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OUR TURN: Opinions of New Voice Staff

SO YOU'D LIKE TO HELP WITH THE NEW VOICE....

"Just WHAT do those people do anyway?"

By Sharon Van Butsel

Thanks to the community for your outpouring of love and support since we announced that the present Steering Committee of *The New Voice* plans to retire at the end of this publication year (After the February '98 issue.) We are really proud of our publication and we do not want to see it die, but it is time for new blood.

So, in case you were thinking that you would like to help out but you really don't know what you could do, we will be featuring the various areas that go together each month to make the magazine happen. Maybe you'll find something that interests you.

This month we'll take a look at the basic element needed for the magazine — writers and reporters.

WRITERS

The basic material needed to create a magazine comes from the imagination and creative nature of our writers. The skills required are simple: basic knowledge of the English Language and basic rules of grammar; a pen, pencil, typewriter, or computer; and the courage to put your thoughts down on paper. From there, it's up to you. Writers generally write about topics of current interest to themselves and to others. They write about the events in their lives or about the events on the news. They have a lot of latitude in giving their own opinions about issues and a lot of freedom as to subject matter. Some of the

limitations to being a writer:

You have to understand that our deadline is the 10th of the month. We need all submissions by the 10th so they can be edited, corrected for spelling and/or grammar, formatted for our desktop publishing program, and put together with other articles in order to be ready to go to the printer by the third week of the month.

You have to be fairly brief. Each month we have a limited number of pages and a limited amount of space available, so opinion pieces and essays need to be less than 900 words in length.

You have to follow the laws regarding libel and slander and you need to avoid taking direct slams at people or events in the community. Using humor is especially tricky, since a comment you may regard as funny may well be the thing that offends a good part of our readers and advertisers.

REPORTERS

Reporters are a specific type of writers. The reporter collects information about events in the community and puts that information into a news story that either describes an event or announces an upcoming event. The basic requirements for this position are like those for writers with one notable exception — as a reporter you are presenting factual information and have less room

for personal opinions. You also have to be prepared to actually attend events and then write your article while events are still fresh in your mind. Like writers, you have to understand that our deadline is the 10th of the month, but we will make allowances for events that occur on the 11th or 12th — but you have to let us know and you have to be prompt. Again, space is a consideration.

We also can use reporters who don't actually write the stories themselves. We can take basic notes and lists of facts and put them into story form, if that's necessary.

Well, those are a couple of the jobs needed to put the magazine together. Next month we'll talk about some of the mechanics of the operation — typing and layout.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help keep *The New Voice* going, please call Sharon Van Butsel at 556-9907 or Dick Brown at 453-6688.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRAND ISLAND READERS ASKS: "DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS"

Dear Editor,

I am writing you in hopes of adding balance to the recent letter concerning alleged homophobic behavior at the Grand Island Village Inn and the subsequent letter from the gentleman from California castigating the manager of the restaurant.

I abhor homophobic behavior and am particularly enraged by physical violence against anyone regardless of sexual orientation. As a visible, active, vocal, unashamedly gay man I have spent five years here in Grand Island living a life of example, providing leadership to local organizations, confronting the wrongs all too common in our society and changing people's attitudes in outstate Nebraska. I ask no quarter and give none back. My commitment to fighting the fight is solid. That makes this letter so hard but necessary to write.

I have met a large portion of the community here in Grand Island and have been frequently in a position to deal with the writer of the original letter accusing the employees of Village in of aggressive homophobia. I appreciate that the person who wrote the letter believes he has had a threat made to him. No one deserves to feel threatened with violence or made to be uncomfortable in their work environment.

At the same time, while this person warns all of us and our allies to protect ourselves, he presents accusations as facts and asks us to boycott, based on the unsubstantiated accusations, accusations I am unable to confirm through questioning any of the other gay employees and cus-

tomers. He asks us to accept this condemnation without adding any credibility of his name. Even in our often inadequate legal system in Nebraska, the accused deserves to know the identity of his accuser. Did the writer try to approach management with concerns? Did the *New Voice* substantiate these accusations before going to press? In the truthfulness, character and judgment of the accuser solid enough for a man from California to write a threatening letter over 1000 miles from his home? Has anyone been so concerned that they could come out and check it out for themselves? No one could contact the writer/accuser to confirm these statements as he was protected by anonymity! It appears that a gay vigilante posse has gone to work on the accused but not proven guilty managers, employees and owners.

Make no mistakes, if these actions of the employees were proven true, I would be on this issue like white on rice. As I am aware of the reality of the situation, I have chosen what I feel to be a more rational, productive approach which means speaking personally with the manager, speaking to employees I know personally, providing a face to go with the name "gay", hoping to turn what has until this time been a group of ignorant of gay issues away from feeling ambushed by accusations and further alienated our concerns and needs.

We hate it when people anonymously out us as gay or lesbian without substantiation. Rumors of gay stars, politicians, or even private citizens can be hurtful and reek of sliminess if the accuser

can't identify himself or has questionable motives. Why is it ok for one of us to point the finger from behind the protective veil of anonymity? We need to protect ourselves and others in our community, but we need to be fair in our accusations.

These people have been accused, tried and in effect sentenced with no real fair hearing or chance to defend themselves. Ignorance on their part is no excuse, but letters from people they've never met condemning them for things that in their estimation are not issues will somehow make them change. Believe me when I say that in my five years here, it is the personal contacts that change attitudes and behaviors. That is not what these letters will cause to happen.

In closing, I ask that we try harder to get the facts, try to work to keep rhetoric to a minimum and be brave: to talk first, accuse last, and above all get the facts straight. We cannot do this by anonymously accusing and threatening people.

Thanks for all your good work at the Voice. We need that venue to communicate. I appreciate all your efforts!

Sincerely,
Todd G. Ruhfer
Grand Island, NE

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WILL OMAHA HELICOPTERS BE USED TO PATROL PARKS?

Dear New Voice readers,

Does Mayor Daub and his paramilitary police have plans to use helicopters against people having sex in the parks? Does it sound like an absurd idea? Well, consider the news story pulled off the internet about the Mayor of Calgary, Canada.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan

ERSKINE WANTS EYE IN THE SKY TO BUZZ GAYS

by Ron Collins, *Calgary Herald*

Ald. Barry Erskine wants police to use their new crime-fighting helicopter to chase away an increasing number of gays who gather in Calgary's North Glenmore Park and "do their thing." "We're going to be asking police to increase enforcement until this disappears," Erskine said in an interview Thursday. "It (the HAWCS helicopter) could easily come over that area and buzz the area and basically have a look," he said.

The Ward 11 alderman said he's received numerous complaints from area residents about increased gay activity in the wooded park and wants police patrols stepped up. "It's being frequented by gay men who have families (and) who are closet gays. What the real concern is... the public display of sex whether it be heterosexual or homosexual couples."

But Erskine's colleagues on council were less than warm to his idea of using the helicopter, which costs \$600 an hour to fly. "I think it's totally inappropriate use for the helicopter," said Ald. Ray Jones. "The cost of the gas and the pilot is pretty expensive. It should only be used... to chase criminals, not people having sex." Ald. Joe Ceci added, "It wasn't bought for that reason."

Police aren't enthusiastic about the idea, either. "My inclination would be to have a look at the problem and make some recommendations on how best to deal with it," said city police Supt. Dave MacKay. Erskine said the park had a problem with public sex a couple of years ago, but with the help of the gay and lesbian association "it disappeared."

Stephen Lock of the Calgary Lesbian and Gay Political Action Guild, said he'd be prepared to help Erskine address the problem. He said many men who visit the park are not open about being gay, "so when we talk about enforcement, we have to realize exposing them creates ruined lives. There has to be a balance struck here." As for using the \$1.5-million police helicopter as an enforcement tool "it strikes me as expensive.... It would be like trying to use a tank to shoot flies," Lock said.

North Glenmore Park Community Association president, Dana Russell, said sex in the park "is still a problem and the police are trying to do their best. "It might be worth it" to use the helicopter, Russell said.

GRAND ISLAND RESTAURANT NOT AS IT WAS PORTRAYED

Dear Editor,

For the past two months I have been hearing and reading about all the "gay bashings" at Village Inn in Grand Island. Well, I have a few problems with these articles.

The first article states that "a waiter or waitress say the people they waited on were gay, the gay basher... asked them to point out the gay people. That way they can get their friends together and beat up the gay people." First of all, let me start out by saying I'm not them most masculine man in the world, and I, as well as many of my friends eat there without incident. If they were truly searching out and looking for people to "fag bash" I would be the first person they would see. The person goes on to say that one of the "gay bashers" "hit a gay man with a baseball bat and knocked his teeth out." This is a small gay community comprised of about 300 out men and women. Honestly, if someone were bashed or had their teeth knocked out someone would have heard about it. We are no different than any other gay community. There would be gossip!

In the second article, in the February edition, a gentlemen from CA wrote to the editor. Now, why is a man from CA getting involved in a fight in which he has no first hand knowledge. The only information he has about Village Inn is what he read in an article which has never been researched by anyone other than the anonymous person in the "Letter to the Editor."

In the future, I hope that these kind of accusations be validated before a letter is published. This type of letter could be written by anyone with a malicious intent. All this does is hurt the business, the whole cause, or an individual. We need to proceed forward, not backwards.

Sincerely,
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POSITIVE STEREOTYPES AREN'T FAIR EITHER

A new study makes generalizations to claim lesbians and gay men are wealthier than other Americans. A gay and lesbian market study conducted by Simmons Market Research Bureau for Mulryan/Nash, a gay-based advertising agency, states, "28% of the respondents reported personal income that exceeds \$50,000," and a fifth make more than \$100,000 a year. It backs away from addressing the respondents who make up a small and wealthy "consumer" segment of the lesbian and gay community. It refers to the results of the study as if it represents the entire community. "Fifty-eight percent of the gay and lesbian community also hold management positions, 48% are college educated and, within the last 12 months, 61% have taken a foreign trip." From that point on, it refers to the "gay and lesbian community" as if the study represents a true cross-section. Opponents of lesbian and gay civil rights claim that because of this alleged "wealth", we do not need protections. This study contributes to the myth that lesbians and gay men are a privileged elite. The study will inspire more lesbian and gay related advertising which will give us greater visibility. But it is not an accurate reflection of economic realities of lesbians and gay men. Contact Mulryan/Nash to explain how critical accurate language is and how damaging even positive generalizations can be to the struggle for civil rights. Contact: Dave Mulryan, Mulryan/Nash, 161 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013. Fax: 212-633-8696.

ALL STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION ONLINE

Keeping up with legislative action in various states can be time consuming — if not confusing. That's changing. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force now brings us its upgraded web site: Task Force Online.

The web site features a fully searchable database of state bills and legislative information.

"Capital Gains and Losses: A State By State Review of Gay-Related Legislation in 1996" reviews legislation that moved forward during the 1996 state legislative session. It also includes information on non-legislative activities that offer a fuller picture of the political landscape facing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at the state level.

The web site address is: <http://www.nglft.org>

NE IOWA PFLAG

Dear Editor:

Please update your AREA RESOURCES SECTION to include NE IOWA PFLAG. We are a VERY progressive community and have a good size community here, especially at LUTHER COLLEGE (a liberal arts school that is VERY community involved). THANK YOU

PHIL SPOTTS — DECORAH

Editor: Thanks for the information.

If others know of a group or organization that should be listed, please send the information to: NVN, PO Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103

MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR CALLS GAY MARRIAGES "PERVERSE"

Mississippi became the 17th state in the past year to ban same-sex marriages. While signing legislation into law, Governor Kirk Fordice was quoted as denouncing same-sex relationships as "perverse".

His bizarre stand followed 14 weeks after the governor was involved in a bizarre accident. The married governor was returning home from lunch with an unidentified woman (Fordice's wife was out of town). Fordice had separated from his usual security force on the drive back and claims he doesn't remember anything about the accident or the day.

Suspicious opponents of the new law jumped on the controversy and denounced Fordice as a hypocrite who talks about family values.

In a related story, the National Organization of Women is conducting a nationwide campaign in support of same-sex marriages. In South Carolina, Candy Kern, a NOW coordinator, said, "In (this) state, it was illegal for a black and white to marry. And it's illegal based on similarly arbitrary grounds when you say you cannot marry simply because you're the same sex. It has nothing to do with the institution of marriage, but everything to do with bias and prejudice and fear."

ADVERTISER SEEKS LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Dear Editor:

Is there any directory of publications available for people who wish to advertise in and support community minded publications, in addition to yours? If you can help network with me up here it would be most appreciated. I myself would like to run small but regular ads in any community spirited publication in Wis., Minn., Iowa, Mo., Ill and even further. The Community press should get an advertiser friendly directory/listing to help businesses that want to support our community publications.

PHIL'S FUN STUFF—DECORAH

Editor: I don't have a directory as such. The Gay Yellow Pages or The Dameron Guides would be my first suggestion of where to look. I know that our readers are much more knowledgeable than I am, so I'm turning your request over to them. Readers, if you are aware of any publications that would accept community advertising (newsletters, newspapers, magazines), please drop a note to: PHIL'S FUN STUFF, P.O. BOX 431, DECORAH, IA 52101-0431 You might also check out Phil's ad in the classified section.

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FEATURES

WHERE DO WE DRAW THE LINE?

by Gary L. Beck

Recently at work, right after the Marilyn Manson concert, one of my co-workers mentioned that it was awful that the Civic Auditorium even rented the space to the shock-rocker. Considering I listen to KESY, I am not a fan nor will I ever be of a performer like Manson, but I quickly jumped to the defense of the band's right to perform anywhere they chose.

If they close the Civic to Manson, who will be next? If we want to have the PRIDE celebration there or bring the AIDS Quilt to Omaha to display there again, will a moralizer view that as depraved?

Simply because someone disagrees with or dislikes another group does not mean they have the right to discriminate against them. If someone like Garth Brooks came to town, would Mayor Daub make a public statement about his morals? He is known for having an affair. That is not the kind of example most churchgoers say they want their kids to have, yet most of them would be at the concert. The morality of children begins in the home. If these kids went to that concert, that was their parents decision and not a community's responsibility.

I find this to be quite perplexing and an issue that I have not come to terms with it yet. I do not agree with the message of hate-mongers such as the neo-Nazis or Ku Klux Klan or even the Christian Coalition, and yet I respect their right to say and do what they are constitutionally guaranteed to do. Where do we draw the line? Are we becoming so intolerant that we are going to destroy ourselves? I honestly cannot say. All I can really say is that in my opinion, particularly as a journalist, censorship in any form is wrong which would mean that I support continuing the cause of open forums for any and all if they are not breaking the law, whether some regard them as moral or not. We can only accept responsibility for our own actions and cannot blame our problems on others. Where do you draw the line?

LESBIANS HAVE LIBIDOS TOO

by Gina Martinez

I just moved here from Phoenix, Arizona. I have lived here for 6 months now and already I have noticed many differences. Aside from the fact that there is a very large difference in size (Phoenix has 2.5 million people to Omaha's approximately 500,000), the bars in Phoenix are larger and more crowded.

The women's bars are especially more visible and advertise more extensively.

The drag shows in Phoenix are more visible and omnipresent.

My friends and I sit around and bemoan the fact that there are no strip shows for women here in Omaha.

The men have their shows at The MAX and other places but no such thing for us women. Hey, lesbians have libidos too. I don't know whether some of the straight oriented strip joints for men allow women as patrons. I should find out.

In Phoenix, the magazine for the gay community, *The Echo*, displays large full-color photos of bars and their patrons partying and enjoying themselves on weekends. This is kind of fun an might be tried here, too.

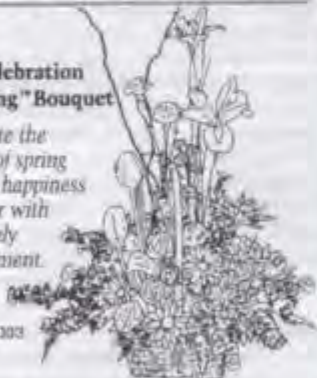
I'm not trying to criticize Omaha. It's a smaller town and I understand that but by understanding what another town does we can maybe have something from which to learn.

Editor's Note: I think that Gina may have an idea here. Women, if you would be interested in taking part in a women's show featuring dancers (strippers and non-strippers both), please give me a call at 556-9907. Maybe we can put something together.

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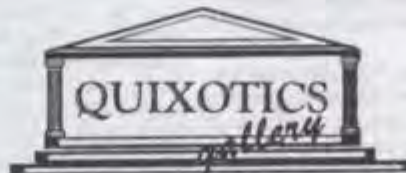
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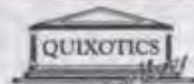
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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lunden, Nationally Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Can you imagine being forty years old and being proposed to from someone 23 years younger than you!? And drop-dead GORGEOUS!!

We dated for a few months before we actually moved in together, and we'd been living together for enough months to get to really know one another not only in body but also in mind; then out of the proverbial blue, when we were walking to work together one chilly West Hollywood morning - he asks me to marry him!

Surprised? You bet! We may have known each other pretty well, but this took me totally off guard. My response was dumb and I spoke, full knowing I knew the answer, as I glibly responded, "Men can't marry one another legally." You see, we'd actually talked about this topic weeks previously, as one of the reporters on the newspaper I was Managing Editor of had begun working on an article about the Metropolitan Community Church providing a "Rite of Holy Union" for members of our newly emerging gay/lesbian community. I guess his response to my response should have been expected.

"Of course we can. Through the MCC. Remember?" Of course I remembered and I knew what Patrick would say next: "Legal marriage with its vows of Holy Matrimony is a sham; whereas the vows of Holy UNION makes it an eternal affair, and if I believed in God, I think He'd approve of that."

Then continuing with his marriage proposal: "And... since you think you can go out with anyone and everyone as long as you're not married to a partner...and, since, you're so stuck in your belief in monogamy...well, I figured if we got married, we could live monogamously."

Since all of this was out of the blue, I told him that I'd have to give it some thought. I'd honestly never thought about marrying a man. I still was living with some very painful memories of marriage and divorce, hetero-style, four years earlier; would marriage with a man really be much different than a straight marriage?

Without batting an eye and staring dead ahead, he blankly commented, "Well, you've got three blocks to think it over and give me an answer."

Yes siree, I thought I knew him, but who was this seventeen year old I'd never noticed before, with "balls as big as melons", as the old saying went. He should have seen my jaw drop to my chest.

"It's really an easy decision, if you think about it," he continued, and then that miserable Virgo logic emerged: "Either you're in love with me or you're not. If you're not, it's stupid for us to continue and I'll just walk on out of your life when we get to work. Of course, if you're in love with me like I am with you, then we should spend the rest of our lives together."

Of course, he was absolutely correct, and although I didn't hear an "amen!" aloud, I heard it anyway. I really had no other choice than to accept his proposal of marriage; a marriage of Holy Union. And to make sure it would be a vow of eternal love, he even changed the Church marriage vow. He deleted "Til death do us part" and added "Til love is no more." A half a year later and weeks of counseling, the Rev. Troy Perry tied the knot for us.

Why did I tell you about my proposal? Actually, Patrick's proposal. Well as the old song from the 40's says, "If the love bug bites you and you haven't the faintest idea where to even scratch", you too could make that vow of Holy Union and add your statistics to the data which may help the world realize we're more like them than they would like to admit.

I'd never regretting making that commitment, and although Patrick died in my arms in December '89, we are still sharing an eternal love.

Also, don't be surprised if some day someone might come up to you and propose marriage. If it can happen to me, it can happen to anybody; and like me, you too may glance around to see if there might be a hidden camera around covering this surprise.

And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet!

Mr. Lunden is former Mg. Editor of Zipper Magazine and The Coast to Coast Times. His autobiographical legacy: The Closets Are Empty - The Dining Room's Full is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing House. Visa/MC orders: 800-356-9315.

"OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for March 1997 by C. Lichtenstein

For Entertainment Purposes Only

I don't believe that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, I believe that March comes out loud, proud, and queer, as we all must. Let's join the feisty March forward when thoughts, hearts and personal missions travel through intuitive Pisces and then enter pioneering Aries. There is no time like the present to plan our future agenda. Amen, cousins!

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Early March brings a readjustment in your spiritual outlook for proud Rams are due for a reevaluation of their secret checklist anyway. It is against your interest to hang onto outdated stands that cramp your happiness and affirmation. Reap your rewards mid-month when the Sun, Mercury, and Venus enter Aries and make your dreams come true. (No names please...)

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Gay Bulls are tempted to boss the course in friendships to the social director who commands the social scene. Have your wish until mid-month when thoughts turn to personal issues and your mission takes on a more humanitarian skew. It's time to get those lovely hooves involved in a good gay cause. Volunteer for one of our community organizations and don't look back.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Your career lands on the front burner in early March. Try not to burn your hands in the political stewpot. Professional aspirations must be addressed before you even consider playful pastimes with pals. Good thing gay Twins are one of the most diplomatic signs in the zodiac. You may be able to eat your corporate cake and share it with friends too.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) It's time to get out of your shell, dear, queer Crab and see the world while planetary energy is right. The planets conspire to put itchy powder in your traveling shoes. Scratch the itch before mid-month before career imperative come a' calling. Before you know it, you'll be swimming in that corporate shark tank. Don't get eaten... unless you like it that way.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Proud Lions have all the luck in early March. The planets almost guarantee a fine, feisty time sexually. Enjoy the feast while it lasts, cousin; by mid-March you may be more involved in more global pursuits, legal issues or even travel to some international hot spot. Who knows; you may want to bring a traveling companion to share the heat.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Practical pink Virgins need to spend some good gay quality time with partners. Assess your needs. Are they being fulfilled? If the answer is yes, you lucky thing, do what you can to spoil partners rotten. If the answer is no, see if it can be salvaged or whether it must be scrapped. By mid-March you'll be rarin' and ready for some seamy little sexcapade. Hopefully you won't have to go it alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 21) What would life be like if your desk was clean and the job was done. Pretty boring, eh? Don't worry, the planets almost guarantee that your day-to-day job won't be dull. Are you happy and fulfilled at work? Think about what you would love to do and set a personal goal to do it. By mid-March queer Libras will focus more on partnerships. Seek and ye shall find.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22 - Nov. 22) The fabulous February festivities continue for a little while in March. Put this jolly energy to the best use by pursuing more creative endeavors. Join a theater group or participate in the artistic process by buying some artwork. Whatever you decide, tie up the loose ends by mid-month. The planets are on to new tasks and so should you. Get back to work!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22) Don't be a sullen Sag, tackle long standing home and family issues while the planetary energy is right. Queer Archers may need to deface the family mandate in order to breathe free and fell affirmed. So be it! You'll be so much happier that by mid-month, the urge to let loose and party may be overwhelming. Don an appropriate lampshade and dance the night away.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Your eloquent words touch others and move mountains. Set the agenda on fast forward and say what needs to be said by mid-month. After that, gay Goats may prefer to cocoon in the warm coziness to their home. Share the bliss with the close pal or two. Who knows; you may even enlist them to help you redecorate or move the furniture around. Make your home your statement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Aqueerians should be able to amass a nest egg while the Sun, Mercury and Venus spread their bounty for you financially. (The trick is: buy low and sell high.) Happily, with careful planning and astute advice, you'll be on the road to retirement in no time. By mid-month, consider getting your opinions out and about. Your words are your weapons. Sharpen 'em up.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Happy birthday dear, queer Fish. The spotlight is on you until the word fabulous. The tenor will change in late March when money matters and investment strategies require more attention. Good thing too; you certainly don't want to be a worker bee for the rest of your life. Plan on becoming the queen bee instead.

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Sheza Mann's Birthday Bash--"The Bitch Ain't Gettin' Any Younger"

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Des Moines Invades Q with Sabrina Shaw

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SATURDAY, MARCH 22

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NATIONAL NEWS

WHAT'S UP WITH ELLEN?

The controversy about the ABC sitcom *Ellen* has been changing as frequently as a mechanic changes tires. Things seem to have settled down — and here's where they stand now: ABC will NOT place the show on hiatus. It is, however, being moved to 7:30PM CST from March 4 through April 23. This will make room for Arsenio Hall's new show which will be showcased in *Ellen*'s regular time slot. Late word has it that *Ellen*'s character will finally come out on the show's April 30th episode — as long as ABC approves the script.

ABC says *Ellen* will return to her Wednesday night time slot in time for the coming out episode. Before the issue was settled, GLAAD's Entertainment Director Chastity Bono says, "GLAAD would like ABC to finally end the speculation. The public has waited patiently but now our patience is waning." GLAAD managing director, William Waybourn, said, "If ABC truly desires to paint an accurate picture of our diverse American landscape, it must not crop out gay and lesbian Americans. When *Ellen Morgan* finally steps out of the closet, we will all win — viewers and the network will benefit from the accurate reflection of the lives of real Americans, including gay men and lesbians." GLAAD is maintaining an "Ellen Watch" website at <http://www.glaad.org>

HEAD TO HAWAII APRIL 19-20

Plans are firming up for a rally and lobbying weekend in Honolulu on April 19 & 20. Call your travel agent and make plans to join us there, if at all possible. I have been spearheading the effort to organize this rally but now am working with people from PFLAG Oahu and from the Marriage Project- Hawaii.

The idea for the rally came from my anger and disgust at a rally called by the Catholic Bishop of Hawaii and co-planned by the Catholic and Mormon churches. Both churches based in students from private schools to the rally, which is why it was well attended. A group of teenagers attending the rally, many of wearing T-shirts from a private Mormon school, were verbally abusive, hateful and intimidating to the 65 to 70 gay people who counter-picketed at the rally.

The plan for April 19 and 20 is to lobby/picket at the legislature/ capitol on Friday and then to rally on Saturday at a yet-to-be decided location in Honolulu. We are hoping to obtain endorsements and sponsorships from national organizations and publications and to spread the word as widely as possible. Feel free to write or call me for further information or details: Kathy Worthington, 852 W. River Trail Ter. #717, Salt Lake City, UT 84123. My e-mail address is KathyWU@aol.com

GOP'S STATE OF HOMOPHOBIA

The Human Rights Campaign offered a mixed reaction to President Clinton's State of the Union address, commending the President's call to end America's divisions while lamenting a missed opportunity to address our nation's rift over the issue of sexual orientation.

By contrast, Rep. J.C. Watts (R-Oklahoma) exploited an opportunity in the GOP response by seeming to justify discrimination against gay Americans.

The HRC called upon Watts to clarify a passage of his speech in which he seemed to be justifying faith-based discrimination. After calling for an end to racial discrimination and asserting that, "America must be a place where we all... feel a part of the American dream," he said, "It does not happen by trying to turn rich against poor or by using the politics of fear. It does not happen by reducing our values to the lowest common denominator, and, friends, it does not happen by asking Americans to accept what's immoral and what's wrong in the name of tolerance."

HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch said, "I am concerned that Congressman Watts may have made a thinly veiled appeal to the very politics of fear which he had deplored in his previous sentence. Like other faith-based differences, sincere religious disagreements over the issue of sexual orientation are not a valid reason for unfair discrimination."

No federal law protects Americans from discrimination based on sexual orientation. So while it is illegal to fire good employees from their jobs just because of their religion, it is legal in 41 states to fire them because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation.

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BRIAN'S PAGES

A LETTER TO TONY, FROM HIS "LITTLE LAD"

By Brian E. Bengtson

Dear Tony: Omaha welcomed me back with overcast skies and nearly fifty degrees as I got off the plane this Sunday. I could almost hear the rolling plains of home telling me that I was missed. I had three messages waiting from my mother as her way of making sure that the plane did not explode and crash.

My friends are happy to see me, even more relieved that I have not fallen in love and am packing my bags to move. I haven't yet told them about my evening with Orlando, and the morning he gently showered me and made Cuban coffee. I haven't told them about the feel of his skin against mine, and all the Spanish he muttered under his breath as we made love. I haven't described his home to them; the songbirds in hand-made cages and the chickens that scurried in his garden. Sometimes, secrets are all that you have in life. Sometimes, it's better to be silent and reflective.

Thank you, Tony, for showing me palm trees scattered on the interstate. I loved each car trip we made, and all our talks. Thank you for calling me your "little lad." I don't think I have blushed so much in my life, like some child that has heard his first off-color remark. You must bring that out in people. It's a special gift.

Thank you for showing me your faith in God. I would watch you each time you blessed your meal; study your strong frame humble itself before a higher power, even for just a few moments. I could feel your peace as you told me about the accomplishments in your life. I felt like a disciple during those moments, and I would check my own faith, wonder why the peace sometimes escapes. I admire your strength.

Thank you for the talks we shared, as you helped me figure out my place in the little soap opera that week. I know I spend too much of my time thinking about where and how I can fit in this world, like some extra puzzle piece left in the box. Your words comforted me, along with that soothing deep voice. I could close eyes and listen to you all day long. I can imagine the feel of that voice at night, snuggled in the covers and ready for sleep.

Thank you for taking me to the nightlife in Florida. The bars and clubs didn't seem so different from my haunts in Omaha; at least my attitude did not change. I guess I am still a scared little boy who fears all the wolves wrapped up in the linens of opening lines and casual glances. I can still see the lights of the Copa, and I will never forget my stint as the water-boy in the wet underwear contest. Thank you for pushing me out on stage. Now I have a story to tell all my friends that they will never believe. You would never see a contest like that back here; the Bible thumpers would have a protest-holiday, complete with pamphlets and picket lines.

The skies are trying awfully hard to rain here in Omaha. We still have almost fifty-degrees, and weathermen are starting to make jokes about an early Spring. I love days like these: where you can watch the remains of the last snow turn soot-black and melt into the curb. My walks from place to place become obstacle courses as I try my best to avoid the mud left behind by the frost.

Tony, thank you for your kindness, and teaching me the fine art of the secret crush. I think I have boyfriends too; and just like yours, they have no idea. You asked me once why I liked big men. I told you I liked the feel, the sense of security as a big man held me, and then I would make the joke about living in Nebraska, and needed the extra body heat on cold winter nights.

How do I put into words all the things I want to tell you? There are days I regret being a poet, and wish I had the attention-span for prose. Sometimes I fear that my message may get lost in the absence of words; my imagery and metaphor can get a bit strong at times. I used to compare my poetry to woodcutting, and tell people that I chip away all the extra words until only the poem remains.

Sometimes I think of my poetry as the gift of a trance; a word or a thought would click inside me, and a poem would be born. I used to carry pads of paper for such an emergency, like I feared the trance would never return and the poem would be lost, tucked away in my library of dreams. That's where all the stories, poems, novels, and script ideas go when you just think about them, and never take the time to put them to paper.

Thanks again for taking care of me this past week. Please give Tom a hug for me, and remind him that he is a lucky man. I hope to see you again sometime. Who knows? I might sell a poem or two, maybe get another book. I just hope my last name is spelled right. I will be writing again to you soon; then you will get another taste of the Nebraska skies that I call home. I miss you. Love, Brian.

I TRY TO FORGET

By Brian E. Bengtson

Some guy
pressed his foot
on my ankle
like a blind man
reaching out after a fall
and I thought
about your chest.
Damn you.

The sheets were torn
off the bed,
our clothes laid crumpled
like offerings to some god
of alcohol and nights
without last names
and I remembered
how you liked your coffee.

I licked his shoulder
like a deer lapping up salt.
The smells of our orgasm,
cigarettes, and bar-sweat
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of a drunken weekend
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BRIAN'S PAGES

"OH, MY GOD!! HE CAME BACK FROM FLORIDA! WHAT A LOSER!!"

Brian's Note: Yes, true believers, I came back to Omaha after a week in the sunshine state. I have no idea as to why they have dubbed it "the sunshine state," since it rained almost every day I was there. I wound up spending the majority of my vacations at various bars, where I learned that attitude is a national phenomena, and I need to work on my opening lines. Oh well, back to the grind...

The "Literate Foofter is everywhere" department: I was relaxing at The Book Station (1913 Leavenworth Street. Tell them, "that poetry guy sent me!"), and chatting with Heather the other day, and she mentioned to me that all gay and lesbian-oriented materials will be on sale throughout the month of March! She even ordered one of my all-time favorite books in the hopes that I will plug both the store and the book. As all my fans know, I will plug anything at the drop of a hat! If you liked *Tales of the City*, you will love *I've a Feeling We're Not in Kansas Anymore: Tales from Gay Manhattan* by Ethan Mordden (A Plume book published through Penguin Books Limited). This is a wonderful collection of inter-related short stories, set in New York during the eighties. Mordden's style almost hinges on that of O. Henry; some of these stories have surprise endings that will make you think days afterward. You will never look at the quote "He's so hot, he could turn a straight man gay" the same way again. This book was also my first exposure to gay literature; back then, I had only read the dirty stories in the back of most porno magazines. If you haven't read any good gay fiction in a while, or if you are new to the genre, this is the book for you! And besides, it's on sale!

The "Souvenir that sticks in your craw" department: I had thought that when I went to Florida, my eyebrow piercing would not be that big of a deal. C'mon! This is a major city (Fort Lauderdale), and minds should be more open. Alas, this was not the case. I only met one other person with the same piercing (you can read about him later!), and after one too many times of explaining myself, I opted to tell people that I was the victim of a nasty wildlife research accident, and my movements are now being tracked by the staff of NOVA. That line did get me a couple of free drinks, though, and isn't that the important thing? On that note, I probably should get to the poetry, huh? Sharon was a little sad that I had nothing of mine to print last month, so I will make it up to her by showing two (Count-em!) two new pieces. The first is a letter poem I wrote as a thank you for one of my hosts in Florida. The second is a piece that I think we can all identify with; looking for a new love while still holding on to the embers of the old. I hope that you like them both.

Until next month, take care of each other, and stay away from Park Rangers!

Brian

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Sunday, March 9, 9 p.m.

Naked Bulls & A Foxy Lady

ICON's very own Grand Czarina XVI Michelle, LEO and DC's Saloon sponsor this benefit for LEO featuring a wide variety of local entertainers.

Sunday, March 16, 8 p.m.

Salute to St. Patrick's Day

Join Miss DC's Roxy, and many other local entertainers for an evening of exciting entertainment as they show their Irish spirit.

Monday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Drink specials all day long. Try one of DC's tasty corned beef sandwiches, 'kraut and chips. No charge.

Thursday, March 20

Fiesta Thursday

Hosted by our own Miss DC's Roxy and Empress XVI Phoenix. Tequila shots, margaritas and beer bust. Taco bar opens at 7 p.m., show at 9 p.m. Great entertainers and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will benefit Iris Phoenix Scholarship Program.

Sunday, March 23, 9 p.m.

"Magical Night in the Kingdom"

Join Prince XVI Dan Matthew and others in this benefit show for the Youth Crisis Line. Many local entertainers will be featured.

Sunday, March 30

Easter

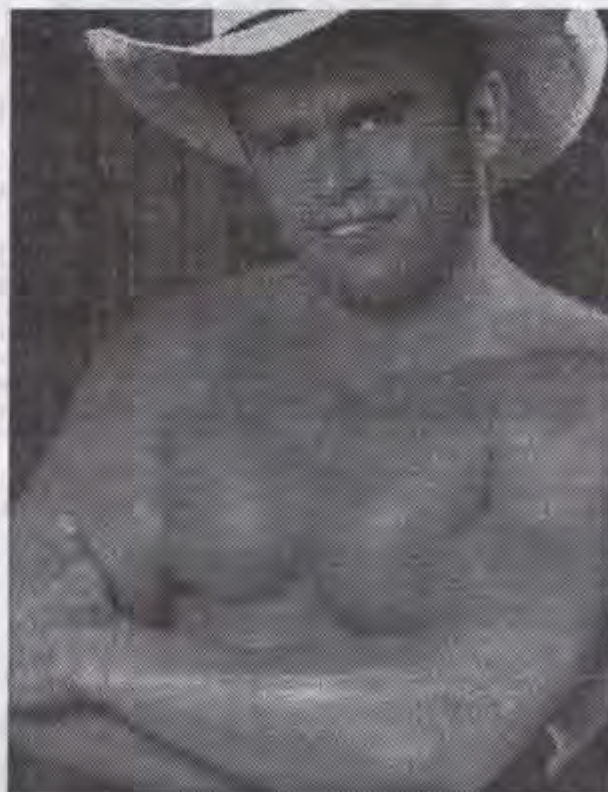
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LOCAL NEWS

GLBT RESOURCE CENTER STARTS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Transgender Resource Center has started a monthly newsletter to keep the community informed about the progress of the Center. The first edition is now available in area bars.

As the opening of the Center grows ever closer, the Steering Committee felt it was time to start letting more people know what has been accomplished. The Committee hopes this will create more community interest in the work that has been done.

The plan is eventually to mail the newsletter, in addition to placing it at area bars and community friendly businesses. Anyone who wants to be put on the Center's mailing list should send their request to: GLBT Resource Center, PO Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108.

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

For the past several years members of our Community have continued to enjoy concerts presented by the River City Mixed Chorus at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the UNO Campus. This summer, however, RCMC will present its 1997 Pride Concert in a new venue. On June 14, the Chorus will hold a one evening only performance in the Witherspoon Concert Hall at the Joslyn Art Museum. This concert will feature the premiere performance of a new work which the River City Mixed Chorus has jointly commissioned with Denver, Colorado's Harmony Chorale. Composer Jonathan Cole was enlisted to write the piece after the River City Mixed Chorus and the Harmony Chorale both received grants through the Matching Grants Program of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses at the GALA Chorus Festival last summer in Tampa, Florida. The matching grants program awards selected GALA Member Choruses matching funds to commission new musical compositions. Many Omaha residents will remember Mr. Cole as the former Music Director of the Omaha Community Playhouse.

On Tuesday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 9, the River City Mixed Chorus will host "A Night of Cabaret" at the Dundee Dinner Theatre. Local stage performers will provide an evening of fabulous entertainment complimented by a varied menu of cocktails, coffees, and luscious desserts. Call 341-SING to reserve your tickets for this special event now.

WOMYN'S DANCE CONTEST PLANNED

Thanks to the encouragement of the newest *New Voice* volunteer, Gina Martinez, an all-womyn dance contest is being organized. Rusty from The MAX has already agreed to show her style for this contest, but we need some competition for her. If you would be interested in taking part in a dance competition (erotic dancing welcomed. Local ordinances must be observed) please contact Sharon Van Butsel at 556-9907 or drop a note in the mail to ICON, Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68103.

PFLAG OMAHA 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY AT THE MAX MARCH 7

The Omaha Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will be celebrating their 10th anniversary with a wine and cheese party at The MAX on Friday, March 10. The celebration is from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The public is invited to join the members of PFLAG-Omaha as they celebrate this milestone. The Omaha Chapter of PFLAG was not incorporated until 1992 but Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays began meeting as a group of supportive individuals in 1987. Hopefully some of these early pioneers will be attending the anniversary celebration and sharing stories of the early days in our community.

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March 23--DC's

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A Magical Night in the Kingdom

March 30--The MAX No Cover!

Prince Royal Jim & Princess Royale Sharon Host
Bonnets and Baskets--An Easter Extravaganza!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF CENTER

*We've got it...Now how
we gonna run it?*

Now that the doors to a Community Resource Center are about to be opened to the public, there is a great need for volunteers. Persons are needed for various tasks and jobs. Whether you can volunteer on a regular, ongoing basis, or only just so often, the Center can put your skills to good use.

In order to meet the need for volunteers, an orientation meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 14 at the Center, 1719 Leavenworth. This meeting will give an overview of volunteering at the Center, from policy to a description of the jobs and tasks available.

If you have always dreamed of volunteering at the Center or if you are only slightly interested, come to the orientation meeting and find out more. Refreshments will be served and you will have an opportunity to see the Center.

You already know that the Center will be better because of your volunteering. See you at the Center.

ICON ROYALTY AND ROYAL FAMILIES PRESENT SPECTRUM OF SHOWS AND EVENTS

The Monarchs and Royal Families of The Imperial Court of Nebraska have been very busy with shows and other fund-raising events for the community. Beginning in January, the Royal Families have set new records for involvement and activities.

January 5 saw the Barons to the Emperor and Empress, Mark East and John Winter, take to the stage of The MAX to host a top-flight variety show, "No-Frills Love," featuring the best of live and lip synch. Thanks to Mark and John's efforts, ICON was able to donate \$210 to the Proud Horizons Youth Group.

January 10 (one of the coldest nights of the year!) Grand Czarina Michele hosted a most unique event. Members of ICON and Friends braved the cold to play "After Hours Bingo" and have breakfast at DC's. About 40 souls braved wind chills of -50 to join in the fun. Just think what a success this event will be when we have it on a warm spring night!

Later in January Grand Czar Bob Ewing and Grand Czarina Inga headlined an all-star cast that included female impersonators, leathermen, comedy, seduction, and the Grand Czar's debut performance. The show, combined with a raffle of unique art objects donated by members and friends of Art AIDS Awareness, raised more than \$590 for Art AIDS Awareness.

January also saw the first Fiesta Thursday — a relaxed evening of Mexican food and frolic hosted by Empress 16 Phoenix, Miss DC's Roxy, and Emperor 9 Joe Reed. The evening also included the first ever ICON dart triathlon, a challenging team event which saw Steve Koeller and Danny Smith (aka Roxy) emerge victorious with a clean sweep, winning all three events. Steve and Danny were awarded their trophies in a ceremony held as part of the ICON Board meeting held February 3.

February continued the activity as Czarina Sally Presby hosted an Old Fashioned Box Social at DC's. This event was reminiscent of box socials held around the turn of the century when young ladies would fix a box lunch for two, wrap it in a decorated box, and it would be auctioned

COLUMNIST COMING TO UNK

Deb Price, the first nationally syndicated columnist to write on gay issues in mainstream newspapers, is coming to the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Price has, for the first time, brought a gay voice regularly into newspaper households and writes about same-sex marriages.

Price is credited for working to bridge a gap between the gay and heterosexual communities by simply opening up a dialogue.

Her talk at UNK will be called "Adding a gay voice to a family newspaper." Her visit will be March 15 at the UNK Alumni House, 7PM. Her visit is sponsored by the Open Door and the Women's Studies Department at UNK. For more information, call 308-865-8804.



*Grand Duke Bob Ewing and
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Host Highly Successful Benefit at
The MAX for Art AIDS Awareness*

ST. MONICA'S WOMEN'S HALFWAY HOUSE IN GRAND ISLAND

St. Monica's of Lincoln and St. Francis Medical Center of Grand Island have announced a collaboration designed to open a halfway house for women in substance abuse recovery in Grand Island in the fall of 1997. A 1995 community health assessment identified substance abuse as a primary issue in Hall County. Continuing assessment found that a Women's Therapeutic Community would fill a gap in services.

St. Monica's has been a pioneer in developing and providing women-specific programs. Sheryl Schrepf, Executive Director, said St. Monica's is pleased to join St. Francis in this collaboration. "We have served many, many women from Hall County over the years and we look forward to establishing the St. Monica program model in another community," she said. St. Monica's has a 33 year history of providing gender competent substance abuse recovery services for women and their children. St. Francis will absorb all program costs until funding resources can be developed, and has purchased a Grand Island home for the program. The home will house up to 10 women at a time.

PFLAG GARAGE SALE

While it may be a little early for spring cleaning, some people may already have some things in mind or set aside to donate to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Omaha Chapter for their garage sale which will be held April 25 & 26. If you are one of those people, then PFLAG has a solution for your problem about how to store things until it's time for the garage sale. Give Sally a call at 556-1064 to arrange dropping items off or to have them picked up. PFLAG would appreciate your unwanted items. As the old saying goes, "one person's junk is another person's treasure."

off to the highest bidder (usually a young man who wanted to get to know the young lady better). However this box social had a unique twist or two — one box dinner featured succulent rib eye steaks that were grilled to perfection on a table top grill while the lucky bidder (DC's own Ashley) waited with bated breath. Another box dinner was decorated all in black with a black leather whip as an accent. Still another featured Mardi Gras decorations and was filled with "toys" so a man could "play" to his heart's content before he took his special someone out to dinner with the gift certificate included in the box. The creativity of the cooks certainly enhanced the fun for everyone there. Dinner was followed by a brief bit of entertainment to top off the evening. The evening's proceeds went to provide grants to the American Cancer Society and to the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund.

February also featured the Sweet 16 Prom hosted by Prince Royale Jim and Princess Royale Sharon; an evening of dancing to music from 5 decades with brief "entertainment breaks" and the selection of the King and Queens of the Prom. (Late breaking news: Prince Dan Mathew was crowned King of the Prom, while Grand Czarina Michele and Czarina Sally tied for the title of Queen of the Prom. Photos in next month's issue)

March and April will feature even more shows and events from the folks at ICON. Check for information on upcoming events in related articles in this month's *New Voice*.

LINCOLN GAY MEN'S HIV/AIDS GROUP

The Gay Men's HIV/AIDS support group meets every other Sunday afternoon from 12:30 - 2:30 at the Nebraska AIDS Project, 2123 Winthrop Road, Lincoln. In a leisurely and informal setting, each member has the opportunity to share stories about his life, explore his feelings, and discuss topics that are related to his physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Membership and all discussions are kept strictly confidential. For further information, call Gregg at 438-3425 or 441-3324.

RESOURCE CENTER BOARD SELECTION

The recent drive for applicants to the Resource Center's Board of Directors resulted in 14 people stepping forward as candidates. Their applications were forwarded to the screening committee for initial evaluation. As part of the selection process, the candidates will meet with the Center's Steering Committee in an informal social setting on March 2. There they will learn more about the responsibilities of a Board member and will inspect the Center's newly secured location. At the same time, the Steering Committee will become acquainted with the candidates and learn their qualifications to serve. On March 7, the Steering Committee will meet to select the new Board. Board members will be announced and introduced to the community at the grand opening to be held at the Center, 1719 Leavenworth, on April 5 and 6.

ICON GIVES \$9500 IN DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY

The Monarchs and Board of the Imperial Court of Nebraska are pleased to announce that they have donated more than \$9500 in grants to community organizations during Reign 17. Beginning with an all Womyn's Show and a \$600 donation to the American Cancer Society for Women's Cancer Research and continuing through the Labor Day picnic, Food 4 Thought, Toys 4 Totz, all the way through Duchess Sally's Box Social, the support of the community has allowed the Imperial Court to make grants to 18 different groups and organizations so far.

LESBIAN POET ROBIN BECKER AT UNL MARCH 10

Robin Becker, lesbian poet, will be reading from her fourth book of poetry, *All-American Girl*, on Monday evening, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the English Department Lounge, 228 Andrews Hall, at the University of Nebraska — Lincoln.

Robin Becker, Associate Professor of English at Pennsylvania State University, a 1995-96 Fellow at the Bunting Institute of Radcliffe, also serves as Poetry Editor for *The Women's Review of Books*. *All-American Girl* (Pittsburgh Press), is her fourth collection of poetry. Ms Becker would be especially pleased if there was a good turnout from the gay & lesbian community. The event is free and open to the entire community.

BLUE BARN SERIES

The Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 South 13th Street, in Omaha is pleased to present two productions guaranteed to please the most discriminating audiences. Playing through March 9th is *Bad Seeds* directed by Roberta Larson. This work looks at the dark side of childhood. March 27 through March 30, Jane Hill Performs in *Getting It: Four Characters in Midlife and Beyond*. Performances Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are at 8:00 p.m. Sunday performances are at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Students/Seniors. For Reservations call 345-1576.

ONYX AT THE METRO

Meeting the Community

Onyx Images will be the special guests at the March meeting of the Metropolitan Club. The Metro Club meets at Neon Goose on Thursday, March 20, gathering at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m. The cash bar is available and refreshments will be provided. A \$5.00 door cover is requested. The Metropolitan Club is a great place to meet others and learn about the Omaha Community. For more information about the Metropolitan Club, drop by a meeting or write us at PO Box 8603, Omaha, NE 68108.

HEARTLAND ROUND-UP

The New Tower Inn at 78th and Dodge will be the site for the 10th Annual Heartland Round-Up on April 25-27. This annual event, sponsored by gay and lesbian members of Alcoholics Anonymous, will bring AA members together for a weekend of meetings, speakers, and networking. Registration begins at 6pm on Friday.

WISH LIST

The GLBT Resource Center needs your help in furnishing our "new home." If you can donate any of the items listed below, please give Jim a call at 323-7821. We'll come pick up your donations or arrange to meet you at our "new home."

- Office Desks—4
- Filing Cabinets—6-8
- Information Racks—4
- Storage Cabinet
- Fans
- Color Television/VCR
- Bulletin Boards—4
- Coat Rack
- Office Safe
- Folding Chairs—1-25
- 6 Folding Tables 5 or 6'
- Book Cases—6
- Coffee Maker
- Vacuum
- Locking Change Box
- Free Standing Partitions - 5 ft height
- Table Games
- Non-Fiction GLBT Books

Used or new items—either would be great, but we do ask that all items be in working/usable condition with no initial repairs needed. Other items are needed, watch for an updated list in the April issue or posted at the Resource Center—1719 Leavenworth.

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"EASTER BONNETS AND BASKETS"

The PR's of the Imperial Court are at it again. Prince Royale Jim and Princess Royale Sharon are busy planning a very special show at The MAX for Easter Sunday, March 30. There are still some details to be worked out but we know you won't want to miss this one! First of all, **THERE'S NO COVER!** After all, it will be Spring by then and we have to celebrate.

And, because giving Easter Baskets is such a part of Easter, we'll be collecting "personal care items" (toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, etc.) that will be donated to the Nebraska AIDS Project for PWA's in need. For each item that you bring you will receive a raffle ticket and will have a chance to win some fabulous prizes. (Yes, if you forget to bring your personal care items, we will let you make a cash donation and receive a raffle ticket.)

Next, there will be a parade of Easter Bonnets — and you will get to vote for your very favorite.

And, there will be an auction of Easter Baskets made by some of the "celebrities" in our community. No telling what special treasure may be contained in these baskets.

But there will also be a very, very special Easter "Basket" contest. After all, some of the best baskets we've ever seen were not being carried by the Easter Bunny. So, all of you who think that your "Basket" is worth decorating, think about entering this contest! Don't know what we're talking about? Well, just pull your favorite jockstrap or boxer shorts out of the drawer and use your imagination.

1997 ANGLE CALENDAR

What's Up in ANGLE

ANGLE announces its activity calendar for 1997. The major events planned for this year are the Pride Celebration on June 22, co-sponsoring National Coming Out Day on October 12, and the Annual Meeting and Banquet in November. The Slice of Summer Picnic will be July 15, and is open to all to attend and share to food and fun.

ANGLE will continue monthly meeting with topical discussions or quest presentation. For more information about events and activities, call the Information and Referral Line at 558-5303.

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ASHLEY SIMONE IS MISS MAX 13



The 13th Miss MAX Pageant was a night of glamour and surprises. The four contestants presented a spectrum of style and look. Miss Nina Rissi presented a sophisticated, mature look with elegance and a warm, welcoming manner. Miss Laura Gray, winner of the Amanda Foxx memorial award for the most beautiful contestant, was, as always sleek, elegant, and stylish in a manner that uses extremes to showcase her beauty. Miss Ashley Simone was at her very best for the contest, presenting herself with an eye for detail and choosing costumes and hairstyles that showed off her petite frame to perfection. Vanessa Van Damme sported a new cropped hairstyle that showed her gamin beauty in a delightful new way. Ashley was a real crowd pleaser all night long, and when she was announced as Miss MAX 13, a delighted roar went up from the crowd. Laura Gray was first runner-up.



Photos: Top Left: Miss MAX candidates, Top Right: Crowning of Miss MAX 13 Center: Laura Gray, Most Beautiful Bottom Right: Ashley Simone

A special feature of the evening was the presentation of 3 "Excellence in Service" awards; one to Bob Ewing and Dustin Logan and Leather Engineers of Omaha, one to Sharon Van Butsel and *The New Voice*, and one to MAX DJ Larry D.



YOU CAN HELP SELECT RESOURCE CENTER'S PERMANENT NAME

The GLBT Resource Center Steering Committee recently narrowed the list of potential names to six. The committee used a weighted balloting process to select names the community could agree on and would be comfortable using.

The Committee believes the entire community should have the final say on the Resource Center's name. Therefore, the final balloting will be done by everyone who attends the Center's Grand Opening Event on April 5th and 6th at the new Resource Center location at 1719 Leavenworth.

Those attending the Grand Opening will be able to vote until 5 PM on Sunday, at which time we will count the ballots and announce the new name.

The six names, in alphabetic order, are:

- Common Bond
- Common Ground
- Family Values
- Mid America Resource Center
- Out & About
- Rainbow Outreach

The Steering Committee hopes to have a large turn out for the Grand Opening Event. They would like as many people to vote on the final name of the Center as possible.

Cruising the Net?

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LOOKING AHEAD WITH THE IMPERIAL COURT

This is the time of year when the Imperial Court moves into high gear. The deadline for applications for Emperor and Empress has just passed and campaigning will begin in about 6 weeks. Coronation 17 is really just around the corner, as is the Memorial Day Picnic. And every week between now and Coronation there will be some ICON activity to tempt you.

Sno-Ball Turn-Around Show at Omaha Mining Company

The first event in the tantalizing array of shows and events is SnoBall '97, to be held this year at the Omaha Mining Company on March 2. This year's SnoBall is a light-hearted and fun "Turn Around Show." All of your favorite royalty and friends will be performing in an entirely new light -- female impersonators will have to perform as boys, male performers who perform as males will have to perform in drag, female performers who perform as females will have to perform as men, and, to top it off, Lesbians who always perform in slack or male attire will have to put on make-up and a dress and do the highest drag. All in all, this will be one of the most fun events of the year. Make sure you're at Omaha Mining Company on March 2 for this event.

Grand Czarina Michele Benefit for LEO at DC's

March 9 Grand Czarina Michele returns to the stage at DC's to host a special benefit for her special friends in the Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO). Michele will be joined by leathermen and women as well as live performers and female impersonators to present an evening of pure entertainment.

Emperor 16 Presents A Night of Royalty at Omaha Mining Company

Emperor 16 Royal Bush will host "A Night of Royalty" on March 16 at the Omaha Mining Company. This show will feature the talents of the past and present Royalty of the Imperial Court. Past Emperors and Empresses will join with the current Reigning Monarchs and PR's to present a night of entertainment that will reflect the diverse spectrum of style and talent that marks the Monarchs and PR's of The Imperial Court.

Prince Dan

On March 23, Prince Dan Mathew will take us to a world of fantasy and delight with an evening of Royal Entertainment at DC's.

And, as described in detail in another article, March 30 will be Prince and Princess Royale's gift to the community. "Baskets and Bonnets" will be a NO COVER SHOW at The MAX. That's right! Bruce and Stosh have generously allowed ICON to waive the usual Sunday night cover charge, so this is a free show for the community. And, it will be filled with fun and frolic for everyone!

LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE SPECIAL EVENTS

April

6 - Bouvier Awards at the MAX

13 - Closet Ball at the MAX

20 - Duke Chris' Show at DC's

May

11 - Introduction of Candidates at The MAX

26 - Memorial Day Picnic at Vennelyst Park

REMEMBER: REIGN 17 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. YOUR \$15 MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES FREE ADMISSION TO ALL THREE ICON PICNICS PLUS TWO SHOWS OF YOUR CHOICE (CORONATION WEEKEND ACTIVITIES NOT INCLUDED).

FROM FANTASY TO REALITY

A Novice Introduction to the SM/Leather Community

Introducing the first annual "FROM FANTASY TO REALITY...A NOVICE INTRODUCTION TO THE SM/LEATHER COMMUNITY." It is coming to The MAX on Saturday, May 3. It will feature workshops, vendors and a HOT new leather show. If you have even wondered what the SM/leather community is all about, had an interest and didn't know where to find anyone else with those kinky ideas, or are an experienced player and want to visit old friends and make new, you won't want to miss this big event! Watch for more information coming next month in *The New Voice*.



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DREAMS STILL BECOME REALITY

The reality of another dream reaches fruition with the upcoming opening of the GLBT Resource Center. For over two years, a committee of concerned citizens have met and worked to fulfill the need for a common place where the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community can inform, share, and care. The day is fast approaching when this will no longer be a dream but reality. The Resource Center is scheduled to open the later part of March.

In celebration of this outstanding accomplishment, preparations are underway for the Grand Opening Celebration. Please mark the weekend of April 5 on your calendar and become a part of the celebration.

To ensure that the Grand Opening reflects the diversity of the GLBT community many special activities are planned. The Grand Opening will provide the opportunity for the community to be a part of the official naming of the Center. Ballots will be available for casting your vote for the name you consider the most appropriate. The weekend includes the introduction of the Resource Center's newly selected Board of Directors.

One of the special features during the weekend will be a silent auction. Many wonderful items have already been donated locally and from across the country. The silent auction promises to be an event you cannot miss.

The weekend of April 5 will be festive and enjoyable as "A Work in Progress" moves to the next level. For more information concerning the Grand Opening, please write: GLBT Resource Center, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108.

HGRA'S CHILI COOK-OFF

Come join the FUN!! The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association is sponsoring a chili cook-off on Sunday March 2nd at DC's Saloon in Omaha. The chili contest will start at 4:00 pm with the judging to be held at 5:00pm. The top 3 chili's will advance to the finals cook-off on March 23rd at the Blazing Saddle in Des Moines, IA.

RULES:

1. Any group may enter with 2 gallons of chili. (You can bring more if you want your chili to be tasted the most!)
2. You must bring chili ready to serve, in a crock pot and be set up by 3:30pm.
3. All chili's will be numbered for judging. We ask that if your chili is extremely HOT, we know, so that it can be labeled as such.
4. Have your recipe typed on a card. All recipes will be held by HGRA and may be used at a later time.

Please let us know immediately if you plan to enter. We have already held another cook-off in Des Moines. The three finalists from each cook-off will be asked to enter the final cook-off on March 23rd at the Blazing Saddle in Des Moines. Stir the pot and let's get COOKIN'!!

To enter contact Shelley at 712-325-0434 in the Omaha area or Burdette at 515-279-3787 in the Des Moines area.

NEBRASKA FINALLY CONSIDERS HATE LAWS

Nebraska is one of only three states that do not have hate law legislation. Hawaii and West Virginia are the others. But that could soon change. State Senator Jennie Robak, of Columbus, has introduced a bill that would bring hate crime laws to the state. And it includes sexual orientation. LB90 reads in part, "A person in the State of Nebraska has the right to live free from violence, or intimidation by threat of violence, committed against his or her person or the destruction or vandalism of, or intimidation by threat of destruction of, his or her property because of his or her race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability. Any person who commits an unlawful offense against a victim or a victim's property because of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability or because of the victim's association with a person's (same list) shall be punished according to the next higher penalty classification than the penalty classification prescribed for the unlawful offense. In no case shall a person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class 1B felony."

The bill includes provisions for a victim bringing civil action against his/her attacker. Civil action must be brought within four years. It would also require the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to collect and analyze information regarding hate crimes. If the bill passes into law, it's important for any victim of a hate crime to report his/her situation to police. It would not only help bring the perpetrator to justice, but allow the state to monitor how serious attacks on an individual group is.



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GAY RODEO EXPLAINED

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

Heartland Regional Rodeo, sponsored by HGRA, is scheduled for the weekend of June 27-29 in Fremont, Nebraska. The rodeo performances are on Saturday and Sunday, and we have some great parties planned for Friday and Saturday nights. What's in it for you, the reader of this article? Well, for starters, the weekend will provide a wonderful opportunity to:

1. Party in the sun
2. Watch performances by local and national entertainers (at the rodeo grounds and at the parties)
3. Shop (there will be vendors' displays at the rodeo grounds)
4. See what a gay rodeo is all about and
5. SEE NEW FACES. We expect a lot of contestants and spectators from out of town — from Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Minnesota, Illinois, and Kansas.

In addition to the above, it's for a good cause. A rodeo is expensive to produce, but if we make a profit, proceeds will go to charitable organizations. In 1996, because of the successes of our Charity Ball in Des Moines and the International Convention in Omaha, we were able to donate \$4300 to the Nebraska AIDS Project and the All Iowa AIDS Benefit combined. The men and women of HGRA invite you to be a part of this fun-filled weekend. We hope to make Heartland Regional Rodeo a successful fund-raising endeavor and a weekend of first class entertainment for our community.

There is a dress code for contestants and rodeo officials. Except for during the camp events, contestants and officials must wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, western hats, and western boots. Spectators can wear whatever they please. There are 13 events in gay rodeo, divided into four categories: Rough Stock events, Roping events, Horse events, and Camp events. There are three Roping events: Calf Roping on Foot, Mounted Breakaway Calf Roping, and Team Roping. Last month's article described Calf Roping on Foot and Mounted Breakaway Calf Roping. This article will describe Team Roping.

Roping Events, Part 2 Team Roping

There are two contestants in this event. The calf is in the roping chute. The contestants are on their horses in the box next to the chute. Each contestant carries one rope, and the team is allowed a total of three throws. Time starts when

the chute opens and the calf's nose clears the chute gate. The first contestant (the "header") attempts to rope the calf over the head, neck, or horns. If successful, then the second contestant (the "heeler") attempts to rope the calf around its hind feet. There is a penalty for catching only one hoof. Five seconds are added to the team's time. Time ends when the horses are facing each other and the ropes are tight. Fastest time wins. Men and women compete together. A contestant may enter this event twice, once as header and once as heeler.

ANGLE TO MEET AT THE CENTER

Moving On Up

ANGLE will hold its regular March meeting at the newly opened GLBT Center on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. The Center is at 1719 Leavenworth.

The topic will be Inclusion and Involvement in the Community. Many of the opportunities for getting involved will be discussed. Special consideration will be given to tearing down the barriers and getting things accomplished.

For more information about ANGLE meetings, call the Information and Referral Line at 558-5303.

COMING IN APRIL FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA
The Announcement of the Emperor & Empress Candidates for
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Bouvier Awards
April 6 at The MAX 

AND

Closet
Ball '97
April 13 at The MAX

You are eligible to enter Closet Ball if you have NOT entertained in drag in any genre (i.e. singing, dancing, lip-syncing, acting, miming, doing comedy, etc.) for ANY audience prior to the date of Closet Ball and you adhere to the rules & regulations printed in the application.

Closet Ball Applications Available
at all ICON Shows in March (see
other ICON ad) or by calling 556-9907.
Applications MUST BE POSTMARKED ON
OR BEFORE APRIL 6, 1997

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Friday March 14, 1997
at 6:30 pm

MCC-OMAHA PLANS SPECIAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha invites the community to take part in several special services to be held during Holy Week. Services are as follows:

Sunday — March 23

9:00 AM Worship Service — Liturgy of the Palms (Celebration of the Triumphal Entry)
10:30 AM Worship Service — Liturgy of the Palms (Celebration of the Triumphal Entry)
7:00 PM Evening Service — Liturgy of the Passion

Thursday — March 27

6:00 PM Seder (Celebration of the Last Supper)
8:00 PM Service of Servitude (Foot Washing Service)

Friday — March 28

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Prayer Vigil at the Church from 9PM March 28 thru 6AM March 30

Saturday — March 29

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Service (A Service of Readings, Meditation, and Chants)

Easter Sunday — March 30

6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service (In the Meditation Garden next to the Church)
9:00 AM Easter Morning Worship Service
10:30 AM Easter Morning Worship Service

ANGLE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN FULL SWING

Join in the Pride

ANGLE is recruiting. As part of the restructuring, ANGLE has become a membership based organization. This is an opportunity for many people to participate in the various projects of ANGLE and to be a part of the Pride.

Memberships are now available to individuals and to households who pay the annual dues. For an individual the dues are \$12. To extend the membership to the entire family, the cost is only \$25 each year. Membership benefits include a copy of the world class newsletter updating members on various events and concerns within the community. Additionally members will have the opportunity to elect and to serve on the governing Board of Directors. Discounts are also available to ANGLE sponsored events and on ANGLE merchandise, such as Pride T-shirts.

By joining now, you can be a part of the Pride and the Progress of the Omaha GLBT Community. You can help with the annual Pride Celebration or to help make information available by the ANGLE WEB Site. In many and various ways, ANGLE is changing the community, and you are needed to make it all happen.

To request a membership packet, call us on the phone line at 558-5303 or look us up on the WEB at WWW.ANGLE.ORG.

Join ANGLE now.



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THE MAX IN SPRING

Spring is just around the corner and The MAX is in full bloom with an array of spring shows and events that will drive away the last remnants of winter's chill.

One of the brightest, freshest blooms to be found at The MAX is the smiling face of Miss MAX 13, Ashley Simone. Ashley has blossomed since her triumph at the Miss MAX pageant and this will be evident as she hosts her very first show on March 2. This will be a star-studded show of the caliber that you expect from The MAX.

March 9 brings Black Night back to The MAX, so put on your best black leather, black Levi's, black tuxedo, or black jockstrap and plan to dance the night away. And on March 23 Portfolio Men return to the stage at The MAX for their HOTTEST show ever.

March 30 brings Prince Royale Jim and Princess Royale Sharon back for a very special NO COVER show. Yep, you got it right. There won't be any cover charge for this show but there will be fun for everyone. This evening will feature an Easter Bonnet Contest, an Easter Basket auction, and a "Basket" (jockstrap/boxer short) contest. This evening will also feature a big Easter Basket which we will fill with personal care items (lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) for the clients of the Nebraska AIDS Project.

April 6 is the first annual Bouvier Awards, an event that will recognize the best bartender, waiter, live performer, etc., and will feature the finals for the Best Song of the Year in Drag. Your host for the evening, Emperor 16 Royal Bush, promises that this will be a prestigious event that will be a definite crowd pleaser.

April 13 is ICON's annual Closet Ball, the night when those aspiring performers who have never appeared in drag take to the stage for the first time. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar — it's always exciting to see these new performers and their sponsors put their best face forward.

April 20 brings the fabulous CC Rae direct from Las Vegas with her incredible impersonations. You'll go away shaking your head and wondering just how she achieves so many different looks in such a short time.

April winds up with the return of Portfolio Men to The MAX. These hunks are hot, handsome, and hung. What more can you ask for?

SNAP PRESENTS
"LOVE! VALOUR!
COMPASSION!"
IN APRIL,
"WHOOOP-DEE-DOO!"
IN JUNE

SNAP Productions will be presenting two additional productions this spring. The first, *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, will be presented April 12-17 and 19-20 at the Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154.

Love! Valour! Compassion!, written by Terrance McNally, was the winner of a Tony Award in 1995. You will join Perry, Arthur, Gregory, Bobby, Ramon, John, James, and Buzz at a beautiful country farmhouse, where they hash out their passions, resentments and fears over the course of three summer weekends. Newspapers around the country say that the play... is a big, generous, haunted comedy that presents humbling evidence of what human love is and can be. It is so witty and tough and beautiful that it helps identify our terrible time as a golden age. It speaks difficult truths with *Love, Valour, and Compassion.*

"Whoop-dee-doo!" the Off Broadway musical revue written by Howard Crabbtree, Charles Catanesse, Dick Gallagher, Phillip George, Peter Morris, and Mark Waldrop will be presented in June. Performance dates and location have not yet been announced.

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

THE BOUVIER AWARDS

By H.M.I.M. Emperor 16 Royal Bush

It's the Oscars! No, it's the Emmy's! No, it's the Bouvier Awards! The Bouvier Awards, planned to be an annual event, will be designed to create some fun and recognition that Omaha has not had for a while.

Omaha has many people who contribute to our community in very different ways, but do not really get the proper recognition.

Unlike the prestigious ANGLE Recognition Awards, the Bouvier Awards will recognize people like bartenders, door people, waiters, talented performers, leather men & women, live singers, emcees, and others who contribute to our community in their own way.

The categories are now being created (Best female/male live singer, Best Bartender, etc.) Ballots will be available in March at locations to be announced.

You will be able to nominate your favorite performer, live singer, bartender, waiter, bar, brunch location, etc... If a person/business happens to win this award 3 years in a row, the award will be renamed in their honor. It will remain in their name until such time as another person/business wins it 3 years in a row.

The Bouvier Awards Show will be held Sunday April 6th, at 9:00 p.m. at The MAX. The winners of best male/female lip sync, best male/female live performance, and the finalists for Best Song of the Year (In Drag) will perform for the audience. The audience will vote, that night, for the winner for Best Song of the Year (In Drag).

This is a way for the community to thank some people who go out of their way to make our life just a little better and to say Thanks! So, as you are out and about during the next several weeks, take note who pours the best drink, who opens the doors for you, and who works the hardest for your tip! (Did I mention we may have the best buns award? OH! I mean the best CHEESEBURGER buns award!) Hope to see you April 6th!

BLUE VELVET
BALL
TO BE HELD APRIL 26 IN
ST. JOSEPH, MO

The Midland Empire Task Force has announced that the annual "Blue Velvet Ball" will be Saturday April 26. The theme for this year's social event will be "Carnivale," and to ensure that everyone will have a fun time, guests are invited to dress for the theme, formal or casual.

The Blue Velvet Ball was originally organized as an "alternative prom," giving people of all ages the opportunity to attend "the prom you never had, but certainly dreamed about." Since that time, the Blue Velvet Ball has grown into a social event for all gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons in the region. The event will be held in historic downtown St. Joseph.

The Ball is open to members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered community and our straight supporters. Tickets will be \$12.50 each and will be available for sale in the near future. During the evening, there will be a large number of raffle prizes, which have been donated by local businesses and individuals.

The event is sponsored by the Midland Empire Task Force, a community service organization. Proceeds from this event will assist in the support of adopted families, college diversity programs, the care of PWAs and other projects throughout the year.

For additional information, write to METF, PO Box 8233, St. Joseph, MO 64508.

COWTOWN
FOLLIES

Saturday March 15th at 9:00 p.m. the Heartland Gay Rodeo will be tickling your funny bone with its new show. Come see Isabelle, the dancing cow. Meet Bessie McClotsky. The Nonsense Girls will be entertaining you with a new number they have been practicing at the Omaha Convent. And join us in wishing well to the "bride and groom" who will be getting married that night!

We'll also be selling Hugs for \$1 and receive a free lei!

This show will be a fundraiser for the 1st Annual Heartland Regional Rodeo, to be held June 27-29 in Fremont, NE. We will be selling raffle tickets for a pair of Justin boots and a Stetson hat. And get ready to purchase raffle tickets for "Rodeo Ruby!" Watch for more information about this rodeo in the HGRA newsletter and *The New Voice.*

- And watch for these upcoming HGRA events!
- Chili Finals at Blazing Saddle March 23
- April Rodeo Meeting to be held in Des Moines at the GLRC April 5th at 5pm
- Spring Fling at Blazing Saddle April 6th
- May 10th HGRA 2nd Annual Charity Ball and Dinner at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines
- Disco Party at Lakota Stables May 17th to kick off our rodeo and the Pride Parade
- Tea Dance at the Blazing Saddle on June 8th
- Rodeo Welcome Party at DC's June 26



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RESOURCE CENTER ANNOUNCES LOCATION

At long last, the Metropolitan area's Resource Center is about to become a reality!

On March 1, the Resource Center will officially take possession of 1719 Leavenworth Street. The Steering Committee thinks this location is ideal: It places the Center in the midst of many of our community's businesses and services. The facility is not large, but there is room for future expansion. In addition, NAP's Outreach Center is next door and available to handle the overflow when necessary.

The Center will be available for group meetings and community activities for a modest charge. In addition, it will be available for drop-in visits on a limited basis; the Center will expand this service as we attract volunteers to work in the facility. See the related article for an announcement of the first volunteer orientation — come to the orientation and get a sneak preview of the Center. Mark your calendar for April 5 and 6. That will be the official Grand Opening, a gala event.

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NEW YORK'S STAR THEATRE OFFERS COMPELLING, HONEST AIDS PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS AT UNL

New York's award-winning STAR Theatre of the Mt. Sinai Adolescent AIDS Program will offer free public performances and workshops at UNL and Hastings College March 13-20.

In compelling and realistic musical productions, STAR Theatre portrays the lives of young people as they confront the difficulties of growing up in the age of AIDS. The shows are honest, focusing on sex, communication, safety, the choices youth make.

Two separate productions will be presented by the young and talented cast: "On The Edge," is targeted toward a high school age audience, and "Over The Edge" toward a college age and older audience.

"On the Edge" comes from a real teen perspective. It is targeted toward young people who are bombarded by peer pressure, hormones, and difficult decisions which often result in risky behavior. The show is an interactive musical theatre piece about decision making, safer sex, STD's, drugs, HIV/AIDS, and homosexuality.

"Over the Edge" is a sophisticated, fast paced musical targeted at high-risk youth in college and toward young adults. The show blurs the line between reality and stage reality by the use of interrupting scenes, directly addressing the audience, and through other theatrical devices. It follows the lives of nine people on their separate journeys and deals with racism, gender equity, homosexuality, STD's, communication, pregnancy, safer sex, and HIV/AIDS.

The public performances will be at Westbrook Music Hall, Room 119, on the UNL City Campus and scheduled as follows.

"On the Edge" (high school age)

March 14, 6:00pm

"Over the Edge" (college age & older)

March 14, 8:30pm

"Over the Edge" (college age & older)

March 13, 8:00pm

"Over the Edge" Perkins Hall at Hastings College March 18, 7:00pm

Immediately following each performance, a half hour or more is devoted to a lively discussion with the audience of the issues raised in the show. Audience participation encourages people to express themselves about sex, drugs, and AIDS with members of the STAR Theatre company.

All performances are free. Early arrival is encouraged for limited available seating.

In addition to the public performances, STAR Theatre will conduct special seminars, workshops, and training sessions for the faculty, staff, students, and community members on health and social issues at UNL and Hastings College. STAR Theatre received the 1989 American Medical Association's Award for the best prevention/education program in the country.

STAR Theatre's visit to Nebraska is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Health, University Foundation, University Health Center, Nebraska Department of Education, Committee on Gay and Lesbian Concerns, University Housing, United Way of Hastings Area, Inc., and Central HIV/STD Prevention Planning Group.

For more information contact the University Health Center Community Health Education Department at 472-7440.

KANSAS CITY'S HEART OF AMERICA PRIDE CELEBRATION IS JUNE 8

Heart of America Pride Celebration will be held June 8th at Barney Allis Plaza in downtown Kansas City, according to the new producers of the festivities: **Mel Bloss, Jay Carson, and Michael Lentecum.** KCARC (Kansas City AIDS Research Consortium) will be the primary beneficiary of proceeds of this year's event and other pre-festival activities.

Heart of America Pride is a new producing entity that will organize and execute festival activities between now and June 8th. The new organization has the support and encouragement of the former organizer, Project Pride.

"We are thrilled that Mel Bloss has come forward with his talent, professionalism, and proven producing team that will enhance the festival this year," stated Jeff Hicks of Project Pride.

One of the many new and significant changes in the Pride celebration format will be that proceeds from Heart of America Pride will be donated to help KCARC conduct clinical trials. "As we have fun in the next four months taking pride in our communities, we are pleased that we will be helping a non-profit organization that serves a leadership role in the fight against AIDS," commented Bloss.

Jay Carson, Co-Producer, added that gay women and men throughout the region will be welcomed and encouraged to participate in this year's celebration. "We hope that our friends and family from Omaha to Des Moines, from Wichita to St. Louis, and all points in between and beyond will help make this truly a Heart of America Pride Experience," stated Carson.

This year's celebration will include many pre-event fundraising parties to underwrite expenses. These fundraisers will be held in private homes and in public venues.

For more information or to volunteer, call or write:

4050 Pennsylvania #230

Kansas City, MO 64111

Voice: 816.756.5116

Fax: 816.756.5121

E-Mail: Pridestr@swbell.net

Q NOTES

March brings a virtual spring parade of performers to Q. Lincoln's hot dance club and cabaret will kick off the month on March 2 with Sheza Mann's Birthday Bash — "The Bitch Ain't Gettin' Any Younger." March 9 brings the best of Des Moines to Q with Sabrina Show. Sunday March 16 features "It Isn't Easy Being Green" a St. Pat's Show that carries over onto a special Monday. Q will be open on Monday March 17, so you can celebrate St. Patrick's Day with green beer and all the trimmings.

Saturday March 22 brings Portfolio Men and their All Male Revue back to the stage of the Q with an all new show. Then, on Sunday March 23, Lincoln's Darling Dive Tasha DeVore takes to the stage.

Easter Sunday, March 30, will have all the queens (and a few kings) scrambling for great prizes as Q features an Easter Egg Hunt.

And then April kicks off with a bang as all-star entertainer C.C. Rae returns with her incredible array of character impersonations.

There's always something happening at Q. Check it out!

CUBAN POET, PAINTER, DRAMATIST TO APPEAR AT UNO

Cuban exile poet, painter, dramatist, Nestor Diaz de Villegas will be giving a presentation on Thursday, April 3, at UNO. He will be speaking in the Arts and Sciences Building at 7PM in room 387. Villegas' work deals with the gay exiled Cuban community in Miami and the drama of exile for the Cuban artist. His two books of poems are entitled *La Edad de Piedra* and *Vicio de Miami* which have received outstanding critical reviews from major Latin American writers, including Andres Reynaldo, who says Villegas' book is "formidable and one of the works that rescues traditional Spanish forms in the context of the new Latin American poetry." Villegas corroborated with gay Cuban writer Reynaldo Arenas in the publication of *Maribel Magazine* and Heberto Padilla in the publication of *Linden Lane Magazine* in New York.

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

SM/Leather Support Group

The new sm/leather support group, Learning to Exchange Power, is now 6 months old. We have grown from 6 at our first meeting to 22 at our February meeting. The meetings are planned through September with some very interesting topics and some outstanding speakers to present them.

March "Safety & First Aid in the Dungeon"

April is "Negotiating a Scene and Setting up Play Space"

May is "Temperature Play"

June is "Electricity for Beginners"

July is "Straps, Paddles, and Spankings"

August is "Building Your Own Toys"

If these topics interest you, come join us at the Wooden Apple in the Apple Barrel Room, 21st and Martha St., on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 pm. We are really starting to grow and plan to do more in the next year, including starting a newsletter. If you have an interest in our support group, we want to include you in our mailings. The meetings are free but there will be a \$10 annual charge for postage and printing to receive the newsletter. For more information, contact Suzie at PO Box 11341, Omaha, NE 68111 or voice mail 402-557-3878.

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April 97

- TBA -GLAGN Barn Dance
- 3 - Poet Nestor Diaz de Villegas UNO
- 5 & 6 - Grand Opening GLBT Resource Center
- 6 - Spring Fling, Blazing Saddle
- 6 - ICON Bouvier Awards, The MAX
- 8 & 9 - RCMC Cabaret Dundee Dinner
- 12 - 17 - SNAP Productions "Love, Valour, Compassion"
- 13 - ICON Closet Ball at MAX
- 16 - NAP Community Update "HIV & Tuberculosis"
- 17 - 19 - NAMES Quilt Display Iowa Western, Council Bluffs
- 18 - "Chest Hair" Iowa Western
- 19 & 20 - SNAP Productions "Love, Valour, Compassion"
- 25 & 26 - PFLAG Garage Sale
- 25 - 27 - Heartland AA Roundup, New Tower Inn, Omaha
- 26 - Blue Velvet Ball, St. Jo, MO

May 97

- TBA - GLAGN Gay Prom
- 3 - Intro to Leather at The MAX
- 10 - HGRA Charity Ball, Des Moines
- 17 - HGRA Disco, Lakota Stables

MAY 17 - RCMC Mexican Dinner

- 18 - Resource Center Show at MAX
- 21 - NAP Community Update "STD's"
- 25 - Int'l Mr. Leather Chicago
- 26 - ICON Memorial Day Picnic

June 97

- TBA - SNAP "Whoop-dee-doo"
- TBA - HGRA/Pride Party
- TBA - Womyn's Supertubing
- 8 - Kansas City Pride Festival,
- 8 - Tea Dance, Blazing Saddle
- 14 - RCMC Pride Concert, Witherspoon Gallery
- 18 - NAP Community Update "Chemical Dependency"
- TBA - Desert Plains Drummer
- 22 - ICON Stepping Down
- 22 - Pride Parade & Festival
- 26 - Rodeo Welcome Party DC's
- 27 -29 - Gay Rodeo - Fremont
- 28 - HGRA County Street Fair, Downtown Omaha

July 97

- 4, 5, 6 ICON Picnic & Coronation
- 10 - NAP Community Update "GLB Service Issues"
- 15 - ANGLE's Slice of Summer
- 18 -20 Int'l Ms Leather San Diego
- TBA - Mr. Nebraska Fantasy Contst

August 97

- TBA - Womyn's Summerfest Racoon River
- TBA - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest

Bars & Restaurants

Des Moines (A.C. 515)

- Blazing Saddles 416 E. 5th St.
- Faces 416 E Walnut, 280-5463
- The Garden 112 SE 4th St. 243-3965
- Tacky's 515 E 6th 245-9126
- Chat Noir Cafe 644 18th 244-1353

Omaha (A.C. 402)

- The Chesterfield 1901 Leavenworth 345-6889
- CLUB James Dean 1507 Farnam St. 341-2500
- 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
- Omaha Mining 1715 Leavenworth, Company 449-8703

Lincoln (A.C. 402)

- Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764
- Q 226 S. 9th St. 475-2269

Sioux City, IA (A.C. 712)

- Kings & Queens 417 Nebr. 252-4167
- 3 Cheers 414 20th St. 255-8005

Sioux Falls, SD (A.C. 605)

- Touchez 323 S. Phillips Ave. 335-9874

September 97

- 5 - PFLAG Putt-Putt Golf
- 27 - Int'l Mr. Drummer, SF

October 97

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

November 97

- 21 - Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska
- 22 - ANGLE Recognition Dinner

December 97

- 1 - World AIDS Day
- 6 - Night of 1000 Stars
- 24 - Hannukah
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service MCC-O

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Lincoln:

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****Charles Drew Health Center**, 2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433

****Douglas County Health Dept**, 1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-7750

****Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth Omaha, NE 68102, Friday 1-4pm, Every other Friday 10pm - 2am. HIV testing, education, support.

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

****Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Department** 3140 'N' Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 **Walk-in tests:** The Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tues., Urban Indian Health Ctr, 140 S. 27, 434-7177

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

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

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

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

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Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 2nd Tuesdy, 12 noon Siouxland Chapter of Am. Red Cross, 1512 Pierce, Sioux City, Iowa. Call (712) 252-0722

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

HIV/AIDS COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays *Kearney: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St Luke's Epis. (308) 237-7136 or 265-7620. Mail: PFLAG, P.O. Box 427, Hendley, NE 68946

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Bar Alternative Gay Group (BAGG), meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30pm; Horizon Restaurant, 322 Tri-View Ave, Sioux City, IA, For details call Terry (712) 255-1890, Sue 258-6167, or Marty 255-8528

Community Alliance, 1301 Villa Ave, Sioux City, IA 51103 (712) 258-4704

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Iowa Coalition for Human Rights Box 1222, Iowa City, IA 52244, or call Richard Shannon 319/337-5870, rashanno@sprynet.com

Morningside College Student Group, Tim Orwig, Advisor, Student Svcs, (712) 274-5426

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Sioux Falls Support Group for Men, PO Box 1602, Sioux Falls, SD 57101

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AREA RESOURCES

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND RELATED RESOURCES

LINCOLN BASED RESOURCES

- Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:**
**Mon. 7:30pm, Rainbow AA, 3rd Floor, "Meeting Place" 28 & S, Lincoln
**Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526
**Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214
- Bi Discussion Group**, 2nd Tuesday, Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln, Wendy 476-0314
- Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts**, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter
- Gay Men's Support Grp**, Counseling & Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL, Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450, Confidential
- Lesbian Discussion Group**, Womens Resource Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588, 472-2597, Call for meeting information
- Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects**, 610 "J", Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. O/P chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee
- Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg**, Sat, 10am, YWCA, Lincoln, Contact Judith at 472-2598
- National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln** activist org. issues of full equality for women, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 434-6695, meet 3rd Tuesday, 7pm YWCA, 1432 "N" St
- Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880, 4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Web Site: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/4882/> HIV Family Grp, Under 21 Grp same time/place
- SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln
- Straight Spouse Support Group -- Lincoln**, Call 489-9088 for info
- Unitarian Church**, 6300 "A", Lincoln, NE "A" recognized Welcoming Congregation"
- UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr**, Rm 234 Neb Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644; Social, info, referral, library, General meetings Tuesdays, 7pm, during school year
- The Wimmie's Show**, (2-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln
- A Woman's Place**, Lincoln, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women.
- Youth Support Group--Lincoln**, Every Other Saturday 4-6pm, Call 434-9880
- Youth Talkline** 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm-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 BASED RESOURCES

- Al-Anon Fridays** 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74
- Alcoholics Anonymous**, **Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prsbytn
- **Stonewall Grp**, Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High
- **Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative"**, Fri, 7pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian
- **Live & Let Live Group**, Friday 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74
- A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors)**, Box 8343, Omaha 68108, 558-5303, Network, raise consciousness, PRIDE activities, Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet www.angl.org
- Art/AIDS Awareness Foundation**, P.O. Box 461033, Papillion, 68046-1033, (402) 592-7812, e-mail: ezgong@ix.netcom.com Group of HIV+ visual artists educating public about realities of AIDS through art.
- The Book Station and Coffee Lounge**, Books, Gifts, Coffee, 1913 Leavenworth St., 342-0520
- Citizens For Equal Protection**, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155, 398-3027, Legislative action 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114-Harney
- EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians, US WEST, Pat Phalen, 1299 Farnam, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102, (402) 348-8569
- Frontrunners/walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104, HOTLINE 496-3658, Running/Walking Club (SASE for info)
- Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo)**, UNO Students - Wednesdays, 4-6pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Talk Group 2nd Wed 3pm, Info: Jonathan Raymond 571-8518
- Gay And Lesbian Parents Group (G.A.L.P.)**, 1st Thurs, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Emphasis on Gay/Lesbian Parent & significant other. Mtgs open to anyone.
- Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line**, A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 558-5303
- Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD)** G/LB/Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386
- GLBT Resource Center**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Mail: Box 8343, Omaha, 68108, Call 558-5303 for times/events
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGRA)**, Box 3354, Omaha, 68103-0354 Dan 597-1689 Enjoy support rodeos, country activities. Meets 1st Saturday alternating between Omaha/Des Moines
- ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Tournament held President's Day Weekend
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 Fundraising organization work for advancement of G/L/B/T society, Board Meets 1st Monday each month, 7pm, Location varies
- "Learning to Exchange Power"** Novice BD/SM Support Grp, 2nd Sunday, 2-4pm, Back Room, Wooden Apple, 22nd & Martha, Omaha
- L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha)** educational-social grp, Gay Men interested in Leather Lifestyle. Write: Box 8181, Omaha, 68108
- LinOma Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68106 Nudist Naturalist Club for gay/bi men
- Lutherans Concerned**, 453-7137, 7pm, Mar. 3, June 2, Oct. 6, Dec. 1, 1st Lutheran Omaha
- Metropolitan Club**, Box 8603, Omaha 68108-0603, 3rd Thursdays, Neon Goose, 7pm, gay/lesbian professionals to meet, socialize, network
- Men's Support Group**, Meet Tuesdays 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St. Call 345-2563
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, 68103, E-mail address: MCCOMAHA@radiks.net, Web Site: <http://www.radiks.net/mccomaha> Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am
- National Org. for Women (NOW) Omaha** - political/grassroots activist org. issues of full equality for women- Omaha NOW, Box 3325, Omaha 68103-0325, (402) 391-7303, Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney
- Nebraska Zen Center** for all persons, 3625 Lafayette Ave, Omaha 68131, 551-9035
- New Realities**, Books, Tapes, Gifts, Old Market Passageway, 1026 Howard, 68102, 342-1863
- The New Voice of Nebraska**, Box 3512, Omaha 68103, Monthly magazine, (402) 556-9907 or tjrr05c@prodigy.com
- Omaha Meatpackers**, AIDS fundraising organization, Call: (712) 366-1791
- Omaha Players Club (OPC)**, Pansexual education support group Meeting/parties monthly, Send \$5 and an age statement to OPC, Box 34463 Omaha 68134
- Omaha Women for Sobriety meet** Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29 St., Contact Judith at 472-2598 for more info.
- ONYX IMAGES**, Box 31026, Omaha, NE 68132-9998, Fraternity for African American men. Age restriction for membership. Support for brothers of all ages.
- Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays PFLAG** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064, 291-6781 Meet 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7pm, "Program & Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"
- Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns**, 733-1360, Cleve, Omaha
- Proud Horizons Youth Support Group**, sponsor: PFLAG. For gay, lesbian youth & those questioning sexuality, age 13-21. Meets Sat., Omaha, Call 291-6781
- River City Couples**, Social Support for GLBT couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric: 392-1443, email rccouple@probe.net
- River City Mixed Bowling League**, Sundays, 3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 3112, Omaha 68103-3122 Message/Hotline 398-1255, Email: sgibbina@synergy.net. For cross-dressers, transsexuals, those wishing to know more. All orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267, 341-SING (341-7464). Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 7-9pm, 2nd Thursday, 1st Methodist, Room 209, 291-6781
- W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather Tactics)** Box 7083, Omaha, 68107-7083 Educational/social group for women of leather. Omaha/Lincoln 402-477-7741
- Women of the Plains**, Box 24355, Omaha, 68124, Bring women's culture back 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

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

MARCH CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

EVERY MONDAY

EVERY TUESDAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Worship Services, 9 & 10:30am
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563
Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts
Reconciling Worship Community, 7:30 p.m., Dietz United Methodist, 1423 S. 10, Omaha,

HIV Tests, NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9:30pm
River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm
Melrose Mania, 7pm, DC's, Omaha

Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598
Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450
Fronrunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot
PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437
AA, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha
Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA
UNO GaLO 4-6pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Call 571-8518

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

March 2 (1st Sunday)

Fronrunners, 10am, Burke High, Omaha
PFLAG AIDS Family Support Group, 2-4pm, Call 291-6781 for details
HGRA Chili Cook-Off, 4pm, DC's Omaha
Amateur Strip Night, Q, Lincoln
"Bad Seeds" 7pm, Blue Barn, Omaha
ICON Sno-Ball "Turn About Show" Omaha Mining Company, Omaha
Sheza Mann's Birthday Show, Q, Lincoln

March 3 (1st Monday)

ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, Omaha

March 4 (1st Tuesday)

AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th Lincoln
ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

Mar. 5 (1st Wed)

Lenten Study: MCC-Omaha, 7pm, 819 S. 22

March 9 (2nd Sunday)

Fronrunners, Ford Birth Site, 10am, Omaha
Learning to Exchange Power "Safety First Aid in Dungeon" Back Rm, Wooden Apple, 22 & Martha, 2-4pm
PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm
"Bad Seeds" 7pm, Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha
ICON "Naked Bulls & a Foxy Lady" DC's, Omaha
Des Moines' Sabrina Shaw at Q, Lincoln
Miss Gay Nebraska Worldwide, Omaha Mining Company

Mar 10 (2nd Mon.)

AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St. Cecelias, Omaha
ICON Special Meeting to interview and approve candidates for Emperor, Empress, and Board of Governors

March 11 (2nd Tuesday)

Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA
Free/Confidential HIV Testing 5-7pm by Lancaster Co Health Dept at The Panic, Lincoln
HIV/AIDS Support Group for Women, 7-9pm, NAP Office, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln
Bi Discussion Group, 7:30pm Gathering Place, 15 & E, Lincoln Wendy 476-0314

Mar. 12 (2nd Wed)

GALO Talk Group, 3pm, Q's call Jonathan 571-8518 for info
Lenten Study: MCC-Omaha, 7pm, 819 S. 22

March 16 (3rd Sunday)

Fronrunner 10am Central Park Mall Omaha
Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha Board of Directors, 1:30pm
PFLAG/Kearney, St. Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave., (308) 237-7136/265-7620
Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488
Miss DC's Roxy performs at DC's, Omaha
Isn't Easy Being Green, Q, Lincoln, 9pm
Emperor Royal "Night of Royalty" Omaha Mining Company

Mar. 17 (3rd Monday)

St. Patrick's Day Celebrate at Your Favorite Establishment
Q in Lincoln open
Gilligan's Open at 10am
DC's Corned Beef & Cabbage
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

March 18 (3rd Tuesday)

NOW, Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432 "N", 434-6695
Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303
Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open Noon-9pm

Mar. 19 (3rd Wed)

NAP Community HIV/AIDS Update, 7pm, Wellness Center, 139 S. 40, Omaha
Lenten Study: MCC-Omaha, 7pm, 819 S. 22
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

March 23 (4th Sunday)

Palm Sunday Svc, 9/10:30am, 7pm, MCC-O
Fronrunners, 10am, NP Dodge Park, Omaha
HGRA Chili CookOff Blazing Saddle Des Mn
PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth
MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215
Tasha Devore at Q in Lincoln
Prince Dan Magic Kingdom, DC's, Omaha
Portfolio Men dance at The MAX Omaha
Over the Edge 7pm Perkins, Hastings College

Mar. 24 (4th Monday)

GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

March 25 (4th Tuesday)

PFLAG-Lincoln Meeting, 7pm, "Legislative Issues" Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" 434-9880
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open Noon-9pm

March 26 4th Wed)

Lenten Study: MCC-Omaha, 7pm, 819 S. 22
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

March 30 (5th Sunday)

Easter Sunrise Service 6am MCC-Omaha
Fronrunners, 10am, Keystone Trail North, O
"Getting It" 7pm, Blue Barn Theatre., Om
Easter Egg Hunt with Great Prizes, Q, Lincoln
ICON "Bonnets & Baskets", The MAX, Om

Mar. 31 (5th Monday)

GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

April 1 (1st Tuesday)

AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th Lincoln
ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth Omaha Noon-9pm

April 2 (1st Wed)

GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

MARCH CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

EVERY FRIDAY

EVERY SATURDAY

HIV Tests, NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9:30pm

G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" Lincoln, Call V.J. 477-3526

Univ. of Nebr-Kearney GLBT Support Grp, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, info Call Ronnie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312

Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7pm 488-2043

Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, For callers up to age 23. 473-7932, Lincoln

Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln
Al-Anon, 8:15pm, Omaha, Underwood Hills Church

Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha:

"An Alternative" Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave
"Live & Let Live" 8:15pm Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74th
Lincoln: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214

Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am, Gathering Place, Lincoln, Judith 472-2598
Womens Support Grp, 11am, MCC-Omaha
Youth Support Grp, 291-6781, age 13-21 gay, lesbian, or questioning sexuality, Omaha
Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

March 1 (1st Saturday)
HIV Testing (Women Only), Outreach Center, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, (402) 398-1255
River City Mixed Chorus Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8pm, Unity Church, 9301 W. Dodge Omaha
"Bad Seeds" 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th St., Omaha 345-1576

March 6 (1st Thursday)
Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, Video, 1st Unitarian, Omaha
Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528
"Bad Seeds" 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th St., Omaha, 345-1576

March 7 (1st Friday)
Womyn's Book Discussion Group, Call Laurie 556-0937
Frontrunners Friday Afternoon Club, The Diamond, Omaha, 6:30pm
PFLAG 10th Anniversary Wine & Cheese Celebration at the MAX, Omaha
"Bad Seeds" 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th St., Omaha 345-1576

March 8 (2nd Saturday)
HIV Testing (Open to Public), Outreach Center, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Players Club, 2pm Workshop; 8pm Play Party
SAGE Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
"Bad Seeds" 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th St., Omaha 345-1576

March 13 (2nd Thursday)
P-FLAG 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass Omaha 291-6781 7pm
Straight Spouse Suppt Grp 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

March 14 (2nd Friday)
"On the Edge" (high school age) 6pm Westbrook Music Hall, room 119, UN-Lincoln City Campus
"Over the Edge" (college age & older) 8pm Westbrook Music Hall, room 119, UN-Lincoln City Campus
GLBT Resource Center, Volunteer Orientation & Training, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

March 15 (3rd Saturday)
HIV Testing (Women Only), Outreach Center, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
HGRA Comedy & Song 9pm DC's, Omaha
Youth Support Grp-Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880
"Over the Edge" (college age & older) 8pm Westbrook Music Hall, room 119, UN-Lincoln City Campus
"Card Party & Blurney", MCC-Omaha, 7pm

March 20 (3rd Thursday)
Metropolitan Club, 6:30pm, Speakers: Onyx Images, Neon Goose, Omaha
PFLAG "The Question of Equality" 1st Methodist, Mead Hall, Omaha
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235
Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30p, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528
"Fiesta Thursday" Taco Bar 7pm, DC's, GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm

March 21 (3rd Friday)
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

March 22 (4th Saturday)
PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD, 1pm (605)334-5808
HIV Testing (Open to Public), Outreach Center, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Portfolio Men All Male Review, Q, Lincoln
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm

March 27 (4th Thursday)
"Getting It" 8pm, Blue Barn, Omaha
Seder (Celebration of Last Supper), 6pm, MCC-Omaha
Footwashing Service, 8pm, MCC-Omaha
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm

March 28 (4th Friday)
Good Friday Services, 7pm, MCC-Omaha
Prayer Vigil, Begins at 9pm, MCC-Omaha
"Getting It" 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th St., Omaha, 345-1576
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

March 29 (5th Saturday)
Prayer Vigil, MCC Omaha
HIV Testing (Women Only), Outreach Center, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
"Getting It" 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th St., Omaha, 345-1576
Easter Vigil Service, 7pm, MCC-Omaha
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm

April 3 (1st Thursday)
Cuban Exile Poet Nestor Diaz de Villegas UN-Omaha, Room 387, Arts & Science, CFEP, 7pm, Omaha
G/L Parents, 7:30pm, Omaha
Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528
GLBT Resource Center, Omaha, 12n-6pm

April 4 (1st Friday)
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

April 5 (1st Saturday)
HIV Testing (Women Only), Outreach Center, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Omaha Players Club, 2pm, Wkshp 8pm Party
HGRA Rodeo Mtg, GLRC, Des Moines, 5pm
Grand Opening, GLBT Resource Center, 2pm-10pm, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

BEACHFEST '97: DAYTONA'S GAY COASTAL PARTY!

It's definitely time to think about taking a break now that winter is winding down, and we at *Our World* are again "waving the flag" for the beach extravaganza this year in our own backyard, BeachFest on the "World's Most Famous Beach."

Just four years young, each annual celebration has expanded with more travelers coming from farther away to sample the sunny pleasures and new gay businesses in the Daytona Beach resort area.

There are two splendid gay and lesbian guest houses. The Villa, a magnificent Florida Spanish mansion with elegant rooms, a private swimming pool and hot tub, is close to the beach, shopping and nightlife.

The Coquina Inn, the latest addition, is a graceful Arts and Crafts B&B in the historic district offering a quiet personal atmosphere including individually decorated rooms, an inviting sun room and gourmet breakfasts. Both

properties are listed on the National Register of Historic Homes.

Those preferring to stay closer to the beach will want to consider the Buccaneer Motel right on Atlantic Avenue with 20 rooms and a swimming pool, and the Travelers Inn, also on Atlantic Avenue, across from the beach. The full service Ramada Ocean Resort will be featuring special rates for BeachFest.

The host hotel for BeachFest this year is the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, with newly remodeled rooms, a pool and pool bar, restaurant and lounge. Located right in the center of the action on the beach and within walking distance to three gay bars on Main Street, restaurants and shops.

Recommended restaurants during your stay include cosmopolitan Cafe Frappes, the intimate Cellar and the historic St. Regis Restaurant & Patio Garden Bar, and Barnacles Seafood and Steak Restaurant in Daytona. And just minutes south in New Smyrna is the gay-owned Euro Cafe, an Espresso Bar specializing in homemade sandwiches and salads.

Daytona Beach has come a long way in the nightlife choices. There are still the Main Street clubs, The Hollywood/Barn Door Complex and the Beachside Club.

Added to these are The Barnicks, rated one of Florida's hottest and best club complexes, and the 7*69 Club, popular with women.

Last year's event doubled attendance at the three day celebration of sun and fun drawing gay men and lesbians of every description from all over North America and several countries.

One of the main reasons for this interest in BeachFest is its casual fun atmosphere. You are unlikely to find any "posing" or "attitude" here, and when we interviewed attendees last year the recurring response to our question, "Why do you come to BeachFest?", was, "Because it's just great fun!"

BeachFest '97 will be held April 17-20, with even more activities, a welcoming gay and lesbian community and our perfect late spring weather. So spoil yourself with a getaway to BeachFest for sunny relaxation or a wild weekend of dancing and socializing with other gay men and lesbians!

For registration, additional information and a free guide and map, contact: The Daytona Beach Business Guild, P.O. Box 263148, Daytona Beach, Florida 32126, (904) 322-8003; e-mail: gdhbg@aol.com.

SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT FOR ALYSON PUBLICATIONS GAY & LESBIAN ANTHOLOGIES

Alyson Publications, the leader in gay and lesbian publishing, is seeking submissions to three forthcoming anthologies.

Lesbian and gay: Fiction. Attention all acerbic wits: gay parodies of inherently gay literature wanted. *The Oxford dictionary defines parody as "a composition...in which characteristic turns of an author...are imitated in such a way as to make them appear ridiculous, especially by applying them to ludicrously inappropriate subjects."* Your challenge is to find a literary sacred cow and slaughter it.

Lesbians: Nonfiction erotic. Have you ever introduced a virgin to sex? Virgins are pure, innocent, wholesome, and sexy. A woman can be a virgin in many ways: truly a sexual virgin; a virgin to lesbian sex; inexperienced in kinky sex, and more. Was the experience playful, serious, beautiful, humorous, life-changing? Were there unwanted repercussions? If it's sexy and true, we want to see it.

Gay men: Nonfiction erotic. Jack Hart, editor of *My First Time* and *The Day We Met*, wants to hear from you if you've ever had gay sex with a fraternity brother. As a pledge, were you ever compelled to perform homoerotic acts with fellow pledges while others watched? Did gay sex figure prominently in any of your fraternity's hazing rituals?

Each book is scheduled for release by Alyson Publications in Spring, 1998. Deadline for submissions is May 31, 1997. Strongly suggest reading guidelines before submitting stories: specify topics and send stamped, self-addressed envelope to Anthology Guidelines, Alyson Publications, 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 1000, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

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Go Online locally with TrianGLE BBS, a Gay and Lesbian computer system. 24 hours. Call (402) 597-2908 with your modem now! (Ju97)

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THE STABLE LIFE I don't meet a lot of men because I don't partake much in the social scene. I prefer quiet times at home. I would like a partner to enjoy life with, however. I'm a 38 year old, White male, 5'11, 150lbs, interested in meeting a man, my age or older, with whom to start a partnership. (Lincoln) #23389

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AFRO ASIAN SUMMIT I'm a very well endowed, African American male. I'll bet that got your attention. I want to meet a masculine, discreet Asian, especially Vietnamese male for fun and friendship. You should be an enthusiastic bottom. Make use of my tool. (Lincoln) #24525

OH MY, IN OMAHA My roommate and I are interested in making friends to get together with regularly. He is a 31 year old, Latin male, 5'11, with Brown hair and eyes. I am a White male, 37, but look younger, 6ft, 180lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. Let's shake the rabbers. (Lincoln) #24753



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC I'm just a big, teddy bear, from Lincoln, 6'1, 320lbs. I'm looking for hot and horny, young, college students, who crave a good time. Anything you want, just ask. (Lincoln) #24480

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Down home guy wants to get to know you. I'm a White male, 5'11, 165lbs. I consider myself cute. I like to sit around watching movies, and getting to know people. I also like the bars, theaters, and having fun, in general. What should I know about you? (Lincoln) #23120

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

WHATEVER HAPPENS I am 35 years old, 5'7, 160lbs, looking to meet some guys for friendships, fun or whatever might happen. (Lincoln) #31249

NEBRASKA BUDDY I'm 32 years old, 6'1 and weigh 185lbs. A future relationship is possible, but now, I'm looking for friends to hang out with. Let's eat out, see a movie, discuss books, or just spend time together. Interested? Let's be friends. (Lincoln) #3608

WILD MAN 44 year old, Black male, top, from the Omaha area, seeks any submissive. White bottom, for winter fun, safe sex, and good times. Age 44 to 50 preferred. We can party. (Lincoln) #31817

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUNG PUP I'm 6'1, Black hair, Brown eyes, 165lbs, 18 years old, college student. I'm looking for other guys 18 to 25 who are good looking and in shape. (Lincoln) #14046

HUSH HUSH I'm a 31 year old Bi male, 6ft, 155lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, soft skin. I'm looking for other men in my area to have discreet fun with. (Lincoln) #14195

ARE YA GETTING IT AT HOME? I'm 6'1, 165lbs, Blond hair, Blue eyes, mustache, nice smile. I enjoy romantic evenings with very masculine men, preferably Bi or Straight. I love to satisfy my partner. (Lincoln) #13359

EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL I'm 30 years old, into anything safe. I'm interested in meeting hot men in my area who want to get down. Safe and sane men only. (Lincoln) #12272

ANYTHING GOES I'm 5'11, 26 years old, versatile. I'm looking for men in the Omaha area who want to go out and do things. Call me. (Lincoln) #12456

MAYBE MORE I'm a 25 year old Gay White male looking for a guy my age or older. I like fun times and possible relationship. Call me. (Lincoln) #8656

LOOKING FOR A DADDY I'm looking for a Gay or Bi male who can be a daddy to me. I like dining out, TV, reading, talking on the phone, movies, giving massage, etc. Please call me. (Lincoln) #6307

BUTCH BOTTOM I'm 6'2, Brown hair, Green eyes, total butch bottom. Call me. (Lincoln) #15422

BIG GUYS WANTED I'm looking to have some fun. I'm 45 years old, 190lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I'm looking for well endowed men of any race for good times. Call me. (Lincoln) #3975

LOOKING FOR BOTTOMS I'm a 28 year old total top looking for bottom men. I got blond hair and blue eyes. I run 5 miles a day and I'm in great shape. I'm looking for young bottoms. Call me. (Lincoln) #3395

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS I'm a Gay White male, 32 years old, 165lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, average build. I'm looking to meet people for friendship, maybe more. I like to do most things. Call me. (Lincoln) #32320

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LINGERIE PLAY I have a masculine voice, and I love to dress in lingerie. I'm looking for tall, masculine men, of any age, who can appreciate all sides of me. (Omaha) #25173

NEWLY SUBMISSIVE I'm feeling very submissive. I'm new to this arena, so I need an experienced, dominant top, to show me the way. I'm mature, 5'11, 215lbs. I'm very open to trying new things. If you're Black, you get big points before we even get started! (Omaha) #24797

CHECK YOUR WATCH It's time to check me out. I'm a 32 year old, Bi male, in the Omaha area. I am looking to meet other guys, for fun and friendship. I'm 6ft, 185, with dark Brown hair, and Gray eyes. I work out a lot, and have a very muscular build. Don't let another second pass. (Omaha) #22646

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CORN FED I'm a 26 year old, White male, 5'11, 200lbs with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I enjoy movies, dining out, and social drinking. I would like to meet an individual with the same or similar interests. I'm always willing to try new and different things. Give me a call. Please no smokers! (Omaha) #1624

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

A STORY IN THE MAKING
 I'm 27 years old, 6'4, 185lbs, short, Brown hair, Hazel eyes. I like movies, dining out, horror movies, home life, and writing. I'm interested in meeting someone who is fun loving, caring, respectful, and close to my own age. (Omaha) #17081

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

ORGY TIME I'd like to plan a very intimate get together at my house with several guys. If you want to be a part of this gathering please leave a message. (Omaha) #14979

A REAL PLEASER I'm 5'10, 220lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes. I like to cook, clean, go to yard sales, watch TV, and cuddle. I'm a bottom looking for a man I can please. (Omaha) #9351

FOREVER YOURS I'm a 25 year old Gay White male giving ownership to my body to people who know what I want. Please call. (Omaha) #14064

SAFE S & M I'm looking for hot tops. I'm a 35 year old, Gay White male, 5'11, 170lbs. I'm seeking tops for safe, hot sex. I'm into S & M. (Omaha) #13629



CATCH MY DRIFT I'm a Black male, 5'11, 175lbs, nice build, 35 years old. I'm into alot of things. I'm looking for guys who want to connect and have a good time. (Omaha) #49851

SIT BACK AND RELAX I'm 26 years old, 5'9, 170lbs, submissive bottom into oral sex. I'm looking for someone who wants to have some clean safe fun. (Omaha) #13193

WORK HARD, PLAY HARDER I'm a Gay, White male, 30 years old, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 6'5, 220lbs. I'm looking to find some new friends and companionship. I like the outdoors, hiking, biking, camping, and romance. I'm a country boy, now living in the big city. Interested? (Omaha) #12542

CUM AS YOU ARE I'm a White male, 26 years old, 6'4, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 170lbs, bottom. I'm looking for top men around my age to have some fun with. (Omaha) #12320

AM I BISEXUAL? I'M NOT SURE! I'm a White male, 49 years old, 180lbs. I'm having strange thoughts and feelings. I would like to meet other White Bi men 20 to 30 with similar feelings. Discretion is an absolute must. (Omaha) #12507

ALL IN THE NAME OF FUN
 I'm looking for guys to go out and have fun with. I like movies, dancing, and friends. I'm 5'7, 175lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for Gay men 19 to 37 for a possible relationship. (Omaha) #7390

ON THE LOOKOUT I'm a 28 year old Black male looking for Black, Latino or Asian males 20 to 28. I would like to get to know you. Leave me a message. (Omaha) #10052

TAKE ALL OF ME I'm a Bi White male looking for men in my area. I'm a submissive bottom looking to explore more adventures. I would love to meet you. Call me today. (Omaha) #10110

SUBMISSIVE HISPANIC I'm a bottom person. Gay Hispanic male, 37 years old, Black hair, Brown eyes, submissive. I'm looking for other Gay men to have fun with. Call me. (Omaha) #9668

ON THE MAKE I'm a 27 year old Gay White male, 6'1, 180lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I like movies, camping, dancing, etc. I'm looking for a Gay White male 24 to 30 with similar interests for friendship and a possible relationship. Call me. (Omaha) #10180

DISCRETION ASSURED I'm looking for clean cut White males 45 to 60 to service on a regular basis at my place. If you are interested please leave a message. (Omaha) #8054

ENERGIZER BUDDY I'm 26 years old, 5'11, 150lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for submissive tops who like to party and have fun. I'm very energetic. Call me. (Omaha) #7645

TIRED OF THE GAMES I'm 5'9, 180lbs, good build, good looking, Blond hair, Blue eyes, mustache. I'm looking for people into S&M and anything new and different. I'm a bottom looking for a top. (Omaha) #3099

ROMANTIC I'm a 33 year old White male, 5'9, 175lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, beard, mustache, neatly groomed. I'm looking for someone who likes quiet evenings at home, movies, and romance. Call me. (Omaha) #33806

ROMANCING THE STONES
 I'm a White male, 27 years old, 5'6, 120lbs, nice muscular build, college student. I like to read, go dancing, coffee, Star Trek Voyager, museums, romance, etc. I'm looking for a White male 25 to 30 who is comfortable being Gay. Call me. (Seward) #12915

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

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

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

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

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At the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP), 12 years of serving people with HIV/AIDS have taught us that "wellness" means good health care and self-determination. It also means being part of a supportive community. The Wellness Center of the Nebraska AIDS Project is committed to building that community and to creating a safe, accessible environment that nurtures growth, provides services and that allows individuals to create for themselves the social and recreational activities so essential to life.

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