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## THANKS TO THE TIMES

On behalf of the staff of *The New Voice* I would like to say a heartfelt thank-you to Tim Kennedy, publisher of *The Times of the Heartland*. In the November 3 issue of the *Times*, the publisher's corner included a kind acknowledgement and recognition of the success of *The New Voice* over almost 10 years and of the hard work that goes in to publishing a magazine every month.

I must admit that I greeted the news of another gay and lesbian publication with some degree of fear and trepidation; however, the past months have shown that the publications complement each other rather than competing. There are certain things that the *Times* can do much better than we can — by its very nature a weekly publication does a better job of reporting on "late breaking events" and they are able to publish photographs of local events just a few days after they occur.

I'd like to salute Tim Kennedy and the staff of *The Times* doing a fine job of developing a regional publication. Putting out a publication is hard work and the work and the pressure are quadrupled when it's published weekly.

Keep up the good work, Tim.

## P-FLAG ANNOUNCES FUND RAISING EVENT

by Dave England

Looking for somewhere to have breakfast on Sunday morning, January 9th, 1994? You say your calendar is still open? That's swell because the Omaha Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will have a brunch that morning at The Max from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Let PFLAG Moms and Dads fix a brunch for you. We will be featuring all you care to eat scrambled eggs, pancakes and ham for a suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door. So fight the January blabs and come warm up with PFLAG's family and friends at The Max that morning. We look forward to seeing all of you there!!

## "IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED..."

By Carla

We have all heard these words, and more often than not, we have heard them at a time when we have faced failure.

It is with failure that I come to you this month—the failure of the back surgery that I had a year ago in October. Many of you followed the story as Sharon and I told you of my pre-surgery and post-surgery experiences. You'll remember I was a novice at such things: I'd never ever been in the hospital before let alone had surgery.

Over the past year it seemed all was going well, that is until I went in for my one year check up. Yes, my back had been sore for about two months, but it had never really not been sore since the surgery, so how was I to know there was something really wrong.

The x-ray told all. My spine had not fused, and two of the screws that they put it had broken. Of course, I had teasingly asked Sharon several times when my back side really hurt to check to see if there were screws sticking out. There never were, but gee if I had known how close that was to reality, well, I probably would have not teased so often.

So what now? Well, I'm headed for St. Joe's back doctor for a second opinion and then back to my doctor. The options don't thrill me much, but then I hated the recovery room, and I'd much prefer never, never going back to a hospital again. However, there don't seem to be any other options. So I guess I can choose between 1) some sort of trap thing where they cage my spine, 2) redoing what they did before, but bore some holes in my spine and hope for a better fusion, 3) do the surgery from the front and put in similar gizmos, or 4) slide over some of the spinal cord or some nerves and tie it all together with baling wire (that would be my dad's solution). See what I mean about the options. None of them sound too great! Bet you now know why I take Sharon to the doctor with me. She's the science person of the household; I'm the sports fanatic!

Swimming of sports—there is one bit of good news in all of this—sort of. Anyway, of course, the doctor said lose as much weight as you can. Every pound puts less stress on the back and makes surgery easier on you. Now that I can handle.

Sharon and I started dieting; she made me call the Y. After all, walking and most other exercise puts more stress on the spine and that just makes me miserable. So swimming at the Y was her suggestion for exercise. Now this is where the good news comes.

When we called the Y, Judy in Membership visited with me about their various plans. Finally she asked if I would be interested in a "Single" or "Family" membership. I said, "That depends on you. I am in a lesbian relationship, and we'd like a family membership. Do you do that?"

Judy put me on hold for a moment, and when she returned she had a couple questions for me. Were we just roommates? (After all, they had a lot of people who lived together who tried to get family memberships and they didn't accept them unless they were married or had lived together seven years and had a common law marriage.) I assured her that we were not just roommates and that we had had a Holy Union at MCC-O.

Again she put me on hold, but she was back in a moment saying, "If you have a certificate, then we can enroll you in a family membership."

## YMCA ACCEPTS LESBIANS FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

The next day we were at the downtown Y at 8:00 a.m., certificate in hand, joining. Judy tells us we are their first lesbian couple enrolled that way; we smiled, knowing we wouldn't be the last, not now anyway!

So how's it going; well, I've lost about 15 pounds so far, but it doesn't show. That's okay, I will have lost another five by the time you read this, and between then and the first of the year another 15-20 will fade away. Just watch, you'll see.

Oh yeah! Lest you get too excited about the Y's new membership policy and my weight loss, let me add this closing note: Today I got a letter from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. My rate is going up Jan. 1 from \$300 per month to almost \$340. Now isn't that something to cheer about.

## LETTER POLICY

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## FRONTIERS EDITOR WRITES AGAIN

Dear Ms. Van Butsel,

This letter sounds an awful like one I wrote last month to the *The Gayly Oklahoman*. It concerns the three letters to the editor you printed in your October edition from prisoners.

As an experienced editor for a large urban gay publication, please understand that ALL these letters are scams targeting gay men for money. We now know that — after bad experiences reported by classified readers — that thousands of dollars have been sent to various men in incarceration.

*Frontiers* still receives about one such letter each month, and now has a policy, as do other gay publications, of NEVER printing such ads, despite how sincere they may sound (and don't they though, they convinced your publication and Oklahoma's).

Please call me if you want specific details on how such scams work (it's a bit lengthy to type here), but at the very least call other gay publications to confirm.

You may also like to notify your readers that the printing of the previous letter was a mistake.

Sincerely,  
Bill Geiger  
Managing Editor

## PRISONER RESPONDS TO WARNING

Dear Sharon,

I am writing this letter in regards to your request for comments about running ads from prisoners. I think I can speak from firsthand experience, because I have just finished spending 26 months in prison in Iowa.

What I have found true is that the vast majority of prisoners are on the up and up when they request (no pun intended) pen pals. It is very lonely in prison for many of them because they have been forsaken by their friends and families. It seems that those on the outside never have time for those on the inside. There is a real hunger to know what is going on in the outside world. I know that I corresponded with two people that I met through Prison Fellowship while I was in prison, and all I can say is thank God for them. I am currently corresponding with approximately ten prisoners in the Iowa system and they are always overjoyed to receive my letters. None of them have ever asked me for money or other favors. All they ask for is someone to be their friend.

I might make the following suggestion, however. In as much as there are some con artists in prisons, just as there are in the real world, I would suggest that anytime you run such a letter or ad that you print a warning urging anyone who writes to them to refrain from any kind of financial transaction with them. I would also suggest that you limit ads to prisoners from Iowa and Nebraska. After giving that warning, I think you need to remember that your readers are adult and should be able to make their own decisions.

I noticed that in the last two issues, you ran ads from two men incarcerated in Nebraska and two men from Kentucky. By the length and the tone of the letters from Nebraska, I feel confident that they are sincere. Now, it may be that the two letters from Kentucky came from sincere men, but I don't feel real comfortable writing to them. Incidentally, I am corresponding with both of the men from Nebraska. I might add, with my Parole Officer's blessings.

As long as I have you on the line, I would like to mention that one of the men that was incarcerated with me at Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility had a subscription to *The New Voice*. Every month, when he received his he would share it with others. One copy was probably

utilized by over 30 men. I myself shared it with five other men in my unit alone. It was a most welcome publication for those of us who were gay. Thank you for the good work. Keep it up!

You have my permission to publish this letter if you wish.

Sincerely,  
Gerald "Gerry" Oehring

## NEVADA PRISONER LOOKING FOR FRIENDS

Dear Editor:

I am a 40 year old Asian inmate doing ten (10) years minimum sentence in the Nevada State Prison. I am sincere, and honest person seeking an open, honest and sincere relationship with same. No game, head trips or dishonesty please. I am lonely and have no friends or family member to communicate with, or correspondence. I am willing to devote to building a solid relationship with the same type personality.

(Ads and address all replies)  
Lue Vue #22191, P.O. Box 1989 E.S.P. Ely, NV 89301. A 40 Y/O/M Asian doing ten years minimum in the NV state prison. I am very lonely and sincere open relationship with some friends to share my thoughts, hopes and dream with or correspondence, sincere friends.

Sincerely,  
Lue

## NEW VOICE RESPONSE TO THE PRISONER PROJECT

The Steering Committee of *The New Voice* has reached a decision based on the letters we received. We will continue to sponsor our prisoner project. However, when we print the letters and ads, we will include a message to the reader. This message is:

Respond to these writers in communication only. Do not send money or other requested items. Again this is for communication only.

We appreciate the responses we received and thank each of you for taking the time to write us. We know that prisoner life can be lonely and we want to play a part in keeping all gay and lesbian people informed.



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## WRITER SHARES BAD PEN PAL EXPERIENCE

Dear Sharon,

In reading this issue of the article, Beware of Prisoner Ads it was one year ago, November 92. I read an article from a Jeffrey Melton which was in the Nebraska State Pen so I thought I would be a nice guy and write. Well, that was one of the biggest mistakes of my life. After about the second letter, he started writing how madly in love he was with me and I made his life worth living. This went on for a few letters. Then he started asking for money, then \$75.00 shoes and this and that. Then on September 9 when he was released, it was as if he turned the switch off. I didn't mean shit to him. He did move to Columbus with me but one night while I was at work, he took my car and left not leaving a note or anything. I did find out he was in Lincoln at his mother's place drunk. A friend and I went to Lincoln and got my car back that night. I was told he went back to Lincoln and did nothing but bad mouth me and lie to his family about things I was supposed to have said about them. I did not. I even bought his mother a car for \$1,295.00 which I only got \$125.00 payment and that is all I have gotten. So see I must not be too bad of a person to do something like that. So for the sake of all your readers, don't publish any ads from prisoners wanting people to write to them, wanting people to feel sorry for them. They are in there for a reason, for a crime they have done, so that is their problem, not the poor people outside to feel sorry for them and to be used the way I was.

Thank you for hearing me out.

I think it would be good to publish in *The New Voice* the comments from your readers about their experience with writing to prisoners and show how people are being used by these people. You can publish my article in *The New Voice* so everyone can read. Will be waiting to hear your comment.

Sincerely,  
Dwight Bignell

## PRISONER ON PEN PALS

Dear Ms. Van Butsel,

I am an inmate at the Omaha Correction Center. I felt compelled to write you after reading Bill Geiger's letter in the current issue of *NVN* and your request for responses. Yes, there are inmates who love to take advantage of others. That is one reason why I share my copy to only those inmates who I know are "gay" and not likely to abuse their pen pals. I greatly appreciate the free subscription and hope you continue providing this service. I have met several pen pals through the *NVN*, but over the years many have moved or just quit writing. I'm not sure about all of their motives for no longer writing, but I can assure you it wasn't because I asked for money! Some of my pen pals used to visit me at LCC or OCC. I often reimbursed them for any expenses (gas, food, etc.) Then the Department of Corrections quit allowing us to send money out, except for immediate family. There are ways around this, but I won't go into that for now. I'd like to say, that inmates aren't the only ones who abuse the pen pal relationship. One of my "friends" who did visit me at LCC tried to take me for \$40.00 one time! Needless to say, I got my money back and he no longer visits. To avoid any problems, I haven't even suggested a visit with my current pen pal. I'm not sure he'd even want to visit. Please continue to offer subscriptions and ads to prisoners (preferably local); but also warn your subscribers to be wary. Unfortunately all people can be taken both in and out. You can publish any or all of this, including my name.

Thank you, Terry Taylor

## CHESTERFIELD CELEBRATES 11th YEAR

Dear New Voice:

I would appreciate it if you would include this editorial in your next issue, or at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Joey Leigh  
(Beth C. Contreras)

### WE ARE THE FORGOTTEN...

HEY OMAHA!!! Did you know that the Chesterfield will celebrate its 11th Anniversary on Saturday, November 6th? Complete with an ALL female show, food, and keg beer? What? Didn't you see it advertised? But the press was notified! One publication said they were staffed by volunteers and didn't have the time. Another publication said they'd be there for pictures and an interview, but after 3 hours everyone went home when they didn't show! I guess they are all busy covering the other establishments. You know the ones. The one's whose lights are brighter because their billboards are bigger!

The Chesterfield supports ALL publications by advertising monthly, as well as weekly, but when it comes to be reviewed, recognized or otherwise acknowledged, it seems that no one has the time! The Chesterfield through the unselfishness of the owner, and the bartenders, have built a clientele second to none, based on support and respect. It's really too bad that no one can spare the ONLY women's bar in Omaha a few moments of their precious time! Although FORGOTTEN we are PROUD! We deserve better than this!

This is not supposed to be a competition for advertising dollars. The Chesterfield is competing just like the rest, simply to give us, the minority in this world, a safe haven from the homophobic rat race! Are we not entitled to the same coverage as all the other gay owned and operated establishments, regardless of advertising dollars? Discriminatory? I think so!!! Perhaps some need to realign their volunteers, and others need to learn to keep commitments, or not bother to make them. Perhaps more volunteers are needed in Omaha! Whatever the case, after 11 years of providing one of the finest establishments in the Midwest, one would think that ONE night of coverage is not too much to ask!

Joey Leigh  
*Editor's Note: I can only apologize for the misunderstanding. Unfortunately, The New Voice does not have a staff of reporters — we are totally dependent on volunteers from the community submitting articles to us about events that are going on. I regret that no one from the Chesterfield*

contacted either Dick Brown, the advertising manager, or myself about the anniversary. I got a message that Alma was going to call me, but she never did, and I got busy and didn't call to see what she wanted. As I told Alma later, if you want something to appear in *The New Voice*, just write the information down and mail it to us. And if any business wants an event advertised, all they have to do is contact Dick Brown. It is entirely up to the business what goes in their ads. We would have loved to have an ad and an article about the Chesterfield's anniversary. But we can't publish what we don't receive.

Sharon Van Butsel

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## CLINTON SIGNS BILL TO GIVE "SPECIAL RIGHTS" TO RELIGIOUS RIGHT

Dear Editor:

Hypocrisy was oozing from Washington on November 16, 1993. President Clinton signed a bill into law that makes it harder for the government to interfere with religious freedom. The law fights a 1990 U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld other laws that infringe on religious freedom so long as the laws serve a valid government purpose and are not aimed at inhibited religion.

It would be hard to argue against the value of the bill that the President signed. Religious freedom needs to be protected. But here is where the hypocrisy began oozing. As he signed the bill, President Clinton was surrounded by religious leaders. It was a perfect photo opportunity.

Isn't it ironic that these are the same people who argue that homosexuals and bisexuals shouldn't get "special rights" because they are already protected under existing laws? Of course, it's not "special rights" that are being sought, but equal rights.

The U.S. Constitution says, in Article 1, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

In other words, Americans already have freedom of religion. The religious leaders are already protected under existing laws, yet they need Congress to pass a law to protect their freedom? Is that what you call "special rights"?

Martin Alan

## FREE YOUR MIND!

Dear Editor:

I can't help but see the humor in all the gay men defending a "woman's right to choose", while lesbians have remained silent. I suppose every lesbian has turned to her partner and said, "see, even when they are gay, they fight over us like property to be won."

Ah, but I just wish to present the facts, mam, especially in regards to the October reprint of Brian Patrick Mulligan's article. When Texas cheerleaders are thrown off the team for being pregnant and then one is let back onto the team for having an abortion, who's choice is it? The fact, is society punishes women who don't choose abortion and rewards those that do. This is hardly free choice.

Mulligan asserts "abortion is not a gay issue" but the facts speak for themselves. Several of the funds established to support gay and lesbian candidates require the candidates to be explicitly "pro-choice". The fear and ignorance of different ideas is seen throughout a large portion of the gay leadership in this country and it is a danger to the Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Movement. The Movement still is being dragged by its nose by sexual freedom advocates who fail to see they won a battle only to lose the war. The story of AIDS as presented in *And The Band Plays On* shows this conflict more clearly.

The assertion of the "Right to Control Your Body" advocates are the type who put forth the worst example for gay and lesbian people to follow, especially when society still sees gay and lesbian people as a direct threat to any sense of morality. Discrimination against people because of sexual orientation will end when society learns it is an arbitrary way of defining people.

The largest gay Church is in Texas and is led by Rev. Mel White, a former aid of Minister Pat Robertson. The conservative publication *National Review* has an editor who favors gay rights because his friend is gay. The editor is William F. Buckley and his friend is anti-Communist crusader Mel Lieberman. A conservative argument for gay rights will come out soon by Bruce Bauer. The moderate publication *The New Republic* has a conservative gay editor who is pro-life and so happens to have the same name as I do. Please FREE YOUR MIND!

Sincerely,  
Andrew Sullivan

## PHONE LINE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Dear Gay & Lesbian Community Supporter,

The Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line has been a valuable service to the community for the past three years. This telephone line is staffed totally by volunteers who provide information about the organizations, businesses, and professionals who serve the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community. The Gay/Lesbian line helps people new to the area, visitors, people just "coming out" and anyone who needs information about our community. A volunteer could be referring someone to your organization or business on any given day, or you might be in need of information in the future yourself. Without this service many questions will go unanswered and many might remain in the "close".

With your financial help the Gay/Lesbian and Referral Line will continue to provide this service to our community. ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) has helped fund this telephone line since its beginning and will continue to do so but needs the additional support from other organizations, businesses, and individuals. The monthly service charge for this line which includes a listing in the directory costs \$65.97, and additional costs of copying resource materials for volunteers and other items add up to approximately \$10-\$15 per month. Please consider making a donation to pay for a month of service to the community but all donations are appreciated.

Please send your donation to ANGLE, P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131-0375. A list of Donors will be included in the ANGLE article in the January New Voice unless otherwise noted with your donation.

The cost for copies of this fundraising letter to distributed was donated by International Minute Press in Bellevue and we thank them for their continued support of ANGLE.

ANGLE, along with the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line Committee, will continue to hold fundraisers to support the line next year but we need your help now to keep the line going into 1994.

Sincerely,  
Stan Brown  
Fundraising Co-Chair for ANGLE

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## BRIAN BENGTON TO APPEAR AT DOWNTOWN GROUNDS

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Dear Sharon and Carla, and everyone at the *New Voice*,

I put the date on the top of the page just to let you know what kind of month I have been through. I have:

A.) ended a relationship that could best be described as a plausible excuse for changing the sheets.

B.) moved and discovered that I may be the curator of the world's largest collection of other people's underwear.

C.) got a Barbie lunchbox.

D.) discovered that a really good roommate will clean up after your cat when you're not home.

and...

E.) only wrote one poem.

Someone did lend me a decent typewriter though, so now you won't have to try to decipher any more cryptic scratchings.

But for those who can't get enough of me, and your exclusive trading cards will be in the mail soon, I will be appearing at the Downtown Grounds coffee house on December 16th, and on February 17th (9:00pm, and 8:30pm, respectively), where I will be reading some of my latest work, and maybe some oldies that you can relate some tender moments to.

Again, I want to thank the *New Voice* for all your help and support.

Love, Brian E. Bengton

## COPIES OF BACK ISSUES OF NEW VOICE NEEDED

The *New Voice* is working to find copies of certain issues from the early days of the magazine.

If you would be willing to donate (or to have photocopied) copies of the issues or publications listed below, please call Sharon Van Butsel at 556-9907, or write to *The New Voice of Nebraska*, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103.

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that scared the hell out you  
three years ago.

but now he has a cane, and his  
stories tend to trail  
off...

the talk is quite polite, as they share  
a proper lunch.  
you can hear the snickering  
of past accused conquests,  
of moments best left between the pictorial  
and the phone-sex ad.

"she's got her own stall  
at the tea room  
near the coffeepot on I-80."  
the gasping recriminations filter and fall  
to blend with the laughter.

people are asked about, half in  
memory, half in question  
just like a child  
worried about the monsters  
scared of the thunder.  
news is passed back and forth with  
the entree'.  
and some men move to the back room to smoke.

if you look really hard, you'll see someone new,  
watch his body tense as he takes it all in,  
the nameless recognition, the caustic  
wondering, the tabloid layout  
predictions of horror  
that flash across his young face as he  
sits in the corner.

the weekly last supper, the slight boost  
of basic human recognition,  
brought to you by the army of buddies  
and the contestants of the new game  
on the circuit  
the roulette-ridden warriors of  
all the best tall tales  
given a break from the shuffle.

## THANKS FROM GLAGN

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your referrals to us and the listing in the directory of the *New Voice*. We really appreciate it. I just wanted to say hi to you and Carla and the rest of the gang there at *The New Voice*. I also wanted to let you know that we are still here and going strong. Membership is growing, and that is a positive sign. I hope all is well with you. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Dennis  
Gay and Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr

## PLEASE INCLUDE N.O.W.

The New Voice of Nebraska:

Please include our organization in your "Guide to Area Resources" under the Lincoln headline.

Please note that NOW is much more than a political action group. While we are active in the political arena, we do most of our actions at the grassroots level such as protesting local businesses, etc. NOW members are actively involved in every issue relating to full equality for women in our society.

Thank You,  
Juleigh Morgan

## LOOK INSIDE THE HEART

Never judge a person by things you chance to hear

...For gossip is an evil thing  
...that seldom is sincere...  
Don't estimate a person's worth  
...by wealth to which they cling...  
but rather place their value on...  
each priceless little thing...rate  
them on love and tenderness...the  
warmness of their smile...for these  
are the things that count the most...  
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may be true...still it is best to wait  
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# FEATURES

## AFFIRMING WOMEN'S SEXUALITY: AN INTERVIEW WITH TEE CORINNE

Tee Corinne is an artist and writer who for twenty years has created images of lesbian lovers engaged in romantic, sensual, and sexual activities including the famous "Sinister Wisdom" poster, the cover of *The Poetry of Sex: Lesbians Write the Erotic*, and the *Cunt Coloring Book*. I recently had the opportunity to meet this most talented and affirming woman and to see samples of her work.

Sharon: How did you begin your work?

Tee: I was living in San Francisco in 1972. I've always been interested in sexuality and it was a period of a real populist approach to sex education. You didn't have to be a psychiatrist or psychologist to talk to people about sex. I worked for the San Francisco sex information switchboard. Anyone can call from anywhere in the world, ask any question they want, and get the most accurate, up-to-date information. I worked on the switchboard for a year or two and then for 2 1/2 years teaching people how to talk about sex in an affirming not judgmental way. I loved it. I still think good sex education can change the world.

Sharon — Tell me about your artwork



Tee — Probably the most familiar of my works is the Sinister Wisdom poster which was distributed from Lincoln for many years. It was the most popular poster in women's bookstores for at least ten years. It should be available again soon. I'm

negotiating with a group to bring it out again. I also created *The Cunt Coloring Book*, a coloring book of women's genitals now in print continuously since 1975. 12,000 copies have been distributed. As it says in the foreword of the book, I did the drawings originally for a sex education group. I wanted them to be lovely and informative, to give pleasure and affirmation. As adults many of us need to learn about our external sexual anatomy. Coloring is a way for the child in each of us to revision and reclaim this portion of our bodies from which we have been estranged. *The Cunt Coloring Book* was introduced in 1975 and was immediately wildly popular though many people complained about the "awful" title. Three printings later, in 1981, the title was changed to *Labiaflowers* and the book virtually died. So much for euphemisms. The current edition of the book has the text in four languages, English, Spanish, French, and German. I used the French as spoken in Quebec and Mexican Spanish to illustrate how concepts occur

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across the continent, not separated by artificial borders. My work is also featured in a new anthology entitled *Lesbian Culture*, distributed by Inland Books. This is a marvelous collection. And my photographs are featured in the summer issue of *Feminist Studies Quarterly* and on the cover of *The Body of Love*, also distributed by Inland Books.

Sharon — You're also an author.

Tee — It has to do with desperation for a way to make a living. At age 18, I won a high school art award and a national journalism award. I went to college to study art, knowing I could fall back on writing. Instead, I found a way to make the two work with each other. I make my living more as a writer, which I think is a reflection of the times we live in — writers are valued more than artists.

Sharon — Do you have any ideas why that is?  
Tee — In a lot of our schools there is an attempt to teach everyone to read and write but not an attempt to teach children to enjoy being an artist. I think art's available to every kid. If a kid can learn to read, the kid can learn to draw and would appreciate visual arts more. There is a wonderful teacher at Oberlund College, Helen Johnson, who believes that an understanding of modern art would help people think logically and in an orderly way. I was very affected by her writing about her way of teaching art. I am interested in art and stories that make the readers feel good about themselves. However, one of my books has been prohibited from distribution in Canada. *Lovers* has been forbidden for importation along with 6 other titles. *Lovers* was called pornographic and offensive to women. However, the editor of the *Feminist Book Store News*, wrote about the issue and called *Lovers* "that most vanilla of titles". Her comment was accurate. *Lovers* is so far from pornography, so far from degrading or derogatory, that people are shocked about what's

going on. The distributors, Inland Book Company in New Haven, are trying to appeal the order. I know that Little Sisters Bookstore in Vancouver, British Columbia has been carrying out a major battle with censors trying to stop them from bringing books, including *Lovers*, into Canada. Sharon — Do you feel that the description of *Lovers* as "vanilla" is accurate?

Tee — Yes, I do. There is no S & M in any of my books. They've been described as "irredeemably wholesome" and that's probably pretty accurate. Sharon — Are they wholesome?

Tee — The kind of sex writing I'm interested in would be described as wholesome. I think sexuality is so predatory or vampirish as presented by the straight media so a lot of my work is to try to counter this.

Sharon — There seems to be much more erotic art by gay male artists than by lesbian artists.

Tee — Gay men support gay male artists by buying their work and having art shows more than women do. It's stereotypical, but gay men culturally have been traditionally more connected to the arts than lesbians have. The out lesbians I know are lesbian athletes, musicians, and comedians — moving entertainment rather than visual arts which are meditative entertainment. Lesbian artists don't get the kind of money that's spent on buying women's music or going on cruises. If even part of that amount of money would go to support books about lesbian artists, it would go a long way to increase our visibility. Sharon — Where can we see your work?

Tee — It's featured in a new book *Forbidden Subjects: Self Portraits by Lesbian Artists*, edited by Caffyn Kelley. This book is also available from Inland Books, and just came out this past year. I'm in *Lesbians Take Photographs*, by Jean Fraser and Tessa Boffin, published by HarperSan Francisco.

Sharon — How would you describe your self-portrait?

Tee — My self-portrait is a self-portrait in dialogue with time and circumstance and its center is a portrait of my lover, Beverly, and in the portrait is a mirror in which I'm shown holding the camera taking the portrait. I wanted to create an image that, 100 years from now, a woman could look at and say "That's a portrait of a woman taking a picture of her and her lover." Surrounding that on two sides are small pictures of myself starting at age 22 and showing progression in time of how my looks change, self-portraits in time with some lovers (there are 3 different lovers shown in the portraits) and in some either I or my lover is nude.

Sharon — You seem to have immense respect and comfort with the human body.

Tee — I think bodies are beautiful. I have never known a nude body not to be a gift of God a kind of holiness. I have a kind of renaissance belief in the body - not an idealized body but a variety of shapes and sizes. One of my better known pictures is an image of a woman in a wheelchair with her able-bodied lover. I think of those pictures as reclaiming territory. We're all beautiful and all have a right to sexuality.

Sharon — Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with us. I have found your work to be very affirming and positive.

Tee — It was my pleasure. I'm glad you've enjoyed it. I want my work to be affirming.

Sharon — How could our readers obtain copies of your works?

Tee — They can look for my writing at local book stores or through mail order services, like Womankind Books in Huntington Park. For my photographs, prints are available by writing to: Pearl Child, PO Box 278, Wolf Creek, Ore 97497.



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# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET:

## Dress For Success

by Shelley Roberts

This is one of those stories that starts "...in New York City, there is..." that makes everybody who isn't in New York City want to shout "...who gives a ship!" But it starts there, so that's where it'll have to start. But don't worry. It gets out of town soon enough.

Anyway...

In New York City, there is a woman who regularly works a particular subway platform on the E line heading up and down the West Side, somewhere before the tracks tuck themselves east at the top of the mid-fifties. (For those of you who aren't from around there, the mid-fifties are street numbers, not the decade.) There is, of course, no way to tell just how long this encrusted soul has inhabited the area inside the turnstiles. Underneath the soot gray complexion, a subway shade Max Factor never sanctioned, age is impossible to ask or answer.

This stop lies under a gentrifying neighborhood, one in current rotation for vogue, as previous neighborhoods reach maximum rent tolerance. So the morning crushhour is filled with safely suited, assistant executives in corporate disguises, and briefcase armor.

Any given weekday morning, she assaults them, regularly, screaming:

"F—K YOU, GIVE ME MONEY!"

Now, I have to tell you, that always seemed to me to be a very, very strange way to get people to give you money.

So now we're at the March on Washington. Sunday morning on the Ellipse, an uncountable number grumbling into assembly. The most surprising thing is that they aren't particularly surprising. They look like a company picnic. The casual attire on the multiple-thousand men looks like it came from drawers that also harbored starched, pastel-banded, oxford cloth button downs. Chinos and Dockers and Levi's, oh my. Certainly a sufficiency of emblazoned T's. But even those have the give-away slogans that inform even the stupid that they were purchased last night from a pile on a folding table around the Circle at Dupont Metro. But, for most, polos with plaques were the dress order of the day.

The women were a little looser, understandably. Our acceptable-office and real-life costumes diverge more drastically. We wore Levi's, and our older T's. Because we already had them in the drawer with our best thoughts, wants and wishes spelled across our chests. Because a mere march wasn't going to cause us to need a new voice. And because we didn't want to spend any more money that we had to. We wore uniform dyke-drag. Not offensive, because we're not good at it yet. But not so carefully casual as our brother-counterparts.

It was apparent that nearly everybody in the throng had gotten the same memo. The one that read, "We're going to Washington on Business." So we were shorn, and pressed, and laundered and dry cleaned into mass respectability, a presentable press of petitioners. Our manner and demeanor brought whole new definition to the "civil" part of our rights demonstration.

So? So what?

So, most of us have been to the Pride parties we throw ourselves annually. We've seen our outer limits. We've been part of the public binge of expression-freedom we accord ourselves every June. Only this time, for the most part, we left our chains at home. We left our feather boa behind.

No gender wore high heels.

Except.

As he pranced through the crowd, absorbing attention, you could feel the attitudes torque-ing. He was a glitter jamboree in American paint. Red torso. White and blue body make-up and skin tight pants. Perhaps a cape? Memory blurs. Clearly he was not dressed for work unless he worked in a Halloween factory. What else holds clear is the apparent, not unvoiced animosity, in enormous subtlety. It was the politest outrage. Not from Mr. In-Costume, but from Mr.'s In-Calvin Klein.

If you moved at all in the mangle around him, you could hear the murmurs.

"Doesn't he get it?"

"Oh, no. There goes the cover of Time Magazine."

"Why doesn't someone tell him to go back to his room and get dressed."

Amazingly, no one did.

No one told the drag wedding to save it till later, and take it off of the mall. Nothing was uttered to the entire gang of "Out-rageous Perverts" camping rhythmically in full regalia along Pennsylvania Avenue. Not one voice raised from the crowd to tell the dozen or so women out of a million to "Put your shirt back on."

And sure enough, when the call came in from Dayton the following week, from the aunt who wants with all her soul to be supportive, it centered on the blatant boobs. And the editorial in the *New York Times* that went out on the AP wire and was carried in Omaha and everywhere, found its focus on the arrogance of the "size 100 Double D's." The dozen of us I heard from immediately, who stayed home, said later that they watched the March on television - meaning they watched the stage show on C-Span-and once again we were just another freak show.

I was there, and I felt the waves of anger and discomfort in the crowd when we passed the few of us who went to Washington to play dress up. And I didn't say, "Go home and put your clothes on!" either.

I was torn, like everybody else. Filled with the apprehensive self-conflict between Freedom-Of-Expression, Political-Correction, and The-Purpose-Of-Showing-Up. Some would have said it was to be counted in aerial photos. Some, to show America that we really weren't evilly out after their sons and daughters, but rather that we were their sons and daughters.

And apparently, some way too small number, who, unfortunately, loomed way too large in the media, and will no doubt star in future religious home videos, believed that showing off for the cameras and the assembled by "dressing for the occasion" was the necessary statement.

I want to be fair. I want to be politically correct. I don't want to be a diversity-denying Neanderthal who stifles meaningful expressions for multi-oppressed sub-minorities.

And it seems to me, I have to tell you, that standing up and screaming:

"F—K YOU, GIVE ME RESPECT!" is a very strange way to get people to give it to you.

Shelley Roberts is a nationally syndicated columnist, the author of *The Dyke Detector*, Paradigm Publishing, and Host of *AlterNet*, Gay and Lesbian Radio for South Florida. Look for her new book, *Hey, Mom, Guess What...? 150 Ways To Tell Your Mother*.

# FOR SURVIVAL

by Owen Keehnen

In the shadowed bowels of a dark dump cave a paw-hand scratched a shape upon stone. A form to sate hunger and a shrine to hunted food. A weapon honed by detail -

the clay bison brown with a charcoal shadow wounded berry red falls to his knees and to his knees and to his knees reflected.

Anointed by blood the shaman circle closed. Hooves poised upon walls pounded over prairies. A new warrior weapon from a large quill. A divine image drawn to draw success, drawn like blood from bison weighted with images of to be and felled by arrows of a new order. Howls rove in homage to the mystic need and echoed throughout the cell that divided and evolved for the hunt and for survival into art.

## RELAX

by Owen Keehnen

There's no crime at the exact point of ease, away from the slow feeding vines rolling and tumbling from society's eyes that hang in wait and watch. Let the image frost with moss. Let them hang like leather dugs and look and see a life in exhalation, a belch and a fart, as talking and from, like beams and rays and cosmic waterways. And the tide the tide and all you can do is hold your breath and drown or breath and be a fish.

## ANOTHER PHASE

by Owen Keehnen

Another phase, another shade burns from a cold gray moon blackening former light on a cold black night in the silent autumn sky. New light lies upon barren rubble-fields, as the hollows rise with dewed chests and heave the cold night fog

## IMAGES

by Rodney Allen Bell, II

Images of days gone by enter their dreams like a ghost of a weathering spirit fading in the recesses of their minds Thoughts transcend time and place presenting me in their memories...one of older times sailing the vast oceans of telepathy...remembered by the younger a symbol of the old as courageous and mindful now as I was then...my memories images enter the recesses of their minds.

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# LEGAL PROTECTION FOR "MARRIED" GAY COUPLES

by Scott Lowther

You're standing near the dance floor, taking special note of that gorgeous hunk (or hunkette) nearby. Eventually one of you summons the courage to ask the other to dance. The chemistry builds, the conversation is terrific, and you go out to breakfast.

You begin the dating "ritual" which gradually develops into a steady relationship, inevitably leading to the two of you moving in together. Your mutual love for one another is proclaimed to friends and family.

This is the "boy-meets-boy/girl-meets-girl" Disney story many hope for. We'll call this **PHASE I**. During this phase of a relationship we have the pleasure of feeling lighter than air — almost euphoric. The sight, sound, touch and smell of your partner is at least as important to you as eating, breathing and shopping (although shopping ranks a close second).

Next we have **PHASE II**. It is during this phase that you settle into the "reality" of the relationship. He (she) forgets to put the cap back on the toothpaste in the morning, snores, or...God forbid, isn't in the mood for lovemaking one night this week. We're immersed in the everyday business of living and loving.

**PHASE II** is the complacency phase. It is during this time that you reminisce about the wonders of your early meeting, and you fantasize about what life might be like when you retire. You build a trust bond with your partner during this phase. Friends and family have come to think of you as a couple for the long haul.

Somewhere along the way, you'll enter into **PHASE III**. Phase III represents a period when you realize you've been deprived of the legal

benefits heterosexual couples have at their disposal. You realize that a hospital could forbid visitation of your spouse during a major illness, that you could lose your home during a legal dispute in probate with blood relatives, or that an incapacitating illness could freeze all of your joint assets because your spouse is unable to sign the necessary documents. Perhaps the worst example is that you may be unable to carry out your spouse's wishes in a medical emergency or in making funeral arrangements if a legal dispute were to arise.

This article is written for the **PHASE III** couples in our community. It is for those of you who have been living with your "other half" long enough to feel you want to add another dimension or layer of legal protections to your relationship, much like heterosexual married couples enjoy.

Although the state of Hawaii is making strides in the areas of same-sex marriages, and there are many corporations in the United States which now offer domestic partnership benefits to gay couples who can demonstrate a long-term, committed relationship exists, there are no such legal benefits in the State of Nebraska at this time. However, do not despair. There are solutions to this dilemma available through a variety of documents which, though not exactly the same as the legal marriage certificate, allow gay couples many of the legal safeguards straight couples enjoy.

A marriage certificate or license, aside from its long-standing entrenchment in tradition, is really nothing more than a legal document which provides married couples with certain protections. It allows a husband and wife to sign legal

documents for the other (similar to a power of attorney). It, in essence, creates an atmosphere of joint ownership of all real and personal properties. Further, it allows married couples to make medical decisions and funeral arrangements for one another in the event of an incapacitating illness or death, in addition to automatically allowing spousal visitation during hospitalizations.

Of course a marriage certificate also allows certain tax benefits which are difficult to duplicate through any other type of legal document, forever reminding us that the world is not a perfect place. We can, however, enact a set of documents which, as a cluster, create many of the same benefits married couples have.

One such document is a **LEGAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**. Once signed, your spouse will have the authority to act in your stead. This power can be limited (Limited Power of Attorney) to specific instances or acts, or it can be very broad (A Durable Power of Attorney) which gives your partner a great deal of authority.

Another form is the **HOSPITAL VISIT AUTHORIZATION FORM** which designates that your spouse is to be given priority in visitation should a limit be imposed on the number of visitors you are allowed while in the hospital. This form is limited to visitation only with no provision that medical decision-making authority be delegated.

Equally important is a **WILL** which bequeaths your property and assets to your partner, children, friends, or relatives, and specifies what each person shall receive. Funeral arrangements can be made in advance and so specified in your will,

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or your partner can execute your wishes via his/her power of attorney.

By cross-signing these documents, gay couples can legalize their relationships to some degree. We must keep in mind, though, that the decision to implement this type of legal action is not to be taken lightly. Although these documents can be revoked, a great deal of power is delegated to one's spouse. This is why it is imperative that couples give much thought to the appropriateness of this decision and, above all, that these documents be prepared by a qualified attorney.

Protecting ourselves and our legal rights is our responsibility. The operative word here is responsibility. If the decision is not entered into whimsically, and if the documents are properly prepared through experienced legal counsel, we can get back to the business of fighting over whose turn it is to wash the dishes, do the laundry, let the dog out, and cut the lawn. After all...adding legal documentation isn't going to make us any more or less married that we previously were. It just gives us the security of knowing our legal rights, privileges, and personal wishes are protected.

## GAY/LESBIAN TRIVIA #1

by Rodney Allen Bell, II

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- Who was nicknamed Mr. Showmanship?  
a) Wayne Newman, b) Elvis Presley, c) Liberace, d) Michael Jackson.
- What was the style of dance made famous by "Miss Blonde Ambition" and rooted in gay black and Hispanic communities? a) The Charleston, b) The Fox Trot, c) Vogue, d) Mashed Potato.
- Which of the following hasn't died of AIDS related causes? a) Rock Hudson, b) Keith Haring, c) Jim Nabors, d) Sylvester.
- Who is the famous lesbian comedian who had hosted "In the Life"? a) Lynn Lavner, b) Kate Clinton, c) Holly Near, d) Meg Christian.
- Who was the famous Nebraskan authoress claimed to be lesbian? a) Kay Orr, b) Willa Cather, c) Katherine Olson, d) Phyllis Schlafly.
- Who was the gay male assistant to McCarty? a) Roy Blaine, b) Ray Cohn, c) John Denver, d) Jeff Stryker.
- Which of the following represents gay liberation? a) an alpha, b) a crucifix, c) a lambda, d) a spade.
- Who was the famous artist depicting in a Derek Jarman film and has one of his paintings in the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum? a) DaVinci, b) Pluto, c) Canravagro, d) Keith Haring.
- Pick the lesbian tennis player. a) Martina Navratilova, b) Jean Kane, c) Alice B. Toklas, d) Sappho Rhonda.
- Which of the following is not a gay/lesbian street? a) Broadway, b) Castro, c) Lingo, d) Hollywood Blvd.

Answers: 1.c, 2.c, 3.c, 4.b, 5.b, 6.b, 7.c, 8.c, 9.a, 10.c.

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## SEX (LIKE LIFE) IS FULL OF RISKS

"Safe Sex" is a catch-phrase of our times, and is becoming a widely accepted (if not always widely practiced) concept of a generation plagued by AIDS. But just exactly which forms of sex are safe and which are unsafe?

The bottom line is that, unless there are absolutely no bodily fluids passed whatsoever, there will usually be at least some minute risk of HIV infection during sex. For HIV positive persons, this becomes risk of re-infection with a different strain of HIV, or STD's that can complicate health even further. Activities such as sensual massage, phone sex, caressing, frottage, or dry kissing are the only ones that are 100% "safe", since there is no blood or semen present to cause infection. However, many other activities, such as mutual masturbation and French kissing, are perfectly safe under normal circumstances, despite the differences in opinions that some researchers seem to have.

The general consensus is that blood and semen are the most dangerous, since specific cases of infection have been traced back to anal and vaginal intercourse, and needle sharing. Pre-ejaculatory fluids (often called "precum") and vaginal secretions that the body puts out for lubrication purposes are considered less infectious, even though HIV is still present in these fluids. The question then becomes: Is enough HIV present to cause infection? No one has a definitive answer.

Most other secretions from the body, such as saliva, tears, and mucus appear to have too little of the HIV present to cause infection in most cases. Urine and fecal matter are considered unsafe mostly due to other diseases and STD's they can pass on, not necessarily AIDS. As urine, the safer the activity, the less direct contact is made with your partner. Sometimes, people simply are willing to take a certain degree of risk to increase the pleasure factor. You should not assume that being safe means no pleasure at all.

Oral sex is a good example. The "old-fashioned", unprotected act including swallowing the semen is regarded by most experts as risky, although not as unsafe as unprotected anal sex. To increase safety, some people perform oral sex without swallowing the semen. The "precum" infection possibility still exists. To make things even safer, you can have the recipient put on a condom (non-lubricated, please!) before you start.

Most HIV researchers agree that anal and vaginal intercourse are the most risky sexual activities when performed unprotected. Anal sex in particular usually causes some tiny tears or fissures to be made in the rectum, which open up a direct path for the virus into the bloodstream. Removing the penis before ejaculation may prevent the semen from causing infection, but again, other factors such as "precum" still present a risk that must be reckoned with. Using a latex condom cuts down the risk even further, but does not eliminate it entirely. Condoms can, after all, be occasionally defective, or break if used improperly. Some people will wear two condoms, or wear a condom and pull out before ejaculation to really be on the safe side.

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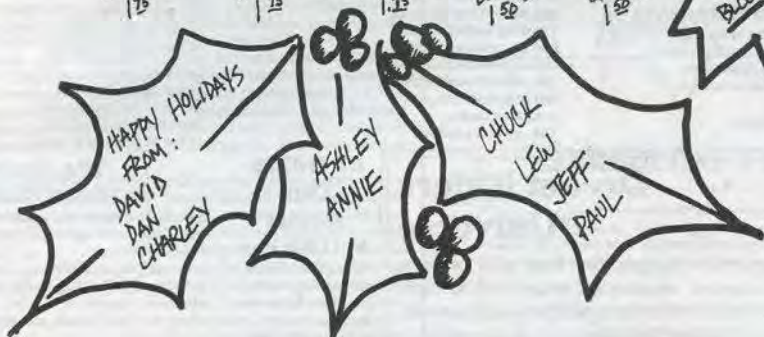
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# POETRY

## FAMILY ONLY by Mark Hallman

How dare you let some maniac driver  
dangle you between the stars,  
not allow me in the room  
to look at your intubated body,  
now more like my own than my twin's.  
"Not unless you're a relative, sir."  
Your wife walked right in  
a subtle woman of quick smiles  
not a tear in her eyes  
even she sometimes calls you  
by my name

## THE MAN WHO FIXES BROKEN TRICYCLES by Mark Hallman

I don't know the phone number of the man  
I've belonged to the past years.  
I don't know where he lives or his last name  
All I know is that he calls every week or so,  
the sound of screaming children in the background,  
and says, "Can you meet me on the corner?"  
I ask "When?" and make sure I'm on time  
A couple of hours later, I drop him off  
at the same corner, the one we met on,  
and go back home,  
wondering if I'll get a call next week  
or if this was the last time.

## SHARED SECRETS by Mark Hallman

Implanting a writer at the core of your kindness,  
a foolish move —  
I lie here in wait, watching, everything recorded,  
you whose heart is as easy to get at  
as a tortoise crossing the highway,  
my calloused mechanism of joy  
hoping only to see it in print.

## UNFOLLOWERS by Mark Hallman

Those of us with fractured minds  
have no choice but to do what we do  
because Nature hasn't granted us  
the luxury of being able to accept  
the things you tell us,  
of denying what we know

## corpses in the sand by James a. drake

did you see that man  
all across the land  
man fighting man  
when will this madness ever end?

my lover said to me  
don't go out in the street  
all the flashing stars  
and the flaming cars  
burning with hypocrisy

did you see them men  
all those corpses in the sand  
all across the land

your eyes are blind  
your ears are deaf  
who will survive  
when there's nothing left

fire flies in my eyes  
it makes me blind

did you see all those corpses in the sand

## SHADOW CRY by Owen Kœhnen

Birth embers,  
fireflies at first frost  
glow, dim, and darken.  
A sprout, a sprig, a form  
from the flamebed dark.  
The eggwhite coat crackles  
cracks and crumbles  
and he rises  
moist, marble eyes  
and an outstretched form  
open roped and black.  
Poise. Await. Go.  
A leather winged flap  
that lifts and pulls  
a dark moving mark  
over mountains of stone  
and packed gravel paths.  
Thawing further inside,  
feeling creeping deeper,  
thawing life to a single cry  
that echoes over fields  
and over men stooped  
at routine chores.  
The cry of a shadow.

## LAST CHRISTMAS by Richard D'Ambrosia

I sat him down  
(right next to me)  
My ever gnawing perceptions pour contingencies  
of repulsion

from the left where the heat is on  
running spiritless romance and I watch  
in anticipation  
for a chance of my own.

No falling snow but cold as a stone,  
my eyes divert and he winces, knowing I am  
looking, (looking) at his,  
his and rebellion holds fast my need to hold in  
wishing that heart, was mine.

(pour and saturate).  
Truth is the tomb removes me from the thunder  
clashing my heart to his and his.

Outside a circle speared by two, attacked by one,  
loosing my own heart beats.

Deeply knowing crime free want, need, privation  
and (crave).

God I love that one man,  
that one childlikened man with the chameleon  
colors in his ever  
changing eyes,

lies  
and mind.

## AUTUMN FORCE by Rodney Allen Bell, II

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Force of nature  
spells cast with ease  
Animals, gnomes, fairies  
elves, dwarfs and witches  
Play the melodious tune  
of the autumn rituals.

Rituals of peace  
Rituals of joy  
Rituals of love  
Bring on the festival  
of the autumn rituals.

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Force of the universe  
Force of the forest kind.  
Start the synchronicity  
of the seasons of nature.

## AT THE 25- Cent Movies

by Li Min Hua

John got so drunk  
he was impotent  
just to have an  
excuse  
to kiss a long line  
of old men all night  
long  
while he jerked  
them off  
and looked them  
dead center in the  
eyes.

## TEA DANCE by Richard D'Ambrosia

Thirty six tears in my tender soul  
sliced clear through to the dreg simpering on his  
knees  
cowering for another drop of rain.  
A fading light holding an angel by his best Sunday  
smile  
turns his face before my gasp, then my hated  
breath  
floats away.  
(I bit my lower lip).  
My eyes extended a glance,  
his hand reached for mine  
and handed me a crown.  
The sky burst wide open.  
The rain poured down over my lips.  
And I gracefully bowed and gave thanks.



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## JOSEPH STEFFAN TO GET HIS COMMISSION

The *Omaha World-Herald* reported on the decision by a federal appeals court that ordered the U.S. Naval Academy to allow Joseph Steffan to graduate and to receive his commission. Steffan, whose story is told in his book *Honor Bound*, was in the top 10 percent of his class, had sung the national anthem for two consecutive Army-Navy games, and was slated for duty aboard a nuclear submarine, one of the most coveted assignments at the Academy.

Six weeks before he would have graduated in the spring of 1987, Steffan was forced to resign after investigators confirmed that he had told a fellow midshipman that he is a homosexual. The following day, his military performance grade was reduced from an A- to an F.

In the decision which orders the Navy to "grant Mr. Steffan his diploma from the United States Naval Academy, reinstate him to military service and commission him as an officer", the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said that Navy rules requiring Steffan's expulsion from the academy "solely because he admitted his homosexual orientation are not rationally related to any legitimate goal. America's hallmark has been to judge people by what they do, and not by who they are." Chief Judge Abner Mikva stated "it is fundamentally unjust to abort a most promising military career solely because of a truthful confession of a sexual preference different from that of the majority, a preference untarnished by even a scintilla of misconduct."

The Navy had no immediate response to the decision.

## NGLTF RELEASES FORTUNE 1000 SURVEY

### Results To Provide Baseline To Measure Corporate America's Progress In Providing An Equal Workplace For Gay, Lesbian, And Bisexual Employees

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute released the results of a survey of Fortune 1000 companies which establishes a baseline reading of the quality of work life for gay men and lesbians in corporate America. While many companies include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policies, the results reveal that American companies have a long way to go in ensuring that gay and lesbian employees are treated equally in the workplace.

"The results of this survey are in effect a corporate credit card and, while there are a few companies with high marks, the majority of the Fortune 1000 are flunking," said Chris Collins, NGLTF Board Co-chair. "We know that much of the real progress in making the workplace a more hospitable environment for gay men and lesbians has been pioneered by firms that are not part of the Fortune 1000. It has been the little 'Davids' rather than the 'Goliath's' of corporate America that have led the way."

Of the Fortune 1000 companies sampled 243 responded to the survey (approximately 25%). These responses included 98 surveys (approximately 10%) and 145 refusals to complete the survey (approximately 14.5%), presented either in writing or during follow-up phone calls. On preliminary review, there is no discernible pattern with regard to the types of companies that chose to participate or, conversely, made a specific announcement they would not participate.

Roughly three-fourths (71.9%) of participants have a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation. Three additional companies indicated they do not currently have but are considering instituting such a policy. Five participating companies (5.6% of total participants) have domestic partner benefits for the same-sex partners of their employees, including medical and dental coverage, child care benefits, family/personal/sick leave (partner care), and bereavement leave. Over half (58.4%) of participating companies include issues related to sexual orientation in their diversity training programs. Three-fourths (76.4%) of participating companies recognize employee-organized groups. Of these, 31% recognize gay/lesbian/bisexual employee groups, meaning that fewer than one quarter (21.3%) of the 98 participating companies recognize gay/lesbian/bisexual employee groups. 70.8% of participants provide some form of support for individuals with HIV/AIDS.

"We encourage gay and lesbian employees of companies which did not respond or chose not to participate in this survey to help with the process of sensitizing these corporations to the concerns of their lesbian, gay, and bisexual employees," said Elizabeth Birch, NGLTF's Board Co-Chair.

## THE YOUNG, THE RESTLESS, THE POWERS TO BE

Jeffrey J. Vitale, President of Overlooked Opinions, Inc. was recently named one of Chicago's 40 Under Forty by *Crain's Chicago Business*, one of the nation's leading business publications.

The forty honorees were featured in *Crain's* September 27th issue as "The young, the restless, the powers to be". Vitale, 31, was one of the youngest to be included in *Crain's* roster of "doers". His inclusion also marks the growing importance of the gay and lesbian community nationwide. Overlooked Opinions, Inc., which was founded in 1989 by Vitale and Rick Dean, both of Chicago, as the nation's only opinion polling firm dedicated to the lesbian and gay community. Under Vitale's direction Overlooked Opinions has grown into a million dollar corporation with a corporate directive to assure that views and needs of the lesbian and gay community are not overlooked. Over the past 4 years Overlooked Opinions has become the most widely recognized source of factual information on the lesbian and gay community worldwide. Information produced by Overlooked Opinions has been cited in thousands of news stories in the United States as well as abroad. Anyone interested in being included in Overlook's survey work can call 1-800-473-3405.

Overlooked Opinions is also the parent company of CommunitySpirit a nationwide long distance telephone service launched last December which uses lesbian and gay dollar power to channel funds to lesbian, gay, bi, and HIV/AIDS organizations across the country. Under the banner "Unleash The Power" and the toll-free number 1-800-It's-Ours, CommunitySpirit promises to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars to support the many groups that help keep our community strong.



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## 17th ASPEN GAY SKI WEEK

The 17th Aspen Gay Ski Week will go on because, as organizers say, "If we canceled the week then Colorado for Family Values wins, so we will continue to welcome our Gay and Lesbian friends with a banner over Main Street. The opening party is Sunday evening January 23, 1994 at the Hotel Jerome."

The response to this has been everything from verbal insults and hate mail from pro-boycott gays to unsolicited cash donations and group confirmations. Aspen has always supported the week and some groups will too.

Aspen was the first city in the state to pass a gay rights law, passed three pro-gay resolutions surrounding 2, joined the lawsuit, had a gay float in this year's 4th of July parade, and their sheriff endorses the week.

"We really like the week because there's no macho bullshit associated with the week. This last Gay Ski Week raised over \$40,000 for anti-2 and pro-gay causes. This brings up the questions, are we your friends or your enemies?"

The activist Frank Kameny said, "There is nothing to be maintained by keeping an enemy. Once you have made your point, you can bring them in as allies." With this in mind the 17th Aspen Gay Ski Week has been set to begin with an opening party on January 22, 1994!

So, Gay Ski Week is on. There will be new events. The Denver club COSA will be putting on a treasure hunt during the week and the AGLC will be hosting the opening and closing parties as well as putting on a backcountry hut trip during the last weekend.

They have rented the entire Shrine Mountain Inn (22 beds) which is located three backcountry miles off the top of Vail Pass. It has a separate sauna cabin, no phones, no TV's, no faxes, and an incredible view.

Try B&W Travel for package deals. Call 800-288-2589 or the local chamber resort association (we joined as a non-profit) at 800-26ASPEN. United Express and Continental Express fly from Denver and now even have direct flights from L.A., Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Chicago!

## AIDS STAMP MAKES ITS MARK DECEMBER 1



The U.S. Postal Service issued an AIDS awareness postage stamp on December 1 in conjunction with World AIDS Day.

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## PUBLIC OUTRAGE AT LESBIAN MOTHER CUSTODY DENIALS

"When courts tear children away from healthy nurturing families, it constitutes judicial child abuse," claims Jenny Sayward, Director of the Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund. According to a study by the American Bar Association, eight to twelve million American children are currently being reared by lesbian and gay households. Approximately six per cent of the U.S. population is made up of lesbian and gay families with children. Ms. Sayward cites various studies comparing children of heterosexual mothers, which have found no significant differences in the children's self-concept, intelligence, gender identity, sexual orientation, or moral judgment. The quality of the mothering — not the mother's sexual orientation — is the most crucial factor for a child's healthy growth and development.

The Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund has been assisting lesbian mothers with custody cases for twenty years. Amid the recent tragic stories of family destruction, Jenny Sayward sees a progressive trend. "Twenty years ago, most lesbian mothers gave up contact with their children without going to court, because denial of custody and visitation was the expected outcome. The first avowed lesbian mothers to win custody were middle-class super-moms: doctors, school principals, lawyers, PTA presidents, Sunday school teachers. Now, because of an improved social climate, average moms in more conservative and rural areas are daring to fight for their kids."

Recent media attention to the plight of lesbian and gay families has stirred public anger at these atrocities. The Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund, which for years has assisted lesbian mothers in relative obscurity, depending solely on lesbian mothers' donations for its support, has become the focus of a new effort to advocate for lesbian and gay families. LMNDF offers information, attorney referrals, emotional support, and financial assistance for lesbian and gay parents involved in custody disputes. Information is also available about a broad range of parenting issues, including donor insemination, adoption, child rearing, and advocacy for families.

On October 11, National Coming Out Day, activist groups across the country initiated a "Lavender Ribbon Campaign" similar to the red ribbon AIDS awareness campaign, to raise awareness of all lesbian mothers and gay fathers who are separated from their children. Everyone was invited to wear a lavender ribbon to express their support for change in social policies toward gay and lesbian families. Contributions collected by various groups will be donated to special funds to benefit lesbian and gay parents. LMNDF will designate all Lavender Ribbons contributions to its Custody Assistance Fund to help lesbian mothers afford to keep their families together.

To get more information about LMNDF, write Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund, P.O. Box 21567, Seattle, WA 98111 or call 206-325-2643.

## MILITARY VOTES ARE NOT THE END OF DEBATE

Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, issued the following statement after the House of Representatives voted to codify the Nunn-Skelton "Lie and Hide" policy on lesbian and gay military personnel:

"Congressman Meehan's amendment to remove the 'Lie and Hide' policy received 169 votes, including 11 Republicans. This is substantially more votes than our opponents expected us to get. Moreover, we marshaled a strong 291 to 144 vote in opposition to the amendment of Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) that would have reintroduced the practice of asking recruits about their sexual orientation. These votes demonstrate that a growing number of House members are willing to go on record in opposition to anti-gay and lesbian discrimination.

"The Nunn-Skelton ban is unconstitutional, unworkable, and unlikely to resolve the demand of fair-minded Americans that people be judged by their conduct and not their status. The belief that lesbian and gay personnel who acknowledge their orientation are less able to contribute to our national defense is, simply put, a lie. These Congressional votes are not the end of this debate. They are only the beginning. The Campaign Fund will continue to press for an end to discrimination in the military and in American life. Ultimately, we will prevail. As we continue our efforts, we are reminded of the words of Martin Luther King a generation ago when he called Americans to continue the work of ending discrimination: 'How long? Not long. Because no lie can live forever.'

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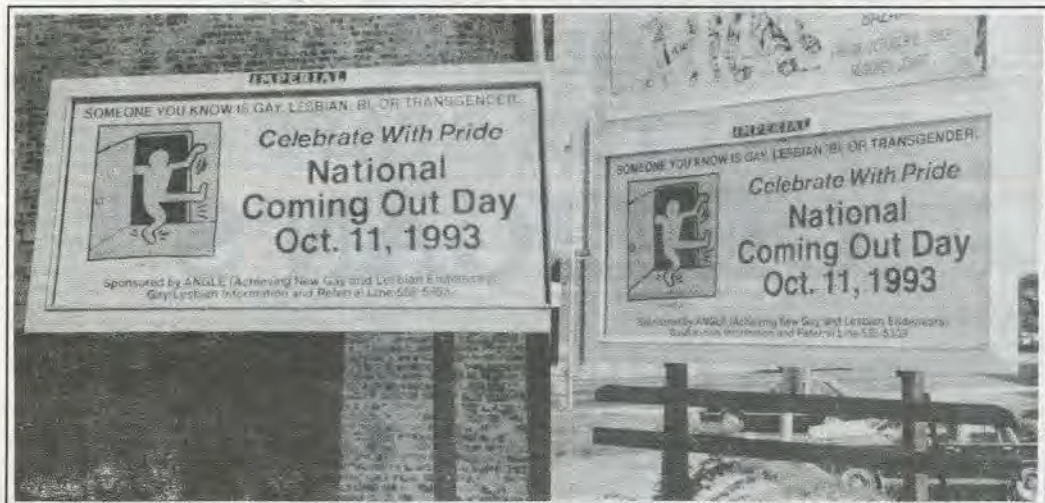
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# LOCAL NEWS



ANGLE billboards celebrate National Coming Out Day!

## A NEW "ANGLE" IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

ANGLE's National Coming Out Day Billboards were finally up by October 5 and remained intact throughout the month. We hope the billboards let our "straight" community know it is not just a few hundred people who march in our Pride Parade that make up the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community in Omaha.

Half of the proceeds from the door of my show, "Inga and Friends", held on National Coming Out Day at the MAX, went to ANGLE to help fund those billboards. Including a donation from the Empress of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Roxy, I was able to give \$159 to ANGLE. A big thank you to all the performers, especially the cast of "Suds" from the Howard Street Tavern. It's great to get the support of the Gay community but it's even more satisfying to have our gay sensitive friends help support us too.

On Saturday, November 13, ANGLE sponsored a Roller Skating Party at Skateland on 84th & "F" Streets, followed by a Sloppy Joe Feed at DC's Bar. The turnout for both events was light but those attending had a great time.

ANGLE has elected new officers for the coming year. Becky Weitzel has assumed the position of moderator and Rich K. was elected Vice-moderator. Sonia C. is secretary, and Michael J. is treasurer. The members at large are Jerry M., Ron H., and myself, Stan Brown.

## WHAT IS INFORMATION? by Sandy Vopalka

INFORMATION for older gay people is not a matchmaking or dating service. This organization is affiliated with SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment). We provide an intergenerational social activity with a main focus for gay people 40 years old and over. If people meet each other and relationships develop, that's OK, but as I stated above we did not provide a matchmaking service.

SAGE is based in New York City, New York. This agency has been operating for 15 years and they are continuing to grow. SAGE has now held two international conferences, there are now affiliates in Ottawa, Canada, the Twin Cities, Hanford, Conn., Upper State New York and Lincoln, NE. Each of these locations provides different levels of services to older gay people, some are social services and others provide social activities.

In Lincoln, there is a monthly coffee house and hopes for other activities. To provide more things people are needed; individuals of various professional backgrounds can make these ideas a reality. If anyone is interested, please write to INFORMATION, P O BOX 22043, LINCOLN, NE 68542.

The Intergenerational Coffee House is the second Saturday of each month (Dec. 11, 1993; Jan 8, Feb. 12, 1994, etc.) from 4-9 pm. The event is located at 3319 S. 46th (South of Van Dorn) in Lincoln. For more details about the coffee house call 488-4178.

## MCC-O PLANS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

by Carla P.

January 21-23 promises to be an exciting time at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha as members and friends of the church gather to celebrate MCC-O's 20th Anniversary as a chartered church in the Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. You are invited to attend and join in the celebration. A multitude of activities are planned to provide something fun for everyone. A special treat during the weekend will be the return of three of MCC-O's former pastors: Rev. Bob Arthur, Rev. Bob Darst, and Rev. Jan Kross. Each will be speaking at a worship service during the weekend. The weekend activities are as follows:

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| Fri., Jan. 21 | Potluck Dinner & Special Serv.                                      |
| Sat., Jan. 22 | Afternoon Act. Banquet Concert by Cross-Reference                   |
| Sun., Jan. 23 | Special Services Reception Pizza, Dancing, Raffle & Show at The MAX |

Complete schedules of times and costs will be available this month. We invite all of the community to join us in celebrating God's love and blessings upon our church and this community for the past 20 years. For more information, please call the church office at (402)345-2563.

## Merry Christmas!

from the NVN Staff



## G/L SUPPORT GROUP ATTENDANCE UP

by RJ

The G/L Support Group showed a good turnout with 18 present. Even some of the women were there. **Way to go!** After all, this is your support group, as well.

The topic was "Jealousy" and what it can do to a relationship. It was pointed out, for a good, healthy relationship, one must be happy and secure with one's own self, first.

The ability to compromise and to be flexible are essential in a relationship. Not accepting your squeeze as they are, by having too high of expectations of your squeeze, can wreck a relationship early on.

Although sex is only figured as 15% of a relationship, this too is a very important part of a relationship. By not having too high expectations of your partner, by willing to compromise, can help save a relationship.

Where does one go for counseling in a relationship? Surprisingly, Catholic Social Services was mentioned and given high marks. Also mentioned was the Hudson Center, but be careful who you see there. This can be important, very important. Don't forget your pastor, if you know your pastor well enough. A wrong pastor with a wrong attitude can do more harm than good. I can safely say, MCC's Rev. Matthew Howard is a good source for counseling. As Rev. Howard and his partner have been together for ten years or more, Rev. Howard must be doing something right. So don't be afraid to talk to Rev. Howard. Being a minister, I doubt there is anything new Rev. Howard has not heard.

Yes, the G/L Support Group is once again picking up steam. It has been going slow for a number of years. I have seen many faces going through the doors. Hopefully, the G/L Support Group has helped those who have passed through those doors. I have heard many counselors recommend their clients to attend the G/L Support Group. So give the G/L Support Group a try. I'm sure you'll like the group. It is in a nice safe environment.

SELF-DEFENSE  
CLASS FORMING  
SEE STORY  
ON PAGE 20!

## THE POLITICALLY CORRECT CHURCH

Recently pastors from several churches in the town of North Platte were put through the following scenario.

"I recently moved to North Platte and I am looking for a church to worship at and I am a gay man. Would I be welcome in your church?" If the answer was "Yes" the question was followed by "would you as the pastor support me if I were harassed by members of your congregation?" There were 31 churches contacted.

17 of the 31 said, You are welcome to worship here.

16 of the 17 said they did not condone the practice of homosexuality and would like me to study with them.

1 out of the 17 was very positive and would welcome me regardless of my sexual orientation.

13 of the remaining 14 said that they would want to visit with me first and after that visit I would probably not want to worship in their church.

The remaining 1 of the 14 said yes. When I asked them if they would support me if I were being harassed by your membership, they said they really didn't want to talk with me anymore, you are not going to trick me, and hung up.

All 31 churches stated that there would, unfortunately, probably be some harassment from their congregation, much to their dislike.

—GLAGN Newsletter

## NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS

The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP), a non-profit agency serving the entire state, is conducting a fund-raising event — "Night of a Thousand Stars" — on Saturday, December 4, 1993. The purpose of the evening is to commemorate World AIDS Day and to generate financial support for NAP programs and support services.

Early in the evening, more than 1,000 donors/guests will attend dinner parties hosted by NAP supporters. Following the dinner parties, guests and hosts will convene at the Mutual of Omaha dome for champagne, dessert, and dancing to Pam and the Pearls.

If you would like to attend a dinner party, please call the NAP office at 342-6367 for information. All proceeds benefit NAP.

## THIRD SATURDAYS AT MCC-OMAHA

by Carla P.

The third Saturday of each month, the Deacons of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha provide an alcohol-free event (Coffeeshouse) in the Church's Social Hall.

December's event will be a "Wrap Off." Bring a roll of wrapping paper and a pile of your unwrapped gifts and spend a couple hours with friends in fun and fellowship.

The Coffeeshouse runs from 7-10 p.m. every third Saturday of the month. Admission is \$1.00 or a canned good for the Pantry. Light refreshments are available at no charge!

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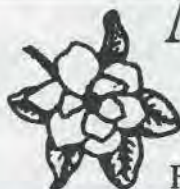
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## SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES PLANNED FOR DECEMBER

by Carla P.

MCC-O has two special services planned for December. The first is our traditional Christmas Eve Service set for 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 24. Doors open at 10:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome! This has always been a special service, and each year brings new surprises! Join us!

The second special service of the month will be at 6:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Start your new year right; join us as we worship our God.

The holidays are always a busy time at MCC-O. We undertake a number of additional projects to help those in need in our community: This year's projects include Christmas gifts, holiday food baskets, and caroling.

You can join us for the caroling on Sat., Dec. 4. Just meet us at the church (819 S. 22nd St.) at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome—young and old, male and female! This will be a fun outing! Following the caroling, we will gather in the Social Hall to decorate the church. For those of you with a flair for decorating, that activity will start about 8:30 p.m. and again, everyone is welcome!

Thank you one and all for your enthusiastic support of our Choir's first concert. A crowd of 98 packed the sanctuary for the evening of song and praise. What a delight!

As you are out on the town at night during December, drive by the church and check out the addition to our yard! Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have a nativity set to display this Christmas. Many of our members and friends helped to make this display possible through their varied donations. We hope you enjoy the display.

We invite you to join us for our 20th Anniversary Celebration coming in January. See another article in this issue for complete details.

MCC-Omaha holds worship services every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. Please join us! The first Sunday of each month we gather for a Potluck Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and follow that with Worship at 6:00 p.m. As always the door to God's house is open—waiting for you. Come.

Happy Holidays to all of you, and we here at MCC-O wish you "Peace" in 1994.

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## PFLAG MEET DYNAMIC EVENING

By RJ

The November meeting of PFLAG fell on Veteran's Day. There was a good strong showing of G/L ex-Service people at the meeting. Nine of us G/L Veterans attended the meeting. With such a strong showing of ex-Service people at this small gathering, just imagine how many G/L Service people are out there right now, serving their country under a cloak of secrecy. The numbers are legion.

Yes, it was a real good energetic meeting tonight with a total of 16 people present. It was an evening of much, much compelling sharing.

We need more meetings like this. As I attend meetings on both sides of the fence, and am old enough to be a grandfather, (I am a great-uncle many times over) I see many times a huge, and I do mean huge, gap between G/L children and parents.

Each has their story to tell. Each has a coming out process to go through, much akin to the five stages of the grief process. It's not easy for either side, believe me.

We do need more get-togethers like these. And in matters like these PFLAG is right out there in the front lines, helping all they can, to do just this, helping both sides of the fence in taking that first step in reconciliation.

At the risk of sounding like a stuck record, yet I can never re-state this enough, both groups, both of you get out there and support your local PFLAG Chapter. I have seen some slim meetings. PFLAG here in Omaha has had some excellent leaders, working tirelessly. It is hard to understand why more of you folks out there, on both sides of the fence, don't attend more. There is such a need to bring the parents and children together.

In a case like this, silence is poison. Talking is golden.

## SELF DEFENSE COURSE PLANNED

After a summer of violence the community has become more aware of the need to protect our personal safety, but many of us are unprepared to defend ourselves if attacked. As a way of meeting this need, a self defense course is being planned for January. This course will feature personal self-defense and will be taught by a professional in the field. The classes will meet twice weekly for six weeks. The cost for the total package will be under \$50. If you are interested in such a self defense course, call Duane at St. Mary's Tan, 341-3740, between 4pm and 8pm.

## NEWS FROM NAP

October sent NAP walking in Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney. The 2nd Annual Walk-a-thon, "The Next Step II" raised \$18,500 for the AIDS Project. Support for the walk came from more than 1,700 individuals or businesses. There were 135 walkers in Omaha, 80 in Lincoln, and 40 walkers were recruited to walk in Kearney. The chairs of the walk-a-thon included Dr. Susan Swindells, Margaret Bumann, and Joseph Conrad, Jr., all from the Omaha area. In Lincoln, honorary chairs included State Senator David Landis and Ron Dean. Jane Casey Peters was instrumental in coordinating a committee that planned Lincoln's first AIDS walk. Lori Skarka headed the Kearney group with Al Zobel and Carol Sikorski taking the role of honorary chairpersons. The AIDS walk was an incredible success which would not have occurred without the community support it received. Besides being a fund raising event, the AIDS walk can also heighten awareness that AIDS is a part of our community. A very warm and sincere thank you to those involved in pledging, walking, and volunteering your time to "The Next Step II."

The U. S. Postal Office will be issuing an AIDS Awareness Stamp in December. The symbol of the crossed red ribbon will be shown with the saying "AIDS Awareness" in the corner of the 29 cent stamp. The Post Office is issuing the stamp in conjunction with World AIDS Day. There will be a news conference/press release in early December.

A Night of 1,000 Stars will be held on December 4. There will be approximately 50 parties around the metro area for more than a thousand guests. Donations will be given to NAP. After dinner, guests will then be invited to gather at Mutual of Omaha, where Gov. Ben Nelson and Mayor P.J. Morgan will act as honorary chairs of the event. There will be dancing and entertainment. The goal and hope is that NAP will raise \$30,000 by the end of 1993. If you are interested in attending a party or would like more information, please call the NAP office, (800-782-2437 or locally, 342-6367).

## NAP Case Management Census Monthly Summary for October, 1993

Open Cases as of Oct. 1, 1993	270
New Cases this month	8
Clients Deceased this month	5
Cases closed this month	6
Total at last day of month	267

## COURT ACTION RESOLVED TEMPORARILY

The Small Claims Court action initiated by the Imperial Court of Nebraska against Joe Reed resulted in a judgment against Reed in the amount of \$1800.00. Judiciary procedure does allow Reed to appeal the small claims decision, and he has filed an appeal. Appearance in District Court is the next step in the legal process.

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## LUTHERANS CONCERNED HAS STRONG TURNOUT

by RJ

Lutherans Concerned met Sunday evening--Nov. 7, at 7:00 with a strong turnout. Twenty-two people turned out to hear guest speaker, Mark Ullrich, Attorney, discussing issues pertinent to the G/L community.

Discussed this evening, with a lively discussion, were wills, buying property, and beneficiary questions. Can agreements made by same couples be challenged? Yes, they can.

It was strongly suggested, if a G/L couple decides to buy property together, the heart should temporarily be set aside, and the issue should be treated as a business deal. Relationships can, and do, go sour.

Couples that have been together, say 10 to 15 years, stand a lot better chance of the arrangements working out. For those who have been together a short time, perhaps they should really go into buying property with an acute business acumen. You know the old saying, "Love is blind"? Well, don't be. Even if both parties get their own attorneys, this could be the cheapest and wisest way to go, in the long run, and could save a lot of grief in the long haul.

"Joint tenement" and "tenements in common" were discussed. You need to know these terms, in buying joint property, what they mean, and the legalities of each.

Wills were also discussed. Nebraska recognizes no common-law marriages, nor any palimony. Holographic wills are legal in Nebraska. But, as I understood it, not in Iowa. A holographic will, the entire will, must be written in the maker's own handwriting.

No state, I think, recognizes same sex marriages. One really needs a good attorney to get through the legal briar patch. This is especially true if you are a same sex couple.

It was a good evening with a lot of sharing of ideas and actual experiences. Refreshments were served which included a delicious cherry pie.

Religious services will take the place of a meeting in December. There will be no January meeting.

Stay tuned for the upcoming February meeting.

Lutherans Concerned is going strong, and is now branching out to Lincoln as well. This organization has good support from both laity and clergy.

Keep up the good work, Lutherans Concerned. The G/L community needs you, and the trails you are blazing.

## CHORUS NOTES

By Stan Brown

Mark your calendars now for the River City Mixed Chorus' Winter Concert, Saturday, January 29, 7:05pm, UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center.

Our season, entitled "A Decade of Harmony, a Singing Tribute to Pride", will start with a varied program including everything from classical to country western. Our selections include: Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria", selections from the Broadway musical, "Jekyll and Hyde", Garth Brooks' "We Shall Be Free" and many favorite pieces from past Chorus concerts.

We are offering season tickets this year for \$12 each which includes a ticket to both our Winter and Pride concerts, space in a reserved seating section, an invitation to our Winter After Concert reception and other benefits. Please send your check to RCMC, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103 or call 341-SING (341-7464) for more information.

The new officers of the Chorus' Board of Directors are: President, Rich Ketter; Vice-President, Barb Eckstein; Treasurer, Jane Pierson; members-at-large, Tony Pastory, Roger Bennett, Harry DiLise, Stan Brown, and our appointed Recording Secretary, Russell Warzyn. Barb, Jane, and myself are newly elected members this fall. Together with the singing members, our director, John Bennett, and accompanist, Brent-Alan Huffman, we plan to make this the best season ever for the River City Mixed Chorus.

Our Pride Concert in June will be especially exciting for the Chorus as we perform our first commissioned piece. Our very talented former director, Jonathan Cole, is composing this piece for us, and we look forward to working with him again this season.

Don't forget to send for your season tickets or see any Chorus Member for tickets to our January 29 Winter Concert.

We sold out both our concerts last year so don't wait to buy your tickets at the door.

Please join us as we celebrate being a Chorus of Gay men, Lesbians, and Gay sensitive individuals for the past ten years in Omaha, Nebraska.

## LINCOLN COFFEE HOUSE OPEN

by Sandy Vopalka

The coffee house in Lincoln, on the second Saturday of each month, is a success. The main focus is to provide a safe space for lesbians and gays 40 years old and older, but everyone is welcome. (At the time of the first event in August, there was the issue of not welcoming people under 40, that issue has been removed and everyone is invited.) At the last coffee house people ranged in age from 73 to 32, and we all had a great time.

The coffee house is the beginning of a wide range of future programs. The coffee house meets the second Saturday of each month, at 3319 S. 46th St. (South of Van Dorn, on the corner of S. 46th and Sherman Streets), from 4-9 p.m.

Please come and have some fun, people stay a short time and others stay the whole 5 hours. Remember this is a safe and welcome space.

Information for Older Gay People is looking at becoming an affiliated with SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment). There was a conference in New York City, October 14-17, where new ideas were explored and discussed, also those who attended last years conference will share with all of us the things that worked and those that didn't. The conference is SAGE's second North American Conference, hopefully Nebraska was again represented.

More information on the affiliation will be available as things happen. If you would like more details on any of these things, please write to Information, P.O. Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542.



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Denny D. and his family would like to invite the community to witness the Grand Finale Christmas Lighting at their home. It will be lit Friday night, December 10, and remain on through January 7, 1994. This will be a Kodak moment.

The home is located at 4515 South 16th (16th & Missouri Avenue). The lighting is free but spectators will be able to make donations which will go to support AIDS related causes in this area.

**SANDY VOPALKA ON  
SAGE STEERING  
COMMITTEE**

Sandy L. Vopalka of Lincoln, NE, was appointed to the SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) International Steering Committee, while she was attending the Second SAGE International Conference. This conference was October 14th-17th, 1993.

**NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT**

by Carla

*How quickly 13 years have passed for the Imperial Court of Nebraska! Many changes have occurred from board members to monarchs to community members. The one fact that remains constant is that ICON is still thriving. However, I am concerned that without strong community backing and active board members and past monarchs, ICON may not survive the coming years.*

*Some people have remained supportive in various capacities, but we need new fresh blood from the young members of the community to keep the dream alive. There are those of us who will always be there for ICON in whatever area we are needed, but time, jobs, personal lives, and age are always contributing factors that we all need to consider.*

*If you are a concerned community individual and feel that you could contribute your time and talents, please let either Connie, Roxy or any current board members know of your willingness to help out wherever needed.*

Connie Henke  
Diamond Ram Emperor XIII

We hope you can all make it down to The MAX Sunday, Dec. 5 for our "Toys for Tots" Show planned and presented by Emperor XIII Connie and the Royal Family. Some numbers have been in rehearsal since early November. This promises to be another great show featuring many of Omaha's favorite performers: Phoenix Fallentino, Jennifer Jett, Dorian Drake, Dietra Snow, Inga, Lafayette, Monica West, Muffy Rosenberg, Roxy, Michael, Vince, Laura Lee, Rex, and, of course, Connie and family!

Proceeds from the show will go to purchase toys for the Children's Crisis Center, toys for kids of PWA's, and PWA personal needs items for Christmas. Come and bring a toy!

Thank you for your generous support of the "Food for Thought" Show. We were pleased to have such a great crowd. As promised Empress Roxy had a show meant to delight every audience.

**Financial Report of Food for Thought**

Receipts:	Door	\$ 388.00
	Tips	\$ 650.00
	50/50 Raffle	\$ 72.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1110.00

Expenditures:	Lights	\$ 15.00
	Set	\$ 97.71
	Food	\$ 131.13
	TOTAL	\$ 203.84

30% to ICON Treasury—\$271.84

Monies & Materials Disbursed:	NAP	\$ 317.16
	& 1/2 food	
	MCCO Pantry	\$ 317.16
	& 1/2 food	

Again, thank you all for your support! IAP prepared around 45 Thanksgiving baskets, we are thrilled to be able to help with this endeavor, and we are glad to be able to support the ongoing service provided by the Food Pantry at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.

New officers will be coming your way from ICON in December. So watch for the announcement in *The Times*.

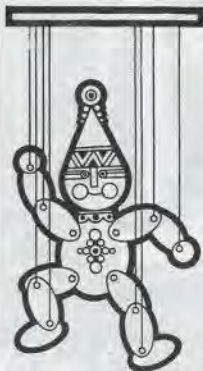
Get out your calendars and mark these dates: Feb. 20—Snoball and the always popular Closet Ball on March 27. For those of you who want to enter Closet Ball, well, now is the time to put on those heels and start dancing! Applications will be out in February and will be available at all the local bars. (It's not too soon to ask Santa for something special to wear!)

Happy Holidays to all of you from the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and the Monarchs and Royals Families of Reign XIII. Fortoday, that's it from ICON! Remember, we need you to help us and to support our many fund-raising activities! Together we can make a difference for all gays and lesbians! See you in Court!

**LINCOLN PFLAG  
VALENTINE  
PARTY**

Lincoln PFLAG will hold a Valentine's Dance on February 12, Saturday at the Auld Center in Antelope Park at A Street and the Capitol Parkway. Mark your calendar for this fund raiser and fun raiser! More information forthcoming in *The New Voice* next issue.

**The Imperial Court of Nebraska  
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## MCC CHOIR CONCERT SMASH HIT

by RJ

Sunday afternoon at 5:00pm saw a large gathering at MCC of many people gathered for a potluck supper. The food, as usual, was very good with plenty to go around.

The real treat came at 6:00 when the choir recital began. The MCC Choir consists of nine women and nine men. The group is led by choir director, Bill Burch. Accompanist on the piano, as well as the harpsichord, was MCC's very talented organist, Garrett Burton.

As the congregation sang the processional hymn, *Come Christians, Join to Sing*, the choir processed down the aisle and took their place at the front of the church. What followed was an evening of delight, to a packed church. What a turnout!

Eleven songs were sung at the first half of the program. This was a mixed variety of songs and hymns. Two solos were sung. The first solo was ably sung by Barbara Eckstein, who gave a heartfelt rendition of *A Christmas Carol*. Another striking solo was sung by R.N. Hedges, entitled *Somebody Believed*. At the conclusion of a rousing *This Land is Our Land*, a ten minute intermission followed. Refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall. John B. organized the refreshments. An exquisite punch was served, as well as a variety of superlative pasties.

Following the intermission, the second half of the program followed. Eleven songs were sung. R.N. Hedges, who has a wonderful voice that really carries, gave a singing sermon, *I Can Stand In His Presence* while singing from the pulpit. Mr. Hedges was accompanied by the choir. It was beautiful! A delightful little solo was sung by Annette Dickman, *Grape, Grape Joy*. It was a light-hearted solo, which everyone enjoyed. Too soon, the enchanted evening came to a close. The choir sang the Benediction, the uplifting hymn, *May the Lord Be With You*. What an evening. What an evening! A packed church, an excellent choir, such transcendent music. What better evening could a person have?

## GREEN GATEAU UPDATE

by Andrew DeLancey  
and Matthew Govig

It is the opinion of the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights that the rights of gay men have been violated in Lincoln. Because of this, the Coalition is calling for a boycott of the Green Gateau restaurant. The Coalition urges everyone who supports the rights of gay and lesbian people to act on their beliefs by writing or calling the restaurant.

So far, the boycott has been effective. It has been reported that the restaurant's daily business is now \$400 - \$500 less than it was before the boycott started last month.

The restaurant is receiving 15-20 calls per day from people who support the boycott. In addition, many people have written to the restaurant to express their feelings regarding Bolte's dismissal.

Bill Livengood has responded to the letters he received with a letter of his own. In this letter, he claims that Bolte wasn't fired because he is gay, adding, "In fact, if this would have been true, another known homosexual who worked at the restaurant full time would have been let go, also. We had no such plans and were disappointed by his sudden departure."

The "known homosexual" is Kevin Caughlin, who quit as soon as he learned that the Livengoods had fired Bolte.

"I'm angry that Livengood refers to me as a "known homosexual". He doesn't know me. I don't think he's ever even spoken to me," Caughlin replied, adding, "I think the only reason I hadn't been fired was that no one had complained about me."

Livengood's letter goes on to say that Bolte was fired because he requested that his hours be reduced. Attached to the letter were copies to his manager outlining the reductions he desired. One note was dated August 6, 1993. The other note wasn't dated.

According to Bolte, he was originally hired to work only two days per week, but had gradually increased his hours because the restaurant was short-handed. When he requested his hours be cut back, he was only asking to return to the hours he was originally hired for.

Bolte says that his manager approved his reduced work hours, and was still scheduling him to work up to the day that he was fired. If his schedule wasn't acceptable, why did a month pass before he was fired?

If you wish to write or call the restaurant:

The Green Gateau, 330 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. Phone: 477-0330.

If you have questions about this incident, please write to: Coalition Chronicle, P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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## ICON'S "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" IS SUCCESS

Empress XIII of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Roxy, and her Royal Family presented a sparkling night of entertainment for the annual "Food For Thought" benefit held at the MAX on November 7.

Roxy demonstrated a wide range of talents from her seductive impersonation of Dolly Parton to camping it up to provide back-up for Princess Royale Monica West; designing, creating, and constructing the delightful set; and artistic abilities shown on the poster for the show and the flyers that had been distributed. Roxy is truly an imperial presence on the court.

The evening opened with a welcome from ICON president, Carla Petersen, and the introduction of the first emcee for the evening, Miss Great Plains America, Dietra Snow. Dietra holds a special place in my heart—she was in one of the first drag shows I ever attended and I have a special memory of her leaning over the bar at The MAX to talk with the bartender, with a red beaded dress curved across her hips and one red high heel dangling from her toes and a mass of blonde curls hanging down her back. She was strikingly beautiful then and is strikingly beautiful today.

The show began with Miss Gay Omaha, Monica West, joined by Chris and Roxy, to perform the comic "Strudel Model" and "The Lonely Goatherd". She was followed by Emperor XIII Connie Henke performing "Young Girl". (You all should check out the personalized license plate now identifying Emperor 13.)

The lovely Miss Closet Ball '93, April Lane, followed as Batgirl with "Back to the Cave" and then Roxy was back, after one of the quickest costume changes on record, to perform Reba McIntyre's "Walk On".

The mood changed with the appearance of the next mustached performer as Ruby, one of the Babes Behind Bars, delighted the crowd with "Dancing in the Street".

Dietra surrendered the microphone to her co-emcee for the evening, Empress XI Mae, appearing tonight as Steve Lucart. Steve was demonstrating a fixation with odors and bacteria as he frequently attacked the stage and some spectators with an ever present can of Lysol Spray. However, between spray can attacks, he brought to the stage the lovely Julie Crane, Empress I of the court in Minneapolis, who performed her trademark, "Listen to My Heart."

Then Monica returned to the stage for a high energy number, "I'm Going to Get You Back" followed by Jasmine Starr performing "The Hero in You".

It was quick change time again as Julie Crane returned to the stage in a glittering lace teddy to perform "Open Your Heart to Me".

The next performer was the newly crowned Miss Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Viktoria Towne, with a country/western medley. At the close of her number she was joined by her friend, Amanda Foxx (Joel Casson), who led the audience in bidding her bon voyage as Viktoria prepares to move to Denver where she already has made herself known and has scheduled a joint performance with Miss Colorado Gay Rodeo Association which will be held after the first of the year at Charleys.

Next to the microphone was Prince Royale XIII Michael Gaffney who did a beautiful number, singing live "Almost Like a Song". The romantic and bittersweet mood was quickly changed by the next performer as another member of the Babes Behind Bars, Frauline, took to the stage to perform "Tits and Ass" from Chorus Line.

After April Lane returned to the stage to perform "Revolution", it was time for Roxy to return with her outstanding impersonation of Dolly Parton performing "A Clear Blue Morning." Roxy's petite size and restrained stage movements added to the overall high quality of this impersonation.

Monica West brought more of her high energy style to the audience as she performed "Shout". Then we went further back in time as Connie and the "Connettes" performed "Blue Moon" and "Run Around Sue" in their best 50's revisited

style.

Eva Destruction donned a French Maid costume to perform "It's a Rich Man's World" before Dietra Snow returned to the stage to perform "You Came a Long Way from St. Louis." Dietra's costume of silver fringe and flashing bugle beads was a perfect example of the elegant yet sensual that Dietra does so well.

The performances closed with the monarchs, Roxy and Connie, taking to the stage to perform "A Whole New World."

The evening was a financial success as well, boosted by a \$200 donation from Royal Securities. In keeping with a policy established with the adoption of the 1993 budget, ICON kept 30% of the profits and donated \$317.16 to Nebraska AIDS Project for holiday baskets for PWA's and \$317.16 to the food pantry at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Both groups also received several boxes of food (a total value of \$131.13) that had been used in the set.

A salute to ICON for another successful evening.

## P-FLAG HOSTS HOLIDAY GATHERING

by Dave England

The Omaha P-FLAG chapter will host a holiday gathering on December 5th at First United Methodist Church, Mead Hall, 7020 Cass from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. This meeting will replace the usual Thursday evening program.

Holidays are a time for sharing and we invite you to come and enjoy the spirit of the holiday season. As is our tradition, this meeting is open to everyone. Begin the holiday season by joining us to celebrate the festivities. We will provide coffee and punch. If you have a favorite holiday treat to share, please bring a sample to share at this event. We look forward to you joining us as we host our holiday party.

This will provide you an opportunity to browse in our library. If you care to check out a book, this would be the time to do so.

Once again, remember NO Thursday evening meeting in December.

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# RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## \*\*\*\*\*Lincoln\*\*\*\*\*

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

**Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore**, 2017 "O", Lincoln 68502. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12-5pm, Wally 489-4634/477-5666

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

**Feminist Free Press**, Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501 Feminist Monthly Newspaper.

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

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

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

**The Male Space**, 1st Thursday (Discussion) 7-8:30pm, 2nd Sunday (Social) 2-6pm at 1448 "E" St., Lincoln. For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Women may lend financial support. Membership \$10/quarter. Interested write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**, 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 21903, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 483-5251, Leather club, Educational

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

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

**The Wimmis 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-Midnight, 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\*\*\*\*\*

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Info: 345-9916

"Stonewall" Group, Wed. 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

**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 Empowers), Box 31375, Omaha 68131. (402) 558-5303, Organization for Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE activities.

**Citizens For Equal Protection**, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155. Legislative action to eliminate discrimination for gay/lesbian/bisexual employment, housing, education, public accommodations. 1st Thursday, 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Hamey

**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 Running/Walking Club (SASE for info)

**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

**Metropex 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: 812 S. 22., Adult/Children Sunday School 9am, Sunday Worship 9 & 10:30am. Eve worship 1st Sunday, 6pm with potluck din. 6pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays PFLAG**, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123, 291-6781. Meets 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, West Entrance: 2nd Thurs, 7pm, "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, V.P. - JoJo Morrison, Secretary - Charley Wade, 597-1689. Sundays at 3pm at SkyLanes, Center Mall, 42 & Center

**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502 For all who enjoy cross-gender community. All orientations welcome. No sexual encounters. 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 555-2717

**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

**2nd Annual ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622, Attn: Scott Hummel-sec. or Roger Klenke-direct

**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

**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

**Times of the Heartland**, 601 S. 16, Suite 710, Omaha 68102. Newsline: 341-6900, Advertising, 341-1667, Weekly newspaper for heartland region



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Adult/Child Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:20am

Omaha Frontrunners, location varies 10am

Grand Island Alcoholic Anonymous Open Meeting 12noon (308)236-8610/382-0240.

Star City Gay Men's Club, For men in 30's, 40's, 50's, & Up, Movies, cards, etc. 2-7pm, The Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln

### MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha. 7-10pm

### TUESDAY

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 6pm, UNL, Nebr Union, Room 338

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAY

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth Omaha 7-10pm

### FRIDAY

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

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

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, \*\*\*"An Alternative" Gay Men's Stag Group, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916 \*\*\*"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

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

### SATURDAY

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Kearney, Open Meeting 3pm, (308)236-8610.

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

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

### THURSDAY, December 2

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

The Male Space, Discussion Group 7-8:30pm, 1448 "E" St., Lincoln. For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska Support Group, 8pm.

### FRIDAY, December 3

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am, Information and Counseling about preventing spread of HIV

### SATURDAY, December 4

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc., DC's, Omaha

MCC-Omaha goes caroling at Golden Manor, Meet at Church at 6:30pm. After caroling we will decorate the church for the Christmas Season, 819 S. 22

Coalition 1st Saturday Event, 7-10pm "Coffee House-Game Nite" Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

### SUNDAY, December 5

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 291-6781, "Holiday Gathering" 2pm, First Methodist Church, 6900 Cass, West Entrance

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

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

The Imperial Court of Nebraska presents "Toys for Tots" Show, Proceeds provide personal care items for PWA's, as well as Toys for kids of PWA's and kids at the Children's Crisis Center, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

### MONDAY, December 6

Imperial Court of Nebraska 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, December 7

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

### THURSDAY, December 9

#### Hannukah

Grand Island Support Group, Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101

### FRIDAY, December 10

Deadline for January Issue of *The New Voice*

### SATURDAY, December 11

River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender and Crossdresser community. All welcome. No sexual encounters, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Coffee House, 4-9pm, 3319 S. 46th St., Lincoln, Everyone is invited, Hosted by Information for Older Gay People, Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542, Info, call (402) 488-4178

Omaha Players Club Workshop, Info: call 451-7987

### SUNDAY, December 12

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

Bake Sale at MCC-Omaha, following worship service, Fundraiser for 20th Anniversary Celebration

The Male Space, Social 2-6pm, 1448 "E" St., Lincoln. For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

CC Rae as Pee Wee Herman, Barbara Streisand and, now, Peg Bundy at 9:30 pm at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

### MONDAY, December 13

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

### TUESDAY, December 14

Free & Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster County Public Health Department, 3 - 7 p.m. The Panic, 18th & N Streets, Lincoln

2nd Tuesday "Write In", Sponsored by PFLAG, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", 7pm

### THURSDAY, December 16

Brian Bengtson reading poetry at Downtown Grounds, Omaha

### FRIDAY, December 17

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am, Information and Counseling about preventing spread of HIV

### SATURDAY, December 18

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101

Deacon's Coffee House, An alcohol free event open to the community, 7-10pm, MCC-Omaha



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, December 19

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

North Platte Support Group, 7:30pm,  
Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Association of  
Greater Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005  
Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101

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

For a special program, check the posters at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## TUESDAY, December 21

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

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

## THURSDAY, December 23

Grand Island Support Group, Sponsored by  
Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater  
Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4,  
North Platte, NE 69101

It's Aunt Mike's Underwear Night in Stosh's  
Saloon at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## FRIDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Service, 10:30pm,  
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 19, 345-2563

## SATURDAY, December 25

### Merry Christmas

## SUNDAY, December 26

It's Miss MAX in Revue, 9:30pm at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## TUESDAY, December 28

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays  
(PFLAG) Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A  
Street, 7pm, Small group sharing session  
(under 21 group meets separately), Program:  
"Long Term Commitments" For more  
information call 467-4599

## FRIDAY, December 31

New Year's Eve Worship Service, 6:30pm,  
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563

Celebrate New Year's Eve at your favorite  
establishment

## SATURDAY, January 1

### New Year's Day

Check the Football Schedule at your favorite  
establishment

## SUNDAY, January 2

Adult film star Karl Thomas performs at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## CLAIRE OF THE MOON THE VIDEO

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97110.

*Claire of the Moon* the novel, has gone into  
its third reprints after four months and Conn has  
just signed a contract for her second novel, *The  
Bottom Line* which will be released and published in  
October of 1994 through Naiad Press.

Nicole Conn is currently working on two  
lesbian features through her production company,  
Demi-Monde Productions. *Cynara* which she  
calls a *Howard's End* with a lesbian twist, was  
cited in the *LA Times* as one of the 10 best  
unproduced scripts for 1993. *The Bottom Line* is  
a fully realized lesbian love story with a triangle  
never before seen in American cinema. Among  
Conn's favorites for casting are Madeline Stowe,  
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Masterson, Ellen Barkin, and Julianne Moore.

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The Brass Garden 112 SE 4th St.,  
243-3965

Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508  
The D & M 424 E Locust St., 243-9629

### Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys,  
342-1244  
DC's 610 S. 14th, 344-3103  
The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595  
Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,  
449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110  
The New Run 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703

Trick's Public House 1019 S. 10th,  
345-1661

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

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

Red & Black Cafe 1819 "O" 438-2525

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The Chesterfield  
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The Diamond  
Downtown Grounds  
Gilligan's Pub  
The MAX  
Metropolitan Community Church  
Nebraska AIDS Project  
New Realities  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays  
The Run  
St. Mary's Tan  
Trick's Public House

### Council Bluffs:

Adult Emporium  
Ernie's Bookstore

### Lincoln:

Arbor Moon  
Club 2001  
Nebraska Book Store  
The Panic  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays  
Red & Black Cafe  
UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Women's Resource Center

### Kearney:

GLAGN  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays

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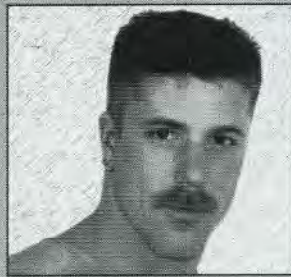
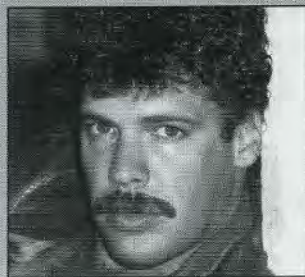
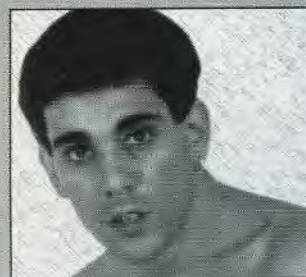
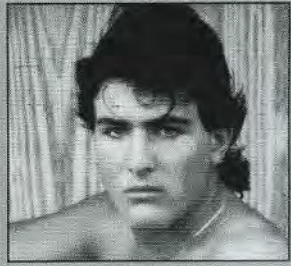
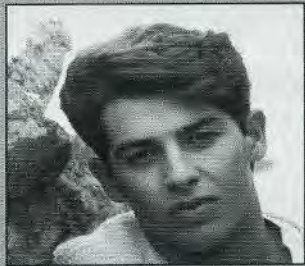
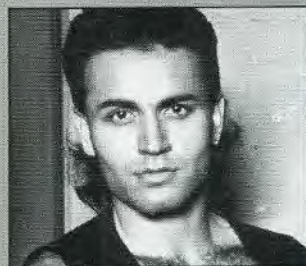
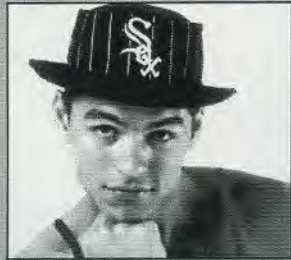
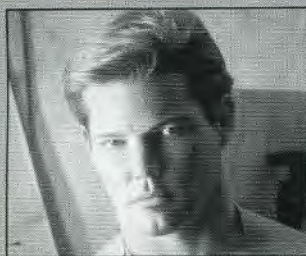
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- rent donkey for Bethlehem
- make reservations at Inn
- pick up dry cleaning
- meet Joe at Panic on Thurs
- ditch the KING!
- give birth to deity
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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