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IS REALLY NEAT!



OUR TURN: VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF THE NEW VOICE STAFF



The Steering Committee of The New Voice of Nebraska:
 Dick Brown, Terry Sweeney, Pat Phalen
 Sharon Van Butsel, Sharon McCartney, Kevin W.



Sharon Van Butsel, Editor, presents Recognition Plaques to Terry Sweeney and Pat Phalen who have served on the Steering Committee longer than anyone.

NEW VOICE SCORES SUCCESS WITH 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The MAX provided a warm and welcoming atmosphere for *The New Voice* staff, supporters, and friends to celebrate their 10th anniversary. About 200 gathered in Stosh's Saloon, including former staff members and old friends.

The steering committee had a great time continuing the mutual admiration society which has developed over the past 5 years that *The New Voice* has been published in Omaha. It all started when Sharon Van Butsel, Dick Brown, and Sharon McCartney decided that Pat Phalen and Terry Sweeney should get plaques recognizing them for their long term commitment to the magazine. Pat and Terry have served on the steering committee longer than anyone in the history of *The New Voice*, having joined the steering committee in November of 1987. The plaques were to be a surprise so everyone was sworn to secrecy. Now, since it was just a month after Pat and Terry originally joined that Sharon Van Butsel joined the steering committee, Dick Brown decided that Sharon also needed a plaque. So he secretly ordered a plaque for Sharon Van Butsel. Then, Sharon Van Butsel and her spouse, Carla Petersen, decided that Dick Brown, who has been Treasurer since May 1988, and Sharon McCartney, who has served on *The New Voice* since July 1988, both also deserved plaques. So Carla and Sharon secretly ordered plaques for Dick and Sharon. Of course, the newest member of the steering committee, Kevin W., couldn't be left out so Sharon and Carla made up a special certificate for him and kept it secret from everybody. The plaques were all ordered from Wesco Graphics, so John and his staff had to remember who had ordered which plaques and who knew about which plaques and who they had to keep secrets from. It was far above and beyond the call of duty, but the folks at Wesco Graphics pulled it off. All the plaques were beautifully done, all ready on time, and all kept secret from the appropriate people.

The New Voice wants to say a special "thank you" to Aaron Michael's Catering for the great food, to Bruce and Stosh for the use of The MAX, to Wesco Graphics for the plaques, to Bob Ewing for having the April issue ready a week early so we could pass them out at the party, to Magnolia's and Absolutely Flowers for the lovely floral arrangements, to Robert for bartending, and to Gary for the music. And most of all, thanks to all our friends who helped us celebrate and have supported us over the years.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLACK HILLS GROUP WANTS MORE COPIES

Dear Editor,

We have received your last newsletter and are interested in receiving more. At present we have very limited resources, but hope to be able to buy a subscription soon.

Please update our address as:
Alternative Resource Center
P O Box 2276
Rapid City, SD 57709
Thank you!

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JOE FEELS REJECTED

To the editor:

My names Joe, and I want to let the community know, I'm tired of your rejection. I've done nothing wrong to anyone.

There is a problem, and I wish I knew what it was. People are rude and ignore me.

I do have feelings, and it's painful not being wanted or accepted by Omaha (Lincoln included). I have a few loyal, true, trustworthy friends you know who you are. Thanks.

Why doesn't anyone want me? My looks? My attitude? What's the problem? I just want to be liked and accepted, Omaha. If given a chance, you will find out, I'm a human being who is decent, and has feelings. Give me a chance...

Sincerely,
Joe the Bike Rider!

IS THE TIMES STILL PUBLISHING?

Dear NVN:

Can someone tell me *why Times of the Heartland* has refused to send me their newspaper ever since January? I sent them \$36 in October and was receiving it with no problem. Since the start of the year, I haven't received anything! Are they still publishing? I've written them several times, but they've never responded! Could your magazine find out what their problem is. I'm not sure if it's because I'm in prison, or not? Perhaps someone with your prisoners' project could investigate this. Please assure them that I do not intend to use their paper for any improper purposes.

I've asked them for a refund of 9 months if they don't intend to continue my subscription. I've even threatened Small Claims Court, which I intend to do. Maybe if you published this letter, they'd react!!

P.S. Ever thought of interviewing gay inmates?
Thanks—
Terry Taylor

Editor's Response: Thanks for the letter, Terry. A lot of people have asked the same question over the past few weeks — Is the Times of the Heartland still publishing? The answer is "No."

I was able to speak briefly with publisher Tim Kennedy this week who stated that The Times of the Heartland is no longer publishing. They are considering putting out one last issue as a way of saying good-bye to the community, but that is not definite.

Tim did not go into any details, but when I commented that your letter sounded angry, he responded "Not any more than we are."

Tim agreed to consider letting me do a full interview about his experiences with The Times of the Heartland, so there may be more details coming in a future issue. But, for now, the answer to your question is that The Times is no longer in publication.

On behalf of the steering committee and staff of The New Voice, I wish to express our best wishes for Tim and his staff.

It is with regret that we report the passing of the Times of the Heartland.

"DISAPPOINTED" WITH LOULAN REVIEW

Dear Editor:

We were somewhat disappointed in your review of JoAnn Loulan's presentation at Joslyn on February 20th. While we agreed with a few of your points like the use of the word "fuck," her "de-dyke" the house comedy sketch, and the inappropriate way in which the flowers were given to the sign language interpreter at the beginning of JoAnn's presentation, we feel your review missed some key points.

Most importantly, JoAnn does not bill herself as a comedienne. She is first and foremost a sex therapist who uses *some* comedy to convey her important and powerful messages. We did not attend her presentation expecting an evening of comedy and laughter as we did when we saw Kate Clinton and Suzanne Westenhoeffer. Consequently, we were not surprised by her style of presenting.

We especially enjoyed her "butch-femme" scale and gender jail comments. Too often, we (the homosexual community) divide ourselves into the very categories and roles we're trying to escape. Her presentation caused us to do a lot of self-reflection, and while this can be painful, we appreciated her honesty and thought-provoking comments.

We have also talked to several couples who attended who were spurred to talk to each other more openly and explore their sexuality as a result of her presentation.

While entertaining, we also believe JoAnn's presentation was meant to inform, educate, stimulate, and spur action. JoAnn was obviously not concerned about the amount of her time she shared with us as was obvious when she didn't close her presentation until 45 minutes after she noticed that she probably should. Rather her concern seemed to be sharing her passion, her knowledge, her experience, and her insights with those who were willing to listen and give of themselves and their time in return.

Sincerely,

Renee Roucheleau and Lori Smith

Editor's Note: Your comments are well taken (and well stated). I went expecting a comedienne and so responded from that vantage point. In retrospect, the presentation was much more that of a professional using a comic approach to very serious subject matter. Thanks for your comments.



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IN MEMORY OF LARRY WISEBLOOD

Dear Editor,

The enclosed check is in memory of Larry Bruce Wiseblood who started *The New Voice* -

I met Larry as I was and am a clerk in an antique mall in Lincoln. I'm also close to two of Larry's friends Mike Scanlan and Ron Bruner.

My husband and I first heard about *New Voice* as our involvement with PFLAG began in 1984.

I'm proud to have known Larry and so glad he spoke out.

There was a beautiful service for him March 16th at 1st Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln.

Sincerely,
Barb Georgeson

THANKS FOR ACCEPTING POEMS

Dear Sharon VanButsel:

Thanks for accepting my poems, "Closet Queen," "The Coming of Aelops," "Long Leafy Dreams," "Milk Run," and "To a Beautiful Boy," for future publication in *The New Voice of Nebraska*. I'm always delighted when poems of mine find nests of their own, and especially pleased when I know they will be among good companions. I appreciate your confidence in my work, and the kind words about the "emotion" you found in my work. I seek not to just convey emotion, but to discuss something about the very nature of emotion. You have a good eye. Thanks for catching it.

Sincerely,
Christopher Thomas

SOCIAL SECURITY BROCHURE UPDATED FOR PWA's

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a copy of *A Guide to Social Security & SSI Disability Benefits for People with HIV Infection*. This brochure, available in English and Spanish, was recently updated to reflect changes in Social Security rules that were published in the *Federal Register* on July 2, 1993, and affect how we evaluate claims based on HIV/AIDS. We would appreciate it if you were to publish information in your periodical about the availability of this brochure.

This publication addresses:

- Medical and nonmedical eligibility requirements
- How Social Security defines "disabled"
- Social Security guidelines for evaluating HIV infection in women and children
- How to file an application for benefits
- Medicare and Medicaid

Individual copies of this brochure can be obtained through your local Social Security office, or by calling SSA's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. For bulk quantities (up to 100) please write to: Social Security Administration, Public Information Distribution Center, P O Box 17743, Baltimore, MD 21235. For more information about Social Security, or for confidential assistance in applying for benefits, your readers should call 1-800-772-1213.

Thank you for helping us inform the thousands of men, women, and children living with AIDS, as well as their caregivers, about the benefit programs available through Social Security.

Sincerely, Robert G. Goldstraw

IN THE LIFE REMOVED

Dear Editor,

In case you weren't aware; a gay/lesbian program entitled *In the Life* appeared monthly on NETV (Channel 12) albeit late at night. Effective in April, NETV decided to drop the program. Their reason, "We feel that the production quality and on-camera talent is not up to the standards of our viewers have come to expect from Nebraska ETV." (Like they had anything else to show at midnight once a month, in its place!)

I suggest everyone write to Mr. Gene Bunge, Network Program Manager, P O Box 83111, Lincoln, NE 68501 or call 402-472-3611 or fax 402-472-1785 in protest to their decision to cancel the program. Although it wasn't a top-of-the-line production, it featured plenty of gay/lesbian news not offered by regular programming.

I've enclosed the response I got when I questioned them about the missing program from their monthly program guide. I'm not a member of Iowa public television, so I'm not sure if they still show it, but I will miss seeing the program. I always wrote to NETV whenever they offered a gay/lesbian show and encouraged them to show more. If anyone did this, perhaps we wouldn't lose these rare and entertaining shows.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Terry H. Taylor #36705

P O Box 11099, Omaha, NE 68111-0099

RESPONSE:

Dear Terry,

Thank you for your letter about *In the Life*. We have canceled the series because we feel that the production quality and on-camera talent is not up to the standards our viewers have come to expect from Nebraska ETV.

However, we want to assure you that NETV will continue to present programming dealing with gay and lesbian issues as we have in the past.

Sincerely,

Gene Bunge, Network Program Manager

POLISH BOY WANTS FRIEND

Dear Sirs,

Could you please bring this request of mine in your magazine and somehow bring me in touch with boys who would to have a friend in Poland?

Good-looking Polish boy, 25 years old, 178 cm, would very much like to have a real good friend. My interests are travels (I would like to meet you one day!), business, pop - rock - classical music, books, sport, body building, sex and more. If you are looking for a friend in Poland or if you are athletic (a plus) please write me in English or Russian with your photo if this is possible. I would like to visit you and your country in this year. All letters answered. My address:

Grzegorz Rompea
Box 365
60-959 POZNAN 2
Poland

Thanks a lot.

THANKS FOR MAGAZINES

Dear Editor,

Thank you for sending us copies of *The New Voice*. The local newspaper is going to be doing an article about our group next week. We will send you a copy of the article.

It is very exciting for us since this is the first time we have had an article in the paper in this very conservative area. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Diane Crystal,
Director,

Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Group

ACE LUNDON, FROM THE POOP SHEET, WRITES

Dear Sharon and *The New Voice* of NE staff,

Thanks so much for sending the copy of your publication. Looks like you're doing a much needed job and a good job! I feel very proud you will be including the column in its pages.

Have you thought about the possibility of distributing it in the Sioux Falls area? They have one bar there which might be interested.

It is so good being back there on old home territory when I was on book tour. Hope I can return again sometime soon.

Keep up your good labor! Much love always.
Just me, Ace

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PRISONER PROJECT LETTERS

OMAHA PRISONER REQUESTS NVN

Dear Editor,

I'm a prisoner here in O.C.C., Omaha Correctional Center. A couple of days ago, I ran into one of the inmates here that had a *New Voice* subscribe. I took it over night to read it and find it very interesting. I returned it the next day. He told me that I could order the subscription without no cost to me, while I'm in prison, and it that's so. I would like to start receiving the *New Voice* subscription right away. And I was told you needed to know my release date, here it is 1-5-95. Thank you for helping people like me. Without people like you, I don't know what I would do.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Phipps

OMAHA PRISONERS REQUESTS PEN PAL

Dear Editor,

I'm an inmate at the Omaha Correctional Center and I would like to receive your publication. My tentative release date is December 5, 1996. Also any information on other publications state or national that are free or at a reduced rate for prisoners would be appreciated. Before my incarceration I had read several issues of your magazine, and I enjoyed it very much.

Also I was wondering about the possibility of having you print my name, number and address so that I might get a couple pen pals.

I was just beginning to explore my self and my sexuality when I got put into prison. And prison is not a healthy environment to explore one's sexuality. The one person that helped me the most was Wally (female), co owner of Aradia's Arcane & Arbor Moon Alternatives in Lincoln.

I am not a wealthy person or a great letter writer, but if whoever wishes to write me would send a single stamp I would be sure to answer.

I am a 28 year old Bisexual male, 5'11" tall, light brown hair, blue-green eyes, on the heavy set side. I like sports of golf, wrestling, bowling (watch and participate). I am usually a quiet, shy person who like many kinds of music. Caring, sensitive, and honest to a fault. My address is Lydell Miller #45063, OCC, P.O. Box 11099, Omaha, NE 68111-0099.

Thanks so much for your time.

Sincerely,
Lydell Miller

KENTUCKY PRISONER SEEKS PEN PAL

Dear Editor,

I am writing in requesting to place an ad in your magazine.

GWM, 28, 5'9", 165 lbs. blonde hair and blue eyes. I like woodworking and I love to snuggle. Looking for future relationship. John Carwile #101679 4-AL-1, EKCC, Box 636, West Liberty, KY 41472.

PRISON PROJECT GETS LETTERS

Dear Sharon,

Was very happy to receive your letter of concern stuffed away in *The New Voice*. It is through people like yourself and your concern for others that makes it a lot easier to do time. Yes, I am still incarcerated and will be for at least 2 to 4 months yet. I am on work release at the present time but you will be one of the first to know when I am released. At the time of my release, I'll send you the money for a years subscription to *The New Voice*. I enjoy it very much. It keeps a person informed of what is going on with the outside gay community world.

As far as the inmate scammery and conning is concerned, yes, we all know there is some of that going on in all the prisons throughout the world. I know, I have written to inmates all through the United States. But at the same time, we must not forget that there is just as much conning and scamming going on in the outside world, if not more, than there is in the prison system. I have had the experience with that also. Don't get me wrong, there are a lot of good eggs out there, but the few bad ones ruin a lot of good possibilities for the ones that care.

At the present time, "thanks to you and the ads you publish", I am corresponding with a very concerned and supportive young gentleman from the Hastings area. We are building a good friendship through correspondence and hope that it will continue to grow into a relationship after my release. You really find out who your true friends are when you get incarcerated. They all are your friends on the outside when you have a full pocketbook, but when that pocketbook disappears then there aren't any of them that have the decency to sit down for five minutes and even write a letter. What a shame that people have to be so ignorant and don't know the value of true friendship. You can't buy friendship or respect, you earn it. The same goes for a relationship. Money can't buy that either. It takes two people to be supportive of each other in order for a lasting relationship to continue.

Sharon, thank you again for your concern and support and keep the letters and ads in *The New Voice* growing. I enjoy them and everything else in the magazine. Like I said it keeps me updated with the gay community. Thank you all from *The New Voice* and keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,
Richard

Respond to these writers in communication only. Do not send money or other items. Please be responsible for yourself and your response to the prisoners.

Greetings,

I sincerely hope by the time this letter reaches your possession, it finds you and your loved ones in the best of health, both mentally and physically. May I also add hopefully that you are enjoying the most wonderful things God has to offer... As for the reason I'm writing is because I need a favor: I'm in the Nevada State Prison and I don't have any friends or family, and I'm some what being tormented mentally and abused emotionally by a couple of factors, which one is trying to regain my freedom, and the other is trying to get you to run an in your magazine and sending me one of your magazines. Here is my ad:

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Willie Gillard #15893

P.O. Box 1989

Ely, NV 89301

Thanks for your help, and may you have a nice day.

Dear Editor,

A friend of mine gave me your address. I am a 39 year old black man in prison for burglary. I am lonely and could really use a few good pen pals. Can you help by placing my name in your service. I will write anyone else who is willing to be up front about life in general. I am a pencil artist. Thank you.

James Carr #12134

P.O. Box 1989

Ely, NV 89301

Dear Editor,

I have been here five years without correspondence with anyone in the free world. I do not have any family members to share my thoughts, hopes, or dreams with through correspondence, and would be deeply grateful if you would print my request for pen pals in your magazine. I do not have funds to pay for my request, but I would be thankful if you would print my request anyway.

30 year old white male inmate serving ten year sentence in Nevada for burglary, would like to correspond with others between the ages of 25-45. Am open, honest and sincere. Will answer all responses.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration, and here's wishing you, a very pleasant day.

Sincerely,

Jesse Bond #12327

P.O. Box 1989-E.S.P.

Ely, NV 89301.

Dear N.V.N.,

I am an incarcerated male, and a friend has told me of your personal ad publication. He has met friends and I also would like to meet people to write. I have no funds and don't have experience in placing personals. This being my first attempt, could you please tell me if I leave something out?

Ad as follows: I am a single black man, 26, 5'7", and 160 lbs. I like to lift weights, read and write. I'm from Vegas, moderately educated. If there is anything I need need to know, please write and tell me.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH JAMIE ANDERSON

by Sharon McCartney

Sharon: Tell me about Jamie Anderson and the *Bad Hair Day* Tour.

Jamie: That's the *Bad Hair Day* World Tour. (laughs) I started out jokingly saying world tour and then I performed in Canada and Barbados so I guess that counts for world tour, don't you? *Bad Hair Day* was released on December 4th and is a collection of four new songs, all comedy, plus some songs from my other CD's all on one CD. I think everyone can relate to the concept of *Bad Hair Day*. I started touring mainly in the Midwest. I live in Tucson, but I'm doing a gig in Texas on my way home. I'm gone about six months out of the year. I'm scheduled for five Womyn's Festivals and one folk festival. But that's not too bad. Once I did nine festivals in one year. I think that's some sort of World Record.

Sharon: Do you really love Wynonna as much as your song indicates?

Jamie: Well, I do like her and I think she's pretty bitch. It was fun to write a love song to her. My favorite country singer is Mary Chapin Carpenter, but that's just too many syllables and it wouldn't be as funny. You do have to think about poetic verse, you know? (laughs) I really had a great time doing the song and Wynonna is good. I'd like to see her in concert someday.

Sharon: I read that you're active in the Association

for Women's Music and Culture. Tell me about the organization.

Jamie: The Association is made up of all facets of women's music—performers, producers, writers, and anyone involved in music. We have an annual conference in Bloomington, Indiana. We've met a couple of other places, but always end up in Indiana, because it is centrally located and near the national womyn's festival. We have workshops about how to produce a concert plus other topics about music. If you join the Association, you get newsletters which gives information. There's no need to reproduce the wheel, when it's already in place. Our main goal is to support womyn's music and to support each other. We also learn about each other's jobs. About one half of all of our members are performers. The next largest group is producers, and then there are several smaller groups. This group is an international group including Canada, Australia, and England.

Sharon: Is this strictly women?

Jamie: Most are women but there is no statement saying men can't belong. I think most members are lesbians, but who knows, we don't ask for credentials before they can belong. (laughs)

Sharon: What effect has coming out had on your career?

Jamie: I'd make more money if I wasn't out, but that's not important to me. I want to be true to myself and validate others...and to educate others. I used to sing at weddings and receptions. I made more money, but I thought if I sang *The Wedding Song* one more time I'd barf on my shoes. I had a partner and it wasn't so bad. We supported each other. Then I sang *The Wedding Song* at her wedding. I don't know if you're familiar with *The Wedding Song* on my new album but there's a line that says "Sure I'll come to your wedding, but I'll dance with the bride" and I did. I danced with her, it was her idea. It was fun.

Sharon: What are your greatest accomplishments to date?

Jamie: I never know what to say when I'm asked that question. Actually it's a combination of a few. First was playing at the National March on Washington last April. It was such a pleasure and such an honor. Another one is playing the main stage last year at the National Womyn's Festival. I've been going there since 1980, I think. This was a dream come true. There is a really nice auditorium and it holds 2000 people. It's almost like Carnegie Hall which is my next goal. Usually I play to maybe a 1000 or less and all audiences are important, but this is such an exciting event. And third is to be able to continue doing what I'm doing. I don't get paid a lot, but I love my work. It's hard to get one foot in front of the other and keep going if you don't enjoy your work.

Sharon: Do you have a partner?

Jamie: Yes.

Sharon: Does she travel with you?

Jamie: No, someone has to stay home and pay the mortgage. We almost single handedly support Sprint. (laughs) Usually I'm gone for about two months at a time so that really isn't too bad, although some people might think so. She's real independent and we manage.

Sharon: Anything else you'd like to share with our readers?

Jamie: Just that I love what I'm doing and it's important. No one wants to see a performer drag their butt on stage and act like it's a big deal.

Sharon: Thanks for the interview and I'll see you tonight. You'll recognize us. My partner will have on her pink Wynonna hat. She loves Wynonna.

Jamie: Thanks for interviewing me. I look forward to meeting you.

BAD HAIR DAY

Jamie Anderson is having a *Bad Hair Day* and now you can have one too! Available on CD and tape, this release features Jamie's funniest songs including *Love Song* (a lounge and disco song at its lamest), and *Wynonna Why Not* (a slick Nashville-style song to our favorite leather-clad country singer). Other songs include the demented folk song *Sweet Maiden* and the hilarious blues-flavored title cut. Rounding out this fabulous release are songs from Jamie's first two recordings: *Wedding Song*, *Nothing I'm Sorry*, and more! *Bad Hair Day* is available at women's bookstores, gay & lesbian bookstores and at other places of good taste with bad hairdos. Or, it's available directly from Tsunami Records, PO Box 42282, Tucson, AZ, 85733. Ask for our free catalog of great stuff.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Are you really old enough to remember a few years back when folks were saying we were homosexuals because we were "Mama's boys"? Of course, they never said that a lesbian was a "Daddy's girl"... but what did they know!? When one is afraid, they tend to grab at straws. However, I thought a lot about it because I wasn't a "Mama's boy"... and I wasn't much of a "Daddy's boy" either. I was a loner and didn't want to get too close to either because I knew I was a homosexual. I was safe in my closet at that time, being truthful wasn't in my vocabulary. I practiced to make sure I wasn't like one of the lippy, wispy, sissies they thought was what a homo was all about. See what a domineering mother can do to a child, they decry.

After I came out of the closet, I did become very close with my Mother. My dad had already passed away by that time. I did find out during those months that a Mother-Son relationship IS something very precious... even for a son who isn't or wasn't a "Mama's boy". We had some wonderful talks - this woman who provided me with life. This woman who was a bonafide "born againer". This woman who loved her first son. Her questions were nearly merciless at times as

her lover for her newly announced homosexual son drove her to search for answers. She was so sure she'd never see me in heaven now and her pain was real and great.

Yes, my coming-out was a very painful step for her as well. It probably is for all Mothers even then they tell us it's OK that we're gay.

Now what's fascinating to me is that a gay son now has facing him, just as a lesbian daughter would have, the most incredible opportunity! Getting to really know your choice of a maternal genetic tie. I wish I could have known my Dad in the same manner but I was too slow in coming-out.

The only thing you'll have to work out ASAP if you're going to truly communicate with your Mother IS that you're going to have to break an old, well-developed habit. The habit of telling lies. We've HAD to be if we are closet dwellers. When we exit our closets one of the first challenges we really face is learning to tell the truth. It's a good step to let Mom be in top sport to hear the truth.

Guess what I'm really trying to say is: your Mother might become your best friend as well as your Mother. Well, you want to remember what "intimate" is. For nine months you were inside her very body.

For the next 15 or so years, she not only saw every inch of your physical body, she taught you your A B C's, she bathed your wounds and lent a shoulder. And you think you can't be intimate with someone who already has been more intimate than you'll ever be able to be. She would love to learn to know, even if it might be fearful for her, just how her child has "turned out" now that

you've grown up.

No matter what we call her - Mother, Mom, Mama, Mommy - we all have one. Even the anonymous author who wrote

"Me Mudder"

When my prayers were early said
Who tucked me in my widdle bed
And spanked my ass til it was red?
Me Mudder

Who lifted me from my cozy cot
And sat me on an icy cold pot
And made me pee, if I could or not?
Me Mudder.

And when the morning lights had come
And in my bed, I dribbled some
Who whipped my tiny whiddle bun?
Me Mudder.

Who did my hair so neatly part
And pressed me gently to her heart
And squeezed me sometimes til I'd fart?
Me Mudder.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

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



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GAY...WITH COLE SLAW ON THE SIDE

By Brian Bengtson

Dear Sharon and Carla, all those lovely people at *The New Voice*, and all those who throw like a girl.

In my never-ending effort to actually do something before the last minute, I am attempting to write this before the ninth of the month at 11:30 p.m., and boy, am I lost! I guess I miss that little rush of adrenaline that comes with the "Oh-my-God-what-the-hell-am-I-going-to-write-about-NOW!!" look I seem to have mastered as of late. It's a great way to pass yourself off as an artist with a mission, and in some of the local watering holes, that look alone will make your next drink a wee bit stronger, and we all love it when that happens, eh?

Well, I am still scraping the fuzz off my tongue after all the festivities at the *Voice's* tenth anniversary bash (Just who was that dashing young man in the black leather duster sucking up all the free beer?) It was me, I'm sad to say, and I have all the empty packages of Alka-Seltzer to prove it. I was even honored with my very own button labeling me as one of the staff. Later on, I discovered that this badge would open up a whole new world for Omaha's favorite gay poet. Just by flashing this badge at the right people during one of my coastal jaunts, I was able to get backstage during a recent taping of *The Late Show with David Letterman*, where I told Madonna that no one is really watching anyway, so go ahead and swear like a sailor!! I didn't think she would take me seriously, so I do apologize to all those who were offended, but what the hell did you expect? The girl was sucking up the courtesy bar like there was no tomorrow!! You'd think she had seen a Harvey Wallbanger before, but I guess the famous do lead sheltered lives.

While the subject of cocktails is still fresh in the gray quagmire I call a brain, I promised all the good people at Trick's Public House that I would give them a mention. Maybe now they will let me sit at the front of the bar, instead of squeezed between the dart game and the back wall. The things I do just to be able to spin on a barstool and yell "Wheeee!!" let me tell you.

In other news, I have let up on the medication that I have been putting in my lover's Malt-O-Meal, mainly to see if I can get a last name out of the guy. I think after five months of total bliss that we are both secure enough in our relationship to take that next step.

My ten-year high school reunion is also approaching, and I don't know if I am going to make an appearance. I mean, really, how many times can one say, "Hello, remember me? You used to call me a 'faggot,' and beat the hell out of me at least once a week," without sounding like a broken record? And I know that I am not in the mood to see just who has come out of the closet, and feel bad for all the grief they sent my way. But the thought of seeing all those successful sex-change operations does interest me a bit.

The accountants have finished all the number-crunching in regards to my two-gig world tour earlier this year, and I am very pleased to say that the sales of my T-shirt alone make everyone happy. Happy enough to overlook that nasty business over flame retardancy and small children. I made all the poet-groupies promise not to smoke while wearing the shirt—at least when they are in my presence. You can't be too careful, eh wot? I guess I have put it off long enough—

Other highlights include:

A) After being thrown out of the Betty Ford Clinic for smashing a chair over Pia Zadora's head during group therapy, my

roommate is finally home. During the bus ride, he did meet and fall in love with a bean farmer from Aurora, Nebraska, and the lovely couple are planning a June wedding. All those who want to join in on the event are asked to run on down to their local Shopko, where the lovebirds have their china pattern registered.

B) My cat is a nervous wreck over a surprise I.R.S. audit, and has taken all my receipts. I can't wait to see how she explains all the trips to the Adult Emporium.

C) It seems that my mother has finally come to an agreement with the protesters over the drilling rights for her basement coral reef. As of now, the basement has been labeled a state wildlife refuge, and the souvenir ashtrays have just arrived.

D) The religious cult that has been hiding out at the local Denny's has now moved back to their compound in Red Oak, Iowa, where they can be heard chanting my poems backwards in hopes that the ghost of Rod Serling will appear and reveal the lyrics to *The Twilight Zone* theme.

& E) I think Scott Lowther missed one of the most elusive types of dates in his last column, that of the flying monkey—the date that shows up at your place all liquored up, and calls you by his last lover's name three times before he asks if you want to "get it on," or some other colorful phrase.

On a more serious note, during the month of May, I will be celebrating two special anniversaries. The first is my birthday, so if you see me out and about — my drink of choice is a vodka sour, the drink of poets everywhere. In fact, that's what they teach us at poet's school. Right after that lesson about mixed metaphor.

The second, and the most important, is my first year of being HIV positive. This disease has given me many gifts, such as seeing how much people do care about me, and a really sick and twisted sense of humor. In fact, Dick Brown (who I first met at the tender age of twenty-one, during his coronation as Emperor, when he stuck his hand down my shorts and nibbled on my ear. Betcha thought I wasn't going to say anything, huh, Uncle Dick?) approached me at the tenth anniversary bash and asked how I stayed so trim. I grinned and announced "HIV."

Other things that I have learned include:

1) You don't always get a cookie every time you give blood.

2) I really miss the days when the only rumor going around about me was the size of my "man-tool."

3) With all the people who take time out of their day to tell me that they "could get hit by a truck tomorrow," you'd think there would be fewer cars on Dodge street.

4) If one more person asks me if I have seen *Philadelphia* yet, I will scream.

& 5) Not only does this disease affect me, but it seems to turn all those around me into Jewish mothers begging me to "eat, eat, it's good for you boobula!"

Well, I guess I have babbled enough for this month. As always, I want to thank all those involved for all the help and support. So thanks *New Voice*, for giving this poet an avenue to be seen and heard. As my idol, Hunter S. Thompson (and I guess that explains quite a bit, huh?) once said, "When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro." Or they change the channel!!

Love, Peace, and liter-sized bottles. Brian

BY THE QUEEN'S RULES

By Brian Bengtson

"Traa-la, la, la," she'd whisper and swing on into the bar wearing last year's shorts; her breath still rich with yesterday's gin.

She sold blood, today, so she can buy that draw, and wink some mascara the cute new little bartender's way,

or put a dollar in the collection box; take out the appropriate red-turned ribbon with a hasty safety pin, and put it on the left,

or off-key a melody with the jukebox, bathe knee-deep in years-gone gossip; she's still got her title after all is snapped and shaded.

She might even take the wrapper off the tale of the visiting flyboy, and the cover-wife he lied to on busy Friday nights.

She's earned each hidden wrinkle, turned her given tricks, even told the God's honest when she couldn't leave in the morning.

She's pancaked and contoured the curious, had her share of first-timers, even helped a few slide home, and lit their candles, closed their eyes.

She's seen the nights and counted the tips; mouthed the words to all the greatest. She has had her escorts, and she's closed her bars.

DARKEST HOUR

by James "Scooter" Drake

So lonely on your own
So hard to be alone
I know that you were once before
Someone came and opened up the door

And then out you flew
Out you flew and all you say
Was someone standing with their dreams
Running away

In your darkest hour
I will be the only one
To send relief
The only chance for you

And suddenly it's all changed
You opened up and found
Something deep inside that tells you
You were a fool to lend yourself
To such assuming games
Take yourself and make your name
And leave you there without your dreams

And now it's all come to pass
And now we're here at last
I know you sometimes think of me
I know a foolish child would've screamed
It's hard to think and hold you tight
It's hard to be unbending when
There's everything
You've stripped from me
So run, run away

Who knows just how to hold once again
In your darkest hour

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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: Politics As Usual

by Shelley Roberts

Okay, this one is really going to get the activists angry. But I have to tell you, the activists have been making me mad for quite a while now. And I didn't even know it.

Well, maybe I knew it a little. A kind of smoldering simmer that sits there, just under your skin till flames finally erupt out of your ears.

Hey, I try to be as politically astute as the next LUPPY, which is to say, on a lot of subjects, not very. I admit it. I wait for the self-proclaimed people to tell me what I'm supposed to think. It's easier. That way I can spend my life making a living, tending to the house, and generally having lesbians over for social-life dinners two by two. The important activities.

And, I can, of course, register to vote for properly vetted candidates all of whom have been neatly outlined by my local generic triangle organization on a 2 X 3 card suitable for carrying behind curtain number one. The activists make it easy.

I can sign petitions conveniently converged at the door of whichever weekly parties, monthly meetings, or yearly festivals I choose to inhabit. So I know to recycle whales, refuse to eat asbestos, and never darken Denver's door again.

All courtesy to "activists" who are obviously independently poor, or have inadmissible trust funds. These are our selfless others, who take the time to truly study the issues, determine direction, formulate appropriate approaches, ponder policies, and harangue us into whatever it is we are supposed to do to be good little lesbian or gay soldiers in the Abomination Army (the only army in this country that actively recruit us).

Who do we complain to if the activist ranks get a little insular? So they're a touch over-political. And self-serving. So what if these people are a little possessive. Not to mention territorial? What difference does it make in the long run, if in return for doing our thinking for us, they begin to assume that we don't have the right to do it for ourselves. Who cares if, in their zeal, they have completely lost sight of the forest?

I do.

This meeting last night drove me right over the edge. The one called for seven which started promptly kind of around eight ten or fifteen.

Let me back track. I'm in Florida. We're one of the states who's next. We've got this David Koresh wannabe cult leader who is really P.O.'d that the Commies lost, leaving him virtually enemyless. He's an admitted

pornography addict who firmly believes that his cure from God is to kill all of us. Just to keep him from getting a hard on. He's collecting signatures even as you read to pull a Colorado. And we need to tell him where to get off.

But he's got money, organization, energy. He's got a winning way with words. Multiples copies of *The Gay Agenda* video. And he's got a way big head start. So if we don't get this act on the road real, real soon, you can just start sending our mail to the great state of Florida.

Where our activists are still getting organized. For months now.

Well, some of us who have done professional mind changing, and some of us who have done professional project managing, and some of us who have done professional money managing are damn mad and want to put our credentials where our convictions are. We figure it's time to stop being polite, and win the damn thing for a change.

So we called this meeting. Full of everybody. Leaders of this group. Past Presidents of that group. Supporters of this or that ethnic derivation, hat type, or shoe size. GDI's who had already argued and lost in the other group's ancient history, who demanded separate but equal representation, if only for spite. Every grandstander in three counties. And us new players anxious to get on with it.

Oh, the turf protection! And peeing mightily into corners.

We had two, count 'em two, gender-purity facilitators, who conducted introductions around the room. Then they explained consensus building. And asked if there was anybody in the room who absolutely couldn't live with conducting the meeting by this process. They showed us non-disruptive American Sign Language applause which looks a lot like the stage-exit hand gestures I learned at five that went with the Shuffle-Off-To-Buffalo tap routine. Oh, boy (OOPS!) I mean. Oh, person.

We stacked our responses in turn. We debated inclusion. We evaluated advisory status. We required equal representation on a mythical board of directors till it numbered sixty seven. Then we consented to reconsider. We suggested committees, non-restrictively defined as "undefined functioning committees."

We came for structure to get us from Point A to our objective. But there were detours here that Triple A never added to my triptik to Point B. Everyone applauded (ASL) when any practicalist stood up and said, "our object is winning, not debating". And then the activists would open the debate. Again. Multi-cultural inclusive. Group representation. Hierarchical structure. My god, they were building a commune. I wanted to suggest an ark.

Two and a half hours later, consensus confirmed a governing body. (Hallelujah!) Another half hour argued its theoretical membership (Here we go again.) When somebody finally said, "...anybody who wants to work on this board, please stand up." (Brilliant!) Nine of us did. The nine non-activists who had come in from the private sector to get the job done. (All the activists were already overbooked.)

Thanks to the activists, we spent the entire evening learning what the non-activists already knew walking in the door.

If they continue to have their way, you can pretty well bet that we'll do it all in a politically correct manner. Which will make everybody in the process feel really good. And supportive. And loving. And polite. And thoroughly accepting and including. And, one more time, we'll be held hostage to the activists' nearsightedness. And we'll lose.

But, you know what? Frankly! This time? I'm damn mad. And - personally, I'd rather win.

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STORM SPELL

by De Moreland

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"MARCH WITH A BUDDY"

A casual remark by a homebound AIDS patient was the inspiration for what will be one of the most dramatic, emotional moments of the Stonewall 25 March on the United Nations, June 26. "I wish I had walked in a Gay Pride parade," was the comment made by Bob Cohen to his friend Ron Antman. After Cohen's death last year, Antman was determined to fulfill his wish.

And so, "March With A Buddy"—a part of the Stonewall 25 march—was conceived. Initially, Antman intended to march in the parade with Cohen's snapshot in his pocket. After mentioning the idea to friends, Antman discovered that many knew all people they wanted to represent in the march. With the help of a business partner, Owen Frager, Antman decided to do something that would remind everyone of the hundreds of thousands of people who are too ill to march or who have already succumbed to AIDS.

Now in the works, the actual "March With A Buddy" program is much loftier than the original idea. Instead of snapshots, participants will march with poster-size enlargements. And instead of a few dozen marchers, organizers anticipate upwards to 1000 people.

"The plan kept growing," Antman said. "Yet we realized we could never afford anything this ambitious ourselves. So we began looking for a company willing and able to help make it happen." Enter Priority Pharmacy, one of the nation's largest overnight home delivery prescription services. The partners wrote to David Zeiger, president of the San Diego-based company, outlining the concept and asking for help.

"We were looking for a business that could empathize with the problems—physical and emotional—of a homebound AIDS patient," Frager said. "A telephone prescription service such as Priority seemed likely to understand—especially since it supports patients who are often too ill to even visit the corner drugstore."

"When I read the letter, I thought about all of our clients and all the other PWA's," Zeiger said. "We've been working with AIDS patients since 1987 and many have become like family. It seemed incredibly important that they be represented in this march." Joy Galloway, who is responsible for Priority's non-pharmaceutical support programs, agreed. Priority's clients are affectionately called "Joy's Kids", reflecting the emotional support Galloway and her staff give to each client.

After agreeing to underwrite the event, Zeiger made some additions to the program. Priority will give each marcher a "March With A Buddy" T-shirt to wear in the parade. "Ideally, the T-shirts will unite the marchers. They will also make a great memento of the event—and help thank the participants." Galloway summed up the feelings of everyone at Priority Pharmacy: "We not only serve our client's prescription needs, but they become part of our family. Priority will be at the front of that March carrying pictures along with everyone else."

To participate in the event and receive a registration form—either as a marcher or have a picture carried—call 800-313-8485. All marchers will be notified when and where to pick up their poster and T-shirt, which will be close to the march's origination point.

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In March, *POZ*, a new national lifestyle magazine for people affected by HIV/AIDS was introduced. Designed by J.C. Soares (who designed *7 Days* and *Variety*), *POZ*'s first issue (April/May) debuted with an explosive, in-depth interview with Bob Hattoy, the only openly HIV positive appointee in the Clinton Administration. *POZ*'s premiere issue also includes a poignant interview with former Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater's grandson, Ty Ross, who will come out of the HIV closet in the pages of *POZ*.

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TASK FORCE STATEMENT ON JUSTICE BLACKMUN'S RETIREMENT

As Justice Harry Blackmun announced his retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) praised his passionate defense of the right to privacy during his 24 years of service to the nation.

Justice Blackmun's eloquence in defense of the right to privacy extended beyond his landmark opinion in *Roe v. Wade* to his forceful dissent in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, in which the Supreme Court denied that a fundamental right to consensual sexual intimacy between two adults of the same sex exists.

In his dissenting opinion in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, Justice Blackmun cited a previous case and wrote, "...This case is about 'the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men,' namely, 'the right to be left alone.'"

"Depriving individuals of the right to choose for themselves how to conduct their intimate relationships poses a far greater threat to the values most deeply rooted in our Nation's history than tolerance of nonconformity could ever do. Because the Court today betrays those values, I dissent," he wrote.

"As Justice Jackson wrote so eloquently," Blackmun added, "Freedom to differ is not limited to things that do not matter much. That would be a mere shadow of freedom. The test of its substance is the right to differ as to things that touch the heart of the existing order."

"Administration officials have discussed the need to ensure that the next Supreme Court appointee is able to build consensus on the Court" noted NGLTF Executive Director Peri Jude Radevic. "It is imperative that President Clinton appoint a consensus builder who is also able to carry on Justice Blackmun's legacy of defending the right to privacy."

POSTER CELEBRATES FAMOUS LESBIAN, GAY, AND BISEXUAL PEOPLE IN HISTORY

Project 21 is proud to offer a multi-cultural poster featuring 57 famous lesbian, gay, and bisexual figures and seven major historical events. The 3' x 3' posters are printed in full color. Included is a key identifying each person and his/her historical role as well as a bibliography of sources for further information. These posters are ideal for classroom use. They're also great for home or office and make excellent gifts. Cost is \$10.00 plus \$5 shipping and handling. All orders shipped first-class in crush-proof tubes. Allow three weeks for delivery. Proceeds from poster sales benefit Project 21, an informal, national alliance of organizations and individuals working to ensure that fair, accurate and unbiased information is presented to America's youth regarding the nature and diversity of sexual orientation. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter acts as Project 21's fiscal agent and sponsor and also sponsors the Project 21 poster.



INTERNATIONAL SM/ LEATHER/FETISH CELEBRATION 1994

Over 2,000 participants of all genders, orientations and races from around the world are expected to converge on New York City in June of 1994, for the International SM/Leather/Fetish Celebration 1994. Leather Celebration '94 will be a four day affirmation of the role of safe, sane and consensual sadomasochism and power exchange in the promotion of the freedom of sexual expression, and of the loving nature of S/M relationships. The event is currently being organized by six of the New York's largest and most active leather organizations. Taking place at the lavish Grand Hyatt Hotel on 42nd Street and Park Avenue, June 23rd - 25th, the celebration promises to be a unique highlight among the myriad events and festivities surrounding the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion. The month's activities also include the Gay Games IV - Unity '94 Lesbian and Gay Cultural Festival, and culminates with the International Stonewall 25 March and Rally on Sunday, June 26.

The International SM/Leather/Fetish Celebration 1994 has been priced modestly to allow everyone to participate. Special discount rates of \$130 per room (not per person) have been arranged, and many of the Hyatt's rooms can accommodate up to four people. A registration fee of only \$60 gets attendees into all workshops and seminars, Pride Night and the Dance, as well as into a tremendous Vendor Display and Art Exhibit. For brochures, rates, and further information on the International SM/Leather/Fetish Celebration 1994, you may write: Leather Celebration '94, 332 Bleecker Street, Suite 452, New York, NY 10014. You may also call the following sponsors: Gay Male S/M Activists 212-727-9878 (24 hrs. leave message); National Leather Association: Metro New York Chapter 718-597-0019 (fax during the day; direct line evs.); The Eulenspiegel Society 212-388-7022 (outing message only).

LARGEST GAY GAMES EVER

Record number of athletes register for Gay Games IV

The organizers of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival announced they have already received 7,776 registrations from around the world for this June's historical event.

Those numbers exceeded Gay Games III, which was the largest athletic event held anywhere in 1990. Gay Games III, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, featured 7,250 people in 29 different sporting events at Gay Games III. Participation numbers have doubled each time the Games have been held. Gay Games I in San Francisco in 1982 included 1,300 athletes. Gay Games II in 1986, in San Francisco, had 3,500 athletes.

Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, to be held June 18-25, 1994, in an Olympic-style sporting and cultural event open to all. More than 15,000 athletes are expected to participate in 31 team and individual sports in venues located throughout the New York City Metro area. "We're enthusiastic about these numbers," said Jay Hill, Executive Director of Gay Games IV. "We're on target to be the largest athletic event ever held." The 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona had 10,568 athletes.

"Having participated (in the triathlon) at Gay Games III, I am especially excited to have exceeded the numbers from 1990," Hill added. "It was an incredibly exhilarating experience to be among 7,250 athletes in Vancouver, and I'm sure New York will be even more sensational."

Gay Games IV will also feature a Cultural Festival, the largest assemblage of lesbian and gay culture ever. The Festival will include world-renowned artists and lesser-known performers in a variety of artistic disciplines, including music, theater, film, sculpture, history, architecture, literature, performance art and photography.

For more information on Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival call 212-633-9494.

WOMEN'S FISHING TOURNAMENT SLATED

The 12th annual Twyla Truth Neptunia Fishing Follies is scheduled for June 11-12, 1994. The all-women's fishing tournament is held at Wilderness Way Resort and Campground on Cranberry Lake in Wascott, Wisconsin. The contest begins at sunrise Saturday, June 11 and ends at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 12 with an awards ceremony and cookout provided by the resort. Those weighing in the largest Northern, Walleye, Bass, Crappie and Sunfish will receive trophies. Most other contestants will receive draw prizes. Participants may fish on two lakes in addition to Cranberry. One is connected to Cranberry and one is two miles from it. Boats and canoes are available for rental at Wilderness Way. Pontoon boats may be rented on two of the contest area lakes. The tournament was named for the alter-ego of Jane Lilja, upper-Midwest sportswoman and political activist, who founded the contest in 1982. Twyla Truth was a featured guest at each tournament awards ceremony, hosted by Lilja until her death in 1990. For boat, canoe, cabin and camping rental information and reservations, call 1-715-466-2635.

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STONEWALL



JUNE 26 1994

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POET'S CORNER

THE COMING OF AELOPS

by Christopher Thomas

I know you from an early madness.
I have explored your face
with the appendages of my words,
and know what strange legends
issue past your lips
to rest on the bellie of hope
like sequins from the moon.

Yet we come to this narrow place,
our pockets filled with seeds,
as though the knead passion
smooth as velvet
or rub in deep,
dreams that drift and drown in the eye.

You are one taste of Eden before the Fall,
a deity with pulley and pail,
poised on the rim, or
hustling all the stuff that grows
inside you; the echo of god
riding the mind
on the white waves of a wailing wind.

CHICKENS ROOST IN THE CROWS NEST

by Arlen R. Lazaroff

Two teenage boys in team promotion jackets
and a corporate dad
sit in front of a living room altarpiece TV set
exploiting real life cop law enforcement
shows of public paranoia every night of the week
from local transmission rooftop relay
through infomercial receiver heads.

but what the hell, they could be re-enacting
fathers knows incest is best
and it's sad and it's a drag
to think that way
but: i witness, code 3,
x files, unsolved mysteries,
law and order, missing persons,
homicide, front page,
diagnosis: murder,
rescue 911, and real stories of the highway patrol
aren't much fun
and neither is the contention
that you gotta carry weapons to school

Give me the gun, son,
and i'll show you the rest
killer chickens roost
in the old crow's nest
let's stay home tonight
and introduce some social change
here's a manual; let's see
how to unplug the set

RAYCHEL

by name withheld

The solace of a quiet rain
The warmth of sun-kissed lilacs
Swaying gently in the breeze
Softness in the silence

Wafting thru the soft sweet air
Diffuses gentle scent
Offering hope and joy again
The despair of winter spent.

HERR ADAM (COGITO, ERGO SUM)

By Bill Gaus

School stinks—let's split
Homework, boring films, insipid
stuff, what? me? think?

I teach—therefore I am?

Late night-papers, exams,
conjugations, average progress
reports: God—I'm exhausted—

I teach—there I am?

Struggling and fighting, full well
knowin the 2+ is linked to
his HIV+; Herr Adam—my
daily strength, courage.

I teach—therefore I AM!

OUT OF LOVE

by James "Scooter" Drake

I know where this story ends
I watched your hand fall
from my hand
Silence envelops each second of
pleasure now
I'm changing my plans

I'm out of love with you
Shadowed in black and blue

I have a photograph where streaks
of lightning cover your face
And I'm looking away from the camera
I don't belong in this place

So leave this place
And your pretty things
Pieces of jewelry you've hung
around your neck you can
possessively finger
They'll shine for you
when nothing else is left

I'm out of love with you.

MILK RUN

by Christopher Thomas

Here one seeks paradise
in a tight pair of faded jeans,
random fuzz on the chins of young lovers,
the haughty armpits
of the perfectly built,
a place to go down with slow kisses.

One seeks magic in the gaze
of the young and gangly,
the gentle swelling
when one finds three times their own gender
bulging below the belt
like a corn dog on a stick.

One circles the block,
an endless seeker of nirvana,
the groins of heaven,
the oral auras,
the lush appendages
of them that suck the divine sword.

DOCTOR PROCTOR, RICO, JUST OUTSIDE THE DOORWAY OF THE SAINT JUDE HOTEL

by De Moreland

Doctor Proctor
stoops in Chicken alley,
a real quack back in Memphis, now
practicing his special skills in anal augury.
He wraps prehensile fingers round
a dirty wrinkled bag, wobbles it toward his
raisin face, sashes back a toast
to his imagination.
Right on time, he has this vision
No formaldehyde phantom,
almost alive, still pretty
Rico drizzles down Church Street,
his syrupy Morphine strut
more habit than intention,
damp black curls spring and dance
a wicked halo round his head.
Hissing like a steampipe, Doctor
Proctor pays his tribute:
"Hey, Sweet Meat, you make my cheeks hard",
excluding classic Cracker charm
Rico
clenches like a fist.
He's tired and sore and positive
he's positive, doesn't lift
a finger in the fool's direction.
Across the street a shadow grows
secure in leaden leather
some sumo-social pit bull jungle jogs
Miss Thing up the corner
Chameleon at the crossroads, she's
waiting for a light somewhere to change.
The pit bull grins, pulls her
into Spider's bookstore.
The doorman strings his wad of Juicy Fruit
twirls it round his finger.
Politically correct, he slams
at the seams, inbred leisure-suited
geek in action
got his ear on Little Richard and
his mind on refried beans.
He spits the gum at Rico who
slaps him off the sidewalk,
knocks him on his polyester ass.
Just outside the doorway of
the Saint Jude Hotel
Big Eartha laughs like hell.
Solid as the rock of ages,
everybody's grandma by design,
she doesn't know who's president,
the date or time. When she sees
truth she knows it, look it in
the eyes. She knows Rico inside out,
loves him anyway, doesn't tell him
not to cry, doesn't tell him anything,
just wraps her arms around him, rocks
him like the ocean.
Big Eartha hugs like hell.

SORRY ABOUT THE ERROR!

The flyer announcing the River City Mixed Chorus Show at DC's erroneously stated that the show was being sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON). RCMC apologizes for the error and any inconvenience caused to the public and the Imperial Court of Nebraska!

LOCAL NEWS

CHORUS NOTES

By Stan Brown

If you don't have your tickets yet for our Pride Concert, "A Singing Tribute to Pride," on Saturday, June 4, 7:05 p.m., Strauss Performing Arts Center, please call our Singline, 341-SING, because there will probably not be tickets available at the door. The Chorus is very excited about performing our first commissioned piece composed by Jonathan Cole and we know our audience will enjoy it as well.

A big thanks to Dan, Charlie, David and all the staff and patrons at DC's for supporting our benefit variety show "Fruit Salad, A Smaller Portion," on April 24. We all had a great time and

a special thank-you to my Co-MC Madame X, my Chiquita Girls, Rich and John, and everyone who entertained. It's amazing what you can do with fruit! I'll let you know how much money was raised from that event next month.

The other big fundraising event the Chorus has coming up is our garage sale, "Closet Clearing IV" on Saturday, June 18th. Please let us know by calling the Singline if you have items you would like to donate and have picked up. Watch for the next *New Voice* for more information about the sale.

The Chorus will be performing this month at

the AIDS Memorial Service at St. Cecilia's Cathedral on Sunday, May 22. As we celebrate our 10th anniversary this year we don't want to forget the people we have lost over the years who gave their special gifts to the Chorus. To John, Jonathan, Alan, Tim, Dana, Norm, Jerry, Chip, and Marilyn, we miss you, but we know you are celebrating with us during this special season.

Last but not least, we are taking orders for our 10th anniversary T-shirts for the community to purchase at our concert on June 4 and possibly other events in the community in May and June. For more information call 341-SING.

ASA CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO A SUCCESS

By Sandy Vopalka

The American Society on Aging (ASA) conference was very successful. There were about 6,000 people in attendance and there were 8 sessions which dealt with issues of Lesbian and Gay Aging. At these 8 sessions there were at least 25 people at each presentation.

I presented the topic of Lesbians and Gays and Aging in Rural Areas. I had 30 people at my presentation. I will be offering this presentation to any group that would like to hear the information. If your group is interested, write to me at: Information/SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043.

ANOTHER SATURDAY EVENT: BOWLING IN LINCOLN

By Sandy Vopalka

The Coalition is supporting the 4th Saturday of each month as the night of Bowling. Starting at 7pm, at Gateway Bowl (Lincoln), "R" Street and North Cotner. The upcoming dates are May 28th, June 25th, and July 23rd, just to name a few. Even if you don't bowl, this is a fun night. Come and check it out.



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JOSEPH CONRAD ADDRESSES PRESIDENT CLINTON

By Sharon Van Butsel

On April 7 I was fortunate enough to be among the studio audience who took part in the regional Town Hall Meeting with President Bill Clinton, televised on KMTV, Channel 3. Also in the studio audience were Gary George, Executive Director of the Nebraska AIDS Project, and Joseph Conrad, President of the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment. The Town Hall meeting, hosted locally by Loretta Carroll, took place as a live telecast broadcast on 4 stations in this region (Kansas City, Tulsa, Topeka, and Omaha).

Joseph Conrad was among those selected to ask a question of President Clinton, and for several minutes he conversed directly with the President via satellite hook-up. In a recent interview, Joseph recalled the conversation as going something like this:

Joe — "I started out by saying 'I'm Joseph Conrad, a person living with AIDS. Nebraska Medicaid has recently started required co-payments on office visits, hospital stays, and on every prescription. How will Health Care Reform enhance or restrict the quality of services, the availability of low cost prescriptions, and the access to doctors who are educated about and interested in treating Persons Living With AIDS and the infections which surround HIV without capping or denying services based on the inability to pay?'"

"President Clinton answered that 'Persons living with serious diseases like AIDS would be better off under this program, however there would be financial responsibility for all persons. But since medications will be covered the financial impact on persons like yourself will be less since they will be able to be employed longer.'"

"At that point I spoke up and said 'With all due respect, Mr. President, I am on disability and with my disability check, once I pay rent, utilities and buy food, I have only \$20 left. That is not enough to deal with a co-pay for doctor visits and prescriptions.'"

"President Clinton then answered 'if your financial situation is as you state, you won't have to worry, but those who can afford it will be expected to share in the cost.'"

"I then asked again, 'If I can't pay, will I be denied services?'"

"President Clinton answered 'No, you will not.'"

As Joseph Conrad retold the experience, he said he had been glad to see at least one familiar face at the telecast. He had wondered if going to the Town Hall Meeting would be like Daniel in the lion's den. Actually, he had also encountered an old friend from college—a friend that Joseph greeted with some trepidation since this friend had been "an arch conservative in college." Joe went on to say, "I was pleased to see him stay after the meeting to talk and shake my

hand...College does enlighten you...but for most people it takes the experience of meeting a real person...someone they know, that they have spent time with. Then they can put a face on it and start to melt down from the frozen. I believe people freeze themselves away from the circle of AIDS but when it's someone they know, they become aware that they themselves could come down with it."

Joseph went on to describe the experience. "It was probably the most important event of my life to be able to stand up with the leader of the largest country in the free world and have a conversation about AIDS without shouting—it was not an AIDS activist shouting and the President turning off—but two people actually having a conversation."

"Washington is so far away from Nebraska. A lot of the information and the statistics are done about the big cities where the big numbers are—like New York, San Francisco, and Miami. I wanted Bill Clinton to see a face and to know that there are women and babies and children and young people like myself living with this virus out here in Omaha, Nebraska."

"It was a coup for us to have that particular question come from Omaha, Nebraska. It's not important that it was me. It is important that someone with AIDS stand up and have that conversation with the President."

Joseph continued "I'll be writing a letter to him. There are several other issues in Health Care Reform that need to be addressed, like hospice and transportation, and the only way to do that is to write to him."

"We have one foot in the door so maybe we can continue and can get into a conversation between the President and the PWA community and let him know how things are."

"If I accomplished nothing else at this Town Hall meeting, I would hope that if Mr. Clinton ever had a question, he would now know that there is someone in Omaha, Nebraska, who is living with AIDS and who would be willing to have a conversation with him."

As Joseph and I went on to talk about other things, he commented "I'd also like to increase the dialogue within the community. Persons with disabilities want to be involved. For the most part, the voice of the AIDS community is silent. We need to be in conversation. We need to be involved in things other than candlelight vigils—we need to focus on living, not just on dying."

As part of that continuing dialogue, Joseph Conrad and the other members of the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment will be working on a regular feature for *The New Voice*, addressing some of the most commonly asked questions about AIDS and HIV. A *New Voice* salute to Joseph Conrad and all the others who respond to the challenge of HIV.

NEW HATE CRIMES HOTLINE

The Lincoln Police Department is proud to announce the implementation of a new service to the citizens of Lincoln. The Hate Crimes Hotline is a telephone hotline that allows victims of gay bashings to anonymously report attacks to the authorities. This phone line is not designed to replace formal reportings of crimes, which would allow arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators, but it will help the Police Department determine the extent and seriousness of anti-gay violence in Lincoln.

The Victim Witness Unit of the Lincoln Police Department is responsible for answering calls to the hotline and recording the information given. Callers will be given a ID number and asked to call back in 10 days so that the Police will have a chance at further contact with victims should it become necessary. The hotline number is 441-7191, and it is staffed Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm.

—Coalition Chronicle

MCC SHOW TO HELP SEND PWA'S & WOMEN TO STONEWALL 25

On May 8, MCC-Omaha will be presenting a benefit show at DC's, 701 S. 14th, in Omaha. Producers, Sharon Van Butsel and Carla Petersen, indicate that the funds raised will go to provide scholarships for at least two Persons Living With AIDS to go on the ANGLE bus trip to Stonewall 25, and to also help members of the Women's Support group go to Stonewall 25.

The benefit begins at 6:30pm with a Pizza Party and country western dancing. Then, at 8:00pm, the early show begins, featuring such performers as Deb Levensgood singing live, Annette Dickman also singing live, a stellar performance by members of the Women's Support Group, Emperor XII Connie Henke, poetry reading by Brian Bengtson, and many more doing both live and lip synch. There will also be a special guest appearance by The Babes Behind Bars! The early show will end at 9:30pm and there will be a brief dance break before the late show begins at 10:00pm. The late show will feature such performers as Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino, Emperor XII Steve Koeller appearing as Siella Dallas, Brady, Joseph Conrad and Paco, Jim Drake, R.N. Hedges, and many more.

The evening will also include an auction of donated items. Admission is \$4 until 9pm (includes Pizza Party and show) and \$2 after 9pm. All performers have agreed to donate their time and talent for this show.

VOTER ALERT

We want to call your attention to two candidates who are running for office who are very supportive of gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues.

Alan Hansen is running in the 5th District for the Southeast Community College Board, and Kandra Hahn, daughter of Roy and Mildred Bailey, is running for country clerk. Both are willing to talk to groups. Contributions for Kandra Hahn should be mailed to 1044 H Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, payable to Kandra Hahn for Country Clerk Committee. Contributions for Alan Hansen should be mailed to 2611 South 46th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506, payable to Hansen for

CLUB 332 CLOSÉS TOUCHÉS OPENS IN SIOUX FALLS

On March 27, Club 332 closed its door for the last time. And on April 1, Touchés opened its doors for the very first time. Touchés is located at 323 S. Phillips in Sioux Falls, across the street from the old bar but the entrance is around the back, off the alley behind The Bistro.

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Sun., June 12
9:30 at The MAX



PRIDE DATES SET AROUND MIDWEST

Pride celebrations have been set for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in several Midwestern cities. Many are affected by the international events in New York City for the Gay Games IV and Stonewall 25 June 17-26, traditional dates for pride celebrations. Chicago's parade and festival has been moved to Sunday, June 5, with info available at (312)348-8243. In the Twin Cities, the Pride Festival has been moved to July 9-10 with the parade on that Sunday, with info available at (612)377-8141. Pride St. Louis will be moved to October 1-2, due to a statewide November ballot entry to amend the constitution to outlaw civil rights laws protecting rights on the basis of sexual orientation. Des Moines is hosting Pride activities June 19-26, including "De-Masquerade" an old-fashioned ball at the State Historical Building on the 25th, and a Pride March on the 26th, with info available from Pride, Inc. at PO Box 4086, Des Moines, IA 50333 or (515)279-7655. Tentative plans in Waterloo-Cedar Falls include a June 11 picnic from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at George Wyth State Park, a gay/lesbian film festival and possible participation in activities during "My Waterloo Days" June 3-12 and Sturgis Falls Days June 25-26.

- AccessLine

"FORBIDDEN BROADWAY" LIGHTS UP THE JONES STREET BREWERY

"Forbidden Broadway" gives you the feeling of being inside a 1920's speakeasy—complete with piano player and homemade brew. The basement of the Jones Street Brewery serves as the perfect setting for Gerard Alessandrini's Broadway parody. Directed by Jerry Longe, this fine cast of actors and singers pokes fun at such musicals as *Guys and Dolls*, *Annie*, and *Les Miserables*. One of the more outstanding moments included Pam Callahan, dressed as a 30 year old, cigarette smoking "Annie" singing a more mature version of *Tomorrow*. The audience participates in a few sing-alongs, led by Jerry Longe dressed as Yul Brynner from *The King and I*. Kathy Kautz, of *Beehive* fame, does a hilarious Carol Channing, complete with smeared lipstick and *Hello Dolly* verses. Rounding out the cast is Ryle Smith, doing a very "masculine" version of *Bring Him Home* from *Les Miserables*. If you're not a Broadway officio, the program gives you information about all the shows being parodied. Musical director, Jim Boggess, adds the finishing touches to this polished production. A crowd of 150 attended the preview performance of "Forbidden Broadway" which runs through May 8.

DANCERS: CALL FOR PIECES

omdc, in cooperation with Dance Conspiracy, is producing a fall concert featuring the choreography and performances of regional dance/performance artists. There will be a special guest performance by *Mal Pelo Duo Company* from Spain, in partnership with The Wagon Train Project in Lincoln. *Mal Pelo* is appearing at Jacob's Pillow prior to their performance in omdc's concert.

— Schedule for concert preparation—
 May 31, 1994 deadline for registration
 August 7, 1994 adjudication — each presenter will have 15 minutes to show progress on piece
 Sept. 30, 1994 performance in Omaha
 Oct. 1, 1994 performance in Omaha
 Oct. 2, 1994 performance in Lincoln

If you are interested in dancing, please call so we can put you in touch with choreographers. If accepted for concert, choreographers are requested to join omdc. Please call Taffy at 551-7473 (Omaha) or Gail at 435-1254 (Lincoln), or write to omdc, PO Box 1084, Omaha, NE 68101-1084.

A ROYAL UNION

Empress I of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Ice Castle—Julie Craig (sometimes known as Craig Van Deen aka Julie Crane to our New Voice typists!) will be united in Holy Union with Prince Royale XIII of the Imperial Court of Nebraska—Michael Gaffney (sometimes known as the 'Happiest Christmas Tree') at the Minihaha Church of Christ in Minneapolis, MN, Saturday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

The couple will celebrate their Union here in Omaha with a reception in Stosh's Saloon from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Michael and Craig invite their friends to join them at The MAX for this time of celebration. *Congratulations, Michael and Craig! We wish you only the best!*

Mitzi Henderson

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**SIERRA SANDS,
MISS CLOSET BALL '94**

ARBOR MOON CLOSES IN LINCOLN

It is with deep regret that we announce the closing of Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore. Owner of the Arbor Moon, Wally, said that she, like many small business owners, had simply not been able to compete with the large bookstores and the chains of bookstores. Wally indicated that she will be devoting her time to her business in financial planning.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS

Denny D. and his family would like to thank all those who attended our benefit, "A Tribute to Our Friends," on Sunday, March 20, 1994. Over \$1200 was raised for NAP/PWA's. It was a real success. Thank you all again.

Denny D.

OUT AND ABOUT — "CLOSET BALL '94"

by R.N. Hedges

Duane Schomer, President of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and the rest of the Board of ICON pulled off another very entertaining Closet Ball contest at The MAX on March 27th. From the moment Gloria Ravelle took the microphone at the start to the announcement of the winner, I found myself very entertained.

April Lane, Miss Closet Ball '93, opened the show with the Phantom of the Opera Mix she won with last year. Immediately after, the very talented Dorian Drake performed the sultry *Another Sad Love Song* by Toni Braxton. From the floor to the microphone, Dorian moved the show along by introducing judges Dean Michone, Shana Stone, Vince Percy and the ever lovely Jennifer Jett.

The MC in place, judges seated, Gary ready at the DJ booth, Tom Cech at the lights, and we were ready for the show. There were oo's; there were ah's, and there was much applause as Jimmy, John, Matt, Scott, Todd, Nicholas, and Pat took to the stage, one at a time, dressed as men. Very handsome men, I might add. (I was happy already with them and wondered — They're all too cute to dress up as women, why do they want to do that?)

Well, as happens in Closet Ball competition, the men are judged as men and then are given an hour to get dressed up and perform as a Female Impersonator. While they were doing this, we were treated to performances by Miranda Wright and Amy Zahn, two of last year's Closet Ball contestants. Miss MAX #10, Vivian Cartright, did an excellent job with the country tune, *It Sure Felt Right*. Immediate Past ICON President Carla Petersen spoke with everyone about upcoming events in the community and then the evening's other MC, Roxy (dressed down as Danny), introduced Jennifer Jett, Dorian Drake, Shana Stone, Monica West (the new Miss Gay Nebraska USA) and the always entertaining Dietra Snow as each of them gave the audience "Grade A" performances.

Then we were ready to see the guys as gals and what a transformation they made. Jimmy was now Mariah Page and performed a ballad; John was Spark-lur and did a spoof on the Exorcist, and Matt, now Corale Es-Sex, showed us a dance number. The next performer was a treat to everyone, including myself, because a little over a month ago this writer performed in a live show at The MAX



**APRIL LANE,
MISS CLOSET BALL '93**

and shared the stage with a very talented live performer named Scott Meister. Now I was seeing him come to the stage dressed as Sierra Sands and doing an outstanding job with Bette Midler's *Otto Tinsinger*. The top notch talent continued with the next performance of Todd as Rhondee Vous. With two male dancers she wowed the crowd with a Sheila E. performance along with excellent choreography. Nicholas came to the stage next as Nikki Nevers with a Madonna Mix and the crowd could see that there is a future in this talent also. The last performer, Pat, came to the stage as Ashley Par and gave us the every popular *Queen of the Night*, by Whitney Houston.

While the votes were tabulated Dietra came back to the stage with another great performance and April Lane did the final performance of her reign. Finally, the evening was at a close and Nikki Nevers was named second runner up, Rhondee Vous first runner up, and to the crowd's approval, Sierra Sands was named Miss Closet Ball 1994. Sierra was sponsored by Sybil (who I don't think we see perform enough.)

Congratulations, Sierra! Keep performing as Sierra, but don't forget to grace us with your live performances also.

Thank you, ICON, The MAX, and also all of you — the audience and the readers of *The New Voice*. We need you all.



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STONEWALL 25: A CELEBRATION OF PRIDE

This is an invitation to join us for this year's Greater Omaha Pride Parade celebrating Stonewall 25 on Sunday, June 12th. If any business or organization wishes to participate, they may contact A.N.G.L.E. at PO Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131, or call the Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 and leave a message for Dave to reserve a place in the parade. The parade order of march is determined solely upon the order in requests are received.

Whether you sign up early or wait until the day of the parade, you are welcome to join us. We will be ready to register marchers at the corner of 31st Avenue and Farnam in Turner Park shortly after 3:00 p.m. on the day of the parade. Parade line up will start at 3:30 p.m. with the step off promptly at 4:00 p.m. The parade will take about an hour to complete the 1.8 mile route. Post parade refreshments will be available in Turner Park.

This year the Pride Celebration Committee wishes to have a monitor for each unit marching in the parade. The monitor will have any special instructions necessary for the parade and will accompany that unit along the parade route. In lieu of a registration fee for the parade, the committee asks that each marching unit provide one person to act as a committee representative and monitor. In order for the Monitor Committee Chair to make their plans, we ask that businesses and organizations submit the name and phone number or address of their person to be a part of this committee as soon as possible. The information may be included when you call to reserve a space in the parade. For those organizations with a listed membership, please do not feel that you must provide a monitor in order to participate in the parade. The important part is for your organization to be a part of the parade if you wish to be.

In addition, the Pride Celebration Committee wishes to offer the opportunity for organizations or businesses to set up a display table in Turner Park. They are welcome to do so, but must bring their own table because the park has a limited number of tables available. The best space to set them up is on the south end of the park along Farnam. That is where the biggest trees are located. They may provide information about their organization or sell items. But please note that A.N.G.L.E. retains the sole right to sell soft drinks and food in Turner Park.

Reservations for table space are not required, but if there are questions, please leave a message at 558-5303 for Dave.

TALKLINE AVAILABLE TO OMAHA TEENS

WomenSpace Productions recently voted to work with the Gay and Lesbian Coalition in Lincoln to provide Teen Talkline access to young people in the Omaha area. Although a date has not been set for the service to be up and operational, there will be an Omaha number available which when dialed will "call forward" to the Talkline in Lincoln. WomenSpace is currently in the process of drawing together resources for Omaha teens to share with Talkline volunteers.

WomenSpace Productions will be responsible for the cost of maintaining the Omaha line, although the board invites other individual organizations in the area who may wish to do so to assume the cost of one month of the service. It is estimated that the cost will run somewhere around \$50 per month, depending on the number of calls received.

When the Talkline is operational, information will be sent to organizations within the area asking for their support. Individuals may also donate to the Talkline Fund sending a check indicating that it be used only for Talkline expenses.

The board of WomenSpace Productions is excited about the opportunity to provide Omaha young people with another resource for exploring and dealing with sexual identity.

NEW VOICE TO OFFER SPACE ON TROLLEY IN PRIDE PARADE

The New Voice of Nebraska is currently negotiating to hire "Ollie the Trolley" for Omaha's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Pride Parade to be held on June 12. Ollie the Trolley will be available for any person who wants to be in the parade but would have difficulty walking the mile long parade route. We are finalizing the arrangements and hope to have a contract signed by May 15. We encourage Persons Living With AIDS, those who are physically challenged, Senior Citizens, and others who might have difficulty with walking in the parade for that distance to reserve a place on Ollie the Trolley by calling 556-9907.

GAYS & LESBIANS COME OUT FOR DANCE IN SCOTTSBLUFF

How about a weekend in the country? Great hiking and biking at the Scotts Bluff National Monument, the Wild Cat Hills State Park, and Agate Fossil Beds. 100 miles from Cheyenne, the best Mexican food (cheap!), and Good Company at the Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services' "OUT AND ABOUT" Dance. Plus you will be giving support to some very brave souls who refuse to be invisible in this rural Nebraska town. For more information write PGLSS, P.O. Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046, (308) 632-7476.

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NATIONAL P-FLAG PRESIDENT TO SPEAK IN LINCOLN

National Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays President Mitzi Henderson will be in Lincoln, May 3-5, for several speaking engagements and a reception. These events are sponsored by P-FLAG, Cornhusker, Inc.

On May 4 in the Georgian Room of the YWCA from 5:30-8:30pm there will be a reception honoring her and she will speak at 6:30pm on the topic: "Loving and Caring: The P-FLAG Vision."

Thursday, May 5, a brown bag colloquium will be held at 11:45-1:00pm in 107 Westbrook, UNI Campus, sponsored by the UNI Committee for Gay and Lesbian Concerns. Mitzi Henderson will speak on "Respecting Out Youth." This topic will focus on how faculty and staff can address parental concerns for gay and lesbian youth on campus. Participants may bring their own brown bag lunches or may call 467-4599 at least a day before to order a lunch, \$4.00.

Mitzi Henderson was elected president of National P-FLAG in 1992 after serving as Mid-Pacific Regional Director, 1991-92.

To quote Henderson, "In 1978 we learned that one of our children is gay. It was the beginning of a long journey for our family from shock, ignorance, guilt, and fear to understanding, affirmation, and openness about homosexuality."

Henderson joined the Palo Alto, California, P-FLAG Chapter in 1984, and later founded the San Jose Chapter and over the years has served in many board roles.

She has been very active in the Presbyterian Church in many capacities including being an elder and being a trustee of the McCormick Theological Seminary. She is a member of the San Jose Presbytery Homosexuality Task Force and a member of Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, San Francisco.

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MCC-O NEWS

by Carla

If you weren't there, you missed the sight of 23 children sitting motionless watching the antics of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny before the children made their way into the yard and garden for MCC-O's first Easter Egg Hunt at 819 S. 22nd St. Yes! Twenty-three children ages 1 1/2 through 14 came out—despite the sudden cold blast and the 15 minute snow—to hunt 12 dozen eggs. After the conclusion of the hunt, they were met at the front of the church by none other than a big—and I mean BIG—yellow rabbit with a moustache and wearing sunglasses. Now who do you suppose that was!

All of this activity was just a prelude to the real Easter celebration. Many friends and members joined us for the Choir's Cantata Palm Sunday. Some stayed for the Deacons' Continental Breakfast. The following Sunday we were treated to a glorious Sunrise Service, which was highlighted by the bringing of the Christ Candle back into the sanctuary. Each of the Morning Worship Services spent time redecorating the altar since it had been stripped during the Good Friday Service. And we welcomed five new members to our congregation. That brings us up to 128 members! Praise the Lord! Then Easter evening, Pat P. brought us a very special message.

But Easter seems so long ago. And so much happened during the rest of April. Like the weekend of April 10. ACE and all their bakers joined us with goodies for sale. Yum! Yum! They sure make dieting a challenge—as if dieting needs more challenge. Thanks ACE for sharing your goodies with us!

SAGE HOSTS OPEN COFFEEHOUSE

By RJ

One Saturday evening in April, SAGE (Seniors Aging in a Gay Environment) hosted an open intergenerational Coffee House. This Coffee House is held on the second Saturday of the month and is for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexuals, 40 and up.

It is a safe, smoke-free haven, an oasis, where we "older" G/L/B's can gather to share an experience over a cup of coffee and just be "ourselves," no pretending to be who we aren't.

It was a good gathering this evening. One person came in from 250 miles away to attend. It's too bad that only one came from Omaha which is only 50 miles away. Come on, Omaha, I know you're full of "old goats," (and nannies, too). Let's help support this worthwhile venture. Sandy can't do it alone.

Mark this next event on your calendar. Don't trust your memory. You know how your memory gets once we get past 40. There is an "Over 50" potluck in Lincoln on June 4 at the Cornerstone, 640 North 16th Street. If you're over 50, just bring your appetite. If you're under 50, it's potluck so bring a dish to share. For more information call Pat or Mary at 435-1441. Last year's potluck was a blast! About 75 people showed up to share an evening of fun and good company.

This year let's see a good turn out from Omaha. So, come on you "old goats and nannies." You're not that old and decrepit that you can't get to an event only 50 miles away that is planned for your enjoyment.

The Women's Softball Team began practicing for the opening of their season May 4. Watch next month for a complete listing of their scheduled games. Meanwhile if you'd like to show your support for the MCC-O Crusaders, just stop by the Church May 1. The Women's Softball Team is hosting an ice cream social immediately following the worship services. Only \$3 for all the ice cream you can eat!

The following weekend MCC-O is sponsoring a benefit show at DC's. What a night it promises to be! There will be pizza, country-western dance lessons, an 8 p.m. show, a 10 p.m. show and more! All of this to send two PWAs and members of the Women's Support Group to New York for the Gay Games and the Stonewall 25 Celebration via the ANGLE bus. We invite you to come early (the activities begin at 6:30) and stay late—or if Mondays kill you, well, come early and stay for the 8 p.m. show. We scheduled it just for you! If you can't come at all, but want to help, well—you can always mail your donation to MCC-O, P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103—but clearly mark it as a donation for the NY Show and make checks payable to MCC-O. NAP is coordinating the selection of the PWAs who will attend. Interested PWAs should contact them!

Rev. Howard will be conducting Membership Classes again in May. Two Saturday sessions are planned: May 14 and May 21. Both sessions will last from noon until 3:00 p.m. Individuals interested in joining the church—or interested in finding out more about the church—are welcome. We do need a count though, so please contact the Church Office at 345-2563 if you plan to attend.

The yard and garden are looking great now that 16 ambitious volunteers spent most of one Saturday out raking, shoveling, bagging, dragging, etc. And the flowers are all in bloom, dobbing color throughout!

The Deacons invite you to join them the third Saturday of every month for their Deacons' Coffeehouse held in the Social Hall at the Church. Admission is only \$1 or a canned item for the Pantry. Light refreshments are always available free of charge.

MCC-O has a new group—GALP! Yep, that's right GALP—Gay and Lesbian Parents! They meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 to plan activities for our families with children. Everyone is invited to attend and get involved in the planning!

One of our two congregational meetings is coming up May 22. All friends and members of MCC-O are encouraged to attend. The meeting will follow a Potluck Dinner that will follow the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

The grand finale for May will be District Conference in Denver. Rev. Howard and the lay delegates and members of the congregation will be traveling to Denver Memorial Day Weekend to take part in this time of business and worship. Last year you will remember MCC-O hosted this conference at the Red Lion.

Well, for now, that's it! Remember we do have that 9:00 Morning Worship Service for all of you who want to spend Sundays in the sun. And, of course, we invite you to our 10:30 Morning Worship Service as well. That's it from my pew! See you in church!



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A controversial figure in his own lifetime, Akhnaton—older brother of King Tut and husband of the beautiful Queen Nefertiti—continues to generate considerable "angst" 3,000 years later. Was he a madman or a little-understood prophet?

In an original drama, *ANKHST*, Omaha playwright, Clarinda Karpov, brings the heretic Pharaoh to life in present-day Egypt, where a brilliant, female archaeologist, who is haunted by her troubled past, is confronted by the ghost of Akhnaton. What lies in the tomb where past and future meet? The play addresses women's issues, gender identity, spirituality, Judaism, the universality of Akhnaton's deity, patriarchy, pacifism and imperialism, historical speculation and historical fact. All of these subjects guide the characters, as well as the audience, on a journey of personal transformation, emerging from the contention of received truth vs. personal vision. The production is an exciting fusion of drama, art, history, poetry, and music.

ANKHST, is directed by Jonathan Warman, and designed by Roxanne Wach, and the production is made possible by the generosity of Metro Arts Council and by Lectures, Films and Concerts—Creighton University. In addition, the original company (the play was originally produced in 1989 by the Omaha Workshop Theatre at Creighton University) also produced a score of original music, composed and performed by Omaha musicians, Phyllis Dunne and Mark

Nelson, as well as members of the original cast.

A professional cassette tape of the soundtrack, entitled *Ankht: Music and Meditations* was made available by popular audience demand.

Initially, produced to appear in Toronto, Canada, at the international archaeological conference of the American Research Center in Egypt, the Nebraska Playwright's Cooperative decided that although funding for the Canadian production fell through, it would produce the revamped version of the 1989 world-premier *ANKHST* originally planned as a pre-tour run of the show, as a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Nebraska AIDS Project benefits will be performed at ArtSpace, 16th and Jackson Streets, on May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22. All show times are 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00, \$5.00 for students and senior citizens, and are available by calling 453-5165, as well as at the door. There is no reserved seating. Additionally, *ANKHST* was performed at Creighton University, Interim Performing Arts Center on April 29.

In addition, a speech from *ANKHST* has been published in *Competition Monologues: 49 Contemporary Speeches for Young Actors from the Best Professionally Produced American Plays*, edited by Roger Ellis, University Press of America, May 1989. NPC artistic director and *ANKHST* director, Jonathan Warman, has directed the world premiere of *Dreams Reoccurring* by Scottish playwright, Calum Neill, at A.I. Cuza University in Iasi, Romania, slated to appear in the 1994 Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The Nebraska Playwright's Cooperative is comprised of experienced area artists who have had numerous years of collective experience with many diverse arts organizations, who are dedicated to producing the works of Nebraska's playwrights.

A CROWD OF OLD FRIENDS AND NEW AT THE NEW DC'S

By Sharon Van Butsel

The new DC's seems to be drawing a whole new group of people to the downtown area. The weekend we were there, the bar was crowded with men and women dressed in jeans and western attire, mingling with folks in leather, in suits, in tee-shirts and in sweaters. There was a comfortable mix of men and women, all of whom seem to be having a great time.

Ashley and Annie shared the duties behind the bar, while Steve kept his trim figure running between the tables and the bar with trays full of drinks. Dan, Charley, and David were overseeing the operations, while Jeff played the music and Jim helped with the tables. Country music and country dancing were the main focus, both for participants and for onlookers.

I ran into friends that I'd never seen out at the bars before, and saw lots of people that I didn't know. The atmosphere was high energy, with loud music and loud laughter mingling with friendly conversation. Men and women both struck their best poses in tight fitting jeans, leather vests, and black Stetsons rolled just so.

For the country music fan and for those who like a relaxed, down home atmosphere DC's offers a touch of country in a very classy setting. During the month of May, watch for some special events at DC's.

On May 1, the all women group Lavender Couch will be performing.

Then on May 8, Sharon and Carla and MCC-Omaha present a whole evening of entertainment to raise money to send PWA's and members of the Women's Support Group on the ANGLE Bus Trip to Stonewall 25 in New York City.

On May 22, it's the Omaha Drummer Contest—a qualifying competition for Great Plains Drummer.

And on May 29 it's the first Miss DC's Pageant. With Miss Mae putting this pageant together, it's one you won't want to miss.

I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE

by James "Scooter" Drake

I've looked at your face
a thousand times
In a thousand different ways
Now, I just stare in silence
And, I've thought about you
Remembered the promise
that you made with your lips
I've never wanted anything but this.

It used to be fire in our veins
Wild open burning swept us away
But I don't know anymore
Why you call this love
It ain't nothing like it was before
I'm willing to admit
I've done a few things I've since
come to regret
But I've never erred yet
on the side of love.

It used to be laughter and sweat
And it meant something when you
took me to bed
But I don't know anymore

Now tell me what's this
before my eyes
Who's this stranger naked in this
golden light?
'Cause I don't know anymore
It ain't nothing like it was before.

LONG LEAFY DREAMS

by Christopher Thomas

Sometimes I slip out of myself
for years at a time,
drift between the stars,
feast on rain drops,
wait, wild and willowly
for the aurora borealis
to spell out
something central in my name.

I often stay until the madness cools,
wait in endless lines
for what walks naked in a storm,
watch while the long years
catch up to the silence
waiting in the long darkness.

I wander back to Perkins Street,
the leafy hills outside Buckley
lifting like anthems
to the sea. I walk dreams
to the Wilkenson Grave Yard,
greet the stones like family,
gather wild fern and trilliums
as though they were the only songs I owned.

I'D PAY THE PRICE

by James "Scooter" Drake

You can hear it in these wheels
No time to think
Love is blind
You feel it on your lips
And it's streamlined and sleek

Love is blind
Though I certainly don't know why
If this is where it ends
I'd pay the price again, anytime
I'd watch Paris burn twice, for you

When I first heard these words they
seemed so innocent and free
Like a virgin's hot last words
Poised behind the wheel

Now if a fire frees these wheels
in a fatal accident
Love is blind
I'd pay the price again, anytime
Though I certainly don't know why
If this is where it ends

NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT

By Carla

Friday, May 6, from 6-9 p.m., the Board of Governors of ICON invites you to The MAX to meet the candidates vying for Emperor XIV, Empress XIV, and Athena V. Join us during happy hour for munchies and a "first look" at Reign XIV's monarchs! May 6 marks the beginning of what will be a busy 30 days for the candidates. Plan now to vote for the candidate of your choice Saturday, June 4, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha. (Lincolmites and Greater Nebraskans watch for a later announcement regarding a possible voting site outside of Omaha!)

The Picnics are coming! The Picnics are coming! The ICON Memorial Day Picnic has traditionally marked the beginning of the summer season here in the Midwest. And 1994 will be no different. **SUNDAY, MAY 29, ICON will sponsor its annual Memorial Day Picnic at Vennelyst Park**—that's VEN-NA-LIST PARK! If you're in downtown Omaha, just drive north on 30th St. or take the North Freeway til you get to I-680. Back up a block and head west and then north again and you'll be there. Or take I-680 around the city and exit at 30th Street and head south. But don't go far. VENNELYST PARK is just a stone's throw south and west of I-680. Better yet, pick up a map in any of the local bars in Omaha or Lincoln or check out our ad on page 21 of this *New Voice*! **FREE bus rides from Lincoln—meet at 2001 at 11:00 a.m.** (The bus will make a couple bar stops on the way home following the picnic!) Omahans can catch a **FREE Bus Ride from Gilligan's. The bus will leave on the half hour every hour starting at Noon!** What a great way to avoid those nasty, nasty nuisances they call tickets! Anyway—look forward to a great day of fun in the sun. **Admission is \$7.00 per person and you must have an ID with you!** Beer and pop—at no cost. Food for sale on the premises! **Games! Music! Friends! Fun! An Air-conditioned Hall with real restrooms!** All in a private park! Just for you. Unfortunately no pets are allowed, sorry! See you there!

Emperor Connie and Empress Roxy, as well as the Board of Governors, congratulate Sierra Sands (Scott M.) on her selection as Miss Closet Ball '94. **Great job!** Congratulations also go out to Sybil, her sponsor! ICON thanks all of the contestants and sponsors—judges—tabulators—helpers—etc. for their participation in this annual show of shows! What a great night of fun it was for everyone! Particularly ICON wishes to thank Miss Closet Ball '93, April Lane, for a superb evening of entertainment. April Lane—**Thank You! Great Show!**

Join Emperor Connie and Empress Roxy for their very special **"Stepping Down Show" Sunday, June 5, at The MAX.** SDS marks the beginning of the Coronation festivities—A Chinese New Year, and both monarchs have promised some captivating and some "unusual" entertainment. Be there and see for yourself! This is a great opportunity for local supporters to thank these Monarchs for their hard work this year! See you there!

Sat., June 11, Coronation XIV—A Chinese New Year—promises to be an evening that will delight and thrill the audience. Plan now to attend. Admission is only \$13.00 per person. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Airport Ramada Inn. They will be preceded by the Out-Of-Town Show Friday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. Again the place to be will be the Merry-Go-Round Room at the Airport Ramada Inn.

Of course, Sunday after the Brunch and following the PRIDE PARADE, New Year revelers will congregate at The MAX for the 9:30 p.m. Victory Show, where the Monarchs of Reign XIV will have a chance to "show their stuff." **What a weekend this promises to be!** If you've never been to a Coronation—this is the one to attend! **You'll taste the splendor of the days of old and revel with friends—both old and new!**

The Monarchs of Reign XIII and the Board of Governors regret the recent resignation of Duane S. as president, but they extend a gracious Thank You to Duane S. for his leadership as president and for his willingness to serve the gay and lesbian community. **Thank you, Duane!** ICON's Vice President of many years—Gary West has assumed the position as president. The monarchs and board invite you to contact Gary or any of them when you have concerns regarding the gay and lesbian community.

ICON invites you to attend their monthly meeting held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. See you in Court!

TRICK'S PUB OFFERS DELIGHTFUL ALTERNATIVE

By Sharon Van Butsel

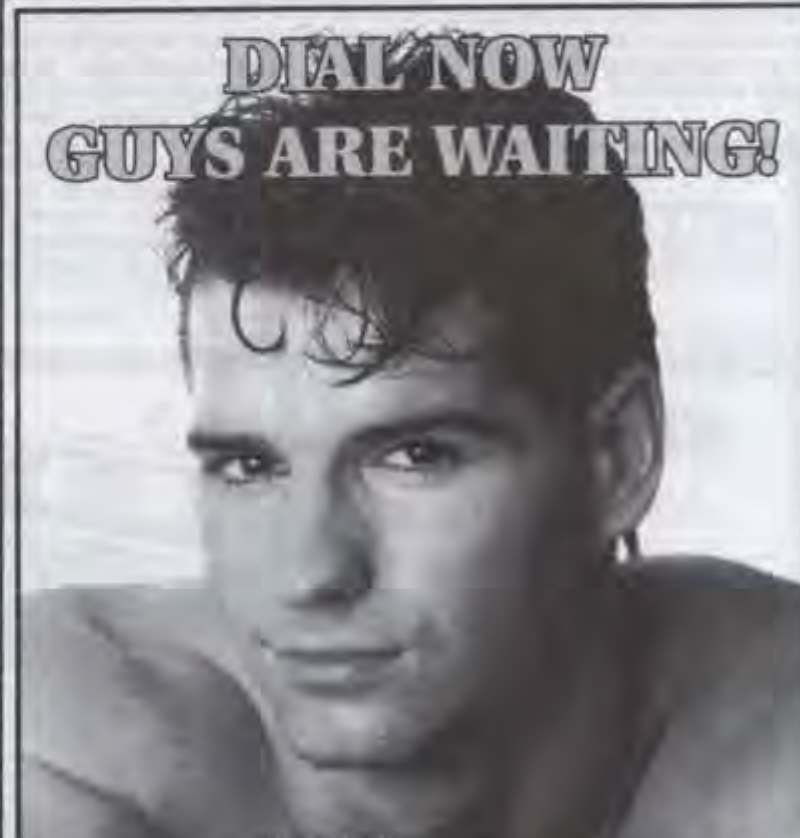
I never want to be the first to arrive at a party, nor the first to try a new restaurant or see a new movie. I like to sit back and wait for things to settle down a little before I jump in. Which is probably why I'm just now getting around to really visiting Trick's Pub. Trick's, located at 1019 South 10th, has a relaxed elegance about it that positively invites relaxed conversation at the polished bar, or around the tables. There is a comfortable level of indirect lighting and during the early evening the music plays at a level that does not interfere with conversation.

The night we were there, Joe was tending bar, welcoming guests with an easy good humor that made me feel at home. The crowd was a mix of old friends and strangers. There were couples and singles, gay and heterosexual, mingling with comfort and ease. Later in the evening Jim Boggess, musical director for the production "Forbidden Broadway," took his place at the piano, filling the room with old favorites and Broadway melodies. His relaxed manner and easy chatter did not prepare me for the power and quality of his voice.

Larry Trickett, one of the owners, took time to discuss his personal goals for the bar. Larry talked about his intent to make Trick's a comfortable, attractive club where all sorts of people can come together.

Larry had lived in San Francisco for many years and had seen the bars and clubs there evolve from dark, dingy rooms hidden behind windows that were covered over to keep the curious onlookers away. He talked about how two lesbians purchased a bar and had to knock down a wall so they could bring in an antique bar back. As they looked out on to the street, they were so pleased with the view that they decided to put in first one window and then another. Other clubs quickly followed suit.

Larry went on to talk about his hope to expand Trick's and eventually also open a restaurant. In the immediate future, Trick's will be adding Big Red Keno and will be open late nights on the weekend as Kendra is hostess for after hours dancing with "the hottest DJ in the Midwest, G3." And on May 21st, Entertainer of the Year '93, Monique Deveroe, will be appearing at Trick's.



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A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

I hope you didn't miss our joint benefit evening at the Dundee Dinner Theatre with the Imperial Court of Nebraska. We had a great evening of good food, entertainment and friends. Thank you to all who attended and we hope to do this again in the future. A special thank you to the Dundee Dinner Theatre owners and staff who help the Gay/Lesbian community in many ways.

Mark your calendars for May 15 and please plan to stop down to The MAX from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This is an all you can eat brunch for \$5.00 per person with a cash bar. The money raised will go to ANGLE's general operating fund which supports our Pride Week activities in June. Brandon and his helpers will be doing the cooking so you know the food will be good.

June will be here soon so don't forget our Pride activities on Sunday, June 12. Another creative Pride Logo was chosen at our last meeting and the winner is Jeanne Moe. Look for more information about Pride month in this issue and next month's issue of *The New Voice*. Please contact Dave England by calling the Gay/Lesbian/BiSexual Information and Referral Line if you would like to help out.

Later in June on Sun., June 19, Inga will host her Third Annual Gay Pride Benefit Show at The MAX starting at 9:30pm. It's a great time to celebrate Pride and support ANGLE. We will have some of your favorite female impersonators as well as some of the best live performers in our area to entertain that evening. It's a show you won't want to miss!

SNAP SCORES BIGGEST HIT YET WITH JEFFREY

Delightful. Heart-warming. A triumph.

These words all crowd together as I try to compose a catchy first sentence. Yet, none of them conveys my reaction to the Midwest premier of *Jeffrey* by Paul Rudnick. SNAP Productions, under the guidance of Executive Producer David Catalan, has scored their biggest success to date.

Jeffrey, was played to perfection by Michael J. Simpson. *Jeffrey* is driven by fear of AIDS to espouse a celibate life, devoid of sex and intimate relationships. His vow to celibacy is tested when he meets Steve, played by Steven L. Barron. *Jeffrey* seems ready to renounce celibacy until Steve discloses that he is HIV+. The rest of the play deals with *Jeffrey*'s struggle to overcome his fears and embrace life again. *Jeffrey*'s journey is strongly influenced by his friends, Sterling, played by Clyde McNeal, and Darius, played by Frank Kubat. Sterling is a professional interior designer who dotes on his mate, Darius, a pretty young dancer with barely a high school education. McNeal's performance caught me off guard. The character he portrayed seemed shallow and superficial until one of the final scenes. When Sterling is mourning Darius' sudden death from AIDS, the charming, man about town affect disappears and McNeal conveys a raw pain that cries out to the hearts of the audience.

The entire cast is worthy of note, especially those hard working actors and actresses who played "various roles," going through costume and character changes time after time during the play: Kyle Dibben, Christian Nelson, Kevin Barratt, Timothy Renner, Wes Clowers, Bill Wasseem, Jenny Coyan, and Ree Davis-Stone. I especially enjoyed Ree Davis-Stone and Bill Wasseem as Mrs. Marcangelo and her "pre-surgical, transsexual lesbian" son, Angelique.

As always, the sound, the lighting, the set, and the costumes were superb. A *New Voice* salute to SNAP Productions: Great work!

8th ALL IOWA AIDS BENEFIT SET

The 8th Annual All Iowa AIDS Benefit is scheduled as a 2-day event for 1994, to take place Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd.

The Auction and a Dance will be held on Saturday at the Val Air Ballroom in West Des Moines, with the Benefit Show being held on Sunday at the Embassy Suites on the River.

The All Iowa AIDS Benefit is one of the largest AIDS fund-raising events in the state. Since its beginning in 1987, over \$110,000 has been raised to help such programs as the Buddy Program, the AIDS Project of Central Iowa, the Quad Cities AIDS Coalition in Davenport, and the Rapids AIDS Project of Cedar Rapids.

This will be the first time that the Benefit will include 2 days of activities. Traditionally, the Auction and Benefit have been held on the same day.

"Moving the Auction to a different night and including a Dance will serve several purposes," said Gary Moore, Board Chairman of the Benefit. "It allows us to reach a different crowd that might not attend the Benefit show, it's more convenient for out-of-towners to be involved, and it gives the Auction the separate attention that it deserves. It has been a very important part of fundraising for the Benefit."

Last year, a record \$45,000 was raised from the Benefit Show & Auction. Moore says this year's goal is to double this figure.

Involvement in the Benefit is encouraged through the "Partnership Program", an effort organized by the A.I.A.B. to involve individuals or companies in fund-raising projects and events. To volunteer your help or talent with the Benefit or Auction, or to find out more about the "Partnership Program", please write to: All Iowa AIDS Benefit, Inc., PO Box #305, Des Moines, Iowa 50302-0305 or call (515)282-7787.

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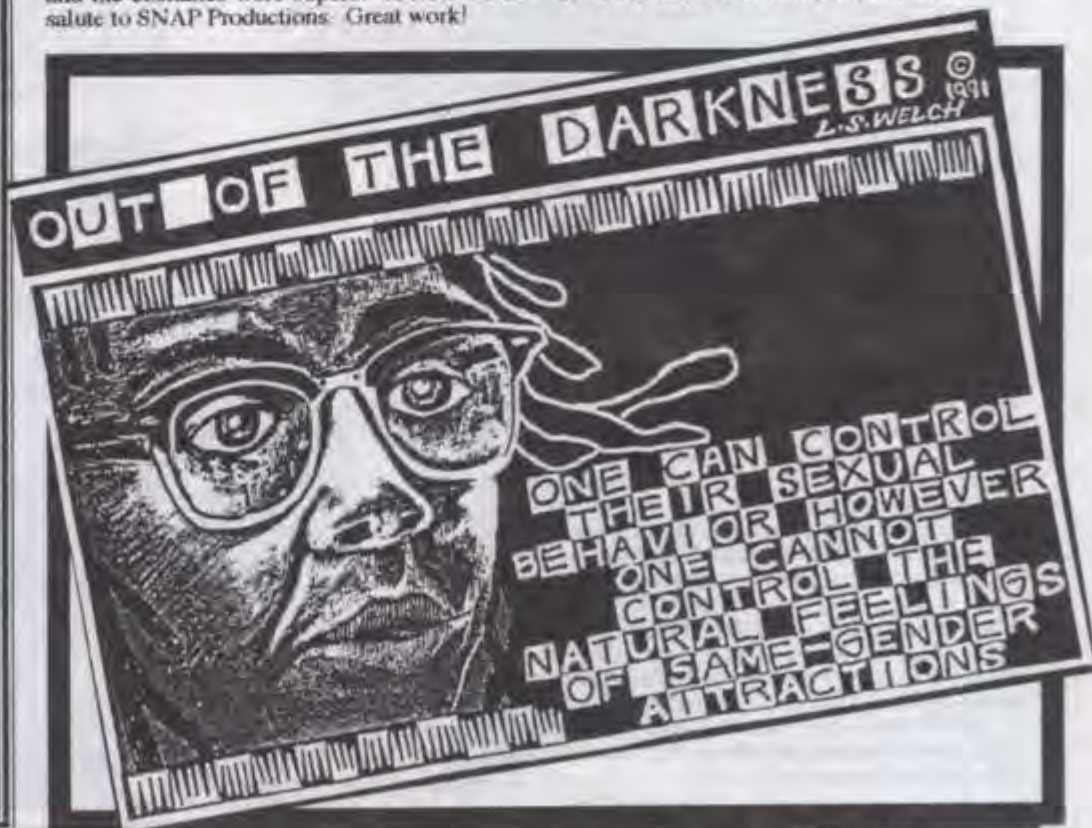
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*****Lincoln*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Mtg Fri 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Star City Lines, Box 2190B, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 483-5251, Leather club, Educational

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

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

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

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Info: 345-9916 Stonewall Group, Wed, 7:30pm MCC-Omaha

Alcoholics Anonymous, (continued) Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 455-7916.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metroplex Counseling Center, 2808 N 75, Suite E, Omaha, 68134 (402) 398-1810 serving the G & L & Gender Community

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103, Services: 819 S. 22., Children's Christian Educ. 9am, Sunday Worship 9 & 10:30am. Eve worship 1st Sunday, 6pm with potluck dinner 5pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prime Timers, Social/support org. for older gay/bisexual men and younger admirers. Meet 3rd Sunday, 4pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Info: (402) 895-9599 or write: 13908 "S" Plaza, Box 1088, Omaha, 68137

River City Mixed Bowling League, President - Scott Rezek, 346-4110, Secretary - Charley Wade, 597-1689. Sundays, 3pm, Skylines, Center Mall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*****STATEWIDE*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, *Grand Island, Open Meeting 12noon, Sundays

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

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

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA), Box 57441, Lincoln, 68505-9998. Info: call Dan 344-3103 (Omaha) or Patrick 477-3899 (Lincoln) All who enjoy support rodeos & other country activities. Meets 1st Saturday DC's, Omaha

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Children's Christian Ed 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am Gay and Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South Streets. Meet by tennis courts. Optional brunch follows the walk.

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Meeting 12noon (308)382-0240

MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 7:15 to 9:30pm, First United Methodist, 7020 Cass St. (Northwest Door), **Omaha**
Alternate Test Site, Nebr. AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth St., **Omaha**, 7-9:30pm

TUESDAY

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

Al-Anon, First Unitarian Church, Side Door, **Omaha**, 7pm

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Stonewall" Grp, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

BiSexual Discussion Grp, Rm 234, UNL, Nebr. Union, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm, 472-5644

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

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

THURSDAY

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

Adult Children Anonymous, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-8pm

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

SUNDAY, May 1

Ice Cream Social benefiting MCC-O's Women's Softball Team, 12noon, MCC-Omaha, \$3 all the ice cream you can eat

Barbeque on the Patio, Benefit for Ice Bowl, 1-6pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

Evening Worship Service, 6pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Pot Luck Supper at 5pm

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

Lavender Couch at DC's, 610 S. 14, **Omaha**

Jello Wrestling, 8pm, Back Bar, \$3 cover Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

U.S. Hunks, Male Dancers perform, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

MONDAY, May 2

"Building Bridges" A Seminar About Gay and Lesbian Christians and the Church, Manna House, 323 East 5th St. **Concordia, KS**, 8:30am - 3:30pm, Registration at the door \$45, Please bring a brown bag lunch

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

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

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

TUESDAY, May 3

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

WEDNESDAY, May 4

National P-FLAG President Mitzi Henderson Reception & Speech, "Loving and Caring: The P-FLAG Vision," 5-8:30pm, YWCA, Georgian Room, 1432 "N" St, **Lincoln** (Speech 6:30pm)

"Building Bridges" A Seminar About Gay/Lesbian Christians & the Church, Holy Spirit Parish, 2801 West E, **North Platte**, 8:30-3:30pm, Regis: \$45, Bring brown bag lunch

THURSDAY, May 5

National P-FLAG President Mitzi Henderson speaking at Brown Bag Colloquium, 107 Westbrook, Univ. of Nebr— **Lincoln** Campus, 11:45-1:00pm, "Respecting Our Youth," BYO or order lunch, 467-4599, \$4 Sponsored by UNL Committee for Gay/Lesbian Concerns

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

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

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

Pool tourney, 7pm, \$30 to the winner Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

SATURDAY, May 7

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, 6pm, DC's, 710 S. 14th, **Omaha**

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

"Out and About Dance" Sponsor: Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services, West Nebr. Arts Center, **Scottsbluff**, 8pm, \$3 admission

SUNDAY, May 8

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

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

"A Ticket to Stonewall 25" Carla, Sharon, and MCC-O host a Benefit to help send PWA's and members of the Women's Support Group to Stonewall 25. Pizza Party 6:30-9pm, Early Show at 8pm, Late Show at 10pm, \$4 cover (includes Pizza and Show), \$2 cover after 9pm

Monica West, Miss Gay Omaha, performs at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

Miss Club 2001 II and Crew, 10pm, Back Bar, \$2 cover, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

MONDAY, May 9

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

TUESDAY, May 10

Deadline for June Issue of *The New Voice*

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

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

THURSDAY, May 12

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

Parents FLAG-Omaha, Support and Discussion Meeting, "Election of Officers" & "Viewing Video 'Before Stonewall'" Rm 107, East End of Building, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, 7-9pm, 291-6781

FRIDAY, May 13

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

SATURDAY, May 14

Omaha Players Club, 451-7987, 2-5pm Wkshp "Living the Relationship", 8pm Play Party "Genital Hospital Party—Paging Dr. Pain"

River City Gender Alliance, For transgendered people including crossdressers, transsexuals, and those wishing to know more about transgenderism. For information, write: RCGA, P.O. Box 680, **Council Bluffs** 51502

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 14 (continued)

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

SUNDAY, May 15

ANGLE hosts Sunday Brunch, 11am-2pm, \$5 all you can eat, Cash Bar, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

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

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

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

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

Omaha Mr. Drummer Contest, DC's, Omaha

Babes Behind Bars Present "This One's For You" annual Benefit Show for PWA's, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

Miss MAX X, Vivian Cartwright & Cast at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

TUESDAY, May 17

Lincoln NOW (National Org. of Women) meeting, 7pm, The Women's Club, 407 S. 14th

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

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights — Steering Committee Meeting, CornerStone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, May 21

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

Entertainer of the Year 93, Monique Deveroe, at Trick's Pub, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha

SUNDAY, May 22

AIDS Memorial Candlelight Service, St. Cecelia's Cathedral, 40th & Webster, Omaha

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

Omaha Drummer Contest, DC's, Omaha

Nebraska Entertainer of the Year Pageant, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

A Night of Enchantment Hosted by Empress XIII, Roxy, 10pm, Club 2001, Lincoln

TUESDAY, May 24

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, 7pm, Small group sharing time & program: "Clergy and Journeys to Understanding" Under 21 group meets in separate small group session, For more information call 467-4599

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

THURSDAY, May 26

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

FRIDAY, May 27

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

Spring Into Summer Party at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

SATURDAY, May 28

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

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

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SUNDAY, May 29

Memorial Day Picnic, Sponsored by Imperial Court of Nebraska, Vennelyth Park, Omaha

Miss DC's Pageant, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha

Spring Into Summer Party at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

MONDAY, May 30

Memorial Day

Spring Into Summer Party at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

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The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595

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The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

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