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COMMUNITY MOURNS PASSING OF LARRY WISEBLOOD, FOUNDER OF NEW VOICE

The obituary printed in *The Omaha World-Herald* included the following information: Larry Wiseblood died on March 12, 1994. Larry had worked as a Mental Health Counselor at the Nebraska Correctional Center. He had served as Sports Information Director of Bellevue College, President of Students at Union College and Bellevue College, student Senate Treasurer, and founder/editor of "New Voice." He is survived by his mother, Miriam Perkins of Bellevue, Nebraska, and a sister, Celeste Wiseblood of Staten Island, New York. Service were held March 16 at First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln with burial in the First Plymouth Columbarium. Memorials may be sent to the family c/o Miriam Perkins, 2305 Willow Circle, Sarpy Co., Omaha, NE 68123.

However, there is much more to Larry's life than is listed there. The obituary did not include that Larry was an activist to the core — working for gay and lesbian rights, taking part in Nebraska's Peace March, and founding a magazine that for 10 years has provided an outlet for the creative talents of the gay and lesbian community. Larry was an attractive and charming man, talented and



verbally skilled. He was assertive and confident — sometimes impulsive — but always determined

to do what he believed was right.

When Larry was interviewed for the 10th Anniversary Issue of *The New Voice*, he knew that his time was limited. He took care to pass along a part of our heritage as he gave us a complete set of the first two years of *The New Voice*.

And the only thing he really wanted to say to the community was that he would really miss everyone.

After Larry's death, I received a call from Larry's Buddy from the Nebraska AIDS Project asking for copies of the March issue of *The New Voice* to have available at the memorial service. He also wanted to let us know how much Larry had liked the 10th Anniversary issue and how much he appreciated our contacting him for an interview.

I was glad that I had the opportunity to talk with Larry one last time. It was a special meeting for me and I was very glad to learn that it had been important to Larry as well.

But, in the end, I can only repeat what I said last month. "We will miss you, too, Larry. Thank you for being there when we needed you."

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CHICAGO POET OFFERS HIS WORK

Dear Editors:

Hello. It's Owen Keehnen from Chicago and I am enclosing some poems for your consideration in upcoming issues of *The New Voice of Nebraska*. Hope you like them. Thanks so much for your time and trouble. Best always,

Owen Keehnen

ENJOYED 10TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

Dear Sharon,

I really enjoyed a lot this *New Voice* issue on the *New Voice* history. Very informative and thanks for all the hard work you and the staff do every month.

Barbara Kimberly
PFLAG-Lincoln

P.S. I'll miss Larry, too. He and I both worked at the I.C.C.



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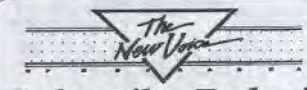
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANDREW SULLIVAN RESPONDS

Dear NVN Readers,

In response to both Kennedy and VanButsel, there are several points which need to be understood and seen.

Omaha had two alternative newspapers, *The Metropolitan* and *The Nebraska Observer*, both engaged in reporting child sexual abuse scandal and never considered the source of such information nor did they understand how hype was destroying constructive analysis of the situation.

Both newspapers are now out of business. They lost legitimacy and credibility when the sex scandals were discovered to be part of extremist movement and the papers perished.

The *Times of the Heartland* is opening itself up to the same trap by taking at face value the allegations of child sexual abuse and failing to make distinctions in sexual misconduct, teen-age sexual delinquency and actual child abuse.

Kennedy and VanButsel say the *Times* coverage has been "factual" and "unbiased" but I wonder if such stories of priestly sexual abuse would be so readily accepted at face value if the stories were said about Jewish Rabbis.

I also have found serious flaws and omission of information regarding the Cardinal Bernardin sexual abuse scandal.

Steven Cook had made allegations of sexual abuse eight years ago but never mentioned Bernardin and claims he only "remembered"

Bernardin as one of the perpetrators. Cook says "therapy" had helped him "remember" the abuse. Cook has been denounced by the Chicago gay and lesbian community.

VanButsel states that "only as we come out strongly opposed to child sexual abuse" will the myths and stereotypes of homosexuals molesting children be put to rest.

I disagree quite strongly and unequivocally. Many gay and lesbian activists see a serious flaw in the "consenting adults" advocacy. Just at what age, what moment does a child become an adult? When are they old enough to ride all the rides in the amusement park?

When they turn 13 and business decide they can't come in at half price? When Nebraska Motor Vehicles gives them a driver's license at 16? When they have to register for the draft and register to vote at 18? Or when they are allowed to drink alcohol at 21?

In Portugal the age of sexual consent is 12 and in the United Kingdom it is 21. See if you can get 10 people from ten completely different backgrounds to agree at what age a child becomes an adult.

You can see why the distinction between a pedophile and a homosexual is so easily blurred and why just condemning child sexual abuse will never end and the accusation that homosexuals are child molesters.

I wish reality was as simple as the arguments. The U.S. Senate voted 99-0 to cut funds to the United Nations by 50% until it disassociates itself from groups advocating "child molestation" such as the North American Man/Boy Love Association which is a member of the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

As this happens, just as 18 year olds get false ID to drink beer, so do 15 year old gay boys lie about their age to sleep with men. Gay youth don't just kill themselves because they are gay but often because their own actions leads someone else to be a criminal.

I ask why does the *Times of the Heartland* accept stories of priests molesting children at face value? Is it because it is anti-Catholic? I say yes to the point of making homosexuals look like child molesters.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan

MAY GOD SAVE RICHENBERG!

The New Voice of Nebraska
PO BOX 3512
Omaha, NE 68103

Subject: Honorarium poem for Capt. Rich Richenberg

Re: NVN article on Capt. Richenberg in the 3-94 issue

To the Editor:

I offer the following poetic response to the Subj.

Life is like a ride on a ship,
the passengers pay for the places they sit.

We admire our Captains for the job that they do,
our passage secured, many perils fording through.

May God save Captain Richenberg and us all!
As for Senator Exon, may God guide him to getting through to his duty in governing the ship.

Love on, Hal

THANKS FOR 10 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE

Dear Editor and Staff,

Having discovered the New Voice of Nebraska just a few months ago, I'd like to thank you for the retrospective in the 10th Anniversary issue.

It gives a sense of the history of the magazine and the dedication of editors and staff to keep it going and growing an entire decade.

While I enjoy the articles, I would like to see more about those of us out in the sticks. After all, Nebraska does extend past Omaha and Lincoln.

In addition, I'd like to see more "fun" columns. Perhaps an advice column, humorous or serious, a psychic advice column, a monthly horoscope, movie and music reviews, etc.

Just a few suggestions. Keep up the excellent work all of you are doing as I look forward to the next issue.

Here's to another 10 years of the New Voice.
KH,
Glenvil, NE



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THE GAY ALLIANCE— A MAGICAL GROUP OF PEOPLE IN ORLANDO

Greetings,

I know the first question that comes to mind is who is The Gay Alliance. That is a rather long and complicated story so I will spare you the details and simplify the answer. The Gay Alliance is an off-shoot of an Organization called The Alliance at Lake Buena Vista. We are a group of gay, lesbian and bisexual employees of the Disney Company in Florida. Due to recent changes in Disney Policy, any activity that is not strictly social is not permitted. In order to continue our goals we created an additional group. With that out the way I have two very important items to inform you of.

Item one is a major event coming up in June. Enclosed you will find copies of the press release. This event is being announced across the country by direct mail, like this, as well as display ads in *The Advocate*.

Item two is a request to help. As I mentioned in the first paragraph the Disney Corporation has changed guidelines for our original organization, which has been an organization with Walt Disney World for more than a year now. We believe that pressures from a Right Wing religious group, The American Family Association, headed by David E. Caton is partly responsible for the restriction of privileges we had just a few short months ago. Mr. Caton, and the AFA, are introducing legislation to legalize discrimination in the State of Florida. Just as in Colorado and Oregon. The AFA is continuing to cloud the issue.

The AFA is now including the Disney Corporation in its war. Mr. Caton has told the Disney Corporation that if they do not stop "Supporting Special Homosexual Rights" the entire Southern Baptist Convention, along with hundreds of thousand of AFA followers, will direct these people to boycott the theme parks and Disney products. Enclosed is a prepared letter that is circulating throughout our state in the form of a Postcard. Please hold the thousands of gay men and women at Disney keep their jobs and maintain equality. Please make as many copies of this letter and distribute it among your organizations with the request to mail it to Mr. Eisner so that we can have more events in the future like the "Share the Vision Weekend"™.

If you have any further questions please feel free to leave a message on GAYLINK or fax us at 407-438-3695.

Sincerely,
CB Irwin
President/Co-Founder

FROM THE DESK OF A CONCERNED CITIZEN

Mr. Michael Eisner, Chairman
The Walt Disney World Company
500 South Buena Vista Street
Burbank, CA 91521

Dear Mr. Eisner,

This letter is in direct response to the propaganda initiated by the American Family Association with regard to Disney supporting "Special Rights for Homosexuals", and their sponsorship of network television's so called "Violent Popographic" program, *NYPD Blue*.

As a citizen who is concerned about equal rights for all individuals, be they black, white, homosexual, bisexual, heterosexual or asexual. Disney should not bow to the religious right fanatics, and base any corporate decisions on what uninformed and uneducated individuals wish. Disney is a leader in the area of equal rights, or used to be, for all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation, and should remain firm in its policies that are currently in place. Please continue to support and promote equal rights for all citizens and not help the religious fanatics spread their hate and bigotry in the most magic place in the world.

Sincerely,

Share the Vision Weekend

June will be a wonderfully exciting month as we observe the 25th anniversary of Stonewall. There will be local celebrations planned in hundreds of cities as well as few major events planned nationally. Of course, all eyes will be on New York at the end of June for the Gay Games; as well as Pride Day on June 25th with the parade to the United Nations Plaza.

The hotspot the first weekend of June will be Orlando, Florida, where "Share the Vision Weekend... a Gay Day at Disney"™ will take place. This is the fourth year that gay men and women, among others, will meet for a day of fun at the most magical place in the world. The event of the year, second to New York of course, is a kickoff of Pride Month and has been developed into a three day package of fun and entertainment.

"Share the Vision Weekend"™ is being sponsored by the Genesis Foundation with your social hosts The Gay Alliance and the local hot spot, The Parliament House. The weekend will start at the Parliament House on Friday night with a "Welcome to Orlando Cocktail Party". Saturday

will see everyone at the Magic Kingdom participating in the wonders of Disney, with all gathering at Cinderella's Castle for the afternoon parade. After a short nap, the place to be on Saturday night will be Disney's Pleasure Island where one can dance, laugh, see how, and be the socialite of the evening.

A special day is planned on Sunday again at the Parliament House when a New York Street Fair is recreated to commemorate Stonewall. For those unable to go to New York this will be an opportunity to relive the infamous event of 25 years ago. One may even find a soapbox available to air some of those great thoughts they may be having.

Weekend packages are available that include accommodations, event tickets, meals, commemorative T-shirt, and a commemorative program.

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THIS IS BRIAN'S WAY

Dear Sharon and Carla,
the staff of *The New Voice*,
and all those loyal fans,

The ninth of the month does certainly catch up with me. It seems like I just get finished autographing all my 8 by 10" glossies for my fans in all those third world countries, and the next thing I know, I'm sitting back and reflecting on the past month's adventure.

What a month it's been! I thought I saw my boyfriend slowly starting to come out of his medicated stupor (yes, I still have the same boyfriend, well, he at least answers to the name I have posted on the refrigerator. At my age you can't be too choosy.), but it was just a small bout of gas. Boy, was my face red!

I was going through my fan mail the other day, and I thought I would answer some of the most asked questions:

- 1.) Yes, but only if both parties consent.
- 2.) No, the fork goes on the left.
- 3.) Maybe, but I think my mother has one, too.
- 4.) I heard that it is still legal in Indiana and some of the parishes in Louisiana.
- 5.) If I could walk that way, I wouldn't need the aftershave.
- 6.) Mine came with a thermos, so maybe you should talk to the salesclerk.

I'm still trying to get over the jet-lag from my two-gig world tour, and those poet-groupies still put too much starch in my shirts, but they do make a mean omelette in the morning.

Other highlights include:

- A.) Even with all the hours of deprogramming and chants led by Tibetan monks, my roommate has taken a turn for the worse. He now spends his days lounging on the couch, dressed only in a hot-pink mu-mu, singing all the Olivia Newton-John parts from the movie *Xanadu*. As soon as they have an open bed at the Betty Ford Clinic, this nightmare will finally end.
- B.) I think my cat may have made some money from her lottery playing, since her catnip is now being delivered in small brown packages with Colombian postmarks.
- C.) My mother has become embroiled in a heated clash with the oil companies over drilling rights in her basement coral reef. I think it was the crew filming the PBS special that blew the whistle, but I'm not sure.
- D.) The religious cult that has been chanting my poems and handing out leaflets is now holed up at the local Denny's. It seems their leader saw an image of Agnes Morehead in his Grand-Slam breakfast, and the next thing we knew, they were camping out in the smoking section causing all sorts of trouble.
- E.) My Barbie lunchbox support group held a bake sale and car wash to raise funds to help erect a plaque honoring those that perished in the January Thermos meltdown at the Indiana grade school lunchroom. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as we presented the gift to little Bobby Finklestein, who escaped tragedy by diving into the vat of mystery meat when the screams first started.

& F.) I finally learned all the words to Donnie and Marie's closing theme on their lamented variety show. I don't know if that really means all that much, but I feel like I accomplished something.

Well, I guess that's it for now. Thanks for all the help and support, and by the way, I was really honored to be a part of your ten-year retrospective, even if that does age me a bit. Hope that we will all be chuckling about this ten years from now. Thanks again *New Voice* for giving this poet a chance to be heard.

Love, Peace, and
small woodland creatures,
Brian

UNREQUITED LOVE

By Brian E. Bengtson

I thirst for you
like the guy at the corner of the bar
who can't choose between the last drink
or bus fare home.
I wake up with my quarterly dream sweat,
feel the wetness transfer from my pillow
to the back of my neck.
Why didn't you ever hold me?

I gargle with the prescribed rinse
and ingest the attempt
to ward off the latest infection.
I was never one of the options.
I have the age of a bus-stop senior
waiting for the number two.

I play
what could be our song.
I dance with your shadow
in the mirror, like a prom night.
My fingers go numb.
I list the gifts
I would have bought you.
The tender pet names
we could give each other.
The sounds we could make
with the curtains drawn,
the doors closed.

I sleep with your breath
playing at the edge of my room.
Why do I think of you?

The usual morning aches and pains call to me
as I dial your number,
wait for an answer,
and hang up.

THE SOLAR PLEXUS

by Leeander Scott

He engulfs me like a fuchsia sunset
So I rise to him blue like the horizon
Together, we do not fear the twilight
Which we alone create
Kisses come like stars
And our first wish always comes true
We pass between each other like clouds
On their way to heaven
He projects in me a solar eclipse
The pure containment of light
And I, in him, a small constellation

BLOODLETING

By Brian E. Bengtson

The eyes never seem to make it
to my face as I join them
on the quarterly march to a room,
or a paper-covered table, or
the chair made to help with the flow,
but I don't see them either.

A past that hiccups at me, and
fumbles for an apology as the scenes
are laid out for me again,
like my favorite Sunday funnie, or
the lights from the city on my bus ride home.

The men with the newly-minted opening lines,
and the boys who needed prodding,
the guys who just guessed right, or the ones
who I decided were just for not having
to go home alone, recite their names in the back
of my head as I make the fist,
and turn away.

Curtains scraping on the floor
excuse themselves for slamming me back
to that first gloryhole, for that first wistful
taking in of anxious breath, as I
wish for the full picture on the other side.

I'm eight and a half, again,
praying to a God to prove he's around,
and make the toy in my pocket disappear.
I look at my chart,
avert my gaze, and wonder if I
just might have left it outside.

TO A BEAUTIFUL BOY

by Christopher Thomas

How do I tell you
your body will never be enough
to carry your soul,
or that the innocence of your skin
will someday close the door
on your dearest dream?

The hungry mouths of May and June
will slip like quicksilver into blight.
Where you once found green ground
you'll find small deaths in straw,
the blank feeling of a wrinkle's lie,
the brittleness of history.

Yet puberty must eat through the train
to the final ache,
to that frantic moment when the mirror
must begin it's vast calming
and our blue stupidity
begins to believe in more than its lap.

I DON'T THINK WE'RE IN KANSAS ANYMORE, TOTO

By Scott L. Lowther

Have you ever noticed how much dating resembles Dorothy's experiences in the Land of Oz? One summer day you're whisked into a new reality amidst a turbulent storm — we call it "coming out." Suddenly, the rules have changed and our perceptions and the perceptions others have of us are forever altered.

This whole process is like dropping a house on unsuspecting family members and friends. Of course, emerging into the midst of the munchkins of Munchkin Land (otherwise known as the gay bar scene) is no small moment. Especially when an otherwise drab ensemble can be tastefully accessorized with a new pair of ruby red slippers.

Dorothy and I have much in common. We've both come to know the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion intimately.

Dating the Scarecrow can be interesting. He has no brain, but he's very limber and lots of fun. The problem here is that, try as I might, I'm just not challenged by a man who has no brain.

I wasn't comfortable dating the Tin Man either. I guess I expected too much from a man with no heart.

Going out with Cowardly Lions isn't the answer either. These guys are so afraid of their own feelings that they can't muster the courage to tell you how they feel, what they think, what they want, or even when it's over. You find out when, after several weeks of what you thought were wonderful evenings together, they just stop calling.

The worst, though, is when you stumble across a guy who is so confused, he thinks he's all of these characters. This poor schmuck has no brain, no heart AND no courage. We've dated guys like this. I won't mention any names ... mine know who they are.

So, if you venture into Munchkin Land, beware! These guys look normal, sound normal, and for a while, even act normal. The only sure-fire detection technique is to weather the storm, take your time, and consult the Wizard because it's all too obvious that we're not in Kansas anymore.

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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: Knowledge is Power

by Shelley Roberts

Judi and I put our house on the market. And as a result, I've discovered another vast, unknown secret of the known universe, why it is that perfectly normal, non-gay men are so incredibly, amazingly overwhelmingly *threatened* by mere lesbians.

No, no, Dr. Freud, all due respects and all, but it has nothing to do with missing certain appendages borne to men, or with the apparently overwhelming fear that women might find out that they don't actually have to put up with smelly blokes who can't tell the dirty clothes hamper from a hole in the floor, just to get some satisfying sex. All good reasons and true, I grant you. But *not*. I now understand, at the real heart of the matter.

About selling the house. It's a great market, see, what with interest rates hovering slightly below knee-sock level. There are still some German tourists willing to risk life, limb and the Miami International Airport to wave fistfuls of top-dollar Deutschmarks at home owners within walking distance of the beach. (Especially if said-same comes with ogling rights to nearby hot dog vendors in thong bikinis.)

So we thought we would take advantage. For once in our lives, we actually had cash at the bottom of a market. We bought low. Do the words, "Sell High!" ring a bell?

Unfortunately, though, no matter how much you've done to recover the house from untidy prior deed holders, there's *always* at least one or two more things you have to do to make it picture perfect for potential purchasers. (That's one of Robert's Rules of the Universe.)

Now, if you who have followed my column, you know that I believe that I have become butch *by default*. Judi just out-femme's me, especially when it comes to housey things. And, since I left Whatsisname behind me in an Illinois divorce court, there's no convenient he-man to take over some of the necessary, but bulkier tasks a house demands. Like pressure cleaning the roof. A big, strong handsome job if ever there was one.

And that's where I made my all-important discovery of the secret we have been oh, so carefully protected from us all these years. **MEN'S TOYS ARE MORE FUN!**

They're also more efficient. And a darn fine excuse to get out of doing boring chores like dishes, waxing floors, or spending perfectly good weekend days in the company of annoying in-laws, while appearing to do hard, unpleasant work. Hah!

Now who, exactly, do you think would tell this secret? Nice suburban hetero-homemakers whose fortunes rest in the hands of burly beasts? Na-uh. No way are you going to find Hilda Housefrau yanking the chain on the donkey engine, then climbing a ladder over her head to scrub the housetop with a boy's idea of the way-most-cool Hoover on the planet. John Wayne wouldn't let her. And besides, how else is she going to make the lug feel manly and appreciated so he'll stick around and keep contributing to the kids' Christmas club?

But *us*. Right! Lesbians don't keep hulks around for our own amusement. But our roofs still need power cleaning. So we're the ones most likely to discover that there really is something to

the theory of "P-envy". Only the "P" stands for *power-tools!* It's lesbians without husbands who could conceivably discover that belt sanders are slightly less complicated and dangerous than your average garbage disposal. And a thousand times more efficient than SOS.

Now, soaking wet, (which I certainly was) I probably couldn't qualify much past bantam weight for golden gloves. But there I stood, on the roof, aiming the first 1500 pounds per square inch at tiles tat when I got through with them, couldn't have come cleaner if I'd been on my hands and knees with a brillo pad. What satisfaction! What a great way to get a tan! What an extraordinary way to get out of doing inside housework on a Sunday afternoon. What a guy thing!

Think about it. We only got the microwave because a bunch of guys were going to shoot each other to the moon on an excellent adventure, and they couldn't take a woman along to cook meals. "Ihey," one of them *had* to have said, "Who's gonna cook while we're busy doing guy stuff?" And voilla! Instant popcorn.

And how about self-cleaning ovens! Don't you think they happened because some poor engineer dude had to take out the garbage *and* wrestle with Easy-Off as a condition of getting laid regularly?

Com'on! I'm surprised he didn't invent self-carrying garbage.

Hey, what if straight guys were *required* to do all the housework for a minimum of five years. Before they could, oh, say, vote, or buy a TransAm?

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Do you have any *idea* what you can accomplish with your own table saw and router?

Do you know how little actual work goes into running a riding mower over dichondra? (Oh, sure, maybe a calorie or two burned having to change sides of your book tape, pour your own brewski, or shout for your sweetie to fetch.)

Let's not even *mention* chain saws. So, it's not surprising that we scare them. Our real threat to straight men is not now, nor has it ever been, about sex, like they keep trying to scare us into thinking. That's a ruse.

What they're truly afraid of is that we'll spill the beans about what B and D really stand for. *Black and Decker.*

No wonder straight men are so threatened by lesbians.

We do endanger their entire way of life. Now that's enormous power!

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

By Ace Lundon



We'll
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There is
a light on the
horizon and
we may
someday
have an
openly gay
President in
the White
House. Of
course, this
will more
than likely
depend up-

on the ability of the present gay community to educate the general public... especially to let them know we've already had some homos in the White House so there's nothing to fear!

Now don't expect me to spoon-feed you on all the facts; you'll have to pick up the spoon yourself if you really want the nourishment. Let's start with an undisputed one. He's probably undisputed because he never really accomplished much as President. We just glaze over his presidency in High School and College studies. I do think, however, that you might be rather amused when you look into who his Vice President was and what happened. Yes James Buchanan was certainly OUR president.

Now, let's look into a bit of the life of a President who did make real contributions; a President whom we do study; a President whom

our Nation and the world looks up to and honors. Of course, in his day, he couldn't be as honest as he may have like to have been, but Society was even more strict then and homophobia was no less of a sickness. As a youth he wrote poetry - love poems to "friends". He was described as being "sensitive". Haven't we heard that one before!? It was said his compassion was "characteristically that of a homosexual" - whatever that means! Are straights characteristically un-compassionate?!

By the way, when one is looking backward in time into the lives of our ancestors, we must be aware of the difference in terminology used then as compared to now. Think of how historians refer to "us", in and out of our closets, a hundred years from now. Anyway, you get the point. A hundred years ago the catch phrase used to denote one's homosexuality was as Carl Sandburg biographically quoted: "he had a touch of lavender in his soul and hint of the May breezes."

When our President was in College, he and Wm. Hearndon formed a circle of young bachelors. Their premise? Why young men of our nature don't marry. It must be noted however that all did marry later in years... which brings back memories of myself as I too was able to "hold off" from marrying until the age of twenty-eight. Ah! Blessed social pressure! Then and now! During the years of formation of his Law Office, our hero stated when Joshua Speed applied: "I have a large double bed upstairs which I share with store clerks now and then." They were bed partners for four years! Whenever he was questioned about why he hadn't married, he told a story of a broken heart. The love of his life had died of consumption and he'd vowed to never

look at another woman. The interesting part of this is that historians can't find any evidence of this woman having existed. When asked about his circle of young bachelors group, he proclaimed that "friendship is the highest of human virtues." The letters written between these friends do not exist today; many think the new wife destroyed them since she also banned Joshua Speed and Wm. Hearndon from their home after marriage. It is recorded that neighbors heard the newlyweds arguing about her breaking up the relationship with Speed.

When our hero decided on the political arena, advisors told him "with the reputation you've gotten, you couldn't be elected dog-catcher without being married." This set the stage for Mary, who'd missed her chance with Stephen Douglas, to now propose marriage with our hero...who incidentally left her standing at the altar the first time around...because he was "nervous". Speed told him to tell her in person why he didn't want to marry her. When our hero couldn't do it, Speed became furious and returned to Kentucky and married a widow.

The second wedding date was set and Mary became Mrs. Abraham Lincoln who became our 16th President. Of course when one knows the truth, it is much easier to understand what he was talking about when he stated: "those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves." We certainly have all felt that pain and anger.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet. Mr. Lundon is former Mg. Editor of *Zipper Magazine* and *The Coast to Coast Times*. His autobiographical legacy: *The Closets are Empty...The Dining Room's Full* is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing House.



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I GOT TO INTERVIEW JASON STUART. JEALOUS?

By Sharon Van Butsel

When I called Jason Stuart at his Los Angeles apartment, he was busy getting ready to fly to Chicago the next day. He was packed and trying to straighten out his closet and moving a filing cabinet while he left me on the phone, listening to the crash as the metal cabinet hit the floor. This informal, relaxed atmosphere continued throughout the interview. It was like talking to an old friend who is very charming and very entertaining.

Sharon — Tell me about Jason Stuart and this "Coming Out" Tour that you're on. How long have you been doing comedy?

Jason — Ten years. I started at the Comedy Store in 1983 in Hollywood.

Sharon — I know that's when you came out on Geraldo on national TV last June, but when did you come out personally?

Jason — I came out to my family in my early 20's, 10 or more years ago, so it wasn't a surprise to my family and friends. But it sure was to people in the business who didn't think I ever would do that. In Hollywood it's an unwritten law that you can be gay but not publicly. I'd been going to the parties and was involved politically for years, but I felt I had no sense of dignity in my life. I wanted to stand up and be counted. That's just one reason I came out. There are many reasons we come out. It doesn't happen like you see it in a TV movie. Another reason I came out was because of all of the gay and lesbian youth. When I came out there was no one.

Sharon — What affect has coming out had on your career?

Jason — In terms of stand up comedy, it's great. And to Patrick Hasburg it doesn't matter at all. He just hired me for the third time to guest star on Sequest. And Jim Valley put me on the John Larroquette Show. In the world of stand-up comedy, they're starting to realize that gay means money so the bookings are coming in heavy and thick.

Sharon — So how did you get to Omaha?

Jason — Colleen Quinn, then the assistant manager of the Funny Bone, and I had always liked each other and when the previous manager quit, Colleen called me. Colleen is fabulous. She

is manager there now. I was there in Omaha 5 years ago and I was the middle act and was heavily in the closet. Now I'm totally out and the headliner. I'm so excited and looking forward to meeting the gay and lesbian people of Omaha. I'm so excited I can't decide if I should kill myself or go bowling. So far this year, I played a gay guy on John Larroquette and a straight guy on Murder She Wrote. It's been an incredible year.

Sharon — Describe your style of comedy.
Jason — I'm outrageous, topical, openly gay. I'm lunch with Merrill Streep and you. And my catch phrase in my act is "jealous?" For example, "I have all Barbra Streisand's records. Jealous? I would be."

Sharon — How does that go in straight clubs?

Jason — I started in the straight clubs. I work 60-70% in straight clubs because there aren't that many gay venues to work in. Lately the gay community has been very good to me. I am getting bookings from college groups for one day shows and for Pride parades. And I've been selected by Christopher Coppola to play in his feature film, "Loveland."

Sharon — I hear you got picketed in Kansas City. Was that Phelps?

Jason — Yes, it was. That made nationwide news. It was really strange. At first it was sort of funny, but then I had to go to the club. It was very disconcerting to have all those hate things around. You know, I didn't know the word faggot was in the Bible.

Sharon — It seems to be in his Bible.

Jason — I think so.

Sharon — So, who will enjoy your performance?

Jason — Gay people. Lesbian people, Jews, Blacks, Latinos, Straight couples.... I'm very hetero friendly and I'm gay so those are my brothers and sisters.

Sharon — I'm really impressed that someone like you with a career on the rise is coming to Omaha, Nebraska to perform. I want to encourage everyone to come see you. I'll call Colleen out at the Funny Bone to see if I can get some posters and flyers.

Jason — Before you go, I want to thank you for calling and for the interview and for helping get the word out. It's been great.

JASON STUART SWEEPS OMAHA: To Headline at Funny Bone Comedy Club

Jason Stuart, Actor/Comedian, came out on last year's provocative "Geraldo" TV show, now brings his national "Coming Out Tour" to Omaha, Nebraska, April 20 - 25, 1994, at the Funny Bone Comedy Club, 705 North 114th Street, Telephone: (402) 493-8036. The Tour will kick off opening night with an AIDS Benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Stuart enjoyed a banner year in 1993 with acting roles on CBS's "Murder She Wrote," as well as the new hit NBC TV series, "The John Larroquette Show." He was also interviewed for "National Coming Out Day" on CNBC's "Real Personal" Show in October, 1993, and was featured on A&E's "Evening at the Improv" in December, his second experience on the show, as well as scores of newspaper, magazine and radio interviews.

Stuart just completed an episode, which will air May 22nd, of Steven Spielberg's "SeaQuest DSV" on NBC in which he plays a hologram. More way-out comedy will grace the airwaves as Stuart appears on A&E's "Comedy On The Road," taped at Cobb's in San Francisco a few weeks ago. That show will be aired later this year.

Stuart enjoyed a stand-up career on the national comedy club circuit for ten years. However, it was not until June 1993, on the "Geraldo" show that he chose to come out publicly, to be open about who he was — a gay man.

In June, 1994, principal photography will begin for Christopher Coppola's new feature film, "Loveland" for Cineplay, Int. Stuart portrays a southern preacher in this new film produced and written by Debra Duggan.

In addition to Stuart's national touring, acting, and comedy appearances, Stuart has recorded a new dance record entitled, "I'm Out," set for a national release shortly.

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER: ANOTHER RISING STAR

By Sharon Van Butsel

On March 5, I again found myself traversing the back parking lot at the Joselyn, past the trailers and Satellite units of the construction workers, to the "secondary public entrance" where I pushed a buzzer and was granted admission. I continued my journey past the TV screens of the security console and through the back hallways, once again in search of an attractive blonde lesbian comedienne. However, this time my search led me to Suzanne Westenhofer, brought to the stage of the Witherspoon Auditorium by the Women of the Plains. Like JoAnn Loulan, Suzanne is attractive and blonde with permed hair, however, Suzanne Westenhofer is first, last, and foremost an accomplished comedienne whose career may well be the first to bring truly "gay" comedy into mainstream media. Suzanne entered with confidence and control, establishing rapport with the audience almost immediately. She acknowledged that some of the jokes she told were for her own amusement only — "I'll be up here for a long time and I have to entertain myself as well." Westenhofer continued for just over an hour, sharing stories about her current girlfriend who is completely in the closet — while living with the most out lesbian in the world. Figure. When Westenhofer took her final bow, she was greeted with a standing ovation from the 400-500 people in attendance. Suzanne Westenhofer is truly a very funny lady. If you missed the performance, watch for her special on HBO. You wouldn't want to miss her again.

JOANN LOULAN: THERAPIST, COMEDIENNE, ACTIVIST

By Sharon Van Butsel

On February 20, WomenSpace Productions brought author, therapist, and comedienne Joann Loulan to the stage of the Witherspoon Concert Hall, filled with 300-400 women and 2 men, all prepared for an evening of comedy. Of course, with the Joselyn under construction, entering from the North Parking Lot was a bit treacherous. However, we found the back entrance and followed the signs, right past the bank of television screens where the guard monitors the security cameras, to the concert hall.

JoAnn Loulan is a petite blonde, with an attractive figure. She took center stage and a black clad sign language interpreter took her place to the side. No sooner had Loulan started to speak than a woman came out of the audience with roses in her hand. Loulan started to say how flattered she was when the woman took the microphone from her and presented the roses to the sign language interpreter for her service to the community. Loulan recovered quickly and joined in the applause for the interpreter, but I found it embarrassing. If Loulan also felt the embarrassment, it may have accounted for the rocky start to the performance, for it seemed to

take Loulan nearly 15 minutes to deliver material which got a response from the crowd. Throughout her performance Loulan made frequent references to concepts which may be a typical part of California lifestyle but seemed alien to her Nebraska audience. This, combined with the frequent use of the word "fuck", seemed to block the relationship between performer and most of the audience. Loulan comedy was at its best as she described attempts to "de-dyke" the house for a visit from family, and how to best retrieve the book which had been left out in view. However, the mood of the evening turned serious as Loulan began to talk about being diagnosed with breast cancer last spring. She was open and self disclosing as she discussed her feelings. Loulan challenged the audience to wake up because "Lesbians deserve to be on this planet!" She alleged that failure on the part of lesbians to do breast self-exams or to seek medical care is a form of self hatred that reflects our hatred of being a woman. The evening closed with Loulan reading a chapter from one of her books. Comedy, therapy, and activism combined for a show that lasted well over two hours.

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NATIONAL NEWS

UNITY STRESSED AT PRIDE SUMMIT

But Group Falls Just Short of Goal

Gay and Lesbian Awareness (GALA) will be revived to plan and coordinate this year's pride celebrations. That was the decision reached by about fifty people, many of them representing other Lesbian and Gay organizations, gathered at Metropolitan Community Church, February 20.

That decision is being protested by Rodney Brown, who organized a new group, the Gay Pride Coordinating Committee, last month. But most of those at the meeting dismissed Brown as "uncooperative" and "confrontational."

The community summit was convened by the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (GLCC), with the support of Spirit of Hope MCC and Gay and Lesbian Services Network (GLSN). GLSN is the parent organization of GALA, which disbanded in December when the group learned that last year's event lost \$10,000 and still owed \$8,500. Several GLSN representatives were present at the meeting, but abstained from voting on the decision to revive GALA.

Other organizations represented at the meeting included: KC Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf, Willow Productions, Human Rights Project, Show Me Freedom Band, Heartland Men's Chorus, Transgenderists and Twenty-Plus Club (created during the meeting to recognize and coordinate all those present who have been working in the Gay and Lesbian community for twenty years or more).

"GLSN kept saying the group had the option of using another structure," said Kevin Chafin, a co-chair of GLCC. "But there was pretty much consensus among the group that GALA be revived." Chafin and others said utilizing an existing structure, such as GALA, made more sense than creating a new organization.

Lois Reborne, co-chair of GLCC, credited facilitators Jennifer Wilding and Collette Panchot with keeping the group on track and helping those with different viewpoints "synthesize. It's what made the meeting successful. It could have been a shouting match, but it never deteriorated," Reborne said.

There was some dissension, however. Many of the group's decisions during the meeting were

opposed by Brown and an unidentified guest. Brown told the *News-Telegraph* that he is opposed to any association with GLSN and "the controversy," referring to last year's loss. He was also critical of the meeting.

"It was the stupidest thing I've ever been to," Brown said. "It was concocted by self-appointed leaders."

Brown, who was formerly a volunteer with GALA and organized numerous fundraisers at area Lesbian and Gay bars, said he has already scheduled fundraisers for this year's event.

"I'm going to go ahead with what I'm doing," he said. "I'm going to go ahead and raise money and see what happens."

Others at the meeting said they took issue with Brown's unwillingness to cooperate with GALA, which has an existing structure and a system of accountability that Brown's group hasn't developed yet.

"I can raise the same questions," Brown said, referring to GALA's debt. But GLSN representatives said they have made changes to the way funds are accounted for that will reduce the likelihood of a repeat of last year's fiscal problems. Brown's group, GPCC, has no bylaws, no board of directors, no budget, and, like GALA, no money yet.

"I heard from him (Brown) that he was very much in favor of unity and cooperation, but when push came to shove, I didn't see him embrace that," said Reverend John Barbone, pastor of MCC, noting that all of those present, except Brown and the other man, supported the decision to revitalize GALA. "The group would have treated any person without that accountability the same way. It was nothing personal toward (Brown), but no one can represent the community and raise money without accountability."

No decisions were made to establish the date and location of pride events this year, though there was discussion about conflicts with the Gay Games and Stonewall 25, two large national celebrations taking place in New York this June, which is the traditional month for pride celebrations in Kansas City.

- *News-Telegraph*

"VICTORY"

Because of the work of NGLTF, the Government of the United States is intervening — **for the first time in history** — in a case involving persecution on the basis of sexual orientation. Attorney General Janet Reno notified me that the Justice Department will mediate on behalf of Brenda and Wanda Henson, whose horrific plight is described in the attached. I would also like to share with you Janet Reno's historic letter to me, reprinted below. Despite my joy, I know that we have to continue to fight, to change the laws that fail to protect us! Janet Reno's latest action is only an exception to the law. NGLTF will continue this fight, and we need your support!

LETTER FROM JANET RENO

Dear Ms. Radevic,

Thank you for your December 7, 1993 letter concerning the situation in Ovett, Mississippi. As you are, I am deeply troubled by the harassment and intimidation of Brenda and Wanda Henson, the lesbian owners of Camp Sister Spirit. The intolerance and bigotry demonstrated by some of the people of Ovett has no place in this country.

I have carefully considered your requests on behalf of the Hensons for assistance from the Department of Justice. As you are aware, Department officials met with representatives of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) on January 12th to talk about the Department's ability to respond to the situation in Ovett.

As was discussed at the January 12 meeting, federal jurisdiction is currently restricted by statute. At this time, sexual orientation is not a protected status under the federal civil rights law. Accordingly, we are unable to assist the Hensons through the enforcement of existing federal criminal civil rights laws concerning housing or federally-protected activities.

However, we recently learned from an NGLTF staff member that some federal criminal laws may have been violated through use of the federal postal system. The NGLTF staff member reported that an envelope addressed to the Hensons containing a threatening letter was postmarked January 9, 1994 and mailed from Gulfport, Mississippi. Based on this development, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been asked to conduct an investigation into this matter. If the evidence shows that there was a violation of federal criminal statutes, appropriate action will be taken.

In addition to initiating the FBI investigation, I have signed a taking order pursuant to my authority under 28 U.S.C. §§ 509-510 asking the Community Relations Service (CRS) to intervene in the matter and to help mediate the dispute. While CRS is statutorily limited to assist only in conflicts arising from race, color and national origin issues, I consider the threat of violence in Ovett to be real and believe CRS's involvement is both appropriate and necessary to restore calm to the community.

Finally, I have asked my staff to schedule your requested meeting. Since the Ovett case is pending criminal investigation, it would not be appropriate for me to discuss the specifics of the case at this time. However, I look forward to the opportunity to talk with you about the general issues that the situation highlights.

I intend to keep fully apprised of the situation and ask that you continue to provide information to the Department. Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. Together we can and will overcome the discrimination faced by the Hensons and others like them.

Sincerely,
Janet Reno

RAYMOND BURR'S KIN SUE TO BLOCK WILL

Santa Rosa, CA. — Raymond Burr, the late veteran actor who immortalized the fictional lawyer, Perry Mason on television and in film, is about to return to court in what may be a nasty fight over the actor's estate between Burr's relatives and his longtime companion and business partner. Minerva Burr and her brother James have filed a lawsuit to contest their uncle's will which left his entire estate, estimated to be worth about \$32 million, to Robert Benevides, Burr's one-time valet who for nearly thirty years was also the actor's close companion, although Burr never publicly acknowledged being Gay.

Minerva Burr, a Southern California legal secretary, however, says that her uncle "was unduly influenced and persuaded" by Benevides to cut the ten surviving members of the family — including herself and her brother James — out of his will.

Burr's 30-year-old niece also insisted that her uncle had another will that left part of his rich estate to various family members instead of cutting all his family out of the will. She says, however, that she has been unable to locate the document.

John Hopkins, who was Raymond Burr's attorney and is now representing Benevides, said he is "dumbfounded" by the lawsuit. Hopkins said he prepared three wills for Burr during the past two decades, but none of them left any significant bequests to his relatives.

Hopkins also dismissed Minerva Burr's statements that Benevides had soured the actor to his family as "ridiculous."

"Raymond ran his life and his affairs," Hopkins said. "We all did what he said. If you knew Raymond, then you know that you were less likely to persuade him that you could Perry Mason."

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RANDY SHILTS, AIDS WRITER, DIES

Randy Shilts, perhaps the best-known AIDS
writer and the first openly Gay reporter to write
regularly for a major daily newspaper, died late
February 16 at his home in the Russian River
resort community of Guerneville, just north of
San Francisco. He was 42 years old.

After writing for a while for *The Advocate*,
Shilts was hired in 1981 by the *San Francisco
Chronicle*, becoming the first openly Gay reporter
to work at a major daily newspaper.

Shilts took on AIDS researchers, accusing
them of looking for credit first and a cure second.
He blasted the blood bank operators for thinking
of profits above safety. And, yet, Shilts found
himself at odds with much of San Francisco's
politically powerful Lesbian and Gay community.
In the early 1980's many activists denounced
Shilts for advocating the closure of Gay
bathhouses in the city to help prevent the further
spread of AIDS.

In 1985 he finished his best-selling early
history of the AIDS epidemic, *And the Band
Played On*, on the very day he himself learned he
had tested positive for HIV. He chose not to go
public with his HIV status until last year when
rumors of his deteriorating health became
widespread, saying he fearing disclosing his
infection would jeopardize his effectiveness as a
reporter.

Last February, after suffering a collapsed
lung and rumors began circulating about his health,
Shilts confirmed that he in fact did have AIDS.
An often controversial reporter and author, Shilts
said he had kept his condition secret because
"every Gay writer who tests positive end up being
an AIDS activist, and I didn't want to end up
being an activist."

Even though Shilts had AIDS himself, he
always insisted his criticism of the Gay
community's slow response to the epidemic was
part of his journalistic responsibility.

"Here I write a book that assails the president,
that takes on the most imminent researchers of
our time, and essentially accuses the blood bankers
of murder," Shilts said. "To do all that and then
to not write about the failures within the Gay
community too that would have been dishonest.
And the only power that journalism has is when
it tells the truth."

Shilts also authored *The Mayor of Castro
Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk* about
the assassinated Gay San Francisco supervisor,
and more recently *Conduct Unbecoming*, about
the history of Gays and Lesbians in the military.

Dr. Paul Volberding, a leading AIDS
researcher at the University of California in San
Francisco, said of Shilts: "He was really the first
reporter willing to speak out, willing to take on
the editors to get his stories in the papers, and he
alerted many people to the devastating epidemic
we were going through."

In 1988 he was named outstanding author by
the American Society of Journalists and Authors.
In 1992-93 he was named journalist of the year by
the Northern California chapter of the Society of
Professional Journalists. And last year he received
the lifetime achievement award from the Nation
Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association.

-News-Telegraph

HIV EDUCATION GOES INTO BARS

By Brian Bowles

"Young gays, living in a society that in many ways shuns homosexuality, are grappling with self-esteem and the volatile transition from teenager to adult." (Omaha World-Herald, Friday, December 17, 1993) This is the main reason cited for the fact that young gay men are not getting the safer sex message. The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) and the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (ACE) will begin an outreach program in gay/lesbian bars to offer HIV risk reduction education in mid-April.

The volunteers will have latex condoms and explicit safer sex brochures available for interested individuals. The information, applicable to lesbians or gay men, is steamy and leaves no room for question. The outreach effort is scheduled to begin on Friday, April 15th, with volunteers providing education and risk reduction information in a different bar each Friday night. Watch for the volunteers, get the latest information and pass it on to others. Help each other have a great time and a safer time.

NAP OFFICE WILL MISS FIVE; NEW FACES TAKE THEIR PLACE

Five longtime and valuable members of the NAP Board of Directors stepped down when their terms of office expired at the end of 1993. Leaving the board after serving two consecutive three-year terms were Dr. Barbara Braden, Don Randolph, Mike Maciejewski and Jean Ann Ballinger. David Rice also retired after serving three years. At the recognition lunch on Jan. 15, the retiring board members were presented with AIDS awareness ribbon plates in appreciation of their service.

Board members newly elected for three-year terms are Mark Goodman, Sheila Magnuson, Andy McFarland, Dan Murphy, Jane Pierson and Kevin Roark, all of Omaha. Re-elected to the board are Donna Hruska, Omaha, and Cynthia Lauritsen, Fremont. Another board vacancy exists for greater Nebraska region. The vacancy was created by the resignation of the Rev. Garry Timmons of North Platte. If interested, call NAP at 1-800-782-2437, for an application.

Members of the Executive Committee are Chris Marshall, president. Susan McGillick, vice president. Donna Hruska, secretary-treasurer.

Cynthia Lauritsen and Joseph Conrad. Other board members are Charles Hatfield, Lexington; Ron Schroeder and James Hejduk, Lincoln; Ted and Imo Lechner and Kaye Mindt Long, Grand Island; and Mark Maser, Mary Maynard, Jeff Schuller and Peggy Sorenson, all of Omaha. Serving as Ex-Officio board members are Mary Henn, Grand Island; Tim Timmons and Virginia Wilkinson, Lincoln; and John Weston, Omaha.

The 21-member board meets bimonthly, alternating among Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island. The board sets policies, assist with fundraising and oversees the mission of NAP. The Executive Committee meets every month at the Omaha NAP office to carry out the policies between board meetings.

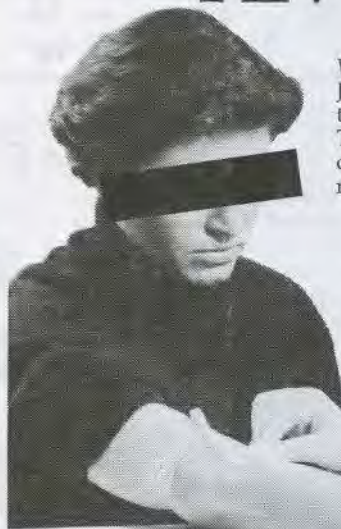
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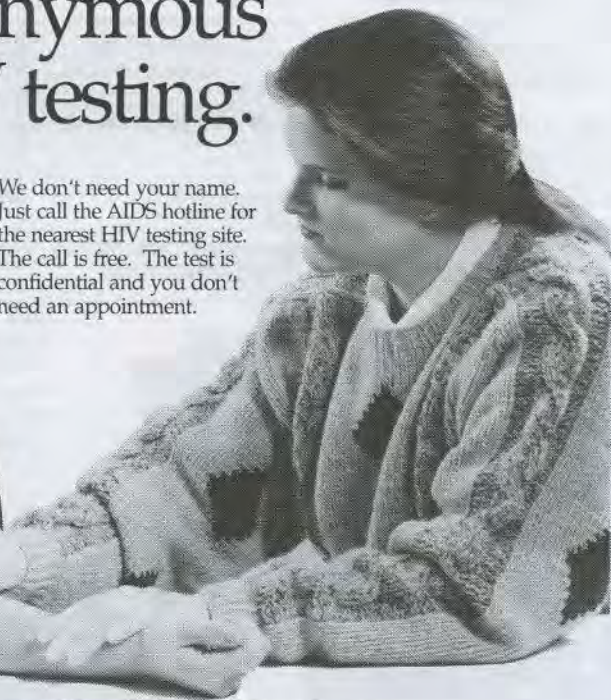
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Kara also added, "We go out and do the legwork. We travel to the International Toy and Gift Markets all over the country and bring back what's hot on both coasts. Things that won't even be in the Midwest for a while, if ever."

The Albino Rhino is also a ticket distributor for WomanSpace Productions and Women of the Plains. "Come in and check us out," Kelly says. "But take your time in doing so, because we have a wide variety in merchandise and it changes all the time." Kelly, Kara, and Gregg invite you to step into The Albino Rhino, 101 N. 14th, Lincoln, and experience a truly unique shopping adventure.

A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

Thank You again to Cindy and her staff at the Diamond Bar for their support of our Chili Feed. We raised \$188.00 with the donations for the food and other cash donations. Our thanks go out to Bob Ewing, owner of Printing Plus, for his donations of flyers for the Chili Feed as well as business cards for our night at the Dundee Dinner Theatre in April.

Plan to join us at the Dundee Dinner Theatre on Friday evening, April 22, as we sponsor an evening of live theater with the Imperial Court of Nebraska. The play, "Prelude to a Kiss" will be performed at 8:00 p.m. with Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for both dinner and show and \$20 for just the show. The proceeds from the event will be split between the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) and Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors (ANGLE), with ANGLE's half going to support the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Information and Referral Line.

This is sure to be a great evening so call for your reservations now (558-8535) and mention ICON for this special event. Look for another article about the cast and play in this issue of *The New Voice*.

A big thank you from the Stonewall 25 Committee to everyone who purchased raffle tickets in February.

The winner was announced at the Chili Feed and the luck person is Susan Shepherd. Susan will receive a space on the bus trip to New York City along with hotel accommodations. Only 17 seats are left for this great trip so call the phone line (558-5303) today and ask for Sonia to return your call.

Don't forget Sunday, June 12, is the day of our Pride Parade and Picnic. We need your help with these activities and others during Pride month.

Please contact Dave England through the phone line (558-5303) if you can help. Next month's *New Voice* issue will include our announcement of the Pride Logo winner and look for more information about Pride month in June.

Join us on Tuesday, April 5, for our monthly meeting of ANGLE at 7:00 p.m., UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Boulevard.

CHORUS NOTES

By Stan Brown

The River City Mixed Chorus continues to grow in size as we celebrate our 10th Anniversary this season. With the addition of new singing members and some returning former members, we are close to 60 voices strong now. Join us on Saturday, June 4th, at 7:05 p.m., UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, as we continue to celebrate "A Decade of Harmony." Our Pride Concert, "A Singing Tribute to Pride," will include the world premiere of our commissioned piece by Jonathan Cole, past Chorus favorites, and new selections to share with our audience.

Be sure you have a seat at the concert by sending us \$6.00 per person for a season ticket with includes your space in a reserved section until 7:00 p.m., and an invitation to our After Concert Reception. Send your check to RCMC, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103-02167, and we will send your ticket in the mail during the month of May.

Remember the benefit variety show "Fruit Salad" we had at the MAX a few years ago? Well, "Fruit Salad, A Smaller Portion," will be taking place at D.C.'s Bar, 610 South 14th Street, sometime in May. Join us as Chorus members and friends perform your favorite live and lip-

synch selections from the past ten years. Look for flyers at all the bars or call The Chorus Singline 341-SING (7464) for more information.

Make sure when you're cleaning out those "closets" this spring that you think of the Chorus' garage sale "Closet Cleaning IV" on Saturday, June 18. Please contact us by calling 341-SING (7464) to let us know you have items to donate and if we need to arrange a pick-up time. The location will be at 2403 Hanscom Boulevard and look for more information in upcoming *New Voice* issues.

Finally, we are offering Community members and friends the chance to purchase our 10th Anniversary T-shirts. T-shirts orders will be taken at our show at DC's, as well as at our concert on June 4th, or by calling 341-SING (7464).





Patrick, Mr. HGRA; RC, MS HGRA; Duane, Mr. HGRA 1st Runner Up

HGRA ROUND-UP

By Patrick Williams, Mr. HGRA

Hey, All! Rodeo season is in full swing and the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA) will be represented at nearly all of the upcoming rodeos. We have members planning on going to Los Angeles (April 16-17), Little Rock (April 30 - May 1), and Oklahoma City (May 28 - 29). Please contact us if you have questions about these or any other rodeos.

May 14 finds HGRA traveling to Des Moines as guests of our members in that city. We will hold our monthly meeting that day and put on a benefit show that evening at Chances. 50% of the proceeds will go to the Food Pantry of Iowa and 50% to HGRA. Sunday we will have a no-host brunch at the Side Saddle Cafe. It promises to be a fun weekend and we look forward to partying with our Des Moines colleagues on their own turf and showing that city what the HGRA is all about. We are still putting the show together, so if you are interested in performing, contact R.C., Madame X, or myself.

On June 4 we will be having another training clinic. Following will be a pig roast and campout (that's as in tents and sleeping bags, not ball gowns and evening gloves) for members and their guests. Then Sunday, June 5, we will have our first Showdeo. The following weekend will see HGRA participating in Omaha's pride events.

At the March meeting, nominations were made for the new Board of Directors who will be elected at the April 9 meeting. Nominations are open until that time. Nominations so far are Joan for President, Shelly Foster for Vice-President, David McGinnis, Recording Secretary, Terry Jorjiah, Corresponding Secretary, and Dan Johnson and one other for Treasurer. Please be at the April meeting if you wish to run for an office yourself or nominate someone else. We encourage all members to attend to place their vote. We remind you that only paid up members may vote and/or run for an office.

A.C.E. TO HOLD BAKE SALE

The AIDS Coalition for Empowerment will be having a bake sale on Sunday, April 10, 1994 at the Metropolitan Community Church located at 819 S. 22 from 9am to 12 noon. Please come share in the fellowship and enjoy freshly baked goods with your friends. The proceeds from this bake sale will be used to publish our first newsletter to the HIV community and those associated with HIV issues. ACE would like to congratulate MCC on their recent anniversary and would like to thank them for their continued support of the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment.

BISEXUAL DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING

A new discussion group for BiSexual people is meeting every Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in Room 234 of the Nebraska Union on the University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus, 14th & R Streets, in Lincoln. For more information call (402) 472-5644.

PRELUDE TO A KISS: A NIGHT ON TOWN

By Carla

The Imperial Court of Nebraska and ANGLE are excited to be sponsoring an evening at the Dundee Dinner Theatre. Friday, April 22, they invite you to join them for what promises to be an entertaining evening with friends. Dinner choices will delight you, and the show, *Prelude to a Kiss*, promises to entertain you til the final curtain. Tickets for the evening are \$25 for dinner and show or \$20 for the show only. Make your reservations today by calling 558-8535—you must mention ICON when you call to get a ticket for this special evening.

Featured in the show will be Michal Simpson, who was most recently seen in the SNAP production of *Jeffrey*. Here he plays Peter, the newlywed whose wife takes on a personality much different from her own. Complementing him on stage are Libby DeLune as Rita, Larry Fortney, Joel Miller, and Sue Mullin. What an unexpected twist this story of love takes! You'll have to see it to believe it. *Prelude to a Kiss* is directed by M. Michele Phillips.

You asked for more diversity in our activities and here it is. Join ICON and ANGLE in this plunge into the arts. You'll be supporting one of the oldest gay and lesbian organizations in the state, and you'll be supporting the Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line, which celebrates its third anniversary May 1, 1994. Help us help them to help you!



Overall Winners of Indoor Rodeo: Dave, Sara, Jim

DC'S GRAND OPENING A SMASH (And So Was HGRA's Indoor Rodeo)

On March 12, DC's officially celebrated its new location at 610 S. 14th. The grand opening celebration included an Indoor Rodeo sponsored by the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA), a benefit auction, lots of country western music, and great dancing.

During the afternoon, members and friends of HGRA gathered to compete in four exciting events: The Wild Western Drag Race, Calfr(?) Roping, and two forms of Barrel Racing. There were a few spills and a lot of thrills as contestants raced down the dance floor to don a lovely square dance costume, "pranced" on stick horses around barrels, tried to rope a poor innocent calf, and returned to the barrels for a high speed race on three wheels. The winner of the overall title for the day was the lovely Sara, who was both fast on the race course and very accurate with her use of the lanat. Jim took second place, followed by Dave. The winners received generous bar tabs from the owners of DC's. HGRA wants to say a special thank you to all the businesses who donated items for the auction. Please show your support as you patronize the following businesses:

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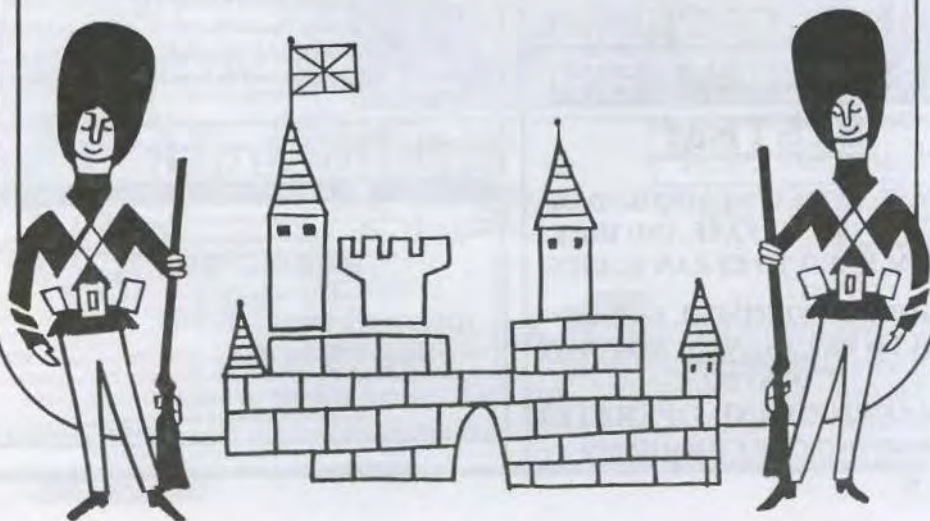
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LOCAL NEWS

TRIALS BEGIN IN KOWAL CASE

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The following Monday the trial began for Alvin Morris and Walter L. Bray.

These three men were arrested on Sept. 4 for the robbery and murder of Greg Kowal.

GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS MEET

The first meeting of the Gay And Lesbian Parents Support Group (G.A.L.P.) was at MCC-Omaha on Thursday, March 3. There were 6 people in attendance who discussed future topics and activities. The next meeting of GALP will be held on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30pm at MCC Church, 819 S. 22. Everyone is welcome to attend. The April topic will be the "Coming Out Process" and its effects on family and children. We will also plan an activity for the children for April at this meeting. See you April 7th!

NAP CLIENTS INSPIRE SCRIPT FOR UNL SHOW

The University of Nebraska - Lincoln's spring Theatre season, directed by graduate students, was recently announced. Among the offerings is "Old Friends: An Artistic Exploration of Nebraskans Living With HIV/ AIDS."

Mark Giesler, a doctoral student in theatre, conceived the project, which chronicles the stories of 11 people living with HIV/ AIDS in the Lincoln area. It will be performed April 14-17 in Room 301 of the Temple Building on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

"In my work as a NAP buddy, I was struck by the numerous clients who had moved away and felt a need to return to Nebraska. I began to wonder how easy that move was for them. The result was this project," Giesler said. "The script is taken entirely from interviews conducted with NAP clients last summer."

"I was amazed at the need for these people to tell their stories," he said. "I would go with the intent of staying an hour and walk out three hours later."

Giesler said the most exciting part of the process is yet to come. Beginning in mid-March, he and eight other Lincoln-area actors will begin rehearsing for the multimedia event, incorporating dance, video, and slides into a "reader's theater."

"I have cast eight actors who are willing to delve into these sometimes difficult issues," Giesler said. "That makes all the difference."

Among the topics the show will address: The news media's response to the AIDS crisis, discrimination and women's issues.

Cast member Valerie Devoe said, "AIDS is something a lot of Nebraskans still don't talk about. One of my hopes for this project is that people will realize that we have to continue to talk about it."

"Old Friends" will open Thursday, April 14, and run nightly at 8 p.m. through April 16, with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, April 17. Tickets are \$2 and can only be purchased at the door.

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Melissa Etheridge brings her passionate and electrifying live performance to the Orpheum in Omaha on Monday, April 11th at 8:00 p.m. This tour is in support of her latest release, *Yes I Am* and features special guest Matthew Sweet, a native of Lincoln, Nebraska, as the opening act.

Etheridge's 1992 disc *Never Enough* earned her a Grammy for Best Female Rock Performance and it is this unique, energy-filled performance that will captivate the Omaha and surrounding area audience on April 11th. In describing her most recent release *Yes I Am* Etheridge states, "From the moment I started thinking about this record, I know that I wanted songs that would be really strong live, because that's where I spend most of my time — what I do most is sing these songs over and over. So every song that I started to write, that I even considered for the album, I had to visualize live and I know this would be a very live recording."

Opening artist Matthew Sweet earned national recognition and massive airplay with his 1992 release *Girlfriend* and continues to please fans with the razor-sharp pop edge found on his latest, "Altered Beast."

Melissa Etheridge, a Leavenworth, Kansas native, began her career playing at coffeehouses while studying guitar at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Her intense, emotional style so moved Island Records' founder Chris Blackwell that he immediately signed her to the label. The raw, bare-bones approach that Etheridge has preserved keeps her live performances in high demand.

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JAMIE ANDERSON AT DOWNTOWN GROUNDS

Jamie Anderson, singer, songwriter, and comedian returns to Omaha on Thursday, April 7 for a concert at Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 1117 Jackson. On tour to promote the recent release of her new album, *Bad Hair Day*, Jamie will perform many of her old favorites such as the *Wedding Song*, *Bad Idea*, and *I'm Sorry* (that you're straight), but will also add some new songs from the album such as one which expresses her admiration for a certain female country singer in *Wynona, Why Not?*

Jamie's energy and flair for comedy make her a frequent favorite to perform at women's music festivals across the country. Her appearance in Omaha in 1993 was the impetus for the inception of our own women's festival, Pridelifest. She also appeared at the National Women's Music Festival in Bloomington, Indiana and at the National March on Washington singing her gay pride anthem, *No Closet*.

Jamie is also active in the Association for Women's Music and Culture (AWMAC), and is known for her hard work in promoting women artists. Her record company, Tsunami Records, recently produced a compilation recording entitled *Family and Friends*, which included songs by a variety of artists.

The concert begins at 8:00 and tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Seating is limited so WomenSpace Productions, concert promoters, recommend purchasing tickets in advance. They are available at New Realities Book Store in the Old Market or by mail from WomenSpace at PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124.

COMPANY: A REVIEW

By Sharon Van Butsel

The current Dundee Dinner Theater presentation of Stephen Sondheim's *Company* is a delightful walk through the early 70's and the pop art, pop psychology, and intense truth telling of the time. It is especially noteworthy because of some outstanding individual performances as well as highly effective set design and remarkable choreography.

In this work Sondheim presents a kaleidoscope of the relationships and interactions between men and women in love. The play is set in New York, and tells the story of Robert, just celebrating his 35th birthday, and the various relationships in his life. Robert, played by Richard Shackelford, is an observer of life, living for the moment as he contemplates the chaotic relationships of the five couples who attend his birthday party. Shackelford seems natural in the part, with a curious half-grin and a raised eyebrow that conveys his amusement. I especially enjoyed Shackelford's singing voice and found his vocal solos to be high points in the play.

The comic abilities of Dawn Buller-Kirke, who plays Sarah, are paired with those of Rob Hansen, who plays her husband Harry. Buller-Kirke walks away with the scene, first as she portrays a nearly-crazed food addict, and then as a middle aged student of karate who will not be bested in hand to hand combat with her husband.

Peggy Horrocks as Jenny does a good job of portraying a "square" housewife experimenting with pot. It's impossible to resist laughing along with her. Michael Deatherage, as her husband David, gives a classic portrayal of a flower child

who has grown up and settled down.

Michelle Garrity as Susan and Bill Bohannon as Peter are limited by their roles. I suppose that at one time there was a shock value associated with couples such as this, one African-American, one soft-spooken Caucasian with a trace of a Southern accent. They portray a seemingly happy couple announcing that they are getting a divorce but continuing to live together. Doesn't seem all that unusual in the world we know today.

The high point of the show comes as Amy, played by Pamela Callahan, is preparing for her marriage to Paul, played by Gordon Krentz. Callahan portrays a crazy blonde — not crazy as in zany, but crazy as in certifiably insane. She is terrified of getting married to the man she has lived with for years, and goes through incredible contortions as she anticipates the approaching ceremony. Her performance is incredibly funny, with Krentz providing the perfect counterpoint. The rhythm of the performance catches you up so that when the mood turns deadly serious, you want to weep at the way she hurts the man who loves her.

The performance of Michael Taylor-Stewart as Larry is one of his best. He maintains his character well as he portrays an aging disco king who truly loves and accepts his "rich bitch" wife. While the costuming throughout the play is wonderful, the iridescent pink leisure suit he wears in the final scene is a superb touch. Stephanie Davis does an excellent job as the cynical, hard-drinking Joanne. Davis' voice does not show to its best advantage in the first act, but when she takes center stage to perform *The Ladies Who Lunch* she comes close to blowing the roof off the theater.

Intertwined throughout the play are glimpses of Robert's relationships with three very different women. Kathy, played by dancer Andrea Lang, abandons Robert when she decides to marry. Marta, played by Libby DeLaune, is constantly philosophizing on the essence of New York. DeLaune's vocal solo uses her voice to its full advantage, but I remember more clearly her riveting green eyes than I do the song she sang. Lang and DeLaune both seem completely natural as they convey the free spirit image of the early 70's.

April, played by Cindy Rismiller, is a not very bright stewardess who succumbs to Robert's charms for the one bedroom scene. The scene is completely "G" rated, with the actors crouching under the spread on the bed while Andrea Lang dances around them. In fact, this scene is probably the most disappointing in the play. There does not seem to be any attempt to simulate a passionate encounter, but neither do the performers fade into the set and allow your concentration to be directed to the dancer and the superb choreography.

All in all, Carolyn Rutherford has directed an excellent production that is well worth seeing. Eric Selk's set design does wonders to utilize every inch of the small stage. When good set design is combined with the choreography of Michal Simpson the result is that all 14 people can move freely on stage for the production numbers.

Of course, this is a dinner theater, so the performance can be paired with a meal catered from The Market Basket. The food is superb, so you can be confident that you will be satisfied with both dinner and show. *Company* will run at the Dundee Dinner Theater, 5011 Underwood, through April 7. Call 558-8585 for reservations.

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MARGIE ADAM TO APPEAR AT WITHERSPOON

WomenSpace Productions of Omaha, Nebraska announces the April 30 appearance of singer/songwriter and pianist Margie Adam at Witherspoon auditorium. On tour to promote her latest recording, *Another Place*, the concert will highlight songs from this recording, along with a few old favorites and pieces from another new body of work, her soon-to-be-released piano instrumental recording. In her listeners, Margie Adam touches nerves that open up a wide range of feelings - the full sweep, in fact, from poignant gentleness to foot-stomping celebration, from deep sorrow to grand exaltation. Her performances are an effortless balance of politics, humor and passion. Her rich alto voice, self-accompanied by elegant piano arrangements, draws her audience in close. And she creates a powerful rapport, as well, with outrageous storytelling and thought-provoking social-political commentary.

From the mid-seventies to the present, Margie Adam has helped define and expand notions about women's music as an art form, a political force and an industry. Her song *Best Friend* (the Unicorn Song) was recorded by Peter, Paul, and Mary among others.

Tickets for the 8:00 performance on April 30 are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. They are available by mail from WomenSpace Productions, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124. They are also on sale at New Realities Bookstore in Omaha's Old Market, and in Lincoln at the Albino Rhino at 101 N. 14th, and the Arbor Moon Bookstore at 2017 "O" Street.

MCC-O EASTER NEWS

By Carla

What a busy time this has been as we move through Lent into Easter and beyond. MCC-O invites all of the community to join them in these special times as we celebrate Holy Week. Thursday, March 31, we invite you join us in a Seder Service and Kosher Potluck Dinner. These begin at 6:30 p.m. in the MCC-O Social Hall.

Then Friday, we invite you back to participate in our Good Friday Service. This is always a special time as we reflect on the cross and the significance of Jesus' death that brings us life. The Good Friday Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Friday at midnight we begin a 36 hour Prayer Vigil that runs all day and all night Saturday. It actually ends at 6:00 a.m. Sunday, just in time for the Easter Sunrise Service.

Last year we hosted the service on the patio to the south of the church. This year we will again be hosting the Sunrise Service on the church grounds. We invite all of the community to join us in this celebration of new life in Christ! Following the Sunrise Service, there will be a Pancake Breakfast in the church social hall.

Easter morning we will have our regular 9 AM and 10:30 AM worship services. Five new members will be accepted into the church during these Easter Services! However, since this is the first Sunday of the month, we will also have an Easter Evening

Service at 6:00 p.m. It will be preceded by a Potluck Dinner at 5:00. Everyone is welcome.

We were truly blessed by the Palm Sunday services. The MCC-O Choir, under the direction of Bill Burthe, presented the Easter Cantata *Sacrifice of Glory*, and what a glorious presentation it was! Following a Continental Breakfast by the Deacons led by Tom B., we had a delightful time as the children in the congregation and community were treated to an Easter Egg Hunt in the Meditation Garden. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

April promises to be time of celebration and joy for MCCers as we watch our Meditation Garden come to life with the array of flowers that grow there.

We invite you join us for any of the many activities that meet monthly at/through the church worship services (9), g1 support groups (8), AA groups (9), ACA group (4), g1 parents group (1), deacons' coffeehouse (1), prayer care share circles (6), children's Sunday School (4), *New Voice* (1), and EXCEL (2), not to mention the choir rehearsals, the community pantry, the holy unions, bakes sales, etc.

Join us this Sunday for worship. You'll be glad you did. Til next month, that's it from my pew! See you in church!

DR. SAFE SEX APPEARS IN OMAHA & LINCOLN

Dr. Clark Taylor, Doctor of Applied Medical Anthropology and Doctor of Human Sexuality, will appear at the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center on the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Campus on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Taylor, also known as "Dr. Safe Sex," will appear at D.C.'s, 610 S. 14, in Omaha, on Friday, April 15, at 8 p.m. These appearances are funding through the Nebraska Department of Health HIV/AIDS Program.



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UN-L SHELVES HEALTH BENEFITS FOR SAME SEX PARTNERS

UN-L has tabled a proposal to offer health benefits to same-sex partners of faculty and staff. *The Omaha World-Herald* recently quoted Nancy Mitchell, head of the Employee Benefits Committee for the UN-L as saying "It's an issue that is highly emotional. Before we come to some conclusions I think we need a lot more studying." The Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns has urged the Academic Senate to push for benefits to domestic partners, contending that failure to do so is a form of discrimination. Ms. Mitchell stated that it was not a moral issue, but rather one regarding how broadly the proposal should be drafted. She stated that it didn't make sense to float the idea prematurely and attract protests from within and outside the University.

WOMANSTOCK '94 TO BENEFIT LINCOLN NOW

Four bands will be rocking Lincoln on Tuesday night, April 9, 1994 from 9 pm to 12:45 am at Duffy's, 1412 "O" Street. The smooth blues sound of "Reckless Rhythm" features P.J. Henry on lead vocals. Several former members of Amethyst and Linda Mackey playing bass guitar team up with Kathy Tejska to roll out country dance tunes. "Jumpin' Kate" and her new band perform socially conscious folk and rock music. Omaha's own Lavender Couch close down Duffy's with an alternative rock beat.

Local businesses have donated items and services for a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the Lincoln Chapter of the National Organization for Women. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and can be purchased at the Arbor Moon Bookstore in Lincoln, 2017 "O" Street, and other ticket locations. Admittance is \$8.00 at the door.

Child care and hearing interpreters will be provided with a one-week notice. This event is accessible. Call (402) 477-1226 for additional ticket outlets or more information.

NEBRASKA REPRESENTATIVE, BILL BARRETT, STATES WOULD- "PROBABLY" NOT HIRE GAYS

A recent issue of *The Omaha World-Herald* quoted Representative Bill Barrett, R-Neb., as saying, "An overwhelming majority of my constituents have told me — especially during the debate over gays in the military — they don't support the promotion of homosexual lifestyles. This is their office." He went on to say that he would not ask about sexual preference in an interview, "But if it was openly admitted by the individual, I probably wouldn't hire him or her."

Four other Nebraska and western Iowa congressmen did agree to sign the petition circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund. They are: Doug Bereuter, R-Neb.; Peter Hoagland, D-Neb.; Neal Smith, D-Iowa; and Fred Grandy, R-Iowa.

Representative Jim Ross Lightfoot, R-Iowa, did not sign the petition, stating he was never asked to sign it.

So far 227 members of the House of Representatives have signed the petition which states "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting or terminating of an employee in my congressional office."

MALE SPACE IN NEW SPACE

By Stan Balderson

The Male Space has moved from 1448 'E' to 3221 'W' in Lincoln. We now meet for discussions on 2nd Sundays at 1 p.m. All socials to be announced at our discussion meetings for Gay/BiSexual Men of all ages. Our group's focus is on "Spiritual Healing." Lesbians & BiSexual women may visit me to find out when the socials will be. Our socials are very healing in nature.

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DES MOINES GLRC BACK ON ITS FEET

The Gay and Lesbian Resource Center is alive in Des Moines. Steps have been taken to set the GLRC on a course for sustained success. A new Interim Board of Directors made up of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and supportive individuals from the greater Des Moines area has assembled to revitalize the GLRC. The board is committed to protecting the integrity of the community. They have ordered an audit of finances, physical property and the mailing list. Every step is being taken to contact all creditors and inform them of the intention to pay outstanding debts. All physical property is being consolidated at one location while they search for office space. The mailing list is safe and confidentiality is being maintained; however many address changes have been lost and the center is asking persons to update their address with them if persons are interested in receiving information.

The board has rewritten the by-laws to form a membership-based organization. This will provide members with the ability to vote for the people who will serve on the board. The GLRC won't be everything to everyone. They will do a few specific things very well. Following a series of five Community Forums in February and March, decisions will be made to discover community needs and develop programs to meet them.

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RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

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

The men's high scratch games and series are unchanged from last month. Bob Andresen holds high game (299) and high series (722). Joe Bloemer is second high with a 278 game and a 676 series. Bill Boren holds third high game with a 264. Ken Williams has third high series with a 630. Joe Bloemer now has the high men's average with a 183.9, followed by Ken Williams with a 183.6 and Greg Strickland with a 177.9.

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

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

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

The complete standings are as follows:

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

NEW HIV EDUCATION OUTREACH BEGINS


By Joseph Conrad

In an effort to help curb the further spread of HIV in the Omaha community, ACE, the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment, and the Nebraska AIDS Project are pleased to announce plans to begin outreach education in the gay and lesbian community beginning April 15, 1994. The plan calls for two or more volunteers to be available in area bars one night each week, probably Friday or Saturday, providing HIV risk reduction education pamphlets, latex condoms and dental dams. Volunteers will also be able to answer any questions about HIV transmission and prevention. The intent is to expand the effort to include bars

that are not gay/lesbian oriented as well. It is also the intent to have a constant supply of condoms available in the bars for patrons to access as needed at no cost (donations are always helpful). There is always a need for volunteers and money to help with this aggressive campaign, so if anyone is interested in helping, please contact Joseph Conrad of ACE at 558-8076 or Gary George of NAP at 342-4233.

It is hoped that this joint venture can be expanded to the Lincoln community and eventually in other Nebraska communities as well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln 68588-0618, 472-5644 Social, info, referral, library, Support grp Wed 7:30pm during school year

The Wimmis Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln.

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

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, (Continued) Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

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

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

Frontrunners, Box 4583, Omaha 68104, HOTLINE 496-3658, Running/Walking Club

Gay And Lesbian Parents Support Group (GALP) 1st Thurs, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563. Emphasis Gay/Lesbian Parent & their significant other. Meetings open to anyone.

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

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

Metropex Counseling Ctr, 2808 N. 75, Suite E, Omaha, 68134 (402) 398-1810 serving G/L & Gender Community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship Inc, Support Info for Les/Gay College Students 1-800-4-GAY-SDA.

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

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

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

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

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

*****STATEWIDE*****

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

Omaha Frontrunners, location varies 10am

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, April 1

Good Friday Service, 7 pm, MCC-**Omaha**

36 Hours Prayer Vigil Begins, MCC-**Omaha**

Jeffrey, presented by SNAP Productions, 8pm, \$15/person, Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 514 S. 11, 346-8833 for reservations, All proceeds benefit Nebraska AIDS Project

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9-11pm—Michael Fitzsimmons & Friends

SATURDAY, April 2

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

Jeffrey, 8pm, Firehouse Dinner Theatre, 514 S. 11, 346-8833, Benefits Nebraska AIDS Project

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Hanna's Porch

SUNDAY, April 3

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 19, Regular Worship Services 9am, 10:30am

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

Lutherans Concerned, 11 Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, **Omaha**, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

MONDAY, April 4

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

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

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 7:30pm—Piece of Mind, 8:15-Bob Lewis, 9pm-Eric Nelson, Gary Sobbing

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

TUESDAY, April 5

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

THURSDAY, April 7

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

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

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

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 8-10pm—Jamie Anderson

FRIDAY, April 8

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Greg Alonzo

SATURDAY, April 9

Omaha Players Club, 2-5pm Workshop "Flogging", 8pm Easter Play Party, Info: call 451-7987

SATURDAY, April 9 (cont)

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc: 6pm DCs **Omaha**

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

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

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Elaine Herfindahl

SUNDAY, April 10

Deadline for May Issue of *The New Voice*

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

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

MONDAY, April 11

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

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 7:30pm—Shrinking Violets, 9:00—Green Lantern

Melissa Etheridge performs at the Orpheum, 8pm, Opening Act: Matthew Sweet

TUESDAY, April 12

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

THURSDAY, April 14

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

Parents FLAG-**Omaha**, Support/Discussion Meeting, Parlor by Mead Chapel, West End of the Church, at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, 7-9pm, 291-6781

"Dr. Safe Sex" Dr. Clark Taylor appears at Univ. of Nebr. - **Lincoln** Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, 7:30 p.m.

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, Poetry by Jeff King, 8pm

FRIDAY, April 15

NAP and ACE volunteers begin HIV education and risk-reduction program On Friday nights watch for the volunteers in your favorite bar.

"Dr. Safe Sex" Dr. Clark Taylor appears at D.C.'s, 610 S. 14, **Omaha**, 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, April 15 (cont)

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Shurfine Jazz Quartet

SATURDAY, April 16

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

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Piece of Mind

SUNDAY, April 17

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

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

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

Omaha Men (OMEN), 4pm, The New Run Bar, Write: OMEN, Box 3706, **Omaha** 68103

Amateur Strip Night, DC's, **Omaha**

CFEP presents a Lesbian Fashion Show, with special appearance by Lavender Couch, 9pm
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

MONDAY, April 18

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9pm—Mustard Men

TUESDAY, April 19

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

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

Womanstock '94, Live music and silent auction to benefit Lincoln NOW. Duffy's 1412 "O" Street, 9pm-12:45am. Reckless Rhythm, Kathy Tesjka, Jumpin Kate and Lavendar Couch to perform. Open to women and men, 21 and over. Tickets \$6.00 in advance at Arbor Moon Bookstore, 2017 "O". \$8.00 at the door. Child care and hearing interpreter provided with one-week notice. Accessible event. (402) 477-1226 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, April 20

Jason Stuart at Funny Bone Comedy Club, 705 N. 114, **Omaha**, 493-8036 for tickets
Tonight's performance is benefit for NAP

THURSDAY, April 21

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 8-10pm—Steve Allen

Jason Stuart at Funny Bone Comedy Club, 705 N. 114, **Omaha**, 493-8036 for tickets

FRIDAY, April 22

"Prelude to a Kiss" Dundee Dinner Theatre, Dinner at 7pm, Show at 8pm, Benefit for Imperial Court of Nebraska and ANGLE's Information & Referral Line, call 558-8535 for reservations. Be sure to mention ICON when you call for reservations. Dinner and Show \$25, Show only \$20.

FRIDAY, April 22 (cont.)

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Green Lantern

Jason Stuart at Funny Bone Comedy Club, 705 N. 114, **Omaha**, 493-8036 for tickets

SATURDAY, April 23

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Kobalt Blues

Jason Stuart at Funny Bone Comedy Club, 705 N. 114, **Omaha**, 493-8036 for tickets

SUNDAY, April 24

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

Jason Stuart at Funny Bone Comedy Club, 705 N. 114, **Omaha**, 493-8036 for tickets

RCCM Variety Show, DC's, **Omaha**

MONDAY, April 25

Jason Stuart at Funny Bone Comedy Club, 705 N. 114, **Omaha**, 493-8036 for tickets

TUESDAY, April 26

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

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

THURSDAY, April 28

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

THURSDAY, April 28

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 8-10pm—Ben Sempek

FRIDAY, April 29

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Mustard Men

SATURDAY, April 30

Margie Adam, Presented by WomenSpace Productions, 8pm, Witherspoon Auditorium, **Omaha**

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, **Omaha**, Call for information

Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha**, 342-1654, 9-11pm—Aaron Medford

WaldenBooks in Oak View Mall and at other Omaha locations have expanded their Gay Studies Section to include such titles as *Invisible Lives, Then I Met This Woman, Proud To Be, and Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers.*

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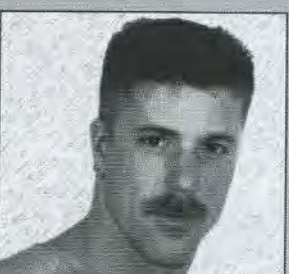
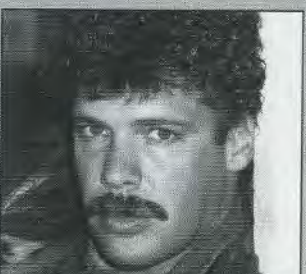
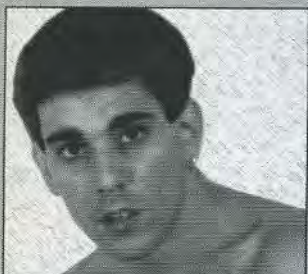
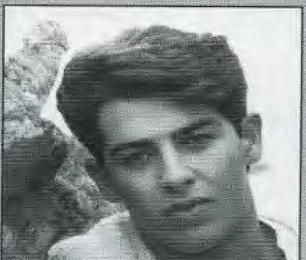
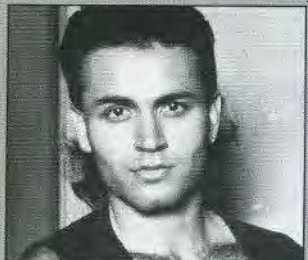
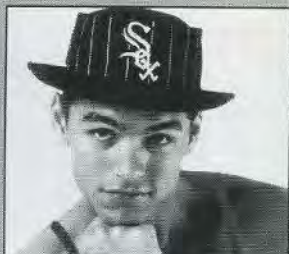
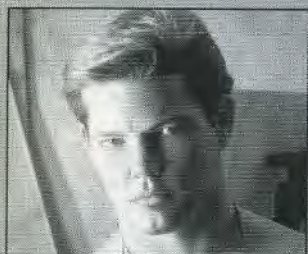
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