 150 lbs., with hazel eyes and brown hair. He has scars on his face, his right arm, right finger, and left hand. He has tattoos on his upper right arm, a tattoo of a heart and ribbon on his left arm, and a tattoo of a cross on his left wrist. He is described as having a pronounced Adams apple and a receding chin.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Gary Ray Bowles, contact the FBI or other law enforcement officers at once.

NEW GAY-OWNED 24 HOUR CAFE OPENS

By Martin Alan

It's 3 AM at the Old Market South Country Cafe and Kendra, the waitress, is taking orders. The couple at the table in the corner, who happen to be attracted to the opposite sex (go figure) think it's a hoot. That's because Kendra, one of Omaha's more popular drag queens, is entertaining and waiting the tables at Omaha's newest 24 hour cafe.

Owner Larry Trickett opened the cafe October 29th. Except for the night when Kendra waited tables, the average person walking in would have little idea that this is a gay-owned establishment. There's a good reason for that. Trickett says everyone is welcome — straight, gay, whatever. The same rule applies at Tricks, the bar he owns next door. Trickett said, "I'm finding in 1994, especially with the young people, it makes no difference with sexual preference. Gay input doesn't offend straight people at all."

You can find The Old Market South Country Cafe at 1015 South 10th. Trickett said his chief competitors and the 11-Worth Cafe and Perkins — nearby restaurants that are also open 24 hours a day. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served along with beer, wine, and cocktails. The difference between him and the competitors, Trickett said, is variety and affordability. "Competition's the best thing. It provides quality and keeps prices down," said Trickett. His cafe is running \$2.99 breakfast specials and \$3.99 dinner specials daily. The menu is as diverse as the general population — anything from deep fat fried foods to grilled Alaskan cod.

Trickett praised the gay community for helping him get his new business started. Many friends offered to help without pay. Getting it open is a story by itself. The Good Life Vegetarian Buffet used to be in business before the new cafe. Trickett knew the Good Life Buffet would not last, so he waited until it went out of business. Once the site became available, he opened his new cafe within eight days.

Opening day almost didn't happen. Trickett said everything was looking good the night before October 29th. He had just spent three or four hours cleaning the fryer, which had been gathering dust in the basement. The last thing to do was "boil it off." The seams broke. Water was everywhere. The Old Market South Cafe was about to open without a fryer when the owner of the building came to the rescue. Michael Worobes, who Trickett called his "guardian angel," arrived the next day to find the problem. In broken English Worobes said, "You wait, I fix." He left and came back 20 minutes later with a brand new fryer.

And the new cafe was born.

Three cooks, five waitresses, and two dishwashers are employed at the cafe. Trickett said he was doing a lot of business with employees from the nearby post office who get only half-hour breaks and from US West employees who have been taking advantage of his take out service. Like the 11-Worth and Perkins, the cafe is described as a good place to go for post-bar crowds.

As for the future of the Old Market South Cafe, Trickett hopes to add a suggestion box for customers — whether to add or delete menu items. He also hopes to construct an open passageway between the cafe and Tricks Pub. There's a doorway between the two businesses right now, but customers have to do some maneuvering to get from one to the other. What about the wall decorations? Trickett scanned the walls, shook his head, and said improvements are definitely needed.

METROPOLITAN CLUB MEETING IS RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Over 50 people attended the first meeting of the reorganized Metropolitan Club, held on Wednesday, November 9, at Frankie Pane's, 11th and Douglas. Cocktail hour began at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting at 7:00 p.m. A presentation by Jim Kieffer regarding diversity in the work place was given. Business items included National Gay and Lesbian statistics, a questionnaire about the Metropolitan Club, and information pertaining to the next meeting. In addition, display information was provided by the River City Mixed Chorus with concert season ticket flyers and also by Countryside Travel of Council Bluffs, Iowa, with gay and lesbian travel opportunities. Additional information regarding the River City Mixed Chorus can be obtained by calling 341-SING. Information concerning lesbian and gay travel by Countryside Travel may be obtained by calling Dave at 556-1819 or the Countryside Travel Office at 322-7777. The next meeting of the Metropolitan Club will be held on Wednesday, December 14, again at Frankie Pane's at 11th and Douglas Street. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by a business meeting. At 7:00 p.m. Tim Hall, state senator from Omaha, will join the group as featured guest speaker. As a reminder, Frankie Pane's is a smoke free facility that is closed to the general public in the evenings and is only open to private groups. We look forward to your attendance on December 14th. The Metropolitan Club is a Gay and Lesbian Professional Business organization for the purpose of social networking.



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77 Thanksgiving Baskets
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The Imperial Court of Nebraska scored a resounding success with its annual benefit "Food for Thought," held November 13 at The MAX. The proceeds for Food for Thought go to provide Thanksgiving baskets for clients of the Nebraska AIDS Project and to support the food pantry at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. This year the need was even greater than usual. The Imperial Court had just been advised that NAP had 77 clients and families who needed Thanksgiving baskets.

The crowd was small as the show began but the monarchs and royal families and board members rose to the occasion. Miss Phoenix Fallentino, Empress XII and the reigning Miss Gay Omaha, was the emcee for the evening and as she stepped to the microphone she threw out a challenge to the audience. "I need your money. We have 77 Thanksgiving Baskets to fill for PWA's. I don't care if it's only a dime. I'll take dimes. We need your money if we're going to fill 77 baskets with food."

The audience warmed up slowly. The tips were coming and every performer was putting their tips in the fish bowl, but it didn't look like it was going to be enough. And then Phoenix came to the stage to perform an unexpected disco number, demonstrating high energy dancing that got the crowd moving. The tips began to increase and became more generous. There were fives, tens, twenties, and checks for \$25, \$50, \$100.

Phoenix began to survey the audience and discovered that the members of the cast of the musical "West Side Story," which had just closed at the Dundee Dinner Theater, had come to the show to cheer for a friend. After just a few moments Phoenix had the audience pledging dollars if the women would do "just a few bars" of the songs from West Side Story. The cast rose to the occasion and soon the room was filled with song. Then someone commented on how good looking one of the men in the cast was. Well, nothing would do but Phoenix started collected pledges and this good-natured (and heterosexual) man posed on stage. More tips came in.

A few numbers later, Phoenix challenged members of the audience to "suicide" and Gary put on a disco record and Monica West came out of the audience to dance to the driving beat, with her new, very glamorous hairpiece flying in the wind. She was followed by the glamorous Laura Grey and the tips kept rolling in.

By the end of the evening, it was looking very positive. The tip bowl was nearly full and the audience was having a wonderful time, but Phoenix still wanted to make sure that ICON could provide those 77 Thanksgiving baskets. And then someone in the audience challenged her to take off her wig and perform. Phoenix did not hesitate even a minute. "How much will you give me to take my wig off?" Very quickly there were pledges of \$80 and Phoenix instructed the DJ to put her disco number back on.

As the show closed and performers were called back on stage, Phoenix was hairless and breathing hard, but she had accomplished her goal. The Imperial Court had raised over \$1100 in tips and over \$80 from a 50-50 raffle. Bruce and Stosh generously donated over \$250 from the door receipts, to bring the total to over \$1500. \$511 went to fund the food pantry at MCC and over \$1000 went to purchase food for those 77 Thanksgiving baskets that NAP had requested.

A very special thank you to Emperor XIV David Hansen and Empress XIV Mae for

organizing and producing the show. Thanks to all the performers: Tim Pedersen, Mr. MAX; Phoenix Fallentino, Miss Gay Omaha; Stella Dallas, Mae, Empress XIV; David Hansen, Emperor XIV; Brooke, Princess Royale; Dan Hooper, Duke; Margo Monroe; Carla, Athena II, Sharon; Erica Dena; Ineeda Biggenz; Jennifer Jett; Roxy, Empress XIII; Sierra Sands, Miss Closet Ball '94; R.N. Hedges; Raygun, Miss Gay Pride Utah; Monica West; Laura Grey; and members of the cast from West Side Story.

As always, special thanks to Show Director, Jim Gau; to the DJ, Gary; to Tom Cech for great work on the spotlight; to Roxy for a gorgeous set; to Bruce and Stosh for their generosity; and to the staff of The MAX. And, once again, thank you to Miss Phoenix Fallentino. Way to go!

COFFEE HOUSE AND UPCOMING CONFERENCES

By Sandy Vopalka

Remember the coffee house, the second Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome. The movies seem to be a big hit. If the men would like something, all they need to do is talk to me and we can see what can be worked out.

The 1995 dates are now out. Drop me a note and I will send you a flyer. Write to: Information/SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542.

The American Society on Aging is planning its yearly meeting. The meeting will be March 11 - 14, 1995 in Atlanta, Georgia. I will be presenting and if there are lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, or transgendered people who would like to be a part of this presentation, please let me know. I have the details, or a tape could be made if money is a factor. Please write to Information/SAGE with ideas.

MCC CHOIR GIVES TOP NOTCH PERFORMANCE TO PACKED HOUSE

On November 6, the Choir of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, under the direction of Bill Burch, played to an overflow crowd as they performed their second annual concert, "The Reason We Sing." Under the talented direction of Bill Burch, the MCC-O Choir has developed into an outstanding ensemble, as was evidenced by the quality of their performance for this concert.

The concert featured both old favorites and pieces from the coming season. Accompanist Garrett Burton struck the opening chords and the concert began with "Let Us Celebrate" followed by the haunting "On Eagles Wings." The Choir then stepped back and welcomed to the stage one of their special guests for the evening, Miss Kathy Tyree, performing "Precious Lord."

The Choir then moved into selected pieces for the Christmas Season: "Who Would Send a Baby," "Unto Us a Son," "All Year Long" featuring soloist Joe Reed, and the wonderful piece "Old Fashioned Lesbian Christmas" performed by the women of the Choir. This piece is one of several which Bill Burch brought back with him from the UFMCC Music Leaders' Conference held last August in Dallas, Texas. This Conference brought together music leaders from MCC's around the world and provided a wealth of information and material designed for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Christian community.

Next to the stage was the father/daughter duo of R.N. and Nichole Hedges, performing "More Than Wonderful." As R.N. and Nichole's voices blended and soared, more than one eye was damp with tears at the sight of a gay father and his daughter singing together and praising God.

The Choir returned to center stage to perform "A Closer Walk with Me," and "Amen" featuring

soloist Bill Bohannon. The first half of the program closed with with Choir performing "The Reason We Sing."

The second half of the program opened with special guests, The River City Mixed Chorus Ensemble performing "Let the River Run," "In This Very Room," and four songs of protest and praise from South Africa, "Freedom is Coming," "Marching in the Light of God," "Thuma Mina," and "We Shall Not Give Up the Fight."

The chorus ensemble was followed by MCC's male quartet: R.N. Hedges, Bill Burch, Joe Reed, and Fred Baker, performing "Wonderful."

Next was an extra special guest appearance by Shirley Seals-Tyree, member of the Omaha Public Schools Board of Education and mother of Kathy Tyree, who performed a favorite song from her childhood, "Will the Lord Remember Me." The Choir returned to the stage to perform an Easter Set: "He Became a Lamb" and "Behold the Empty Tomb." Then Miss Kathy Tyree returned for her final number, "When He Beckons for Me." After the Choir performed "Carry the Light," soloist Annette Dickman performed "Anxious for Nothing."

The program closed as the River City Mixed Chorus Ensemble joined the MCC-O Choir to perform "Let Hope Spring Forth." This grand finale brought everyone to their feet and the clapping and cheering reverberated through the old church.

The audience of over 200 people was generous with their offerings and over \$700 was donated toward the purchase of a new baby grand piano for the church. Anyone wishing to contribute toward the music ministry of MCC-Omaha may send contributions to: MCC-Omaha Piano Fund, Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103.

A SET-BACK FOR COUNSELING OF GAY YOUTH

High School guidance counselors from across the state gathered for the annual Nebraska Counselor's Association convention in September. A session on working with students having difficulty dealing with sexual orientation was to be presented by a counselor from the Omaha Public School District. However, at the last minute, OPS declined to allow the counselor to make her presentation saying that she was being paid to attend the convention and the presentation was "not necessarily in keeping with the official position of the Omaha Public Schools." The session went ahead as planned with a graduate student making the presentation. From this it is clear that youth still have a long way to go in order to get services from appropriately trained persons, even in the largest school district in the state.

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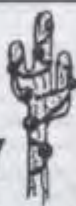
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STRANGE BEDPARTNERS: What do a Drag Queen, a telephone, a rabbit, and Christmas have in common?

Well, let me tell you. On Saturday, January 21, the Board of Governors, Monarchs, and Royal Families of the Imperial Court of Nebraska (Drag Queens, see?) will team up with ANGLE's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Information and Referral Line (telephone, see?) for a benefit performance of Harvey (six foot tall rabbit, see?) at the Dundee Dinner Theatre. Tickets are \$25.00 each and will include a catered dinner, the show, and the atmosphere that can only happen when the whole theater is reserved for our community. You can relax, be yourself, hold hands -- all the fun things. Just think what a wonderful present two tickets would make for that special someone or that someone you want to know better. (Christmas, see?) Be sure to mention ICON when you call for reservations. The entire house is reserved in ICON's name and if you don't mention ICON, they'll tell you they're sold out. For reservations, call 558-8535. Proceeds will be split between ICON and the Information and Referral Line.

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**DENVER GAY MEN'S CHORUS
HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Faith Esham, internationally acclaimed lyric soprano, will be special guest artist with the Denver Gay Men's Chorus at their December 21 holiday concert at Boettcher Concert Hall.

Ms. Esham, who has sung in the major opera houses of North America and Europe, will perform a Christmas program rich in traditional music with the Denver Gay Men's Chorus and an 18-piece orchestra at the Denver Performing Arts Complex.

"When you combine the power and richness of a men's chorus with a world-class soprano, you can get some breathtaking music," said DGMC Artistic Director Barry Oliver.

The concert, "O Night Divine!" is at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, and will include works of J. S. Bach, Adolphe Adam, David Conte, Max Reger, and Ralph Vaughn Williams and spirited arrangements of familiar holiday favorites. The Chorus' two ensembles, Coro Voce and Steppin' Out Now! will also perform.

Ms. Esham's two previous performances with the New York City Gay Men's Chorus at Carnegie Hall were released on NYCGMC's second Christmas album, *Christmas Comes Anew* (Virgin CDC-59121). She also appeared in Francesco Rosi's video recording of Bizet's *Carmen* where she repeated her acclaimed Michaela opposite Placido Domingo.

Tickets are \$30, \$22, \$12, \$8 for the December 21 concert will be available through TicketMaster at 303-290-TIXS, from Chorus members, and through DGMC's traditional outlets, Category Six and The Book Garden. A special sales program for groups wanting to buy a block of seats is also offered, called the DGMC Hotline, 303-832-DGMC for further information.

The Denver Gay Men's Chorus, in its twelfth season, has presented numerous concert programs in Colorado and on tour from coast to coast. They were awarded the Mayors' Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts in 1993.

**MCC CONTINUES
SEARCH FOR NEW
PASTOR**

MCC-Omaha welcomed the Rev. Ken Ehrke and his partner Steve as they candidated for the position of Senior Pastor of MCC-Omaha. The weekend visit went well and the congregation felt favorably about the pastoral candidate, but in the final result Rev. Ehrke declined the call to come to Omaha to pastor.

Rev. Ehrke stated that while he felt very positive about the church and the congregation and had many personal reasons for wanting to come to Omaha, he could not honestly say that he felt called by God to be the Pastor of MCC-Omaha. Therefore, in good conscience he was forced to decline.

The Pastoral Search Committee is again meeting to review the applications of other candidates. Once a suitable applicant is chosen, that person will be invited to Omaha to meet with the Board of Directors, other church leaders, and the congregation.

The candidate will be invited to preach at the Sunday morning worship services and will meet in open discussion with the church membership. After the applicant has candidated, the membership will meet and vote whether or not to extend a call to that person.



OMAHA MEATPACKERS AND PACKETTES TO HOLD AUDITIONS

Have you ever had an overwhelming desire to put on a flowing red dress, eyelashes that are 6 inches long, develop a 56" bust, and glide onto stage with your beard and mustache gently blowing in the wind? Or have you ever wanted to glue hair upon your face and make a fool of yourself on stage? If so, YOU are a prime candidate for the Omaha Meatpackers or Packettes.

Auditions for the Omaha Meatpackers and the Packettes will take place at The MAX on Sunday, December 11. There will be a rehearsal at noon that day and the show will begin promptly at 9:30pm in the evening. There are only 10

spaces for those wishing to audition, so you must reserve your place in the auditions by calling 556-9907. Each person auditioning will be required to perform one individual number and to participate in one group number which will be rehearsed that day. All performers will perform in "skag drag."

The Omaha Meatpackers was originally a leather and levi club, but over the years the group has been in existence, they have evolved into one of the most successful fundraising organizations in the area. As a Meatpacker or Packette, you will take part in two benefit shows each year, with all proceeds going to AIDS related causes, primarily to support the Emergency Assistance Fund which

helps people recently diagnosed with AIDS meet their immediate financial needs for things such as rent, utilities, medication, and food. As a Meatpacker or Packette you receive no salary and agree to donate all your tips to the cause. You will perform individually and as part of the group, and after rehearsing for hours. As you prepare for the big Labor Day Show, you will put in long hours for no pay. But you will walk away knowing that you have personally made a significant contribution to the community and helped make life a little easier for Persons With AIDS.

Remember, to reserve your place in the MeatPackers/Packettes auditions, call 556-9907.

GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS GROUP

G.A.L.P. (Gay and Lesbian Parents) meets every month on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at MCC-O Church at 819 South 22 Street, Omaha.

G.A.L.P. is a diverse group of parents. We are parents as a result of marriage, having children, and now accepting a change in sexual orientation. Others are parents as a result of adoption and/or alternative means.

Our stages of coming out are also different, from the new acceptance of gay or lesbian sexual orientation, to many years in the community. However, we do have one thing in common — our children, our devotion to family, and their well being.

We encourage anyone that has an interest to attend our meetings, or call and get on our mailing list. If you would like more information, please phone Dave at 556-1819 or Donna at 592-4772.

The December meeting will be held on December 1 at the Spaghetti Works in the Old Market at 11th and Howard. We will meet at the Spaghetti Works at 7:30 for dinner as a combination meeting and Christmas party. The Holidays can be emotionally taxing.

Please remember you are not alone and to stay in touch with someone who understands and cares for you.

The November 3rd meeting was particularly interesting as the former spouses attended and met in a separate group with Rose Dethloff, an experienced and licensed family counselor in gay issues, and PFLAG representatives. There is a helpline offered by PFLAG where ex-spouses can obtain information. The voice mail number is 291-6781.

Rose Dethloff is currently forming a counselor guided support group for ex-spouses of Gays and Lesbians. She can be reached at 731-0296 for additional information. (SUPPORT FOR STRAIGHT SPOUSES, Amity Pierce Buxton, author of *The Other Side of the Closet*, 8215 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito, California 94530 Phone 510-525-0220.

In addition, a recent article appeared in the LifeStyle section of the Des Moines Register on Sunday, November 6. The article is entitled "Coming Out" in a marriage. The article addresses the issue that when a married couple confronts the fact that one of them is gay, the straight partner may find few places to turn for support. The article also listed the Ex-Spouse support group in Des Moines that meets the first Sunday of each month. For more information concerning the Des Moines group, call Faith Ferre at Plymouth Congregational Church, 515-255-3149.)

As a reminder, be sure to support and attend the Nebraska AIDS Project Night of 1000 Stars. For additional information, please contact Karen Bloomfield at 402-342-6367.

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A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

Our special congratulations to Neva Cozine, The MAX, A.C.E., and Joseph Conrad who received special recognition at our Recognition Awards on October 21. Thank you to all the nominees for their contributions to our community in the past. We know many of you will be nominated again next year.

The Recognition Dinner and Dance was a great evening for our community and we appreciate everyone who helped make it a success. A special thank you to R.N. Hedges, Rev. Matthew Howard, Brian Bengtson, Monica West, Pat Cline, the River City Mixed Chorus Ensemble, and Lavender Couch for their contributions to the evening's events.

I would like to personally thank my co-MC's for the event, Pat Phalen, Steve Lucart, M.J. McBride, Bob Ewing, and Michael Burger. Thank you to my Nominations Committee members: Andy, Dave, Bob, David, Joan, Ronnie, M.J., Kevin, and the Orlando Gay Chorus Board. And finally, thank you to my Dinner Committee members: Chris, Pat, Ron, Debbie, Jim, Rich, Jerry, and Pat.

With all of their help and donations of services and money from The Imperial Court of Nebraska, International Minute Press, *The New Voice of Nebraska*, Printing Plus, and The MAX this event was made possible.

On Sunday, November 27, at DC's, Emperor XIV David Hansen hosted a benefit show for the Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line. We are in desperate need of funds for the phone line, so we appreciate David's and his special guests' support of the line. Thank you to all who attended the event and supported the Penney

Raffle for the phone line. I'll let you know how much was raised in next month's article.

We are still looking for people interested in applying for Pride Chairperson in 1995. Please contact the phone line 558-5303 and ask for Rich to return your call. Our Pride Parade, Rally, and Picnic will be on Sunday, June 11, 1995. Hope to see you all there.

ANGLE elected new officers and board members in November. Our new officers are: Moderator, Rich; secretary, Joan; treasurer, Michael; members-at-large, Debbie, Jeannie, and myself. Our special thanks to Becky, Sonia, and Rebecca who served on the board the past year and gave so much of their time and energy for ANGLE.

Finally, next month, on Saturday, January 21, we will host a joint fundraising event with the Imperial Court of Nebraska. The event will be an evening at the Dundee Dinner Theatre for the production of "Harvey." Tickets for dinner and the play will be \$25.00 per person. Proceeds for ANGLE will go to fund the Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line.

Please join us for a fun and entertaining evening. For more information, call the phone line or join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m., UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd.

December 10
Night of 1000 Stars
December 11
Meatpacker Auditions

NEWLY CROWNED MISS GAY OMAHA 95 — PHOENIX FALLETINO

The place to be on Sunday, October 2, 1994 was The MAX. Once again it was time for the Miss Gay Omaha '95 Pageant. Bill Anson aka Jennifer Jett packed in a standing room only crowd and proved once again why this pageant has become a symbol of excellence.

The pageant this year had 8 contestants who competed in 3 categories: Male Interview 30%, Talent 40%, and Evening Gown 30%. At the end of the evening the category winners were announced. Winner of Male Interview and Evening Gown went to contestant #4 Phoenix Fallentino and Talent winner was contestant #8 Quincy Valentine.

This year a special award was dedicated in memory of Miss Gay Omaha #4 Amanda Foxx as the contestants and judges voted on the Most Beautiful Award. This year's winner was Miss Kendra Williams.

And now the moment everyone has waited for. 2nd Runner-up was contestant #3 Roxxy. 1st Runner-up was contestant #8 Quincy Valentine, and the New Miss Gay Omaha was contestant #4 Miss Phoenix Fallentino.

Phoenix was crowned by Miss Gay Omaha #5 and #3, Monica West and Dorian Drake respectively. Other past Miss Gay Omaha winners are #1 Phoebe Tate and #2 Jennifer Jett.

A special thanks goes to The MAX and the show director Jim Gau for his help and to Tom Ceeh for a beautiful set design.



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BORSHEIM'S & NAP "NIGHT OF A 1000 STARS"

The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) has set Saturday, December 10, 1994, as the date for its second annual major fundraising event, Night of a 1000 Stars, as a part of commemorative activities centered around World AIDS Day, December 1. This event is being cosponsored by Borsheims, with their CEO, Susan Jacques with her husband, Gene Dunn, serving as Honorary Chairs. Co-chairs for the event are David Catalan and Susan McGillick. More than 1,500 patrons are anticipated for this annual gala, encompassing over 50 private dinner parties hosted by supporters throughout the greater Metropolitan Omaha area, Council Bluffs and Lincoln. Dinner hosts invite guests to a party of their design, format, and menu—from cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to a formal sit-down dinner. Hosts donate the cost of their parties, while guests are asked for a minimum donation of \$25 to attend. After the dinner parties, guests will convene at The Regency Fashion Court beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m., where entertainment accompanies desserts and refreshments as the amount raised is tallied. Entertainment will include performances by the Rishheads, the Omaha Modern Dance Collective, the River City Mixed Chorus, Heartland Opera Theatre, and Pam and the Pearls. Emcee will be Daniel Plante, KETV co-anchor. Borsheim's will remain open that evening, giving guests the opportunity for exclusive shopping, with 5 percent of the sales donated to NAP. If there is anyone who would like to attend a party and has not received an invitation, please call the NAP offices at 402-342-6367 and ask for Jeff. We will do our best to secure a party invitation for you.

LAVENDER COUCH DEBUTS TAPE OF THE SAME NAME

By Sharon Van Butsel

I make no claim to be a music critic (and I would welcome a review of this group by someone qualified to do so), but when I received a copy of their debut tape and a request for a review, I decided to give it a whirl.

The songs performed by Lavender Couch are primarily their own originals and speak to the joy and pain of coming of age and of coming out. When I have heard them perform live, I have been caught in that trap that lies in wait for so many of us who grew up in an earlier day and time. I found myself saying, "It's really loud," and "I can't understand the words." However, on the tape the lead vocals are no longer overpowered by the instrumentals and I suddenly found myself playing the tape over and over to experience the hauntingly familiar chords of the songs. It took several times before I realized what I found so disturbingly familiar and yet different. To my ear, the music of Lavender Couch is very much that of traditional womyn's music but set to a stronger and faster beat. The vocals become a cry akin to the blues of the back streets and the beat of the drums carries the throb of passion. The guitar style reminds me of my favorite womyn's artist, Council Bluffs native Nancy Hill, now a music therapist. All in all, I found the tape to be an excellent first effort and one which leaves me looking forward to future offerings.

On November 18, Lavender Couch debuted their first tape at a tape release party at the Capitol Bar. The group has developed a substantial local following during the past year, and have performed at major benefits and activities in the community, including the '94 Pride Parade, National Coming Out Day at the Civic Auditorium, the ANGLE Recognition Dinner, the Youth Support Group fundraiser at The MAX, and many others as well as Omaha and Lincoln clubs and coffeehouses.

Lavender Couch features Cami Rawlings on guitar, bass, and lead vocals; Allison Raynholdt on bass, guitar, and lead vocals; Ariann Anderson, lead vocals; and Roselle Ledesiva on drums, with additional percussion and keyboards by Christy Thomas.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR JOEL A. CASON aka AMANDA FOXX

Friends and family of Joel Cason gathered at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha to remember their friend who had died of complications of AIDS on September 28. They also gathered to celebrate the part of Joel's life that had been largely missing from the more formal service held in Des Moines — they gathered to celebrate Amanda Foxx and to mourn her passing as well.

The *Omaha World Herald* had broken tradition with the article they ran announcing Joel's death. It read as follows:

Joel A. Cason, 32; Female Impersonator

A memorial service is pending for Joel A. Cason, 32, who died Wednesday at Kavanagh House, a hospice facility in Des Moines.

Cason, who had moved to Des Moines recently from Omaha, what nationally known as a professional female impersonator under the name Amanda Foxx. He won the 1993 Miss MAX competition at the MAX nightclub in Omaha. He made several network television appearances and entertained extensively on the West Coast and other locations.

Cason died of complications of AIDS.

Cason, who was born in Knoxville, Iowa, is survived by his mother and father, JoAnn and Armand Cason of Midland, Texas; brothers David and Danny, also of Midland; and two sisters, Carol and Janice of Des Moines.

Unlike the one in Des Moines, the Omaha memorial service featured the most striking picture of Amanda Foxx appearing as Cher. Promotional pictures (8x10 glossies) were available for remembrances. Friends and family took to the microphone to share their memories of Joel. His friend Lowell spoke at length, as did his cousin Dee and her children. Stan Brown, organizer of the memorial service, also remembered his close friend. Jesse, Jane, and Samantha each recalled the particular way that they had known Joel before the microphone was opened up to other members of the audience.

Rev. Matthew Howard presided at the service, which featured the vocal music of Joel's friend, R.N. Hedges and the instrumental talents of Michael Mullins.

Joel Cason also spoke at the memorial service, through the words of this poem, written shortly before his death.

GUIDE ME TOWARD THE LIGHT

Please take my hand
and walk with me.
We won't have
many steps to take
before I leave this place.
I've lived my life
as best can be.
I've no regrets
as I leave this place.

Let's walk a little
further more,
still hand in hand.
I need your strength
to help me
make it to the door.

Beyond, another life awaits.

Joel

Following the service, friends and family gathered at The MAX for a reception and to watch tapes of Amanda's best performances as they once again marveled at the talent of this premier performer.

Memorials may be made in Joel's name to The Nebraska AIDS Project.

PFLAG OMAHA TO MEET TWICE IN DECEMBER

No, there is no mistake about there being more than one meeting in the month of December. The first meeting will be the Holiday Gathering we have been talking about. Omaha community organizations are invited to join us on December 4th, Sunday, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Mead Hall at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass. Come join us as we socialize, share a favorite treat (holiday or not) and get the holiday season off to a start. PFLAG will provide punch, coffee, and a selection of teas.

LEO TREADWAY TO SPEAK AT PFLAG OMAHA

The decision to schedule a second meeting in December resulted from a guest from Minnesota who found time in his very busy schedule to come to Omaha to share with us his work with youth. Leo Treadway has worked with gay and lesbian youth for a number of years and is currently a caseworker with the Youth AIDS Project (YAP). He will be discussing some of his work, but will also bring his version of the game Jeopardy which he aptly titles "Queer Jeopardy." For those who have been active in the community for some time and for those new to it, this is an opportunity to see how well you know your history. Leo will be joining us on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in our regular Thursday meeting location in Room 204 at First United Methodist Church.

Leo will remain in Omaha through Saturday, December 10th. He will be attending the Youth Support Group on the 10th. Kathy will be trying to set up other opportunities for people to meet with him on Friday and during the day on Saturday. If you wish more information you can always call the Helpline, 291-6871.

— PFLAG Omaha Newsletter

GLAGN HALLOWEEN PARTY A SUCCESS

By Don R.

If you weren't at the Halloween party held by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska, you missed a good time. We didn't get an official count, but I collected \$108 at the door, and with members paying \$1 and non-members \$3 that represents a pretty good turnout. There were some great costumes. Alan L. took first prize for the third year in a row, but let me tell you s/he had some good competition. Mother Superior and the six Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence brought an air of, well — I'll let you fill that in. 'twas a great night!

The \$20, \$10, and \$5 prizes for first, second, and third place costumes were all returned to the organization by the winners and will be donated to NAP.

Thank you to all who participated and for your donations back to the organization. Also thanks to Gary, Etta, and Art for serving as costume judges.

As an example of the representation at the party, we had people from North Platte, Ainsworth, Lincoln, Holdrege, McCook, Orleans, Superior, Hastings, Kearney, and Central City, plus communities in between those points. Thanks to all who came to have a good time and to support GLAGN.

— GLAGN Newsletter

SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS

By ALAN S.

I am surely the Super-Groupie of Omaha. I've seen so many bands in the last few months since I started reviewing. There are over 150 local bands — everyone from Arcane to Zwart.

Generally, they are straight guys and gals with obvious exceptions like **Lavender Couch**. The ones I write about don't know they are in a gay paper, but most of them are open-minded.

Liquid Ones

Liquid Ones is made up of three guys who were in **Brand X** until the lead singer quit. With their new singer, they play original punk-style hard rock. They are cute, talented, and friendly as hell. I saw them three weeks ago at Club Fusion.

The Cramps

The Cramps played the Ranch Bowl on November 7th — and a gender-bender show it was! Not only were the guitar and bass players of dubious gender — so was half the audience. They played a short, but very energetic set ending with the lead singer sucking on the microphone, biting off the end, and spitting it into the crowd.

The Vandals

The wildest show this summer was punk stars **The Vandals**, at the Capitol on August 27th. The lead guitarist whipped out his you-know-what, stuck a wad of gum on it, and then tried to put it back in the mouth of the "innocent" girl who gave it to him. She ran off the stage in disgust, and tossed it out in the audience (the gum, that is). Later, the waitress picked up a piece of gum and I asked her if it had any curly hairs on it. She missed the "exhibition" earlier, so we all had a good laugh at her expense. Until next time, support local music: it can be a turn-on!

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR MCC-OMAHA

A number of special activities have been planned around the Christmas season for friends and members of MCC-Omaha. The first weekend it all begins. Dec. 3 starting at 3:00 p.m. everyone is invited to come help decorate the church. We'll be putting up the outdoor nativity set, and decorating a tree in the Social Hall to start. Then there's the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to bring a poinsettia to brighten the sanctuary for the joyous occasion! Bring either soup or sandwiches on the 3rd and we'll take a break to refresh ourselves. Then back to decorating until MCC-O is a celebration of decorations and color!

The next day we invite you to bring your favorite child(ren) and join us for a Kids' Christmas Party from 2-4 p.m. in the Social Hall. There'll be caroling, a movie, crafts, treats, and I've heard Santa will be making a stop to check on "whose been good" this year! Have you?

And yes, we are sponsoring Christmas families again this year. A suggested shopping list is available at the Church if you would like to participate in helping MCC-O reach out to those less fortunate in the larger community!

CAROLING PARTY

A caroling we shall go! A caroling we shall go! Yes, Dec. 17, we invite you to gather with us at the Church at 6:00 p.m. We'll caravan to Golden Manor and Paxton Manor for caroling—and we all know Santa joins us for these excursions! Following the caroling, we'll retire to the Church for cocoa and cookies and a time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome—EVERYONE!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Christmas Eve always is special at MCC-Omaha, and this year will not be different! The doors will open at 10:00 p.m., and our Christmas Eve Service will begin at 10:30 p.m. This is a service of Special Music, Carols, and Readings. Plan to join us and bring a special friend.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Sunday morning, December 25, MCC-Omaha will celebrate Christmas with one Morning Worship Service. That service will begin at 10:30 a.m. How better to spend Christmas than with friends and family worshipping "the reason for the season." Merry Christmas to you, and may God bless you and keep you safe in 1995!

MCC-O is excited to begin a new ministry come January! We will be doing a Friday luncheon at the Unity House once every two months! Volunteers are readying themselves.

The congregation elected three new Board members at their November meeting. They are Meta B., Tom B., and Annette D. The congregation thanks those who recently completed their terms for all of their hard work and dedication: Harry B., Peggy H., and Rebecca W. Thanks!

The Pastoral Search Committee continues their work following Rev. Ehrke's declining of the offer made to him.

December is Rev. Howard's last month as our Senior Pastor. We are glad that we will have this Christmas to share with him, and since he plans to remain in the city for awhile, we look forward to continued fellowship and friendship with both him and his partner, Craig. We thank them for their years of ministry here to MCC-Omaha and to many of you! Watch for an announcement in December regarding a special "Thank You and Farewell" Party honoring both Matthew and Craig.

For now, that's it from my pew! Until 1995 rolls around—well, see you in church. MCC-O holds two worship services every Sunday—9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Be there!

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RESEARCH STUDY CHANGES JOURNALING REQUIREMENT

By Sandy Vopalka

An issue of keeping a journal to be a part of my research just came to be a draw back for some people. I have decided that people need not keep a journal, but I would like people to make notes to themselves about interview topics or questions they have for me.

I don't want anyone to feel any discomfort by being a part of this study, so if anyone else has a question or idea, please let me know rather than just putting the study aside. I am here to learn from you, so I need you to help me know how this study can be done well. I want to thank all the people who already contacted me and hope to hear from more people in the future. I am really willing to learn from you. Please give me that chance. For an information sheet on this research project entitled "Understanding the Lived Experiences of Older Lesbians and Gays: A Phenomenology," write to: Sandy Vopalka, Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542. The study is open to any gay man or lesbian who is 50 years of age or older who live in the Midwest.

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT HAS NEW OFFICES

The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) has moved its offices to a new, larger location at **3610 Dodge, 110W, Omaha, NE 68131**. The move will allow the staff and volunteers of NAP to work more effectively and efficiently and will also add the space for much needed equipment. An open house is planned for the weekend of January 27.

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UNL'S GAY LESBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Gay/Lesbian Student Association (GLSA) is devoted to improving the atmosphere for all persons in regards to sexual/affectional orientation. GLSA serves students, faculty, the city of Lincoln, and the state of Nebraska and is open to all who share GLSA's purposes: Dispelling stereotypes about Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay Issues; Offering advocacy concerning discrimination based on sexual/affectional orientation; Educating the University and community about human sexuality.

The UN-L Gay/Lesbian Student Association has existed since October 1970. It began as a support group for Gay/Lesbian students, but has begun to outreach to the Bisexual/Lesbian/Gay community in Nebraska. In April 1984 GLSA received office space in the Nebraska Union. The group revised its constitution in 1985 and adopted the current name: Gay/Lesbian Student Association. The GLSA has to rely upon the

efforts of dedicated student and community volunteers. GLSA offers: Weekly group meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m with discussions, social activities, and educational presentations. A comfortable atmosphere for people coming to terms with their sexual/affectional identity, a Pride Week in the Spring; The Gay/Lesbian Resource Center which includes a resource library containing books, magazines, audio and visual tapes, and resource files on a variety of topics; Support through peer counseling; Referrals to local, state, and national agencies and services; Clearinghouse for free publications including *The New Voice*; Roommate referral services; Information about sexually transmitted diseases including "safer sex" practices, and referrals for AIDS related services; and a Speakers bureau. For more information on GLSA, contact GLSA, 234 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0455 or call (402) 472-5644.



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IMPERIAL NOTES FROM EMPEROR XII MR. STELLA

Holiday greetings to one and all. The Holidays are upon us and it's a busy time for ICON. It's a time of year that we ask a little extra from the state to give us a few extra dollars to help those less fortunate.

And Wow! did you prove that for Food for Thought. What a great evening. ICON raised \$1,689.24 on November 13. It was a small crowd but great big hearts! We thank you all for your generous donations. After covering our expenses (\$154.19) we made our donations: 2/3's (\$1,023.98) went for food baskets for PWA's (77 in all) and 1/3 (\$511.07) to the MCC food pantry.

November 20 found members of ICON and some of their friends busy with preparing Thanksgiving dinner for a full house of friends at Unity House. A special thanks to all those who helped cook and prepare the meal and for all the donations of food, flowers, etc.

The big news this month is Toyz for Totz on Sunday night, December 4 at 9:30 p.m. at The MAX. Proceeds from the show go to buy toys for the children of PWA's and toys for kids with AIDS and personal care items for PWA's.

Featured entertainers include the following: Stella Dallas, Laura Grey, Jennifer Jett, Margo, Brooke Owens, Roxy, Empress Mae and Emperor David, Steve Williamson, Don Hooper, Annie, Sharon and Carla, and Erica Dena. Cover charge will be \$3. We hope each of you will come out and support Toyz for Totz the way you supported

Food For Thought. This evening promises to be a warm and wonderful evening. So help us make Christmas a warm and wonderful day for our PWA's. Join us December 6.

This year's monarchs, David and Mae, have truly been busy with their royal duties. Mae crowned her new Princess Royale, Brooke, in Lincoln, and has held several fund raisers in our sister city, Lincoln. David was busy the month of October. The weekend of October 15th found David along with Hugh, Travis, Joe Reed, Royal, and Phoenix attending coronation in Colorado Springs. Congratulations to David and Phoenix, Empress XII. David was awarded the Strength of the Golden Stallion Award by Emperor 18, Ricky Martinez, and Phoenix Fallentino won the Empress to Empress Award given by Chris Lee, Empress 18. This is the 2nd year in a row that Phoenix has been awarded the Empress to Empress Award in Colorado Springs. The next weekend found David and Stella, Emperor XII, attending Coronation in Portland, Oregon. Then, on November 27, Emperor XIV David Hansen hosted a star studded show at DC's to benefit ANGLE's Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line. Way to go, Monarchs!

We would like to welcome our newest board member, Claire Freeman. Claire is active in the community and is currently Vice President of the River City Gender Alliance.

We also want to extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Alice Bellamy, a member of

the ICON Board of Governors, who is currently recovering from a stroke. At the time of this writing Alice is in a rehabilitation program at Immanuel Hospital. Cards, letters, and visits would be welcome.

Don't forget our December meeting which promises to be an important one for ICON members as election of officers for 1995 takes place at that time. The meeting will be at 6:30, Monday, December 5, in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. Our meetings are open to the public and if you want to help make a difference, come join us the first Monday of the month at The MAX.

All of us here at ICON take this time to wish you all "Happy Holidays" and a Happy and Healthy New Year. We thank you, the community, for all your support in 1994 and we look forward to your continued support in 1995.

DC'S WELCOMES MISS DENA KAY

On December 2, the nationally acclaimed Dena Kay will return to DC's to share her music and comedy with the Omaha community. If you missed her previous performances here, DON'T MISS THIS ONE.

She is one of the best performers on the circuit and a good friend to Omaha. Remember, December 2, at DC's, Miss Dena Kay. There will be a \$3 cover for this show.

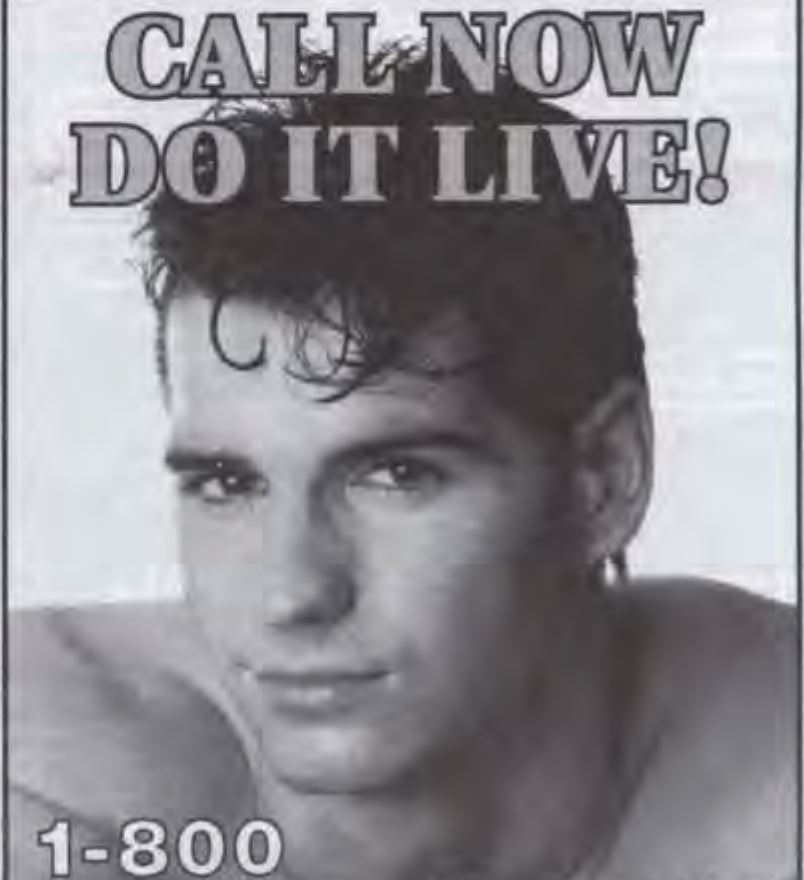
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1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

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

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

Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Dept 3145 N
Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling
Walk-in tests: The Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tues.
Urban Indian Health Ctr, 140 S. 27, 434-7177

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

Hastings College, Hastings, NE

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite
110, Omaha AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233 or
(800) 782-AIDS [2437]

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

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

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1st Monday, info, phone Barb (308) 865-5610

Nebraska AIDS Project
(statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
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Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St, Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
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Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807

North Platte Area Support Grp,
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**Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support
Group, Scottsbluff,** Call (308) 635-3600

HOME HEALTH CARE

LINK-ON Home Health Care, 2118 South St.
#B, Lincoln, 68502, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm,
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others, Rick Swaink, Director

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395
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Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center,
UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Omaha, NE 68105,
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activities for those with HIV.

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

TEST FOR HIV VIRAL BURDEN PROMISING

A sensitive, rapid test can be used to monitor the amount of HIV in patient's bloodstream, a procedure that, in the future, may help clinicians decide when to give anti-HIV therapy and also gauge its effectiveness, according to researchers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID), Georgetown University and Chiron Corporation. The test, called the branched DNA assay for HIV-1 infection, also may help investigators determine more quickly if experimental HIV therapies are effective. Currently, clinical trials can take years as scientists often rely on the development of AIDS-related infections or death to judge new treatments.

The report, describing the use of the assay to monitor the status of 102 HIV-infected patients at the NIAID HIV Clinic, appears in the November *Journal of Infectious Diseases* and is the first to discuss the use of the assay to measure changes in the amount of HIV in the person's blood — the viral burden — in response to antiviral drugs or immune-boosting therapy. Monitoring HIV viral burden is important because sicker patients generally have more virus than those with less advanced disease. Research has suggested that reducing viral burden with antiretroviral drugs delays the progression of HIV disease. The branched DNA assay measures the amount of RNA, the genetic material of HIV, in virus particles in the patient's blood.

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, Call for meeting information

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

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

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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-PFLAG), Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, 467-4599. 4th Tuesday, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group meet same time & place.

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

The Wimm'n's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZL 1M, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln

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

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Info. 345-9916

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-Omaha. Not meeting at present.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Omaha Players Club (OPC), PO Box 34463 Omaha 68134, (402) 451-7987. Leather/SM education & play group. Men'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, 7 pm, Room 204, East End. "Program & Sharing": 4th Sunday, 2pm, Mead Hall Below Mead Chapel, West End "Sharing"

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

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

River City Mixed Bowling League, Sundays, 3pm, 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.

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

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Org Not active
Women of the Plains, Box 24355, Omaha, 68124-0355, Bring women's culture to Omaha

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712, Quarterly newsletter for lesbian voices & events to build heartland lesbian community

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

*****STATEWIDE*****

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

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

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

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

ICE BOWL 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 treatment while affirming sexuality. Sliding Fee

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

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

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

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

PRIDE Group, c/o Counseling Center, Wayne State College, Wayne, NE 68787. Info: Karen or Virginia, (402) 375-7321. Group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students and Friends to meet new people, discuss issues, provide community service, educate, and raise awareness.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Adult/Children Chris. Ed. 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

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

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, 12n (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, 3610 Dodge St., Omaha 7-9:30pm

TUESDAY

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, Meetings Cancelled Until Further Notice

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge Omaha 7-9:30pm

THURSDAY (continued)

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

First SUNDAY

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

First MONDAY

Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Governors, 6:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Omaha
Bi-PALS (BiSexual People, Alter-nate Life Styles), Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, Info: Barb (308) 865-5610

First TUESDAY

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

First THURSDAY

Citizens for Equal Protection 7pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Omaha
G/L Student Association Rm 244 Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7:30pm, 472-5644.

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

First SATURDAY

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights Corner Stone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln 5:30pm
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc., 6pm, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha

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

Second MONDAY

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) 384-7235
PFLAG-Omaha, 7pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodist 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

First SUNDAY (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

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

Third TUESDAY

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

Omaha NOW (Nat'l Organization of Women), 7pm, First Unitarian 3114 Harney, 391-7303

Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, 8pm (308) 381-5175

Third SATURDAY

Deacon's CoffeeHouse, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-10 p.m.,

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 (402) 467-4599

Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658

Fourth THURSDAY

Grand Island Support Group, GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848 or call: (308) 384-7235

Fourth SATURDAY

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

Fourth SUNDAY

THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD IN DECEMBER -- Parents FLAG-Omaha, Mead Hall, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781

Last SATURDAY

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, December 1 WORLD AIDS DAY

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 6510 Charles, 7pm, Call R.N. Hedges at 556-1769 or Theresa at 390-0138 for info

Gay & Lesbian Parents, 7:30 pm, The Spaghetti Works, 11th & Howard, **Omaha**

FRIDAY, December 2

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

Dena Kay performs at DC's, \$3 cover

SUNDAY, December 4

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays "Holiday Gathering", 2pm, Mead Hall, First Methodist Church, 69 & Cass, **Omaha** — Please Join Us!

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

"**Toyz for Totz**" Benefit for Children of PWA's, 10pm, Sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

THURSDAY, December 8

Leo Treadway, activist for gay youth, speaks at **PFLAG meeting**, Room 204, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, 7pm

SATURDAY, December 10

Deadline for December Issue of The New Voice of Nebraska

"**Night of 1000 Stars**" Receptions and Dinners benefitting Nebraska AIDS Project. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, contact Karen at 342-6367. Suggested donation is at least \$25 per person.

SUNDAY, December 11

Meatpucker and Packette Auditions, 10 lucky performers will get to audition for the Meatpuckers or Packettes. If you would like to audition, call 556-9907. Rehearsal at 12noon. Show begins promptly at 9:30 pm. The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

MONDAY, December 12

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

THURSDAY, December 13

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 6510 Charles, 7pm, Call R.N. Hedges at 556-1769 or Theresa at 390-0138 for info

WEDNESDAY, December 14

Metropolitan Club, Cocktails at 5:30. Business meeting at 7pm, Guest Speaker State Senator Tim Hall, at Frankie Pane's, 11th & Douglas, **Omaha** — note: Frankie Pane's is not open to the public in the evenings

FRIDAY, December 16

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

SATURDAY, December 17

Christmas Caroling with MCC-Omaha. Meet at MCC-O, 819 S. 22, at 6pm. Caroling at Golden Manor 6:30pm, Caroling at Paxton Manor 7:30pm

SUNDAY, December 18

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

MCC Benefit, Pizza Party at 6:30pm. Show starts promptly at 8:30pm, DC's, 710 S. 14, **Omaha**

Dorian Drake's Birthday Bash, 9:30 pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

SATURDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve Services, 10:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church, 819 S. 22 St., **Omaha**

SUNDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

Combined Worship Service only at 10:30am, Metropolitan Community Church of **Omaha**, 819 South 22nd

MONDAY, December 26

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

FRIDAY, December 30

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

SATURDAY, December 31

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Your Favorite Establishment

New Year's Eve Alternative, Alcohol Free Celebration sponsored by Heartland Roundup, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., **Omaha**, 8pm -1am

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 1901 Leavenworth 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

Old Market South Cafe

Trick's Public House 1019 S. 10th, 345-1661

Lincoln (A.C. 402)

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

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Adult Emporium

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Club 2001
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Women's Resource Center

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Woman, 46, looking for a mate, prefer Black but White may reply. If interested, write: Apt. 112, 1012 S. 24, Omaha, NE 68108. Please send phone number. Thank you, Leah Jordan. (De94)

NO FEAR? PROVE IT! Must be healthy. 19-30. GFI.H, PO Box 3862, Omaha, NE 68103. (Je95)

GWM, 38, HIV neg, looking for males 25-40 for fun safe times. 5'11", 165 pounds. I'll be waiting to hear from you. 402-392-0093. (De94)

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MALE, over 50: Music (Jazz, blues), art (painting, sculpture, architecture), good food and drink, travel (Europe, USA). Respond to: MJB, Box 6901, Lincoln, NE 68506. (De94)

WM, 27, 6' 2", 190 lbs, seeks Bi-GWM 20-30 for friendship and fun. Respond to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 3135, Omaha, NE 68103. (Ja95)

THANKS HELP THANKS

Thanks to all who write and call. Moved and found my sig. other. Would both like to meet friends. Write or call Steph and Peggy, P.O. Box 67, Lawrence, NE 68957. 402-756-7337. (Je95)

Happy Holidays from our Staff to You! In December 25% off all lotions and register for **FREE Prizes!**

St. Mary's Tan 341-3740. (-94)

SAN VICENTE GUESTHOUSE

by Ben Schmidgall

One of the highlights of my visit to Los Angeles was the San Vicente Guesthouse, a charming bed and breakfast in West Hollywood, steps away from gay restaurants, shops, bars and discos on Santa Monica Blvd and minutes from Beverly Hills, Silver Lake and Century City. The charms of the inn include the lovely swimming pool and twelve rooms and cottages amidst tropical foliage, equipped with air conditioner and private phone; many have a kitchenette. An elaborate breakfast is served poolside. One may find these amenities in other guesthouses. The distinguishing feature of the San Vicente Guesthouse is the pair of owners, a couple from South Africa — Rocky Farren and Terry Snyman. Rocky is outgoing, a charming man who was once a successful model; Terry is more quiet. Both try hard to help guests enjoy the place. If you plan to stay overnight in Los Angeles, do try the San Vicente Guesthouse. You can contact Rocky and Terry at 845 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069, or phone them at 310-854-6915, Fax 310-289-5929.

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Lewisville **GWM** 34, 180, brn sens outgoing love life laid back clean cut seeking GWM or GHM with sim int, looking for a lot of fun not a rel, hard body and hairy chest a ++ #11915

Marshall **MI AMIGO:** Hisp man 28, looking for a friend in the east Texas area- #11629

Mid Cities **ALAN**, just reloc here, looking 2 meet other attr men 4 friendship, poss rel, committed to one person, 5'7 170 brn/blu I'm fun, like music, like to laugh, like intell creative people who like to have fun- lv me a message- #4229

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Texarkana **BI THE WAY:** John, BI WM 20, like to meet some others 18-25 to get together with- #11666

Omaha **RUB A DUB DUB:** movies, music, 5'10 150, brn/blu int in meeting young thin clean person- #10988

Omaha **GBM** 28, 5'11, 170, like all sorts of music, working out, dancing, quiet nights at home, travelling, int in meeting GWM 25-40, give me a call! #11173

Omaha **I'LL MAKE RESERVATIONS:** Steve, 5'11 165, nice build, GBM looking for bi WM or just about anyone, like to go to dinner, visiting, shows, movies, work alot, a prof! maybe we can get together for dinner- #11431

Omaha **REGINALD**, 20, Blak hair, lt brn eyes, looking for a guy nice good intell nice sense of humor- #11506

Omaha **A BIT OF BROADWAY IN OMAHA:** Melvin, 24 BM like to sing, dance, watch movies, games, lkg for a male, between 18-26, who likes the same and wants to meet talk share int, and maybe a little further- #11512

Omaha **UNCLE!!! UNCLE!!!** Greg, like to be pinned down on the floor, and make beg to get up, then fulfill your fantasy- 32 5'10 brn/blu, like to hear from you- #11551

Omaha **MATURE 50's** bi male seeking friend for intimate quiet times, age/race not imp- #11735

Omaha **LOOKING FOR A DRESSING ROOM?** 37, 5'9 150, int in someone who wants to have me in the afternoon, and hopefully you have a place, like to be dressed up and dominated- #11771

Omaha **MICHAEL**, 40 6'1 190, brn/blu attr GWM lkg for a tall masc GWM 30-45 for friendship poss relationship- #11833

Omaha **CLOSETS ARE FOR CLOTHES!** Steve, 24 GWM 6'2, brn/brn 175, int include reading, writing biking, quiet walks, outdoors, movies plays concerts, looking for 18-24 slender, open, not ashamed of being gay, honest and sincere, #12208

Omaha **KURT**, 6'3, brn/green hairy chest, 240, lkg for someone to get together with have a good time, going out to dinner movies, like doing about everything- #12467

Omaha **COCKTAIL HOUR?** looking to meet dom men, subm male like to meet at your place in the daytime or early eve and be all yours, like to get dressed up- #12120

Omaha **LEAVES ALOT TO THE IMAGINATION:** Male, 39, lkg for masc GM 22-25, #12331

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