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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU FROM MR. DESERT PLAINS DRUMMER

Dear Editor & The Community at Large,

In the fifteen years that I have been involved with Omaha's Gay Community and in my six years as Show Director of The MAX, have never been so overwhelmed by the kind deeds and good wishes that I have recently received.

First, let me thank everyone who donated to the FANTASY Welcome Party that was hosted by Mr. Nebraska Fantasy, Rick, and myself. We sincerely appreciate all the efforts of Carla, Sharon, Rick K., Arch at D.C.'s, Rick & Tom of Piccolos Florists and Ricky Lee. I know that everyone had a great weekend. I hope that the Welcome Party becomes an annual tradition.

As many know and many do not, it is very expensive to be a contestant at a national contest. I cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for all I have received back from my community.

As everyone is important to me, with the help of the *New Voice of Nebraska*, I'd like to take this small space to thank them in print. First and foremost, thanks to my promoters Bob & Dustin. They have made a small dream a reality for me. Thanks also to special friends who keep me grounded and on track: Andy, Michele, Steve, Rick N., Rick S., Cindy, Amy, Marie, Ricky Lee, Pat P., Jeannie, Shan, Stosh, Carla & Sharon. Thanks to everyone who supports me in whatever I'm doing at the time: Phoenix, Dorian, Muffy, Mark E. Laura Gray, Laura Lee, Monica, Michele, Tim P., Suzie Q, Rusty, Lisa, Gene, Michael, Ron, Jerry, Mike, Robert, the entire staff of the MAX, Helen McCann, Jeff B., Dion, Mark T., David H., Mae, The Imperial Court of Nebraska, *The New Voice of Nebraska*, and everyone who bought a Jell-O shot or that came to my show.

Your support, encouragement and good wishes have already made me a winner.

Sincerely,
Jim

Mr. Desert Plains Drummer

THANKS BOB & DUSTIN

I would like to thank Bob and Dustin for the opportunity to serve as Judge's Boy during the first International Mr Fantasy contest here in Omaha. I hope my contribution was acceptable.
signed, Pat Phalen

THANKS TO "THE COMMUNITY" FROM THE NEON GOOSE—DOWNTOWN

Dear Community,

What bird has "Our Community" flocking to it? The NEON GOOSE DOWNTOWN!!!

The Gaggles of Geese (the new owners, management and staff) at the NEON GOOSE—DOWNTOWN) would like to thank "The Community" for their support and patronage in our re-opening months this summer. We at the NEON GOOSE—DOWNTOWN feel proud that "The Community" has chosen our establishment to frequent and to see and be seen by all!

Sunday Brunch, featuring complimentary mimosas, have become quite the social event for several repeat small and large parties.

Saturday evenings seem to be date night or an evening "outing" for significant others. Every Friday night at 7:30 a very conspicuous group of *Family and Friends* put on their fashion police badges, insist on a centrally located table for 9-14, tastes and critiques the specials of the evening all while networking with all who come and go.

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Dear Editor & Staff:

Thank you for your donation of a *New Voice* subscription and the poetry book for my basket auction at the International Mister Drummer Contest. Your support means a great deal to me. Please be assured that I have the utmost respect for the volunteer effort that you give each month, so that we can have a publication to be proud of. I will be very proud myself to show the Gay Community of San Francisco the best of the Midwest, Mr. Desert Plains Drummer and *The New Voice of Nebraska*.

Sincerely,
Jim, Mr. Desert Plains Drummer

UNO STUDENT GROUP REORGANIZES

To the Community—

I am very pleased to announce the creation of the Gay and Lesbian Organization of UNO (Galo of UNO). After a lot of hard work and a lot of tremendous dedication we have put together a strong organization full of activities, events and fund-raisers. In the past, the GALSO (Gay And Lesbian Student Organization) has not been very successful but with a new name, new dedicated board and completed re-structuring, we look very optimistic about the future of Galo.

If groups or businesses would like to sponsor this fantastic group, there will be a lot of benefits to gain, such as: your business will be announced as a formal sponsor, your advertisement will be placed in the Galo Newsletter year round and you will be providing a great service to Galo of UNO. This will help us get started and to finish our mission.

We are very happy to create this new group especially at UNO. If you decide to sponsor Galo or have any questions, please contact Jonathan Raymond at (402) 571-8518. Again, we all thank you at Galo.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Raymond and Diallo-James Mudd
Co-Presidents of Galo

NEBRASKA PRISONER WRITES

I am writing you requesting that you place my letter in your magazine. You have placed a letter for me a year or so ago, but at that time, I was not ready to have visitors here at the prison. So, all I did was write to people. Now that I'm ready to have visitors, I'm asking you to place this letter for me.

I am a person who has the disorder known as manic/depressive. This disorder is something I've had my entire life, but was not diagnosed until 1991 since here in prison.

My address is P O Box 22800, Lincoln, NE 68542.

Your friend,
Mark O. Thomas, #37879

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Dear Editor,

ANGLE invites your participation in the fifth annual recognition of members of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender and the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender sensitive communities. The categories for recognition are **Community Service** and individual **Personal Achievement**.

The **Community Service** categories are 1) Business, 2) Organization, 3) Individual - Community Service. Recognition is given for enhancement of the community, unselfish contributions to the community through involvement and awareness, for promotion of community strength and unity within diversity, and being a positive role model. A recognition committee appointed by ANGLE consisting of local and impartial out of area members will determine the recipient of Special Recognition in each category by use of the Lickert Scale (rating 1-5) evaluation model.

Individual Personal Achievement is given to a gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender person in recognition of an outstanding personal accomplishment which reflects positively on the community.

All nominees will be acknowledged at a recognition dinner on November 3, 1995. Special Recognition will be given to one nominee from each category who has not received Special Recognition in the last four years.

Please complete the nomination form and return it to ANGLE at PO Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131 no later than October 2, 1995. Please enclose your name and phone number. Anonymous nominations will not be considered. Nomination forms are available at the bars, MCC, NAP, and other locations and events. This is the community's chance to say "Thank You" to the many who have given so much of themselves this year.

Sincerely,
Your ANGLE Nomination Committee

THANK YOU, NEW VOICE

Dear Editor,

October, National Lesbian and Gay History Month, is the last major occasion this year to celebrate our long and proud past in a big way.

Already, Lesbian and Gay students, professionals, producers, artists, writers, archivists, librarians, booksellers, and publishers around the nation are setting up now to focus on the life and works of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs. The year 1995 is in the centennial of this great Gay man's death.

Ulrichs is the very first known out of the closet Gay activist. In his memory, groups are using the motto, "Karl Heinrich Ulrichs (d. 1895) 100 Years of Pride in '95". Thank you for publishing our previous letters. You might be interested to know we have received responses from individuals and organizations around the globe, including, One Institute, the Modern Language Assn., Detroit Pride, Alyson Publications, Rutgers Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Prometheus Books, University of Michigan/Labadle Collection, Books Bohemian, A Women's Prerogative Bookstore, Cornell Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Studies, St. Louis Pride, and the Prinz Eisenherz Bookstore in Germany. Gays and Lesbians plan to celebrate also in Canada, Italy and Argentina. We hope this letter prompts others to take part in National Lesbian and Gay History Month and to celebrate Ulrichs' centennial. No matter what your readers intend to do in October, we encourage them to mark this important month to remember Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, who led the way for all Lesbian and Gay activists who followed him. Readers may write Paul Nash, 6858 Arthur Court, Jacksonville, FL 32211, or call him at (904) 744-7879, for more information.

Sincerely,

Paul Nash & Michael Lombardi-Nash

Remember!

**Nomination Forms Must Be
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"...AND THEY CALL IT (BEAT) GURU LO-OVE!"

Good afternoon, my little rapsallions of rhyme! After the lesson last month, I figured we could all use a break (I know I can...all that thinking makes my head hurt!), so I thought I would just get down to the business of slinging some poems your way.

The first poet is one we haven't seen in a while. Christopher Thomas has been featured in magazines such as *Bay Windows*, *The James White Review*, *Duckabush Journal*, and this little page. His poetry reflects some of the traditional styles and wording, while putting a queer-spin on the side. His poems speak to me. They tell of hardships that we have all faced in life, yet you feel a sense of resolve afterward, like the hero has learned his lesson.

I also received a couple of poems from Duane Simolke, all the way from Lubbock, Texas (boy, this paper gets around!). I didn't get any type of bio, so I have no idea where we might have seen his work before (not that being published somewhere else is a prerequisite for getting published here. If that were the case, then my first poem would never have seen print!), but this piece also struck my fancy. Sometimes a poem can tell a story through the symbolism laid out before the reader, without even the reader catching it until the poem has been put down. Then it hits you. Read his piece, I think you'll understand.

Well, that's it for now, gang. Stay tuned for my first installment of my "You, too, can be a poet" series next month! Until then, try not to run in the house with scissors!

Brian

RAINBOW

By Duane Simolke

The little boy
Leans over the counter,
Dollar bill in hand.
Asking if they carry other flavors.
The clerk's eyes narrow as he says,
"We only carry vanilla."
The clerk waves his hand
Across the ten open barrels
Of white ice cream.
"Other colors suggest...
A certain agenda.
White suggests traditional values."
The boy goes from almost crying
To almost laughing.
"Why should it matter
Which flavor I like?
Besides, I can't make myself
Like a certain flavor,
Even if everyone else likes it."
The clerk crosses his arms.
"Maybe I could sell you
Some chocolate syrup
Don't put it on the ice cream
"Till you sneak away somewhere."
Laughing,
The little boy crumbles his dollar
Back into his pocket
And leaves.

KADDISH: THE THEBAN WHORE

By Christopher Thomas

It has been an embarrassing journey.
Much of the absurd survives:
a black and white paisley trash can,
a hand carved block of wood
hinged to open into secrets,
a goldfish named Ralph etched
on the cover of a literary journal,
a birthday card signed with a single "T".

None of it sustains me. It's just stuff.
You know stuff. It's what you lugged
in and out of my life for five years,
throw-aways left behind like little ghosts.
I thought about keeping it all packed
in an old trunk in the attic.
It was too much like a shrine,
so I keep each thing in its rightful place.

The paisley trash can is in the bathroom.
I strip nude before it each day.
The square-hinged cedar piece
is a bookend for my collected poems.
The journal is shelved with some 800
others. I keep the card in a file
I haven't opened for years. The rest
I sold off during garage sales.

I still drink an occasional cup
of Dry Daisy Tea, though I brew it
one cup at a time. And I still play
the piece I wrote for piano.
It's now an introduction to music
I never dreamed I could write.
I keep these throw-aways to remind me
of what we didn't have, and because
no one bought them at the garage sale.

THE MASK OF AN EVIL ANIMAL

By Christopher Thomas

It was passion's lonely day.
I was the nesting place
of every a prior emotion in the book,
a meaning in search of the right words.

You came calling like an equal animal.
You brought no god or clever phrases,
just an arm load of nakedness,
and a weekend that raged like a bull.

One day silence fell like a spider
between us. Life turned on a dime.
I discovered I was lonely in your arms.
There was nothing to walk with but the ache.

How could I tell you I was fading
at corners you left unexplored in me?
The skin in never enough. Sometimes
innocence is the mask on an evil animal.

DANCING WITH GOD

By Christopher Thomas

At first he danced at a great distance.
I flaunted a tendency to be cold -
but the way he danced was a sales pitch.

Every movement knew the language of skin.
My right foot began a slow tapping
Soon there was music in the sinews and bones.

Dancing alone a man might freeze to death.
I must greet Him with whole span of self.
One must dance this dance with all the body.

I don't just want God under my damn roof!
I want Him in my beer and my bedroom.
I want Him in my shorts, and the great silence
that waits between each dance like a black
hole.

LINES TO THE NAME CALLER

By Christopher Thomas

Don't just call me queer.
I'm of thing of many fires,
hungry things on darting wings
that more than the wind should remember

I may love the pure and long thumbed,
but I knew, well, such rituals
as high taxes, tithing, supporting
National Public Radio and the A. & P.

I keep my lawn mowed, am generous
with my friends, and have enough
respect for birds and squirrels
I never make them dance for their corn.

I've a spirit that wants to taste everything,
good wine, tins of fish, philosophy,
great music, puppy breath, and the mystery
of the sweltering human condition.

What I love will outlive your angry prayers,
and the bigotry you suck like peppermints.
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ROBERTS' RULES: Married. With Husbands.

by Shelly Roberts

Are we running out of lesbians?

Is there a shortage?

Lately, I've had cause for concern.

Last week I was having lunch with an interesting woman. She was bright, talented, cute, prematurely (as it turned out) gray in an adorable fashion, and volunteering for something I was hoping soon to Chair. We were in the process of the usual "Hi-Who-are-you's." And had somehow (gosh, how did that happen?) managed to include zodiac signs, employment history, and, (as it turned out), unfortunately, ages (Well, at least *hers*). Internally calculating the 12 year difference, and, remembering Roberts' first Rule of future U-hauling, (With any more than a 10 year difference, they'll think of your *nostalgia* as antiques.) I pretty much ruled out an afterlunch invitation to anything, and shifted to filling out the "Potential Friend" application.

"So, how's your ailing grandmother? I interrogated, noting with some wistfulness how much I approved of her answer. Just the right amount of caretaking, responsibility, and independence in her reply. Qualities I prize highly. Sigh. Oh, well.

"Uh, I saw you and Diendre the other day, are you... uh?"

"Situation?" Oh-oh. What's this "situation" thing? Another chapter of never-ending lesbian soap opera? Yes...?"

Well, you see, My situation is kind of stalled at the moment. But, I'm sure, only temporarily. I'm in love with this married woman...

Oh, no. Not again.

That makes three women I have heard this story from *this month*. "I'm in love with a married woman. And we will be going off into the sunset just as soon as: a)hubby grants an amicable divorce with lots and alimony and an even division of property and assets, b) they settle just a few, tiny details about custody of the children, and/or c) she actually *tells* him that she's leaving..."

Oh, yeah, sure.

One of the women is *still* waiting after two years. The other laid down an ultimatum she had no intention of living up to. Do the word's "...*affair* to remember." Ring any bells?

I repeat my question. *Are we running out of lesbians?* Aren't there enough already-declared, practicing, female, homo-orientations running around to meet the demand?

A long time ago I speculated that in the property settlement over what to call ourselves, the guys got the term that means *happy*. And we got the one that means, "*Joan Crawford is after your wife.*" It got a big laugh. But, hey, things have changed from the 70's when zillions of lesbians found out that they didn't have to stay with whatizname after they'd seen GiGi. Those were glorious years. Woman meets woman. Woman falls in love with woman. Both women leave Hector and Homer and the farm to take off in a rusting VW bus for Oregon to bake bread and read chapters of *Patience and Sarah* out loud to each other, between chopping logs and rough hewing planks for the cabin.

But now, it seemed to me, we had pretty much freed the wives. I didn't think there were any left in the ranks who didn't want to be there, after we'd gotten all the ones who only needed the love

of a good woman to break free.

Hey, guess I was wrong. Guess we have pretty much used up our supply of available, desirable single lesbian women. There is, of course, our predisposition to couple, uncouple, and recouple within thirty-six, thirty-seven seconds flat from the time one of us first utters the fateful phrase "Honey, do you *have* to chew your gum like that?" Which means that at any given time there are not a lot of us available to those of us who are available at any given time. It has been scientifically calculated by the Bureau of Lesbian Statistics that the average time span between relationships is approximately *minus* 3.746 minutes. Which does make the pickin's kinda slim, it seems.

So apparently we *are* having to recruit from the outside again.

Also, unfortunately, if my tiny, unprojectable

sample is any kind of accurate, we seem to have used up the good, desirable, available married ladies too. You know, the ones who came willingly. And stayed. Now we are left with the ones who are clear that they *aren't* lesbians, they just *happened* to fall in love with a woman. (As though that weren't the actual Oxford English definition.) Only for them it isn't a phase.

Isn't it fun to rediscover some of the old myths...and realize there might be some truth in them?

Wait till you hear what's happening with Butch/Femme!

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"OUT IN THE STARS": Astrological Forecast for OCTOBER 1995

by C. Lichtenstein

October is National Coming Out Month and what better way to celebrate this liberation than to open up, explore and expose all the closets in our horoscope. This October, as a public service, I offer a special astrological outing.

Astrology charts have three closets; the first is ancestral stuff (garbage that family foists upon us; confirm or else!). The next contains the deep psychological and sexual challenges we face in merging with others. The third is more intuitive and spiritual. It's where we allow our own self-undoing through the prisons we create for ourselves. (Ready to break out?) Read ahead to see what's behind each closet door that needs airing out.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) All your closets are ruled by water signs which means that you're more emotionally involved with those areas of your life than most folks. You have more attachments to family, home, deep sexual commitments and spirituality than you would care to admit in a public forum. (Don't worry, your secret is safe with me!) Gather all kindred souls and create something for yourself that was denied to you by Mom and Dad.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Accept me for who I am or touch luck! Gay Bulls who seem so emotionally committed to others can turn off the spigot and go their own way if their needs are not supported. You probably never faced inner conflicts of who you are and how people would accept you. Instead the fire in your closet houses enables you to seek the company of those who would accept you for who you are, hooves and all.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You probably had the most difficult time coming out sexually. Part of the problem is endemic to Geminis in general who are unable or unwilling to choose or settle down with one special person. However, in the case of gay Twins, chalk up the extra angst to dour Capricorn sitting in your sexual closet. You can run, but you can't hide, so why not do yourself a favor this October and talk to someone who can help.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Pink Crabs seem emotionally centered on the outside, but I would bet that all your closets are swirling with hurricanes and tornadoes. It must be all those air signs in there, stirring up your neuroses and making you try desperately to seek balance, harmony, justice and logic when none may exist. Crabs don't have a backbone, but you may find one tucked away on a back shelf. Try it on for size.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Seek and ye shall find, pink Lion. All your closets are ruled by water signs which indicates that you should allow your emotions free rein. Family restrictions never seemed to bother you; you are able to undermine the current regime rather easily. The pothole exists in your sexual expression. Dramatic as you are, there are some things that even you won't display openly.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) You may not appear to be a firebrand, but don't let naysayers and homophobes get in your way! All your closets are full of fire and it's evident that through your life, it's been your way or the highway. Remember that fire is not conducive to quiet

contemplation. Try stepping back from the heat every so often and take stock of who you are body and soul.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 21) If you have any qualms or barriers preventing you from coming out proudly, it probably originates from family baggage. Your closets are ruled by stable earth signs which provide you ample common sense. However, Capricorn casts a pall over your "roots" and I suspect Moms, Dad, and the clan are less than pleased with your lifestyle choice. Touch. You gotta live your life.

SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22) Passionate Scorps glide into their lifestyle choices far easily than other signs. This is because all your closets contain air signs which blow and cool off the hot embers of any raging temperamental fires. While you may play the sexual gayfly (after all, frivolous Gemini sits in that closet) you know how to handle family issues and are spiritually in harmony, thanks to diplomatic Libra.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) What do you get when you combine a big mouth like Sag with closets filled with emotional water signs? A lot of wailing and yelling, perhaps, or maybe a sarcastic spot-on appraisal of where others are full of garbage. Your venture out won't be quiet or dignified, but it will sure entertain audiences. Out loud and proud is the best way, I think. Others will have to adjust.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Serious, convention Capricorn is anything but where your closets are concerned. This is because they are filled with rambunctious fire signs. You are regal and dramatic sexually, but probably need a lot of confirmation from lovers. Be aware that these ramrod fire signs will take no for an answer when family dictates get in the way of your inner needs.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) The only closet that appears to creak is the one containing secrets, personal undoing and spiritual fallow. Ever hear of the old saying that you are your own worst enemy? It's possible that all the junk that you stuff away and hide is beginning to fester and smell. Open up and toss it out! Happily, other closeted potholes in your chart is less problematic.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Spiritual Pisces may feel at odds with the barriers in their closets, but thank goodness all those air signs blow a clean breeze through every so often. The worst I see is fragmented nerves and related stress, but like everything else, this too shall pass and you will have the satisfaction that you are living your life openly, freely and unafraid.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon
Nationally Syndicated Columnist

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! It's so difficult to remember that "sticks and stones may break our bones, but names will never hurt us", isn't it? BITCH. We certainly hear that one often enough, don't we? Beautiful, Intelligent, Thoughtful, Cuddly, Horny. Could this possible be your or me?!

LEST WE FORGET: It is our task to keep what our Founding Fathers felt was best for us.

Because religious groups had such difficulty in getting along together way back then, just as they do today around the world, little havens of religious groups settled in various areas of early America. RI and PA, the Quakers; MD, the Catholics; VA, the Anglican & aristocrats; MA, the Calvinists, etc. My evangelical Fundie ancestors fled their homeland to escape the Church-State dictates of Lutheranism.

As we know, religious persecutions followed our ancestors to the New World because this is the way of organized religions.

Archbishop Land drove the Puritans to New England in the 1630s, the Puritans drove the Anglicans to the South and middle colonies in the 1650s, Louis XIV's Edict of Nantes in France drove the Huguenots to the middle colonies of

America as did the Thirty Year's War in Germany (1618 to 1648).

Let us also not forget the evangelical fervor and dictate of Rev. Paul Hill as he told Connie Chung on *Eye to Eye* after he coldly murdered two people who didn't believe as his religion taught: "I've done something I think the Lord is pleased with." (!?!?)

THE BURNING QUESTION of the times: Will Newt purposely push through political actions which would put his own flesh and blood, his lesbian sister, into jeopardy?

We've all heard that "blood is thicker than water", but we've also learned over the years that religious folks tend to throw that aside unless you believe identically - especially if it's Fundie religious belief.

"Love" is not their by-word, even if they teach it to high heaven.

My personal burning question of the time, however, is this: What are WE going to be doing for our brothers and sisters?

Will "Love" be our by-word as we reach out to our own in need?

Will we set an example of what TRUE spirituality is all about, instead of some religious compositivity?

Will we set the moral tone of the turn of the century?

Someone has to do it, you know, and we better not expect it from the Fundies, or we'll end up with freedom denied!

Something to think about in cutting the

taxpayer's debt. If an opening prayer in a school day is supposed to help our youth become more moral, then why in the name of God hasn't the opening prayer for our Congress-persons accomplished it? It's seemingly gone in one ear and out the other for them, and certainly is a waste of taxpayer's time and money to pay for that Chaplain!

WELCOME TIME! To the new readers of this column in the states of Alaska and Florida!

DID YOU KNOW? The Metropolitan Community Church denomination is one of the fastest growing denominations in the U.S. today. It also keeps records on the number of ceremonies of The Rite of Holy Union, which is important because these records might someday be used in proving the seriousness of the desire of so many gays and lesbians to unite in "marriage."

MORE TRUTH THAN FICTION, and the author of Shakespeare's works said it: "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt."

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

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ON THE **LEGAL FRONTLINE**

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LANDLORD AND TENANT RIGHTS

A friend of mine is in the real estate business. He owns several houses and is a good landlord. He told me of one of his tenants, we shall call "Mary" (not the "Mary" from last month's column). Mary rented his house for herself and her two children. She seemed honest and clean. It turned out Mary was the worst tenant he had ever rented to. Soon after moving in, more and more people appeared at the house "to stay a few nights." Eventually, no less than 4 "guests" were regularly boarding at his once beautiful Victorian home. It soon became evident that the guests had children and there were quite literally packs of wild children methodically dismantling my friend's house.

Every one of us has probably heard a story like this but we all do need a home, a place to live. We can either buy, rent, or live by our parents' rules. A fair portion of our community chooses to rent. Renting is a good option, but there are some very specific rules you must follow when renting.

One of the most challenging sides to renting can be dealing with a landlord. Each party is entitled to certain rights under the Landlord-Tenant Act — an act of legislation that provides boundaries for both the landlord and the tenant.

TENANT'S RIGHTS

The tenant has the right to have a dwelling in good repair, to have heat, water, hot water, and essential services. If the landlord does not provide these things you must notify him in writing of the defect. If he still does nothing about it, you have the right to do one of three things: 1. Repair the defect yourself and deduct that amount from the rent (as long as it is a reasonable amount), 2. Recover damages for the reduced value of the house caused by the defect, or 3. Move out until the place is fixed and you are excused from paying rent during that time. The most important thing to remember is that you must notify him in writing before you can exercise your rights.

The tenant has the right to possession of the rental property until the lease expires as long as he pays rent and does not violate the other lease terms. He must be given the name and address of the owner or managing agency where notices and rent can be sent. A tenant can sub-let the property unless the lease says otherwise. A tenant has the right to not be disturbed by unannounced visits by

the landlord. The landlord must give at least 24 hours notice of any inspection unless there is an emergency or the house has been abandoned.

LANDLORD'S RIGHTS

The landlord has the right to collect the amount of rent specified in the lease. Unless one of the tenant's rights is violated and the landlord has been notified in writing, he can sue to collect the rent. The Courts are very sympathetic to the landlord when a tenant fails to pay and will usually move quickly. The landlord will usually combine an eviction and action for the rent in one lawsuit that can be started, tried, and finished within 30 days.

The landlord also has the right to get his property back in the same condition as it was when he rented it, less reasonable wear and tear. This was the main problem with my client's tenant. Tenant's cannot expect to destroy their house or apartment and still live there. The landlord can expect that the tenants will take out the trash, pay the utility bill (as specified in the lease), and not damage the property.

The landlord can also expect that only the number of people specified in the lease will live there. Most leases specify you can have guests but that they can stay for no more than 72 hours to a week.

If any of the landlord's rights are violated, with the exception of rent, he must give notice, in writing, and 14 days for the tenant to correct the problem. After that, the lease can be terminated in no less than another 16 days.

The above ground rules are not that hard to follow but the number of problems people encounter is amazing. If you are having a problem, consult your attorney. No one, straight or gay, should get taken advantage of or have their basic rights violated — landlord or tenant. Discrimination in housing is a big problem, but I shall save that for another day.

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

EARTHLINGS

by Carol Bennett

"Geese Conquer

Communication Barrier"

"Animals can communicate quite well, and they do. And generally speaking they are ignored." - Alice Walker

Dear Carol,

Tex, my brother-in-law, has 3 geese and a gander. One day the geese charged into his farm shop honking excitedly. Then they ran back and forth to the open door, still hollering non-stop. Since they'd never come to the shop before and the gander wasn't with them, Tex finally got up and followed them outside. They ran toward the gate, then back to him, honking all the way. He followed them through the gate, into the pasture, and down the hill to the well. There they stood at the well hollering. The boards covering it had fallen in, and Tex saw the gander down at the bottom. He got him out, and geese quieted down. They've never come to the shop again. Geese have brains! - Mrs. D., Big Timber, MT

Dear Ms. D.,

They sure do. We could use some of them to rewrite our gun laws.

PET PHOTOGRAPHY became a snap when you bring that great equalizer, food, into the picture invisibly. Rub a tiny bit of peanut butter behind a person's ear and, as Rover or Tom licks it off, click! for a neat shot of him giving person a big smack.

Found tacked on a grade school bulletin board — "Notice: Missing Dog Big White Symoied Don't Be Afraid Of Him His Name Is Noah So If You See Him Call Noah! Noah! He May Come He Loves Everybody He Has Not Hurt A Fleec In His Life If Seen Or You Have Him Call (phone number)" (Unsigned)

Dear Carol,

Employees in my neighborhood supermarket heard a cheeping from above the false ceiling in the produce section. They found a sparrow stuck there, stuck to a glue trap. Removing her broke her wing, pulled out tail feathers and bruised her chest. The wildlife rescuer to whom I took her couldn't rehydrate her because her bill and mouth were coated in glue. So she died. Can you imagine the suffering of all the other mice, birds, rats, squirrels, kittens and other animals caught in these horrors? - Andi S., Mountain View, CA

Dear Andi,

I've received many letters like yours. One teenager opened a kitchen drawer and found a frantic mother mouse mired in and having her babies in the glue. A woman found a kitten dying in a rat glue trap. A boy found three mice writhing and squeaking on glue traps discarded in a dumpster. There are now many benign traps available that allow rodents to be released outdoors. Be sure such traps you purchase have airholes. Then seal small openings in your home, and put birdseed, rice, flour, and other such food in containers with tight-fitting lids. Please, everyone, ask the managers of the stores you patronize to stop selling glue traps.

Pat G. Of Truckee, CA, swears mice abandoned her kitchen cupboards after she put cotton balls soaked in oil of peppermint in them.

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THE PERSONAL IS STILL POLITICAL

by Joseph Schuman

I don't often get to teach history to Paul Varrell. His credentials are hot. But in a column he called "Dear Diary," he wondered about the meaning of the "old feminist line about 'The personal is political,'" and he made a note to himself to "interview (an) old feminist." My credentials as a feminist don't stack up to Paul's as a historian, but at least I'm old enough, so maybe I can save him the trouble.

I remember the slogan from 1969 or 1970, when it was part of the women's consciousness-raising movement. In the CR movement, women met in small, leaderless groups to share their experiences. My information is second-hand, of course - undercover journalism isn't my style - but the reports were consistent: painful experiences which women thought were their own problems were actually common and shared.

Let's say you had a full-time job outside the home, and another full-time job taking care of the children and doing the cooking and housework. Before the CR movement, you might have thought it was your fault if you couldn't handle it. Or you

might have decided that your husband was a louse or that you'd had bad luck. Meanwhile, your CR group friend who volunteered at a peace organization noticed that the people stuffing envelopes were women and the people making decisions were men. When you compared notes, you realized you weren't failures, your husbands or friends weren't bad apples and your fortunes weren't unique. You were getting put through the wringer (dare I say "oppressed"?) by a system that made impossible demands. Political problems - problems with society, the economy, and government - were underneath what had seemed to be your own, personal problems. Voila! "The personal is political," q.e.d.

Recently one of my pals called for a referral for aptitude testing. He wanted to figure out why his professional practice wasn't as successful as he hoped. Three sets of tests hadn't found anything wrong with him, so he asked me for a fourth test. Hey! Buddy! Anyone home? There isn't *anything* wrong with you. You had a ticket to economic security - bought and paid for - but the flight was

canceled. There's no such thing as a secure career any more. Your problem is more political than personal. Besides, reminding me that the system shapes my personal choices, the slogan goes the other way, too: personal decisions have political effects. You do more for lesbian rights by coming out at work than by voting for a queer-friendly candidate. As Paul puts it, "Just simply being amounts to... a kind of activism."

Still, when Paul hears a feminist say that the personal is political, he hears the whisper of Stalin, Hitler, and Big Brother; he hears the threat of totalitarian society where political demands crowd out personal life. Paul's got an important point: you can't take this slogan too far. Politics writes the menu, but I order dinner. My life decisions affect other people, but they affect me most. To go back to the restaurant analogy: if I order an omelette, I contribute to pollution from factory-style mass production of eggs, but not as much as I contribute to my own cholesterol level.

OK, life isn't *exactly* like ordering dinner. And "the personal is political" isn't the complete truth. It's a bumper-sticker, not an encyclopedia of philosophy or a treatise on sociology - Cliff's Notes for *Moby Dick*. Whaddya want - magic words? Guaranteed, total, instant enlightenment? If a slogan helps me see one tiny nook or cranny a little more clearly, it's a useful slogan indeed.

Near the end of Paul's column, he writes, "Die, Satre! OOPS, already dead. Pity! I'll follow his history lesson with a sermon as a chaser, and suggest Paul back up two sentences earlier in his piece. There, he reminds us of Socrates' advice: "Try to benefit your enemy, as well as your friend."

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- Candace Gingrich

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Candace is the lesbian sister of Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Local Artist Introduces Spirit Baskets

Art can take many shapes and sizes. In Omaha we are fortunate not only to have creative minds, but innovative talent. What can you do with old jeans, T-shirts and leather? If you are a Person living with AIDS, you can help create a Spirit Basket.

Upon first hearing "Spirit Basket" one thing that the mind conjures is thought of ghosts, American Indian spirituality, angels. In fact that is what a Spirit Basket is. Local artist Jimmy Mack has created a new way to help us remember our sisters and brothers who live with AIDS and those who have died with AIDS.

Jimmy Mack uses clothing such as T-shirts, jeans and leather to create something that indeed holds the spirit of the person donating the items. Mack cuts the materials into strips, uses respirator hose to bind together a new piece of art. Many viewed this "new" art at previous displays such as the ACE Art Show, and currently a piece is exhibited at Nebraska AIDS Project.

The baskets are just that, baskets. The unusual part is that the intent is for the artist, Jimmy Mack to create the basket to represent the spirit of the individual. Mack is asking that any Person Living With AIDS (PLWA) contribute items to create new baskets. The baskets will be displayed in the future at, among other places, an exhibit of art from PLWA's through Arts Omaha. These baskets are not intended for sale.

If you are willing to contribute your items to this exciting enterprise, please drop your jeans, T-shirts and leather off at the Nebraska AIDS Project in the Spirit Basket on display.

SQUEAKS FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

"Quick, Rocky, Come quick! They're taking our windows! Help, Rocky! Come See!"

One of the little ones was calling. I'd just settled down in front of the TV to watch the game when she scurried into my wall loft, nearly upsetting my tiny new chairs I've just added to my household. She was so excited—and scared! I tried to calm her: "What are you talking about, little one?"

"Some people are in the Church taking out the pretty windows! You know, the ones that were broken several years ago! They're taking them out! Oh, please, Rocky, come see!"

Not wanting to miss out on the newest excitement around the Church, I got out of my comfortable recliner, put on my slippers, and followed her up the wall, around the braces, over the electric wiring until I could finally peek out around the edge of the wall plug. And, sure enough, there were several humans down in the room below taking out one of the north windows.

"Well," I thought, "those broken windows may not be worth a lot to anyone but my Church folks, but I guess I'd better prepare to go along and see where they are taking them so I can let my Pastor know what has happened. And, Goodness, it's going to really get cold and wet in here if they take out those windows!"

Just then the people began to gather up the tools and the window panels they had removed and carry them out. I hurried to get my sweater, then raced through the wall to my exit hole so I could be there when they came out. I waited and waited, but no one came. Puzzled, I went back inside. Had they taken another way out of the building? Where had I missed them?

It was then the little one scurried around the corner to tell me to come see what was happening.

"They are in the basement and now they're tearing the window all to pieces!!!" She was frantic! And I wasn't exactly clam myself! What does this mean? As I followed the little one down to the lower level, I tried to make sense of what was happening to our windows—those beautiful old stained glass windows which let through such beautiful shades of light and cast such marvelous shadows over the meeting room. What was this all about?

The little one was correct. There they were, all the people who had been removing the windows from the sanctuary,

gathered around a table in the basement. And sure enough, it looked like they were taking the window apart, removing glass from the pattern. What did it mean? What could I do? Maybe if I dropped out of my hiding place and ran across the table they would scatter and I could think of something to do!

I slipped along the basement ceiling, preparing to drop into their midst. I decided to listen to the tall man who was talking. What was he saying? Something about how each piece of glass had to be thoroughly cleaned to remove the years of collected grime, the paint drippings which had fallen when the sills were painted. He said they had to take out all the broken pieces so they could replace them with new glass! And if the lead was broken or damaged, they would learn how to repair it or replace it with new lead. The tall man kept repeating a word: "restoration." Finally I began to understand what was going on. They had taken out beautiful, old, broken and damaged stained glass windows so they could repair them! They would clean all the glass to a sparkle, repair or replace the broken or bent lead, cut and shape new pieces of glass to replace those which had been broken. When all that was done, they would take the windows back and put them up once more, all fixed and ready for another hundred years of beauty.

Well, I could hardly be upset with the little one for being so excited. I'd gotten pretty upset myself when I thought they were taking away our windows, but when I found out they were just going to work on them to make them lovely and whole again, I sighed a big sigh of relief. And then I stopped to thank God for Robert and all the folks who are learning to help him to let the beauty shine forth through our windows once again.

Knowing all was well, I meandered back up toward my nest to let the little ones know everything was O.K. What was happening was just an act of loving care being given one of the treasures in our old Church building. All was well—but thanks for watching and looking out so well for things! It would be wonderful if everyone in the world would help everyone else to so loving care for each other and our things, wouldn't it? And just think—in a few more weeks, all the broken pieces will be replaced, the sun will shine through the windows once more, and all of us will be so proud of our beautiful Church. So, in advance, thanks to everyone who is giving their time, talent, and resources to make it all happen.

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October marks the opening in Omaha of the "Franciscan Motherhouse," a facility primarily designed as a hospice for those with HIV/AIDS. As stated in the brochure distributed by the Motherhouse, "The Franciscan Community of Divine Mercy aspires to serve humanity selflessly in the rich Franciscan charisma and tradition and spirit of love and joy of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis... We especially reach out in warm love, peace and compassion to those of the HIV/AIDS community, to whom our Apostolate is dedicated, who seek assistance in expressing their full potential, physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually as well as to all those whose lives have been, in some way, impacted or touched by this disease.... We open our selves, our home, our hearts, our purse, our hands and our lives to those in need of us... without regard to ethnicity, religious creed, age, sex or sexual orientation, financial status or ability to pay or discrimination of whatever kind or nature."

The brochure goes on to describe how the Motherhouse offers a family environment to those who are facing death within a relatively short time, usually six to ten months, though each case is evaluated on an individual basis. The brochure clearly describes a simple environment where the "guest" is cared for personally by an assigned personal care giver who is a member of the Franciscan community in some way. Medical care is provided through one of the local certified home health hospice agencies. The brochure also states "we extend our family guests the sacred promise that they will not be abandoned to die alone nor will they die in pain."

Each applicant for the Motherhouse is evaluated individually and is not limited just to those receiving only palliative care — individuals still seeking curative measures are also welcome. The Motherhouse is also available to provide Respite care for those being cared for by family or friends.

The Franciscan Motherhouse is dependent upon donations to carry out its work. All resources are utilized economically and volunteers are used to staff all projects. The Motherhouse has no paid

staff and all guest services are free of charge.

Contributions of time, money, memorials, grants, loans, food, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other items will be gratefully received. Donations are tax deductible to the amount allowed by law. No funding, either federal or private, is accepted which is of a restrictive, strings-attached nature.

The Franciscan Motherhouse is located at 1052 Park Avenue in Omaha. For more information, call (402) 344-4557 or write to The Franciscan Motherhouse, P.O. Box 8393, Omaha, NE 68108-0393.

STRAWBERRY AND CHOCOLATE SHOWN IN LINCOLN

A warm and sentimental film from one of Cuba's major directors, *Strawberry and Chocolate*, opened at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater on September 28. This film is a provocative but humane comedy about sexual opposites.

In this appealing Cuban variation on *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, Diego (Jorge Perugorria), a rebellious gay artist, insinuates himself into the friendly graces of David (Vladimir Cruz), a stoically prim heterosexual university student who believes, with the naivete of a Marxist Boy Scout, in the eternal glory of the revolution.

"[*Strawberry and Chocolate* is] a triumphant success! Funny and compassionate!" writes Peter Travers, critic for *Rolling Stone*. He continues, "A stinging comedy of sex and politics... *Strawberry and Chocolate* kicks off the movie year on a high note."

Strawberry and Chocolate will be shown Sunday, October 1 and Thursday, October 5 through Saturday, October 7. Screenings are at 7 and 9 on Thursdays and Fridays; at 1, 3, 7, and 9 p.m. on Saturdays, and at 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$5.50, \$4.50 for students, and \$3.50 for children and seniors.

TO JEFFREY WITH LOVE

Jeffrey Allen Kelley, you gave me the beauty of all emotions we humans experience.

Love, caring, forgiveness, sadness, anger, despair, happiness, laughter, pain — they were all there. You left me with your ashes and our memories. I made a quilt panel on a T-shirt, your size, "medium".

The picture was taken in my kitchen. You used to love to cook for us. You cooked and I cleaned up. In our day, we made a pretty good pair. I wrote to the right of your picture, "JK, I will always remember you. CH"

The T-shirt symbolizes that you — once lived. Only those who knew you well know you lived life to the fullest.

The state of Nebraska is on the panel with an upside down pink triangle which is now a symbol of gay pride. You were a gay man. That fact brought you much pleasure and your share of pain. You had a hard time growing up. You struggled to feel accepted. You experienced discrimination based on the essence of who you were. It hurt you. Now you are in a place where you can find what you sought in life: peace.

Your quilt panel reads, "He was our son, He was our brother, He was our friend." I could not think of a better way to be remembered. I particularly liked the "our" in the lines of the panel. You were "our" son; your parent's son, my son and PFLAG's son. You were "our" brother; your brother's brother, my brother and PFLAG's brother. You were "our" friend; your friend's friend, my friend and PFLAG's friend.

My work in PFLAG, I dedicate to you. I love you very much. Your name is on the panel, "JEFFREY ALLEN KELLEY"

The capital letters symbolize the respect due us just for being human. Your birth and death dates are there also. Your name and birth/death dates are done with blue lettering in a red block. The color of red symbolizes passion. You were young, 25 years old when you died. I watched you face death without fear. Quite an accomplishment for someone so young.

We agreed through our friendship that I was the wiser but in the end, you taught me a lot. There are eight hearts on your panel. The hearts are pink. Again, to me this symbolizes PFLAG. The same pink used on the triangle is used on the hearts that carry the names of those who loved you the most.

The names are "Cynthia, Marta, Raechel, Sam, Joe, Sharon, Tom and Bob" Me, Marta, Raechel, Sam and Joe were your family in your adult life. Your parents and brother. Sharon, Tom and Bob were there for you in your young life. So there it is. There is not much else to say except that I will miss you for the rest of my life. I hope you like the panel. And remember, you promised to meet me again someday.

When I get to the pearly gates, you promises to be there with a glass of champagne. You know the kind I like.

Cynthia

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travel, practice a language, learn about another culture and maybe even find romance.

Gay men who are interested in obtaining more information about IGP should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: IGP, Suite 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, CA 91603.

PROGRAM TO FIGHT AIDS IN MEXICO

A coalition of 20 Los Angeles AIDS activists are launching a binational AIDS project to supply agencies fighting HIV in Mexico with needed supplies and support. Organizers hope that the project, Ayuda Mexico, will become a national effort here in the United States to help fight the growing epidemic in Mexico.

"While the fight against AIDS here in the United States seems a colossal task, we at least have resources and certainly access to resources," said Octavio Vallejo, an Ayuda Mexico Founder. "Our counterparts in Mexico face even scarcer resources and relatively little access to information." Assistance from groups like Ayuda Mexico can have tremendous impact on the quality of life of thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS in Mexico, where more than 60% of the 32,000 reported AIDS cases have already died. What worries organizers is the fact that HIV knows no boundaries, including national borders. Many of the activists involved in Ayuda Mexico project see daily the dynamic between Mexico and the United States at the AIDS organizations where many work or volunteer. Because of tourism and immigration patterns, they note, AIDS is a binational issue. AIDS in Mexico and the United States, they say, cannot be separated. To truly combat HIV infections and to keep people with HIV as healthy as possible, policy makers and service providers need to consider what is happening in one country in order to understand what is happening in the other. The two countries must cooperate in order to fight HIV effectively. Ayuda Mexico organizers report that the Los Angeles community has already been very generous with hundreds of donated items already committed, but more are needed: medical supplies and equipment, furniture, literature and condoms, among other things. For more information, write: Ayuda Mexico, c/o Marta Baca & Associates, PO Box 29536, Los Angeles, CA 90029-0536. Or call 213-468-1357.

AIDS MEMORIAL

Shortly before his death, Keith Haring finished what was to be his last major piece of work, a large bronze altarpiece. Unlike most of the artist's well-known pieces, the altarpiece is more solemn and less politically charged. Figures of Christ and angels are depicted in the work, which is especially poignant when one considers the artist would be dead from AIDS two weeks after its completion. The altarpiece, which features bronze and white gold leaf, will be the cornerstone of the AIDS Memorial Chapel which is being built in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral.

**if you think
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It is estimated that there are 1500 persons living in Nebraska who are HIV-positive. More and more of them are adolescents, females and minorities.

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NEA GRANT HELPS BRING QUILT TO DC

The National Endowment for the Arts has contributed \$20,000 to help bring the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to Washington, D.C. October 11-13, 1996.

As the first major contribution specifically earmarked for the monumental 1996 display, the NEA grant kicks off The NAMES Project's aggressive fundraising campaign for the DC'96 display. This is the second time the NEA has helped fund a display of the Quilt in Washington, D.C.

"The 1996 display of the Quilt in Washington, D.C. will serve as a lasting and living memorial to an epidemic we pray will end soon," said Jane Alexander, Chairperson of the NEA.

"Almost a year ago, I visited the home of The NAMES Project in San Francisco. The AIDS Memorial Quilt was folded carefully on shelf after shelf, each panel stitched lovingly by a friend or family with a name, and date and an artistry which bespeaks a thousands words."

"During national elections crucial to the well-being of people with HIV and to the pace of AIDS research, this display of the Quilt will focus the eyes of our leaders and American citizens on the need for every individual in this country to help bring an end to AIDS," said Anthony Turney, Executive Director of The NAMES Project Foundation.

"The Quilt is not only the largest community arts project in the world, but an unforgettable monument of an epidemic that continues to claim thousands of American lives. The NAMES Project and everyone who makes panels for the Quilt is extremely grateful for the generosity of the NEA. Support like this gives us the wheels we need to go to Washington next year."

The October 1996 event marks the first time in four years that the Quilt will be shown in its entirety.

The NAMES Project estimates the display will be twice as large as the last showing of the entire Quilt, and more than 23 times larger than the first display in 1987.

Almost 45,000 hand-stitched three-foot by six-foot panels will be unfolded on the Mall from the Capitol to the Washington Monument. The Quilt will weight 60 tons and occupy an area the size of 27 football fields. The NAMES Project needs up to 12,000 volunteers to successfully execute this huge display.

"The Quilt has grown inexorably since its first showing in 1987," said Mike Smith, Director of the DC'96 display. "And with AIDS now a leading cause of death in this country, more and

more friends and families are making panels to be added to the Quilt every day."

During Columbus Day weekend next year, the litany of the names of the dead will echo unbroken for three days as 2,000 readers — elected officials, sports figures, celebrities, community and religious leaders, educators, people with AIDS, family members, friends — each take a turn at the podium.

Founded in 1987, The NAMES Project Foundation sponsors and displays the AIDS Memorial Quilt to help bring an end to the AIDS epidemic.

A portion of the quilt will be displayed at Omaha's Civic Auditorium this month, October 6-8.

Through a network of 40 national NAMES Project chapters and 32 international affiliates, the AIDS Memorial Quilt is seen by more than one million people annually at nearly 2,000 displays.

Money raised at Quilt displays is granted to organizations that provide direct service to people everywhere who are living with HIV and AIDS.

AIDS, SHOES & ART

"AIDS has no agenda and knows no mercy," is the message behind the art installation **Silent March**. **Silent March** is collecting shoes from individuals living with HIV and AIDS-related complex, as well as those who already have lost their life to the disease. These shoes are being grouped in art installations in both public and private spaces, around the country, to reinforce the importance of HIV prevention and to bring greater attention to the needs of people dealing with the disease. Ralph G. Brancaccio, the artist and creator, is looking for five thousand pairs of shoes as proof that HIV is disintegrating the lives of American women and men, young and old. Join this march. Dig through your closet to help change the world. Send a pair of your shoes, sneakers, flip flops, etc. to:

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CORONER BLAMES GAYS FOR RAPE/ MURDER OF CHILD

The Spokane County coroner in Washington state has invoked gays and child molestation stereotypes by blaming the sexual abuse and murder of a nine-year old girl on homosexuals. Dr. Dexter Amend said an autopsy showed the victim had been sexually molested, including sodomized.

"She's been sodomized over and over and sodomy is a homosexual act, it is," said Dr. Amend. "To have everybody think homosexuality is OK is a bunch of baloney. I don't care what the political ramifications are on this. It's a horrible, unbelievable thing that this child went through and they (homosexuals) destroyed her life."

His comments have outraged local human rights commission members and gay and lesbian citizens in Spokane and nationwide.

The body of Rachel Carver was found near the Spokane River on June 15. Police arrested her uncle, Jason Wickenhagen, who confessed to the killing. The autopsy indicated the girl had been beaten to death and repeatedly sexually assaulted.

Although there is no evidence whatsoever that Rachel Carver was ever abused by a homosexual, Dr. Amend took the opportunity of releasing his autopsy report to condemn gays and blame them for the spread of AIDS.

His comments, as reported by KXLY and the Spokesman-Review, included, "It's a crime that we don't expose the homosexual community, and it is not just a simple, aberrant sexual activity. It is significant when it takes in innocent minds like this Carver girl. I think it (homosexuality) is an aberrant sex activity that is promoted by the thoughts and sensations that are associated with the sex act that drive people to do abnormal things and animalistic things and as a result bring about cancers and death on the part of the recipients and the active individuals."

The Spokane Human Rights Commission has called for Dr. Amend's resignation, saying, "Dr. Amend has scapegoated an entire group of people. His comments are personal in nature and devoid of fact. Most sex crimes are not perpetrated by gays or lesbians, but by heterosexual males. Homosexuality and pedophilia are not the same thing. The SHRC welcomes the opportunity to help the public distinguish between the myth and reality regarding our gay and lesbian neighbors."

Dr. Amend is an elected official. You can write him at this address: Spokane County Coroner's Office, West 1201 Broadway, Spokane, WA 99206. Or you can write the county commissioners to protest his position. The county commissioners are George Marlton, Steve Hasson and Phil Harris: 1116 W. Broadway, County Courthouse, First Floor, Spokane, WA 99260-0100.

CHRISTIAN COALITION REJECTS GAY INPUT

The head of the Christian Coalition rejected a request from the head of the Human Rights Campaign Fund Director to address the coalition at its annual "Road to Victory" conference in September.

After being rejected, HRCF director Elizabeth Birch delivered an address outside of the conference in Washington. More than 300 people, including members of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, heard Birch's 20 minute speech.

The following are excerpts of Birch's open letter to the Christian Coalition:

"An Open Letter was not my first choice as a way of reaching you. I would have preferred speaking to all of you directly, and in a setting where you would be most comfortable.

That was my motivation, some weeks ago, when I asked your executive director, Ralph Reed, for the opportunity to address the Christian Coalition's 'Road to Victory' Conference... It is supported by a single, strong belief that the time has come for us to speak to each other rather than past each other.

If I am confident in anything at all, it is this: our communities have more in common than we care to imagine. This is not to deny the many differences. But out of our sheer humanity comes some common ground. Although the stereotype would have us believe otherwise, there are many conservative Americans within the nation's gay and lesbian communities.

What's more, there are hundreds of thousands of Christians among us — Christians of all traditions, including those represented in the Christian Coalition.

And, like it or not, we are part of your family. And you are part of our community. I recognize that it is not easy for us to speak charitably to each other. I have read fundraising letters in which people like me are assigned labels which summon up the ugliest of dehumanizing stereotypes. Anonymous writers have hidden under the title of 'Concerned Christian' to condemn me with the fires of God and to call on all of you to deny me an equal opportunity to participate in the whole range of American life. I have heard of political agendas calling not merely for the defeat of those I represent, but for our eradication.

I would not ask that you, as members of a Christian group, or as supporters of a conservative political cause, set aside either your basic beliefs or your historic commitments. The churches which many of you represent — Baptist, for example, and Pentecostal — were also the churches I attended as a young woman. In those days, I heard sermons about justice and sang songs about forgiveness. My greatest hope is not that you will give up your faith, but that it will work among all of us. Some of those who asked me to serve at HRCF may believe that I am naive,

that it is foolish to appeal to 'the enemy' for common decency, let alone to ask for trusting conversations. But those who wonder about my ideals may not know my childhood.

Born in the US, but raised in Canada during my formative years... What surprised me when I first became active in America's gay and lesbian communities was that gay men were beaten with baseball bats, and they went off to find justice, confident that the American ideal would protect them. Lesbians were fired from their jobs, and they said to one another, 'We'll be protected by the law'. So keen was confidence in the American hope that it took the gay and lesbian communities decades to conclude, regrettably, that civil rights are as likely to be withheld as granted, despite the Constitution, and that true believers are as likely to engage in cruel discrimination as in compassion, even in the name of Christ.

(My) first appeal is this: please make integrity a watchword for the campaigns you launch. We all struggle to be people of integrity, especially when we campaign for funds. But the fact that we are tempted by money is no excuse. We need to commit ourselves to a higher moral ground.

I do not know when the first direct-mail letter was issued in your name that defamed gay men and abused gay women, that described us as less than human and certainly unworthy of trust. Neither do I know when people discovered that the richest financial return came from letters that depicted gays and lesbians with intentionally dishonest images. But I do know — and I must believe that you know too — that this is dishonest, this is wrong.

Finally, I appeal to you as people who passionately uphold the value of the family. You have brothers and sons who have not heard a word of family affection since the day they summoned the courage to tell the simple truth. You have sisters and daughters who have given up believing that you mean it when you say, 'The family is the basic unit of society,' or even, 'God loves you, and so do I.'

Above all the other hopes with which I've come to you hovers this one: that some member of the Christian Coalition will call some member of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and say, 'It's been a long time, son' — or, 'I'm missing you, my daughter' — and before the conversation ends, someone will hear the heartfelt words, 'Come home. Let's talk to each other.'"

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization. It's working to end discrimination, secure equal rights, and protect the health and safety of all Americans. For more information you can contact HRCF at 1101 14th Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005. Phone: (202) 628-4160.

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LOCAL NEWS

INTERNATIONAL MR FANTASY 1995 CAPTURES JUDGES & AUDIENCE IN SPIDER WEB OF FANTASY

by Sharon Van Butsel

For six years, black leather, hot August temperatures, and the high energy of The MAX have come together to form an Omaha tradition — the leather weekend known as Fantasy. Bob Ewing and Dustin Logan, owners of Fantasy Productions, joined with Dave Rhodes of *The Leather Journal* to present a weekend of fun, frolic, and fantasy as leathermen and women from across the country came together to celebrate their sexuality. This year, the tradition took on a new twist with overwhelmingly positive results.

Fantasy Productions brought a new International title home to Omaha with the first International Mr. Fantasy, a pageant designed specifically to celebrate the unique sexuality and creativity of the Leatherman. This pageant clearly stated to all that "politics" (and concern about being politically correct) were not part of this contest. Bob and Dustin summed it up this way: "This event has been designed to be FUN for all involved. We have taken the politics out of the contest, and are searching for a man who is comfortable with his looks, body, personality, and sexuality. Someone who can be a representative of our lifestyle."

The newly crowned first International Mr.

Fantasy, JD Buchert, certainly meets every qualification. This soft-spoken man was open and engaging as he went through the weekend. His ready smile and friendly manner were down-home Texas all the way. His slender build and his confidence in himself and his sexuality brought a special element to his Fantasy wear and his whole leather image. However, it was his presentation of his sexual fantasy that best showed his talent. JD and his partner worked with a spinning spider's web woven of rope over a steel frame. In a carefully choreographed dance, the slender white-winged moth, clad in a shimmering white jock strap made on layer upon layer of Saran Wrap, fluttered his wings around the edges of the stage while JD, in black hood and black rope netting, slowly enticed the moth into his web. The moth and the spider then continued their dance on the spinning spider web, until at last the moth responded and the two were joined in a moment of ecstasy.

The first runner-up, Bob Michaels, of Las Vegas, Nevada, chose his fantasy to match his seductive bass voice and softly menacing manner. Clad in exquisite costume, Bob was a scarlet demon who had captured an angel now hung

suspended by his feet from a wooden beam. As the demon seduced the angel, the white wings and costume were removed to reveal the angel's underlying scarlet harness and jockstrap.

The second runner-up, Paul Jaques from Oklahoma, had even the judges gasping as he shed an asbestos suit such as those worn to fight fires in oil fields, and stood motionless while his partners attached cloth wicks to his skin with roach clips and then lighted the wicks.

Placing fourth in the scoring, Omaha's own Rick Noss presented a fantasy of seduction on a commuter train which began and ended with Rick as the very professional businessman, whose leather identity was totally hidden by his suit and his brief case.

The ten contestants came from Mr. Fantasy pageants across the country and brought to the contest a spectrum of looks, style, and manner as they competed in a prejudging interview, Fantasy wear, on-stage question and answer, presentation of sexual fantasies, and the suddenly infamous "Mystery Category."

The much hyped "mystery category" will change every year and will not be announced

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until the night of the pageant. This means that each contestant has exactly the same information, materials, and amount of time to prepare for this category. The result will demonstrate the individual's creativity, resourcefulness, and self-confidence as he cannot be coached or assisted by friends or sponsors. This year's mystery category gave each contestant a paper bag filled with craft items such as you might find in a school classroom and gave them one hour to prepare an onstage presentation with these items.

The playful mood of this "mystery" category was evident throughout the contest — sexuality and sensuality can be FUN! No where was this more evident than in the opening number which presented co-emcee, Shan Carr, as a woman in labor seated on a birthing chair high above the stage wearing an eight foot long skirt the colors of the leather pride flag. Shan brought her comic talents to "bear" as she panted and groaned her way through the song "One's on the way." With each chorus of the song, first one contestant and then another was born until the final chorus had look-alike contestants Rich White and Dale Willman emerging from beneath the skirt as twins. With this little bit of pure slapstick humor, a new title was "born." And upon reflection, nothing could have demonstrated the self confidence of the contestants and their comfort with their own appearance and style than frolicking on stage as babies clad only in tiny cloth diapers.

Competing for the title of International Mr. Fantasy 1995 were:

- Colorado — Rich White
- Iowa — Len Biggerstaff
- Kansas — Craig Heslop
- Minnesota — Dale Willman
- Missouri — Joe Welch
- Nebraska — Rick Noss
- Nevada — Bob Michaels
- New Mexico — James Peters
- Texas — J.D. Buchert

The panel of judges were:

Bob Ewing, head judge, recipient of Special Recognition for community service by a business at the 1993 ANGLE Recognition Dinner, and co-sponsor of Fantasy Productions.

Larry Everett, International Mr. Leather 1995
Cindy Bookout, International Ms Leather 1994

Dave Rhodes, Publisher of the Leather Journal
Jim Richards, Leather Journal Man of the Year 1992

- Mark Frazier, Mr. NLA International 1994
- Dan Noel, Mr. Mid Atlantic Leather 1989
- Joe Morris, Mr. Mid Atlantic Leather 1995

Plans are underway for Mr. Fantasy 1996. Don't miss it! It will truly be a positive celebration of masculine sexuality.

Photos: This Page, Top: JD Buchert in Spider Web of Fantasy; Center: Three Finalists; Bottom Left: Int'l Ms. Leather 1994 Cindy Bookout with Mr. Leather Nebraska 1995 Renfield; Bottom Right: Stage Manager Jeanne Moe & Mark Frazier. Next Page: Clockwise from Top Left: Bob Michaels with Fantasy Art Work; Int'l Mr. Leather 1994 Larry Everett, Int'l Mr. Fantasy 1995 JD Buchert, Fantasy "Babies" prepare for opening number; Den Daddies Jeff & Frank; Contestants in Fantasy Wear; Emcee Shan Carr.





GLBT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

An interim Executive Committee has been elected by the Resource Center's steering committee to hold office through December. Co-Chairpersons are Dave England and Becky Weitzel and Secretary/Treasurer is Teresa Colantauno.

We are still looking for individuals who are interested in being a part of the Development of the Center, especially those interested in Fiscal Development.

If you have any interest or questions please contact the Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 and leave a message or plan to join us at our next meeting.

Meetings will be held the third Sunday of the month (October-December) at Metropolitan Community Church at 819 South 22nd Street from 2:00 - 5:00. EVERYONE is welcome.

You can also stop by our booth at National Coming Out Day (NCOD).

CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURE IN CONCERT OCTOBER 28

Women of the Plains are proud to present Cris Williamson and Tret Fure in concert at the Witherspoon Concert Hall at Jocelyn Art Museum in Omaha on October 28.

Cris Williamson is still an icon of women's music and now, for the first time in 12 years of personal and professional collaboration, Cris and Tret have released a duo album that boasts not only their voices but the music and lyrics each has written, individually and together.

This Omaha appearance is part of a national tour promoting their album *Postcards from Paradise*.

Part of the proceeds from the album are pledged to the organization which Williamson and Fure founded in 1991, In the Best Interests of Children (ITBIC), the wholly volunteer nonprofit organization that works with hospital and community pediatric AIDS programs.

OCTOBER ICON MEETING TO BE IN LINCOLN

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DARRELL WATSON & TIM SEBADE CELEBRATE HOLY UNION

Darrell Watson & Tim Sebade celebrated their Holy Union after being partners for one year and two months. Tim is a native Nebraskan and Darrell is from the Virgin Islands. They are both active at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha and in Citizens for Equal Protection. Darrell currently works at FirstTier. Tim works at FBG. Darrell & Tim wish to thank the Reverend C. Earle Lewis for performing the ceremony and to thank all of their Lincoln & Omaha friends for participating.

SNAP PRESENTS OMAHA DEBUT OF QUILT: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION

SNAP! Productions is excited to announce the Omaha debut of *Quilt: A Musical Celebration*. Scheduled to herald the arrival in Omaha of The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt (October 6-8), the SNAP! musical will be presented at Central High School Auditorium, 124 North 20th Street, on October 1, 5, 6, & 7. All performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are \$20 each.

QUILT is SNAP's most ambitious production to date, with a talented multi-racial cast of 35, ages 12 - 70, and a crew of 15. Keith Allerton is directing; musical direction will be provided by Kurt Kelley who was nominated for a Theatre Arts Guild Best Musical Direction Award for *FALSETTOS*. Michael Simpson and Patrick Roddy will choreograph.

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is one of the most powerful pieces of spontaneous art ever created and incorporates more than 25,000 individual panels. Each panel, measuring 3' by 6', memorializes someone who has died of AIDS. *QUILT, A MUSICAL CELEBRATION* examines one 32 block of The Quilt, presenting of song, dance, and story the people who made the individual panels: lovers, spouses, family, and friends.

For ticket information, call 3-42-9053.



Photo: Rick Noss, Mr. Nebraska Fantasy; Len Biggerstaff, Mr. Iowa Fantasy; J.D. Buchert, International Mr. Fantasy; Jim Gau, Mr. Desert Plains Drummer

NOSS TO REPRESENT NEBRASKA AS MR. FANTASY

On July 17, Nebraska became one of the first states to host a Mr Fantasy Contest. The contest is designed to select a local representative to advance to the international contest, International Mr. Fantasy. The Nebraska contest was hosted by Pat Phalen and was held at DC's. Inga was "mistress" of ceremonies and kept the show on the road. There were three contestants, Jim V., Rick K. and Rick Noss. The judges were Dustin Logan (Co-Producer Fantasy Productions, head judge), Jim Grim (Des Moines), Miss Amanda (Ms Nebraska Leather 1995), Rev. Bob Arthur (District Coordinator Mid-Central -- now Mountains and Plains District of the UFMCC) and Jim Gau (Mr. Desert Plains Drummer).

Guest performers were International Ms Leather 1994 Cindy Bookout (and friends), Jim Gau, Inga (of course), Liz Starr (Imperial Court of Des Moines), and Autumn Weather (Ms HGRA and ICDM representative). The program went without a hitch and ultimately Rick Noss was selected as Mr. Nebraska Fantasy 1995, Rick K. was second.

The Nebraska contest was a successful fundraiser, with a generous contribution from DC's owners Danny, Charlie and Dave; Printing Plus owner Bob Ewing (also Co-Producer of Fantasy Productions), and tips from the performers. More than \$400 went to ACE (AIDS Coalition for Empowerment) to assist PLWAs with legal needs such as Living Wills, Wills and Power of Attorney. No expenses were used from the collected money.

Bigger and better things are planned for 1996 when we will again turn DC's into the Leather Capitol of Nebraska, when Mr Fantasy 1996 returns. Get ready!

SUPPORT GROUP OPEN TO ALL MEN

The Men's Support Group has begun meeting at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha after a hiatus of more than a year. We want to welcome men of the community who feel such a support group would be meaningful and/or helpful to them.

The group meets on Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 in the basement of MCC-O. Confidentiality is stressed and guidelines for this peer sharing group are made clear each week. Present facilitators for the group and Mike Orr and Dr. Earle Lewis. Additional facilitators and resource persons will be joining the group from time to time.

Dr. Lewis stressed, "This is not a counseling or a therapy group—it is a peer sharing group for men of all ages and orientations."

Interested? Come and visit us. Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street. For information, call 345-2563.

LABOR DAY FUNDRAISING RAISES OVER \$22,000 FOR AIDS RELATED CAUSES

Several groups and individuals joined forces on Labor Day weekend for their traditional AIDS fundraising efforts. The Imperial Court of Nebraska donated a total of \$3500 from the Labor Day Picnic and raffles to AIDS related causes. The Omaha Meatpackers show and auction added another \$9000. With the final addition of a \$10,000 matching grant from a community benefactor, the total raised was in excess of \$22,000.

NOTES FROM THE RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

The River City Mixed Chorus is proud to be a part of the opening and closing ceremonies for the AIDS Quilt at the Civic Auditorium in Omaha. The full chorus will perform at the opening ceremony Saturday morning, October 7th. Our women's section will perform at the closing ceremony on Sunday, October 8th. Please join us in loving memory of all those who have died of AIDS.

In addition to the two performances scheduled at the opening and closing ceremonies of the AIDS Quilt, RCMC will be preparing for our January concert. We're also making early preparations for our trip to Tampa, Florida in July 1996 to perform at GALA Festival V.

As you may already know, we estimate each chorus member will need approximately \$800 to \$1,000 in order to attend GALA. Since we have approximately 60 singing members and will require additional instrumental musicians, the Chorus will need over \$60,000 by July. We will be holding several fundraisers throughout the year, but we will gladly accept cash donations. Keep in mind that your donations to the River City Mixed Chorus are tax deductible! Keep us in mind as you plan your tax-deductible donations this year. All donations can be made to the RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS at P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103 or you can contact a Board member at (402) 341-SING.

The RCMC Board just returned from a Labor Day weekend at the GALA Leadership Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. All of their exciting ideas will be incorporated into our activities during the upcoming year.

Our volunteer corps is still recruiting volunteers who are willing to work behind the scenes in a variety of areas. We need help with fundraising, our music library, ticket sales, public relations, and at each of our many performances. If you or someone you know is interested in a volunteer position with RCMC, please contact any Chorus Board member or call 341-SING.

Also, the Chorus is sponsoring a Logo Contest to redesign our Logo. It will be used on our business letterhead and in all of our publications. Please contact 341-SING to receive information about contest rules. The logo must be black & white and be submitted to the Chorus by October 31, 1995. The winner of the contest will receive dinner for two at the French Cafe.

As always, the River City Mixed Chorus thanks the community for its ongoing support. We are proud to be Omaha's musical ambassadors of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and allied communities.

HGRA AWARDS BANQUET

The November meeting of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be held in conjunction with an awards banquet and voting for new officers, as well as the drawing for the winning name in the color TV raffle.

Reservations for the banquet need to be in by October 27th with payment for the dinner made by November 2.

The dinner will be held at Angie's Restaurant at 10th & Pacific Streets in Omaha on November 4th starting at 7 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Shelley at 712-325-0434 or see her at the DJ booth at DC's.

ANGLE'S 5TH ANNUAL "SPIRIT OF PRIDE" RECOGNITION BANQUET

By Stan Brown

Join us for the 5th Annual "Spirit of Pride" Recognition Banquet on Saturday, November 4. Social time will be from 6:30 - 7:00 with a cash bar. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. and entertainment and presentations at 8:00 p.m.

Entertainment will include selections from the River City Mixed Chorus and other live singers, performances from ICON royalty, poetry reading from Brian Bengtson, and much more. Past recipients will help present this year's nominees with special recognition in each category (Individual, Organization, and Business Community Service and Individual Personal Achievement).

Tickets are \$15 per person with a choice of Roast Beef and mashed potatoes or Vegetarian Primavera (salad, vegetable, rolls, coffee or tea are included). Discounted tickets for \$10 will be available for students by contacting Stan Brown (556-8352) and for PWA's by contacting the NAP office (342-6367). Reserved tables (8 to a table) are encouraged and all reservation must be made by Monday, October 30 by also contacting Stan Brown.

Advertising in the program will be available for individuals, businesses or organizations by contacting the phone line and ask for Pat Phalen to return your call.

This is sure to be an exciting and fun evening so mark your calendars now and be looking for ANGLE members selling tickets at the bars, MCC, organization meetings and events. Tickets are also available by mail by sending your check to ANGLE, P.O. Box 8343, Omaha, NE 68108-0323 and we will send your tickets or hold them at the door.

"TO WONG" NOT RIGHT WITH CHI CHI

As far as we know, Chi Chi Rodriguez and Chi Chi Rodriguez have never met each other. Chi Chi, the professional golfer, is suing Universal Pictures over the use of his name in "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything Julie Newmar."

Chi Chi Rodriguez, the drag queen, is played by actor John Leguizamo in the movie. Chi Chi, the golfer, says using his name in a movie that features, "a gay man who dresses in outlandish women's clothing" and who partakes in "disreputable acts and is portrayed as sexually promiscuous" will ruin his reputation.

We'll have to see, but the 59-year old golfer may have hurt his reputation by making an issue of it -- revealing his apparent homophobia. His complaint does not mention other drag queens who share his name, including the popular Chi Chi Larue.

In the movie, Chi Chi's character does not parallel that of the golfer at all. There are no references made that would have drawn any similarities between Chi Chi and Chi Chi.

The golfer reportedly demanded the movie be pulled from the theatres. Universal Pictures had no comment on the pending litigation.

WE REMEMBER ROGER LABS

To some he was considered a thorn in the side. To others he was the rose. A friend who would tell you like it is, knowing when you could take it, tempering it with care and love when you could not. A lover. A co-worker. A leader. A traveler. A collector.

A friend. On August 23, 1995 Roger Labs died. Roger was with family and his life partner Rick Worman. Roger had been employed at US WEST and was a member of EAGLE, Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians. Roger was active in our community as a speaker on G/L/B/T issues, an organizer of the EAGLE entry at the Pride Parade, worked tirelessly as a fund raiser for many organizations, held a place in the Imperial Court of Nebraska reign 8. Most recently he and Rick received the Stonewall Award of Merit for the local EAGLE Chapter and was recognized throughout US WEST's 14 state region for his contributions. Roger was successful in everything he tried. Many friends and family attended his closing ceremony on August 25, 1995. The best wishes are with Rick and Roger's families.

SIoux CITY HAPPENINGS

The gay and lesbian ministry of the Episcopal Church, Integrity, invites you to its supportive prayer service every Wednesday evening at 6pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 12th & Douglas Streets in Sioux City. For more information, call Al at (712) 276-8369. An anonymous men's support group dealing with men's issues meets once a month. For information about time and place, call Paul Dagle (712) 276-8619. Don't forget to leave a name and phone number on his machine so he can call you back. The American Business and Professional Guild, a network of gay business and professional men from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, meets on the last Saturday of each month. If you are interested in joining this group write to ABPG, P.O. Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102.

Kings & Queens will host the Third Annual Kings and Queen Pageant on Saturday, October 21.

OUT WEST

PANHANDLE GAY & LESBIAN SUPPORT SERVICES GROWING & MAKING AN IMPACT

The newsletter of the Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Support Services in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, took on a whole new look and a new name this month. *Out West*, a newsletter with a professional look and feel, is one of the positive results of PGLSS's new computer.

The September issue of *Out West* included an announcement of its 2nd annual Halloween dance which will be held at the West NE Arts Center on October 28th from 8pm to midnight. The Bingo Night planned as a fund raiser for the organization has been postponed until mid-November.

PGLSS is also starting a group for single women which will provide opportunities for socializing and for meeting new people. For more information, call Gloria at (308) 635-8488. PGLSS has begun including its group's name and phone number in the Wednesday edition of the Scottsbluff *Star Herald* under the support groups listings. Members have also contacted Outfront in Denver and Lambda Lines in Ft. Collins regarding listings.

NAMES PROJECT MEMORIAL QUILT TO BE AT CIVIC AUDITORIUM

For the first time in nearly three years, The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed here in Omaha. Since the last display, the Quilt has toured throughout the United States and the world, but from October 6 through October 8, the Quilt will return to Omaha to be displayed at the Civic Auditorium.

The Friday display of the Quilt is reserved for educational tours by students during the day and for PWA's and their families on Friday evening. On Saturday, the Quilt Display opens to the public with the Unfolding Ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. If you have never seen this beautiful ceremony, be sure to be at the auditorium to see the mystery unfold as white clad volunteer respectfully approach cream colored bundles placed at intervals on the auditorium floor. In solemn unison, they unfold the quilt blocks until, with a final flourish, the brightly colored blocks settle to earth for all to see. After this, the public is free to walk among the quilt blocks, and to remember and to listen to the solemn reading of the names.

The display is open again on Sunday with the closing ceremonies taking place at the end of the day, with the presentation of newly completed quilt blocks and the refolding of the squares.

Come see and remember their names.

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH BEGINS MEETING

The Ecumenical Catholic Church of America has begun holding prayer meetings every Sunday at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jim Arling. Open communion is offered at these prayer meetings. All persons are welcome. If you have questions or prayer requests, please call Pastor Jim Arling or Deacon Gary Balch at (402) 464-0270. The prayer meetings will be held at 2201 N. 31st St. in Lincoln until further notice.

The Ecumenical Catholic Church of America has also begun fundraising efforts to purchase a permanent church home in Lincoln. To assist with fundraising, a dinner and show is planned for November 2 at the Train Station in Lincoln.

OMAHAN ELECTED INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

At UFMCC General Conference, MCCer Becky Weitzel was elected to the Executive Committee of EXCEL International. The Committee is made up of 7 individuals who serve for 2 years overseeing the Director, creating structures, by-laws, sop's, etc. for EXCEL, and assuring the financial accountability to UFMCC of all EXCEL bodies. During the next year, Becky will meet at least twice with the committee, once in Florida and once in Texas. The mission of EXCEL is to "develop and provide programs to stimulate spiritual renewal and to teach methods that equip individuals to serve the Body of Christ, especially the local church." Becky has 20 Year EXCEL & Atlanta UFMCC Gen. Conf. Pins for sale -- \$5.

NAP TO EXPAND

The Nebraska AIDS Project announces an expansion of services to be offered to Nebraskans and Southwestern Iowans living with HIV/AIDS. This expansion will include the development of a multi-function, home-like drop-in facility for people who have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. At this facility, they will be able to participate in free recreational and educational activities, as well as part-time employment opportunities.

"This new program will enable us to make tremendous strides in our role as an advocate and service provider for people living with HIV/AIDS. We're very excited about these new opportunities for our clients," said Donna Hruska, NAP Board President.

The new programs are made possible, in part, by a donation from Oriental Trading Company, Inc. Terry Watanabe, President and CEO, is contributing a \$500,000 challenge grant. OTC employees from accounting, graphic design, management information, and public relations have offered their services to NAP.

Related to the expansion is the appointment of Don Randolph as Interim Executive Director. Randolph has been an advocate for people living with AIDS since 1983. He is a former board member for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and served NAP as Vice-President of the Board of Directors. Randolph currently serves on the regional Ryan White Planning Committee.

Nebraska AIDS Project offers support services through a statewide case management program with offices in Omaha (also serving Southwest Iowa), Lincoln, Kearney, Norfolk and Scottsbluff. Clients will be able to access the new programs through their case managers.

"THE NEXT STEP IV"

Demand for NAP services has increased dramatically during the past year. Providing free-of-charge support services to over 300 clients and education presentations to over 67,375 people in Nebraska, NAP remains the only agency in the state dealing exclusively with HIV/AIDS.

Plan to be a part of the Nebraska AIDS Project's fourth annual Fun Run/Walk-a-thon for AIDS Awareness and Support on Saturday, October 7, 1995. The money that is raised from this event, from corporate sponsorships, pledges to walkers/runners, and individual supporters will be used to provide services in the local area.

The Lincoln 10k route begins at Broyhill Fountain on the UNL city campus, 14th & "R" Streets. The Omaha 10k begins at Trinity Cathedral at 18th & Capitol. Registration begins at 9:30 am and the walk at 10:00 am. Registration/pledge brochures are available at NAP offices in Omaha and in Lincoln.

GLAGN TO HOLD HALLOWEEN DANCE

Dancing! Costumes! Prizes! Yes, that time of year is fast approaching for the annual GLAGN (Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska) Halloween Dance. So oil up that Singer and whip up those costumes! As with past functions we will be needing a Host/Decorating/Clean Up Committee. Any great party ideas will be really appreciated! All of this fun will take place at Izaak Walton in Grand Island, October 28 at 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. It's BYOB and munchies. This is always a great time! Be sure to bring a friend and find those costumes!!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL "Remember My Name"

In the United States, a woman is beaten every nine seconds. At 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 18, The Domestic Violence Program will sponsor the 7th Annual Candlelight Vigil. This event will be held at Bayliss Park in Council Bluffs. The purpose of this event is to remember those women who have suffered from domestic violence and to celebrate and support those who have survived and made new lives for themselves. The focus is on remembering those women, especially Iowa women, who have been killed by their intimate partners and how each of us in our community can make a difference to end the violence. Speakers include women and children who have survived domestic violence along with community leaders.

BLUE BARN PRESENTS IN BOCCA DI LUPA

The Blue Barn Theatre is proud to present In Bocca Di Lupa (Into the Mouth of the Wolf), on the weekends from October 27 through November 19. As we walk the city streets, somewhere deep within ourselves we still yearn to howl at the moon. This Blue Barn original will explore the enduring connection between our own stories and tales as old as humankind's oral tradition. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday performances are at 7 p.m. Call 402-345-1576 for reservations and ticket information.

HALLOWEEN

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ICON'S LABOR DAY PICNIC RAISES \$3,500

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is pleased to announce that fund-raising efforts Labor Day weekend brought \$3,500 for local AIDS-related groups.

Fund-raising efforts included the traditional picnic and big raffles. Also contributing to the funds raised were the small raffles held by the Royal Families and donations made by several local organizations who had booths at the picnic.

Given out at the Meatpackers' Labor Day Show were the following grants:

\$1,000 to PWA Assist. Fund

\$ 200 to ACE

\$1,000 to Nebraska AIDS Proj.

\$1,000 to PWA Assist. Fund

\$ 100 to PWA Assist. Fund

(\$300.00 had been given out previously to ACE to fund trips for PWA's to Colorado and Montana)

Big Raffle prize winners included:

1st — Trip to Orlando, Gary W.

2nd — Sculpture of David, Joe R.

3rd — Maxine's Gift Cert., Royal B.

4th — French Cafe Cert., Gary F.

Thank you all for your support of the Big Raffle. It alone raised \$1,000 for the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund.

Other grants approved by ICON in the last month include \$100 to the River City Gender Alliance to help fund two representatives who are going to Washington, DC to lobby for equal rights! A \$100 grant was also awarded to the All Iowa AIDS Benefit to be held in Des Moines Oct. 15. Emperor Annie will make that presentation!

Thanks to all of you for helping to make these grants possible. Your generous support allows us to support these important causes!

TAG AWARDS "Falsettos" RECEIVES 5 AWARDS

The Theatre Arts Guild (TAG) proudly announced recipients of the 28th Annual Theatre Arts Guild Awards in a ceremony at Dance City.

The evening, titled "Memories," was attended by over 200 actors, singers, directors, designers, and theatre patrons who gathered to hear what TAG members felt were the finest theatre offerings this year in the Metropolitan area.

Among those honored were Tom Bertino, an active member of MCC-Omaha, who was recognized for his portrayal of Eddie Kurnitz in the play "Lost in Yonkers," and Michael Taylor-Stewart who received a "Backstage" Award.

One of the biggest winners of the evening was the SNAP! Production of "Falsettos" which took high honors in five different categories:

Michele Phillips — Outstanding Achievement in Direction of a Musical

Kurt Kelley — Outstanding Achievement in Musical Direction

"Falsettos" and "Jesus Christ SuperStar" — Outstanding Musical Production

Michael Simpson — Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical

Alec Zuerlein — Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Musical

OCTOBER 29TH HONOR JULIE & MICHAEL WEISSER

"Love thy neighbor as thyself." Julie and Cantor Michael Weisser certainly live this Biblical admonition — and for that, they will be honored at the Interfaith Leadership Awards Banquet to be held at the Cornhusker Hotel (in Lincoln, Nebraska) on Sunday, October 29th. The evening's festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with a Reception, followed by Dinner and Program at 6:00 p.m. Dinner Co-Chairpersons are: Senator LaVon Crosby, Mayor Mike Johanns, Jim Conroy, Pastor Ronald Drury and Pastor Gordon T. Scott. Proceeds from the event will go towards the citywide Emergency Food Pantries System and local projects of the Lincoln Jewish Federation. Tickets are \$35 each, or \$350 for a table of ten. Ticket reservations may be made by contacting the Lincoln Interfaith Council Office: (402) 474-3017. Deadline for ticket reservations is October 20.

—Lincoln Interfaith News

Editor's Note: You may remember that Cantor Weisser had the "distinction" of having been picketed by Fred Phelps, a militant homophobe, because of supposedly pro-gay comments which he made several years ago.

METRO CLUB

The next meeting of the Metro Club will be held on October 19 at Frankie Payne's. There will be a social hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and then will have a presentation on the foundations of building a stronger relationship. The speaker is to be announced. For more information, please call 556-0287.



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**Reservations are needed by Mon. October 30th, 1995*



Photo: Stan Brown addresses group of volunteers at "A Slice of Summer" gathering held on the Patio at The MAX. Topics discussed included the Recognition Banquet, the Phone Line, and the 1996 Pride

OCTOBER AT DC'S

On Sunday, October 8th DC's will host a benefit show for the Ice Bowl Regional Bowling Tournament. This show will feature all the best performers, so plan to be at DC's at 9:30 for the fun. Of course, DC's will celebrate Halloween with a costume contest with prizes for the best costume and for the best drag outfit. Remember, you can join Duane every Tuesday at 7:30 for dance lessons — couple dance lessons one week, line dancing the next. Thanks for making DC's "The Place to Be."

A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

Thank You to all the community members who have sent in nominations for ANGLE's 5th Annual "Spirit of Pride" Recognition Banquet on Saturday, November 4th. The nomination committee, made up of past recipients and representatives from numerous community organizations, will be busy reading and voting on each nomination to determine the special recognition in each category. A list of all nominations will be in next month's issue.

The Recognition Banquet will be held Saturday, November 4, instead of Friday, November 3, which was originally announced. A social time will be from 6:30 - 7:00 pm, dinner at 7:00, and entertainment and presentations at 8:00 p.m. Entertainment will include selections from the River City Mixed Chorus, performances from ICON royalty, poetry from Brian Bengtson, and much more.

Tickets will be \$15 with a choice of Roast Beef or Vegetarian Primavera. Discounted tickets at \$10 will be available for students and PWA's. Look for more information about the banquet in a separate article or call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line (558-5303) and ask for Stan to return your call.

ANGLE is pleased to announce that Jim and Eric will become co-chairs of the Information and Referral Line. Jim has been volunteering with the line during the past year and helped update our resource directory. These co-chairs are looking for volunteers to help staff the line or serve on their committee, so please call the line and ask for Jim to return your call if you are interested.

Remember our monthly meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at the UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd. at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we continue to plan for great events in 1995 and the new year. Also stop and visit with us at our table at CFEP's National Coming Out Day on Saturday, October 28.

KAREN EDWARDS TO PERFORM AT MCC-OMAHA

Karen Ann Edwards of High Praises Ministry, will bring the Good News of God's Love, Light, and Healing Power to Omaha on Sunday, October 15, as she performs her remarkable music at a 7:00 p.m. concert at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street.

Karen incorporates testimony, visualization, and spiritual exercises, scripture, and prayer as she brings her message of the healing power of God and Jesus Christ. Karen especially concentrates on the wounded inner child which dwells within each of us. In Karen's skillful hands, music becomes an instrument of healing.

The congregation of MCC-Omaha invites the community to join in a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. and then to stay for the concert which will begin at 7:00 p.m. The concert and potluck are free to the community. A love offering will be taken.

GAY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER LOSES RE-ELECTION

The Des Moines, Iowa public school board member who came out of the closet earlier this year lost his re-election bid in September. At the conclusion of an emotional meeting on January 24, Jonathan Wilson spoke up to say, "I try to be a good friend to my friends. And a good neighbor to my neighbors. I'm gay."

His revelation followed a month-long debate on whether to include homosexuality in the Des Moines curriculum. Wilson supported the idea.

His coming out of the closet touched off a firestorm of controversy in which a new group formed to fight his re-election bid. The group, Concerned Parents of Des Moines, was formed to oppose Wilson and his "gay agenda" in schools.

His campaign attracted attention for both sides from interest groups in Des Moines and beyond. Wilson won the endorsement from the Gay and Lesbian Victory fund in Washington, D.C., several labor groups, and the Des Moines Education Association.

In September, voters had to choose from eight candidates to fill two school board seats. Wilson came in fourth, ending 12 years on the board. The two winners had won endorsements from Concerned Parents of Des Moines.

Fundraising Breakfasts following the 9 & 10:30 services on October 22 MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22

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MISS/MR DC'S CROWNED

Miss Mae O'Naise, show director for DC's, presented a combined pageant for the titles of Mr. & Miss DC's. The pageant featured a unique set which combined the glitter of center stage with a western motif, thanks to the creative talents of Mr. Tom Cech. Five contestants took to the runway to compete in bar wear, talent, and evening wear. The two contestants for Mr. DC's were well-matched, bringing to the contest well-established traditions of community service and involvement, along with their personal western style. Ron D. is an active member of HGRA while David Hansen established a western style as his trademark during his reign as Emperor of the Imperial Court. The contestants for Miss DC's brought a spectrum of style and flair to the pageant. The willowy, dark-haired beauty of Miss Raegan served as effective counterpoint to the blonde glamour of Chrissy Snow and the expansive talents of Aramis. The six judges, Mark E., Jesse Conyers, Jennifer Jett, Carla Petersen, Brooke Owens, and Jeff Schiller had a difficult task. In fact, the points for Miss DC's were so close that the final decision was made by the bar owners. But in the end a decision was made and Mr. David Hansen received the title of Mr. DC's while Aramis was crowned Miss DC's for the coming year.



Photos:

Top, Right: Contestants Line Up for Mr/Miss DC's
 Top, Left: David Hansen, Mr. DC's
 Bottom: Aramis, Miss DC's

A CALENDAR OF TOURS

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And remember, the Cafe Quintessentials is available for your dining pleasure. Cafe Quintessentials is now accepting holiday catering reservations. Be sure to get your order in early.

"KEEP THE LOVE ALIVE" RAISES \$1800

The MAX was the site of a very special benefit show on September 17, as Tim Jones, Tracy Heintzleman, Mike Maciejewski, and Tom McKenzie presented "Keep the Love Alive," a benefit for the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display to be held in Omaha October 6-8.

Host, Don Flowers, was joined by entertainers Dick Brown, Royal Bush, Dana Dahl, Angie Davis, Jennifer Jett, Sheza Mann, Brooke Owens, Christine Peek, Roxy, Todd Russer, Milan Seth, Annie Welty, Monica West, and Dave Zaloudek.

Donations from various groups and organizations, added to the door receipts donated by The MAX, brought the evening's total to just in excess of \$1800 which will go to the Nebraska AIDS Project as part of the fundraising for the Omaha display of the Names Project Quilt.

OFFUTT AIRMAN WINS VICTORY, BUT BIGGER FIGHT STILL AHEAD

Air Force Captain Rich Richenberg is fighting to stay in the military. Two years ago, the Offutt airman disclosed to his commander that he is gay. The fight to stay in was just beginning.

Last month, without notice, the Air Force secretary ordered his immediate discharge. Richenberg managed to win a ten-day delay so a federal judge could hear his appeal for a restraining order.

On September 8, retiring U.S. District Judge Lyle Strom awarded Richenberg a restraining order, preventing the military from discharging Richenberg.

This was only a temporary restraining order. It granted Richenberg time to fight the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. Judge Strom will hear arguments on Richenberg's challenge on November 6.

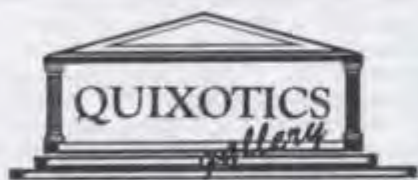
After winning the temporary restraining order, Richenberg reflected on what has happened over the past two years. He said, "My co-workers have almost to the man and woman been very supportive, very encouraging and they've all been very glad that I've been there. There was a little bit of consternation on their part when the Air Force moved to execute the secretary's order and discharge me. I think they were very sad to see that finally happening. I guess part of the strangeness in the case is that a lot of what I have done is sort of rooted in the military training that I've been given by the government. They teach you and they harp on you that you have to be honest, you have to have integrity and you have to set the example always as an officer. And that's what I've been striving to do."

Richenberg continues to win support from his sister, Linda, who moved to Omaha before he came out. She said the system seems to be finally working for people like her brother. "I think there are a number of people now who understand that everybody is equal under the laws of the government and should be allowed to live that quality and live the life that they want to. Those people are making their voices heard. Whereas before, under the old policy, it might have just been a few here and there voicing their outrage. That number has grown steadily all the time."

Asked if his experience will help other gay service members come forward, Capt. Richenberg was not sure. He said, "That's such a personal and such an individual decision for anybody to come forward. You just have to do an integrity check and do what you feel is right for you. It was very difficult."

CHARGES AGAINST SMIAROWSKI COME UP AGAIN

The Imperial Court of Nebraska received word late in August that the County Attorney's office would refile the charges against Ed Smiarowski. In mid-September ICON Executive Board members were notified of the Preliminary Hearing. Smiarowski is charged with Theft (Unlawful Taking) of ICON funds following Coronation XIV.



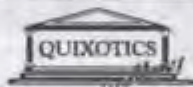
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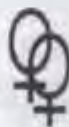


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CATHOLIC CHURCH CAUTIOUSLY APPROVES "TO WONG FOO"

It was not a clear endorsement, but the Catholic church has cautiously approved the hit movie, "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything Julie Newmar."

The movie, which was almost entirely filmed in the tiny town of Loma, Nebraska last year, features three drag queens who get stranded in small town America.

The U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting gives its own movie ratings, classifying them in five different ways:

- A-1 General Audience
- A-2 Adults and adolescents
- A-3 Adults only
- A-4 Adults with reservations
- O Morally offensive

The USCCOBF described "To Wong Foo" as a movie with a "breezy depiction of crossdressing, mild sexual reference and minor violence." It gave the movie an A-3 rating. The Motion Pictures Association of America gave it a PG-13 rating.

In its review, the Catholic church said, "Parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything Julie Newmar, is a weak but warmhearted comedy in which three drag queens, played by Wesley Snipes, Patrick Swayze, and John Leguizamo driving to Hollywood, breakdown in rural Nebraska. There, they make friends with startled townspeople by helping several resolve personal problems. Minor laughter is obtained from the fish out of water antics of the goofy trail. The situations are highly contrived and continually predictable."

Something that is noticeably absent from the church's review is any condemnation or even a mention of homosexuality.

OCTOBER AT MCC-OMAHA

By Rebecca

MCC-O in October? What's happening? What's new? To start the month, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will have a display and information table at the Quilt display, October 7-8. Then Karen Edwards will be appearing in concert on Sunday, October 15 at 7 p.m. Next, on October 22, breakfast is served. Fundraising breakfasts will be served after both the 9 & 10:30 a.m. services on the 22nd. And finally to cap off the month, we will join the rest of the community and sponsor information and display tables at National Coming Out Day from 1-6pm so please drop by and see us.

That's what's new at MCC-O in October, but only a small portion of all that is happening at MCC-O. For instance, we still have Pleasure Pacs for sale — only \$25. Save money and support MCC-O? Now that's what I call a bargain. And it seems there is always something to do and someone to talk with at MCC-O. The women's softball team, the Crusaders, had so much fun this summer they decided to play Fall League as well. If you missed watching them play this summer, step up to the plate and root them on this fall. They still play Wednesday nights so just call the church office for game times. The choir, as previously reported, is getting back into the *sing* of things. They will, however, be performing from here on out without the guidance of Bill Burch, MCC-O's choir director for the last 3+ years. Bill is leaving the area and we at MCC-O will miss him, not only for the music he shared with us but for the friendship he gave. Our prayers are with you, Bill. God Bless!

So there's softball and choir and a Gay and Lesbian Parents' groups and men's and women's support groups, not to mention Christian education classes, prayer share care circles, and Sunday worship at 9 & 10:30 a.m. Membership classes continue to form. Call the church office for times and dates. There truly is something for everyone at MCC-O. So come to visit, to worship, to rejoice in the presence of your community and our Lord.

SCOTTSBLUFF RADIO STATION STOPS GAY JOKES THANKS TO CALL FROM LISTENER

Curtis James, an announcer for the local radio station KMOR, has made derogatory jokes about homosexuality during his morning broadcasts. The most recent remarks were about Casper the "gay ghost."

Sally Vanderslice who had just moved to the panhandle from Lincoln heard the most recent slurs.

Sally called the radio station. She was told by James "he can play anything on the air...that the station manager backs him in all that he plays on the air."

Sally got the home phone number of the station manager from James and called Mark Jensen at home.

The next day Curtis James stated on air the station will now be "politically correct."

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- Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764
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Charles Drew Health Center,
2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433

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

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 3140 '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 Health Center, Hastings,
NE 68901 402-461-7372 Ask for Judy

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite
110, Omaha 342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-
342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437]

Nebraska Dept of Health,
Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847, 308/234-8183
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Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Box 81455,
Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091

AIDS ADVOCACY

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

Lincoln Interfaith Council, 140 S. 27th St.,
Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing
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AIDS Educ Project, UNL G/L Resource Cntr,
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2245 Heather Dr, Crete 68333 (402) 826-3785
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997
2515 St Marys Ave, Omaha 68105 431-4447

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling

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Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100.
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Gerling, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866

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

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

Harambee Mental Health Services, Business
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68110. (402) 451-3913 Mental Health Services
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Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group, 1st
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Ecumenical Catholic Church of America, 2201 N. 31st St., Lincoln, NE 68503. (402) 464-0270. Pastor Jim Arling or Deacon Gary Balch; Prayer Meeting: Sun. 11am. Open Communion Offered. Questions/Prayer Requests; Please Call. All Are Welcome.

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Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), Box 30128, Lincoln, NE 68503-0128, 434-9880. 4th Tuesday, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group meet same time & place.
SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, Info, Conference Updates, Education for older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, All welcome.

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

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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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Meet 1st Saturday, Omaha

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

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

Women of the Plains, Box 24355, Omaha, 68124-0355, Bring women's culture back to Omaha

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay & Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South Streets, Lincoln, by tennis courts; optional brunch follows</p> <p>Ecumenical Catholic Church, Prayer Mtg. 11am, 2201 N. 31, Lincoln, 464-0270</p> <p>River City Bowling League, 1 & 3pm, Skylanes, 42nd & Center, Omaha</p>	<p>HIV Tests, Nebr AIDS Project 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Entrance, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Men's Support Group, 7pm, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Frontrunners Run, 6:30pm, Ford Birthsite, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7pm, call 475-2437</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm. MCC-Omaha</p>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>October 1 (1st Sunday) Frontrunners Run/Walk, 10am, Burke High School, Omaha</p> <p>Family AIDS Support Group, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Sponsored by P-FLAG-Omaha</p> <p>Muffy Rosenburg at The Q, Lincoln</p>	<p>Oct. 2 (1st Monday) ICON Board Mtg, 6:30pm The Panic, Lincoln (note change of location for this month only)</p>	<p>Oct. 3 (1st Tuesday) ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p>Oct 4 (1st Wednesday)</p>
<p>October 8 (2nd Sunday) Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, Omaha Civic Auditorium</p> <p>Walkathon -- Omaha/Lincoln/Kearney MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215 Lincoln</p> <p>Miss Parallel Galaxy, The Q, Lincoln</p> <p>Ice Bowl Benefit Show, DC's, Omaha</p>	<p>Oct. 9 (2nd Monday) AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Omaha</p> <p>MCC PSC Circle, 3101 Webster, Omaha, 7pm</p>	<p>Oct. 10 (2nd Tuesday) Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln</p> <p>P-FLAG Omaha Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Library</p>	<p>Oct.11 (2nd Wednesday)</p>
<p>October 15 (3rd Sunday) Community Resource Ctr Developpment Meeting, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 2-5pm</p> <p>PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/995-5490</p> <p>Jamie performs at the Q, Lincoln</p> <p>Karen Edwards concert, MCC-Omaha</p> <p>All Iowa AIDS Benefit, Des Moines</p>	<p>Oct. 16 (3rd Monday)</p>	<p>Oct 17 (3rd Tuesday) NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln: 7pm, Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, 477-1226</p> <p>Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p>	<p>Oct 18 (3rd Wednesday)</p> <p>Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil, 7pm, Bayliss Park, Council Bluffs, IA</p>
<p>October 22 (4th Sunday) Frontrunners 10am, Central Park Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG-Omaha, 1st Meth, 2pm, 291-6781</p> <p>MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215 Lincoln</p> <p>ACE Mtg, NAP 3610 Dodge Omaha 5pm</p> <p>Beauty & Beast Contest, "Q" Lincoln</p>	<p>Oct. 23 (4th Monday) MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 3101 Webster, Omaha, 7pm</p>	<p>Oct. 24 (4th Tuesday) PFLAG, 7pm "Coming Out Day" Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 467-4599</p> <p>Frontrunners Monthly Mtg, 6:30pm, Omaha, 496-3658</p>	<p>October 25 (4th Wednesday)</p>
<p>October 29 (5th Sunday) Frontrunners Run/Walk, 10am, Omaha</p> <p>Miss River City, Laura Grey, performs at The Run, Omaha, a Benefit for The Ecumenical Catholic Church of America</p> <p>Suicide Show, "Q" Lincoln</p> <p>In Bocca Di Lupa, Blue Barn, Omaha</p>	<p>Oct. 30 (5th Monday)</p>	<p>Oct. 31 (5th Tuesday) Halloween! Costume Contests at your favorite bar</p>	<p>November 1 (1st Wednesday)</p>
<p>November 5 (1st Sunday) Frontrunners Run/Walk, 10am, Burke High School, Omaha</p> <p>Family AIDS Support Group, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Sponsored by P-FLAG-Omaha</p>	<p>Nov. 6 (1st Monday) ICON Board Mtg, 6:30pm The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p>Nov. 7 (1st Tues.) ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p>November 8 (2nd Wednesday)</p>

OCTOBER CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm 472-5644

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

THURSDAY

October 5 (1st Thursday)

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

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

NOW Program Night, "Women & Political Involvement" 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, **Omaha**

Oct. 12 (2nd Thursday)

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

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

Oct. 19 (3rd Thursday)

Metropolitan Club, 7pm, Topic: "Relationship Building" FRANKIE Pane's, 1112 Douglas, **Omaha**

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

IGRA Finals Rodeo, **Denver**

Oct. 26 (4th Thursday)

November 2 (1st Thursday)

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

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

NOW Program Night, "Cancer Info" 7pm, Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Council Bluffs

Nov. 12 (2nd Thursday)

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

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

FRIDAY

October 6 (1st Friday)

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

October 13 (2nd Friday)

Watch yourself, it's Friday the 13th!

October 20 (3rd Friday)

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

IGRA Finals Rodeo, **Denver**

October 27 (4th Friday)

ONXY Images: "Fairy Tale Weekend"
In Bocca Di Lupa, Blue Barn Theatre, **Omaha**

November 3 (1st Friday)

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

November 10 (2nd Friday)

SATURDAY

October 7 (1st Saturday)

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, **Omaha** Civic Auditorium

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

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

October 9 (2nd Saturday)

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

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

October 21 (3rd Saturday)

IGRA Finals Rodeo, **Denver**

3rd Annual Kings & Queens Pageant, Kings & Queens Bar, **Sioux City**

October 28 (4th Saturday)

National Coming Out Day, Citizens for Equal Protection, **Omaha** Civic Auditorium, 1 - 6pm

Chris Williamson & Tret Fure 8:30pm, Witherspoon Hall, Joslyn Museum, **Omaha**.

GLAGN Halloween Dance, Grand Island
In Bocca Di Lupa, Blue Barn Theatre,
ONXY Images: "Fairy Tale Weekend"

November 4 (1st Saturday)

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

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Awards Banquet, 6pm

November 11 (2nd Saturday)

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

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

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PERSONALS

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I hope your 50th B-Day is as happy as you've made me.
All my love, Jimmy

Gilligan's Friends & Family,
Thank you for making my birthday so very special.
Love, J.D.

Hello Out There — Is there a young man who has a thing for an older, somewhat dominant top. Semi-retired, 6'1" - 160 Br. G. good shape, nice home. Likes to travel, camping, music, gardening, and cuddling. Lots of TLC. Much to offer right person. B-B farm type a real +. Call 733-3026 (Oc95)

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

Columbus **DISCREET MEN:** 36, WM, looking for other guys in the area, or nearby, married or single, must be discreet. #9387

Omaha **FIND ME SOME-BODY TO LOVE:** It, skinned BM 5'8 165, 47, looking for someone to love. #8294

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

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

Omaha **CONSERVATIVE GUY:** Kyle, new to area, int in new friends, brn/blue, nice guys, 26, 165, cln cut, conservative, hoping to meet the same hope to hear from you. #7140

Omaha **SENSITIVE AND ROMANTIC:** GBM, cute guy, likes movies, quiet eyes, music and spending time with my lover, 24-40 slim and trim, I'm sensitive romantic and monogamous, race not impl. #6925

Millard **BUILT TO LAST?** "Mike, looking for a well built guy 22-35 pass rel, give me a call. #3642

Omaha **BUTCH BOY** "young butch GWM into mountain biking, weight lifting, books and chess. lkg4 a friend into these things and more." #4230

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

Norfolk Mike, 31 y/o 5'7 unattached love sports like to meet someone well built close to my age. #47487

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

Omaha **GREAT LEGS:** 24 y/o bi WM 5'8 190lbs well built great legs, beautiful butt I'm lkg4 men over 30 who appreciate a very young sub guy. discretion a must! #45970

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



Lincoln **TAKE CARE OF YOU:** 32 y/o guy interested in meeting a guy who is lkg2 spend time away from the bars. I travel a lot and I'm lkg4 someone to take care of! #46274

Omaha **I NEED A REAL MAN:** 24 y/o professional hair stylist lkg4 a very dom. hairy, well built man to take charge, you must be real hot and ready for anything. #46292

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

Lincoln **TATTOO LOVER:** I'm a 28 y/o btm into tattoo's, WS,

and watching video's. call me! #46511

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

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

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

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

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

Omaha **NEW KID IN TOWN SEEKS TOP**

GUN: my name is John, I'm new in town and I'm lkg2 meet some very dom. men in the Omaha area, call me, you won't be disappointed! #45107

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

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

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

Omaha **GROUP GROPE:** 35 y/o W bi M lkg4 guy's 35-50 who are gi, gay or straight groups ok. I'm very sub and take orders well. call me! I'm very clean and discreet. #45484

Lincoln **LETS TALK:** Joe, GWM 23 y/o 5'9 185lbs lkg4 GWM 23+ for walks, good conversation and more. #45839

Lincoln **BODY BUILDERS:** Mike, I'm into body builders. I'd like to meet guy's 22-50 for good times. #45872

Omaha **LETS GO BOWLING:** Murray, GWM lkg4 fun and pass. LTR. I like to bowl and go for long walks. call me! #45835

Omaha **PERSONAL TRAINER WANTED:** my name is Mike, I'm lkg4 a personal trainer who is gay. I'm 50 y/o and I'm lkg2 get back into shape. #45872

Omaha **MAN 2 MAN:** Jim, 5'10 220lbs hairy passionate bear lkg4 man 2 man contact. call me! #43385

Columbus **GREAT LOVER:** John, 38 y/o 6ft blk/blu 185lbs well endw'd lkg2 meet other guys 18-45 for fun and frndshp. I love to cuddle, watch movies and have fun. #43789

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All The News In Entertainment For October 1995

October Is The Month Of Men

Karl Thomas returns to THE MAX and he's ready to show you guys what makes him such a big star!



Omaha's Favorite Bad Boy, Karl Thomas

Karl's annual retreat to the River City is always a highlight of the fall. I spoke to Karl recently and he assured me that he's harder and hotter than ever before. Check him out for yourself on *Sunday, October 8*. As an added feature, THE MAX is happy to welcome back, Miss Max 10, Vivan Cartwright. Viv will be stopping by on her way back to L.A. I know you'll be excited to see her perform at THE MAX once again.



Forum Studios Star, Tom Katt

Sunday, October 15, we're excited to bring you *Mr. Tom Katt*. Tom is one of the biggest & best built Gay Adult Film Stars ever! *Forum Studios* is also sponsoring this show and you could win a Forum Studios Film, autographed by Mr. Katt himself. Tom, Forum Studios and THE MAX will have lots of surprises in store for you so don't miss this one guys! Miss MAX 11 Monica West will be your hostess.

The Month of Men continues on *Sunday*,

October 22 when Omaha breaks in a new *All Male* dance group, *The American Muscle Patrol*. These men are raring to show off their hard chiseled bodies. Get set for an arresting night.



Titan of The American Muscle Patrol

DJ To Play Trash Disco

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