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OUR OPINION: Vote the Candidates of Your Choice

RAINBOW PAC SPEAKS ON JON CHRISTENSEN

The radical right is alive and well in Nebraska. It has put forth Jon Christensen to run for the 2nd District Congressional seat now held by Rep. Peter Hoagland. Mr. Christensen is too extreme for Nebraska and certainly no friend of the GBLT community. Judge for yourself from the following.

Mr. Christensen would deny women the right to choose abortion, even in the cases of rape or incest. His stance on abortion goes much further than abortion itself. This position reveals his misogynist views toward women and what should be their right to make this very private decision for themselves. It also speaks to how Christensen sees the issues of personal freedom, individual liberty and rights of privacy. These are basic tenets underlying our constitution. Apparently Mr. Christensen would choose to ignore them.

Mr. Christensen is opposed to gays in the military.

Mr. Christensen has been endorsed and received political contributions from Reverend Lou Sheldon. Sheldon's hate-filled, gay-bashing rhetoric is well known in Nebraska from his several visits here to oppose LB395, written to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment.

Mr. Christensen would abolish the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mr. Christensen is opposed to same-sex domestic partnership registration and extension of health benefits to same-sex partners.

Mr. Christensen would use vouchers to drain tax dollars for our public school system to fund private education. These private schools would then be free to discriminate upon whatever basis they choose - color of skin, economic class, religious beliefs, disability, gender or sexual orientation. Christensen would like to tear down the wall of separation of church, allowing prayer and the teaching of creationism in public schools.

Mr. Christensen opposed the ban on

assault weapons and the Brady Bill.

Mr. Christensen is a member of evangelical fundamentalist Christ Community Church as are Jan Stoney, who is opposing Bob Kerrey for the Senate and Jim Jensen who is running against Jessie Rasmussen for the Nebraska legislature. Christensen has every right to hold any religious views he chooses and attend any church he chooses. He does not have the right to impose his religious views, through statute and law, upon anyone else and that's exactly what he would try to do in Congress.

Mr. Christensen, his philosophy and campaign are reminders of the 1992 Republican National Convention and the divisiveness, intolerance and even hatred espoused by Pat Buchanan, Pat Robertson and Marilyn Quayle. In debate with Peter Hoagland, Christensen was asked to articulate three issues on which he differed from radical right religious leaders, Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. He couldn't, because there are none.

Mr. Christensen is dangerous, an extremist on many different issues and cannot be trusted. I do trust our community and the voters of the 2nd District to give Jon Christensen the same thing our nation's voters gave George Bush - a new home in the suburbs, preferably in Houston.

VOTE! on November 8th.

RAINBOW PAC ENDORSES CANDIDATES

The Rainbow PAC has issued its endorsement of the following candidates in the November 8 election.

U.S. Senate:

ROBERT J. KERREY

U.S. House District #2:

PETER HOAGLAND

Governor:

Sit this one out or write in ERNIE CHAMBERS

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SPENCE AGAINST GAYS

Nebraska's Republican nominee for Governor attacked Gov. Ben Nelson for allowing gays to become foster parents. Gene Spence was quoted in an October 12 *Omaha World-Herald* article, demanding that Nelson explain his administration's policy. Spence said the policy should be changed because of overriding opposition. Nelson accused Spence of "fear mongering", pointing out that his policy was continued from previous administrations.

In the article, the Nebraska Department of Social Services said state law and state policy for

licensing foster parts do not address sexual orientation. A spokeswoman said she did not know of any gay foster parents because her department does not track sexual preference.

Nelson, who has two adopted children, said he considered Spence's attack a person insult. He said the attack was made by a desperate candidate who was behind in the polls.

Voters will choose either Republican Spence or Democrat Nelson on November 8. State Senator Ernie Chambers is running as a write-in candidate.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PFLAG GRAND ISLAND RECEIVES SCAM CALL

Dear *New Voice*,

Recently I accepted a long distance collect call from a young man who had traveled to one of the Southern states where his parents lived, hopefully to gain family support in light of some sensitive issues. He called collect for "P-FLAG."

He had met tremendous resistance, rejection and been threatened with harassment charges if he did not cease contact with his family. He lacked sufficient funds to return to his home in Nebraska and was asking for help - specifically, financial, to manage gas to return. Suggestions I offered as to possibilities for local help from the area he was in were met with rebuttals. He became argumentative to suggestions. I reminded him that P-FLAG, as a group, could not provide monetary assistance in the manner he was requesting. Adherent in his request, I finally had to terminate the conversation by hanging up.

I would take this opportunity to remind anyone reading this that P-FLAG (Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays) is an organization whose purpose is to provide education and support (specifically emotional) to the families, friends and gay individuals dealing with the issues of their struggle, namely coming out, HIV status, and some political human rights issues. I believe that it is possible that my number was accessed for P-FLAG, having been printed as a contact person for the group in the *The New Voice*. I shall continue to have my name printed as a contact, but wish to say that acceptance of long distance collect calls for the group made to request monetary assistance will be terminated shortly. At the point I accept the call, there is no way of knowing its purpose or need.

I appreciate the message that you continue to convey in your publication. Thank you for being a means of carrying our message as parents.

Sincerely,
Susan Cameron (Eric's Mom)

LETTER POLICY

The New Voice will publish only those letters which include full name and either address or phone number so we can verify authenticity. You can request that your name not be published.

AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK RECEIVES SCAM CALLS

To: Members - AIDS Interfaith Network.

This is to alert you of a persistent caller to the HIV/AIDS hot-line, who has been able to gain access to your names.

Using various pseudo-names, such as Robert Hertzman, Robert Ryan, Robert Taylor-Davis, the caller requests emergency financial assistance. He has claimed that he was kicked out of his parent's home.

He has names of our staff, and has also requested names and phone numbers of clergy in the AIDS Interfaith Network on two occasions.

This individual has already extorted financial assistance from two sources. He is very persuasive and persistent.

Please take heed of any caller attempting to get financial assistance right away. If you happen to be called by a person with this or another name, who describes a similar scenario or possibly other scenarios, please suggest that he contact local agencies, such as the Georgia AIDS hot-line, Salvation Army, the local police department, Traveler's Aid, etc.

When suggestions have been made, 'Robert' has resorted to being belligerent. If this happens, do not hesitate to end the phone call (hang up).

We apologize for any trouble you might have experienced. We will ensure that our hot-line information Specialists provide your names only when clients are in need of spiritual counseling. Thank you for the support you provide to NAP.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Bisamunyu
Hot-line Coordinator

A LETTER FROM SPAIN

Dear Friends,

My name is Jose, I found your address in the Spartacus guide and as I'm very interested in that area of the United States and its people, I would be glad if you were so kind to publish an ad for me in your magazine.

Spaniard, male, gay, 35 years old; interests: people, places, politics, art, history, music. Seeks friends 20-40 similar interests.

Thank you very much for your help.

Jose Spartsdo 50205
28080 Madrid
Spain

WES PERRY SAYS GOOD BYE "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES"

Dear *New Voice* and Friends,

By the time you read this letter, I will have moved to Michigan beginning a new chapter in my life. I leave Omaha knowing I leave many wonderful friends, but that I will have memories lasting a lifetime.

When I moved to Omaha in 1987, I knew this was the last place I or anyone in their right mind would want to live. I moved here for the sole purpose of receiving my Masters degree and then I was out the door back to Los Angeles. I was wrong. My partner at the time began school and after my graduation I found a job. That was the beginning of seven wonderful years.

What I found in Omaha was a growing and exciting community, many many activities within the city and the community, and most importantly a new family of choice. Activities and community I can find anywhere but the family I found here will be greatly missed.

You should all be very proud of our community and what you have. There are very dedicated people working to assure your freedoms and happiness both politically and through individual relationships. Omaha can offer what many communities cannot. A place to belong and people who are worth belonging with.

Not confusing this letter with an Emmy's acceptance speech, there are many people I wish to thank for making my stay in Omaha so unforgettable. Rest assured that I will not list names or out someone against their will. But organizations like ANGLE, CFEP, Front Runners, PFLAG, NAP, ACE, Unity House, and others where I have made many friends have meant a lot to me. The individuals who traveled to Europe with me this summer and on mini trips like the one to Kansas City on New Years will never be forgotten though I wish they would forget some of what they witnessed. Those who took special time to make sure I was ok through a separation have secured a lifetime place in my heart. I only hope you all know who you are and how special you are to me.

To the many who have touched my life in such a positive way and to the friends who have become so close, I say farewell and keep in touch. I will be living on Lake Michigan about an hour from Chicago and 40 minutes from the gay resort town of Saugatuck. You always have a place to stay. To the community I say goodbye for now and thanks for the memories.

Sincerely, Wes Perry

OMAHA PRISONER SAYS THANKS

Dear Sharon,

This letter is in response to your request to hear from me regarding the receipt of your magazine. Yes, I have been receiving each issue and appreciate your magazine's continued support. I do enjoy reading about the current events in the local gay community.

Unfortunately, I still am incarcerated, therefore, please continue my subscription for another year. I do intend to make a contribution once I'm released for all the years of free subscriptions. Sorry I can't do it any sooner. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely, Terry Taylor

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KARL ULRICHS 100 YEARS OF PRIDE IN '95

Dear Editor,

We are writing to ask you and your readers to join us and urge your local 1995 Pride committee members to focus on the 100th anniversary of the death of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs. Members choose the annual theme for the Gay Pride event. Our suggestion for a theme is "Karl Heinrich Ulrichs (d. 1895) 100 Years of Pride in '95." As an influential member of our community, we hope to enlist you as a supporter of a "Karl Heinrich Ulrichs (d. 1895) 100 Years of Pride in '95" celebration. Before Ulrichs, not one Gay rights activist or supporter had actually come right out and said they were Gay, as he did. Only Ulrichs went on to speak and write that homosexuality is natural and healthy. He led the way to all that has happened since. Show the world how proud we are of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, the first known, proud, Gay rights advocate in a homophobic society (1860's Germany). Demonstrate to the world we have a long and proud history.

Sincerely,

Michael Lombardi & Paul Nash
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KATHY ENGLAND SPEAKS OUT FOR RICHENBERG

Honorable Sheila Widnall
Secretary of the Air Force
Washington, D.C. 20330

The Honorable Sheila Widnall,

As a veteran of the United States Nurse Corps, the wife of a retired career (24 years of service) Air Force Officer, an educator, and a tax payer, I am writing to share my very deep concern regarding the proceedings to discharge Capt. Rich Richenberg from the Air Force.

Capt. Richenberg's only "crime" seems to be that he chose to live honestly and openly as a gay man. He is a highly decorated officer, clearly identified by fellow officers as an outstanding Electronic Warfare Officer and a role model for his peers and younger officers. His most recent evaluation was downgraded by his commander, not because his performance in a "non-top security billet" was below his general stand of excellence, but simply and solely because he told his commander of his sexual orientation. Several reports commissioned by the uniformed services have clearly concluded that same sex orientation is not a factor for any greater security risk.

The military is historically grounded in a complex set of standards, regulations and performance criteria. But there seems to be a double standard when working with men and women who are declaring their homosexuality or are suspected of being homosexual. Openly gay men and lesbian women are asked if they will act upon their sexual feelings and may be held in great jeopardy if they respond either way. Are all non-gay men and non-lesbians asked the same question? There can be no doubt that many heterosexual service members act on their sexual

feelings outside of committed, legal married relationships. Check any base security policy blotter or hospital record for reports of date rapes, assaults in co-ed dorms, and spousal abuse, not to mention the less easily identified cases of adulterous relationships in the enlisted as well as the officer ranks. And what of the men and actions of Tailhook? Were these officers before an administrative board for discharge because of their inappropriate behaviors and conduct unbecoming a service member? Or was it just that "boys will be boys?" Would other non-gay service members be subjected to the same legal action that Capt. Richenberg is experiencing now for just "being themselves?" I seriously doubt this is done.

In this time of cutting budgets and demanding greater use of resources, how can the Air Force justify dismissing an outstanding officer who can continue to perform his assigned duties with the same high level of proficiency? How many hundreds and thousands of dollars of training and experience can we throw away and then spend again seeking a replacement for Capt. Richenberg? And there is no guarantee that another officer will perform as well. Are we such a throw away society that we can so easily dispose of an officer who has served his country with distinction for nine years, but now, because of one word - not any single act of "misconduct" but simply an honest word of declaration, he is no longer credible? I protest such a waste of my tax dollars!

I would suggest to you that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is no compromise and not a honorable policy for our military services, not for any other branch of our government which is based on the Constitution. This document declares all men

(and women) are created equal and have the inalienable right to pursue their life, liberty and happiness in an honorable and dignified manner. Forcing gay men and lesbians to lie about who they are (by a fact of birth) in order to serve their country only compromises their principles and values and says very little for the government and non-gay leaders who choose to turn their heads and pretend not to see the hateful and hurtful behaviors (which are a choice) practiced by their peers. Such hypocrisy and schizophrenic behavior reflects poorly on us all in the world community.

It is my belief, after years of study, experience working in gay, civilian, and military communities, and deep prayer, that our gay sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, friends and co-workers can and must be allowed to live and work with us to the best of their and our abilities. Standards for communities, professions, and uniformed services must be fairly and justly applied for every citizen. Many years ago, we segregated our black brothers and sisters because of their skin color, something they can no more change than can non-heterosexual persons change their sexual orientation. After much pain, hatred and wasted dollars and lives, the military began a great "social experiment" to make some changes in their standards and practices. I challenge you and our other leaders to take a courageous stand now for equality and justice, not only for Capt. Richenberg, but for all of our current gay and lesbian service members, as well as those who may choose to share their talents and lives with our country in the years to come. Professing to protect and defend the Constitution of this country, we can do no less.

Sincerely, Kathleen M. England

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ARE WE STUCK WITH THE DEMOCRATS?

by Richard D. Mohr

About once a month, the mail brings me a solicitation from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. I had given them money in '92, the first year that I had made sacrifices to contribute to national political campaigns. Bill got a tidy sum too. But by now I figure Bill and his Democrats need a new gay message. So I get out my ink pad and "Gay Money" stamp, whomp the return form, and embellish it to read "NO GAY MONEY for the Party of Sam Nunn." I slip the form into its prepaid envelope and post it back to Democratic National Headquarters. You might consider doing the same.

The Democrats — who, remember, control not only the White House but also both branches of Congress — deserve to be punished for their treatment of gays since the '92 elections. By signing the 1993 military appropriation bill, Clinton became the first President in U.S. history to write discrimination against gay individuals into federal law. And what discrimination it is: Don't Ask, Don't Tell treats gays like flatulence in a crowded elevator. No one asks, no one tells, and thereby the thing is reconsecrated as repulsive, abject, and loathsome. The actions of Bill Clinton and Sam Nunn say "Gays are scum."

Even so, it might be argued that, well, we are stuck with the Democrats because the Republicans are even worse, and in any case, politics is inherently a messy business and we have to get on with things. Let's examine these two claims.

First, in the country's long engagement with civil rights from President Lincoln — a Republican — to the present, the Democrats have not done measurably better than the Republicans. Consider the following eerie moments in American history.

For fear of alienating Southern Democratic senators and derailing his economic programs, F.D.R. — a Democrat — did not so much as speak out, let alone twist arms, in support of federal anti-lynching legislation as it withered and died each time it came up in the Senate. Most famously, F.D.R. in 1939, fearing populist backlash, refused port to the St. Louis, which carried 900 Jewish refugees fleeing Hitler. In consequence, two-thirds eventually died in concentration camps.

Republican President Eisenhower — good trooper that he was — obeyed the federal courts' anti-discrimination rulings and sent in the U. S. army to racially integrate Arkansas schools, even though this mobilization ran strongly against both his personal and his political inclinations. By contrast, the Democratic Kennedy brothers — John and Robert — acceding to populist pressures, suspended the 14th Amendment in Alabama during the Freedom Rides, even though they said they opposed segregation.

In Congress, a larger percentage of Republicans than Democrats voted for the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Both the tightened enforcement mechanisms that made the Act effective and federal affirmative action programs that mandate set-aside programs were products of the Nixon Presidency.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 *Bowers v. Hardwick* decision in 1986 holding that gays have no privacy rights was penned by a Democratic appointee to

the Court, Justice White, named by J.F.K., while the two dissenting opinions were penned by Republican appointees, Justice Blackman and Stevens, named by Nixon and Ford.

It took a Republican President to get rid of the immigration ban on gays that had been passed over Harry Truman's veto in 1952. George Bush signed the ban out of existence in 1990.

On the state level, gay civil rights bills for both the first and the most recent states to pass them were signed by Republican governors. Lee Dreyfus of Wisconsin in 1982 and Arne Carlson of Minnesota in 1993. And who is the only governor ever to have lobbied for and signed legislation specifically protecting gay youth? — William Weld, Republican of Massachusetts, in December 1993.

On August 1st of this year, twenty-three Democratic Senators voted to cut off federal funds to school districts that allow "the promotion of homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative." We aren't stuck with the Democrats and the Democrats certainly aren't stuck with us — even as they seem to take us for granted.

Second, yes, politics is messy. But you have choices with your money that you don't have in the voting booth. There you may well have to pick the lesser of two evils. But with your money, you have real options. Instead of giving money to political parties, you can give your money to projects that build the gay community and that begin to transform the broader culture, which in any case determines the overall course of politics and which still has a long way to go before substantial progress can be made in gay politics.

Instead of funding political parties, consider giving money, say, to the Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund (Box 21567, Seattle 98111) or to the Service Members' Legal Defense Network (Box 53013, DC 20009). Don't be duped by Democratic politicians who soon will be scenting the trail with hopes for imminent passage of a federal gay rights bill. You'd do better buying lottery tickets than funding that idea.

What about funding individual candidates? Consider the sorry case of U.S. Senator Harris Wofford, Democrat of Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the Senate in April 1991, but to retain his seat, had to run in a November by-election. He had impeccable, indeed amazing, liberal credentials: he was the first white to graduate from Howard University Law School; he helped found the Peace Corp; he served as liaison between J.F.K. and Martin Luther King, Jr., and he was the first male president of Bryn Mawr College. The Human Rights Campaign Fund gave him the maximum PAC donation allowed by law — ten thousand of your dollars. He seemed a sure gay-positive vote. But once elected, he played the gay community Judas, voting with Nunn to remove the military ban from executive branch discretion and write it into federal law. For gays to fund even liberal Democrats is a messy business indeed.

Richard D. Mohr is author of *A More Perfect Union: Why Straight American Must Stand Up For Gay Rights* (Beacon Press 1994).

CROSSING THE BRIDGE

Crossing the Bridge by Sydney Barbara Metrick is a powerful tool for coping with a wide range of losses — from cancer, divorce, and job loss to infertility, relocation, retirement, natural disasters, crime and even the death of a public figure. Metrick believes that through creative ritual and expression we may transform feelings of helplessness, anger, despair, guilt, and abandonment into a rite of passage that bring us to a new understanding of ourselves. Rituals can provide not only a means for processing grief in its many forms, but can also serve as a supportive structure that can bring comfort and healing.

Most importantly, *Crossing the Bridge* covers a wide variety of responses to loss — taking the reader from understanding loss and the effects it may have by creating a healing ceremony — intention, planning, preparation, manifestation, and incorporation. Drawing on her fourteen years of experience creating personalized ceremonies for individuals, couples, and groups, Metrick's compassion and understanding are felt with the personal stories and examples she uses to illustrate how grief can be transformed into positive change. *Crossing the Bridge* also provides a complete list of support groups plus a list of references and further reading.

Sydney Metrick is the author of *I Do: A Guide to Creating Your Own Wedding Ceremony* and co-author of *The Art of Ritual*, both from Celestial Arts. She has a master's degree in Transpersonal Counseling Psychology, is a certified expressive therapist and clinical hypnotherapist, and an ordained minister. She is also an assistant professor of psychology at Lincoln University in San Francisco. For more than sixteen years, Sydney has supported individuals, couples, and groups in going through various life transitions in a safe, comfortable, and fulfilling way by creating personalized ceremonies.

Crossing the Bridge, Sydney Barbara Metrick, \$11.95, paper, 126 pages, 7 1/4 X 9 1/4, ISBN: 0-89087-738-6, Publication date: October 14, 1994.

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

First-time author Stacy Chandler, from Michigan, hit it big with her self-published book *Happily Ever After*.

The book was recently signed on for worldwide distribution by Bookpeople of Oakland, California, and Inland Book Company of East Haven, Connecticut, two of the largest distributors of gay and lesbian publications.

Happily Ever After presents a hilarious, upfront and bodacious look at a loving long-term lesbian relationship. Though prefaced with a warning label to the unwary, this book transcends the gay/lesbian genre to address the common bonds of humanity.

Book owners report that the book is "flying off the shelves," and reviews have been enthusiastic.

Happily Ever After has been available directly from the publisher, Speculators, Inc., additional avenues of distribution by Bookpeople and Inland will help satisfy customer demand.

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THE NEW VOICE

POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

"JUST A SPOONFUL OF GURU HELPS THE MEDICINE GO DOWN!"

Good morning, my little blossom petals! My pleas of the previous month were answered, and I am proud to premiere works of Jeanette Morse. Maybe some more woman will follow her lead and send me some poems. (HINT-HINT!!)

I am also including of couple of regulars, De Moreland and Daniel Siragusa, who make it possible for me to avoid the gut-clenching horrors of cat poetry every month. And just in case you're having a bout of guru-withdrawal, I am including one of my newer pieces. Yes, I know it's more than 30 lines, but I am the guru, and my ego knows no bounds.

I also want to thank all those who showed up for the NCOD bash, and the ANGLE recognition dinner, especially those fans who threw their underwear onstage!! Who says Micheal Bolton gets all the crazed groupies?

See you all next month. Mind your manners!
Love American Style, Brian

COMPOSITION III

by Daniel Siragusa

Pot-holes and jagged, strewn
with trash thrown from speeding
buses full of screaming school children,
we who have taken that road
know this: whether behind the wheel
or in the back seat,
we keep our maps to ourselves,
and please don't drink, smoke, or steal
in this vehicle. Thank you very much.

"Emotions held in check for too long
become hardened into prisons of
regret, loss and sorrow.
If only we expressed our true
feelings for each other, such
imprisonment could have been avoided."

What you will need —
that favourite bottle of cologne,
a photograph of your lover,
a notebook to record your thoughts.

Send us a postcard,
who wait by the phone,
pacing.

GRANDMA

by De Moreland

Lost inside your milking bonnet
my bucket dragging on the ground
you store me in the corn crib
so I won't spook the cows at milking time

I share my pyramid of shelled corn gold
with mice who come close enough to touch
take the names I give them

The sun paints weathered planks
its warm hands gather us together
caress us, and for a time
I feel like Noah on his ark

Until your footsteps jar my dreams
and scare us back into shadows
mice, dirty and diseased, an ugly child.

MOMENTS

by Jeanette Morse

This road rattles endlessly
Death has come, drowning
with its crystallized water.
Thoughts are hypnotized by
blurry lights.

My heart beats faster
anticipating anger
from your lips.
I anguish in the darkness...

An overgrown deer stands
staring helplessly
at my lights.
I slow down
it waddles on.
I am mesmerized by her.

This life which grows within
Was not planned
With proficiency its heart
is pounding...pumping
in the darkness...

The lights become individuals
as they draw near
Blindness has been overcome
followed by flashes of red.

I push without you
by my side.
Our unity has been broken.
In my arms he sucks
my breast...in the light.

MASTECTOMY

by Jeanette Morse

History told me you would come,
but you were secretive
Hiding among others,
Never making your presence known
Many times I searched.

You must have known
and retreated among "friends"
you will kill...attacking them.

I finally found you
but you did your damage.
Will I be spared?
If so, it will be a
long, painful fight.

I will not let you get me,
like those before.
The only choice I have now
is to lose a part of me
My identity.

Who will I be afterwards?
I will only be half a woman,
The scar across my chest will
remind me of you...the loss of hair
I will endure for you.
The sickness will emanate in my body.
Will the treatment be enough?
I will have already given you something.
Don't ask for the other....PLEASE!

THE KIND OF LOVE THAT STICKS IN YOUR BELLY

by Brian E. Bengtson

Dear Margie, Ms. Du Be,
The last time we counted crows,
October had glistened the alley on 16th street,
my secret Bat-way home.
We were so proud of our growth:
our parting glances apologized in advance
for the years that might pass between.
I rehearsed all the topics we could cover
after the phone call telling me
you were on your way. Your face
squeezed in the peephole
brought it all back. The years flowed off me
like the misty June rain on the highway.
I opened with the two years I flew the coop,
pecked with all my twenty-something indignation,
to play house in the Big Easy.

I wish I would have remembered to tell you
about the afternoons on Bourbon street; how
I tried to hold my court of one, complete
with a half-chewed celery stalk from a
two-thirty Bloody Mary, a pad of paper
to soak up all the deep thoughts, and the
poetic instinct colored by the tourists
who didn't know where they got their shoes.
It's been three days since you sat on
Chris' chair, curled up like a Saturday night
watching the Godzilla movie. I didn't tell
you about the tears that came a year and ten
days after the results came back, or the
thirty pounds I lost one January, or the pills
that churn inside my stomach like a shoved-aside
secret, or how tired I get in the morning
walking up the hill to the bus.

I didn't get to tell you about the man who decided
to love me, extra baggage and all; or how
we met seven days before Christmas and I sent
him a beer. I forgot to mention how natural
it was for us to live together, or that murrur
that sits in the corner of my room telling me
this is the right thing, this is the right time.
How I am actually trying to use the lessons
the others taught me after they took
their clothes and left me the lease.

As we talked back and forth, I could feel
the hope that sneaks up on me at the
weirdest times, like the tingling of
off-center *deja-vous*. I never mentioned
the affairs I put in order without the drama
one would expect. I could see all the faces
that flow freely when I guess at who might miss
me, and who I miss. I think you understood
the edits of our late night, and
I'm happy that you're here. With love,
Brian.

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"ZODIASCOPE" Astrological Forecast for November 1994

C. Lichtenstein

The Rainbow turns autumnal as November positions us for the upcoming holiday season. It can begin with a passionate kick in the patoot as the Sun enters Scorpio (let's heat up the scene at election time, kids) and conclude with a gleeful, in your face display with the Sun in zesty Sagittarius. All signs will undergo a change of perspective as the planets beat up new areas of our lives. Read ahead to get a clue...

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Activity is centered on self discovery and psychological breakthroughs. Are you living up to your true potential? Are you living your life true to yourself? If the answer is a "no" or even a qualified and wavering "maybe", you can do what needs to be done to correct your journey. Let's just say the planets have handed you a roadmap.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Partners are the key to your happiness and fulfillment this month, if you are in a solid relationship, you are able to feast upon its offering. If you are searching for that special someone, you have a clearer idea of what type of individual will suit you best. Pursue all leads and give halfway hearts a push in one direction or other.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Beneficial payoffs are imminent to all gay Twins who have faithfully placed their nose squarely on the old grindstone. The job might have required a greater effort than usual and you might have felt unappreciated and overworked, but the rewards are now there if you have put in the necessary effort and speak up for your rights and dignity.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You are tempted to place a little well-earned lucre into where you will have the most fun. This is not a bad thing if you can truly afford it. (In fact, there is every indication that, if you have done your financial homework, you will be rewarded with a little investment payout.) Watch the bottom line, but don't be afraid to have a good time!

LEO (July 24 - August 23) The limelight beckons. Will you heed the call? (Look who I'm talking to...Leo the dramatic!) This is the time to set foundations for future success and stability. It can either be achieved on sheer chutzpah through your winning personality and sense of leadership, or it can be built through family connections and lifelong associations.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Communications become crystal clear and affirming. Give yourself a wider than average berth of comfort to say what needs to be said. You are able to sugarcoat even the most rancid of news and the most biting commentary. Try your hand at writing - you can make a name for yourself (as

well as help our community) through the literary or journalistic sphere.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) Money may have been a concern in the past, but the planets seem to have given you a respite from worry. Maybe friends will come through just when you need them or maybe you have finally developed a bit of monetary sense. Either way, you need to build on the advantage gained today in order to insure a secure and golden future.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) Scorpions cannot only light up the center stage this month but can set it on fire. There is every indication that the time has come for you to demand your rightful place in the world and in the corporate arena. Yes, it's transformation and assumption time, so plan your course carefully and strategically in true scorpion fashion. Meet, greet and succeed!

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Itchy feet? You may be tempted to travel and seek unexplored vista. Gain new perspectives on life by either packing your bags and getting out of town or volunteering your services for a gay cause of two...or three. (Sagitts have unbounded energy when they are motivated.) Intuitively, you know which activity will provide you with that special surge.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Friends are there when you need them and need them you might. You are also able to lend support to a pal in trouble. Strength is derived through large social groups and organizations, so it is wise to get involved. It may seem that you can't seem to say the right thing at the right time, they do say that actions speak louder than words. Do it!

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) It is possible to cash in on career aspirations now. The planets indicate that lucky opportunities will come your professional way and a whole new adjustment is possible. Is it that you are finally dancing to the rhythm of corporate politics? Not bloody likely with that independent, split into the wild attitude! It's just that you now have an opportunity to grab onto a shooting star.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) You continue to suffer from a lack of self confidence, but you must realize that is all in your mind. If you feel under-educated, enroll in a class. If you feel stifled, travel to the open spaces. Don't encourage the gremlins with sad sack thoughts. Give yourself a break and fulfill your dreams. There is nothing like a personal victory to drive away the blues.

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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: Song Of The Sold-Out

by Shelley Roberts

There she sat, coiled in an edge chair two rows from the back. Mark David Chapman in dyke's clothing. Waiting to strike.

It was a festive night for the rest of us. A Chris Williamson/Tret Fure concert twelve years in the remake. A full dozen years since the top of the line had come to the bottom of the East Coast. And we were revved for the experience. Psyched and sold out.

Women and a few men gathered outside the Ft. Lauderdale UU church two hours early. Even though the sold-out status meant that everyone already had a ticket, the stadium seating meant that front row center was up for first-come, first-served grabs.

Security was tight. No badge, no early entry. Order of the day was stand and sweat. It was afternoon in the March South Florida eighty degree sun. Summer would be air impossible to breathe if this day was our first indication. Still, many managed to make it more an interaction than a trial.

It wasn't anybody's fault this was Holy Week at Alamo rental cars. It couldn't be helped that our artists were made to stand in a line of their own at the car counter raising holy hell with our schedule. This was Chris Williamson, the songstress of early lesbian evolution, and she would be worth the wait.

Then everyone steamed and eddied inside. Stadium seated. Air-conditioned. Breath-held for a first chord promising energy and unity and full blown lesbian nostalgia.

Sure, Chris and Tret would play their new ones. Everyone expected it. In fact, Chris announced it at the beginning, right after she embarrassed the kids with the Kodak into putting them away. "Make no mistake." She seemed to be saying. "These are my newest gifts to you. These are who I have been lately. These are who Tret and I have recently become, and here are a few thought and possibilities we are anticipating for the future."

And near to the back she sat. Still. Hinkley in hiding. Tucking her rattle closely, tightly, silently, keeping her cooling to herself.

We heard about the adventures in Russia where Tret and Chris were cheered for their bravery. "Bravery!" she asked? "Da." Replied the Russians. "To be two women who have traveled without men. Da." Da. What kind of thinking would you expect from a country which equated the word "yes" with the universal baby sound for father?

"Da." Tret Said. And "Ha!" we responded.

chortling our sharing of the secret.

"We had them singing *Song Of The Soul* in a Russian tavern. They know a drinking song when they hear one?" Chris reported, swinging her imaginary stein in a chanty rhythm to which we all silently supplied the words. "...why don't you sing this song?... why don't you..." In that trailing silence, you could hear the hearts collectively sighing for the want of the rest of that song's singing. But no one said a word, leery of Chris' legendary disposition, an artist who offers her gift in the wrapping of her own choosing. Three hundred and thirty eight of us welcomed the new gifts. Such lyricism. Such new depth. So many roads traveled since the beginning. Twenty years we have all been Changer and Changed. Twelve years in the changer's life with Chris, Tret had been transformed from raw rock and roller to musical partner. Together they were changers, changed. And we were thrilled to be witness. For nearly two hours.

Only one of us was instead impatient.

"For the last song..." Chris hesitated for effect. And much of the crowd, old enough to have been there in the beginning, hoped hard for something at last familiar to be present time to a past played to a Chris Williamson sound track.

And she struck!

"Sing the old ones! Not all of this trash." She spewed. Nasty! Demanding. Loud. No gentle, tolerable request. "I bought a ticket. I paid the price. I stood in the sun. I own you. Give me what I order." She seemed to scream in venomous accusation and requirement. Outrageous and out of place. It was the group's collective hope grown cancerous. To disrupt. Affront.

Breaths were held. How would Chris deal with this damaged moment. Leave the stage? Forever? Would South Florida have to wait for a very cold day till she ever came back? Would Chris think that the viper was us? Would she hold it against us? Would the serpent never shut up? She went poisonously on till the producer approached and required silence.

We were all very proud of Chris Williamson that night, aware of her reputation earned for intolerance with the lesser folk. Chris stayed. And stood her ground and process all through the worst of it. Explaining love, and gifts, and seventeen albums since *Waterfall*. Then she sang it anyway. As she had been about to, before she was so rudely interrupted. And we sang too. Some small satisfaction hovering above the lingering disquiet.

"Later, privately, after three hundred thirty

eight women had apologized for the one, Chris said, "There's almost always one. The beast. When you look down into their soul, what you see is ugly need. And there's no quieting them." "Did you ever try?" I queried. "Yes. But to no good. The pain is too big. They can never be satisfied. And I am not a jukebox."

So the *Song Of The Soul* that Chris Williamson sings now is with Tret Fure. And the sound is more fully textured than when it began. And if she asks me to keep my memories in a drawer, is that too much to ask? After all, there are my memories, and my drawer. And she has new ones to offer.

If you're reading this Chris, thanks for the memories, and I accept the new gifts. And in the aftermath, I can only hope you will not judge the most of us for the least of us. That, once again, all of us are not going to have to be represented by the one of us who was the worst of us. I hope you will come back to sing your songs for us again.

And we can sing for a long, long time.

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LAVENDAR LIFE WRITING CONTEST FOR WOMEN

Lavendar Life, a monthly nationwide lesbian magazine announced a writing contest to celebrate its fourth year. Every woman is invited to enter. All original short stories received between September 1 and December 31, 1994 will automatically be entered into the contest. Winners will be announced in the January 15, 1995 Anniversary issue. All entrants who are published will receive a complimentary issue, mailed with their privacy in mind. All writers will retain final rights to their short stories and/or poetry.

Prizes include: Short Stories First Prize \$100, Second \$50, Third \$25 — Poetry First Prize \$50, Second \$25. Other prizes will be awarded, as well as subscriptions to *Lavendar Life*. Send entries to *Lavendar Life*, Box 898, Binghamton, NY 13902-0898. Attn: Pamela K. Fite

VIRAGO BEGINS PUBLICATION

Virago, a quarterly journal dedicated to providing a safe environment for lesbian veterans to explore their experiences in uniform as well as their past and current achievements began publication with the release of its first journal on July 4, 1994. The new journal is published by lesbian veterans and will rely on interviews, essays, poetry, short stories, photographs, drawings, and oral herstories to provide content for each issue.

Virago is currently seeking creative works by lesbian veterans as well as contact with women who are willing to share their experiences (both military and civilian) through interview.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

for those of us of the lavender persuasion. We must never forget we are all brothers and sisters and stem from the one family source no matter what color we are in our present bodies.

An individual truth might be something like to following. We should all support our leading gay/lesbian organizations. Now, this is a nice thought but each of them has their individual dicta which they believe. Each may be very valid, but we as individuals have the task of electing which we agree or disagree with. Political objectives are individual objectives basically unless we are dealing with someone like brother Abe in feeding the slaves.

CHANNEL CHANGE: Can you imagine what it would be like in your community if there were only a couple of homo publications in the Nation? I can, because I can remember when I don't want to ever have it be that way again. Those were desert days when we all had to search for "underground" materials to read.

Now this is only a suggestion but it's a damn good one. How about **subscribing** to this publication you are now reading? A year subscription is probably about what you'd spend in a night out on the town. Without support of readers, advertisers, and supporters OF those advertisers, the community could well be facing the death of publications. If we don't support one another we may well find ourselves without support when we may be needing it most!

We could also do little things like buying a subscription as a gift for a friend or acquaintance. I recently bought a subscription for a straight friend in another State of the local publication there. She was thrilled when her first copy arrived and called to let me know she can keep up on what's happening regarding her gay and lesbian friends. Thinking back about what may be politically correct - I'd say this type of effort might be PC for any of us. Supporting the power of the pen - which is mightier than the sword - may also prove to be mightier than a Gay Pride Parade or the "Bar Scene". It's our UNpolitically correct publications which have brought about awareness through seeking truths for all of us. Oh, sometimes they do fail us in that area but they are not perfect; only humans trying. If the format of publications is shrewd enough in nature, they even can then become a tool of educating a non-gay reader. So! Get off the butt and do something PC by supporting your supporter.

CAN YOU FAKE IT?

Let's pretend! Let's pretend for a moment that you're a chicken-poop homo hiding in your suffocating closet; afraid to face your reality and

bowing and kissing butt of all your masters. Let's pretend this is you, as it was me for 40 years of my life. Could you fake being straight? Year after year? Fake it so good that no one would know you're a homo? I did and of course we can. Homos are probably the best actors on the Planet Earth.

Now, can you imagine a straight friend faking it and pretending they are homosexual and doing all the activities we do naturally. Do you think they could pull it off (no pun intended)? Year after year? So no one would ever know they were heteros? Get real Mary!

The reality is this: if you're a homo, you can "fake" being straight for sometimes many years. But, it will catch up with you at some point and the price you'll have to pay for living dishonestly can be a very dear price.

If you're straight, you might have a homo encounter BUT it's not going to change your nature. You're not going to become a homo no matter how much you might want to be one.

As Gertrude said: a homo is a homo is a homo...

SO is a hetero a hetero is a hetero... I think she used the word "rose", but a rose by any other name is still a rose, isn't it! We must all learn to live honestly with ourselves and with our supporting cast in life.

And that's the straight poop from the POOP SHEET!

Mr. Landon is former Mg. Editor of Zipper Magazine and The Coast to Coast Times. His autobiography legacy: The Closets are Empty, the Dining Room's Full is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing House. Visa/MC orders: 800-356-9815.

PEN PALS/ACCOMODATIONS FOR GAY MEN

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Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! What is this "POLITICALLY CORRECT" crap anyway! I heard a gay brother say "We have to learn to be P.C." Well now, if he meant we have to be honest and truthful, I definitely go along with that. If he meant we have to be careful so we don't step on anyone's toes or be politically offensive, he can shove it where the sun doesn't shine. Truth many times hurts! If it does, it usually means someone is trying to evade something. We must remember however there are "universal truths" and "individual's truths." It's sort of like the Apostle James said what is sin to one man may not be sin to another.

A universal truth might be the following: all men are created equal. Therefore we should never cease speaking up for equal rights for all. If it's good for the goose, it's good for the gander. If it's OK for men, it's OK for women. If it's OK for whites, it's OK for all other children of God's rainbow. If it's OK for straights, it should be OK

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AIDS RELATED NEWS

HOME ACCESS HIV TESTING

by Sean O. Strub

French officials were recently convicted for failure to utilize blood screening techniques and, as a consequence, infecting that nation's blood supply. They were prosecuted on a French law of "failing to come to the aid of persons in danger." A half million HIV positive Americans are in danger and someone needs to come to their aid. Introduction of a home access HIV test offers a chance to come to the aid of HIV positive persons who do not yet know they are in danger. This test could dramatically change the AIDS crisis.

A home access HIV test is not prevention. It is not treatment. It is information. And information is power when it comes to surviving AIDS. Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control indicate that home testing will dramatically increase the number of people who get tested. In perhaps less than two years, the number of people who know they are HIV positive could double. For them, this test gives them the chance to survive. "There is so much that can be done" has become a cliché, but it is the truth. For people intent on survival, it should be a mantra that compels them to action.

A huge number of the people dying of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) are doing so needlessly. If they knew they were positive, they could undertake inexpensive and highly effective prophylaxis and avoid getting sick.

Instead, they find out they are HIV positive when they show up in an emergency room with an acute episode of PCP.

More delays in bringing this test to people who need it is morally reprehensible. A Howard University study demonstrated that 41% of African-American men in the Washington DC area who died of AIDS were diagnosed after death. They never even knew they were HIV positive. At least half a million HIV positive Americans are committing a slow suicide of ignorance because they do not know they are HIV positive. Introduction to home access testing raises important issues: the impact on AIDS service organizations and advocacy efforts; its availability to individuals unable to afford the \$30 fee; and potential abuse of the test. But these are not reasons to let those ignorant of their HIV positive status remain so.

Ignorance is not bliss. It is idiotic.

Sean O. Strub, publisher and executive editor of *POZ*, is an author, activist and entrepreneur. Strub, who himself has AIDS, is the president and creative director of Strubco, a nationally recognized direct response marketing agency specializing in the gay and AIDS markets.

A longtime AIDS activist, Strub produced the Off-Broadway smash hit, *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me* in New York.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PRAISED FOR ANTI- DISCRIMINATION EFFORTS

The nation's largest lesbian and gay equal rights organization praised the Clinton Administration's Justice Department for action leading to a \$100,000 settlement against a Houston dental office that refused to treat an HIV-positive patient. The Justice Department sued the center under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination against people living with HIV or AIDS.

"The Justice Department under President Clinton has demonstrated sincere commitment to combating discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS," said Daniel Zingale of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "This settlement ... sends a clear signal that the Justice Department will continue to aggressively enforce the ADA as it applies to people with HIV/AIDS."

The Justice Department sued Dr. Jack Castle, owner of Castle Dental Center, for refusing to continue treating Houston resident Harrison J. Totten after Castle learned that Totten had tested positive for HIV. According to the Justice Department, the settlement filed by U.S. District Court in Houston required Castle to pay \$80,000 in compensatory damages to Totten. The Castle Dental Center and its management company must each pay \$10,000 in civil penalties.

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NATIONAL NEWS

KENNEDY LEADS FIGHT THAT BLUNTS HELM ANTI-GAY AMENDMENT

Activists and educators around the country breathed a sigh of relief as Congress gutted anti-gay amendments to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The amendments, which would have prevented school counselors from providing adequate guidance for gay and lesbian youth, were struck in a House and Senate Joint Conference Committee. The full Senate and House of Representatives passed neutral substitute language, offered by Representative Jolene Unsoeld (D-WA) and Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), days before the Congressional session closed.

Senators Jesse Helms (R-NC) and Robert Smith (R-NH) and Representative Mel Hancock (R-MO) had used both chamber floors for long-winded anti-gay attacks and had succeeded in attaching anti-gay language to both versions of the ESEA. Helms, Smith, Hancock and their supporters hoped to deny funding from the bill for any school that presented homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

Instead, the neutral Unsoeld-Kennedy language will prevent schools from spending ESEA funds to conduct programs or distribute materials designed to "promote or encourage sexual activity, whether homosexual or heterosexual." The substitute language also prohibits federal interference in local school curriculum decisions. Senator Kennedy deserves special recognition for his leadership as he faces a difficult re-election campaign this month in Massachusetts.

To thank Representative Unsoeld and Senator Kennedy for their leadership in protected gay and lesbian youth, write them at: The US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515 and The US Senate, Washington, DC 20510 or call the Capitol Switchboard, (202) 224-3121.

STUDY: GAY WORKERS EARN LESS THAN NON-GAY WORKERS IN SAME JOB

An independent study at the University of Maryland at College Park on the impact of anti-gay job discrimination has found that gay men and lesbians earn less than their non-gay counterparts with similar education, training and occupations. The findings refute the stereotype of gay people as an "affluent elite" unworthy of equal rights under the law. Federal civil rights laws do not protect Americans from being fired, refused work, paid less or otherwise treated unfairly in the job market solely because of their sexual orientation.

The study, "Economic Evidence of Sexual Orientation Discrimination," marks the first scientific economic research conducted on the problem of job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The study found that gay men earned 11 to 27 percent less than non-gay counterparts with similar age, education, occupation, marital status and residence. Lesbians earned five to 14 percent less. "Far from having some mysterious advantage in the labor market, gay workers face discrimination that actually hits them where it hurts — in their paychecks," said School of Public Affairs Professor Lee Badgett, who studied data from the General Social Survey, a national random sample of the U.S. population collected by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. "The stereotype of gay prosperity is based on marketing surveys of gay magazine readers and people attending gay events. Those marketing surveys are biased toward people with higher incomes," Badgett said. "Representative data and statistical techniques reveal an economically diverse lesbian and gay community with people who are poor as well as rich, with most falling in the middle. The real economic differences between gay and straight Americans is the daily struggle of lesbians and gay men against the psychological and economic effects of discrimination."

G & L RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO MEET AT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING

In conjunction with the fall meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches (NCC), representatives of the lesbian/gay Christian caucuses, the welcoming congregations programs, and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) will meet in New Orleans, November 9-12. The Rev. Dr. Mel White, the country's leading expert on the "Radical Religious Right," will speak to both the assembled lesbian and gay leaders as well as to the delegates of the NCC General Board. While lesbians and gay men are the principal target of the Radical Religious Right, the NCC has also been attacked by them for its allegedly revolutionary agenda.

This will be the third meeting of the lesbian/gay leaders in as many years. Last year's meeting in Baltimore witnessed a silent protest by the assembled representatives on the floor of the General Board. No actions were taken in 1993 on lesbian/gay issues, unlike at the 1992 meeting when the NCC's General Board rejected the application of the UFMCC for Observer status by a vote of 90 to 81.

That year angry lesbian and gay Christian leaders conducted an extensive demonstration on the floor of the General Board meeting. UFMCC has not reapplied for Observer status so there will be repeat of the 1992 vote. However, supportive delegations from the United Church of Christ and other denominations are expected to raise the issue of greater inclusion of lesbians and gay men during the meeting.

Dr. White will address the delegates and lesbian/gay leaders on the topic "Our God Too: Religious Communities Confronting the Radical Religious Right." No one is more intimately familiar with the Radical Religious Right than is Dr. White nor more prepared to suggest antidotes to their venom.

White believes that the anti-gay propaganda generated by the Radical Religious Right is responsible for the deaths of many gays, either by encouraging hate crimes or by creating a climate that makes suicide an attractive option. "They are David Koresh and Jim Jones gone sophisticated," says White, who has ghostwritten 16 best-selling books for religious celebrities.

White is a best-selling author of his own *Tested by Fire* and *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America* released this year.

CREATING CHANGE™ November 11-13 in DALLAS

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's fifth annual activist skills building conference will be held in Dallas, Texas November 11-13, with pre-conference institutes on November 9 and 10. Creating Change™ features dozens of workshops focusing on the skills needed to build a stronger gay, lesbian, and bisexual movement. For registration and further information, call (202) 332-6483, ext. 3329.

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LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

NIGHT OF 1,000 STARS

The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) has set Saturday, December 10, 1994 as the date for its second annual major fundraising event. Night of 1,000 Stars is part of commemorative activities centered around World AIDS Day, December 1.

Last year 38 dinner parties were hosted in Lincoln, Bellevue, Council Bluffs and the greater Omaha metropolitan area. 1,100 guests participated raising over \$53,000 for NAP. Dinner hosts invited guests to a party of their design, format, and menu — from cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to a formal sitdown dinner. Hosts donate the cost of their party while guests are asked for a minimum \$25 donation to attend. After the dinner parties, guests convene at a central location where entertainment accompanies desserts and refreshments as the amount raised is tallied. This year, the post-dinner party reception will be held at Regency Fashion Court, beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Entertainment by Pam and Pearls, the River City Mixed Chorus, Heartland Opera Theatre, and members of Ballet Omaha's *The Nutcracker* will be provided. Daniel Plante, KETV's co-anchor, will emcee. A celebrity item auction will be an additional feature of this year's celebration lineup.

The Nebraska AIDS Project is a non-profit support organization providing services to persons and their families living with AIDS. Additional services include education and prevention outreach programs, as well as anonymous testing for the HIV virus. These services are provided free-of-charge to all Nebraskans and Western Iowans.

Persons interested in hosting a party, attending one as a guest, or who wish to receive more information concerning the mission and programs of the Nebraska AIDS Project are asked to contact Karen Bloomfield at 402-342-6367.

MCC-O INVITES PASTOR IN TO CANDIDATE

The Pastoral Search Committee of MCC-Omaha is pleased to announce that Nov. 4-6, Rev. Ken Ehrke will be in Omaha candidating for the position of Senior Pastor. Rev. Ehrke earned a Bachelor's Degree in music from UNL and a Master of Divinity Degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is currently the pastor of Open Door MCC in Boyds, Maryland. Rev. Ehrke and his partner Steve will meet with the Board and Church leaders Fri. evening. Sat. they will tour the city and meet the congregation for a 6pm Potluck Dinner at the Church followed by an informal social hour. Sun. morning Rev. Ehrke will deliver the message at the 9 and the 10:30 Worship Services. Everyone is invited to come and hear him speak. Following soup & sandwiches in the Social Hall, Rev. Ehrke will participate in a question/answer forum. On November 13 members of MCC-Omaha will vote on calling Rev. Ehrke as Senior Pastor.

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NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

OVER 2000 COME OUT TO CIVIC AUDITORIUM FOR COMING OUT DAY

By Sharon Van Butsel

Citizens for Equal Protection scored another coup on October 8 with the first ever gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender celebration held at Omaha's Civic Auditorium.

The marquees outside welcomed the public to a National Coming Out Day celebration. The arena was brightly decorated with rainbow bolts of color and rainbow balloons to complement the brightly decorated vendor and organization booths that encircled the area. An enthusiastic DJ kept the area alive with music, breaking for appearances by keynote speaker Mandy Carter, poet extraordinaire Brian Bengtson, and Captain Rich Richenberg. A silent auction featured such items as an autographed guitar from Melissa Etheridge and an autographed tennis ball from Martina's last appearance at Wimbledon. An attempt was made to provide games to entertain the crowd but the attendance for g/l/b/t trivia bingo was light as were the lines for the basketball toss and the putting green. Folks were much more interested in checking out all the booths and visiting with friends than in most of the games. The indoor volleyball tournament was another story. The court was busy all day long and runaway volleyballs made life a little hazardous for vendors in that end of the arena.

All the media were present and coverage of the event was carried on all four T.V. stations. The *World-Herald* reporter found his story line in the striking presence of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association with their white shirts, red bandanas, and black hats. I guess a gay cowboy is still news to that reporter.

The day wound down with a raffle of donated items (I won a subscription to *The New Voice of Nebraska* but they were kind enough to substitute a Kerrey tee shirt for me.) The doors closed, only to open again for a dance with the popular group "Lavendar Couch." As we were loading the last items from our displays, it was looking like any event at the Civic with lines of teens and young adults forming at the doors.

The published attendance was 2200, but this was not an official count and I've not yet heard any official reports from the organizers. No matter what the actual number, it was a wonderful way to celebrate one of "our" two holidays.

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Deb Johnson greeted visitors to the ANGLE booth



Andrew and Tom surrounded by rainbow banners at MCC's Booth



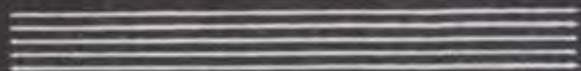
Don Hooper and David Hansen shared ICON history with visitors

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STARTING A NLGJA CHAPTER?

by Gene Bunge

Program Manager, Nebraska ETV

The National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) cited the *World-Herald* and the electronic media of Omaha for their extensive and accurate coverage a year ago of Capt. Pam Mindt's discharge hearing at Offutt. Capt. Mindt, who now serves with a unit of the National Guard in Minnesota, revealed her sexual orientation to her commanding officer in 1991. Despite the fact that her entire chain-of-command testified in her defense, the board recommended she be discharged. She now faces a second discharge board under the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

The new policy and the treatment of the issue by the press, and particularly by gay and lesbian journalists was one of the many sessions at the third NLGJA National meeting held in Minnesota Sept. 22-25.

This fledgling organization now has over 1000 members nationwide and 17 regional and local chapters. Over 400 of us attended the Minneapolis meeting. Its theme, "Out on Main Street" presented the challenges which journalists who are gay and lesbian face in carrying out our professional duties, and explored the opportunities which present themselves to us in our workplace, and in our communities, particularly if we are "out."

The Convention brought to Minneapolis some of the heavy hitters in politics, research, Network News, and the gay press. Among them:

M. Joycelyn Elders, U.S. Surgeon General. She blamed the high suicide rate among gay teenagers on homophobia and characterized homophobia as a "major public health concern."

Andrew Lack, NBC News President. "Broadcast organizations," he said, "have a responsibility to recruit gay and lesbian journalists just as they recruit for racial minorities and women."

A panel of broadcast news executives from NBC, CBS, ABC, and CNN discussed the problem of the "lavender ceiling." They acknowledged that coming out in the newsroom at the Network level does not pose the risk of job termination which might occur at an affiliate station.

Joe Steffen, U.S. Naval Academy student who was discharged after he responded truthfully to officials who asked if he was gay. Steffen filed a federal lawsuit to overturn his discharge. He acknowledges that the Clinton policy brought the issues of gays in the military into the arena of public discussion. He pointed out, however, that the matter is now addressed under a statute and "in some ways, gays and lesbians in the military are worse off than before." For example, presently four gays and lesbians who have "told" are now in jail and there are over 200 cases waiting to be heard. Prior to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", the problem was handled at the commander level with a simple executive order.

Howard Goldberg of AP and Murray Edelman of Voter News Service. They conducted a session on how scientific research has been used to measure the prevalence of homosexuality. Their conclusion: No conclusion. However, in a Voter Research Exit poll conducted in 1992, 1% of individuals 50 or older identified themselves as gay/lesbian/bisexual, and 5% of individuals under 30 so identified themselves. Rather disturbing is the result of a survey which showed that while two-thirds of Americans say they favor equal rights for homosexuals, 58% of Americans still say that homosexuality is "morally wrong."

Representative Barney Frank, openly gay

Democrat Congressman of Massachusetts. In observing the great distance which the gay movement has come in so short a period of time, he contended that "on racial matters, people are more prejudiced than they want to be, and on gay issues, less prejudiced than they want to be."

There were sessions on "Gay Glossies," "Reporting Gay Youth," "The Religious Right," "When the Locker Room Becomes a Closet," and the difficulty in keeping AIDS stories on the front burner.

Other prominent figures included Torie Osborne, who most recently served as the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. (Osborne was in Lincoln on October 11). Jeff Yarbrough, senior editor of *The Advocate*. Mitzi Henderson, national president of P-FLAG. The final speaker was comedian Kate Clinton who sent us home with laughter in our heart and a smile on our face.

At the beginning of the conference the Minneapolis Hyatt, site of the conference, stated the Reservation Department had overbooked the hotel for the final Saturday night, and asked if conference attendees might be willing to double up in exchange for a free Hyatt hotel voucher. Within 24 hours the Hyatt management sent word to the convention expressing their thanks for the cooperation of the NLGJA and stating that more than enough rooms had been released!

Following is the NLGJA mission statement of purpose:

The NLGJA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing about accurate, fair and complete coverage of gay and lesbian issues, and equality for gay and lesbian journalists in the workplace. Our members work on newspapers, magazines and specialty publications, and in television, cable, radio and film. We are writers, reporters, editors, photographers, artists, broadcast news anchors, circulation managers and producers. We come from all across the nation: from big cities, small towns, and rural areas. We are represented on every rung of the corporate ladder, in our communities, and on the boards of major media associations.

Our regional chapters conduct forums and seminars on gay and lesbian related issues to educate journalists and nonjournalists, both gay and nongay. They hold mixers for journalists to meet each other and exchange ideas. They co-sponsor events with other organizations to open avenues of communication, raise awareness of journalistic issues that relate to gay men and lesbians and to hear the concerns of the communities they serve.

Through its surveys of media decision makers nationwide, the NLGJA acts as a catalyst for gay and nongay journalists to focus on attitudes, workplace conditions and news content as they relate to gay men and lesbians.

In the newsroom, our presence encourages others to come out of the closet and to join in challenging the myths and stereotypes long perpetuated in our workplace in the media.

NLGJA members sit on committees working to extend domestic partner benefits and family leave policies to gay men and lesbians. We serve on task forces that are developing writing style guidelines to insure fair portrayals and reference to gays, among others.

Finally, as participants in the editorial process, NLGJA members are resources for our decision-making colleagues as they grapple with the growing velocity and complexity of the gay story.

We provide a perspective that is uniquely sensitive to issues of justice and balance, thereby ensuring that objectivity is maintained and that the truth about our world is told.

NLGJA members from the Midwest discussed the idea of an Iowa/Nebraska chapter. If there is sufficient interest, we'd like to pursue such a project. If you work in the broadcast or print media, or are an independent and have an interest contact George Bunge, %NVN, P O Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103, or call (402) 556-9907.

COMING OUT UNDER FIRE

In 1993, the controversy over the U.S. Military's ban on homosexuals erupted into a national crisis - for many Americans, this issue seemed to come out of no where. *Coming Out Under Fire* goes to the World War II origins of today's "don't ask, don't tell" orders to uncover the history of a military policy which labeled homosexuals as mentally ill and sought their discharge as "undesirables." The film focuses on first-person testimonies of nine gay and lesbian veterans who recount how they joined the patriotic fight against fascism in the 1940's, only to be rounded up in witch hunts, locked up in "queer stockades" and stigmatized as "sex perverts" by the very country they were serving.

These powerful interviews are combined with an array of declassified documents, photographs, and rare archival footage of medical examinations, psychiatric sessions, boot camp training, and sex education lectures. Framing the entire film are dramatic scenes from the 1993 Senate hearings which expose how the American government continues to justify and reaffirm its 50-year-old system for persecuting homosexual service personnel. This film is 71 minutes.

Plus a Short Feature: *Private SNAFU: Censored*, by Frank Tashlin (USA, circa 1942-1945, 5 minutes). The Private Snaflu cartoons, which ran three to five minutes were produced during World War II for soldiers only and were included in wartime issues of *The Army-Navy Screen Magazine*. Their purpose was to combine a wartime message - ranging from cautionary warnings about venereal disease proper camouflage. In *Censored*, the theme concerns secrets encoded in correspondence between Private Snaflu and his girlfriend back home. The Japanese learn about a sneak attack on them are able to wipe out Snaflu's entire division. Racist and homophobic stereotyping was not unusual in these cartoons and *Censored* is no exception.

These films will be shown at Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, 12th & R Street, Lincoln, NE. The dates are December 1-3, Thursday and Friday at 7 and 9, Saturday 1, 3, 7, & 9. These films are cosponsored by Nebraskans for Peace.

SMIAROWSKI APPLIES FOR DIVERSION

The Imperial Court of Nebraska reports that in September, Ed Smiarowski waived his right to a Preliminary Hearing for theft by unlawful taking. In October ICON received word that Smiarowski had applied for admittance into a Diversion Program. If he is accepted into the program, he voluntarily agrees to "obey the law, make restitution and apologizes to victims, perform community service, maintain employment, attend school, complete drug/alcohol treatment, pay a program fee, and report to Diversion Services."

MR./MS./MISS HGRA CONTEST Nov. 19 at DC's

by Patrick Williams

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be celebrating the 1994 rodeo year, our first full year as a sanctioned International Gay Rodeo Association chapter and ushering in the 1995 rodeo year with several events in Nebraska.

Sunday, November 6, Stella Dallas presents Hee Haw, a Steppin' Down Show for the current royalty, at the Run at 9:00. Beneficiaries will be Toys for Tots and HGRA. Saturday, November 12, we will have the HGRA board of directors meeting at 3:00 and membership meeting at 5:00 in Des Moines. That evening, 9:00 at Chances bar, my royal colleagues, R.C., Madame X and myself will present our Des Moines Steppin' Down show. Beneficiaries will again be Toys for Tots and HGRA.

The HGRA returns to Omaha on Saturday, November 19, for the Mr./Ms./Miss HGRA 1995 contest. The interview portion will be at 2:00, with the show portion of the contest at 8:00 at DC's. We have invited judges and entertainers from other rodeo associations around the country. That, combined with a group of talented, hard-working and dedicated contestants promises to deliver an exciting and fun evening featuring some different entertainment that you won't see elsewhere. There will also be a photo booth set up with a country western theme, just in time for the holidays!

Happy Thanksgiving trails to you!!

I REMEMBER AMANDA FOXX — JOEL A. CASON

By Sharon Van Butsel

My memories of Joel are a kaleidoscope of images and impressions. I remember him sitting at a table working decorating Red Ribbons with bugle beads. I remember his assertive, sometimes arrogant personality. I remember seeing him so weak that he could hardly stand, and being transformed into a petite blonde bombshell who danced across the stage and into the audience with bright, bubbling energy. I remember him patiently explaining how he had to use hip pads under his tights to make curvaceous hips on his wasted body. I remember his singing live in the MCC 20th anniversary show — he could do it then because he had passed his Miss MAX title on to Vivian Cartwright.

I wish I had other memories of Joel, but I only knew him after he came back to Omaha as a person living with AIDS. I didn't know him in his Lincoln days or when he lived and worked in California. I only know of those days from the brief article which appeared in *The World-Herald* which stated that he died in Kavanaugh House, a hospice facility in Des Moines, from complications of AIDS.

However, I guess that article is his final accomplishment and quite a legacy for Joel to leave us. *The World-Herald* actually had a headline that said "Joel A. Cason, 32; Female Impersonator" and went on to describe him as a nationally known female impersonator and to include his Miss MAX title.

Way to go, Joel!

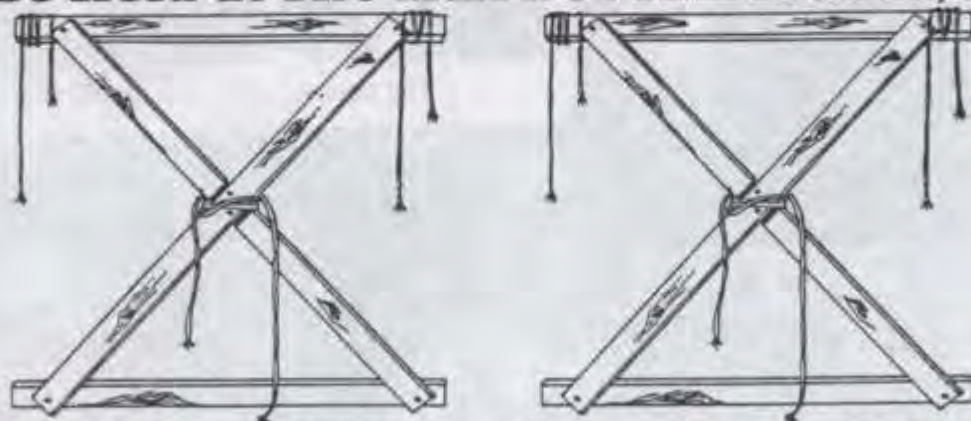
FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY FOR NEW MCC-O PIANO

The Board of Directors has given the go ahead to raise funds for a new piano for the sanctuary. Bill Burtch, MCC-O Music Director, will be in charge of the fundraising efforts with the help of many others. With preparations underway to receive the donation of a pipe organ for the church, Bill recognized that the church's little spinet piano was in need of repairs and was no longer adequate to meet the needs of the growing congregation. The goal of the fund drive is to purchase a very high quality baby grand piano that will serve the church for years.

The first effort will be to sell the keyboard of the instrument. Well, not literally, but you will find a very large keyboard represented on the wall of MCC's social hall. You can purchase one of these keys by making a donation of \$100 toward the purchase of the piano. Each person making a donation will have their name placed on the keyboard. We are not limited to 88 keys on this keyboard — we will squeeze just as many names as we can on the keys. Groups and individuals may join together to purchase one or more keys. Donations may be sent to MCC-Omaha, PO Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103, or you may use one of the special envelopes available at the church and just put your donation in the offering plate when you attend worship services.

Bill is also working on other ideas for fundraising, so if you're interested in helping out just let him know! The goal is to have the new piano within the year. Your prayers and your support can make this a reality!!

Contestants and Voyeurs Wanted The 1995 Mr and Ms Leather Nebraska Contest To Be Held at The Max November 19th, 8PM



Winners will be sent to Chicago to compete for IML and IMsL.
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Tickets are \$4.00 and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

-Artwork courtesy of Jeanne Moe, Omaha, Nebraska-

NEWS FROM THE COURT

Well kids. Here we are, a new month, and a new article. It's that time of the year again--FOOD FOR THOUGHT--our annual show at The MAX, which is a fundraiser to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for PWA's and to help support the Food Pantry at MCC-O. Last year we prepared over 30 Thanksgiving Baskets! Mark those calendars and be sure to join us for a great night of entertainment for a really great cause! NOVEMBER 13 be at The MAX at 9:30.

The following weekend ICON members will be in the kitchen cooking! Yes, we are cooking up a Thanksgiving Dinner for everyone at ACE's Unity House. Want to help? We'll detail the cooking schedule at our Nov. 7 meeting in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m.

The BOG say thanks to Unity House for loaning us the patio & meeting space in Oct.!

Recently a few of us, Gary West, President of ICON, Emperor & Empress XIV David Hansen and Mae O'Naise, Prince Royal XIV Steven Williamson, Duke XIV Don Hopper, Prince Consort to Emperor VIII Steve McClintock and Mr. and Miss 2001 Tasla Devore and Troy attended Iowa Coronation II. The event took place at Chances Bar in Des Moines. All of us who attended were thrilled when David received the Empress to Emperor Award and Mae received the Emperor to Empress Award! The place looked very nice and everything went well, thanks to Emperor I Mongo and Empress I Naomi and Good luck to the new monarchs.

Speaking of Coronation, Gerald Brown and Duane Schomer just returned from Corpus Christy's Coronation with a few awards: Farthest traveled, Best Mask, Command Performance & Lifetime Big Brother Court Award. Congratulations to both of you on a job well done. Also a big thank you to David Hansen, Emperor XIV for attending the ANGLE Awards Dinner Committee meetings at the Max, and thanks, too, to Mae for being ICON's representative and spokesperson at the Recognition Dinner. Mae helped present the award in

the Organization category.

ICON has awarded the following grants to these organizations: \$50.00 for No on One in Idaho (Similar to Amendment 2 in Colorado), \$50.00 to the Lincoln Chapter of PFLAG, \$25.00 to Equality Before the Law and on October 22nd and 23rd, Prince Royal XIV Steve Williamson and Duke XIV Don Hooper will represent ICON at the All Iowa AIDS Benefit in Des Moines and present them with a check for \$100.00

Thanks to CFEP (Citizens for Equal Protection) for a great National Coming Out Day celebration at the Civic Auditorium on Oct. 8. It was a lot of fun and we hope to attend next year. The Prince Royale Steve, the Duke Don, and Emperor XIV David staffed the booth for the five hour event!

Empress XIV Mae O'Naise crowned her Princess Royal XIV Oct. 9 at a show in Lincoln at Club 2001. Brook Owen of Lincoln is the new Princess Royal. Hope you have a great year! The show also raised \$105 for the Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Support Service. Super, Mae!

Congratulations to David Hamilton aka Erica Denae for being elected to the Board of Governors of ICON. Welcome aboard, David. Upcoming events include Emperor David's Show at DC's on November 27. This will benefit ANGLE's Information and Referral Line. That's it for now. Have a great month and we'll see you in the future.



Empresses Mae and Laura Lee Crown Brook Princess Royal XIV



ICON Board held October Meeting at Unity House



Duance, Steve, David, and Gerald Display Awards

MCC-O CHOIR & GUESTS TO PRESENT CONCERT

The MCC-Omaha Choir, directed by Bill Burch, will present their second annual Fall Concert, "The Reason We Sing," at 6 p.m. Sunday, November 6 at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22. The concert will include favorite anthems from last season along with new selections, both secular and sacred, by gay composers from Kansas City and Dallas. The MCC-O Choir will be joined by the River City Mixed Chorus for this evening of music. The Chorus will perform several selections from its current works before joining the MCC-O Choir

for a triumphal finale. A special treat is in store for all who attend as both Kathy Tyree and her mother Shirley Seals-Tyree. The Concert will also feature small ensembles from the MCC-O Choir including the Men's Choir, the Women's Choir, and a male quartet. The evening will be rounded out by some of your favorite community performers blessing the audience with solo pieces which will have you shouting "hallelujah!!" Mark your calendars and arrive early as last year's concert was packed! The concert is open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

RUN JIM DANDIES LEADS RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE AFTER 5 WEEKS

As the 23 teams took to the lanes for Week #6 of bowling, the first place spot was held by Run Jim Dandies with 17 wins and 3 losses. Second place was held by DC's #1, who edged out The MAX on total pin count. Last year's first place team, Ernie's Bookstore, bowling under the aegis of Wurgler's Photo this year, was in 6th place with 13 wins and 7 losses.

Dan Cooper holds high men's scratch series (697), and high men's average (211.1) Cooper's performance during week #5 helped keep his average #1 as he turned in a high game of 236 and a high series of 644. Joe Bloemer and Dan Cooper are tied for high scratch game - men with identical 248's. Bloemer has second high scratch series with a 674. Dwight Wages has third high game (244), third high series (632), and second high average (189.5). Bill Boren has the third high average with 189.1.

For the women, E. Mueller has the high game (206), high series (577), and high average (180.7). Michele Lotus is tied with Connie Parks for second high game. Parks also holds second high average (172.1) after having turned in an outstanding performance during week 5. Parks bowled 193-150-170 for a 513 series. This was 99 pins over her average of 138. Second high series (532) and third high average (163.8) are held by Cherie Iniguez. Third high series is the 529 series bowled by Rhea Lukehart during week #5, which was 91 pins over her average.

City Lickers may only be #8 in the standings, but they hold down both high handicap team game and high handicap team series (814 and 2328 respectively). Rainbow Chaser have second high team game with a 783, followed by DC's #1 with a 766. DC's #1 also holds second high team series (2112), while the first place team, Run Jim Dandies, has third high series with a 2097.

During week #5 of bowling, Ken Williams bowled a nice 224 game and 559 series. Dan Johnson bowled 88 pins over high average and Tim Gardner was 62 pins over. Monica Schrack turned in an outstanding 143 pins over average.

Complete team standings as of week #6:

| | Won | Lost |
|-----------------------------|------|------|
| 1. Run Jim Dandies | 17 | 3 |
| 2. DC's #1 | 15 | 5 |
| 3. The MAX | 15 | 5 |
| 4. Gilligan's 2 | 14 | 6 |
| 5. 9-4 Gets & Nots | 14 | 6 |
| 6. Wurgler Photo | 13 | 7 |
| 7. Dicksters | 12.5 | 7.5 |
| 8. City Lickers | 12 | 8 |
| 9. Gilligan's 1 CCB | 12 | 8 |
| 10. The Taylor Shop | 11 | 9 |
| 11. DC's 2 Reason to Drink | 11 | 9 |
| 12. Kings & Queens | 11 | 9 |
| 13. Rainbow Chasers | 10 | 10 |
| 14. The DJs | 10 | 10 |
| 15. TM #8 | 9 | 11 |
| 16. Puss & Boots Gilligan 3 | 9 | 11 |
| 17. Delivery Boys | 8 | 12 |
| 18. Misfits | 7.5 | 12.5 |
| 19. DC's Liplockers | 6 | 14 |
| 20. Night Riders | 6 | 10 |
| 21. Express Male | 5 | 15 |
| 22. DC's Tuna Melts | 5 | 15 |
| 23. Bowling for Tricks | 3 | 17 |

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SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS

by A.S.

A new young band to watch is Roadside Band. They play all original, jazzy Grateful Dead influenced songs, and always get a crowd of neo-hippies groovin' on the dance floor where they play. All four guys are talented musicians and cuter than hell. Brendan, the singer and guitarist is an 18 year old, thin, dark-haired babe with the neatest voice and smile. Matt, 17, the percussionist, keeps a great beat (what a thought!) and looks like a strawberry blond angel. Andrew, the drummer, pounds the skins with authority (can you imagine?) He's 17, too, and very handsome little pixie. Finally, 17 year old Justin is one of the best bass players around and has long, dark hair and knock-out good looks.

Roadside Band plays often at Kilgore's, McFosters, and Downtown Grounds, plus recently ties for first place with Stick Figures (also worth looking into) at the Ranch Bowl's contest "Opening the Big O". (What exactly does that mean?)

I saw something unique at the Ranch Bowl on September 12. The Pink Floyd tribute band Crazy Diamond was playing *Young Lust* and the dance floor filled up with men dancing by themselves - no women. The sound man told me that normally only women dance to that song. It was definitely a turn-on seeing a bunch of half-dressed guys grooving to a Pink Floyd song.

Another new local band with great potential worth checking out is Stepchild.

You can see (and hear) Stepchild November 10, 11, and 12 at the new 1010 Club in Council Bluffs. Maybe I'll see you there.



Roadside Band

P-FLAG OMAHA TO HOLD HOLIDAY GATHERING

Please mark your calendars on Sunday, December 4th, for the Second Annual PFLAG Holiday Gathering. We will be inviting organizations from the Omaha Community to join us for a time to just socialize and share your favorite treat. PFLAG will provide coffee and punch. Our gathering will be held in the Mead Hall beginning at 2:00pm. Please note: This will be our only meeting for the month of December.

QUILT IN AMES

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be presented in the largest Iowa display to date on November 3, 4, and 5, in the Hilton Coliseum at Iowa State University, Ames. Hours are: November 3 (7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.), November 4 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.), November 5 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

This event is a collaborative effort of groups throughout Iowa with the AIDS Coalition of Story County coordinating these efforts. Many panels made by and for Iowans will be included in this display.



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6th NORTH AMERICAN QUEER STUDIES TO BE HELD ON MIDWEST CAMPUS

The University of Iowa will host the midwest premier of the North American Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Studies Conference, InQueery InTheory InDeed from November 17-20, 1994 on The University of Iowa campus in Iowa City. In previous years, the conference has been hosted by Harvard, Princeton, Rutgers and Yale. More than fifteen hundred participants are expected from nearby and around the world, including scholars, activists and artists.

According to Conference Co-Chair Meredith Alexander, this year's conference is designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and experience. The schedule includes scholarly papers, performances and exhibits, panel discussions and practical problem-solving workshops.

Keynote speakers of this year's conference are: Gloria Anzaldúa, Chicana theorist, activist, author of *Borderlands*, and *Friends from the Other Side/Amigos del Otro Lado*, and co-editor of the indispensable feminist text *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*; Lani Ka'ahumanu, Hawaiian activist, bisexual, HIV educator, co-editor of *Bi Any Other Name*, and speaker at the 1993 March on Washington; and Tim Miller, Performance artist, activist, teacher, member of ACT UP/LA and one of the "NEA Four" whose unanimously recommended solo performer fellowship was denied because of its content.

Conference highlights include:

- Academic panels and roundtables addressing the pressing issues of queer studies and theory ranging from queers in the military to queers in the Bible, from bisexuality in popular culture to gay history, and from the camp aesthetic to the political, ethical and legal implications of scientific research on sexual orientation.

- Workshops on such topics as adolescent sexuality, AIDS education in the Native American community, insurance coverage for same-sex partners, and infusing queer issues into the high school and university curricula.

- Performance by widely acclaimed artists. At Hancher Auditorium: From Great Britain, the highly-acclaimed STOMP, the thought-wrenching humor of Pomo Afro Homos, solo performances by Tim Miller and Marga Gomez, and two original plays, *Out*, about the controversial practice of outing, and *Bride As Frankenstein*, about the disempowerment of the feminine within the lesbian community.

- Art exhibits at locations on campus and around Iowa City. On campus: At The University Art Museum, photos by Paul Cadmus and Jared and Margaret French of Fire Island circa 1937-1950s. In The Theatre Building Canadian photographer Susan Stewart. Also, in conjunction with the conference, Iowa City will be included in the national tour of The Long Road to Freedom: The Advocate History of the Gay and Lesbian Movement, a historical exhibition that salutes the movement and examines its history.

REORGANIZED METRO CLUB SETS MEETING DATE

The recently revived Metropolitan Club will hold its first meeting Wednesday, November 9, 1994 at Frankie Pane's, 1112 Douglas St. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a cash bar followed by a general meeting ending at 8:30. Frankie Pane's is not open to the public in the evening. You will have complete privacy. The club is open to all gay or lesbian professionals in the region who want to meet, socialize or network with others. Jim Kieffer, a cultural diversity management specialist, will give a short presentation. Afterwards, everyone will have an opportunity to complete a survey of what they are looking for in a gay professional association and discuss meeting times, club structure, and annual dues. We acknowledge many prospective members' need for anonymity and intend to respect their wishes. If you have further questions, write to: P.O. Box 31484, Omaha, NE 68131-0484.

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from 1967 to 1994, created by the *Advocate* in cooperation with Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. At m.c. Ginsberg and at Clapp Recital Hall, Los Angeles artist Klaus Gerhart, whose work was published in the large-format book *Embracing Men*. Elsewhere in Iowa City, look for inspiring and provocative exhibits at The Great Midwestern, The Tobacco Bowl, Old Brick, The Johnson County Art Center, The Cottage, and the Women's Resource and Action Center (WRAC).

- Film and Video at the Bijou in The Iowa Memorial Union, A Queer Film Fest of new work. At the Communications Studies Building, a program of Asian American film and video on questions of and lesbian identities. At the Union, video screening room open daily during conference.

- Readings at Prairie Lights Bookstore by Marilyn Hacker, Eve Sedgwick and Rafael Campo. Plus... Gary J. Stern, Kevin DiIallo, Jack Krumholtz, Mark Zubro and other "mystery" guests. Readings will be broadcast live on WSUL.

- The InQueery Coffeehouse offers conference participants a chance to get into the act. Located in The Iowa Memorial Union, The Coffeehouse invites all kinds of performance, from stand-up comedy to poetry, from 3 to 30 minutes.

- All Conference Dance.

Over 500 papers and panel proposals and over 70 proposed workshops were received from writers and speakers at every level. This year's conference organizers chose to expand the usual emphasis of gay studies on literary or performance theory and criticism to include innovative research by anthropologists, sociologists, philosophers, doctors, lawyers, and activists. The result is a breadth of work that addresses international, cross-cultural, theoretical and political issues of sexuality and race in the USA, with special attention to African-American, Asian-American, Latino, and Native American cultures, as well as bisexuality and transsexuality. Says Co-Chair Alexander, "This year's conference is particularly meaningful coming as it does 25 years after the manifesto at Stonewall to never be silent or invisible again."

For more information on the conference or to request a registration form, call 1-319-335-2092, or write to InQueery, InTheory, InDeed c/o Center for Conferences and Institutes, Iowa Memorial Union, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242. You may also reach Co-Chairs Meredith Alexander or Brett Beemyn on the Internet at: geeta-patel@uiowa.edu.

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Matt Govig Speaks at Rally

HATE CRIMES VIGIL COMBINES WITH NATIVE PEOPLE'S PROTEST FOR UNEASY ALLIANCE ON COLUMBUS DAY

By Sharon Van Butsel

At 6 pm on Columbus Day, Oct. 10, about 150 people gathered on the steps of the State Capitol in Lincoln in protests against oppression. Approximately 1/2 of those gathered had come to remember Teena Brandon, the young transsexual person raped and murdered in Richardson County earlier in the year. There were also a number of people speaking against the death while in police custody of Francisco Renteria, a young man who spoke only Spanish and had been arrested when he was mistaken for a fugitive. These groups of persons came together to support the passage of hate crimes legislation in Nebraska.

However, another vigil had been scheduled for the same time and place. This protest was by Native Peoples against the holiday honoring of Christopher Columbus. As a result of this scheduling conflict, the two groups joined in a combined rally, followed by a candlelight march around the Capitol Building.

The union of these groups was somewhat uneasy, with occasional unintentional use of terminology and phrases that offended individuals. Recognizing this possibility, the initial speaker, Eldona Rayburn of the National Organization of Women, encouraged listeners to be tolerant of each other. Matthew Govig of organizing group Equality Before the Law recounted the hate crimes of the last year, including the murder of Harold Grover, of Teena Brandon, and of Francisco Renteria. He was followed at the microphone by Matt Jones who spoke for the indigenous people, comparing the celebration of Columbus Day to a holiday celebrating the opening of Auschwitz or the founding of the Ku Klux Klan.

Eileen Durgin-Clinchard, president of the Mainstream Committee, gave an emotional speech outlining the extent of discrimination, stating "To allow one group to be discriminated against is to allow humanity to be discriminated against." Next to the microphone was Linda Claire Freeman who identified herself as a member of four minorities, a Cherokee, a transsexual person, a woman, and a lesbian. She stated "I'm alive for the first time in 49 years, but I'm also scared. Teena Brandon was murdered because he was different... I am a target and you could be, too... Come out and be truthful. Don't be a target by hiding."

Elizabeth Haas, a Lincoln High student and member of the multi-cultural Rainbow Club, stated "We cannot afford a silent community." She was followed by Donna Polk of the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition who spoke passionately about the need for hate crimes legislation, though she demonstrated little understanding or awareness of transgender or gay and lesbian issues. After pointing out that neither Ernie Chambers, State Senator from Omaha, nor Dave Landis, State Senator from Lincoln, support hate crimes legislation, she stated, "Until every street in Nebraska is safe for all people, we need this law... How can we educate Senators from Red Willow County, from Scottsbluff when those from the most urban areas don't support it?" Incongruous as it seemed, while she was bemoaning the lack of support from Landis and Chambers, volunteers were going through the crowd passing out stickers that stated "Ernie Chambers Write In Candidate for Governor." Rev. Matthew Howard of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha was to be the final speaker as he ended the rally with a call to action. "You or I might be the next Teena Brandon... It is time for the Nebraska to say Hate Crimes will not be tolerated."

ERNIE CHAMBERS SPEAKS - OPPOSES HATE CRIME LAWS

Organizers began passing out candles to the audience. However, Donna Polk returned to the podium with State Senator Ernie Chambers who had just happened to be leaving the Capitol Building and coming down the steps where the rally was being held. With Polk's encouragement, the audience agreed to let Chambers speak to tell why he opposed hate crimes legislation. Chambers took the microphone and spoke at length saying "A crime against a person is terrible regardless of who that person is... I'm concerned with the Civil Rights of Nazis, Fascists, and all people... Racism permeates the criminal justice system... I'm reluctant to support legislation that puts another tool in their hands. Hate crimes laws can be used to oppress. Police officers used Hate Crimes legislation against a black man who called a police officer a name..." Chambers went on to state that people should have the right to think as they want to and to speak their minds. He stated that he could not support hate crimes legislation unless someone brought him a well written bill that was more limited in scope. He ended his comments by acknowledging that he had spoken a long time, stating he had done it deliberately in response to being put on the spot by the group.

As he walked away from the microphone, Claire Freeman went to the podium and challenged him to live up to his words, stating that she was willing to write such legislation as were others in the audience and asking if he would help them do that. Chambers did not respond.

With a sense of anti-climax, organizers stated that the Native Peoples had planned a candlelight walk around the Capitol and invited participants to join them. As we left, about 50 people had begun the solemn march around the building.

PLANNING MEETING FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

A planning meeting will be held from 2 - 4pm on November 5, 1994 at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha to begin planning for a Community Resource Center in Omaha. Members of the community are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss, brainstorm, and plan on the feasibility of a Community Resource Center. For further information, please call the A.N.G.L.E. Information/Referral Line at 402/558-5303 and leave a message for Becky Weitzel.

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MR/MS LEATHER NEBRASKA CONTEST NOVEMBER 19 AT THE MAX

By Sue, Ms Leather Nebraska

Have you ever attended a contest? Have you ever thought about running? This is a perfect opportunity! The Mr/Ms Leather Nebraska contest will be held on November 19, 8pm, at The MAX. If you have never attended an event of this type, plan on attending this one! If you have attended one, this will be one you won't want to miss! There will be title holders coming from various parts of the country including San Francisco, from where Donna, last year's MC, will be returning to again MC this event. Her co-MC from last year, Emerson, will be sorely missed this year.

Have you even thought about running for the title? Have you even wondered what it would be like to be a title holder? Let me tell you a little about my year as a title holder. My year as Ms Leather Nebraska 1994 has been a fantastic experience! I have met new friends from all over the country beginning with the contest a year ago and continuing to the present. There were the fund raisers at various bars where we sold raffle tickets... what better way to have an opening line to talk to and meet new friends in a bar? There was the traveling, getting acquainted with other groups in the area, judging other contests, participating in Fantasy, and, of course, the highlight of my year, competing for the title of International Ms Leather with 10 other very qualified women!

I am still looking forward to attending and being a presenter for workshops at Living in Leather in Toronto and the Stepping Down ceremony at this year's Mr/Ms Leather Nebraska contest.

I urge each of you to consider running for the title this year. You can't comprehend what a great year you will have until you at least attempt to run for this title. Not only the winner, but all the contestants will have a great time!

Applications are available now at local bars or from Master Amy. Tickets are \$4 and may be obtained from Slave Sue or Master Amy. I hope to see all of you there supporting OPC and the title holders.

ISN'T IT TIME?

by Sandy Vopalka

There are 291,000 adults who are 60 years old and older in the state and to date there are no programs for the estimated 291,000 older gay and lesbian people, provided by the State or local Aging Agencies. The community is providing a few things, but it's time to get the local and State Aging Agencies involved in providing services.

29% of Nebraska's aging population of the state lives in the Omaha and Fremont area. The Lincoln area is next in line, but some of our communities have up to 35% and higher of their population 60 years old or older. There is 10% of the aging population that must be gay or lesbian. So isn't it time for things to be better for these people?

GAY & LESBIAN PARENT GROUP MEETING NEWS

The September meeting was a good turn-out for the Gay and Lesbian Parents Group (G.A.L.P.). The subject matter proposed was a film about spouses who were left by a gay partner. However, the film had audio problems and we decided to skip the viewing. Which left us time to talk about upcoming meetings. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at MCC, 819 South 22nd at 7:30. The next meeting is November 3.

G.A.L.P. is a local chapter. With a little fundraising, it is possible to join at the national level. Money is needed and at the last meeting \$15.00 was pooled. \$10.00 is the balance needed to qualify. If, and only if, it is possible for anyone to donate we will benefit at this level by articles, updates on laws, and be informed about other interesting G.A.L.P. activities and functions.

Something to remember: schools should be an appropriate place of learning for our children, they must be places where our kids can feel that their families are accorded the same respect as other children's families. They must be places where books, pictures, and classroom mention of families include depictions of the lives of children with same-sex parents. If our families are treated with disdain and hostility, or merely ignored, our children are presented with an obstacle to learning, and to enjoying school. We need to be sure that we are placing our children in schools which not only meet our children's academic needs, but where their needs for affirmation and celebration of their families are understood. Some questions you can ask your educators:

1. How is family defined?
2. What has your experience been with families with same-sex parents?
3. How would teachers handle a situation where a child makes a homophobic remark, or says that it's

not possible to have two mothers?

4. What would happen if other parents object to a child with two mothers or fathers in the classroom?

5. What, if anything, is done around Father's Day and Mother's Day? Are there other activities that are specifically aimed at mothers or fathers? How are they handled when children don't have one parent of each sex?

6. What materials are used which depict alternative families?

(From Dale Rosenberg. He is the co-chair of Center Kids (NYC). From *Kid's Talk*, January 1994).

COLLAGE is Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere. Their mission: To foster the growth of DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF LESBIAN AND GAY PARENTS by providing education, support and community on local and international levels, to advocate for our rights and those of our families and to promote acceptance and awareness in society that love makes a family. "There are 6 to 8 million daughters and sons of lesbian and gay parents in Canada and the United States." Researches have found no significant differences between children with lesbian and gay parents and children with straight parents. For more information write to: Just For Us, 3023 North Clark, P.O. Box 121, Chicago IL 60657 or 20-582-8029.

There is a great bibliography for children of, gay fathers, lesbian mothers, and non-traditional grandparents. If you want a copy contact Dave at 556-1819 or Donna 592-4772. Access to a Gay and Lesbian Bulletin Board is now possible by accessing the modem at 402-345-8381 using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours/day at 14.4 baud—for g/l, bisexual, leather & transgendered communities.



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FALL HARVEST — TRANSGENDER CELEBRATION IN CEDAR RAPIDS

Fall Harvest for 1994 will be held November 17-20 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the Sheraton Inn. It will be divided into four parts, or tracks. Each track and its workshops is oriented toward a specific area of interest. Each track will be run by trained professionals as well as experienced members. The four tracks are:

Track 1: The New Girl — Oriented toward self improvement for the crossdresser who is just coming out and needs help in presenting herself as a complete woman.

Track 2: The Active Crossdresser — For the crossdresser who has established herself and her image, but wants to learn more about her female side and how best to present herself in a feminine manner.

Track 3: The New Woman — For the transsexual, those who are considering this, or those who are unsure.

Track 4: Partners & Significant Others — Opportunity for spouses and friends to share experiences, ask questions, and learn from other partners.

Registration fees include Thursday pizza party, Lunch Friday and Saturday, Friday night dinner, and Saturday banquet. Prices are: Full \$150, Partners/SO \$85, Saturday Registration only \$70; Sunday brunch \$11. Room reservations are \$55 per day for up to two people. Make reservations at the Sheraton Inn (319) 366-8671, mention Fall Harvest.

—The Transformer

DES MOINES GLRC REOPENS

An interim Board of Directors of the Des Moines Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (GLRC) assumed responsibility in January 1994. One of the prime objectives was to establish a stable and professional organization. One component of this was to have a membership based organization. New By-Laws were adopted and an annual meeting. These meetings will be held each January, with elections of the Board of five members each year on a three-year rotating basis. The Board has announced the opening of a GLRC Resource Center, which was open during September on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The hours are to be expanded in October and following months, dependent upon the demand and the availability of volunteers to operate the center. The GLRC youth group has selected the name BiGLYDE for their group. The

youths and their adult facilitators have met several times this summer for various activities and have several events planned for this fall. As the policies are adopted, GLRC hopes to be able to fund outreach advertisements in central Iowa high school newspapers. The Board also announced the formation of OUTLINE, a 24-hour, automated telephone information service. With a touch tone phone, information is available about Central Iowa's gay bars and restaurants, communities of faith who welcome gay people, and current events, both in central Iowa and elsewhere in Iowa.

Further information about Des Moines GLRC may be obtained by writing GLRC, 522 11th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309 or by calling 515-2281-0634.

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WEST CENTRAL AIDS CONSORTIUM STARTED IN NORTH PLATTE

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Persons seeking information about the consortium or AIDS/HIV services can contact Barbara Hansen at the Nebraska AIDS Project office in Kearney, 308-865-5610. JoAnn Griffin at the Nebraska Dept. of Health office in North Platte 308-535-8134, or the state wide HIV/AIDS Hotline 1-800-782-2437.

SAGE CONFERENCE by Sandy Vopalka

The International SAGE conference was a great success. There were 12 new people, from Germany. SAGE is now completely an international organization. The conference was September 22nd - 25th, besides the 12 new participants there were 6 people from the last two years. Nebraska has been represented each of these three years.

Now SAGE is looking toward to next year's meeting and for new people from the areas, that have programs, Nebraska being one of those areas. Please think about what it is you can do and think about attending the SAGE conference next fall in New York City. To help with cost participants stay with SAGE board members and some of them are really a lot of fun. Besides the SAGE conference, people need to stay to look at what they can do to keep what we have in Lincoln going. I may be leaving Lincoln come next summer and I'd like to see things continue and even grow. Please think about what the aging population of our community may need and what you want to have when are 60 years old and older. Tuesday, November 1st, there will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln. This will be to look at the the future of SAGE, and get things together to become non-profit and other things. Professionals are asked to think about giving some of their time, because without you SAGE cannot grow. As always all questions and ideas can be sent to Information/SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043.

WOMENSPACE — AN UPDATE

In June, we held our second annual Pridefest. This year we extended the day by adding workshops, afternoon concerts featuring local talent, and "a lesbian mall." We continued the evening concert which this year spotlighted Susan Herrick and Sue Fink. This last event of the day was a dance.

Most of the participants enjoyed the workshops, concerts, and the artisans' display. For a hot, humid, typical Midwestern day, the turnout was good. Of course, we received some suggestions for enhancing Pridefest which we will incorporate into our planning for next year's gathering.

After this publication hits the stands, Womenspace will have finished its fall event — a concert/dance featuring the Neon Girls from Kansas City. Next, on our agenda is some "down time" to R & R from the hectic spring and summer planning and events but not for too long as we have plans for another concert and a second surprise in 1995. Stay tuned and informed by reading the Womenspace newsletter — write to Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124-0712 for more information.

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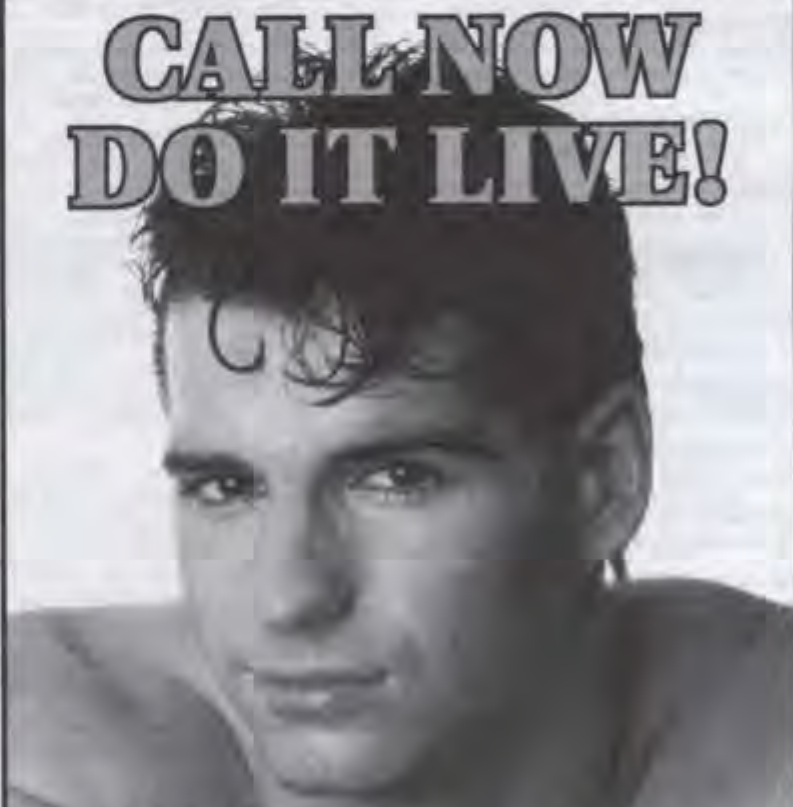


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2226 Leavenworth, Omaha (402) 341-8471

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

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

LEGAL

Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 201 N.
8th, Ste 242, Lincoln 68508 476-3882; Jim

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

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

COMMUNITY CENTERS

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

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

AIDS ADVOCACY

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

NCLU JOINS WITH NAP TO PRESENT WORKSHOP ON ADA & PERSONS WITH HIV

Nov. 7, Nebraska Civil Liberties Union,
Nebraska AIDS Project, and ACLU Foundation
National AIDS Project, in cooperation with AIDS
Coalition for Empowerment and Nebraska Center
for Legal Services, present a workshop
"Americans with Disabilities Act: What It Means
for People Living with HIV" at UNO's Kiewit
Conference Center, 1313 Farnam, Omaha.
Speakers include Professor Chai Feldblum of
Georgetown Univ. who helped draft the
Americans with Disabilities Act; William B.
Rubenstein, Director of ACLU National AIDS
Project; and Jocelyn Ritchie, Public Policy
Specialist, Nebraska Advocacy Services. \$30
registration includes lunch. To request waiver of
the fee, contact NCLU at (402) 476-8091.

ICON WILL HOST THANKSGIVING MEAL AT UNITY HOUSE

On Sunday, November 20, members and
friends of the Imperial Court will gather at Unity
House, 1007 S. 37th in Omaha, to prepare and
serve a pre-Thanksgiving feast for Persons Living
with HIV/AIDS. All who live with HIV are
welcome, but you must RSVP. Contact Unity
House at 345-1992 by Nov. 7 for details.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, 7-9:30pm

TUESDAY

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, Meetings Cancelled Until Further Notice

WEDNESDAY

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

Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 6pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th, Call Women's Center 472-2597

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

THURSDAY (continued)

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, ***"An Alternative" Gay Men's Stag Group, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916

***"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran Church, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

First SUNDAY

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

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

First MONDAY

Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Governors, 6:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Omaha

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

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

First TUESDAY

A.N.G.L.E. Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha

HIV/AIDS Healing Worship Service, Trinity United Methodist Church, 1345 S. 16, Lincoln, 7pm

First THURSDAY

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

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

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

First SATURDAY

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc., 6pm, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha

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

Second MONDAY

AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecilia's, Neb Chapel, Omaha

Second TUESDAY

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

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

Second THURSDAY

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

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

Second SATURDAY

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

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

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

Second SUNDAY

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

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

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

Third TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

Third SATURDAY

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

Third SUNDAY

P-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/(308) 995-5490, 3pm

Prime Timers, 4pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd., Omaha

Omaha Men (OMEN), 4pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth, Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

Fourth TUESDAY

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7pm (402) 467-4599

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

Fourth THURSDAY

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

Fourth SATURDAY

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

Fourth SUNDAY

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

Last SATURDAY

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, November 2

Nebr Bisexual Network Movie Night, 7:30pm
Lincoln 472-5644 or 476-0314 or 477-0217

THURS. November 3 - SAT. November 5
Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Hilton
Coliseum, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

THURSDAY, November 3

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

FRIDAY, November 4

Karen Thompson, Activist, 10am, McDonald
Theater, Wesleyan Campus, Lincoln

Keely & Du, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13,
Omaha, 8pm, Tkts \$10/\$5 for seniors/ students

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

SATURDAY, November 5

Community Resource Center Planning
Meeting, 2-4pm, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

Meet Rev. Ken Ehrke, candidate for Pastor of
MCC-Omaha, Potluck & Social 6pm at church

Keely & Du, Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha, 8pm

SUNDAY, November 6

MCC-O Choir Concert 6pm, Metropolitan
Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, Special
Guests: River City Mixed Chorus, Kathy Tyree

Keely & Du, Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha, 7pm

HEE HAW, HGRA Stepping Down Show
The New Run Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

MONDAY, November 7

NCLU Workshop "ADA & HIV" 8am-2:30pm,
Kiewit Conference Cntr, 1313 Farnam, Omaha,
\$30 regis., to request waiver call (402) 476-8091

TUESDAY, November 8

IT'S ELECTION DAY! VOTE!!

WEDNESDAY, November 9

Metropolitan Club, Frankie Pans's, 1112
Douglas St., Omaha, 5:30-8:30pm

Nebraska Bisexual Network "Coffee Night",
7:30pm Lincoln 472-5644/476-0314/477-0217

THURSDAY, November 10

Deadline for December Issue of *New Voice*

FRIDAY, November 11

Keely & Du, Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha, 8pm

SATURDAY, November 12

Omaha Players Club Workshop "Canes/
Paddles/Straps", 2-5pm, Play Party "OPC
Thanksgiving Feast" 8pm, 451-7987 for details

Keely & Du, Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha, 8pm

HGRA Board of Directors meeting at 3:00 and
Membership meeting at 5:00 in Des Moines.

HGRA Stepping Down Show, 9pm, Chances
Bar, Des Moines, Iowa

SUNDAY, November 13

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

Keely & Du, Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha, 7pm

ICON's "Food For Thought" 9:30pm, for
Thanksgiving Baskets for PWA's & MCC
Pantry, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

MONDAY, November 14

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

WEDNESDAY, November 16

Bisexual Network "Bis & Literature"
7:30pm Lincoln 472-5644/476-0314/477-0217

THURS., November 17 - SUN., Nov. 20

Fall Harvest 1994, Transgender Celebration,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the Sheraton Inn.

North American Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
Studies Conference, University of Iowa,
Iowa City, IA 1-319-335-2092

THURSDAY, November 17

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

FRIDAY, November 18

Keely & Du, Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha, 8pm

SATURDAY, November 19

Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater
Nebraska, Bowling at BIG APPLE in Kearney,
8pm, \$1.75 game plus tax, \$1 shoe rental

Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska Contest, 8pm, The
MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

Mr/Miss/Ms Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc.
Contest, 8pm, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha

Keely & Du, Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha, 8pm

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345-1661

Lincoln (A.C. 402)

Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764
Club 2001 500 Sun Valley Road,
476-2001

Q 226 S. 9th St. 475-2269

SUNDAY, November 20

ICON Thanksgiving Dinner for Persons
Living with HIV, 1pm, Unity House, 1007 S.
37, Omaha, Call Unity House, 345-1992, by
November 7 to make reservations

THURSDAY, Nov. 24 THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY, November 27

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

Benefit Show for ANGLE's Information and
Referral Line, Hosted by ICON Emperor XIV
David Hansen, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha

MONDAY, November 28

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

December 1 World AIDS Day

SUNDAY, December 4

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
"Holiday Gathering", 2pm; Mead Hall, First
Methodist Church, 69 & Cass, Omaha

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

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