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JUST WHAT DO THOSE PEOPLE DO, ANYWAY?

Needed: Treasurer & Advertising Manager

Up to this point we have talked about the direct service parts of putting together the magazine. But the most important positions with *The New Voice* are behind the scenes: the treasurer and advertising manager.

At present both of these positions are held by Mr. Dick Brown. Dick stepped in nearly 9 years ago after our first Omaha treasurer absconded with our entire treasury. And for 9 years Dick has presented us with meticulous treasurer's reports — to the extent of including a copy of our current bank statement so we can see that the actual balance in the bank is the same balance shown on his reports.

Thanks to his careful money management and attention to detail, *The New Voice* is financially solvent and current on all bills.

This is no easy task. Being treasurer requires an eye for detail and exact record keeping. Money comes in to the magazine in business checks, personal checks, money orders, and even in crumpled up \$1 bills, arriving at the P.O. Box or handed to one of us when we're out and about. Yet somehow Dick manages to get all the funds deposited promptly and his books balance every month.

One of the cross-over duties between Treasurer and Advertising Manager is that of billing. Despite our policy and our pleas, only part of the ads come in prepaid. Each month we send out 10-20 bills for display ads — and then we wait for our money. Most people are very prompt and we can expect a check by return mail. Others take a little

longer to pay. And still others will encounter financial difficulties and take a still longer time to pay. And then there are a few who don't seem to remember that they have to pay for advertising — these accounts take phone call after phone call until finally some payment is made. Two or three times in our history we have had to eventually write off a bill as uncollectable and have taken one bill to small claims court. This is the very frustrating part of the job, requiring the judicious use of patience, compassion, and good sound business sense.

The Advertising Manager is responsible for all advertising (except classifieds) and will negotiate contracts, provide rate sheets, and work out the exact size, format, and placement of all the display ads. Display ads also come in all sizes, shapes, and conditions. Some are slick, camera ready, half-tones; others are pasted together; and others are hand-written scrawls that we decipher and put into ad form. Probably the biggest headache with the advertising is to get people to respect our deadlines. We set the deadline for the 10th of the month so we have time to typeset and layout the magazine. But layout can't start until all of the ads are in and placed in the template so we know how much space we have for news and features. Unfortunately, too many people know that we work on the magazine for 1-2 weeks after deadline and so they don't get their ads to us until we are on the way to the printer (and then they wonder why we are frustrated). Getting the actual ads sometimes requires going to the busi-

ness, group, or individual several times to get the "camera ready" copy. Sometimes it is not ready when promised and so another trip is required, and another, and another.

So, as you may have guessed, the job of advertising manager is a tough one. And, of course, our advertising manager actually decides where each ad will be placed in the magazine, blocking out the space on the template and even typesetting some of the ads.

If you think you have what it takes for one or both of these positions, call Dick Brown at 453-6688 or at 451-4737 for more information.

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Cleaning Supplies

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Basic Tools: hammer, screw drivers, pliers, etc.

Used or new items—either would be great, but we do ask that all items be in working/usable condition with no initial repairs needed. Thanks to all who have donated! Other items are needed, watch for an updated list at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center—1719 Leavenworth.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOOD JOB — HOPE THE NEW VOICE CONTINUES

Dear Steering Committee and Staff,

I read in the March issue of *The New Voice* that you are going to resign soon. Just a note to thank you for your work, and a hope that *The New Voice* will continue. It is a fine product and I, too, hope it doesn't stop when you resign. Again: thank you all!! Best wishes!!

Very truly yours,
Norberto Laboy
Lincoln, NE

Editor's Note: Thanks for the kind words. We have already had several serious volunteers... Some of them have a long history with The New Voice, others are relatively new, but all are very talented and dedicated. I feel confident that within the next six months, new staff will have taken over most of the actual work and that the community won't even notice the change when Dick, Pat, and I retire.

THANKS FOR OPPORTUNITY

To: Christian Social Action Comm., MCC-Omaha
Dear Sharon,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be at the Grand Opening of the GLBT Resource Center. I appreciate the support your organization has given me, and the opportunity to be able to give you my views for Re-Election on the City Council. Again, Thank You.

Sincerely,
Subby Anzaldo

THANKS FOR MAKING RESOURCE CENTER GRAND OPENING A SUCCESS

Dear Sharon,

On April 5th & 6th, the GLBT Resource Center held its highly successful Grand Opening. Elsewhere in this issue there are articles reporting the festivities so this is not my reason for writing.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a hearty "THANK YOU" to the many individuals and groups that helped to make the week-end the success that it was. The donations of time, talent, food, auction items, and money were truly overwhelming. I wish there was space here to thank everyone individually.

Having served on the Steering Committee for the Center and seeing the positive response from the community when we began our fundraising in order to raise the money to open the Center, and now sitting on the Board of Directors, I continue to be impressed by the community's positive response for their Resource Center. Working for and with a community such as this is indeed a joy and an honor.

I want to thank the Steering Committee people who so ably orchestrated the entire weekend; they did a fabulous job. I want to thank the community as a whole and every individual and group that in anyway made this Grand Opening the success that it was. From the bottom of my heart, "THANK YOU!!"

Jim Morford
Chairperson
Rainbow Outreach

COMING OUT QUESTIONS

Dear Publishers,

Don't know if you are looking for new subject ideas or not, but have decided to send you some. I have enjoyed the few New Voices I have had the chance to read. And as a person who is just starting to explore my other self, have learned from it. Here are a collection of my questions, article topics, and scattered ideas.

1. Co-parenting agreements - is that a recognized fact in Iowa/Nebraska? (*Editor's Note: Don't know the answer but maybe one of our readers will write in with some comments on the subject.*)

2. Are the legislatures doing anything to recognize same-sex relationships: taxes, insurances, next of kin status, rights of survivorship? (*Editor's Note: Nebraska Ernie Chambers keeps introducing a bill to legalize same-sex marriages, but it has never gotten out of committee. However, a Nebraska "Defense of Marriage Act," which would mean that Nebraska would never recognize same-sex marriages is moving through the Unicameral and may well pass this session.*)

3. Is it safe to walk in Omaha? If you wish to hold hands, is there a place where as women you would be safe from harassment? (*Editor's Note: You would be quite safe at any of the 7 GLBT Bars, at MCC, at a River City Mixed Chorus Concert, at ICON Picnics, at Metro Club, or at any other GLBT event. In terms of public areas, I would say you would run some risk of harassment anywhere in Omaha, less in the Old Market than at the Crossroads, but anywhere open to the general public you have to recognize that homophobes may be present. I'd suggest you try some of the organizations and groups listed in the magazine.*)

4. What about where do you meet people? Like I said, I am very new at this, where is there to go besides the bars? (*Editor's Note: The same places I listed above. There is a Women's Support Group that meets on Saturday mornings at MCC-Omaha, there's Metro Club, there are wonderful events put on by WomenSpace - be sure to check out their article about their concerts and Pridefest to be held in September, there are the ICON picnics, and I would also check out the Club James Dean - yes, it's a bar but it is a very comfortable bar with a clientele that's mainly women. I'll be hosting a women's dance contest there on May 2 and another dance contest at The MAX on June 7. Or you could try putting a personal ad in the classifieds. I know that can work, that's how Carla and I met and we've been together almost 9 years.*)

5. What does the Resource Center Offer? (*I should let them answer that for themselves, but so far they are primarily providing information to people who call or drop in. They aren't doing any programming but are making the facility available to groups that want to use it.*)

6. It would be interesting to recognize the closet people like me. To tell them they are not alone even though they may feel very isolated. (*Editor's Note: Sounds great! But finding closeted people isn't really easy. How about starting by sharing your story with our readers? You could be the one to reach out to other closeted people and let them know they are not alone.*)

Thanks for your time and patience.

Sincerely, Carla

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The coming out episode was thought by some, certainly by the radical right, as a way to boost ratings. The radical right made it an issue bigger than it could ever handle. In the weeks leading to the historic episode, the radical right was trying to get ABC affiliates to refuse to air the program — and it tried to get advertisers to refuse to run spots during the program.

Interestingly, it also encouraged its followers to WATCH the program (supposedly so they could take note of advertisers).

At least one affiliate bit. WBMA-TV in Birmingham, Alabama refused to air the April 30 program. Jerry Heilman, the president and general manager of the station called it "inappropriate for family viewing". The local gay community protested — and organized a party to view the show with the rest of the country via its own satellite.

ABC found that you can't please everybody. The network rejected an Olivia Cruise advertisement based on its policy of not allowing advocacy ads of any kind. The ad would have featured two women embracing together on the deck of a cruise ship and kissing at the end — a theme seen every day by cruiselines frequented by a heterosexual clientele.

That did not, however, keep the Human Rights Campaign from buying advertising time on local affiliates. It had planned to air an ad entitled "Shoes" in at least 29 cities. (There was no immediate word on how many ended up airing.) The ad featured a woman who had just been fired from her job because of her sexual orientation. A conversation between her co-workers revealed that the firing was not against the law — a fact that one of her colleagues is shocked to learn.

Of course, the program had plenty of major advertisers. Gay and lesbian Americans are encouraged to contact the advertisers to show appreciation for not caving in to the radical right's demands. Among the advertisers and how to contact them: Chrysler 1-800-992-1997; General Motors 1-313-556-5000; and Johnson & Johnson 1-800-526-3967.

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FEATURES

"OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for May 1997

by C. Lichtenstein

For Entertainment Purposes Only

Gather round the Maypole kids and prepare for a burst of hot May energy. Balance will be everything this month when the Sun squares Juniper and Uranus. Lucky surprises in one area of your life requires compromises elsewhere. Don't pout; Chalk it up to karma and make the most out of your current incarnation. We may have past lives but who really remembers them?

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) May pushes you into a high maintenance crowd. Before you don your party dress and head for the ball, check your bank balance to see if you have money for cab fare in the morning. If not, queer Rams may find themselves waiting for the bus at sunrise, clutching their spikes and looking frayed at the edges. Friendship is not always cheap and easy, although some of us may like it that way.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Proud Bulls may be offered the career opportunity of a lifetime this May but at what personal cost? Power, money and capricious revenge are all very well and good but are you prepared to become gay Duce of the corporate set? I think that ultimately it does not fit with your cuddly, luxurious, lustful persona. Remember, balance in life is everything, darling!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) There is a time in

every gay Twins life where internal considerations override or conflict with global outreach. May is one of those times. You've been given an opportunity to speak to the rainbow masses but it comes at a personal compromise. Obviously you prefer to waste your time lolling on the beach and eying the bods, but the cause needs your eloquence and intellect. Speak Out.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Pink Crabs may have a delectable choice of sexual partners this May but must you pick and choose from your stable of friends to find them? A wise Crab will learn the difference between platonic helpmates and hot patoot handmates before the planets firmly and forcibly show you who is who and what is what. Some of us like firm and forcible declinations, but many of us do not.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) May continues its crazy and out of control ways with your career but now the planets add a bit of rock salt into partnerships because of it. Proud Lions just can't win for trying now so don't even bother; just try to keep your professional commitments in perspective and placate partners as best as possible. Count the days until Pride month when the heat is off in career and on in relationships.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) The job keeps calling to you. Will you heed the call or take that long awaited vacation? The temptations are far too great for ever hardworking pink Virgins to keep on going and going. It's nice to feel important and needed, but it's also nice to pamper yourself every so often. All work and no play makes John and Jane tired and sweaty workhorses.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 21) Expect a hot and lusty time this May when the planets seem to make any party the meet and greet event of the decade. Prepare for an avalanche of sexual offerings as the blazing Sun turns up the heat. But don't bite off more than you chew, tempting though it may be. Gay Libras should eat their sweets one a time to avoid gluttony.

SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22) Even the most independent Scorps will consider settling down in May when the planets give you every reason to make a commitment. Domestication may entail moving to a larger residence or expanding your current space to accommodate a happy twosome. Good thing too; now that you are out of the closet there is no reason to continue to rent one.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Proud Archers are not usually wage slaves but your job over the past few months has made you feel like one. Thankfully the planets keep on moving and now you can speak out against your own personal sweatshop conditions. Who knows, this may create a new opportunity for you at work that ultimately brings you a huge raise and high praise. Then again, maybe not.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Fun can be surprisingly profitable in May so spread your wings and soar to creative heights. I don't condone gambling but there may be some small upside potential in risking a tiny amount on games of chance. Conservative gay Goats must never bet the farm but can bet some extra chicken feed in either the stock market or craps. Don't bet more than you can afford to lose.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Aqueerians can make their home a showplace and center of activity in May. Don't be surprised if you suddenly (and luckily) find yourself as the great gay center of attention as paparazzi jostle to capture one of your winning smiles. But balance your privacy with your public persona. My advice; avoid sun bathing in the nude until your fifteen minutes of fame has passed.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Mystical pink Fish sound almost intuitive in May when all that is hidden in your life explodes on the scene. Luckily, you feel compelled to share your joy with the immediate world as the planets force you out of that closet once and for all. Announce your liberation loudly and proudly from the rooftops. If they can't hear you, write 'em a letter. The word must get out.

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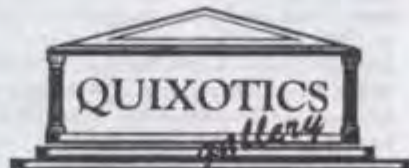


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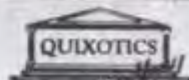
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Many people today are afraid of homosexuals. Some are even afraid to shake hands with one if they know they are gay. Some are afraid to give a hug or greeting. Why?

Why does homophobia exist? Webster says "homophobia" is "hatred or fear of homosexuals or homosexuality." Why would anyone FEAR? Hatred may be understandable because we're taught to hate. But fear? This is an emotion. The reaction however could be the creation of hate masked in fear.

Isn't it 1997? Aren't we an educated nation of people? Yes, it is '97 and yes we are supposedly educated and fear is normally diminished through knowledge. We do sometimes forget however that politics exists and does create fears and hatreds which good people "fall for" in that game of power plays.

Normally FEAR of anything is caused because we don't know what's on the other side (this creates the fear of death), "don't know what might be lurking in the dark or under the bed" (boogie-men have been around for ages from this fear). "It could be contagious" (this fear of an unseen enemy created a paranoia so strong Howard Hughes washed his hands incessantly), "they do things so differently, I'm afraid of what they'll do next" (this fear keeps many Races and groups of people apart). It is easy to see what FEAR can do in a life when one might choose to remain ignorant instead of educated. What is worse also may be the extent of the damage FEAR does to the person fearing.

Fear of homosexuals may not be caused by ignorance as much as it is caused by simple denial — denial that the homosexual should even exist as a human being. As it might be indicated by the fact that most homophobics simply refuse to even discuss the topic or even be willing to converse with a homosexual. This denial of another's humanity eliminated anything even resembling intelligence and liberties of any civil nature should therefore also be denied in their estimation. Homosexuality is only a moral issue for so many homophobics and has nothing to do with knowledge or reality.

This position of "you are wrong and I am right" in religious belief systems over the centuries has resulted in the creation of far too many actual wars. Today, we who are the homosexuals are cast in the arena of wrong by those in the arenas of right.

History is filled with such arenas, all in the name of THEIR God, and groups of his followers who believe they have found the ONLY RIGHT even became willing to go to war or to persecute those who are not like themselves their RIGHT position.

Growing up in a Protestant evangelical belief system, I was taught and led to believe that all Catholics (they were also called Papists) would be excluded from OUR heaven. They were wrong and we were right. There was no room for their reality because of our theology. I was also

FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace London,
Nationally Syndicated Columnist

taught to believe "the dirty Japs" as we called them then, were at war with us because of the fact — according to our theology — that they were infidels and not Christians, as we believed "Christians" should be.

Remember the Crusades? Of course not. You're not old enough. But remember the battles of the last decades in Ireland? Catholics fighting Protestants and vice versa. Where is the moral high ground? They battle out of fear that one may become more powerful than the other and thus one belief system wins and the other would lose.

Maybe we as a homosexual community today are feared because the majority thinks our ranks will grow. I don't know, but I do know our folks do think people choose to be gay. I do know science and history show we have remained fairly constant 8 to 12 percent minority group over the ages and it's still the same today. I wonder if the "moral" segment of heterosexuality has a vision of thousands of "immoral" heterosexuals CHOOSING to become homosexuals! Increasing our so-called ranks as others might do through propagation is an impossibility. We can't breed homosexuals into existence and we can't make a straight person into a gay person. If you're straight, you're stuck with it for the rest of your life and if you're homosexual, better get used to it and out of denial because that's what you're stuck with.

The numbers in a gay population ONLY grow statistically when folks exit their closets and make themselves known publicly.

Maybe we're feared because of being UNSEEN, like Howard Hughes paranoia. I don't know. I do know the Black African American minority IS visible AND a growing minority AND FEARED by many in the White community. It is now 12%. That's 29,955,932 Blacks in America today. Whites who feel their supremacy is RIGHT are fearful because they VISIBLY SEE so many of "them."

Our unseen minority group of homosexuals at 10% of the general population is only 4,992,663 people fewer than the Black population in America. And they can't see all 24,963,269 of us like they can the Blacks!! Sooooh, that is scary, isn't it!?

So why does homophobia exist? Belief systems. Politics.

Power struggles. And, quite possibly man's finite ability to realize a Creator's infinite love for all of His creations. It definitely exists also because of a lack of understanding of history and realizing that homophobic laws were not instituted by the early Christian church as so many today think, but by non religious civil authorities in 1280 AD. When secular leaders broke free from the control of the Church and feudal systems began, leaders had to find new ways of winning loyalties of followers. Thus began the Crusades against the Islamic "infidels", the "pogroms" against Jews, the burning of witches or suspected witches, and new laws were instituted against same-sex love; laws even meriting the death penalty. The era of tolerance was ended and we have the results today being felt around the world in the homosexual community. And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet!

Mr. London is former Mg. Editor of *Zapper Magazine* and *The Coast to Coast Times*. His autobiographical legacy: *The Closets Are Empty... The Dining Room's Full* is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing House. Visa/MC orders: 800-356-9415.

OFFICES OF TRIANGULO ROSA IN COSTA RICA ATTACKED

On December 16, 1996, following months of threatening phone calls, pranks, and other minor acts of vandalism, the members of *Asociacion Triangulo Rosa* discovered that all the windows in their offices had been broken by vandals. This attack is only the latest attempt to intimidate members of the *Triangulo Rosa*, a gay and lesbian organization in Costa Rica, and force the closure of their offices in the town of Alajuela. In the weeks leading to the most recent attack, vandals wrote obscenities on the walls and doors of the *Triangulo Rosa* offices. The group also received threatening phone calls demanding the group leave Alajuela.

Triangulo Rosa attempted to file a complaint with the local police authorities who refused to accept it, claiming the incident was not within their jurisdiction. The complaint was then presented to the *Organismo de Investigacion Judicial* (Institution for Judicial Investigation). *Triangulo Rosa* also approached the *Defensoria de los Habitantes de la Republic* (Defender of the Inhabitants of the Republic), which serves as an ombudsman on human rights cases, immediately following the attack requesting increased police protection and an immediate investigation. None of the agencies have responded.

Asociacion Triangulo Rosa has asked that international activists write letters stressing the following points: 1) Violence against minorities is deplorable and it is the responsibility of the Cost Rican government to investigate attacks against any and all minority groups including sexual minorities to ensure that perpetrators of these attacks are prosecuted for their crimes. 2) In situations where individuals or groups believe they may be in danger, it is the government's duty to provide adequate police protection. 3) The government of a country with Costa Rica's otherwise impressive human rights records needs to recognize that violations of the rights of sexual minorities are indeed human rights violations.

Please send letters to: Rodrigo Carazo, *Defensoria de los Habitantes*, Apartado 1240-1007, Centro Colon, Costa Rica or FAX: 506-296-2512. Please send copies of your letters to *Asociacion Triangulo Rosa* so that they may also use them when appropriate to: *Asociacion Triangulo Rosa*, Attn: Francisco Madrigal, Apartado 1619-4950, Alajuela, Costa Rica or e-mail: rastern@sol.racsca.co.cr.

NEW STUDY SHOWS FAITH IN NETWORKS

A new study by the conservative and anti-gay *Media Research Center* has found information that contradicts itself.

Media Research Center is already on record claiming that ABC and CBS have somehow compromised "Christian values" by including representations of lesbians and gay men. Now, the organization is naming the same networks as being the most sensitive and inclusive towards people of faith. The study, "Faith in A Box: Entertainment Television on Religion" notes that of entertainment programming on the six networks, ABC and CBS have the best records in 1996 of religious depictions.

Touched By An Angel, a 1997 Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Media Award nominee, was also singled out in the report as "the best series of the year" for favorable treatment of religion.

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OPENLY GAY MAN ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

An openly gay school board member in Redondo Beach, California, has been elected President of the school board.

Zeke Zeidler was first elected to the board in 1995 as a Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund-endorsed candidate. He became one of ten openly gay or lesbian school board members in the country.

"I am excited about this opportunity. We have many important issues on our plate, including class size reduction and domestic partnership benefits for employees," Zeidler said.

"As the only openly gay elected official in Redondo Beach, I have been able to provide a unique perspective, while educating the board regarding gay and lesbian issues."

Since becoming a school board member, Zeidler has ensured that ever new or revised school district policy and contract includes "sexual orientation" and "disability" in the anti-discrimination clause.

KIDS OF LESBIANS: THEY'RE HEALTHY

Three studies released last month found that children born to lesbian couples through donor insemination are just as emotionally healthy and well-adjusted as children born to straight parents.

The studies, conducted in the United States, Britain and the Netherlands found that, "When you look at children with standard psychological assessments, you can't tell who has a lesbian parent and who has a heterosexual parent," said Charlotte Patterson, a University of Virginia researcher.

In related news, the Illinois Supreme Court has let stand an appellate court decision to deny a father's appeal to take custody of his children from the mother because she is lesbian. "There have been over 70 studies that show a child of lesbian or gay parents is just as emotionally healthy and well-adjusted as children of heterosexual parents," said Shannon Mintner, staff attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

GLAAD HANDS OUT 1997 MEDIA AWARDS

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation welcomed a who's who list of award presenters and recipients at its 1997 Media Awards.

In Los Angeles, presenters and special guests included Gregory Peck, Ellen DeGeneres, Lily Tomlin, Cher, Garry Marshall, Dan Butler, Ming-Na Wen, Ed McMahon, Valerie Bertinelli, Gina Gershon, Jennifer Tilly, and Tracey Ullman.

In Washington, D.C., presenters and special guests included former Congressman Steve Gunderson, Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, Candice Gingrich, Comedy Central's Dr. Katz and Dr. Rita Mae Brown. Sharon Bottoms and April Wade accepted the award for the made-for-TV movie "Two Mothers for Zachary."

At a final ceremony in New York, guests and presenters included Nell Carter, Joel Grey, George Stephanopoulos, Jessica Hecht, Isaiah Washington, Michael Boatman, Lisa Edelstein, Mitchell Anderson, Mayor David Dinkins, and Phil Donahue with his wife Marlo Thomas. So, who won the awards? Here's the list:

- STEPHEN F. KOLZAK AWARD — Bruce Vilanch
- VANGUARD AWARD: Cristina Suralegui
- OUTSTANDING TV SERIES: Spin City
- OUTSTANDING TV DRAMA SERIES: Chicago Hope
- OUTSTANDING TV, INDIVIDUAL EPISODE: Tracey Takes On
- OUTSTANDING MADE-FOR-TV MOVIE: Two Mothers For Zachary
- OUTSTANDING DAYTIME DRAMA SERIES: All My Children
- OUTSTANDING TV JOURNALISM: Turning Point: "For Better or Worse"
- OUTSTANDING NEWS JOURNALISM: New York Times, Frank Rich's Gen. Coverage
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MAN NEARLY DIES, NOW HE WANTS JOB BACK

John Mace of Seattle was told three years ago he had less than six months to live. Both lungs had collapsed and his doctor told him to get his affairs in order. But new drugs gave him hope. KING-TV reports doctors can find no trace of HIV in him now. Mace now has another fight on his hands. He wants his job back and wants his seniority status too. His employer of 10 years, Alaska Airlines, says he CAN have his job back — but only with the status of a new hire. Mace is taking the airline to court. The *Seattle Times* reports Mace argues that airlines forced him to quit his job, instead of giving him extended leave, so he could get money from his 401 (k), life insurance and pension plan. He argues that he could have taken a three-year medical leave which was provided by his union contract. His lawsuit contends that the airline violated discrimination laws that protected people under provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act. News reports quote airline spokesmen as saying Mace is being treated fairly — other employees had been forced to quit for health reasons (or family emergencies) and returned to work as new hires. The case could take two years.

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"FATHERS" AND "SONS"

by Richard D. Mohr

When I was a heterosexual, I lived with a woman for enough years to have fathered a baseball team. But it never crossed our minds to have kids. Even now, with the gay and lesbian babyboom in full swing, my hubperson and I chose merely to observe the procreative and child-rearing impulses of our friends. Perhaps I'm just one of those self-centered, luxury-seeking, responsibility-avoiding individualists at whom conservatives like to wag their fingers as they set up gays in general as their cultural symbol for decadent, self-indulgent, hollow existence. Yet, as the years roll by, I find scattered across the country a group of young men who look up to me sort of as a father. What the loins finessed, the lie of the mind has returned to me in altered form. I have a second generation of myself.

These young men are mostly graduate students. The contours of my relation to these fellows are not crisp. In one way, I am a parent figure in that I serve as an elder guide and adviser. Some, though, do not seek out guidance and counsel, but rather simply appreciate my life as a body of work that made a difference to their intellectual pursuits, their life experience and goals. Over those who seek my advice, I have no authority, so perhaps even for these men, I am more like an uncle than a parent; but then the relationship is a chosen one and so more like a mentoring relation than any blood relative. Yet these relations, even when conducted at a thousand miles removed, are personal and intimate in that they take their stamp from the individuality of those involved, and so they are more like friendships than mentoring relations. Even that's not quite right. For, unlike friends and lovers, we do not cut our adventures jointly. We do not seek out our experiences together, rather men seek me out because of my experience.

The earliest of these relations began when a young man engaged me at the first national confabulation of gay scholars. The year was 1987, the place Yale. This kid, cute as a button, saunters by, spies my tag, says, "Oh, so you're Richard Mohr; I really liked your AIDS article in *Raritan*," and walks on; he circles back a few minutes later and says, "Oh, I really liked your political piece in *Christopher Street* too." How could one not love someone like that and I still do.

Others I've lost. A cranky, grumpy, Old Testament sort of guy, I give advice heavily larded with tough love. Some can take the diet, even thrive, others are repulsed and scamper off feeling wounded and resentful. One stomped his way out shouting Oediapally: "You're not my father, you're not my psychiatrist, you're not my teacher."

Not that it's all been peaches for me. I enjoy nudging and helping my boys in completing tasks by which academics pay their dues — placing journal articles, securing book contracts, presenting conference papers. I arranged for them to be the speakers on a panel for which I chair. Well, both of them presented broadside attacks against an essay I'd written on outing. So there I am, sitting between them with a stiff smile firmly fronting clinched teeth as, by turns, they let lose salvos of "Mohr is mistaken..., Mohr falsely holds..., Mohr fails to..." Pow, pow, pow. The commentator and the audience were on their side too. My role as chair precluded my saying anything in response. Bruising as the experience was for my ego, my pride in my boys waxed large and confirmed my hope that I do not serve as a role model for anyone. I loathe the phrase "role model." I hope my dislike is not simply a knee-jerk reaction to conservatives' use of the phrase as a tool with which to bash lesbian and gay teachers, but an expression of the liberal's faith that one ought not to serve as the standard for another — that each should work out his own plan of life. The message of my work for my kids is not "here is the one true path; follow it," but rather "here is a largely uncharted valley; make use of its possibilities."

Not all will flourish long term in academe. Even if discrimination were not all play, there aren't enough university jobs to assure universal success. But like most people of their class and upbringing, they will land on their feet somewhere: law school, publishing, middle management — somewhere. In any case, since these are not my 'real' kids, I can wish them something finer than happiness. My hope is for dignity — that they will lead principled and honor-worthy lives even if it means they will not be as well off as otherwise. I do not have to fill a parent's role of teaching conformity as a condition for getting ahead. And I need not act like a downtrodden parent who teaches his child habits and attitudes by which she will grow up to become some happy slave or deferential housewife. But this wish for my men has me worried. All of them are nice guys — perhaps too nice. Making-nice and principled living are frequently at odds with each other — almost always in bureaucratic academe. I would not have accomplished my life work had I not the hostile, grating personality I have. Still, the great cultural shifts underway may mean that a gay person will soon be able to be principled and nice at the same time.

I have been a pessimist long enough that I cannot believe gays will reach the promised land in my lifetime. Yet I am optimistic enough to think some state approximating gays' justice might occur within the lifetime of my boys, and nothing would fulfill me more than if their good deeds should play a part in that realization.



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AIDS "CZAR" NAMED

President Clinton's selection of Sandra L. Thurman to become the new White House "AIDS czar" is being met with support.

The Human Rights Campaign said of the selection, "She brings the right mix of leadership, political skills and commitment to the fight against HIV and AIDS."

Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's legislative director, said, "Thurman was intricately involved in the creation and enactment of the Ryan White CARE Act in 1990 and its reauthorization in 1995. She knows AIDS policy and politics from the inside — a critical combination of skills for this job."

Likewise, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force commended her selection. NGLTF Executive Director Kerry Lobel added, "The Task Force calls upon Thurman and the administration to work with Congress to lift the ban on the use of federal funds for needle exchange programs, oppose H.R. 1062, the regressive legislation introduced by Rep. Coburn, R-Okahoma, that would among other things, require states to adopt mandatory HIV testing laws."

Thurman becomes the third person to hold the position known informally as the national AIDS czar. She replaces Patsy Fleming who stepped down after President Clinton's re-election.

Most recently, she was a White House appointee to the U.S. Information Agency, responsible for cultural and professional exchange programs. Her AIDS-related activities include serving on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; on the George State AIDS Task Force; the Fulton County HIV Planning Council; and the executive committee of Cities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief.

RAINBOW OUTREACH ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center proudly announces its new Board of Directors: Jim Morford, President; Michael Mutilier, Vice-President; Missy Arrowood, Secretary; and Jay Tremont, Treasurer. Other Board members are: Dr. Charles Beauchamp, Marshall Burnham, jr., Andy Eckles, Scott Hays, Rich Ketter, Carla Petersen, and Eric Strom.

BI-NET ORGANIZING IN OMAHA

An organizational meeting of Bi-Net, a support and networking group for Bisexual persons, will be held at 7pm May 8 at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center at 1719 Leavenworth.

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BRIAN'S PAGE

"I DON'T THINK OF MYSELF AS A PRUDE, BUT I THINK ALL OF YOUR LOVERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIT IN A BUS"

Bruce McCollough as "Cathy with a C" - *Kids in the Hall*

Brian's Note: The opinions expressed on this page are mine at the time of this writing. At the time of this writing, I am in day number two of my birthday gift to myself (May 13th if you want to do something nice, like pay my rent.) I have quit smoking. Day number two is the day when the lizards start crawling on the walls, and the voices in your head grant you the demonic power to hate and destroy all that would displease you. What a great time to work on my page!

The "Literate Poofster gets morning wood."

department: Buy a copy of *Superman #123* (if you can still find it!) Not only do you get to see the premiere of the "new" last son of Krypton, your cover also glows in the dark!! And, as one of my friends so colloquially put it, "He's sporting quite a bulge now..."

The Terminal Cooties Department: May is also my anniversary-month of being diagnosed HIV positive (May 17th, if anyone wants to do anything nice like buy me a pony!) One year, someone asked me what I got for my birthday and I jumped up and down and screamed, "AZT! AZT!!!!" She didn't think it was funny.

Anyway, this will be my fourth year with the disease. So I guess I have been positive almost a third of the overall "AIDS crisis" years. I am not saying that I am an expert or anything like that; I am just trying to establish that I have put some time in the trenches. At some moments, you almost feel like you are in a twelve-step program with this virus. I know about the new drugs and treatments that are coming out almost every day, and for that I am thankful. I do worry that this may go the route of other plagues. Someone finds a vaccine, and society is left with all these "casualties" still out there, dependent on expensive drug therapies for life and dealing with side-effects that no one thought of five or so years later.

I also know that we live in a world filled to the proverbial brim with hypocrisy and discrimination. I then wonder if my community will still be there to support its "wounded" brothers and sisters once transmission of the virus can be stopped. Will it still be fashionable to have fundraisers for those struck with HIV/AIDS (remember, scientists are starting to think that this will soon be like diabetes, etc. in having to take meds all your life) after no one has to worry about getting it themselves?

Omaha, Nebraska is one of the best places in the nation to be sick. We have The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) and The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), and both are fore-runners/tops in the country in their own areas of helping with HIV/AIDS. Our cost of living in Omaha is lower on the average (remember, we do not pay sales tax on food items here); we have a very low unemployment rate with lots of part-time jobs available.

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered community has always been generous in their fund-raising endeavors. Yet, as I have been known to say lately, "There is much more to helping those of us with HIV and AIDS than raising money...and patting yourself on the back!" I am talking about removing the stigma that we

still attach to the virus, and especially the stigma we attach to those who are known and/or rumored to be sick.

Please do not try to tell me there is no stigma. Rumors of a person's status can fly and spin around this town faster than Dorothy in the damn tornado, especially if said person is brave/stupid enough to approach someone who is healthy. How dare we overstep our boundaries, huh?

You know, I have a feeling that there are quite a few of those in the G/L/B/T community who love to host those "Pish-Posh" parties during the Night of a Thousand Stars, but would never get involved with a PLWA (and/or would never think to have one anywhere in sight during that evening in their home!) And for all those who feel the need to tell anyone that I talk to at a bar or event, "Did you know he is HIV positive/has AIDS?" I have a few things to say:

- 1.) I will tell him.
- 2.) I may have already told him.
- 3.) He may have known about it way before he met me.
- 4.) You look really stupid and pathetic, so please find something better to do with your time. Thank You.

There are times that I really regret being public about my status. You can "bet your bippy" that one of those times is when I am trying to meet someone. My favorite line is, "I really admire your honesty, but I can't get involved with someone like you." (there are many variants of this statement, just ask anyone at the clinic!)

Face it, people, if it can be rumored about and discriminated against, it can be classified as having a stigma! Yes, it is a scary thing. It's even scarier when people turn away from you because you have this disease.

You know, the G/L/B/T community screams at discrimination all the time. Maybe we should look inward once in a while and make sure that "our own house is in order."

The "Why I do the things I do" department: I was reading some of my poetry at the opening of the Resource Center (a big thanks goes out to all those who stopped by to listen, by the way), and Sharon asked me to explain how I put a poem together. I didn't think she was asking about the mechanics of poetry (nobody would ask that if they wanted to stay conscious!); I figured she was asking about the images I use. I tend to use a lot of images/metaphors from the Holocaust when I write an AIDS-related piece. In my mind, the parallels haunt me. When I read that we could have had a cure by now if the public (and those in charge) didn't waste/dismiss the first five or so years by thinking of AIDS as a "gay disease," I think of the thousands that died in the camps. I think about the fact that most schools fail to mention those with the pink triangles when they teach about the Holocaust. When I hear some guy announce that it is "his right" to choose not to be involved with someone who is HIV-positive, I think about that famous quote that starts with "When they first came for the Jews, I said nothing because I was not a Jew."

There are times when I secretly wish some people would get this disease, just so they could understand the hypocrisy we have to simply

accept, or wind up wasting a good amount of time banging our heads against the proverbial brick wall. Sometimes, people feel the need to tell me that if they tested positive, they would end their lives. I don't know if they are telling me that to make me feel better, or if they think I will spew forth some pearl of wisdom to help them with their fear. I only know that I get disturbed when I realize how much **hasn't** changed in the fifteen-plus years of this plague.

Maybe this will help you as you read my poetry choice for this month, maybe not. Until next month, "take care of yourselves, and each other." (Thanks, Jerry Springer!)

PILLS IN HAND

By Brian E. Bengtson

I hold my pills tight
in my hand
like a firefly caught at night
or maybe a secret,
sometimes AZT leaves
blue marks on my palms.

I think of my ancestors,
the ones who had scars
all their own,
and were herded to the camps
with pink triangles
and never mentioned in school.

I can swallow
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May Mania!

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Sunday, May 4, 9 p.m.

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Join Josephine, candidate for ICON Empress XVII, and her friends as they present an evening of entertainment. \$2 cover. Benefit for NAP.

Sunday, May 18, 8 p.m.

"Hairlip Honey's and Masculine Madames"

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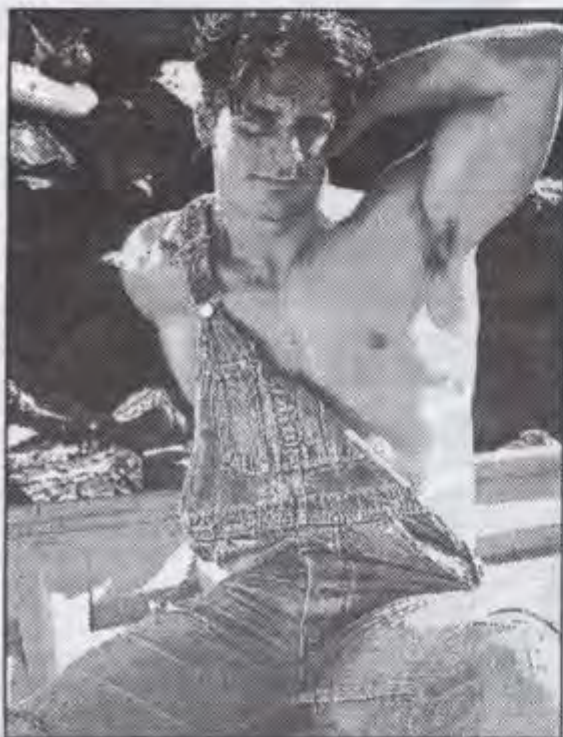
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Sunday, June 1, 9 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL CANDIDATES ADDRESS GLBT COMMUNITY



Photos:

Above, Brenda Council Speaks with Chair of Center's Board, Jim Morford
Right (top to bottom): Subby Anzaldo, Mark Kraft, Mele Mason



As part of the Grand Opening of the GLBT Resource Center, candidates for local offices addressed the concerns of the community. The Christian Social Action Committee of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Citizens for Equal Protection, and Rainbow PAC hosted a forum with local candidates.

Mayoral candidate Brenda Council spoke informally with the audience, reaffirming her commitment to end all forms of discrimination. She spoke passionately about her belief that there should be no discrimination in employment — that the only factor should be whether or not the person can do the job required.

Candidates Subby Anzaldo, Marc Kraft, and Mele Mason spoke to the audience about their support of the GLBT community. Anzaldo was only able to be at the Resource Center briefly, working his appearance in around other obligations, but spoke very positively, reminding the audience that he signed the local Proclamation for GLBT Pride when he was President of the City Council. Kraft spoke candidly of his support of the GLBT community through the years as did Mason. Both responded positively when asked for their comments regarding discrimination in employment. Both indicated they would support a city policy regarding benefits for domestic partners, but both also stated that they doubted that they could survive politically if either of them introduced the policy. Kraft did suggest that the community might consider petitioning the city to institute such a policy.

Each candidate left wearing a rainbow ribbon from the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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MAY 2-4**

Fantasy to Reality, a Novice Introduction to the SM/Leather/Fetish Community, is coming May 2-3. Friday night DC's will host a Meet and Greet at 9pm. There will be no cover, just come visit with friends, dance and enjoy the country atmosphere of DC's.

Saturday afternoon, 1 to 6pm at The MAX, there will be six workshops: SM 101, Bondage, Flogging, Making Dungeon Toys, Spanking, and Sensory Deprivation. At the same time, the vendor area will be open for your shopping needs. There will be 3 leather shops, a whip maker, books, tattoo's and more. *Come shop 'til you drop.*

Saturday evening at the MAX you will see a Hot Leather Show with the area leather groups: OPC, LEO, WELT, LTFP, and Heartland Gathering, all participating to make this show one you won't want to miss. With Jim and Willow as MC's, it promises to be festive.

Saturday afternoon there is a Beer Bust to relax and wind down. From 2 to 5 PM we will unbend and bask in each others' company at the Wooden Apple, 21 & Martha, in the Apple Barrel Room. This is a private entrance on the west side of the building. There will be an open bar and all the coffee you want.

The week-end promises to be a lot of fun. Come attend the workshops, buy out the vendors, enjoy the show, and get to know what the safe, sane, consensual SM/Leather/Fetish community is all about.

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For the fourth year, the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) and Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) will be awarding scholarship money to further the education of deserving children of lesbian or gay parents. In 1997, the total scholarship pool will total at least \$1000.

Applicants must have at least one lesbian, gay or bisexual parent and be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary institution. The scholarship recipients will be announced on July 25th, 1997 at GLPCI's 18th Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Applications for the 1997 Lee Dubin Memorial Scholarship are available now by contacting GLPCI by fax (201) 783-6204. The deadline for applications is May 15, 1997.

**SMIAROWSKI
SENTENCED**

In the case of the State vs. Ed Smiarowski, Smiarowski has been sentenced by Judge Michael Amdor to three years probation with restitution to be made to The Imperial Court at the rate of \$100 per month until the full amount of \$3345.50 has been repaid. Charges had been filed after the disappearance of funds from money bags which were in Smiarowski's possession after Coronation 14 in June, 1994.

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ICON CANDIDATES FOR EMPEROR AND EMPRESS

As part of the application procedure, each person wishing to be a candidate for Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court of Nebraska must present a letter of application to the Board of Governors. These letters are reviewed and each applicant is interviewed prior to being approved as a candidate. The letters of application for the four candidates for Reign 17 are reprinted here. Each letter is in the candidates own words and appears exactly as it was presented to the Board of Governors of ICON. The letters appear in the order of the numbers drawn by the candidates to establish priority in scheduling campaign events.

Jeff McKenzie

Dear Imperial Court of Nebraska,

Enclosed is my application for Emperor XVII, for the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

In 1990 I came out as a gay individual looking for support and through the Imperial Court of Nebraska met many wonderful individuals who opened up their hearts and helped me believe in myself and gave me a sense of direction. I became involved with many of our communities fund raising activities as well as serving as Grand Duke XV, under the direction of Emperor Annie Welty. Through her dedication it gave me a stronger belief and commitment to our community.

As a member of the Snatch Sisters, together we have hosted as well as participated in many fund raising events. Serving as Co-Director for Ice Bowl has truly been an experience helping to raise \$20,000 to keep us one of the largest payout gay bowling tournaments in the country. As current reigning Mr. MAX, my goal is to not only be a representative of the bar, but to show our community that the title of Mr. MAX is one of dignity and respect and to assist in contributing to our community goals as a whole and to support all organizations with compassion and commitment.

At this time please accept my application for candidacy of Emperor XVII. I feel the Imperial Court of Nebraska has a proud past, however, with my commitment and dedication my intent is to help secure a promising future.

Respectfully,
Jeff McKenzie

Michele Korman

Dear Board Members, Executive Board, and Reigning Monarchs,

I, Michele Korman, am writing to let you know of my intentions for the position of Empress XVII of the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

There may be some people who would be apprehensive on crowning a straight female Empress. However, over the last three years, I have grown in my awareness of the needs of the gay and lesbian community in the State of Nebraska.

Among my list of accomplishments, I have helped organize two coronations, attended a majority of the functions, sold countless raffle tickets, performed, organized three functions of my own, and attended one out of town coronation. Continuing on with the list, this year I have been privileged to be and serve as Grand Czarina.

The position of Grand Czarina allowed me the opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Imperial Court system.

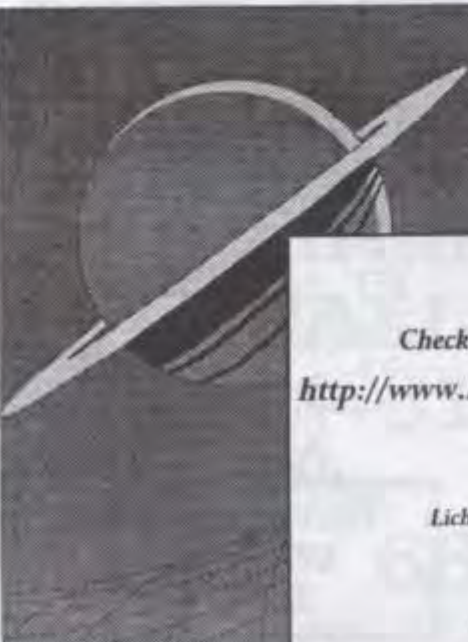
If elected, my main goal would be unity. It is important to represent all aspects of the community. Following in the steps of Reign XVII would also show diversity when choosing my Royal Family. Using the words of our President, "Our Diversity is our greatest strength."

In making your decision, I would like you to consider all of these accomplishments and realize whether elected or not, I will continue working with the gay and lesbian community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Michele Korman



Top to Bottom:
Jeff McKenzie, Michele Korman, Sharon Van Butsel, Josephine Williams



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Sharon Van Butsel

Honorable Board of Governors:

Thank you for considering my application to be a candidate for Empress 17. I have been proud to serve the Imperial Court of Nebraska during the past 7 years. Long before I joined the Board of Governors, I was an active volunteer at ICON functions and on the Royal Family of Tammy Griffith when she was Athena 3. I have been a member of the Board of Governors for nearly 3 years, first as Secretary and currently as Princess Royale 16 and Treasurer. It is my hope to continue to serve the needs of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Communities of Nebraska and the surrounding region through the position of Empress 17.

I have demonstrated my commitment and leadership abilities through ten years of active participation in the community. I have served as the Editor of the New Voice of Nebraska for over 9 years, developing the magazine into a quality publication which is the primary source of information about our community. I served on the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Community Church for 8 years and still serve as worship leader and deacon-in-training. I was a founding member of ANGLE and sang with the River City Mixed Chorus for a season.

Obviously, there are many places where I could devote my talent and my energy, but the Imperial Court of Nebraska holds a very special place in my heart. No other organization is so devoted to serving the entire community and so dedicated to raising funds to help other organizations. ICON reaches across the diverse community to help new organizations get started as well as helping strong organizations reach new goals. But above it all, ICON is fun! When I attended my very first Coronation, I fell in love with the camp and pageantry that is the Imperial Court system. ICON allows me and others to express their creativity in new and exciting ways. I find great satisfaction in the process of putting a show together — of deciding a theme and developing a set and choosing performers to carry out that theme. I love putting together "non-traditional" shows like the All-Womyn's Show and our upcoming "Bonnets and Baskets" show, but nothing

has delighted me more than to create the story and costuming for ICON's walks at Coronations in Des Moines and Minneapolis!

The theme for my campaign would be "Free to be Family." The concepts of Freedom and Family best describe how I feel about the Imperial Court. I have the freedom to express myself and to use my talents to express who I really am; and I am part of a large, loving family that stretches across the nation. Our family is very diverse and, like all families, we sometimes don't agree, but we continue to be a family who love and support each other through good times and bad. As a family, we respect the traditions established by our elders and we support the dreams of the youngsters in the family. If elected Empress 17, I will work to express my belief that we are "Free to be Family" through the following goals:

- 1) I will work to continue the exceptional record of fundraising for others which has been the hallmark of the Imperial Court. I will continue our support of our brothers and sisters with AIDS through our traditional events such as the Labor Day Picnic, Toyz 4 Totz, and Food 4 Thought. These events do more than provide funds for the Nebraska AIDS Project, they re-affirm our commitment to those in our family who struggle with HIV and AIDS. I will also continue to support the special needs of the women in our family through such events as the annual fundraiser for Women's Cancer Research, and develop new activities to support other needs in our family.
- 2) I will work to develop closer family ties with neighboring courts and other organizations through mutual support, joint activities and fundraisers, and increased networking with individuals and groups. I would consider such joint ventures as "family reunions" that help keep family ties strong and healthy.
- 3) I will support the development of the GLBT Resource Center in Omaha through fundraising and volunteer activities at the Center. I propose a very close relationship between ICON and the Resource Center through use of office and meeting space.

sharing resources, and planning joint activities. I believe that we have an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a project that will become the focal point of our community in years to come.

4) I will support and continue to develop the ICON Foundation and the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund. We can only insure the future of our family through the education and support of our youth — if the young people don't learn to respect and support the work of The Imperial Court, there will be no future.

5) I will recognize the members of our family who go above and beyond in their commitment to the ICON family. Like any family, we sometimes take our most loyal and hardest working members for granted. I would propose developing and expanding our present display into an ICON "Hall of Fame" which could recognize those who have made significant contributions over time. One day this ICON Hall of Fame could be a permanent part of the Omaha Museum of Gay History.

6) I will use the extensive talents of our local family to produce shows/events which are always of the highest quality, and use those same talents to bring home at least one more "Best Out of Realm Entrance" Award!

I have many other goals and ideas for the coming year. I intend to repeat my All Womyn's Show both in Omaha and in Lincoln. I plan to do at least one function in the Hastings, Kearney, Grand Island area. I plan to include a variety of events that focus different interest groups within the community: men, women, families, youth, senior citizens, female impersonators, the leather community, couples, African-Americans, etc.

I am frequently reminded that I have many more ideas than I could ever implement, but through the selection of an energetic and enthusiastic Royal Family that reflects the diverse interests and talents of our community, I will accomplish as many as possible. Once again, thank you for considering my application.

Sharon Van Butsel, Princess Royale 16

**Josephine Williams
aka Ed Shaw**

Dear Board of Candidacy, Executive Board of Directors, and Governors:

This letter is my intent to seek the office of Empress 17 of The Imperial Court of Nebraska.

This is to express my sincere intent to form a better community through unity for our state of Nebraska.

When I took the office of Empress 15, I was overwhelmed by the many duties bestowed on to me.


In the past two years I have listened and learned that being an Empress is not an easy task. With the guidance of the Board and Royal And Phoenix and with the Guiding hand of my Emperor Annie Welty.

I have learned that this position is one of many thankless hours of energy, but the joy I have seen in this organization makes me continue to want to serve for the goals of this organization.

With your hand of support and many years of outstanding service we together can achieve those goals.

Respectfully Yours,
Ed Shaw
AKA
Josephine Williams

VOTE... JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS
for EMPRESS XVII, ICON



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IN THE HEARTLAND
TEENA BRANDON STORY
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The Blue Barn Theatre is proud to present an original script by local playwright Karen Abbott, based on true events in nearby Humboldt, Nebraska. *Murder in the Heartland* is the story of Teena Brandon, and the events leading up to the rape and triple murder that shocked the nation.

The tragedy of Teena Brandon's death is the tragedy of a society limited by prejudice. Unable to reconcile herself to an open life as a lesbian, she chose to live her life as a man, moving from one small Nebraska town to another. Teena's inability to be honest with those around her eventually trapped her in a cycle of deceit and violence.

Karen Abbott is a playwright-in-residence with the Omaha Theatre Company for Young People, and her plays have also been produced by the Diner Theatre. Blue Barn member Sheila Malone will direct; guest artist Tina Dixon will portray Teena. Other cast members include guest artists Kristin Landis and Sherman Bass, and Blue Barn members Rachel Hauben and Hughston Walkinshaw.

Murder in the Heartland will open Friday, May 23, and perform for three weekends only through June 8. Performance times are Fridays at 9:00, Saturdays at 8:00, and Sundays at 7:00. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. Call 345-1576 for reservations and information.

**RIVER CITY
MIXED CHORUS
1997 PRIDE CONCERT**

As June nears, members of the River City Mixed Chorus are busy preparing for their 1997 Pride Concert. This year's Pride Concert will be at the Joslyn Art Museum's Witherspoon Concert Hall. The Chorus will present a one show only performance featuring a new piece by song writer Jonathan Cole. Concert tickets are available from River City Mixed Chorus and Fifth Voice members or you can reserve tickets by calling the sing line at 341-SING. Tickets are \$10.00 (\$8.00 for Students and Seniors).

Saturday, May 17, the Fifth Voice will host a Mexican Dinner at St. Barnabas Church at 40th & Davenport. The fundraising effort will benefit the River City Mixed Chorus. Dinner for adults will cost the bargain price of \$8.00 and children 12 and under eat for just \$3.50. The fiesta takes place between 4:00pm and 8:00pm, so put on your best sombrero and head south of the border with us for an evening of good food and fun. While you are there take the opportunity to purchase tickets for the 1997 Pride Concert Raffle. Some fabulous prizes are in store for the winners this year so be sure to get your tickets now.

Get ready, RCMC's Seventh Annual Closet Clearing is at hand. Yes, folks, one of Omaha's most spectacular garage sales is coming on Saturday, May 31. Join us at 2403 Hanscom Boulevard between 8:00am and 5:00pm and shop 'til you drop. Donations for the sale greatly appreciated - Call 341-SING to arrange for pickup of your treasures.

**WOMYN'S DANCE
CONTEST IS REALITY**

May 2 - Club James Dean - 8-10pm
June 7 - The MAX - 7-9pm

Sharon Van Butsel, candidate for Empress 17, is pleased to announce that she will host two Womyn's Dance Contests. In each event there will special guest performers and a contest for womyn who love to dance. Contestants will compete for cash and womyn-oriented prizes. So, if you love to dance and want to show off your stuff, be at the Club of your choice one hour before show time to register (or call 556-9907 to register early). Let's show the community just how talented we are!

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Photos: Top, Royal & Phoenix Emcee Bouvier Awards
Bottom, Ashley Simone – Best Performance of the Year

BOUVIER AWARDS RECOGNIZE WIDE SPECTRUM OF COMMUNITY

The first ever Bouvier Awards, created and hosted by Emperor 16 Royal Bush-Bouvier, recognized many people in the community, many of whom are never on-stage and receive little recognition. The elegance of the set created by MAX show director, Jim Gau, was a perfect backdrop for the awards. Emcees for the evening were Emperor Royal Bush and Empress Phoenix, Empress 5 & 7 Velvet (Vince) and Miss Closet Ball '96, Satin. Tabulator for the awards was Mr. Dan Ostergard. The recipients of the awards were chosen by the community through ballot boxes placed in area bars. Those recognized with Bouvier Awards were:

Jesse Conyer - Best Behind the Scene Supporter
Dorian Drake - Favorite Emcee Category 1
Favorite Door Person/Security - Jerry at The MAX
Best Buns - Ashley @ DC's & Dustin Logan
Favorite Female Performer - Michele Korman
Best Dressed Person - Mark Hasstedt
Favorite GLBT Publication - New Voice of Nebraska
Favorite Female Performer Live - Annie Welty
Favorite Female in Leather - Amy Marie Meek
Favorite Female to Male Performer - Rusty
Favorite Male Performer Live - Jeff Flores
Favorite GLBT Event - ICON Picnics
Favorite MC - Bully Buffet
Favorite Man in Leather - Dustin Logan
Favorite 96 - 97 Drag Newcomer - Satin
Favorite Show - Miss MAX
Favorite Male Performer - Jeff McKenzie
Favorite Pageant/Contest - Miss MAX
Favorite Gay Bar - The MAX
Favorite Waiter - Scott at The MAX
Favorite Bartender - Rusty at The MAX
Favorite Group Number - Too Many Fish
Best Performance of the Year - Ashley Simone

CLOSET BALL LAUNCHES NEW PERFORMERS

Valerie Vortex wins Closet Ball '97

The MAX was crowded as people scrambled for the best seats so they would have the very best possible view to see who would walk away with the coveted title of Miss Closet Ball.

This annual event, produced by The Imperial Court of Nebraska, introduces newcomers to the stage under the tutelage of established performers. Each contestant appears first in their own gender, male or female. Then their sponsor has 60 minutes to transform the contestant into the opposite gender and have them completely ready for their talent competition.

Last year's winning duo, Satin and her sponsor Vince Percy, returned to emcee Closet Ball '97. Satin recreated her three most popular characters, Bette Midler, Cher, and Barbra Streisand, demonstrating once again her incredible ability to capture the essence of well-known performers.

The four contestants for the title of Miss Closet Ball were:

Shawn Pruitt appearing as Savannah Storm, sponsored by Roxy. Savannah's slim figure was accented by a short lavender vinyl skirt and jacket and long white boots, the perfect costume for her disco number.

Vito appearing as Valerie Vortex, sponsored by Monica West. Valerie and her back up singers appeared as demure but seductive angels, complete with halos. Valerie's vivaciousness and her commanding stage presence gained high marks from all the judges, so that she ended the evening with the Miss Closet Ball crown.

Jason Hindman appearing as Samantha Jones, sponsored by Quinci Valentine. Jason was the picture of elegance in his formal tuxedo, but was transformed into a seductive siren who performed an erotic dance of seduction with her partner.

Cornell Sykes appearing as Faeness Brooklyn, sponsored by Barbra Love. Cornell was bright and energetic, never able to stand quietly. This energy was captured in the persona of Faeness Brooklyn who danced, danced, danced with black fringe flying. This energy also helped Faeness walk away with the title of First Runner-Up to Closet Ball '97.

Judges for Closet Ball included Sheeza Mann aka Rick Swank, show director of Q in Lincoln, who came out of retirement to take part in the judging and to entertain at Closet Ball; Ron Osborne, actor and costumer; Mark Hasstedt, voted Best Dressed in the Bouvier Awards; Jesse Conyers, pageant coordinator for many prestigious pageants in the area, and Head Judge, Inga, Grand Duchess of Reign 16 of the Imperial Court, and fundraiser extraordinaire. They were joined by Miss Felceena Katz, serving as Judge-in-training and mentoring with these established personages in preparation for judging in future pageants.

Other entertainers for the evening included Dorian Drake, Niecey Braxton, Chandler, Ashley Simone, and Madame X.

The evening also featured performances by the 4 candidates for Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court. Candidate for Emperor is Mr. Jeff McKenzie. Candidates for Empress are Michele Korman, Sharon Van Butsel, and Josephine Williams.

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SNAP Productions proudly presents "Whoop-dee-doo!" the Off Broadway musical revue written by Howard Crabtree, Charles Catanese, Dick Gallagher, Phillip George, Peter Morris, and Mark Waldrop will be presented June 7-9 & 12-15 at the Jewish Community Center.

Tickets are available from SNAP Productions, 1323 Jackson Street, Suite 606, Omaha, NE 68102. For more information you may call 342-9053. Ticket prices at \$18 per person, per performance if you order tickets for both shows. Tickets for individual performances are \$20 per person, per performance with the exception of the Patron Opening and Reception which are \$25.

GAY RODEO EXPLAINED

This is the sixth in a series of articles to explain gay rodeo.

Heartland Regional Rodeo, sponsored by the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, is scheduled for the weekend of June 27-29 in Fremont, NE. Ticket packages are now available from HGRA members for \$25 until May 31, and for \$30 after June 1. Each ticket package includes admission to the Friday night party, Saturday rodeo, Saturday night party, and Sunday rodeo. Individual tickets will also be available at the door/gate.

There are a total of thirteen events in a gay rodeo, divided into four categories: Rough Stock events, Roping events, Horse events, and Camp events. The Camp events are unique to gay rodeo, and there are three: Steer Decorating, Goat Dressing, and the Wild Drag Race. The camp events are intended to be entry level and do not require previous rodeo experience. Anyone can compete. Men and women compete together in all Camp events. These are all timed events, and the fastest time wins.

Steer Decorating

This is a team event with two members per team. There is a steer in the chute with a rope around its horns. One team member stands 10 feet away holding the rope, the other team member stands forty feet away. When the gate opens, the second team member must run to the steer team member must remove the rope from the steer's horns.

Goat Dressing

This is a team event with two members per team. There is a goat tethered to a stake in the arena. The team starts fifty feet from the goat. A whistle starts the event. The team must run to the goat, put a pair of underwear on the goat, and run back.

Wild Drag Race

This event is always a favorite in every gay rodeo - it is a team event with three members per team: one man, one woman, and one person (man or woman) in drag. The woman stands ten feet from the chute holding a rope that is tied to a steer in the chute. The man and the drag stand forty feet from the chute. Time starts when the chute opens. The drag must get on the steer's back and ride across a line that is seventy feet from the chute. The other two contestants assist in this maneuver. Part of the fun in watching this event is seeing what the drag costumes look like.

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GRAND OPENING OF RESOURCE CENTER IS MAJOR SUCCESS

The GLBT Resource Center is now a reality and it has a name! Those attending the grand opening, held April 5 & 6, overwhelmingly selected the name "Rainbow Outreach" from the list of six choices. Rainbow Outreach was chosen by a vote of 2 to 1.

The grand opening brought approximately 200 people into the center to hear speakers and visit with representatives from various organizations including River City Gender Alliance, ICON, Nebraska AIDS Project, Frontrunners, PFLAG, GALP, Proud Horizons Youth Group, GaLO, Out Front, CFEP, Rainbow Pac, ANGLE, LEO, MCC's Christian Social Action, HGRA, Outreach Center, listen to the poetry of Brian Bengtson, ask questions of local political candidates, enjoy great refreshments and socialize with friends.

Those attending could also register to vote, sign up to volunteer, get information on legislative issues, and take part in a silent auction, which included donations from community organizations and individuals.

The *New Voice* office was set up in a temporary location with the computer up and running and a drop box ready to receive articles. Videos of gay programming and performances by the Seattle Gay Men's Chorus played and the Web Site for ANGLE and the Resource Center was available for viewing. Resource and pamphlet racks were filled with brochures, flyers, newsletters, and publications from across the nation.

Visitors were impressed with the center. A frequently heard comment was "This is nice — I'm glad we have a place like this."

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IRIS PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is proud to announce that applications are now available for the Iris Phoenix Scholarships. This scholarship was created and established by Empress 16 of the Imperial Court, Phoenix Fallentino.

The Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund will provide one or more scholarships in each of 5 different categories:

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- *Children of GLBT Persons

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Applicants must include with their application a personal statement including their educational goals and community service activities, along with a statement self-identifying as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, or as the child of a GLBT parent. Please see the application form for complete information.

The deadline for submitting applications is **June 1, 1997**. The announcement of winners will be made at Coronation 17 to be held at the Paxton Manor Ballroom on July 5, 1997. For more information or to receive an application form, write:

ICON Foundation
Box 3772
Omaha, NE 68102
or call: (402) 556-9907

Applications are also available in many local businesses and at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center.

OMAHA TO SELECT MR/MS/MISS GLBT PRIDE NEBRASKA

On June 8 at The MAX in downtown Omaha, the community will select 3 persons to represent GLBT Pride in Nebraska. This new title, property of Sharon Van Butsel and Carla Petersen, is designed to select individuals who can truly represent the best of the GLBT community. Each title represents a unique aspect of our community.

Mr. GLBT Pride Nebraska is designed to represent the male community, including gay, bi, and transgender. The person chosen as Mr. GLBT Pride will need to be articulate, knowledgeable, poised, and have demonstrated his commitment to the GLBT community of Nebraska and Western Iowa.

Ms. GLBT Pride Nebraska is designed to represent the female community including lesbian, bi, and transgender. The person chosen as Ms. GLBT Pride will need to be articulate, knowledgeable, poised, and have demonstrated her commitment to the GLBT community of Nebraska and Western Iowa.

Miss GLBT Pride Nebraska is designed to represent the very talented female impersonators/entertainers of our community. The person chosen as Miss GLBT Pride Nebraska will need to be confident and poised and be able to use her talents to entertain in a positive manner.

The contestants in each category will be scored by a diverse panel of judges. The contestant scoring highest in each category (minimum score of 50% of possible score) will be crowned as Mr/Ms/Miss GLBT Pride and will ride prominently in the 1997 Pride Parade to be held on June 22. The winner in each category will be asked to hold at least one fundraiser for Pride during the coming year.

Look for complete rules in local businesses and establishments beginning May 8. There will be a \$15 entry fee for each contestant.



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SKAG DRAG RETURNS TO OMAHA

Empress Candidate, Sharon Van Butsel, will host a Skag Drag reunion on Sunday, May 18, at DC's Saloon. A benefit for the Heartland Regional Gay Rodeo, this show will feature the best of Omaha's Skag Drag and other comedy.

Special Guests include The Babes Behind Bars, The Packettes, The Snatch Sisters, Tangerine, Nonsense 2, Velvet and Satin, and the candidates for Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court of Nebraska: Jeff, Michele, Sharon, and Josephine.

This show is crammed with entertainment, so it will start EARLY. Start time is scheduled for 8p.m. so the show can wrap up before midnight and leave at least an hour for dancing. And you know that Sharon works really hard to get her shows started on time, so don't be late!

RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE CENTER

After Hours Food & Bingo

Empress Candidate Sharon will be hosting an "After-Hours" Food and Bingo at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center from midnight to 4am, May 9 & 10. Beginning at 11pm on Friday, May 9, there will be a Mexican Fiesta held at the Rainbow Outreach. Featuring favorites Mexican style foods with a few American favorites thrown in, this food function promises to make the fullest use of the Centers cooking facilities. Then after you've eaten your fill, you will be able to test your luck at winning one of a dozen donated prizes, all with a minimum value of \$15. Your donations will help support the work of Omaha's first GLBT Resource Center.

Benefit Show at The MAX

On Sunday, June 1, the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center will celebrate its long awaited opening with a benefit show at The MAX hosted by Emperor XII of the Imperial Court, Mr. Steve Koeller. This, the fourth in a series of benefit shows hosted by Mr. Koeller, promises to be one of the best shows of the season. It will feature the best of the area's female impersonators, live performers, and lip sync artists. Be sure to mark this one on your calendar.

THE DAYS OF MAY AT THE Q

Q is the place to be in May. The good times kick off on May 4 with Miss Q, Dee Dee DeKarr, stepping down from her reign as Miss Q. Dee Dee continues to be one of Lincoln's favorite performers and it will be standing room only for her step-down show, so be sure to get there early.

Sunday, May 11 brings a different sort of performance to Q's stage as Buddy Starr Presents "Bad Taste on a Stick, The Director's Cut." As always, this show will begin promptly at 9pm.

Tuesday is always College Night at Q, but on May 13, College Night takes on a new twist as Adora Mi hosts a College Night Benefit for UNI's Gay & Lesbian Resource Center. This show will include all of your favorites and will also include a raffle for some very special prizes.

May 18 brings Miss City Sweetheart '97, Sinnomen, to the stage in a benefit for Friendship's Home for Battered Women.

And May 25 it is the 3rd annual Miss Q Pageant. This prestigious title always brings out the very best of the area's performers. Be sure to be there to see who accepts the crown from Miss Dee Dee DeKarr.

And Sunday, June 1, it's a special out-of-town show featuring Miss San Diego 96-97, Chase Manhattan.

The good times always roll at Q — be part of the action!

CONCERT PLANNED AT MCC

Rev. Delores Berry will be at MCC-Omaha Wed., May 28, to minister to the community in song and word. Rev. Berry answered her call to ministry at the age of 19. She is a former Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Ordained Minister. She began her ministry in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church in 1975. One of her first official positions with U/MCC was as a member of the Fellowship's Evangelistic Team.

In 1978 Rev. Berry was one of the Co-founders of the national Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays. She assisted in organizing the first Gay and Lesbian "March on Washington" in D.C. and assisted in organizing the first People of Color Gay and Lesbian White House Conference.

Rev. Berry delivers a powerful message in word and song. The community is invited to join MCCers for this evening of ministry starting at 7:00 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

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PGLSS will be hosting our 4th Spring Dance on Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M.

Admission will be \$2.00 for current members and \$4.00 for non-members. As always, this will be a BYOB event. Please bring a refreshment to share.

Members will be decorating the Arts Center at 2:00 P.M. the day of the dance. We will have more information forthcoming.

For more information on PGLSS, please write P.O. Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046 or call 308-635-8488.

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This year's card is packed in kits of two, which delivers an urgent message to our President, Congressional leaders and Governors. People are invited to sign the card, collect additional signatures from family, friends, and neighbors, and give the second card to a friend. The signed cards are returned to Mothers' Voices for delivery to the White House, Congress and the Statehouses.

Mothers' Voices is a national grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to mobilizing mothers as AIDS educators and advocates. They provide resources for mothers to educate their children and to advocate for more effective HIV prevention programs, the promotion of safer sexual behavior, and increased funding for research to produce improved treatments, a vaccine, and a cure for AIDS.

Mothers' Voices Mother's Day cards may be obtained from PFLAG members or by calling the PFLAG Helpline, 291-6781.

KANSAS CITY PRIDE IS JUNE 8

Heart of America Pride Celebration will be held June 8th 1997 at Barney Allis Plaza, downtown Kansas City. KCARC (Kansas City AIDS Research Consortium) will be the primary beneficiary. Heart of America Pride is a new producing entity and has the support and encouragement of the former organizer, Project Pride. Jay Carson, Co-Producer, added that gay women and men throughout the region will be encouraged to participate in this year's celebration. "We hope that our friends and family from Omaha to Des Moines, from Wichita to St. Louis, and all points in between and beyond will help make this truly a Heart of America Pride Experience," stated Carson.

For more information or to volunteer, call or write:

4050 Pennsylvania #230
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HGRA HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL CHARITY BALL IN DES MOINES

HGRA invites you to their 2nd Annual Cowboy Country Charity Ball, Dinner, and Dance to be held Saturday, May 10, at the Tourism Building of the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. This event will provide more Wild West fun than you can imagine, including Texas-size steak dinners, guest dancers, and hayrides. The evening's events include:

5 - 7pm Cocktail Hour (cash bar)
7-8:30 Dinner & Entertainment
8:30 - 1am Dancing (country/others)

Tickets are \$15, available from HGRA member. Proceeds benefit the All Iowa AIDS Benefit and the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association.

Calendar of ICON Candidate Events

Fri., May 2	Sharon	8 - 10p James Dean	Womyns Dance Contest
Sat., May 3	Jeff/Michele	3 - 7 p DC's	Indoor Rodeo & Food
Sun., May 4	Josephine	8:30p DC's	Benefit Show for NAP
Fri., May 9	Michele/Jeff	9p - 11p MAX	Boy Bid with LEO
	Sharon	11p - 4a Res. Ctr.	After Hours Food & Bingo
Sun., May 11	All Candidates	9-12p MAX	Benefit Show for NE PFLAG's
Tues., May 13	Sharon	9-12p Q in Lincoln	Raffle @ Adore MI Show
Sun., May 18	Sharon	8p - 12a DC's	Skag Drag Show
Mon., May 26	All Candidates	12n -5p VENNELYST	Memorial Day Picnic
Fri., May 30	Jeff	9 - 11p James Dean	Annie Welty in Concert
Sun., June 1	Josephine	9p - 12a DC's	Benefit Show for Resource Cntr
Sat., June 7	Sharon	7p - 9p MAX	Womyn's Dance Contest
Sun., June 8	Sharon	9p - 1a MAX	Mr/Ms/Miss GLBT Pride
	Josephine	9p Q in Lincoln	Show
June 15	Sharon	7p - 10p DC's	Food & Pride Show
Sun., June 22	GLBT PRIDE PARADE		
	MONARCH'S STEPPING DOWN SHOW AT THE MAX 9p		
Wed., July 2—Sun., July 6	CORONATION 17 FESTIVITIES & JULY 4 PICNIC (Prog. Park)		

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WOMEN'S WORK FEATURES FEMALE SINGER/SONGWRITERS

Putumayo World Music President Dan Storper is pleased to announce the release of "Women's Work", an exceptional collection highlighting some of today's most exciting female singer/songwriters, including Ani DiFranco, Toni Childs, Janis Ian, Ferron, Catie Curtis and Laura Love, among others. The CD features a mix of rare live recordings (Ani DiFranco at the Rocky Mountain Fest, Toni Childs at Putumayo's One world Fest), unreleased tracks (Kristen Hall, Fiona Joyce and Eliza Gilkyson) and songs from hard-to-find self-released albums (Toshi Reagon, Laura Love and Christine Kane). Portions of the proceeds from "Women's Work" will be donated to GROOTS, an international network of grassroots women's organizations.

In a year dominated by top-selling female recording artists, Putumayo World Music has assembled "Women's Work" with some of the "hardest workin' women" spanning the musical spectrum. The compilation combines folk, pop, bluegrass, blues, rock and Celtic, with a common denominator of strong emotions, powerful lyrical content and beautiful voices that must be heard. Many of these singer/songwriters have toured and recorded since their teens, and have to their credit numerous critically-acclaimed releases and performances.

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Final registration date in October 18, 1997. Early registration discounts end August 1.

For more information, contact the River City Gender Alliance at 398-1255 or Email: sgibbons@synergy.net

**GLBT RESOURCE CENTER PHONE
LINE TRAINING DATE SET**

Volunteer Coordinator Rich Ketter has set a session of Phone Line training for Sat., May 17 from 10:00 to 11:30. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Volunteers are needed to staff the Phone Line Monday through Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays 12-9 p.m., and Saturdays 12-6.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center but cannot attend the training session, please call 341-0330 and leave information as to a training time that would be good for you.

**NAMIBIA'S NUJOMA
ATTACKS
HOMOSEXUALS**

At the opening of the Swapo Women's Council Congress on December 6, 1996, President Nujoma of Namibia made a departure from his prepared speech to attack Namibia's homosexual citizens. With glaring similarity to Zimbabwe's President Mugabe in his disregard for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men, President Nujoma stated that "all necessary steps must be taken to combat influences that are influencing us and our children in a negative way. Homosexuals must be condemned and rejected in our society." *The Windhoek Advertiser* reported that this attack was immediately followed by a call from the Rainbow Project, a coalition of Namibian gays and lesbians, indicated that Prime Minister Hage Geingob had in 1990 assured Namibia's homosexual citizens of their rights under Article 10.2 of the Constitution.

Article 10.2 of the Namibian Constitution states that "no person may be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, religion, creed or social or economic status." The growing international trend is to interpret "other status" to include sexual orientation. Presumably, Prime Minister Hage Geingob supported that interpretation of the Namibia Constitution.

While President Nujoma has as yet made no public response to the outcry against his statements, he has issued no further attacks. Though this attack does not appear to have been precipitated by any high profile action on the part of Namibia's homosexual community, it is not unprecedented.

There was a similar outcry from Namibia's lesbian and gay citizens in October of 1995, when Ministers Helmut Angula and Nahas Angula, and Deputy Minister Hadino Hishongwa jointly denounced homosexuality as "an un-African social evil." Deputy Minister Hishongwa further declared homosexuality to be "pathological" and "curable through long-term treatment."

ARGENTINA VICTORY

On December 20, 1996, the Rosario town council adopted an anti-discrimination clause. The clause, based on the one adopted by Buenos Aires a few months ago and supported by various international human rights organizations, reads: "no discrimination [on the basis of] race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, ideology, nationality, physical appearance, psychological, social, economic condition, or any other circumstance will be allowed.... The city promotes the removal of any and every type of obstacle that actually restricts equality and freedom, [or] impedes a person's full development and her/his effective participation in the social, political, or economic community life."

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June 97

- 1 - Resource Center Show at MAX
- 1 - Josephine Show at DC's
- 1 - Murder in Heartland, Blue Barn
- 6 - 8 - Womyn's SummerFest,
Raccoon River
- 6 - 8 Murder in Heartland, Blue Barn
- 7 - 9 - SNAP Whoop-Dee-Doo
- 8 - Pride Festival, Kansas City
- 8 - Tea Dance, Blazing Saddle, D M
- 8 - Mr/Ms/Miss GLBT Pride Nebraska
- 13 - 15 Daddies Day, Raccoon River
- 14 - RCMC Pride Concert
- 14 - GLAGN Pride Picnic, Gr. Island
- 12 - 15 - SNAP Whoop-Dee-Doo
- 15 - Sharon's Pride Show DC's 8pm
- 15 - Mr MAX Step Down Show
- 18 - NAP Community Update
"Chemical Dependency"
- 20 - 22 Full Moon/Gay Pride
Celebration, Raccoon River
- 22 - ICON Stepping Down
- 22 - Pride Parade & Festival, Omaha
- 26 - Rodeo Welcome Party DC's
- 27 - 29 - Gay Rodeo - Fremont
- 28 - USA Show - K & Q, Sioux City
- 29 - Portfolio Men @ MAX

July 97

- 2 - ICON In-Town Show and Awards
 - 4 - 6 - Independence Day Weekend,
Raccoon River
 - 4 - ICON Picnic, Progressive Park
 - 4 - ICON Out of Town Show
 - 5 - ICON Coronation
 - 6 - ICON Victory Brunch & Show
 - 10 - NAP Community Update
"GLB Service Issues"
 - 13 - Mr MAX Pageant
 - 15 - ANGLE's Slice of Summer
 - 18 - 20 - Full Moon Celebration,
Raccoon River
 - 18 - 20 Int'l Ms Leather San Diego
 - 19 - Mr. Nebraska Fantasy Contst
- ## August 97
- 7 - 17 - Iowa State Farm Boys Faire
Raccoon River
 - 10 - ICON Investiture
 - 15 - Full Moon, Raccoon River
 - 17 - Nina Ricci @ the MAX
 - 24 - Protfolio Mena @ The MAX
 - TBA - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest
 - 29 - Sept 1 - Labor Day Weekend
Celebration - Raccoon River

September 97

- 5 - PFLAG Putt-Putt Golf
- 6 - Women Pridefest, Lakota Stables
- 27 - Int'l Mr. Drummer, SF
- 28 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

October 97

- 12 - WRC/ANGLE
Nat'l Coming Out Day

Bars & Restaurants

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- Touchez 323 S. Phillips Ave. 335-9874

October 97(Continued)

- 19 - Muffy's B'Day Show. The MAX
- 26 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 30 - Nov 2 - RCGA Fall Harvest

November 97

- 9 - ICON Food 4 Thought, The MAX
- 21 - Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska
- 22 - Heather Bishop @ Joslyn
- 22 - ANGLE Recognition Dinner
- 23 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

December 97

- 1 - World AIDS Day
- 6 - Night of 1000 Stars
- 7 - Dorian's B'Day Show,
- 14 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz @ The MAX
- 21 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 24 - Hannukah
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service MCC-O
- 31 - New Year's Eve

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

****Hastings College Health Center**, Hastings, NE 68901 402-461-7372 Ask for Judy

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

****Nebraska AIDS Project** (statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/ Volunteer Services, HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling

****Omaha Office**: 139 S. 40th, 68131, Administration 552-9260; AIDS Hotline 402-552-9255

****Lincoln Office**: 2123 Winthrop, 484-8100.

****Central Nebraska Office**: 3423 2nd Ave Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610

****Northeast Nebr Office**: 304 N. 5 St, Suite C, Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 370-3807

****Western Nebraska Office**: 3707 Ave D, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807

Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center, AIDS education to health care professionals. UNMC, 600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681

****Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services**, *Kearney 3423 2nd Ave 68847 308/865-5609

****Norfolk**, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395

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

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

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

****Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 342-8716, Testing Sat, 1-4pm; 1st & 3rd Sat Women Only, 2 & 4 Sat Open to Public

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

Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 2nd Tuesday, 12 noon Siouxland Chapter of Am. Red Cross, 1512

Pierce, Sioux City, Iowa. Call (712) 252-0722

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

HIV/AIDS COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

Douglas County Mental Health - Outpatient Program, 4102 Woolworth, Omaha, 68105 Att: Leslie A. Epstein (402) 444-7930

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

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

HIV/AIDS Support Group for Women, 7-9pm, NAP Office, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln

HIV/AIDS Support Group for Men, Lincoln, Every Other Sunday, 5-7pm, Call Greg 438-3425 or 441-3324

Harambee Mental Health Services, Business & Technical Center, 2505 N. 24, Omaha, NE 68110, (402) 451-3913 Mental Health Services to people of color who are infected with HIV, their partners, and their families. Charles Drew Health Center.

Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group, 1st Monday, info, Barb (308) 865-5610

Nebraska AIDS Project (statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/

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

Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support Group, Scottsbluff, Call (308) 635-3606

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR HIV/AIDS

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

Lincoln Interfaith Council, 140 S. 27th St., Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing Service: 1st Tues, 7pm, St Francis Chapel, 1145 South Street, Lincoln

LEGAL SERVICES FOR HIV/AIDS & GLBT ISSUES

Sean McFarlin, Omaha, 333-6000

Petersen Law Offices, Thomas M. Petersen Attorney & Counselor, 2712 S. 87th Ave., Omaha, 68124 (402) 393-8080

Taylor & Wild, Suite 25, Gold's Galleria, 1033 "O" St., Lincoln, (402) 434-9482

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

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

GLBT RESOURCES

GREATER NEBRASKA BASED RESOURCES

Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff, PO Box 924, Chadron, NE 69337, 308-432-404

Fellowship of Believers, 812 North 10th, #7, Norfolk 68701, 402-379-9935 Home-based church meets Wed 7pm, Sun 10am Open to all.

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College, Hastings 68901 Judy 402-461-7372 (Health Ctr) 462-2961 (home). For G/L/B Students

Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68847 Support, socials, newsletter. Info: Todd at (308) 382-5419, Rod at (402) 879-4650 or e-mail rdeuel@ftec.net.

Lambda Car Club, Box 2325, North Platte, NE: 69103

Panhandle Gay/Lesbian Support Service Box 1046, Scottsbluff 69363, (308) 635-8488

PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays

***Fullerton**, PO Box 833, Fullerton, NE 68638, (308) 536-2521

***Hastings**, c/o Hastings College Health Center, Box 269, Hastings, NE 68901, (402) 461-7372

***Hendley**, PO Box 427, Hendley, NE 68946, (308) 265-7620

***Holdrege/Kearney**: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St Luke's Epis. (308) 995-54990. Mail: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

PRIDE Group, Counseling Ctr, Wayne State, Wayne, 68787. Karen or Virginia (402) 375-7321. G/L/B Students

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AREA RESOURCES

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND RELATED RESOURCES

LINCOLN BASED RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings.
**Mon. 7:30pm, Rainbow AA, 3rd Floor, "Meeting Place" 28 & S, Lincoln
**Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, info contact V J. at 477-3526
**Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214

Bi Discussion Group, 2nd Tuesday, Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln, Wendy 476-0314

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

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

Lesbian Discussion Group, Womens Resource Ctr, Room 3-40 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588-472-2597, Call for meeting information

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

Lincoln Pride Network, Box 81291, Lincoln 68501-1291, umbrella organization for GLBT in Lincoln area, Call PFLAG Phone Line 402-434-9880, e-mail LPrideN@aol.com

Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg, Sat, 10am, YWCA, Lincoln, Contact Judith at 472-2598

National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln-activist org - issues of full equality for women, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 434-6695, meet 3rd Tuesday, 7pm YWCA, 1432 "N" St.

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880. 4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Web Site: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/4882/> HIV Family Grp, Under 21 Grp same time/place

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln

Straight Spouse Support Group -- Lincoln, Call 489-9088 for info

Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, NE "A recognized Welcoming Congregation"

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

The Wimmin's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln.

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

Youth Support Group--Lincoln, Every Other Saturday 4-6pm, Call 434-9880

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 BASED RESOURCES

Al-Anon Fridays 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74

Alcoholics Anonymous,
**Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prsbytrn
**Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High
**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian
**Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74

A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108, 341-0330, Network, raise consciousness, PRIDE activities, Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet www.angle.org

The Book Station and Coffee Lounge, Books, Gifts, Coffee, 1913 Leavenworth St., 342-0520

Buzz-Journal, Box 8523, Omaha 68103, e-mail: Buzzjournal@aol.com

Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155-398-3027, Legislative action 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians, USWEST, Pat Phalen, 1299 Farnam, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102 (402) 348-8569

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

Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo), UNO Students - Wednesdays, 6pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Kristy Erwin 344-4078

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

Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line, A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 341-0330

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

GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Mail: Box 8583, Omaha, 68108, Call 341-0330 for times/events

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGRA), Box 3354, Omaha, 68103-0354, Dan 597-1689 Enjoy/support rodeos, country activities. Meets 1st Saturday alternating between Omaha/Des Moines

ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament, Tournament held President's Day Weekend

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 Fundrasing organization working for advancement of G/L/B/T society. Board Meets 1st Monday each month, 7pm, Location varies

"Learning to Exchange Power" Novice BD/SM Support Grp, 2nd Sunday, 2-4pm, Back Room, Wooden Apple, 22nd & Martha, Omaha

L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha) educational-social grp, Gay Men interested in Leather Lifestyle. Write: Box 8181, Omaha, 68108

LinOma Bares, Box 8493, Omaha 68106 Nudist/Naturist Club for gay bi men

Lutherans Concerned, 453-7137, 7pm, Mar 3, June 2, Oct 6, Dec 1, 1st Lutheran Omaha

Metropolitan Club, Box 8603, Omaha 68108-0603, 3rd Thursdays, Neon Goose, 7pm, gay/lesbian professionals to meet, socialize, network

Men's Support Group, Meet Tuesdays 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St. Call 345-2563

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, 68103, E-mail address: MCCOMAHA@radiks.net, Web Site: <http://www.radiks.net/mccomaha> Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am

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

Nebraska Zen Center for all persons, 3625 Lafayette Ave, Omaha 68131, 551-9035

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

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha 68103 Monthly magazine, (402) 556-9907 or tjrr05c@prodigy.com

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

Omaha Players Club (OPC), Pansexual education & play group Meeting parties monthly, Send \$5 and an age statement to OPC, Box 3-4463 Omaha 68134

Omaha Women for Sobriety meet Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29 St., Contact Judith at 472-2598 for more info

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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays PFLAG Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064, 291-6781 Meet 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7pm, "Program & Sharing", 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"

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

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

River City Couples, Social Support for GLBT couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric: 392-1443, email recouple@probe.net

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

River City Gender Alliance, Box 3112, Omaha 68103-3122 Message hotline 398-1255. Email: sgibbona@synergy.net For cross-dressers, transsexuals, those wishing to know more. All orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 7-9pm, 2nd Thursday, 1st Methodist, Room 209, 291-6781

W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather Tactics) Box 7083, Omaha, 68107-7083 Educational-social group for women of leather. Omaha/Lincoln 402-477-7741

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

Please Check Your Group or Organization's Listing.
Send Updates to: NVN Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103

MAY CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p> <p>Reconciling Worship Community, 7:30 p.m., Dietz Methodist, 1423 S. 10, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, Omaha, Closed</p>	<p>HIV Tests, NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29 Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open Noon-9pm</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Frontrunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437</p> <p>AA, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>UNO GaLO 5pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Call Kim 556-3545</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>MAY 4 (1st Sunday)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Heartland of America Park, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG AIDS Family Support Group, 2-4pm, 291-6781</p> <p>AIDS Candlelight Memorial, 7:30pm, St. Cecelia's, Omaha</p> <p>Holocaust Memorial Observance, 7:30pm, East Senate Chambers, State Capitol Building, Lincoln</p> <p>"Josephine & Friends" 9pm, DC's, Omaha, Benefit NAP</p>	<p>MAY 5 (1st Monday)</p> <p>ICON Board Mtg. The MAX, 7pm, Omaha (Note Change of Location)</p>	<p>MAY 6 (1st Tuesday)</p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th Lincoln</p> <p>ANGLE, 7pm, GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha</p>	<p>MAY 7 (1st Wed)</p>
<p>MAY 11 (2nd Sunday)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Keystone Trail, 78 & Keystone, Omaha</p> <p>MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215</p> <p>Learning to Exchange Power, "Temperature Play," Wooden Apple 22&Martha 2-4pm</p> <p>PFLAG, Mayflower Cng, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm</p> <p>"Thanks, Mom" ICON Candidates, The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p>MAY 12 (2nd Mon.)</p> <p>AIDS Interfaith 7pm St Cecelias Omaha</p>	<p>MAY 13 (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>Free/Conf HIV Testing 5-7pm by Lancaster Co Health Dept at The Panic, Lincoln</p> <p>HIV Support Grp-Women 7-9pm NAP, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln</p> <p>Bi Discussion Grp, 7:30pm Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln, Wendy 476-0314</p>	<p>MAY 14 (2nd Wed)</p>
<p>MAY 18 (3rd Sunday)</p> <p>Fronrunner 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG/Kearney 3p, St Luke's 2304 2nd Ave (308)237-7136</p> <p>Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488</p> <p>Sharon Hosts Skag Drag Show, 8pm, DC's, Omaha</p> <p>Portfolio Men dance at The MAX Omaha</p>	<p>MAY 19 (3rd Monday)</p>	<p>MAY 20 (3rd Tuesday)</p> <p>NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432 "N", 434-6695</p> <p>Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p>	<p>MAY 21 (3rd Wed)</p> <p>HIV Update, 7pm, 139 S. 40, Omaha</p>
<p>MAY 25 (4th Sunday)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Mount Vernon Gardens, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth</p> <p>MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215</p> <p>Murder in The Heartland 7pm, Blue Barn Theatre Omaha</p> <p>Miss Suicide Show, 0pm, DC's, Omaha</p> <p>Miss Q Pageant, 9pm, Q, Lincoln</p>	<p>MAY 26 (4th Monday)</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>ICON Picnic, 12-5pm, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31, Omaha</p>	<p>MAY 27 (4th Tuesday)</p> <p>PFLAG-Lincoln Meeting, "Gay Youth Speak Out," 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" 434-9880</p>	<p>MAY 28 4th Wed)</p>
<p>JUNE 1 (1st Sunday)</p> <p>Frontrunners, 10am, Omaha</p> <p>Murder in The Heartland 7pm, Blue Barn Theatre Omaha</p> <p>Resource Center Benefit, The MAX, Omaha</p> <p>"Jumping Junebug, Josephine", 9pm, DC's, Omaha</p>	<p>JUNE 2 (1st Mon)</p> <p>ICON Board Meeting, Omaha</p>	<p>JUNE 3 (1st Tuesday)</p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, Lincoln</p> <p>ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, GLBT Resource Center, Omaha</p>	<p>JUNE 4 (1st Wed)</p>

MAY CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

HIV Tests, NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9:30pm
G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" Lincoln, Call V.J. 477-3526
Univ of Nebr-Kearney GLBT Grp, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, info Call Ronnie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312
Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm

EVERY FRIDAY

Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7pm 488-2043
Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, For callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln
Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm
Al-Anon, 8:15pm, Omaha, Underwood Hills Church
Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha:
"An Alternative" Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave
"Live & Let Live" 8:15pm Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74th
Lincoln: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214

EVERY SATURDAY

Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am, Gathering Place, Lincoln, Judith 472-2598
Womens Support Grp, 11am, MCC-Omaha
Youth Support Grp, 291-6781, age 13-21 gay, lesbian, or questioning sexuality, Omaha
Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm
HIV Testing Outreach Center, 1-4pm, (1st & 3rd Sat.--Women Only; 2nd & 4th Sat.--gen public), 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

THURSDAY

MAY 1 (1st Thursday)

Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, Video, 1st Unitarian, Omaha
Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528
May Day Rites & Massage Weekend, Racoon River Resort, Des Moines, IA

FRIDAY

MAY 2 (1st Friday)

Womyn's Book Discussion Group, Call Laurie 556-0937
Sharon Hosts "Womyn's Dance Contest" 8pm, Club James Dean, Omaha
Fantasy to Reality "Meet & Greet" 9pm, DC's, Omaha

SATURDAY

MAY 3 (1st Saturday)

Heartland Gay Rodeo Ass'c 5pm, Omaha
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, (402) 398-1255
Fantasy to Reality "Workshops & Vendor Fair" 1-6pm, The MAX, Omaha
Jeff & Michele Host Indoor Rodeo, 3-7pm, DC's, Omaha
Fantasy to Reality "Leather Fantasy Show" 9pm The MAX, Omaha

MAY 8 (2nd Thursday)

F-FLAG 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass Omaha 291-6781 7pm
Straight Spouse Suppt Grp 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781
Bi-Net organizational meetin, Pot Luck 7pm
Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth

MAY 9 (2nd Friday)

Fronrunners Friday Afternoon Club, Omaha, Gilligan's, 6:30pm
Jeff & Michele "Boy Bid" with LEO, 9pm-11m, The MAX, Omaha
Sharon Hosts After Hours Mexican Fiesta, 11pm-4am (Saturday Morning) GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

MAY 10 (2nd Saturday)

Resource Center Garage Sale, Council Bluffs
HGRA Charity Ball, Des Moines
Fronrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
Players Club, 2pm Workshop, 8pm Play Party
SAGE Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178

MAY 15 (3rd Thursday)

Metro Club, 6:30pm, Neon Goose Omaha
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235
Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30p, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, (712) 255-1890 258-6167/255-8528

MAY 16 (3rd Friday)

MAY 17 (3rd Saturday)

Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Volunteer Training, 10 am, Omaha
Queer Flea Market Racoon River Des Moines
RMC Mexican Dinner, St. Barnabas, 40th & Davenport, Omaha
HGRA Disco Party, Lakota Stables
Spring Prom, Izaak Walton, Grand Island
WomenSpace -- Justina & Joyce Concert Witherspoon Hall, Joslyn Museum, Omaha

MAY 22 (4th Thursday)

MAY 23 (4th Friday)

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May 31 (5th Saturday)

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"Murder in The Heartland" 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre Omaha
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June 5 (1st Thursday)

CFEP, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha
G/L Parents, 7:30pm, Omaha
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June 6 (1st Friday)

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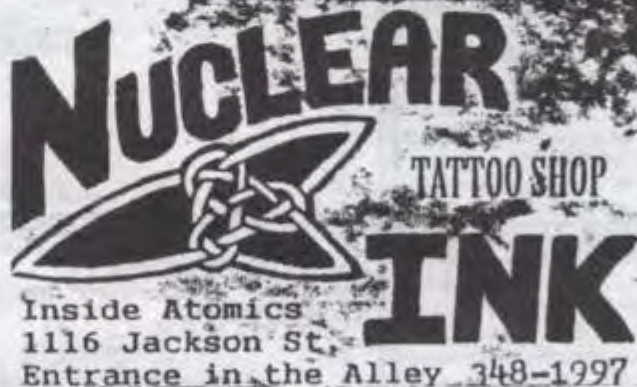
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CAN WE TALK? I'm a 40 year old, Gay, White male, in pretty good shape, but not a fitness freak. I don't like games, or bars. I like movies, theater, dinner, and conversation. I enjoy sightseeing, hiking and sincere people. (Omaha) #21573

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TALL AS AN OAK I'm 41 years old, 6ft, 190lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I'm good looking and I have a good sense of humor. I like home life, music, movies, cuddling, trying out new restaurants, and dancing. I'm looking for someone in my area who is over 6ft tall. (Omaha) #16769

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NE-BI-SKA This Bi guy, in central Nebraska, wants to hook up with other men. I'm 27, 5'9, 195lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, a mustache and goatee. I know you're out there. #8750

FRIENDS AND FUN I'm 25 years old, 5'8, 150lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I live in central Nebraska, and I'm looking to find new friends and have some fun. Would you like to be my friend? It could be fun. #22891

BOYS IN THE HOOD I'm 5'9, 145lbs, clean cut and normal. I'm just looking for other guys in the central Nebraska area to meet and have good times with and maybe more. #22172

GOOD TIMES IN NEBRASKA I'm 5'9, 145lbs and full of life. My interest are country music and country dancing. I'm looking for guys to have fun with. #20483

LOOKING FOR THE SAME I'm a good looking, tall, masculine, straight acting, 28 year old. I'm down to earth, mellow, and just a regular guy. I would like to meet guys who are my age or younger. Call me. #18035

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I'm 46, 215lbs, Reddish Brown hair, Hazel eyes. I love going to clubs in Omaha and having a great time. I'd love to hear from you. (Fremont) #6858

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This good looking, Married, Bi, White male seeks discreet men, in the area, to get it on with. (Lincoln) #29903

I SAW YOU CHECKING ME OUT

If you're the type of guy who sneaks peeks at hairy, Married guys, you may not know that some of us are peeking back. I'm a 32 year old, Married, Bi male, 5'10, 150lbs, with dark hair and a hairy body. I want to have so much good, discreet fun that we both come back for more. (Lincoln) #30445

SQUEEZE ME IF YOU DARE

This 39 year old, Irishman, is 5'9, 230lbs. I carry it very well. I want to have good times with other men. Little polar bears are a plus. Relationship possible. (Lincoln) #30417

WHILE THE WIFE'S AWAY

My wife's out of town for a while and I want to get off over the phone. I'm a masculine, muscular, 28 year old, construction worker, 6'1, 210lbs. I'm very closeted and very Bi. Call if you're a muscular, aggressive top because I've got a lot to say to you. (Lincoln) #29425

MR. AMERICA

I'm an all American, Gay, White male, 5'10, 165lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a fit, smooth build. I'm masculine, clean cut, and attractive. I'm looking for good friends, between 20 and 50, to have fun with. You should be in good shape, smooth, and appreciate an honest, sensitive, down to earth, and perceptive mate. Let's talk. (Lincoln) #14211

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I'm a little shy about this as I haven't tried it before. I'm a clean, inexperienced, Bi curious male. I want to find out if reality is as fun as my imaginings. Please be very discreet. (Lincoln) #12479

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INITIATE ME

I'm looking for a man for my first Gay experience. I'm a 25 year old, Single, White male, 5'11, 145lbs, with a very slender build. I am attracted to guys under 25, who are skinny and smooth. (Lincoln) #11248

YOU KNOW WHERE IT GOES

I'm new to the neighborhood and want to meet masculine, preppy jack types who'd like to show me a good time. I'm a 30 year old, White male who's tall, dark and handsome. I like other straight acting guys, between 18 and 28, who are aggressive tops and know where to put it. (Lincoln) #28096

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I want to find someone masculine and tender to spend time, and enjoy life with. I'm an attractive, 20 year old, Gay, White male, who likes Star Trek, reading, and hiking, biking, and rollerblading outdoors. (Lincoln) #27468

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OH MY, IN OMAHA

My roommate and I are interested in making friends to get together with regularly. He is a 31 year old, Latin male, 5'11, with Brown hair and eyes. I am a White male, 37, but look younger. 180lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. Let's shake the rollers. (Lincoln) #24753

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PRIVATE TRANSVESTITE

I hope you know what you're doing, because I have never done this before. I am a Married, White male, 5'9, who is looking for a discreet, special man, who wants to make me his own, personal Transvestite. My blood is surging with anticipation. (Lincoln) #23225

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Hi guys. I'm a Gay, Black male in my mid 40's. I'm looking for submissive, Gay, White bottoms for fun and friendship. Heavy set like me is preferred. (Lincoln) #6216

EARLY RISER?

I'm a 35 year old Gay male, 6'2s, 210lbs, dark and Gray hair, mustache, hairy. I'm looking to meet guys around my age who are built and ready for a good time. I'm free on the weekends or weekday mornings. (Lincoln) #18595

DISCREET TOP

I'm 29 years old, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I consider myself very good looking. I am a total top looking for total bottoms for safe, discreet encounters. Guys between 18 and 30 years of age, and in shape, preferred. (Lincoln) #20838

IN MY AREA

Call me if you live in or around the Lincoln area give me a jingle. (Lincoln) #15809

PROSTATE PATROL

I'm 33 years old, Black male, 5'10, 185lbs, very muscular. I'm a top looking for a muscular bottom. (Lincoln) #15541

OMAHA, HERE I COME

I'm 32 years old, average build. I'm looking to get together with guys in my area. I get to Lincoln and Omaha quite often. (Lincoln) #13954

I'M RUNNING TO YOU

I'd like to make new friends with the idea that one of them will become my life partner. I'm a physically active, Gay, White male, 5'5, 140lbs, with Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I like to work out, and I run four miles everyday. I'd like to meet guys in the area, but I go to Omaha almost every weekend. (Norfolk) #27357

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This good looking, 32 year old, White male, 6'2, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes enjoys being both a top and a bottom. I want to meet other Gay, or Bi, men for good times. (North Platte) #29116

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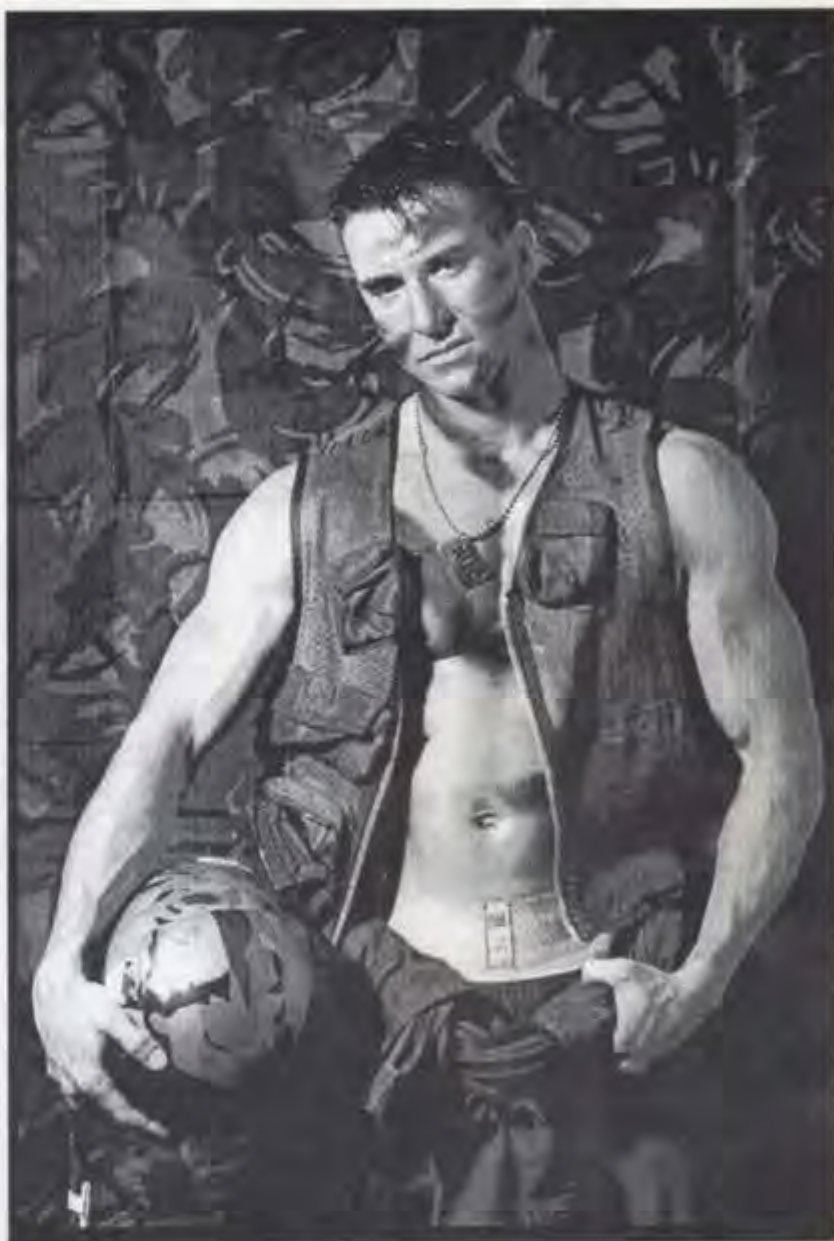
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