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## 1994 PRIDE LOGO DEPICTS THEME: STONEWALL 25 -- A GLOBAL CELEBRATION



The winning logo for the 1994 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Celebration was created by Jeannie Moe, a local artist and an active member of the Omaha Players Club. The logo features a globe superimposed on a stone wall, graphically illustrating the 1994 International Pride Celebration Theme: Stonewall 25 -- A Global Celebration. The design was selected by members of A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors), the sponsors of the annual Pride Parade and Celebration.

### FINALLY--THE DATE'S SET by Carla

For seven months now I've been telling all of you that I'd be having back surgery again. Well mark those calendars, June 29 is the date and Bergan is the place. Avoid the rush and pick up a card, flowers, etc. now!

So what's on tap, you ask? Actually it sort of sounds like I may get the pleasure of two surgeries: one to take out those nasty broken screws and a second to put in (now catch this) titanium rings and then a quick tightening of the screws! Only an 8 hour job total they tell me. I'll "sleep" through it; Sharon's got the hard part--sitting in the waiting room! Anyway--that's an update in a nutshell. More info. in July.

### COVER DESIGN BY WADE SWENDSEID

This month's cover is designed by Wade Swendseid from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Wade is the newly selected Regional Board representative to the Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) - the Twin City Chapter. He was very proud to have his parents attend the EAGLE conference dinner with him in Minneapolis in May.

Wade is a single 37-year old gay man from the plains of North Dakota now living in Minneapolis. Wade is a free lance graphic designer in his spare time.

This design was originally created for the Minnesota EAGLE T-shirt design and is currently being used for the Minnesota Quarterly Awards. The design is basically about soaring higher above the rest and being inclusive of all people.

Wade is honored that his artwork is being featured in *The New Voice of Nebraska*.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CONGRESSMAN BILL BARRETT RESPONDS

Dear New Voice:

In March my husband and I wrote letters to Congressman Bill Barrett. We thought you might enjoy reading his form letter. We each received exactly the same letter but on different days. As you can see from our letters, he doesn't address any questions put to him. It is because of people like Bill Barrett that it is so important we have a state legislation to prevent discrimination in hiring or firing due to sexual orientation.

Jan & Harry Brown

Congressman Bill Barrett:

Certainly, Representative Barrett, I understand that the first duty of a politician is to get re-elected. And, of course, by proclaiming a discriminatory policy against gay and lesbian people many votes will accrue to your account.

However, when all your arguments and prophecies of doom against these citizens have been recorded and you and the remainder of Republican Right think you have won over the national electorate, you will continue to be disappointed in the results. Yes, the third district will love you for your policy of discrimination against gay people and you will be re-elected time after time, but the overall strength of your party will continue its decline because of it.

Much like those conservatives who opposed women's suffrage early in this century, and civil

rights legislation more recently, those who oppose the constitutional rights of gay and lesbian people today will eventually be exposed for what they truly are: bigoted, mean-spirited and short-sighted. Like most causes that require moral courage, the conservatives among us will have to be dragged, albeit kicking and screaming, into the new century and into the future of our great nation.

P.S. Check what a true conservative — Barry Goldwater — has to say on this subject.

Sincerely,  
Harry Brown

Representative Barrett,

It is exactly your kind of attitude that makes it so important that we have equal not special rights for gays and lesbians. I live within your district and I am pleased to say I do not argue with your statements. You should hire and fire someone on their capabilities or non-capabilities to do the job. Do I understand you correctly? If someone says he's a homosexual, he doesn't deserve a job? Just because you have someone who is different from you doesn't mean you promote or believe in everything they are.

Whether you want to believe it or not, they have no choice over their homosexuality any more than you do your heterosexuality. Why would anyone choose something that has such bigotry and hatred attached to it?

As a member of Central NE Parents, Friends, Family of Lesbians and Gays, may I say to you — there are gays and lesbians in central NE — many reside in your district. They deserve the same rights and non-discrimination that you enjoy but unfortunately it is not so for them.

It is because of people like you that it makes it more important than ever that we fight for liberty and justice for all.

Sincerely,  
Jan Brown  
P.O. Box 427  
Hendley, NE 68946

Dear Harry,

Thank you for contacting me concerning my office hiring policies. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your comments.

The policies under which I hire and employ staff for the Third Congressional District of Nebraska, including those in my Washington, DC, office and my two district offices in Nebraska, are set out in a written office manual. I abide by the applicable federal statutes and the rules and regulations of the House of Representatives regarding equal employment opportunity. This includes a strict nondiscrimination policy of making employment decisions independent "...of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age, or national origin..."

Our federal civil rights laws do not define homosexuals as a protected class, and an individual's sexual orientation is not covered under the present hiring guidelines of the House. As such, each Member of Congress is free currently to address the issue within their personal office as he or she sees fit.

My own personal and religious convictions lead me to oppose any effort to promote the homosexual lifestyle. But more importantly, my constituents have told me in overwhelming numbers that they do not support the promotion of homosexual lifestyle. Since this office belongs to the people of the Third District, I have concluded that hiring a practicing, openly gay individual would be contradictory to the views of the majority I represent.

When this subject recently became an issue for the press, I could have easily sidestepped any critical headlines with the politically correct response. Rather, I gave an honest and straightforward answer and for that I can offer no further explanation. If you have any other questions or comments, please feel free to contact me again.

Sincerely,  
Bill Barrett  
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

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Little did we know that our dreams would be labeled perverse, that our lives would be threatened and that many of our neighbors would try to force us off our land. We never imagined that armed men would invade our property and that someone would kill a puppy just to threaten us. We never imagined that people could hate so much.

When our dream was threatened, when we feared for our lives, we called for help. Those that were supposed to protect us, the police and local officials, were among those who were conspiring against us. Our U.S. representative condemned our presence and everything we stood for.

We called many places for help, but the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force provided the concern, the caring and the support that we needed. They called upon the federal government, demanding that our rights and our safety be protected. They focused national media attention on our struggle. They sent Robin Kane to Mississippi, where she monitored the hate-filled town meeting and provided the moral support that we needed. And more importantly, NGLTF is working to change to laws that don't protect me and my family, as well as yours, from discrimination, hate and violence.

Support NGLTF. Give them whatever you can, so that in the future, lesbians, gay men and bisexuals will be protected, so that we have someone to call for action, protection and help. Please write a check today! Thank you!

For the future,  
Brenda Henson  
Camp Sister Spirit  
P O Box 12, Ovet, MS 39464

## IN THE LIFE CANCELED

Dear Sharon,

Thought *New Voice* would like to know about the cancellation of *In the Life*.

Dear Bill Gaus:

Nebraska ETV has canceled *In the Life*. We find that the program does not meet the production quality standards of our Network schedule.

However, this cancellation should not be interpreted to mean that NETV will no longer telecast programming dealing with gay and lesbian issues. For example, in June we will be repeating

## GAY & LESBIAN AMERICANS

Dear Editor,

Something new and inspiring is happening in the gay and lesbian community. A new organization called Gay & Lesbian Americans (GLA) has formed to create a true and democratic gay and lesbian movement. GLA is a diverse, nonpartisan coalition of grassroots advocates committed to civil rights for gay and lesbian people and a cure for AIDS. GLA is in the process of coordinating a Grassroots Advocacy Network consisting of local chapters across the country and using phone-trees, letter-writing committees, direct action, advertising and other strategies to promote gay and lesbian issues.

The organization is already taking form and it is time for gay and lesbian Nebraskans to contribute to the shaping of this new grassroots movement. For the first time we have a way to make our voice heard on what actions should be taken on behalf of gay and lesbian people.

Already GLA has formed a platform to push for gay and lesbian civil rights laws, repeal sodomy laws, and increased pressure for a cure for AIDS.

I am optimistic about GLA and really think GLA is going somewhere. GLA is one organization that sees the political dead end of following the Democrats and the need to create a strong energized grass roots movement. GLA is far more open-minded and has more pragmatic form of flexibility. There isn't that sort of myopic mind-set. I would start a Gay & Lesbian Americans of Nebraska chapter myself, but I can tell I have burnt too many bridges with people. I have joined the national organization but I hope someone will start a GLA chapter in Nebraska, by dialing GLA at 1-800-889-5111 or writing them at GLA, 2001 "O" Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-5955, and receive information on how to start a chapter and get things rolling. I would be willing to help out (perhaps which is best done by shutting up) but I am not the one to get this started.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Sullivan

"Silverlake, the View From Here," from last year's POV series. We will be telecasting a new program with the Seattle Gay Men's Chorus, and broadcasting the film *Before Stonewall*, as well as several other PBS specials dealing with gays and lesbians. Thank you for your letter. Letters from viewers are important to assist in determining the broadcast schedule of Nebraska ETV.

Sincerely,  
Gene Bunge  
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# PRISONER PROJECT

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## KENTUCKY PRISONERS

Dear Sharon,

Thanks so much for your time and consideration in your response to my letter! Also *The New Voice* magazine. Your kindness will always be appreciated! I really enjoyed *The New Voice*. I am also an advocate for those who fight for the freedom to freely express that God-given choice. Which is the free will to make that choice as you should so see fit! Regardless of who you are and what you! Free expression is yours! In your endeavors and struggles. (*The New Voice*) for the rights of gays and others. I say power to you and that the sweet taste of triumph. I hope is yours in your cause! Ad: GBM, 44, brown eyes, black hair, 170, 5'7, muscular, preserved. Have nothing to offer but self, friendship, thoughts, true feelings, caring heart. Shave with someone that likes the above mention.

Sincerely,  
Cholly B. Johnson  
KSP - P O 128  
Eddyville, KY 42038

Dear NVN,

A friend of mine here at the prison has one of your complementary subscriptions for inmates. I've read his latest monthly issue and am requesting a subscription for myself if possible. I feel what you are doing is a great gesture and I appreciate it! I will not abuse or take advantage of your generosity. If possible please print the below ad.

GWM, 6'2, 185 lbs., brown eyes and dark, 32 years old, hair, clean and in great shape, smooth skinned, presently incarcerated. Seeking all sincere others for correspondence, and hopefully possibly more. All write to Russell Lee Messer #98543, Kentucky State Prison, POB 128, Eddyville, KY 42038-0128.

Thanking you in advance.

Dear NVN,

If possible would you please print the below listed ad in your magazine. A subscription of my my own would be great!

AD: GWM, 28, 5'10, 180 lbs, dark hair and eyes, athletic build and smooth, presently incarcerated. Am interested in finding a soul mate. Please, no head games, serious inquires only!

Randy Kiper #100254  
Kentucky State Prison - POB 128  
Eddyville, KY 4203800128

Dear Editor,

My name is Ralph Aydelott. I am currently in prison. I don't have the money to have my ad printed in yall's magazine. I was wondering if yall could help me out. I would greatly appreciate it.

Here's my ad. GWM, 6 feet, Brown hair, baby blue eyes, 165 lbs. 35 years old. Fun loving kind and sincere. Seeking gay white males. For long term relationship to share intimate feelings. And lifetime of happiness. Will answer any and all letters. But serious replys only please. Ralph Aydelott #113161, KSP, POB 123, Eddyville KY 42038-0128.

## NEVADA PRISONER

Dear Editor,

I am currently incarcerated for burglary and am doing a 15 year sentence. I just want to know if you can print the following ad in your magazine. I am no longer interested in women anymore. I am 5'10, 160 pds. green eyes, light brown hair and am 19 years. Young, hot, and lonely. Looking for experienced male. Let's talk about life, hopes and dreams. Benny Bond #32116, P O Box 1989, Ely, NV 89301.



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# GAY WITH COLESLAW ON THE SIDE

By Brian Bengtson

Dear Sharon and Carla, the Guardians of Gayness over at *The New Voice*, and all those who know the lyrics to *Somewhere Over The Rainbow*.

Sharon and I both decided that it would be better if I wait until closer to deadline to write my adventures. Seems that too much time on my hands, along with extra sheets of paper create a deadly mix when it comes to the ramblings of Omaha's favorite gay poet with a Barbie lunchbox. Besides, with all the rejection letters that I have been getting lately ("Thanks for your poems, but drag queens and leather harnesses just don't fit in with our small woodland creature motif. If you have any haiku about flying squirrels, please send us a line."), I should be happy that I get any space at all to show my wares.

I'm still enjoying the buzz from last night, where I got to do a reading at DC's as part of the benefit for the Women's Support Group and their efforts to join in the festivities at The Stonewall 25 Celebration. I want to thank all those who came, performed, and supported. I especially want to thank Pat Phalen, who gave me an introduction that made this head swell ever so slightly (he called me "young!!"). It was the first time that I ever read my poetry to a majority of adults who weren't all wired up on caffeine, and I got a spotlight, too.

The month was quite busy:

A.) My cat is now starting all the paperwork to have herself declared as a non-profit corporation. I wonder what she will do with the special bulk-rate postage privileges.

B.) My roommate is all aflutter over his impending June wedding to the bean farmer from Aurora. Once we got through the hell of deciding what to serve at the reception (all those who have an innate fear of Spam are advised to just stay for the ceremony), we now have to deal with the invitations. My suggestion of just renting a billboard on 72nd and Dodge was rebuked because of the problem of where we would divide the line between the Bride and Groom's parties.

C.) The Millard Nebraska Basement Coral Reef, owned and operated by my mother, has been closed to check for structural damages after a nasty incident involving a belly flop during one of the guided tours. Maybe inviting the visiting Sumo wrestling team was a bad idea.

and D.) I discovered the cure for Sunday nights when I must hear Donna Summer's *Bad Girls*. It's Trick's Public House's Sunday Beer Bust. Not only can one sin the afternoon away listening to heathen disco music, one can also get a nice buzz and still be home in time to watch *Married With Children*.

Well, that's about enough for now. Again I want to thank *The New Voice* for letting me ramble once a month.

Love, Peace, and all the shrimp you can eat,  
Brian Bengtson

## IN PRAISE OF THE OTHER MEN

By Brian Bengtson

I see you  
from the corner of my eye,  
bloodshot and hazy.  
You bring the call-drink dowry  
and make the wedding-for-a-night vows  
that you always open with  
We dance,  
and I watch your perspiration give me  
an outline of what I will see  
if our negotiations work.  
I look into your eyes  
for effect  
and to prove my point.  
Take me home  
Rape me to the dance floor beat  
before I even make the coffee.  
Make our time here forbidden,  
make each touch count.  
Don't even bother telling me your name.  
Look at me lying prone  
like it actually might mean something.  
Hold me with the force  
given to that pull down below.  
Let our quick and final gasps  
say the things left in the bottom of the shot glass.  
We wake up  
as the afternoon begins,  
and find our costumes scattered  
around the unmade bed.  
You bring me apologetic instant tea,  
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## RECEPTION

By Brian Bengtson

This is my time, and I sit  
waiting with all the hopeful patience of  
the master's newest bitch, desperate for  
that one bone.

I feel the softness of the pastel couch, and  
try to guess what emotion the color scheme  
is supposed to give me.

I play "Guess My Count" with all the others  
as they sign in at the desk.

I'm too young for this,  
as I think about paying my penance in English Lit,  
those closeted years ago.  
I would watch the back of a boy's head,  
and put the two of us in  
Saturday night sacrilegious settings  
with the pounding beat of all three porno movies  
I had seen.

The guy before me goes in, with his buddy  
holding an arm out of loyal support, and I  
think of my first night at the baths, when I  
told no one. The scared-shitless clutching  
of the off-white towel, as the big blonde with  
a package bought tan, whispers  
"would you come to my room?"  
The short staccato gasps of guilt  
mixed with the new awareness of simple lust  
as I tuck my shirt in at the front door.

I watch the student wheel out  
a cart decorated with little personal red vials,  
and I'm back at the leather bar, in a seldom lit  
corner. Four men form a circle with open flies.  
My head is forced down, and I'm given the  
reward.

I never even saw his face, and I get a stronger  
drink.

I'm too young for this.

My name is called, and I pull myself up,  
walk down the clean corridor, try not to look in  
other doors. I remember the faces on the other  
end of all the phone calls those first few weeks,  
and I replay my first time, just for the innocence.

## A NOTE OF APOLOGY

By Brian Bengtson

I may never get to meet you,  
or part your hair all to one side,  
or even ease you into the chair.  
I may even forget that it was important.

See, it's the blood that makes me tired,  
a gift to make the Magi proud.  
At least, I hope there was passion.

I might get to hear from you,  
in fact, I can almost see you  
on those mornings I wake up in shifts  
with that cough that came with the new year.

It's the regret that shortens my breath;  
the chapters cut that weigh my lungs,  
and a night of love that trimmed off the excess.  
At least, I hope last names were used.

I may never get to tell you  
that the tie has gone out of style,  
or it's time to get new pants.  
I may even forget that it was needed.

## A POEM FOR THE CAJUN

By Brian Bengtson

Three days before Mardi Gras,  
two years later,  
you're thinking bare ass and white beads,  
and I'm thinking wind chill  
and ankle boots.

The streets here are bone-dry bare  
and the slush  
in the gutter  
is made by God this time,  
instead of the tourists.

I smell the cold, now,  
instead of the spilled cup,  
or the nicotine, and added sweat.  
The crowds only get too loud,  
if the concert is live,  
in my living room.

I don't think I need you  
like the first time,  
when you held onto me in the back  
of the bar on Burgundy.  
The uncut LA boy pulled  
at my fly and you whispered,  
"Is this all right?"  
Is he the one?  
Should we take him home?"

Days pass between the rehearsals  
of what I might say,  
instead of just minutes.

I put tape on the boxes  
that came home with me.  
I put a film on the slides  
that rotate in my head.

The night before Bacchus  
(or is it on Sunday?),  
you're thinking three-way and cheap feel;  
I'm thinking rest of my life  
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## FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon  
Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! He shouted at me: "You can't do that! You're as worthless as tits on a boar pig." Guess that's pretty bad, huh? Suppose it should have bothered me, but I was lucky to have a teacher in Grade School (actually she made me memorize) who "taught" me a poem by Edgar Guest called "It Couldn't Be Done" so I sincerely knew I couldn't be THAT worthless. So anyway, as a result of that poem being in my mind when Dad used that line on me as a teenager, it proved to be more of a red flag waving in front of a bull, not feeling worthless. Dad probably thought I was worthless though because I couldn't do what he could...but he also knew he couldn't do what I could. I even used to think maybe he was a bit jealous of me and maybe that was why he lashed out at me so often.

Dad did teach me something so very important however. HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO HATE. It ran so deep in my teenage years I even developed an insidious plan to murder him. That's bad hate, huh? I did get over it though. I left home. Yup! I left home three days after being graduated from High School. Wanted to get away from him so bad I could taste it. I wanted to show him just how worthless I WASN'T... and the sooner the better.

I secretly had called my Uncle Barem out in Puyallup, Washington and lined up a job for myself without Dad knowing. It never hit me 'til later that it was Dad who paid the phone bill. So yeah, like it was a real big secret from him.

Well anyway, I was ready to fly the nest. Said my goodbyes to Mother and my 13-year-old brother. Mother was now on the veranda crying and waving goodbye to me. I was waiting in my car to say goodbye to Dad, but more than that, I was waiting and expecting him to slip me some cash I felt I deserved and needed for survival.

His 280-pound frame lumbered out of the house and over to my car. He said THOSE words again. "Well kid, I've always said you were worthless as tits on a boar pig so you'll probably be home in a couple months." With that he put a few folded-up \$\$ in my hand. "Here kid, stick this into your pocket, you'll probably be needing some cash." Naive me pocketed the cash without even a thought about looking to see what he'd given me. I probably drove a bit faster than normal as I sped down the gravel country road to the big double-lane tar Highway 46 which would

take me away... away from this man who angered me so. Worthless?! I'd show him. I'd get out on my showbusiness work which he seemed to dislike and do the manual labor work which he was always boasting he could do and I couldn't. Uncle Barem had a berry cannery and I was going to start working for him on the docks. Thought out to be macho enough to impress Dad, I thought. I was feeling no pain as the car sped along. It was a wonderful feeling of freedom and I must have sung my heart out for the first few hundred miles.

Oops! Tummies hungry! My first stop for gas and a bite to eat. "Fill it up" I told the gas station attendant as I walked into the station restaurant. When I confidently whipped out the cash Dad had palmed me, I couldn't believe my eyes!! They were NOT the \$100 bills I assumed they were. They were stinkin' little ONES! I washed dishes to pay my bill and get something to eat. I thought I'd been angry before at Dad but this put icing on the cake. Those dishes had never been handled so roughly. I said every bad word I'd ever learned. I didn't even have to light a cigarette for smoke to come out my nose.

As I drove away from that little town in the middle of nowhere, I vowed never to speak to Dad again until I was so damn successful I could rub it in his face. He never even asked me where I was going. Well a few more stops and a few more dishes and I finally made it to Washington. It was over a year later when I spoke with Dad again, when I went back to pick up my new '54 Bel Aire four-door. Paid cash!

Oh, my anger and hatred for Dad hung around for a few more years, even though his heart attacks and being buried alive in a landslide and surviving to live as an invalid for the remainder of his life. My anger hung around 'til I told it to leave and replaced it with a love I never dreamed could exist for this man I'd hated all my life. It took a lot of conversations, but a few years later I finally heard him say "I love you." I did have to put him on the spot though. Actually, I FORCED him to say the words. After he'd uttered them, he started to cry. It was the first time I'd seen him cry so I left the room to leave him to his thoughts.

Yeah, our choices of a male genetic tie can be a real pain in our butt, can't they? I learned to be thankful for my choice of my male genetic tie however. Through my hatred I learned about the reality of a very unique love which could exist between a man and his prodigy. I learned a LOT about myself. He left me with an unusual legacy of quips from the lips of a 4th Grader - his highest school year - quips which have embedded themselves into my memory banks. I find it interesting now, years later, that I can't remember the physical pain he caused me to endure from my whippings as a youth. I think this says something doesn't it? Maturation is a bitch, huh?

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads who are lucky enough to have a lesbian or gay child.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

Mr. Landon is former *Mg. Editor of Zipper Magazine and the Coast to Coast Times. His autobiographical legacy: The Closets Are Empty... The Dining Room's Full is in hardback by Ponderosa Publishing House.*

## ABORTION AND BREAST CANCER?

New scientific evidence shows that the increase in abortions worldwide is concurrent with — and quite possibly has caused — a sharp increase in breast cancer. Breast cancer has increased by 50% since abortion was legalized in 1973, and is on the rise around the world. Over twenty studies indicate that women who abort their first pregnancy have a much higher risk of developing cancer.

A first pregnancy permanently changes the structure of a woman's breasts. Before she is pregnant, her breasts cannot produce milk, as the gland cells are immature and underdeveloped. When she becomes pregnant, estrogen and other hormones flood her system. This results in rapid growth in size, while the internal structure undergoes dramatic change.

Cells, previously dormant, rapidly grow into a system of branching ducts and gland cells capable of producing milk. Once this growth, change, and maturing is complete, there is no further significant change for the rest of her life. Once mature, the chance of the breast developing cancer is much less.

When these cells are changing and transitional, they are less stable and have much greater potential of becoming cancerous. If the woman completes her first pregnancy, this unstable period passes and her gland cells mature and stabilize.

But — if she interrupts her pregnancy in its early phase — and 90% of abortions are done in the first trimester — she in effect stops the development of the cells at this unstable, transitional phase. It seems apparent that cancerous changes can and do occur more frequently among those transitional cells of a woman who has terminated her pregnancy. If she aborts more than once before completing a pregnancy, her chance of cancer increases even more. A subsequent full pregnancy helps, but sadly never removes the sharply increased threat of cancer.

For instance, a 15 year old American girl has a 10% lifetime risk of breast cancer. If she gets pregnant in her teens and has the baby, she reduces her risk to 7.5%. However, if she has an abortion, her risk rises to 15% (assuming that she has at least one child in her 20's). If the abortion sterilizes her and/or for other reason she never has another pregnancy, her risk rises to 30%.

Plagiarized from LJI and AIM sources.  
- PLAGAL MEMORANDUM  
The New Voice readers are asked to respond to this article.

## RUSH'S MAIN SQUEEZE

Adding insult to injury, the Florida Citrus Commission, which was represented in the 1970s by arch-homophobe Anita Bryant, has chosen radio and television personality Rush Limbaugh as its new spokesperson. Limbaugh has made a career of mocking the concerns of our community, including our civil-rights movement and our fight against AIDS.

Put the squeeze on: The Florida Citrus Commission, Public Relations Department, PO Box 148, Lakeland, FL 33802-0148.

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# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: Hug Your Bookstore

by Shelley Roberts

How's your bookstore doing, if it's not too impertinent of me to ask?

If your hometown is anything like mine, you're lucky enough to have a pink triangle establishment run by some brave literary adventurer who firmly believes that there's actually enough money in a bookstore operation to pay rent and order from New York in the same month. Probably somebody who reads, and thinks that maybe other people do too. And so far, nothing's happened to totally disavow them of that flimsy conviction.

If your community is also anything like mine, you probably don't even think much about the bookstore. It's just there. Whenever you need it. Kind of like the living room furniture. You know exactly where everything is, but if you woke up one morning and sat down suddenly in a surprisingly empty room, you'd be in for a rather rude awakening as your *derniere* made acquaintance with unoccupied space.

Now, I'm not meaning to suggest that anything's fiscally critical with your bookstore in particular at the moment, but in my neck of the woods, we've had two such lavender enterprises head for entrepreneur's heaven in the last couple of years. And since I started writing books exclusively for our community, I've become very close to the brave local soul who took on the task of serving the literary whims of the rainbow flag. Talk about risky business! Phew! 'Bout the same odds of success that my dad had when he bought himself a Geiger counter in the late fifties, and set out into the Nevada desert in search of our weekend

fortune. He didn't die from the enterprise, but we sure didn't get rich and famous for the effort either.

And as the jingle bell season freight trains rapidly toward whatever's so far undisposed of our disposable income, it seems to me that this is a really good time to remind us exactly what our local bookstore means to the community. The stuff it does that we hardly ever pay for.

Need the pride newspapers? The local community map? A room mate service? Where ya gonna go? The bookstore.

Have an occasion for some amethyst anything? The bookstore's got it in a showcase that has little literary in its occupation. If you want a rainbow bumper sticker, or a set of values to adorn the Acura, that's right, the bookstore. When you want to know where the meeting is, what the neighborhood is like, who to trust with your trusty a) roof repairs, b) spare time, c) loose change, there's almost always an Aunt Blabby behind the counter perfectly willing to tell you where to go. Want a doctor's referral? Ask at the bookstore. Real estate agent? Chiropractor? Astrologist? Check out the bulletin board, or any of the local periodicals. (Usually free). Where? You guessed it. At the bookstore. One bookstore I visited had classes in everything from cookery to crockery, from American Sign Language to Being Careful What Papers You Sign, a minimal fee, and *didn't bother to charge for the books*. Bravae!

And this is in addition to offering even the remotest editions from Naiad, Alyson, Firebrand,



Paradigm, Rising Tide, Cleis, Clothespin, Gay Men's Press, Spinster, or New Victoria, not to mention either Simon or Schuster. The kind of specialty titles we want to have at any available whim, but that Books R Us never bothers to carry.

What's the reward for such community contributions? All too often, it's cashless folks, killing an hour mindlessly meandering the merchandise. Who'll be more than happy to tell the staff exactly how much less any given tome is at Barnes and Ignoble (who can afford to buy titles by the trailertruck-ful and who almost never carry buttons that tell anyone in your immediate vicinity what they should or shouldn't presume about your orientation.) And, of course, there are the folks who mistake the bookstore for the local lending library. Browsing is one thing, but going into the back room and drooling over everything hunky, without once even offering a farthing, or a phenig for the privilege. Well, is it any wonder that most of the bookstores I've met have lately taken to stapling and Saran Wrapping the stock?

Did I mention shoplifting? How appallingly much merchandise seems to depart without benefit of cash register receipts? I mean, I understand how that could happen in your basic anono-corporate Humungo Emporium. Faceless checkers amidst boring irrelevant displays. But to steal from *your friends and family*? Why?

I'm sorry. I didn't mean to tie on a tirade. And I know that I really don't believe we owe any business a living just because they are community members, if they don't deliver the goods and

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Two of the songs on the album — *Living On* and *In the Best Interest of the Children* — were written in honor and to benefit "In the Best Interests of the Children Inc.", a pediatric AIDS organization in Danvers, Massachusetts. Michael Callen, "the Diva" and former member of The Flirtations, joins Cris and Tret on both these songs.

Singer/songwriter Cris Williamson is one of the most successful artists in the independent music industry. She has performed in virtually every major concert hall in the United States — including two sold-out performances at Carnegie Hall — recorded 13 albums with Olivia Records, and has sold nearly one million. Her landmark album, *The Changer and the Changed*, has sold more than a quarter of a million copies, and it was complemented recently by a video documentary entitled *The Changer: A Record of the Times*, which chronicles the history of women's music since 1973.

Tret Fure, singer, songwriter, instrumentalist, engineer and producer, has been recording and producing albums for Olivia Records since 1975. Her versatility is apparent in each of her previous albums, which range in style from exciting, vibrant pop rock to intimate folk songs of love and family, lost and found.

*Postcards from Paradise* is released by Olivia Records in Oakland, California. Call 1-800-631-6277 to order or for more information.



Gary previews a new selection for The MAX

## MAX DJ KEEPS DANCE CROWD SPINNING

by Martin Alan

"If you're feeling horny, scream!" Whether you are horny, single, crazy, or frustrated with life, you will probably scream at least once a night when Gary Frazer is working the DJ booth at The Max. He is the one barking those commands. "It builds energy in the room — it gets people going," Frazer recently told *The New Voice*.

Frazer is more than just a DJ, he is also the club's director of music programming. When he is not spinning records or CD's, you will find him spinning in his chair in the back office. Frazer will be talking to record companies to make sure Omaha's most popular dance club stays current. When he is not talking to the record companies, he will be on the phone sharing thoughts and ideas with several local radio DJ's.

He is also a member of something called a "pool". Actually, he is a member of more than one pool. They are groups of radio stations, dance clubs, and private DJ's who stay on top and in touch with the music industry. They provide The Max with new music on a weekly basis. Frazer and the other DJ's test that music every night. "What do I look for? When I look for a song, I look for the beat, the artist, and the feel of the music. Is it easy to dance to, energetic?" Frazer said. Every song that is played is then rated on how well the crowd responded. In other words, did it work?

The music has to have energy to be played at The Max. Frazer said, "I'm not doing my job if my dance floor is empty. The difference between me and a radio station DJ is I try to predict, forecast, and keep you on the dance floor. Some nights, I can look around and see 10 to 20 people moving to the beat off the dance floor. They don't want to get out on the dance floor because nobody else is out dancing. If some people would initiate the move out, then those 10 to 20 would draw 10 to 20 on the dance floor." He acknowledges that some people avoid empty dance floors because they are shy. That includes at least one writer for *The New Voice*. That is why the lighting is kept low early in the evening — to encourage people to dance.

Frazer loves to see a crowded dance floor, and he is occasionally surprised by how popular a song becomes. Two examples of that are Aretha Franklin's *A Deeper Love* and Robin S's *I Want To Thank You*. Even with the few surprises, Frazer takes pride in forecasting which songs will become popular. At the end of April, he predicted that Juliet Roberts' *I Want You* would hit the top of the charts. It was already playing The Max and people were responding by hitting the dance floor. It is June now — was he right?

Playing music as a DJ can get political too. Frazer said that he received

criticism a few years ago when he played tunes by Donna Summer. Summer had been condemning homosexuality after becoming a born-again Christian. She had been using her concerts as a forum where she claimed that AIDS had been sent by God to punish gay men. Frazer said once he learned why people were complaining, Summer's music was no longer played. Summer has apologized since then, and her music has been generally accepted once again. The same thing happened with music by Marky Mark. Complaints about his verbal gay bashing were enough that Frazer stopped playing his music.

Changes are the horizon at The Max. Frazer said customers should look forward to the changes. Among other things, The Max is increasing the wattage used in the disco area. The club's sound technician has told him that when all the improvements are made, the club will have a sound that is equivalent to a rock concert in a 1500-seat auditorium. "Nothing is wrong with the sound now. We just want MORE sound," he said. "We'll have more sound than we'll need by a long shot."

Frazer is celebrating his first anniversary since returning to The Max. His first tenure as a DJ at The Max was in the 1980's. He decided to move to Red Oak, Iowa where he worked at a radio station. The club scene became a part of his life again a few years later when he spun records at The Metro and The Run. He returned to The Max in June 1993. "One of the reasons I like working here is because we don't let things lie. We stay on the leading edge," said Frazer.

If someone requests a song which The Max does not have in its library, Frazer will find it. Once he finds it, "We'll choose the version that has the best beat to it. Occasionally, I'll throw in a different mix to throw off the the dance crowd. A predictable DJ is a burned out DJ."

As you might expect, music has always been a big part of Frazer's life. It started as a hobby when he was very young. He grew up playing the keyboard, drums, french horn, and trumpet. He has invested thousands of dollars in music and music equipment, which is mostly in storage now. He said he has no reason to use most of it, "because I basically sleep and shower at home and head out the door." When he's not at The Max, you might find him working at Chef Bob's in The Old Market. This guy holds down two jobs and still wants to do more with life. He enjoys boating, water skiing, and camping. One day, he would like to learn how to fly a plane. It makes you wonder if he will be spinning in the pilot's seat, flying over the Heartland barking, "If you're feeling horny, scream!" (But will anyone hear him?)

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services in a pleasant, businesslike manner. It's just that almost regardless, the bookstore is the single exception I am universally willing to make. It's the one going concern whose going continues to concern me. Even inefficiently run, it still delivers more, dollar for community dollar, than even the most generous buyers actually paid for.

And these are wonderful places. Outbooks in Ft. Lauderdale. Glad Day in Boston. Oscar Wilde Memorial in New York. A Women's Prerogative in Dearborn. White Rabbit in the Carolinas. Lammis and Lambda Rising in DC. Charis in Atlanta. Full Circle in Albuquerque. Paradigm in San Diego. Beyond the Closet in Seattle. People Like Us in Chicago. Yours in Yourtown.

In case you haven't glanced at your Rolex ident-a-date lately, it's that time again, when you start to scour the landscape for green-and-red or blue-and-silver wrappable trinkets and doo-dads. Could I suggest setting the mall aside, and considering a new starting place for this year's annual scavenger hunt? Your gay and/or lesbian bookstore. In addition to incense and harmony balls, freedom rings, and unguent oils, satin boxer shorts, and t-shirts defying all description, there are wonderful books there. Titles that tuck snugly

into stockings, that fit flatly into the post office slots, and that pile impressively under a pine.

Maybe there is one place in our world, after all, for all they do for us, that we do actually owe a decent living to. Tell 'em I sent you.

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### GAO STUDY

The Government Accounting Office (GAO) is studying the problems gays, lesbians, and bisexuals have had getting security clearances with the US government. GAO is collecting information about such cases and will present its findings to Congress.

If you or anyone you know would like to help document the kinds of harassment and inappropriate questions that have been part of security clearance investigations, please contact Elizabeth Mead at GAO, 441 G. St., NW, Room 5100, Washington, DC 20548 or by phone at 202-512-3945.

## SEVEN

By De Moreland

Seven

speaks his wisdom resting on the edge of daily comprehension. He might be touched, but everybody knows he ain't no fool. Prophet on the pavement, his coat of many colors shouts out loud foretells his coming. Philosophy through poetry this urban dervish spins his verbal turbulence floats and swoops in testimony, hoots and hollers here and now, proclaims you as his own.

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

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

**Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept,** 2200 St  
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 471-8065  
Alt. test site at Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tuesday

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

**Native American Community Development  
Corp,** 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471

**Nebraska AIDS Project,** 3624 Leavenworth,  
Omaha 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437]

**Nebraska Association of Farm Workers,**  
4939 S. 24, Omaha, 68107 (402) 734-4100

**Nebraska Department of Health, Norfolk  
Regional Ctr, Admin Bldg #16,** (402) 370-3395

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

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

**AIDS Support Group:** Sponsored by Parents/  
Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Lincoln (PFLAG),  
Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437

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

**Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,**  
Meets 1st Monday of each month. For more  
info, phone Barb (308) 234-8183.

**Lincoln Caseworker,** (402) 474-4243

**Nebraska AIDS Project,** 3624 Leavenworth,  
Omaha, Individual counseling, support  
groups-confidential locations. (402) 342-4233

**North Platte Area Support Group,**  
Call: (308) 535-8133

**Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support  
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## HOME HEALTH CARE

**LINK-ON Home Health Care,** 2118 South St.  
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## AIDS ADVOCACY

**AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),**  
For anyone living with AIDS or HIV and those  
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AIDS Project, 342-4233, for details.

## 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 So., Rm 411, Lincoln 68508, 474-3017,  
Services: 7pm, 4th Mon, St Marks, 14th & R

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

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

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

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

**Lincoln Cancer Cntr,** 4600 Valley, 483-1872

**Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept** 2200  
StMarys, Lincoln 68502, 471-8065 Testing,  
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**Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center,** AIDS  
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**Lincoln Office:** (402) 474-4243  
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Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 234-8183

**Nebr Dept of Health,** 3423 2nd Ave, Kearney  
68847, Call Sharon (308) 234-8709

**NE Dept of Health,** Craft St. Office Bldg, 200  
So. Silber, NorthPlatte 69101 (308) 535-8133

**Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center,** UNMC,  
600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227

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

**ScottsBluff Co Health Dept,** County Admin  
Bldg, Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866

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worth, Omaha 346-8800; Dean Pierce, x 4119

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

## INFORMATION BY FAX ON HIV-RELATED FUNDING

The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) is pleased to announce a new fax-on-demand system that will feature funding alerts for public and private grants related to HIV disease and AIDS. NAPWA Fax is a state-of-the-art system designed to provide timely information, free-of-charge, to care providers and people living with HIV disease — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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# STONEWALL 25

## STONEWALL WAS A RIOT

by Dave Hays



In late June of 1969, angry reaction to a routine police raid on a tiny gay bar in New York City sent a ripple through the gay and lesbian community that is still having a major effect on America.

Much has been written about the Stonewall riots, some based on myth, some a bit overblown, but the dramatic results are all around us. Almost overnight, tens of thousands of gay people across the country made the decision to come out of their closets and be involved in the gay and lesbian movement. In the 20 years preceding Stonewall, fewer than 50 homosexual organizations existed in the U.S., but by 1973 over 800 groups were offering support and fighting discrimination.

Before Stonewall, demonstrations by gay people even in the largest of cities attracted only a few dozen hard-core activists. In June of 1970 for the first anniversary of Stonewall, at least 5,000 people marched in the streets of New York City and thousands more marched the following year in several cities. The concept of gay and lesbian "Freedom Marches" each June spread across the country, giving birth to today's "Pride Parades" and related events drawing millions of participants in every corner of the world.

### Before Stonewall

To understand why there was a riot at the Stonewall Inn in 1969, we have to remember what life was like for gays and lesbians in the 1950s and 60s. Homosexuals were considered by most experts and authorities to be people with a form of mental illness and sexual dysfunction that needed treatment. Homosexual acts were against the law and police seemed to take pleasure in arresting anyone thought to be gay or lesbian. People were humiliated, harassed and sometimes thrown in jail on false charges. Politicians won elections by promising to rid cities of this "perversion". Senator Joseph McCarthy received much support for his congressional hearings to weed out homosexuals and Communists in the government, Hollywood and society in general.

In the face of this attack on gays and lesbians at all levels, a few groups began to offer support and fight back. The Mattachine Society of New York became a leader in the new movement and its president, Dick Leitsch, was one of the first gay people in the nation to openly use his full name in seeking to publicize gay and lesbian

oppression. In 1987, *The Advocate* published a feature story by former Mattachine Newsletter reporter Robert Amsel. He said Leitsch began using the court system to fight institutionalized discrimination, and he began to win.

The New York State Liquor Authority (and many similar bodies nationwide) had a long-standing policy that any meeting of three or more homosexuals in a bar was justification to pull the liquor license of the business. Bars that attracted gay people were often raided by police, and the owners and customers caught in such a raid were happy to escape without being named in the media. Anyone who protested police action risked arrest and possibly physical abuse.

In 1966 Leitsch and the Mattachine Society staged a well-publicized protest at a Manhattan gay bar, with legal support from ACLU, forcing the New York Liquor Authority to back away from a potential lawsuit and change its policy. Gay bars became legal in New York. However, homosexual acts were still treated as crimes and police sent handsome undercover cops into gay bars. The officers would try to get gay men to make a pass or propose a sexual encounter. This type of harassment and entrapment became more frequent and widespread.

Police found another good excuse to raid gay bars when it became known that many of them in the late 1960s were being operated by the Mafia. Undercover investigators would look for even the slightest violations of the fire code, liquor and dancing ordinances, or other laws. In *The Advocate's* feature, remembering the Stonewall riots, Amsel set up the mood of the week. Movie star Judy Garland died on Sunday, June 22, 1969, and was buried that Friday, the 27th. The thousands of gay men who had idolized her were in mourning and at an emotional edge. It didn't help that police raided two gay bars that week in the Greenwich Village section of town.

### "What a dump"

According to Amsel's first-hand description, the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in "The Village" was a run-down pub rumored to be operated by the Mafia. It was an after-hours private club for members only, or anyone who could afford three dollars and find a club "sponsor" for the evening. The former owners of the Stonewall had been burned out and, a year later, new owners covered the soot with black paint and mirrors. There were few repairs done and no liquor license was purchased. The bar was known to be a neighborhood drug connection and was the suspected source of a hepatitis outbreak. It was the perfect target for police.

The Stonewall had two large rooms, one the dance floor, the other was the bar. The customers who squeezed into the place were mostly young men, usually hippies, ethnic minorities, street people, drag queens, and under-age teens who had nowhere else to go. Many of the Stonewall's customers that week in June of 1969 had already been forced out of other neighborhood bars by raids, and they were not happy campers. That Friday night was hot, there was a full moon, Judy was buried, and the police were on the prowl.

The door was smashed open again and the detectives grabbed a fire hose hoping to hold off

the crowd. But the weak stream of water only made the floor slippery. As a side door started to give in to the crowd, one cop yelled, "Get away from there or I'll shoot!" With the front door wide open, the side door being attacked and the boarded up windows being broken out, the cops all took out their pistols. Smith's *Village Voice* report said, "One detective arms himself in addition with a sawed-off baseball bat he has found. I hear 'We'll shoot the first motherfucker that comes through the door.'" Then Smith saw an arm come through the window space and a squirt of liquid onto the floor followed by a lit match. As flames spread across the floor, sirens were heard and the crowds scattered.

According to the *New York Times*, the first night's riot lasted 45 minutes and involved 400 youths. After the area was cleared and the small fire put out, Smith went back inside to find the police had smashed all the mirrors, juke boxes, phones, toilets and cigarette machines in their anger. No one else had been inside, but the courts would later find police innocent of vandalism.

### Riot Number 2

The management of the Stonewall bailed its employees out of jail, restocked its liquor and reopened Saturday night. But the management couldn't keep customers from spilling onto Christopher Street with shouts like "Gay Power!" The sounds of freedom from tyranny echoed down the street with what Amsel called a "strong feeling of gay community and a strong fighting spirit, an intoxicating sense of release." He remembered the crowd growing as people began kissing and hugging and shouting.

Police arrived with helmets and clubs, but they were not prepared for the huge crowd which filled every doorway, street, alley, even rooftops. As cops chased protesters, larger groups of gay bystanders also started running, until someone in the crowd yelled "Stop!" They collectively seemed to realize that the gays outnumbered the cops, and the chase scene was reversed.

"Gay Power" graffiti showed up on the boarded Stonewall windows and small fires were reported throughout the neighborhood. *The Times* reported that the "near riot" was dispersed by 3 a.m. and about 400 people were again involved. Area residents said it looked more like thousands.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night crowds were much smaller and more quiet, with a couple of minor exceptions. Amsel recalled cops in their cars yelling obscenities, and groups of youths and bystanders yelling threats right back. Cops walking their beat would swing their nightsticks at pedestrians and make rude comments. Firecrackers would go off and people would run down the street in a cat and mouse game.

### The Third Riot

The scene turned ugly on Wednesday, July 2, the day the weekly *Village Voice* hit the newsstands with Howard Smith's report on the Stonewall riots. The story attracted many radicals to the village such as the Black Panthers, Yippies and street gangs. Looting and vandalism targeted many of the gay-owned shops. Cops began striking at pedestrians in the neighborhood. Amsel reported "Young people, many of them queens,

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# A GLOBAL CELEBRATION

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were lying on the sidewalk, bleeding from the head, face, mouth and even the eyes. Others were nursing bruised and often bleeding arms, legs, backs and necks." No violence was reported on the nights that followed.

As a result of the series of riots, the police harassment and violence, and the court cases which never settled anything, new gay and lesbian organizations began springing up. The Gay Liberation Front became a more radical version of the Mattachine Society and similar groups could soon be found across the country, including one of the nation's first college groups at the University of Iowa. While the Stonewall riots may not have been the glorious fight for freedom that has become romanticized over the years, the events mobilized a community of gays and lesbians. Gone were the days of the punsters who fled when someone yelled a name or threatened violence. It was the beginning of a sense of pride.

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## PRIDE AT WORK

The Organizing Committee for Pride at Work/Stonewall 25: A National Lesbian/Gay/Bi Labor Conference announced that their founding meeting will take place in New York City on June 24, 1994. Both the trade unions and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender movements are under attack from numerous radical right-wing factions. Recognizing this, labor activists representing local Lesbian/Gay/Labor groups from across the country met on April 26, 1993, one day after the 1993 March on Washington. At this initial meeting, plans started for a national organization that recognizes the natural alliance of the two movements.

"As lesbian and gay workers, we personally know about Right-Wing attacks. The Radical Right-Wing has used attacks on lesbian and gay men as one of their main rallying cries as they organize their whole anti-worker agenda. In response, we are forming an organization to use our combined experiences and strengths to better fight for our rights. Pride at Work will also better enable us to educate both the Lesbian and Gay Community about the workers rights agenda as well as the Labor movement about the concerns of its lesbians and gay members," states Organizing Committee Co-Chair Teresa Conrow.

The Pride at Work Conference will bring together lesbian and gay trade unionists and their supporters to address these and other issues. The Conference will take place on Friday, June 24, 1994 (just two days prior to the Stonewall 25 Celebration), at the Office of AFSCME District Council 37, 125 Barclay Street in New York City.

For more information, please call the Pride at Work National Conference Hotline at (617)422-1561.

## EARLY GAY ACTIVISTS UNITE AT STONEWALL

A celebration of the activists of the Gay Liberation Front who started the modern-day gay liberation movement will take place during Stonewall 25. While several homophile organizations were in existence in 1969, and gays had fought back against police harassment before, what made the Stonewall Rebellion significant was the strong national movement that it began. Gay Liberation Front (GLF) in New York, started immediately after the riot, was the first militant organized response, and GLF groups quickly appeared across the country and around the world.

The Women's, Anti-War, and Anti-Racist movements had set the stage. GLF was where it came together for lesbians and gays. It was in GLF meetings that "coming out" was first defined as a political act. "Out of the Closets and Into the Streets!" became the watchword of a new political movement. GLF organized the first anniversary march of thousands of open gays and lesbians up Sixth Avenue in New York City, demonstrating their new-found political strength. It adapted the technique of "consciousness raising" from the women's movement, held demonstrations to bring the issue of gay rights into the public consciousness, began the first gay community center in NYC, and made strategic alliances with many other movements on the political left. Although the group had a lifespan of only a few years, the issues that it identified and struggled with are very much a part of the issues that the gay movement and society still face today.

A two-day program is planned in New York University, on Friday and Saturday, June 24-25, 1994, sponsored by the Association of Lesbian and Gay Faculty, Administrators, and Staff (ALGFAS) at NYU and organized by 4 early pioneers in New York's and Chicago's GLF's, Jim Clifford, Steven Dansky, Murray Edelman, and Henry Wiembhoff. A group of filmmakers working on a film recording the history of GLF in New York will be on hand, both to show a short segment of footage that they had already shot for this documentary film as well as capture additional footage of this historic two-day event.

A call is out to all activists who participated in any of these early Gay Liberation Front organizations to attend. For more information about the program or to RSVP to the reunion, contact GLF 25th Reunion, %Persona Productions, PO Box 14022, San Francisco, CA 94114, or call 415-775-6143.

## MCC PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will participate in the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People on June 26 in New York City.

The march and related events commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, a landmark in the modern lesbian/gay rights movement. Rev. Matthew Howard pastor of the church, plans to attend the march, along with at least 12 members of the congregation.

The church is one of the nearly 300 churches

## STONEWALL 25

Welcome to Stonewall 25.

Word is definitely out that something is going on in New York this June. Indeed.

The 1969 Stonewall Riot was a catalyst in the development of our self-determination. In commemorating that uprising, at which drag queens and kings, fags and dykes first held their ground against police brutality, Stonewall 25 is organizing a massive Human Rights March on the United Nations. Since the idea was presented in 1985, Stonewall 25 has grown into an event that will redefine our movement, not only in this country, but around the globe. Over 80 nations are organizing to come to New York.

We will march as openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, drag and transgender people. We will celebrate our heritage and our pride. We will call on the United Nations to affirm our human rights as lesbians and gay people. We will call for a global support for people with AIDS and the removal of cross-border barriers for people with HIV or AIDS. We will hold a series of actions and lobbying efforts, including a civil disobedience.

As we protest, we will also march in pride, parading our diversity and our culture. Our ability to overcome the oppression of violence, discrimination and murder is intrinsically tied to our ability to sing, to play and to dance. So, we encourage you to bring colorful banners and displays of our pride and history.

Our attendance will show the world and ourselves that, as we boldly march down the street together, we will take hold of and determine our destiny.

Stonewall 25 will not just last a weekend. With over thirty national and international meetings planned for New York City, culminating in the 16th Annual International Lesbian and Gay Association Conference, Stonewall 25 will be drawing more of our global community and leaders to one city in one month than ever before. It is at these conferences that the direction of the next twenty-five years of this movement will be formed. We will organize to fight the right, fight for AIDS services and fight for our right of expression. Stonewall 25 is just the beginning.

So, come to New York City this June. Bring your sneakers, your boots, your heels, your penny loafers and keep on marching.

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in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC), an international Christian denomination with a primary ministry in the lesbian and gay community, open to all.

Other events being sponsored by MCC in conjunction with Stonewall 25 are "Hands Around the God-Box," a bold prayer event confronting religious homophobia on June 24, and "Celebrating Stonewall 25: A Generation of Faith and Freedom" at Lincoln Center, June 25, featuring Rev. Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and moderator.

## 5 FRIENDS RECEIVE GOLDSMITH AWARDS

Five people have received the Dr. Johathan C. Goldsmith Caregiver Award for their volunteer work in the community.

This year's awards went to Dr. Mardy Buss, Helen Jordon, Colleen Kibbie-Vest, Grace Sundermeier and Brother William Woeger.

The award is presented to individuals and organizations who have sought to educate the community about the need to prevent the spread of HIV and the need to provide services to persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The award is named after Dr. Goldsmith, who was a physician at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's HIV Clinic.

## A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

by Stan Brown

Pride Month is finally here and there is a lot going on in the community during June. First of all, please join us as we celebrate Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Pride and Stonewall 25 with our Pride Parade and picnic on Sunday, June 12. We will meet starting at 3:00 p.m. at Turner Park on 31st and Farnam Streets with step down at 4:00 p.m. Look for another article about Pride events in this *New Voice* issue. Also look for your free copy of our 2nd annual Pride Guide at all the bars, community events and other locations around town.

Thank you again to the Dundee Dinner Theatre for our joint event there with the Imperial Court of Nebraska. Both groups raised \$224 with ANGLE's portion going to help fund the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral line.

Another thank you to everyone who attended our brunch at The Max on May 15. To the staff and owners of The Max, Don and Bruce, we send our thanks and appreciation for all you do for our community.

The Max is also the place to be on Sunday, June 19, at 9:30 p.m. Please join me (Inga) for my 3rd Annual Pride Variety Show for A.N.G.L.E. I have a great line-up of entertainers already confirmed: R.N. Hedges and Rex singing live; Miss Max, Vivian Cartwright; Mr. Max, Tim Pederson; Miss Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Madame X; Mr. & Mrs. Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Patrick and Kris; Empress XII, Phoenix Fallentine; Emperor XII Steve Koeller as Stella Dallas; Empress Felice Whitney; Jennifer Jett; Sugar and Spice and many more. Besides the great talent we will also have a raffle of items donated by the community including tickets, jewelry, and gift certificates.

Look for information at all the bars and other locations about a cookout and after Stonewall Party at the Chesterfield in July. More details will be in the July issue of *The New Voice*. Don't forget to contact the Gay/Lesbian phone line (558-5303) if you are still interested in helping with any of our Gay Pride events. As always, please join us for our monthly meeting the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., UNO Religions Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd.

## DROP IN CENTER ON TARGET

It was almost midnight as we pulled into a parking place near 17th and Leavenworth. In the glow of a street light across the street, a young man thumbed his way through a copy of *The New Voice*. A little further up the street a younger man walked with an occasional anxious glance toward the cars going by. One of them slowed and turned the corner, pausing just a little way down the street. The young man's pace quickened.

At 1723 Leavenworth large picture windows let us look into a large room with a few shabby chairs and some old desks. Parts of the room were divided off with dusty partitions. Four people sat just inside the door, which was left open to invite others inside. A few blocks away, Mike was at the bars passing out condoms and pamphlets and talking with the patrons. He would return when his bag was empty.

I went inside the "Drop In Center" with notebook in hand, anxious to find out what this place was all about. I was greeted warmly by Merritt Stinson, Coordinator of the Center, and the other volunteers who work the Center. Shelley and Paula act as receptionists. Roz is the "regular" phlebotomist but this night Jane Pierson was helping out also. Merritt and John Vaccaro would do counseling if it was needed.

The volunteers talked openly about the Center and recounted its history for me. This special outreach was started 1 1/2 years ago as a combined effort of the Douglas County Health Department and the Nebraska AIDS Project. The space is rented jointly by the two organizations and then Health Department provides the educational material and the condoms and NAP provides the volunteers. The Center is designed to reach the highest risk populations: the male and female hustlers who work the streets and those who share needles. The idea came into being in response to a letter which was received telling how a young person had become infected through IV drug use. The Center also targets the under 21 age group who come to the bars for after hours dancing. When the Center first opened the main emphasis was on outreach — going out into the streets and into the bars and talking with people about HIV and about prevention. However, in just three or four months the Center had expanded to include HIV testing.

The Drop In Center is only open every other Friday night from 9 pm to 2 am. Test results are given out from 9 - 10pm and from 10pm - 2pm testing and counseling take place. Despite these limited hours, the Center has tested nearly 100 people with a 12% rate of positives — the highest rate of any test Center in the state.

However, lots of people just stop by the Center to talk and perhaps have a soda or a cup of coffee. While I was there a tall queen in a sequined dress stopped inside to talk for a few minutes before going on to the bars. A man of indeterminate age stopped briefly to talk about a book he'd found at the public library. Other people waved as they went by.

The staff told how surprised the people on the street had been when they started going out and

talking and handing out condoms. Now they are familiar figures. A few people turn down the condoms, saying they don't need them — that they aren't going to be doing anything. That's okay with the volunteers. "At least they know we're here!"

Mike returned from his rounds of the bars, his bag empty, the pamphlets and condoms all given away. Mike said the Center has passed out 3,000 condoms along with education about proper storage and use of the condoms as well as other HIV information. However, he was quick to point out that the Center cannot provide free condoms to all of Omaha, but through education perhaps all of us who are sexually active persons and so at risk for a Sexually Transmitted Disease will take the responsibility for our own actions.

Mike was quick to point out how important volunteers are to the Drop In Center and to all of AIDS education. He especially noted the contribution made by the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment in their new program of going into the bars with condoms and HIV education. Their presence allows Mike and the other volunteers to make sure that all the bars are contacted and condoms and education offered to the patrons.

He also noted on the dedication of the core group of volunteers who staff the Drop In Center. Just 5 or 6 people carry the bulk of the load and are there almost every single time the Center is open. Some, like Merritt and Shelley and Roz have been working at the Center since it opened. Others have come more recently.

In fact, when we asked the volunteers what the Center needed, they were quick to respond, "More volunteers." Volunteers are needed to staff the Center and to go out to hand out pamphlets and condoms in the bars. They made it clear that no special training is needed to pass out pamphlets or condoms. Volunteers go out in groups of three to maintain security, but there has never been an injury or an incident involving one of the volunteers.

Mike told us that he has been out during the day doing a needs assessment about the Drop In Center and has discovered that there may also be a need for the Center to be open at some time during the day. Even more volunteers will be needed in order to staff the Center during daytime hours.

The volunteers also identified some concrete needs around the Drop In Center. The carpet desperately needs cleaning. The walls need a coat of paint in a cheery color. They could use a vacuum cleaner or a Hokie Vac. They could use a good second hand couch and some chairs. A small television and VCR would allow them to show safer sex videos. And a boom box or portable stereo would allow them to provide some music as background and to help invite people in.

If you want to volunteer, or if you can help the Drop In Center with any of the things on their wish list, contact the Nebraska AIDS Project at 342-4233.

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## SCHOOL BOARD ADDS SEXUAL ORIENTATION TO STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The gay and lesbian community and their supporters turned out to support and speak in favor of the addition of "sexual orientation" to the section of the Student Code of Conduct which includes provisions for disciplining students who harass others because of gender, race, age, religion, marital status, or disability. However, no voice spoke louder than the voice of student Tim Mahoney who brought the issue before the Omaha School Board on May 1.

With a parent standing in support on either side of him, Mahoney told the school board how another student had written "homo" across the back of his gym shirt. He went on to describe how his gym teacher refused to allow him to change the shirt or even to turn it inside out so the word would not show.

About 30 people stood in support of the amendment during its first reading. The motion to amend the harassment policy to include sexual orientation was made by school board member Bernard Kolasa. Board member Bill Meier abstained from voting on the amendment, but did vote in favor of the entire amended harassment policy. All other board members voted in favor of both the amendment and the policy except for Kenneth Anderson who was absent.

We encourage you to write to your representative on the Omaha Board of Education and express your appreciation of their votes on this issue. If you do not know who your representative is on the school board, call the Board of Education office at 557-2100.

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*Editor's Note: The policy passed its second reading Wed., May 18, by a vote of 10 to 1. The only dissenting vote was cast by Kenneth Anderson, who had proposed an amendment that failed. About 25 people attended the meeting to show support. Five persons spoke. It is interesting to note that despite eloquent and informative statements by Dave England of PFLAG, Dick Smith of the Support Group, Rev. Matthew Howard of MCC, the Omaha World-Herald chose to quote my comments about how I feared my grandchildren would be harassed because someone perceived they were gay. I deliberately did not come out during my statement, but spoke as a grandmother. I wonder if this reveals some of the homophobia that surrounds us.*

## STONEWALL 25: A GLOBAL CELEBRATION OMAHA'S EVENTS

We are just at the beginning of a month of celebrating Stonewall 25. A complete list of events is available in this year's Pride Guide. The Guide should now be available for all *The New Voice* distribution points in Omaha and Lincoln. In the Guide are advertisements from businesses and organizations that made it possible for us to publish the Guide. Please thank them and be sure to use their services and products.

Pride buttons and T-Shirts, bearing this year's logo, are also available now. Buttons are \$1.00 and shirts in sizes of Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large and XXX-Large are \$10.00. Both items, available at ICON's Memorial Day Picnic, will also be available at other Pride events. However, only buttons will be available at the River City Mixed Chorus concert on Saturday, June 4th. Some volunteers may also have buttons and shirts available at bars in Omaha over the weekends.

One of the early events in our Pride celebration is an Interfaith Worship Service at Unitarian First Church of Omaha, 3114 Harney on Sunday, June 5th at 3 p.m. The church is just one block south of the location of the parade and rally to be held one week later. If you need to scout the parade location ahead of time, why not join us at the worship service on June 5th? We will leave a sign on the door and reserve a seat inside for you.

Whether you sign up early or wait until the day of the parade, you are welcome to join us for this year's Greater Omaha Pride Parade celebrating Stonewall 25 on Sunday, June 12th. Those wishing to sign up early may call the Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 and leave a message for Dave to reserve a place in the parade. We will be ready to register marchers at the corner of 31st Avenue and Farnam in Turner Park shortly after 3:00 p.m. on the day of the parade. In lieu of a registration fee for the parade, we are asking each marching unit to provide one person to act as a parade monitor. Please provide the name of your volunteer monitor as soon as possible. For those organizations with a limited membership, please do not feel that you must provide a monitor in order to participate in the parade.

We are also looking for some very special volunteers to lead the parade. The first group in the parade will be volunteers carrying the United States and state flags. If you feel that you can carry a flag for an hour and want to be the first person back to the park, please consider volunteering to carry a flag. Your participation as a flag bearer would be very much appreciated. Call 558-5303 and leave a message for Dave.

The parade will begin forming shortly after 3:30 p.m. and will step off promptly at 4:00 p.m.

## GAY, LESBIAN, TRANSGENDER COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD

A new computer bulletin board system (BBS) has begun operating in the Omaha area supporting the gay, lesbian, bisexual, leather, and transgender communities. It is called *Different Realities* and can be reached by modem at 402-345-8381 using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours per day, at 2400 baud (plans call for a speed increase shortly). The bulletin board is designed to be a clearing house for up-to-date information on what is going on in the community, as well as providing peer support, outreach, educational files, and an electronic mail system for sending messages to other board members. Of major interest, is the extensive

number of aids help files available. It will take just over an hour to complete the 1.8 mile long route. Following the parade there will be a rally and community picnic in Turner Park. Lavender Cough will be performing immediately after the parade.

Space in the park will also be available on the first come, first served basis at the south end of the park for those businesses and organizations that wish to set up a display area. Since there are very few tables available in the park, those wishing to display must count on bringing their own table. Displaying groups may provide information about their organizations or sell items. But please note that A.N.G.L.E. retains the sole right to sell soft drinks and food in Turner Park. Reservations for display space are not required, but if there are questions please call 558-5303 and leave a message for Dave.

We look forward to you joining us for the parade on Sunday, June 12th, or at any of the other events this month.

## GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS PLAN ZOO TRIP

The regular meeting of G.A.L.P. (Gay and Lesbian Parents) met at the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., on Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.

There were 8 people in attendance. The topic of discussion was interaction with ex-spouses. The meeting lasted until approximately 9:00 p.m. The upcoming topic for June will be *Dating and Partnerships*. There will be NO social event for May due to graduations and the kids winding down from school. The Social Event for June will be held on June 25 at the Henry Doorly Zoo. We plan to meet at the Zoo on the morning of the 25th of June and then have a tailgate picnic at the conclusion of our Zoo visit. There will be more information to follow at the next G.A.L.P. meeting.

G.A.L.P. will be represented this year at the annual Pride Parade which will be held on Sunday, June 12. Plans will be discussed at the June meeting. I have a pickup truck that can be used as a parade vehicle.

Our next G.A.L.P. meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, at the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha at 7:30 p.m. There has been some interest in moving the meeting to a different Thursday evening as it conflicts with the MCC Prayer, Share, and Care Circle meetings. We will discuss this at the June meeting. We have lots and lots of things coming up and plans that need to be made. Please mark your Calendars for June 2 at 7:30 p.m. so that you don't miss the next G.A.L.P. meeting.

See you there... Dave, 493-7897

number of aids help files available

The board is currently building up its data base and is looking for inputs from all community members. The cost is free to all users although the system operator will accept donations because of its substantial cost to set up and operate, and is being sponsored by the River City Gender Alliance. More information will be provided as the board expands its scope of operations.

We will provide further information as it becomes available. We welcome all suggestions to make it a vital part of the community. For more information, call Judy Adams at 291-8121.

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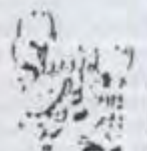
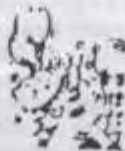
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# IT'S NEVER EASY TO SAY GOODBYE

by Paula L. Cawthon

It is the time once again to say goodbye to one of our own. Emerson "Bubba Ray" Briney born August 6, 1963 passed away Monday April 25, 1994.

He is a man who deserves tribute and recognition for all he did for not only the Omaha community, but also the Dallas and San Francisco communities as well. He was an advocate and a leader who rarely showed fear or easily backed down. He also was a long time survivor of AIDS. He was HIV+ for ten years before he fell victim to the symptoms of this horrible disease. He never felt sorry for himself for being HIV+. Nor did he let it stop him from pursuing his dreams and goals. He was constantly involved in many organizations and took his commitments seriously.

As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, he and Jeri S. started the Wednesday "Stonewall" meeting. He also was active with the Heartland Roundup Steering Committee for a couple of years and brought some wonderful speakers to the Omaha area.

In this arena, as all others, he shared his life and all of its pain by doing so, he touched the lives of many people. He was active in Pro-Choice, N.O.W. marches and rallies, and even escorted at the Women's Clinic here, truly an advocate of women's rights. He was an active participant in gay events, and was on the front line with the city on several issues at the local level.

Not to mention on a steering committee for the 1993 "March on Washington." This is just a sample of some of the things Emerson did here locally for our community.

The grand finale, the thing that put Emerson on the map locally and internationally was his involvement in the leather community. He was a member of the Omaha Players Club and also held many titles; Mr. D.C.'s Leather 1992, Mr. Omaha Drummer 1992, Mr. Leather Nebraska 1992, Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1992-93. His most important title, International Mr. Drummer 1993, a title that took him away from Omaha for one year, and also brought him back in his final months.

As I watched this dreaded disease take this handsome, built friend of mine and turn him into a small, frail man; I felt nothing but anger and outrage that someone such as Emerson who had so much to say and do was running out of time so quickly. I had spent much time with Emerson in his final months and I am glad I was there for him, because I could not take away his pain. I could at least visit with him, play games, help him grocery shop, fold laundry and even cut his hair. But even by doing these things I still felt helpless and frustrated that after all the years AIDS has been around and all the publicity — that we are still no further along in finding a cure. For those involved in the fight against AIDS and those who volunteer for organizations such as N.A.P. — keep it up! For those who don't do anything — get off your ass and start! One final, personal note:

Emerson, I love you and I will miss you, I am sorry that I did not get to say goodbye — so I'm saying it now. Special thanks to Amy Meek for providing leather title dates and handling Emerson's affairs. You're greatly appreciated Amy.

## HOME: THE PARABLE OF BEATRICE AND NEAL

The musical drama, *Home: The Parable of Beatrice and Neal*, concerning the experiences of lesbian and gay persons in the church will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 1994 in the sanctuary of United Methodist Church, 1000 30th St. N.E., Cedar Rapids. A reception in the social hall of the church will follow the performance at 9:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The Reconciling Congregation Program produced this original musical drama to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the national reconciling congregation movement. The Reconciling Congregation Program is a national network of United Methodist churches that welcome all persons regardless of sexual orientation into the community of faith. Faith United Methodist Church became a reconciling congregation in June 1993. *HOME* is written and directed by Tim McGinley, minister of music at Broadway United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. McGinley is distinguished as a music director, voice performer and teacher.

*HOME* tells the story of Neal, a gay man estranged from a condemning church, and Beatrice, a Christian burdened by a tradition which restricts God's love and excludes gay persons from faith communities. As their separate journeys toward a spiritual home intersect in this dramatic musical portrayal, they are transformed by this vision of a church which practices hospitality regardless of sexual identity. *HOME* is derived from the story of Peter and Cornelius in Acts 10 with modern musical elements from the Roman mass. *HOME* premieres in Chicago early in June then tours in churches in more than a dozen Midwest cities.



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## EA HOLDS ENRICHMENT DAY

by R.J.

The last Sunday in April saw EA (Emotions Anonymous) hold an all day "Enrichment Day." Following Meditation and giving thanks to our Higher Power for the day, committee members were introduced.

The day was divided into 3 sections. Fred was the first speaker and gave a good speech on "Boundaries vs. Walls." Following Fred's speech, we (there were 42 in attendance) broke up into 3 groups.

Our group followed the EA format in our discussion. One of the best analogies I heard in Boundaries vs. Walls was when one of our group compared it to a football field, which is divided into boundaries. "Just imagine," he said, "if instead of boundaries, those were walls. Just think of the chaos." It was a good thought provoking session. We met again, in the Fireside Room as one group, discussing what each group came up with and how our discussion went.

At 12:00, we broke for a noon meal.

We reconvened in the Fireside Room at one. A Trustee Report was given for Region 4. New Books were discussed, as well as a new workbook, for those not quite ready to do the steps, yet.

Following the report, we said the Serenity Prayer, in unison, refocused our thoughts on the afternoon on Section II, "Communication in my

Relationships." Patti gave the speech on this topic. We regrouped into 3 fresh groups to get in new faces in each group. We went to our different places to discuss this topic. At 3:00 we again met as a single group, and gave rundowns on each group.

At 3:10 we tackled Section III, "Settling Disagreements by Negotiation". Ray gave this speech and once again we regrouped to get fresh faces into each group. Compromise was the name of the game, and how to go about this. It's far easier to walk away mad than to stay and compromise. At 4:40 we reconvened in the Fireside Room as one group. A summary of our sharing was given, as well as a panel discussion.

Following our closing meditation, we said our goodbyes and went our separate ways. Hopefully, wiser and with more insight than when we started. It was an excellent day. Damp, grey, and chilly, outside, but all love, warmth, and light, inside. But what a day! Tiring, yes, but so much wonderful warm sharing. We all have problems, emotional, physical, we wouldn't be human or alive if we didn't.

*God, Grant me the serenity, To accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference.*

## HGRA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

On April 9th Heartland Gay Rodeo Association celebrated its 1 year anniversary. At this meeting new officers were voted in for the '94-'95 year. They are President Dan Johnson, Vice-President B.L.T., Corresponding Secretary: Terry Jovich, Recording Secretary: David McGinnis, Treasurer: Jim Smejkal. Good luck to the new officers. We would like to thank Rod, David, Pat W., Pat G., and Dan for serving as our first year officers. They did a great job in starting and continuing H.G.R.A. progress. We are now up to 70+ members. Not bad for 1 year.

Also, H.G.R.A. has a new address: P.O. Box 3354, Omaha, NE 68108-9998.

Congratulations to Chris W. for his appointment to Mr. H.G.R.A. Runner-Up. Duane

Perot resigned his title as he has moved out of state and felt he will be unable to fulfill his duties as a member of the H.G.R.A. Royalty. Good luck to you, Duane. We will all miss you.

H.G.R.A. would like to congratulate Jim Bohrer in his participation at the Little Rock Rodeo. Jim, who is our membership chairperson, placed 5th in the Chute Dogging Event. He received a ribbon and 10 pts. toward the finale.

Coming up in July, there are 3 International Rodeos: July 1-3 Wild Rose Rodeo, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; July 15-17 Rocky Mt Regional Rodeo, Denver, Colorado; July 22-24 North Star Regional Rodeo Minneapolis, Minnesota. Happy Trails, Partners...

-Terry Jovich

## ICE BOWL FUNDRAISER RAISES \$450+

The Ice Bowl Executive Committee says "thank-you" to Stosh and Bruce for the use of their facilities at The MAX. Our latest successful fundraiser, the barbecue on May 1 raised over \$450 for the 1995 Ice Bowl Tournament. Further thanks go to Jerry Wurgler and Jeff Bosiluevac for their donation of the two kegs for this event. With over one hundred tickets sold, a good time was had by all. Highlighting the food list was barbecued ribs with Buddha's special sauce, homemade salads and baked beans. Thanks also go to Jeff Schiller for his usual good job with the advertising, posters, and ticket printing. A very special thanks to Gary West.

## FORBIDDEN BROADWAY EXTENDED

The smash hit *Forbidden Broadway*, currently at the Jones Street Brewery, has been extended by popular demand to run through June 5th. Performances Thursday through Saturday are at 7 pm. The Sunday performance is at 6 pm. Tickets are available at the Ranch Bowl, the Jones Street Brewery, or through Ticketmaster at 422-1212. Group discounts are available by calling 344-2371.

## PRIDEFEST WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL - JUNE 18

WomenSpace Productions announces its second annual PrideFest Women's Music Festival to be held Saturday, June 18 in the peaceful, relaxing countryside of the Terra Jane, located 5 miles east of Council Bluffs off Highway 92. This year's PrideFest will offer a day of music, workshops, play, dancing, and good food.

The Heartland's own women's festival will feature a variety of local musicians as well as nationally recognized talents. Women artists will be selling jewelry, books, music and other women-oriented articles. There will also be speakers on such topics as Financial Planning, Your Inner Child, The Enneagram, Spirituality, Death and Dying, and Nutrition. In addition to the interesting workshops, the twelve hour festival will include volleyball, horseshoes, games and dancing.

Featured entertainment at PrideFest will be the multi-talented Sue Fink and singer/songwriter Susan Herrick. Sue Fink is not only a singer, but her spontaneous sense of humor makes her one of the funniest people you will ever meet. Susan Herrick will be singing songs from her new album, *Soul Chant* - songs which offer healing, politics, and a celebration of our foremothers.

PrideFest '94 tickets are \$25 per person in advance through June 15 which covers the entire day, beginning at noon and ending at midnight. (Tickets are \$30 after June 15.) Ticket price includes the evening meal and entrance to all concerts and events. Beer, wine and pop will be sold separately and ID will be required to buy beer. It is recommended that participants bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on as the concerts will be held outside. PrideFest will take place rain or shine.

WomenSpace Productions is encouraging hearing impaired persons who wish to attend workshops to contact Stacy (402-9947) to be sure that a signer is available. For additional assistance or information, write PrideFest, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124 or call 402-493-8811.



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## NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

By Eddie B.

Well, June is upon us already, and ICON finally made it to the halfway point of 1994. But then again, this is the busiest time of year for us as we have a lot of upcoming activities planned for the community and you.

On May 6th, ICON held its Introduction of Candidates gathering at The MAX. We had a very nice turnout from everyone being there to support their favorite candidate for Reign XIV. And we have four very good and qualified candidates. Running for Empress XIV this year, we have Mae (aka Steve Lukart) and Miranda Wrights (aka John Coleman). And vying for the Emperor XIV position this year we have David Hanson and Gerald Brown.

June 4th is the day to vote for your favorite candidate that you feel would best represent ICON in the next year. REMEMBER: Voting is one week before Coronation this year. It will be held at Metropolitan Community Church from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. So be sure to get there and vote.

Also, on May 29th, ICON held its annual Memorial Day Picnic. We had a wonderful turnout from the community, and ICON would like to thank everyone for being there. As you saw, we changed parks beginning this year, and judging from everyone there, the change was for the better. We would also like to extend a few thanks to people who helped ICON out at the picnic this year: Ice Bowl committee for their help with the bar (which was a fabulous idea, guys!); and ACE for taking their time to do the food this year. Also, thanks to Kenny and Gilligan's for providing the bus for people to come out to the picnic, and also to Club 2001 for the bus that brought the Lincoln people here. It's because of people like these that helps make everything go easier and helps quite a bit. So on behalf of ICON, thank you!!!!

Now, if you're looking for something to do in June, well... we have plenty for you. Coronation voting, as mentioned earlier, takes place on June 4th at MCC. June 5th is the night that the community says farewell to the Monarchs of Reign XIII in their annual Stepping Down Show. The show will take place at The MAX on this night and will begin at 9:30 p.m. This is one show that you won't want to miss as Emperor Connie and Empress Roxy take the stage to say farewell to all of you.

Then the fun of Coronation XIV weekend starts! Beginning of June 10th, ICON will host the "Imperial Friends of the Imperial Court" Show at the Ramada Inn Airport. And the show will start at 7:00 p.m. This will be a fabulous show as entertainers from across the country and

Canada will perform their finest for you. The cost of this show is \$5 per person.

Then on June 11th, we present the Coronation itself: "The Chinese New Year Parade and Celebration." Emperor Connie and Empress Roxy will take their final walk and we'll also present you with the new monarchs for Reign XIV. Also, some of the finest costumes and people will be there to join in from all of the festivities. Coronation XIV will also be held at the Ramada Inn Airport at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for Coronation are on sale now from any Board Member or Candidate for Reign XIV. Or by contacting Eddie at 731-3736. Tickets for Coronation this year are only \$13. So get them early!

On June 12th, we officially greet our new Monarchs with "The Imperial Feast." Their first official brunch to meet the people who helped them out through their candidacy. Brunch begins at 11:00 a.m. also at the Ramada Inn Airport and tickets are \$12.00. You must get your brunch tickets before 12 noon on June 11th! Please contact either myself or any board member for advance purchase.

Then we take it to The MAX that evening as ICON officially introduces the Monarchs of Reign XIV to the community in the "Out with the Old & In with the New" show. Starting time is 9:30 p.m. and tickets are \$3.

Then, remember also, this year, ICON will hold its annual Fourth of July Picnic at the same park, but only it will be on July 2nd from noon until 5 p.m. So we hope to see everyone there to see what else new that ICON has planned for you.

In closing, as an open invitation to everyone in the community, as well as bar owners and organizations and individuals, ICON holds its Board meetings the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. at The MAX. We would like to see more people becoming involved with ICON, even if it is to participate in the discussions on topics. We are here to represent all of you in the community, and would like to hear what you have to say on the topic that we discuss. So hope to see you there at our next Board meeting. (Due to July 4th being the first Monday of the month, ICON will have its Board Meeting on July 5th.)

Come see our newly elected officers in action. We are pleased to announce that the ICON Board selected Jack DeVries as 1st Vice-President and Connie H. as 2nd Vice-President at the May meeting. Following Coronation XIV, Connie will be taking a three month break, but she'll be rested and ready to go in the fall as Reign XIV moves into high gear! Congratulations Jack and Connie! We look forward to your leadership!

## MCC CRUSADERS TAKE TO THE DIAMONDS

The MCC Crusaders are on the softball diamonds of Omaha for the second year. Their trademark lavender tee shirts have been joined by several darker purple shirts this year (worn by the rookie members of the team). The Crusaders split their first two games, winning the first game easily but going down in defeat in the second game 12 to 9. The Crusaders welcome their fans to come cheer them on as they work to better last year's 3rd place finish.

### Crusaders 1994 Schedule

|         |      |               |
|---------|------|---------------|
| 6/1/94  | 8:30 | Dodge #2      |
| 6/8/94  | TBA  | Dodge #2      |
| 6/15/94 | 6:30 | Bowling Green |
| 6/22/94 | 6:30 | Bowling Green |
| 6/29/94 | 7:30 | Bowling Green |
| 7/6/94  | 9:30 | Dodge #1      |
| 7/13/94 | TBA  | Dodge #1      |
| 7/20/94 | 6:30 | Dodge #1      |
| 7/27/94 | 8:30 | Dill Red      |
| 8/3/94  | 7:30 | Dill Red      |
| 8/10/94 | 9:30 | Dill Red      |
| 8/17/94 | 9:30 | Dill Red      |
| 8/24/94 | TBA  | Dill Red      |
| 8/31/94 | TBA  | Dill Red      |

### Field Name & Location:

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Dodge #1, #2  | N.P. Dodge Park |
| Dill Red      | 70th & Military |
| Bowling Green | 71st & Blondo   |

## MCC-O, DC's, & YOU HELP SEND PWA'S & WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP TO STONEWALL 25

Three spaces on ANGLE's bus trip to Stonewall 25 will be occupied by PWA's who might not have been able to go otherwise, thanks to a benefit produced by Carla Petersen and Sharon Van Butsel for Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. In addition, MCC-O has made a contribution of over \$500 to the Women's Support Group for their members who are planning to make the trip, all thanks to the generosity of the community.

The new DC's Bar was the site of the evening's activities which included a Pizza Party, Country Western Dancing, two variety shows - one at 8 pm and one at 10:30 pm, a benefit auction, and a raffle.

The shows featured both live and lip synch, professionals and those performing for the first time. Performers included Carla Petersen, Michael DeVore, Peggy Hausmann, the Babes Behind Bars, Debra Levengood, Chris Woodsmall, Phoenix Fallentino, Annette Dickman, Joe Reed, Stacy Kessler, the Leaping Lesbians of the Women's Support Group, Scott Meister, Diatra Snow, R.N. Hedges, Candidates for Empress XIV Mae and Miranda Wrights, Poet Brian Bengtson, Candidates for Emperor XIV David Hansen and Gerald Brown, Bill Burch, Justine James, Michael Gaffney, Trina Tabloid, Sugar and Spice, Stella Dallas, J.D., and Sharon Van Butsel. The early show was emceed by Pat Phalen and Carla Petersen who turned the mike over to R.N. Hedges and Inga for the second show.

Special thanks to Dan, Charlie, David, and all the staff of DC's

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## RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

At the end of 27 weeks of bowling, City Lickers holds down first place with a two game lead over Ernie's Bookstore. R.U.N. Lambda is still in third place, but R.U.N. Delta's have dropped from fourth to ninth in the standings. Tops and Bottoms now holds fourth, followed by Eight Balls in fifth.

The men's high scratch games and series are unchanged from last month. Bob Andresen holds high game (299) and high series (722). Joe Bloemer is second high with a 278 game and a 676 series. Bill Boren holds third high game with a 264. Ken Williams has third high series with a 630. Joe Bloemer now has the high men's average with a 185.9, followed by Ken Williams with a 183.6 and Greg Strickland with a 177.9.

The individual standings for the women also remain unchanged with high scratch game held by Norma Nelson with a 222, E. Mueller has second high with a 221 and Kellie Loveall has third high game with a 213. E. Mueller still holds the high scratch series (593) and the high average (165.7) for women. Second high women's series and average is held by Norma Nelson with a 560 series and a 155.7 average. Kellie Loveall holds third high series with a 525 and has third high average with a 152.7.

The MAX still holds the high team game (804). City Lickers has the high team series with a 2277, followed by The MAX (2226). City Lickers holds second high team game with a 799, followed by Eight Balls with 789. Third high series is still held by the Eight Balls with a 2170.

Outstanding performances for the week included Merritt Hussey (235 game), Mike Gienau (230 game, 616 series, 130 pins over average), Mike Whitfield (630 series), Kellie Loveall (201 game, 525 series, 72 pins over average), E. Mueller (195 game and 548 series), Roger Klenke (105 pins over average), and Debbie White (77 pins over average).

The complete standings are as follows:

|                              | won  | lost |
|------------------------------|------|------|
| 1. City Lickers              | 70   | 34   |
| 2. Ernie's Bookstore         | 68   | 36   |
| 3. R.U.N. Lambda's           | 63   | 41   |
| 4. Tops and Bottoms          | 59   | 45   |
| 5. Eight Balls               | 58.5 | 45.5 |
| 6. 'Bout Average             | 58.5 | 45.5 |
| 7. Whippersnappers           | 58   | 46   |
| 8. Gilligan's 2              | 58   | 46   |
| 9. R.U.N. Delta's            | 57   | 47   |
| 10. The MAX                  | 55   | 49   |
| 11. Delivery Boys            | 53   | 51   |
| 12. DC's                     | 51.5 | 52.5 |
| 13. Church Ladies            | 50   | 54   |
| 14. Fly Weights              | 50   | 54   |
| 15. Wild Things              | 48.5 | 55.5 |
| 16. DC's Tuna Melts          | 47   | 57   |
| 17. Gilligan's CCB's         | 46   | 58   |
| 18. Gilligan's Four 43       | 61   |      |
| 19. DC's 3 Steers & A Heifer | 39   | 65   |
| 20. Heiro Pet's Qurum        | 38.5 | 65.5 |
| 21. Stosh's Saloon           | 38   | 66   |
| 22. Gilligan's 3             | 34.5 | 69.5 |

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## GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER JUNE 17 & 18

The 1994 Great Plains Drummer Contest will be held June 17 & 18 in Omaha, Nebraska, once again sponsored by Fantasy Productions. Local contests have been held in St. Louis, MO; Wichita, KS; Omaha, NE; Des Moines, IA; and Kansas City, MO to insure another HOT CROP of men to vie for the title. A full weekend of events has been planned for this year's contest, beginning with the "Meet the Contestants & Judges" party to be held at the new DC's - 610 S. 14th St. - beginning at 9:00 pm. until 1:00 a.m. on June 17th. On Saturday, June 18th, Gilligan's - 1823 Leavenworth - will be hosting a Great Plains Drummer Brunch. The bar opens at 12:00 noon with the brunch kicking off at 2:00 p.m. Saturday night, the action moves to The MAX - 1417 Jackson - for this year's contest.

Contestants will be judged on their Pre-Judging Interview, Speech, Question/Answer, Jockstrap, and presentation of their Sexual Fantasy. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. with the contest beginning at 9:00 p.m. The winner of this year's contest will go on to compete in the 1994 International Mr. Drummer Finals held in September in San Francisco.

In 1991, Woody Bebout from St. Louis, MO captured the International title as Mr. Great Plains Drummer. In 1992, Emerson Briney, from

Omaha, NE went on to repeat the win for the Great Plains Region. Our 1993 Mr. Great Plains Drummer, Joe Kraly from Kansas City, MO took 1st runner-up in the International contest.

Judges for this year's contest include Joe Kraly - Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1993, Mike Reese - Mr. Missouri Leather 1994, Bob Ewing - Co-Sponsor, Craig Poos - Mr. Oklahoma Leather 1993, Cindy Bookout - Ms Oklahoma Leather 1993, Jim Sterba - past president of the L & L Cornhousers from Des Moines, Pat Phalen - Emperor VI of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, and Amy Marie Meek - International Ms Leather 1993. Tally master for the contest will be Dick Brown - Mr. Gay Nebraska 1987. Past Great Plains Drummers are:

|      |                     |                 |
|------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1988 | Walter Thompson III | St. Louis, MO   |
| 1989 | Dustin Logan        | Omaha, NE       |
| 1990 | Vance Reger         | Memphis, TN     |
| 1991 | Woody Bebout        | St. Louis, MO   |
| 1992 | Emerson Briney      | Omaha, NE       |
| 1993 | Joe Kraly           | Kansas City, MO |

Tickets for the 1994 Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest may be obtained at local establishments throughout the Great Plains Region. Ticket prices are \$10.00 in advance, or \$12.00 at the door. Ticket prices include all of the weekend activities.

## MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 19th Michigan Womyn's Festival will be held August 9-14, 1994. 7-8,000 women from over 25 countries attend this all-womyn's camping event. Activities include over 40 performances, 300 workshops, a womyn's crafts faire with 140 artisan booths, sports, dances, and many special events. There are special services for differently-abled womyn, womyn of color, womyn over 50, womyn in recovery, and womyn with children. Brochures are available from WWTMC, PO Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458, or call 616-757-4766 after June 10th.



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## PWA SHOW AT THE MAX RAISES \$4000+

"This One's For You," the '94 version of The MAX's annual benefit show for the PWA Assistance Fund, raised \$4,303.00 which will go to help meet the emergency needs of persons diagnosed with AIDS.

This production was a kaleidoscope of color and motion and featured some of the most talented performers in the area. The show was dedicated to the memory of Wayne Tietz, general manager of The MAX, who died of AIDS in 1993. Wayne had conceived and staged the first two editions of this show. The '94 edition was produced by Tracy, Wayne's partner, and the other Babes Behind Bars, with the able assistance of emcees Don Flowers and Velvet.

The set, designed by Tom Cech, was an elegant yet striking combination of red and white against the black walls. A black draped easel stood on at center stage, waiting for the moment when two of Wayne's sisters would come forward and unveil the quilt piece which the family had made for him. The quilt included photographs of Wayne and Tracy and of Wayne with his son and grandson. The piece also included the MAX insignia from Wayne's jacket, a teddy bear, appliques, a poem, tiny roller skates, a baseball cap inscribed "the world's best grandpa," and a carefully embroidered panel of irises among the mementos

of Wayne's life.

The list of performers included Mottica West, with her high kicking dance style; the very glamorous Velvet; Empress XIII Roxy (who later donned a mustache to perform as Roxy, one of the Babes); Michael DeVore of the Meatpackers; Johnathan Cole performing an original composition; the Omaha Original, Jennifer Jett; Rod Farmer, whose live performance brought the house down; Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino; a rare appearance by D.J. Larry D. Walker, the comic duo of Carla and Sharon; an outstanding performance by Ruby, Amy Zahn and Antonio performing a parody of a RufPaul and Elton John performance; Fraulein, whose delightful performance of *Miss Chatelaine* ended abruptly as she lost her footing and did a near flip on stage (and came up laughing with the audience); Dorian Drake in the most lovely purple gown I have ever seen; David Hansen with a touching performance of *My Father's Chair*; Russ & Ritch with a wonderful performance of Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta; the incomparable Dietra Snow; and Miss Closet Ball '94 Sierra Sands.

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## CEDAR FALLS PRIDE PICNIC

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## LUTHERANS CONCERNED

By RJ

Lutherans Concerned met the first Sunday in May at First Lutheran Church. Invited speakers that evening were Nicole and Carla from MCC of Omaha. They gave a rundown on MCC's food pantry and fielded questions about the pantry. Members of Lutherans Concerned were asked to bring food items to the meeting. These items were given to MCC for their pantry. Following the speakers, a discussion was held on an all day conference by Dwight A. Pryor from the Center for Judaic-Christian Studies. From what I gathered from those who did attend, this conference was about 3/4 Gay and Lesbian Bashing. Even the clergy who had attended didn't have many kind words for this conference. All who attended from the Lutherans Concerned group gave it a thumbs down. There was also a good discussion on possible resolutions to put before the National Synod Council. So, Lutherans Concerned continues to fight Gay and Lesbian Homophobia in the church. To fight for more equality for *all* God's Children. Keep it up, Lutherans Concerned. You're doing a great job!

## CITY OF ANGELS AT CHANTICLEER

The delightful musical *City of Angels* is currently playing at the Chanticleer in Council Bluffs. The play features several of your favorite actors, including Michael Simpson, Scott Meister, Bill Burch, Tom Neumann and Jeff Adams.

Performances are on June 3 and 4 at 8:00 p.m. and on June 5 at 2:00 p.m.

For ticket information, call the Chanticleer Box Office at 323-9955.

# MR. GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER 1994

### JUNE 17 & 18, 1994

June 17th — **DC's** 610 S. 14th St.

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**OUT AND ABOUT:  
Fruit Salad: A Smaller Portion**

by R.N. Hedges

Ron W. opened the River City Mixed Chorus's "Fruit Salad: A Smaller Portion" show *Walking On* through a country song. He was also the first MC for the evening and explained that all of the money raised for the evening would benefit the chorus.

Ron stated, "The Chorus is now 10 years old and started in 1984 performing its first holiday concert at The Max. It started with 10 members and now is at 60 plus. He spoke a little more about the first spring performance which featured the song *It's Raining Men* which Inga and Madame X performed in raincoats and umbrellas. There was also a cute young man "raining" around the room.

Inga took over the MC duties and explained that all performers had agreed to donate their tips to the cause also. After talking a little more about the history of the Chorus and noting that *The New Voice of Nebraska* also is celebrating 10 years of service, Inga introduced this writer and Bill Burtch — choir director of Metropolitan Community Church singing live *When I Fall In Love* from the movie *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Next to the stage was the "Twisted Duet" of Brent Alan and Roger doing a skit about a drag queen (Roger) who lost her body in a garbage disposal and Brent Alan prods him about the incident. The whole time Roger's head sat atop a platter on the table. The number accompanied by Jonathan Cole while the gentlemen sang. It was one of the highlights of the evening. I should add that Brent Alan is current accompanist of the Chorus and Roger is a board member of RCMC.

Christine and Wes performed in lip sync the song *Don't Know Much* by Linda Ronstadt and Aaron Neville, but did the whole song in sign language. The song was dedicated to all members of the Chorus who have passed on including the first director, John Ziegler. Christine is the sign interpreter for the Chorus and Wes is a Chorus member.

Gail was next performing *Imagine* by John Lennon. Then Madame X came out as Ann Landers, looking a very tall Ann Landers but her voice was right on. Ann told us a few jokes and read a few letters and then turned the microphone back to Inga with more history of the Chorus and an intro to Barb and Jane performing live *Bosom Buddies* from the Broadway musical *Mame*. Both the harmony and the comedy of the song were performed in great style. Inga brought Carla Petersen, immediate past president of ICON to the microphone to talk about summer events and then Ron was brought back to perform live a country ballad, doing a great job!

The next MC to the stage was Madame X, Miss HGRA, who after talking about more history brought Christine back to the stage to sign and perform *Dream Lover* by Mariah Carey. Christine really seems to enjoy doing these numbers in sign language and even handled very well the two very annoying patrons who got up and danced in front of her doing her number. I might add that they weren't members of the Chorus and I thought everyone was too patient with all the noise and distractions they were making most of the evening.

Quincy Valentine danced a very high stepping number next. It's been a while since I saw her perform and it was nice to see her again. Dan and Dave sang *The Rose* by Bette Midler and did a nice job as a duet. Brent Alan accompanied by himself returned to the stage and sang a very moving song about the aging of a man by sickness and the story of a person who loves him and will miss him dearly. Brent Alan is truly a great asset to the talent of our community.

Another big highlight of the evening was next with Inga, John, and Rick, with fruit on their head performing in grass skirts *Going Bananas* and performing live *Chiquita Banana*. Dave England, President of ANGLE, came to the state to talk about the summer Pride celebration and then Quincy and Madame X performed dueling drag queens with *You Ain't Woman Enough to Take My Man* by Loretta Lynn.

*The Day I Fell in Love* was next performed by Inga and Greg Hicks who did look a lot like James Ingram and Dolly Parton who brought the song an Oscar nomination last year. I was happy to be able to sing the last song of the evening — *Blessed Assurance* — a traditional gospel song and to represent a part of our community very important to me — Metropolitan Community Church.

Many thanks to all of the performers, to Dan and Charley and David owners of DC's, Jeff at the DJ Booth, Dave at the lights, and most importantly congratulations to the River City Mixed Chorus. Thank you, Inga, for a great variety show.

**FANTASY '94**

FANTASY '94 — Leather Freedom is once again coming to Omaha, Nebraska. This year's event, again sponsored by Fantasy Productions and *The Leather Journal* will be held August 19, 20, & 21, 1994. As of the beginning of May, over 25 title-holders and dignitaries from across the United States have confirmed attendance. A few of those coming include Ann Bergstedt - Int'l Ms Leather 1994, Graylin Thornton - Int'l Mr Drummer 93-94, Mark Frazier - Mr. NLA 93-94, Dave Rhodes - Publisher of *The Leather Journal*, Joe Kruly - Mr. Great Plains Drummer '93, Cindy Bookout - Ms Leather Oklahoma 93 and many others.

The weekend will begin with a Pre-Party held at DC's on August 18th, for all those already in town. August 19, the registration party will be at The MAX along with the introduction of title-holders and dignitaries, and an auction. August 20th will feature the Leather Fair which will have various art, leather, rubber, and informational booths, as well as seminars on 'safe play' and seminars for title-holders. The show 'FANTASY' will be held that evening at The MAX. This year's show will be produced by Jolanne Tierney - Ms Leather Sacramento 88-89, Jim Gau - show director for The MAX, and Shan Carr - Int'l Ms Leather 88. After the show, there will be an after hours dance at DC's sponsored by *The Leather Journal*. Sunday, August 21, will feature the end of the Leather Fair, a Farewell Brunch held at Gilligan's, and a softball game for all those still in attendance. Package prices for the full weekend of events is \$30.00 in advance, or \$35.00 after August 1, 1994.

As always, Fantasy is a charity event. This year, all profits from the weekend will go to C.F.E.P. (Citizens For Equal Protection) and The Leather Archives Foundation in Chicago.

This year's Host Hotel is once again the Radisson-Redick. Please mention Fantasy when making your room reservations to receive the special rate of \$85.00 per night. Included in the hotel price is breakfast, and 2 hours of free cocktails each evening. The phone number is (402) 342-1500. They are located at 1504 Harney Street, just minutes walk to all of the events.

Registration forms can be found in your local establishments, or for more information, please contact:

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## CHORUS NOTES

by Stan Brown

By the time most of you read this article another very special River City Mixed Chorus Pride Concert will have passed. Our concert, A Singing Tribute to Pride, concludes our 10th Anniversary Season, but we have much more to come next year and in the future.

The Chorus sends a very special thank you to our past director, Jonathan D. Cole, for his very moving and inspirational piece, *Ye Shall Come Out* which was commissioned by the Chorus this year and premiered at our Pride Concert. Hopefully we will sing it again in the near future so even more people will be able to hear this wonderful piece.

Another thank you to our audiences this year which gave sold out performances for both our concerts. We hope to expand our performances next season and will offer season tickets again. Please contact our Singline (341-Sing, 7464) if you would like more information about the tickets. On Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM the chorus will have its garage sale, "Closet Clearing IV" at 2403 Hanscom Blvd. This is one of our major fundraising events for the Chorus, so please support us by donating any items except clothing, and stopping by the sale to find that perfect painting, vase, book, or collectible you can't live without. Please contact our Singline for more information or if you have items to donate.

Again, thank you to the whole community for your support of our organization, by attending our concerts, and fundraising events, donating money and raffle prizes, advertising in our programs, and encouraging us to keep singing the past ten years!

## DANCING THE GOD LEADS OFF NEW PLAYS FESTIVAL 1994

Nebraska Repertory Theatre will introduce seven new plays to Lincoln audiences during its NEW PLAYS FESTIVAL 1994. Leading off the festival will be a fully mounted production of *Dancing the God* by Patricia Montley. In this provocative and timely play, a lawyer returns to her alma mater to investigate the alleged seduction of a student by her dance teacher. The student's accusation is vehement; the teacher refuses to defend herself. Prompted by the lawyer's questions, the pair re-enact their playful, passionate relationship, reporting different versions of the culminating episode. In uncovering the truth about them, the lawyer is challenged to come to terms with her own experience in the face of what seem to her disarming ideas of education and intimacy.

Playwright Patricia Montley, Director of Theatre at Chatham College, Pittsburgh, will be joining the Lincoln company of *Dancing the God* for rehearsals and opening night, when she will join a panel of experts in a discussion of the issues raised by the play. *Dancing the God* performances are June 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 at 8pm and June 12 at 3pm in Studio Theatre, Temple Building, 12th & "R"

Sts., Lincoln. All seats are \$10; reservations are suggested, and may be obtained at the Rep Box Office, 472-2073, 1st Floor Temple Building, 12th & R Streets, Lincoln.

The FESTIVAL will continue on Sunday and Monday evenings with **Playwright's Coffee House**: a series of rehearsed and directed readings of six plays by writers from across the country, offered in a relaxing coffee house setting.

June 19: DADA by Haris Orkin  
June 20: To Distraction by Cecilia Fannon  
June 26: White River by Mary Sue Price  
June 27: Nighthawks by Evan Blake  
July 10: Table Talk by S.K. Booker  
July 11: Boca by Christopher Kyle

Omaha native S.K. Booker will return to Nebraska to participate in the reading of her new play *Table Talk*. All play readings begin at 8 pm in Studio Theatre, Temple Building, 12th & R Streets. Admission to play readings is free.

This is the second year for the Rep's NEW PLAYS FESTIVAL, which is designed to foster the development of new work for the theatre and offer a diversity of viewpoints to Nebraska audiences.

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The volunteers at the Drop In Center identified the following wishes:

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- A Boom Box
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And, of course, more volunteers on Friday nights to distribute flyers and information. If you want to volunteer, or if you can help the Drop In Center with any of the things on their wish list, contact the Nebraska AIDS Project at 342-4233

## JASON STUART AT THE FUNNY BONE

Jason Stuart, Actor/Comedian, who came out on "Geraldo" last year, brought his national "Coming Out Tour" to Omaha, April 20-25, at the Funny Bone Comedy Club. Stuart's style of comedy is fast paced and interactive. He takes delight in daring the audience to take offense at his being an "out" comedian. He bantered back and forth with the audience and would-be hecklers with frequent sexual innuendoes and frequent challenges to the heterosexual male ego. There were many, many funny moments in his performance and the audience seemed taken by his open smile.

I salute the Funny Bone for its forward looking stance in bringing an openly gay comedian to Omaha, Nebraska. I look forward to repeat performances.

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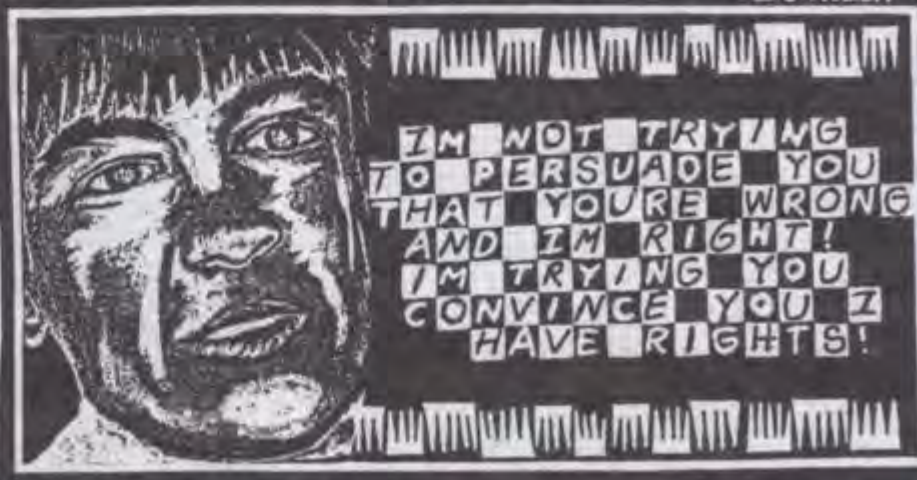
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**BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternate Lifestyle)** Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Mon. 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstrs) 640 N 16. All sexes welcome.

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

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

**Information for Older Gay People (INFORMATION)**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043 Info, Conference Updates, and Education, Coffee House 2nd Saturday each month, 4-9pm, at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, Everyone welcome.

**Lesbian Discussion Group**, Womens Resource Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588-472-2597, Meets Thursdays 6-7:30pm, at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16.

**The Male Space**, 2nd Sunday (Discussion) 1pm, 3221 "W" St., Lincoln. Socials TBA at Discussion Meeting, New Focus "Spiritual Healing". For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. All Races Welcome. Membership \$10/quarter. Interested write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

**Nebraska Bookstore**, 13th & Q Steets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries The Advocate

**National Organization for Women (NOW)** - political and grassroots activist org. involved in every issue relating to full equality for women in our society - meets monthly, Lincoln NOW, P.O. Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 477-1226

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

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

**University of Nebr Bookstore**, 14th & R, Lincoln, Gay Studies Section Books on G/L Life

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

**The Wimm'n's Show**, 12-3pm Sunday, KZJUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln

**A Woman's Place**, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women. Write: A Woman's Place, 440 S. 44 St., Lincoln, 68510, 476-7692.

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

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

## \*\*\*\*\*OMAHA\*\*\*\*\*

**Adult Children Anonymous**, meets at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Thursdays, 7pm

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Info: 345-9916 Stonewall Group, Wed, 7:30pm MCC-Omaha Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri. 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 455-7916.

**Live & Let Live Group**, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

**A.N.G.L.E., Inc.** (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, Omaha 68131, (402) 558-5303, Organization for Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE activities.

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

**Different Realities**, Computer Bulletin Board for gay, lesbian, bisexual, leather, and transgender communities. Access: modem at (402) 345-8381 using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours per day at 2400 baud. Sponsored by River City Gender Alliance.

**EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians. US WEST Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha 68102.

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

**Gay And Lesbian Parents Support Group (G.A.L.P.)**, Thursdays, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563. Emphasis on Gay and Lesbian Parent and their significant other. Meetings are open to anyone.

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

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

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

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103, Services: 819 S. 22., Children's Christian Educ. 9am, Sunday Worship 9 & 10:30am. Eve worship 1st Sunday, 6pm

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

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

**Omaha Meatpackers**, Leather/Levi Club with focus on AIDS fundraising. Call: (712) 366-1791

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

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

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays PFLAG**, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123, 291-6781. Meets 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, West Entrance, 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, "Program & Time for Sharing", 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"

**Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns**, 733-1360: Cleve, Omaha. Generally meets last Sat. Jan-Oct, 2nd Sat in December. No Nov mtg

**Prime Timers**, Social/support org. for older gay/bisexual men and younger admirers. Meet 3rd Sunday, 4pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Info: (402) 493-5415 or write: 11516 Burt St. #E-13, Omaha, 68154

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, President - E. Mueller, Secretary - Charley Wade, 597-1688, Sundays 3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## \*\*\*\*\*STATEWIDE\*\*\*\*\*

**Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights**, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy group lobbies for G/L civil rights, has newsletter, socials. Bus. Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm; 1st Saturday Social, 7-10pm, Both at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16

**Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr.**, For healthier environment in Nebr. Support meetings, social events, newsletter. Contact Dennis V., 4005 Rodeo Road, Lot #4, North Platte, 69101

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA)**, Box 3354, Omaha, 68108-9998. Info: call Dan 344-3103 (Omaha) or Patrick 477-3899 (Lincoln) All who enjoy /support rodeos & other country activities. Meets 1st Saturday DC's, Omaha

**ICE BOWL Invitational**, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622, Attn: Scott Rezek - Director

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

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

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

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

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church - Omaha  
819 S. 22, Children Christian Ed 9am,  
Worship 9am, 10:20am

Gay and Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th  
& South Streets. **Lincoln**, Meet by tennis  
courts. Optional brunch follows the walk.

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

"Out In The 90's" Gay Broadcast News  
Service, Cable Channel 14, **Lincoln**, 7pm

Al-Anon Support Group, 1st Unitarian  
Church, Side Door, **Omaha**, 7pm

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

### WEDNESDAY

Gay Men's Discussion Group, **Lincoln**,  
6pm, for information contact Luis 472-7450

Lesbian Discussion Group **Lincoln** 6pm,  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, 472-2597 for info

**Omaha** Frontrunners 6:30pm, Ford  
Birthsite, 32nd & Woolworth, Omaha

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Stonewall" Group,  
7:30pm, MCC-**Omaha**, 345-2563

BiSexual Discussion Grp Rm 234 Nebraska  
Union, UN-**Lincoln**, 7:30pm, 472-5644

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

Adult Children Anon, MCC-**Omaha**, 7-8pm

### FRIDAY

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

**Lincoln** G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm,  
Plymouth Congregat'l, 20 & D, 438-5214

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

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

**Every Other Fri.**, Drop In Cntr, HIV Info/  
Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10-2am

### SATURDAY

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, June 1

MCC Crusaders Women's Softball Team,  
8:30pm, N.P. Dodge Park, Field #2, **Omaha**

## THURSDAY, June 2

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

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg. Rm 342,  
Nebraska Union, UNL, **Lincoln**, 7pm.

Gay And Lesbian Parent Support Group  
(GALP), 7:30pm, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22

## FRIDAY, June 3

Kendra's Strippers, 10:30 p.m., no cover,  
Trick's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**

## SATURDAY, June 4

Heartland Gay Rodeo Ass'c 6pm DCs **Omaha**

Bikini Bar-b-que, 6-9pm, Trick's, **Omaha**

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

## SUNDAY, June 5

HIGH PRAISE CONCERT CANCELED

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

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

ICON Reign XIII Stepping Down Show,  
9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

## MONDAY, June 6

Imperial Court of Nebr Board of Governors,  
6:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, **Omaha**

Bi-PALS, (BiSexual People, Alternate Life  
Styles), Open to all sexes, Meet at the  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, For more  
information call: Barb (308) 234-8183

## TUESDAY, June 7

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

*Dancing the God* by Patricia Montley. New  
Plays Festival, Nebraska Repertory Theatre,  
Studio Theatre, Temple Bld, 12 & R, **Lincoln**,  
8pm. Adm. \$10, reservations call 472-2073

## WEDNESDAY, June 8

*Dancing the God*, Studio Theatre, Temple Bld,  
12 & R, **Lincoln**, 8pm, Tkts \$10, 472-2073

## THURSDAY, June 9

Grand Island Support Group, Sponsored by  
Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska,  
Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte,  
NE 69101 or call (308) 384-7235

Parents FLAG-**Omaha**, Support & Discussion  
Meeting, Room 204, East End of Building, 1st  
United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 7-9pm, 291-6781

*Dancing the God*, Studio Theatre, Temple Bld,  
12 & R, **Lincoln**, 8pm, Tkts \$10, 472-2073

## FRIDAY, June 10

Deadline for July Issue of *The New Voice*

ICON Coronation XIV Celebration begins with  
"Imperial Friends of the Imperial Court" Show,  
7 pm, Ramada Inn Airport, **Omaha**

*Dancing the God*, Studio Theatre, Temple Bld,  
12 & R, **Lincoln**, 8pm, Tkts \$10, 472-2073

Wet Underwear Contest, 10:30pm,  
Trick's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**

Drop In Center, HIV Information and Testing,  
1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am

## SATURDAY, June 11

Omaha Players Club, 2-5pm Workshop "All  
Tied Up with Master Gary", 8pm Play Party  
"Western Round Up Party, Saddle Up for  
Fun", Info: call 451-7987

ICON Coronation XIV "The Chinese New  
Year Parade and Celebration", 7 pm, Ramada  
Inn Airport, **Omaha**

*Dancing the God*, Studio Theatre, Temple Bld,  
12 & R, **Lincoln**, 8pm, Tkts \$10, 472-2073

Intergenerational Coffee House sponsored by  
INFORMATION (programming for older gay  
people), safe, smoke-free, alcohol-free social  
event, open to everyone. 4pm-9pm, 3319 S. 46,  
**Lincoln**, (402) 488-4178

Showtime with Muffy Rosenberg & Friends,  
9pm, \$2 cover, Trick's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**

## SUNDAY, June 12

*New Voice* Steering Committee meeting is  
CANCELED, SEE YOU AT THE PARADE!!

ICON Coronation XIV Celebration continues  
with "Imperial Feast", 11 am, Ramada Inn  
Airport, **Omaha**, \$12, Brunch Tickets must be  
purchased by noon on June 11.

'94 GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANS-  
GENDER PRIDE PARADE and CELEBRA-  
TION, Turner Park, 31st & Farnam, **Omaha**

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| Check-In:       | 3:00 pm          |
| Assembly:       | 3:30 pm          |
| Step-Off:       | 4:00 pm          |
| Rally:          | Following Parade |
| Lavender Couch: | Following Parade |
| Picnic:         | 5:00 pm          |

The Male Space, Discussion, 1pm, 3221 "W" St.,  
**Lincoln**. Focus on "Spiritual Healing." For Gay/  
Bisexual Men of all ages. Write or visit: Stan  
Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt #26, Lincoln, 68508.  
All Races Welcome. Socials will be announced  
at the discussion meeting.

*Dancing the God*, Studio Theatre, Temple Bld,  
12 & R, **Lincoln**, 3pm matinee, \$10, 472-2073

"Out With the Old, In With the New" Victory  
Show, 9:30pm, The MAX, **Omaha**

## MONDAY, June 13

AIDS Interfaith Prayer/Healing Service, 7pm,  
St Cecelias, Nebr Chapel, 701 N. 40, **Omaha**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## TUESDAY, June 14

P-FLAG Letter-writing night, 6:30pm,  
Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" St., **Lincoln**

Free & Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster  
County Public Health Department, 5 - 7 p.m.  
The Panic, 18th & N Streets, **Lincoln**

## WEDNESDAY, June 15

MCC Crusaders Women's Softball, 6:30pm,  
Bowling Green Field, 27th & Craig, **Omaha**

## FRIDAY, June 17

Great Plains Drummer Introduction of  
Candidates and Judges 9pm, DC's, 610 S. 14,  
**Omaha**, Tickets \$12, include all events

G-String Night at Trick's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**

## SATURDAY, June 18

2nd Annual Pridel-est Women's Music  
Festival, Terra Jane, 5 miles east of **Council  
Bluffs**, Tickets \$25 (\$30 after June 15) Info:  
Call 493-8811

Grt Plains Drummer Brunch, 2pm, Gilligan's,  
**Omaha**, Tickets \$12, include all events

River City Mixed Chorus Garage Sale, 9am -  
5 pm, 2403 Hanscom Blvd, **Omaha**

Deacon's CoffeeHouse, MCC-**Omaha**, 10 pm,  
Admission \$1 or Can of food for pantry

Great Plains Drummer Contest, 9 pm, The  
MAX, **Omaha**, Tickets \$12, include all events

Gay Rodeo Variety Show, 9pm,  
Trick's Pub, 1019 S. 10th, **Omaha**

## SUNDAY, June 19

### Happy Father's Day!

Parents FLAG-Omaha Brunch at The MAX  
10:30-1:30. Suggested Donation \$5.00 at door.

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

**North Platte** Support Group, 7:30pm,  
Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Association of  
Greater Nebr., Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd,  
#4, North Platte, NE 69101 or (308) 534-7820

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

Inga's 3rd Annual Pride Variety Show, Benefit  
for ANGLE, 9:30pm, The MAX, **Omaha**

## TUESDAY, June 21

**Lincoln** NOW (Nat'l Organization of Women)  
meeting, 7pm, The Women's Club, 407 S. 14th

**Grand Island** HIV/AIDS Support Group, Call  
for time, location: (308) 381-5175

Coalition for G/L Civil Rts. Steering Comm.,  
CornerStone, 640 N 16, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, June 22

MCC Crusaders Women's Softball, 6:30pm,  
Bowling Green Field, 27th & Craig, **Omaha**

## THURSDAY, June 23

**Grand Island** Support Group, Sponsored by  
Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater  
Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4,  
North Platte, NE 69101 or call (308) 384-7235

## FRIDAY, June 24

Drop In Center, HIV Information and Testing,  
1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am

Wet Underwear Contest, 10:30pm,  
Trick's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**

## SATURDAY, June 25

Gay and Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska  
2nd Annual Pride Picnic, Izaac Walton  
Complex, **Grand Island**, 11 am - Midnight

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns,  
**Omaha**, Call for information 733-1360

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

Coalition Bowling Night, 7pm, Gateway Bowl,  
333 North Cotner, **Lincoln**, Free shoe rental  
and \$1.50 game

Bikini Bar-b-que, 6-9pm, Trick's Pub, **Omaha**

## SUNDAY, June 26

### Stonewall 25 Celebration in New York City

Parents FLAG-Omaha, Support Meeting,  
Mead Hall below Mead Chapel at First United  
Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781

Miss Gay U.S.A. '91 Sable Chanel, 9:30pm,  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

## TUESDAY, June 28

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays  
(PFLAG) **Lincoln** Unitarian Church, 6300 A  
Street, 7pm. Small group sharing time &  
program: "Gay Pride & Father's Night"  
Under 21 group meets in separate small group  
session. For more information call 467-4599

Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting,  
6:30pm. All Welcome!, Call 496-3658

## WEDNESDAY, June 29

MCC Crusaders Women's Softball, 7:30pm,  
Bowling Green Field, 27th & Craig, **Omaha**

## Lavender Couch

Performing Live  
Turner Park, June 12

Immediately following parade  
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## Bars & Restaurants

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

**Blazing Saddle** 416 E 5th St.,  
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**The Brass Garden** 112 SE 4th St.,  
243-3965  
**Club 508** 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508  
**The D & M** 424 E Locust St., 243-9629  
**Omaha (A.C. 402)**  
**The Chesterfield** 1951 St. Marys,  
342-1244  
**DC's** 610 S. 14th, 344-3103  
**The Diamond** 712 S. 16th, 342-9595  
**Gilligan's** 1823 Leavenworth,  
449-9147  
**The Max** 1417 Jackson, 346-4110  
**The New Run** 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703  
**Trick's Public House** 1019 S. 10th,  
345-1661

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

**Panic** 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764  
**Club 2001** 500 Sun Valley Road,  
476-2001  
**Red & Black Cafe** 1819 "O" 438-2525

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The Run  
St. Mary's Tan  
Trick's Public House

### Council Bluffs:

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Ernie's Bookstore

### Lincoln:

Club 2001  
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UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Women's Resource Center

### Kearney:

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Saturday, June 4th

Cema Distribution presents

## Club Nite

Promotional Giveaways!

Tons of neat

CD's and

Cassettes to

take home and

play on your

own Hi-Fi.



## Fathers Day

Treat your pop to a show he'll not soon forget!

Sunday, June 19th • 10:00pm

C.R. BUNN'S all male review!

## Casino Nite

Thursday, June 16th

Go for the gold!  
Goldschlager specials!

Poker, Craps, Blackjack  
Chuck-a-Luck & Roulette!



## The Return of Evilena

Sunday, June 26th • 10:00pm

Mercedes, Barbie Q.  
& Dee Dee Decar

## The C.C. Rae Show!

The Changing Face of Comedy!

Pee Wee, Streisand, Peg Bundy and the lovely and glamorous Eunice P. Hole!

Monday, June 20th, 10:00pm

## Karaoke!

Every Friday Night

9:00 p.m.