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## DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

by Carla

Wow! What a night! Courts from seven cities all decked out in their oriental finest! It was a sight to behold! And though it was my sixth or seventh coronation, Coronation XIV reminded me so much of the very first one I attended.

That coronation, my first, was held at the Warehouse. My memories of it are scattered visions: first, I recall a table of women, eight or ten at least, seated up near the runway in gorgeous gowns and tuxedos, smiling and laughing and having a wonderful time. They were totally absorbed by the festivities. Then, the Denver Court made its entrance, and what an entrance it was. Their headresses seemed to reach to the sky. What with the runway and the headresses, each of those walking seemed to be 20 feet tall. And as for sparkle and grandeur, well I just couldn't imagine more.

Then came the time when the monarchs descending the throne took the microphone and began giving out awards. Well, for me that was the clincher! I knew then and there I wanted to be a part of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. And that's just what I did once I moved to Omaha.

Saturday, June 12, 1994, I saw once again how very blessed I am to again be able to realize my dreams. Connie and Danny put together a truly elegant Coronation. And again the out-of-town courts provided splendor enough to delight all who were gathered. Then the monarchs



descending the throne took the microphone and began giving out awards. I was so honored to receive an Empress to Athena Award—Nebraska's, and maybe the nation's, very first. Thank you, Roxy! We paused for this photo (Empress XIII and Athena II—two friends) between the second and the third set of the Coronation—just before Roxy honored me with this award. You can tell from her smile that she knew what was coming. As for me, well, I was beaming because through ICON I have met some very wonderful people and Roxy and Danny are two of them!

Yes! Dreams do come true, and they are every bit as wonderful as imagined. My dream for each of you is that this year you will become involved in the organization of your choice, and that you, too, will see your dreams come true!

## THOUGHTS ON RAINBOWS

By Sharon Van Butsel

My life has been filled with rainbows during recent weeks. Just before Memorial Day, I had the opportunity to attend the Annual Conference of the Mid-Central District of the UFMCC in Denver. It's common for folks in Denver to see rainbows as rain moves down from the mountains, but I found a special magic as we seemed to be driving directly toward a beautiful triple rainbow. The first rainbow was a full arc of color, stretching from horizon to horizon. Then, within its arc, was a second rainbow and below those arcs there was a third rainbow that faintly reflected the colors.

Like all rainbows, this one was quickly lost to view, but the memory of its beauty stayed with me. At the conference, rainbows were all around us — bows of rainbow ribbon that MCC-Quad Cities used in their campaign to rebuild after their church was destroyed by fire. Long bolts of rainbow colored cloth decorated tables in the Country Store. There were rainbow banners, suspenders, even dog leashes. I returned to Omaha with a bolt of the rainbow colored cloth and, with the permission of our Pastor, sewed a brightly colored banner for the sanctuary. Throughout June, my world continued to be surrounded by rainbows — at the Pride Parade where rainbow flags fluttered in the breeze every few feet. I found myself remembering the rainbow in Denver and it struck me how different that rainbow was from the rainbow in the Pride Flag. The natural rainbow lasts only as long as raindrops are at just the right angle to the sunlight. The Pride rainbow can be brought out at any time, in any place. The natural rainbow is a delicate spectrum of pastel colors. The Pride rainbow is bright and bold and demands attention. The natural rainbow is an infinite spectrum, each color fading into the next until no human can determine where one ends or the next begins.

My life is filled with rainbows and each rainbow is beautiful. But the most beautiful is the rainbow of people who share my life.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## READER REQUEST: PLEASE WRITE LETTERS

Dear Sharon,

I am a native Nebraskan who now lives in the city of Atlanta, Georgia. I am writing to ask for some help. I am a member of various organizations throughout the metro Atlanta area. They include PFLAG, Human Rights Campaign Fund, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America (which I am the president of), and Olympics Out Of Cobb Coalition. As you probably know, Cobb County commissioners passed an anti-gay resolution last summer condemning the gay lifestyle. Cobb County is the county north of Atlanta. Now — Atlanta Committee on Olympic Games (ACOG) wants to put the volleyball venue in Cobb County during the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta. We feel that it should not be there until the resolution is rescinded. What I am asking of you is could you send a support letter to Olympics Out Of Cobb (OOOC) showing that Nebraska is behind us all the way. We are already getting support from other organizations across the United States plus abroad including royalty. Also — I am going to contact the Citizens for Equal Protection in Omaha. If you want to send a letter to OOOC, here is the address:

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I will tell you about myself and what I do also. I grew up in Grand Island and graduated in 1986 from Grand Island Senior High. I am a veteran of Desert Storm, but never went over. I was discharged from the Army for being HIV positive, which I am now full-blown AIDS as I have had Pneumocystis pneumonia. I am still going strong and I take care of myself. I guess I stay out of trouble with all the organizations I am involved in. As I noted above I was just elected president of the gay vets in the Atlanta area. We are merely a social group, but we are trying very hard to do things within the Atlanta area. We are going to join the local American Legion, help AIDS patients at the VA hospital as well as the other major hospitals in the Atlanta area, help fellow veterans who have been discharged for homosexuality, and continue to help out in the gay community.

I want to commend you on your 10th anniversary of NVN. I am going to take a copy home with me and will send money for a one year subscription before the 10th of next month.

Again thank you for taking the time to read and I hope you can respond in any way. The letter can be really simple and just say that we support the cause, etc....I may want you to also mention it in the NVN and maybe we can get support from other organizations in Nebraska, especially the Lincoln-Omaha area. Thank you Sharon! I also want to know if you have a phone number in case I need to talk to you personally. If I can be of any help to you — let me know, and I will do my best to do the same.

Sincerely,  
Eric W. Van Pelt  
President, GLBVA — Atlanta Chapter

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## BIG MEN / ADMIRERS CLUB

Dear New Voice Editor,

I have struggled with my image of meeting a "fantasy man" since I was a child!!!

I am tired of rejecting myself and being rejected by other "big men" small because of men size discrimination.

It is time we people of size celebrate ourselves and others!!!

I am studying to be a psychotherapist and am interested in forming a Club for Big (Nebraska/Iowa) Men of Size and their Admirers.

In my future practice, I hope to counsel people who are depressed, lonely, and frustrated because of lack of size acceptance within our society.

I am not a "Boar person", but I went to a local Omaha "hot spot" last weekend and spotted a few men of size. I could tell that he was interested in me, but he withdrew possibly for fear of rejection in me or others. He appeared, like me, to be very alone!!!

It is high time that we of the gay community find a place in our hearts and experience for people of all "types".

Any men who are interested in being put on a list please write to me! If there is enough interest generated, we could form a club. All replies be kept strictly confidential.

Also, if any of my "size brothers" would like to have a friend/pen pal, please let me know your exact interest and I will try to comply as time and my work/graduate schedule permits!!!

Please simply send me your name, address, phone # (if interested or if it is available) and tell me why you're interested in joining this club???

Also, please tell me what type of activities/meeting you would like to see me have??? Why???

If you would like to have a direct reply from me or be put on a mailing list, please sign your letter, stating that you do not mind having your name/address/phone # give out to others.

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## BEVERLY BARBO NEEDS HELP TO GO TO ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

Asking for money is not something I do well. However, I have the opportunity to speak in Birmingham, England at the First International Compassionate Friends Conference, to be held August 5-9, 1994, if I can raise enough money to attend. (Compassionate Friends is a support group for parents who have lost children in any manner. There are chapters worldwide, but they have no funds.) The organizers in England told me that they really haven't found a way to reach out to families who have experienced an AIDS death and that is what they want me to address.

My son, Tim, died over 7 years ago and Dave and I were one of the first families in Kansas to come screaming out of the closet. Since then I have been speaking about AIDS, homophobia, gender bias and how all forms of discrimination lead our children into risk behavior for acceptance at any cost. We have also been working with families helping them work through their anger and grief individually, through our own Share and Care support group, Compassionate Friends and P-Flag.

Many of you have let me know how much my book, *The Walking Wounded*, (story of Tim's life and death, Tim's and Tom's relationship and finally Tom's death), has contributed to your healing. Those of you who have attended my workshops and seminars seem to have found them helpful, so now I hope to expand my ministry a little farther.

I believe that if families can learn to confront their prejudices, understand their fear and address their losses honestly it will enable them to get through the garbage and begin healing their grief. Parents, being open and honest about an AIDS death, will help society face reality and overcome discrimination and fear.

If you feel this is something you could support and contribute to, any amount would be appreciated. If you belong to or know of any group, club, or organization that might be interested in sponsorship, please let me know.

Thanks so very much for your prayers and support.

Blessings,  
Beverly Barbo  
108 N. Main St.  
Lindsborg, KS 67456-2227

**ANGLE HOSTS  
AFTER STONEMALL PARTY  
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## ITALIAN ARTIST

Hello!

I've found your address in a Gay Guide. I'm a graphic artist, a classical painter, too, and I'm looking for some Art Dealer, Art Gallery, interested in my works, in your country. Perhaps I will visit USA next year, so I am too interested in new friends. Can you help me publishing my two ads? Or, please, informing me how can I do to have my ads published in your magazine?

Also I need to have some repetition of them in each issue, for 3-4 times at all. I see forward for your answer, receive my best wishes for your work and life,  
Ciao E Grazie

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### "BEAR" — SHE SAID YES!!

Four years ago, I admired you doing "Wind Beneath my Wings"

This was our first encounter, but we were otherwise involved

Still, we knew there was something there.

My heartstrings tugged when you told me of the ending of one relationship & the starting of yet another... but, it wasn't me

And, I knew there was something there.

Our friendship grew in strength over the next several years.

Then you asked me who & what inspired my poems... I said "you"

Well, you knew there was something there.

Now we are the best of friends. Both standing strong on our own.

I have finally stopped running and we have fallen in love.

And, now we both know there is something here.

And someday our family & friends will watch us get married.

Then reflecting on the past they too will know there was always something there.

Loretta, I guess what I'm asking is "Will you marry me?"

(On June 3rd, I read this poem & she said yes!)

I love you Loretta,  
Kelly "Bear" Krueger

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# FEATURES

## GAY...WITH COLE SLAW ON THE SIDE

Dear Sharon and Carla,  
and all the gang at *The New Voice*,  
and anyone who knows the lyrics to *Georgie Girl*.  
It's that time of the month again. Time for  
Omaha's favorite gay poet with a Barbie lunchbox  
to share with his adoring public all the trials and  
tribulations that could only happen to someone  
who saw *Josie and the Pussycats* one too many  
times for his own good.

Well, my roommate has finally had the  
wedding of the year to his bean farmer from  
Aurora, Nebraska (due to certain legal  
technicalities, we'll call him "Big Earl"), and boy  
oh boy are my arms tired! We had to keep the  
location a big secret, partially due to the media  
blitz we feared would result. Even with all the  
security measures, we still had to hose-down the  
paparazzi from the *Enquirer*. It seems that the  
maid of honor, Pia Zadora (they made up after the  
nasty chair smashing incident during their stay at  
the Betty Ford Clinic), sold us out for tickets to a  
Barbara Streisand concert. And was her face red  
when we discovered that the tickets were really  
for a tractor-pull competition in Red Oak, Iowa.

It was a lovely ceremony, with all the pomp  
and circumstances one would expect. Big Earl  
even wore a clean pair of overalls. There wasn't  
a dry eye in the house as the Del Rubio triplets  
performed the wedding march. But then, at the  
reception, terror struck! No, it wasn't the spam  
buffet as we feared and took insurance policies on  
through Mutual of Omaha, it happened during the  
dollar dance. All of a sudden, as the band hit the  
third chorus of the *Hokey Pokey*, aliens came and  
whisked the groom away as part of an insidious  
animal husbandry program aimed to help  
repopulate worlds on the galactic fringe. Needless  
to say, we are stuck with 14 salad spinners, and a  
life-size portrait of Elvis made out of elbow  
macaroni.

In other news, my Barbie lunchbox support  
group had another bake sale to help erect a  
memorial for little Bobby Finklestein, who finally  
succumbed to the shock of hearing the screams of  
his classmates after the dreaded meltdown in  
Indiana last year. He now has become catalonic  
and only mutters the phrase "if I could walk that  
way, I wouldn't need the aftershave."

It's time to go. I've got to give my roommate  
his meds. As always I want to thank those who  
made this possible. Thanks *New Voice* for giving  
this poet something to do outside of playing Sega.

Love, Peace, and all the  
crab legs you can clean.

Brian

### Brian Bengtson Joins Staff of *The New Voice of Nebraska*

Brian Bengtson has delighted the readers  
of *The New Voice* for many months with his  
poetry and his whimsical letters. We are now  
delighted that he has agreed to join the staff as  
our Poetry Guru (translate that into Poetry  
Editor).

In upcoming months you will see not  
only some of the best of Brian's work, but also  
regular contributions from the best poets of  
this region as well as works from nationally  
distributed poets.

by Brian Bengtson

### TANGLED STRINGS

by Brian Bengtson

The cough overtakes me, like  
the feeble grey man tangled in his  
wooden boy's strings  
while my body gives its undivided  
attention to the gut-clenching  
spasms and the liquid wheeze that  
abuses your nerves like the fingernail  
scraped on a ledger-green blackboard.

"Is this old age?" asks the  
frightened five-year-old who  
always wondered what happened to  
his turtle while he was at kindergarten.

"This is just the journey," answers  
the twenty-one-just-got-carded,  
arrogant voice as he passes the hat  
at the California Call-up.  
He has no time for these stitched-in  
questions that collect in the corners  
after the chairs have been folded  
and someone remembers to lock the door.  
There's personal growth at stake.

This is the journey  
I rehearse my speech each morning,  
the speech that carries on after  
"I feel fine." Words that give  
only pleased faces, no sign of the  
three-a.m.-watching-the-telethon look  
that can't seem to get to the telephone,  
but tries to matter anyway.

And I wish all the clocks would tick,  
because I think I could accept all  
the colorful concepts of time running  
down, or pages turning in the poetic  
breeze, of turning to every season.  
I could dangle each fable on my  
hidden wires if they only had the decency  
to just make some noise.

### OPEN PAWS

-for Chanel

by Brian Bengtson

My cat pushes and pulls tender  
paws on my stomach; like the  
gypsy studies an open palm,  
like a boat cuts through the  
ripples after the anchor drops.

Her honest eyes look up at me, like  
the priest who pauses during the hymn,  
like the sails that turn to catch  
the passing wind.

Her purrs grow steady, like the  
buddhist who tries to reach Nirvana,  
like the calm waters that keep  
the rudders still.

I run approving fingers through her  
golden fur; like the echoes of prayer  
that cascade in the church, like the  
clear skies that steer the ship home.

We close our eyes, like the Pastor  
who shuts the bible after the sermon,  
like the ship as it drifts off in  
the late evening mist.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SLEEPOVERS

by Brian Bengtson

Saturday night sleepover,  
and his dad's nudist glossies  
are pulled out from between the  
mattresses. Women in bug-sprayed  
beehives playing golf, or serving a  
pineapple salad to men in crewcuts  
and foreskin. His parents think  
we're asleep.

He was always the first to grab,  
the most eager to start as he  
orchestrated the awkward attempts  
of forbidden pleasure, the first hand  
to get into my pants, and navigate  
through the quagmire of public hair  
and a nervously swollen member.

He was so sure of his mission, as  
we intertwine on top of the sleeping  
bag that we laid on bottom of his  
closet; always the first to cum, just  
like we heard, with the big exhale  
and a mess on the sheets. He grabs my  
chin and kisses me, with open lips  
and a curious tongue, like I thought  
it should be.

Saturday night sleepover, and his parents  
think we're asleep, as we move in the  
dark to find our cast-off briefs. The  
sleeping bag moves out to the floor, and  
the nudists are hidden away. He pulls  
up the shade and the streetlight on the  
corner gives the room a piercing glow.  
I watch him climb into his bed, without  
a word, or a kiss goodnight.

### BLANCHE DuBOIS

(for those of us who've depended  
on the kindness of strangers)

by DeMoreland

is hovering too near the candle  
light. Moth, flame-fured and  
satin-singed, the heat  
has hypnotized her, scorched  
her gypsy spirit, burned  
her at both ends.

Advancing then retreating, advancing  
then repeating the ritual again  
fragile kamikaze, she fans  
the flames around her  
fuels them with her wings  
flashes into ashes like  
a Chinese paper lantern  
so gone so fast,  
her shadow has become  
a living thing.



## HOMOSEXUAL PRO-LIFERS JOIN D.C. MARCH

Twelve members of Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians (PLAGAL) - one woman and eleven men - braved the cold and ice on January 21, to join 50,000 other pro-life activists in the Twentieth Annual March for Life commemorating the announcement of *Roe v Wade* January 22, 1973. Over half had not marched under to PLAGAL banner previously, and for a couple it was their first pro-life function. This was PLAGAL's fourth year participating in the march.

The PLAGAL members came from Boston, D.C., Philadelphia, and central Pennsylvania. Additionally, a twenty year-old homosexual man who was unaware of support as a pro-life homosexual man, expecting to be the only one - but he wasn't. Toward the end of the rally, he discovered PLAGAL and joined.

PLAGAL met at the statue of Benjamin Franklin in front of the Old Post Office, and then proceeded to the Ellipse for the March of Life Rally. There they raised their banner of subtle shades of purple and neon pink, and a triangle surmounted with the image of an unborn child. At the rally, speakers refrained from remarks even possibly viewed as "homophobic" by PLAGAL participation.

"It was a distinct and welcome improvement over some past years," said one PLAGAL member. "Even Congressman Bob Dornan was positive, upbeat, and focused on saving babies, not fighting homosexuals."

PLAGAL distributed a new brochure, *An Open Letter to the Pro-Life Movement* by PLAGAL activist Chuck Volz of Philadelphia. Volz, an attorney long active in the pro-life movement who has reported several arrests in rescues at abortion clinics, is the adoptive father of two and the president of a crisis pregnancy clinic in Philadelphia.

Volz argued that the pro-life movement must "remember that the mission - the only mission - of the pro-life movement is to save the lives of the unborn and rescue their mothers from a brutal victimization."

"Indeed, boiled down to basics, the message of the Lesbian and Gay community and the Pro-Life movement is the same. All human life deserved protection and respect simply because it is human," said the pamphlet.

"It is a simple message, but nonetheless profound," Volz continued. "indeed, the growing scientific evidence that homosexuality is genetic may confront both anti-gay pro-lifers and pro-abortion Lesbians and Gays with a similar dilemma: Whatever will those myopic thinkers do when confronted with abortion that are being done because the unborn child has been determined to be homosexual?"

Other pro-lifers at the rally were generally friendly and encouraging, asking for "Open Letter" brochures and shaking hands.

PLAGAL debated with several marchers who tried to convince them to abandon their homosexual ways. Because the debaters were motivated by - in PLAGAL's opinion "scarcely misguided" - goodwill, the exchange uniformly ended without rancor. Many marchers requested brochures for homosexual siblings and friends.

Concerned Women for America, in the past openly hostile to many homosexual initiatives, was reported in the D.C. media to be "proud to work with pro-life homosexuals."

Jane Parshall, assistant to the president of CWA stated, "We would welcome them with open arms. If the singular cause is pro-life, we'd march anytime, anywhere with them."

*Life Advocate*, March 1994

## GAY PRO-LIFERS GET REACTIONS

Blind-sided: by Cathy Ramey

Under enormous pressure to be part of the political and social mainstream - to be at peace with all men as far as it is possible - sometimes we find ourselves with a dilemma that seems too cumbersome to untangle. Take for example the presence of homosexual activists who joined in a pro-life march in January.

Immediately one's mind brings up old images of ACT-UP or Young Anarchists activists who are sincere in their desire to stand against abortion. Memory focuses on outrageous and vulgar chanting surrounding sexual preference and that all of us of a pro-life persuasion "ought to have been aborted". Pictures that we have seen of angry -shouting - earning piercing unusual parts of the body - demonstrators flash before our eyes. But this is not a fair description of the homosexual activists, twelve in all, at this particular march. At this gathering, Nellie Gray's March for Life, they are conservative in appearance, quiet and almost lost in the crowd of fifty-thousand. They carry a large banner with their movement's symbol - a pink triangle - and they are pro-life.

So, one is tempted to say, "What's the problem? Let them march." But there really is much more that needs to be said in light of the fact that their willful, continual, and intentional sin is a natural barrier that if abridged makes for nothing more than an unholy alliance.

First though, we need a reference point. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (6:14) says "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers." The next several lines emphasize a contrast between those who habitually indulge in sin and those who reject it; those who walk in the light, and those who stumble along in the dark. "Be separate, says the Lord." In Ephesians (5:5-7) he writes again about the issue of unholy alliances and says, "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them." Like the Israelites of old, we are warned not to ally ourselves with the ungodly; not to increase our numbers, not to improve our image with the world, and not to express a version of "love" that embraces the sinner but never calls them toward accountability over their sin.

All of this, you might think, has little to do with the March for Life. After all, are we to refuse to let them join in a public protest gathering such as the annual event in question? The answer is "No." The problem is not that they joined a march. The problem is that when they joined the march, in the words of a Concerned Women of America (CWA) spokeswoman, we welcomed them "with open arms", choosing to believe that their "singular cause is pro-life." She proceeds to say, "We'd march anytime, anywhere with them."

Would we? Would we "welcome with open arms" members of NAMBLA (National Man/Boy Love Association) who espouse pedophilia? How about serial murderers of a sort other than abortionists - men and women who are more discriminating in their choice of victim and find killing the unborn an affront; people willing to step out and condemn abortion with us as long as we agree not to make them too uncomfortable over their own ritualized and significant perversions. Would we subtly put our imprimatur upon any other group of people who willingly promote their sin while joining our cause?

Admittedly, not all at the March for Life were so easily convinced that Homosexuals on Parade are to be embraced as confederates (even if the cause is pro-life). But some of us were blind-sided. For those of us who felt an uncertain

conflict, it is worth examining their presence with more depth. A spokesman for PLAGAL, Charles Volz, was quoted in *Life Advocate* (March '94) as having said about abortion that "It's a human rights issue. The value of all life is sacred."

We concur. Offering unborn children equal protection under the law is a "human rights issue," because all human life has an intrinsic, God-given value. We depart only by saying that all life (innocent and guilty) are not to be afforded the same defense. God affords a higher level of protection to be given to innocent persons than to the unjust aggressor, the willfully sinful, and those who stubbornly rebel against Him. Volz goes on to say that "It's an ethical issue to qualify the value of life; gay, lesbian or unborn. They are all just different fronts of the same issue."

Wrong, Charles!

It is here that he exposes the agenda that we ought to be wary of. The tiny group has a dual agenda that is not compatible with ours. They are feeding off the sympathy rightfully due an innocent child murdered by abortion. They hope to get us to see them as we see the unborn - struggling on a 'different front of the same issue' - in need of our sympathy and protection.

As we continue on in the fight to liberate the unborn, let us not compromise our ranks by gleefully embracing just any ally. Yes, let them march in our public events, but let us be wary not to let them promote their sin-cause among us under the guise of having found common ground. In the end, it is an effort to gain respectability for the sodomite cause that is repeatedly condemned along with the killing the innocent in Scripture.

*Life Advocate* (April 1994)

## LETTERS

### Words of wisdom

When I first saw the homosexual pro-life marchers at the annual March for Life I was dumbfounded. I didn't know what to think or how to respond. Then I saw Randall Terry approach the marchers and exchange words ending with Randy shaking hands with the leader of the group. Then I thought, "Well, homosexuality is a gross sin, but as Christians we should be polite and civil to them as we would any other sinner." And then I felt grateful that the heathen should care about the babies when some who call themselves "Christians" could care less.

Today my mother made me seriously rethink my position. She said that your magazine is compromising. I at first thought she was being overly judgmental but then I thought about what else she said, "No other group advertises on the basis of their behavior. Be careful not to so easily embrace certain groups who flaunt their perversion and want everyone to accept it."

Kasia Coe, Fulton, NY

### Irrevocably incompatible

I first want to applaud the article "The New Abortionists." This is must reading for all "pro-lifers" and Christians who continue to use human pesticides. Secondly, I want to share my dismay that you would mention the "pro-life" homosexuals who marched in Washington. Being a Christian first and foremost, and then a pro-lifer, it is inconceivable that homosexuality (sodomy) and pro-life can be compatible. Both abortion and homosexuality bring forth death not life. To all the homosexuals and pro-lifers who think contrary. Remember Sodom!

Stephanie Huntley  
Dayton, OH



# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: The Show Must Go On?

by Shelley Roberts

It was all over, the performance. The skits and sketches completed now. Lights, baby keys and floods, extinguished. The laughter caused and caught in the electronic web intended for just such a purpose. The curtain down, the performers exited stages right and left. And still the audience sat bleacher'd. Waiting.

For what?

Show's over.

But no one moved to shrug into a coat or "excuse-me" down the row to the this-way-out signs. They sat.

And finally, she pushed the curtain aside and faced them, the fans who didn't want to depart. Who wouldn't go till everything was final. Finished. Over and done. And, maybe, not even then, honestly, given the chance. Maybe if they stayed, someone would start the show all over again. No one wanted to break the spell.

Then she parted the curtain for the final call facing them where they sat, still, and wanted more and waited.

So she stood before them and thanked them for coming. In her chenille bathrobe and greasepaint and laughing condescension that was more than a trademark. An expectation. Fulfilled for them. And she, staring and shaking her head in mock disbelief, breaking the tension, said "What are you people still doing here? We're all finished. GO HOME!"

They'd called a town meeting for seven o'clock. It was to decide what it was they were going to do now.

They had come together in committee in crisis. It was a hard birth, born of necessity and

attack. The fundies had been more than organizing, they'd been menacing. Proposing an actual amendment that had every one quaking in the balance. What would they do? What would we do?

What they did was everything they could to stop it. After an impossibly slow start, with a single-minded purpose, they became the protection committee of record, the action organization of note, the politically correctly formulated arm movement designed to slash and stop the threat.

They raise funds and printed T-shirts, and met centrally. They sent home delegates who'd come on no particular organization's orders to go back home and organize the country committees into order and action should it become necessary.

The purpose was basic training. Military survival skills in an army in which we had not been recruited. For duties to which they were volunteering.

Everyone had wrangled over authorization and territory. Old groups sent their seniors to inspect the upstarts. Burn-outs had relit themselves with both purpose and opportunity. And newcomers had caught a gauntlet.

What was amazing was not what they did, but that, after wrestling for way too long to get to do it, that they were able to do anything at all.

They met on a regular basis. They build a tiny war chest. And grew it bigger by return requested envelopes and picnics. They put out a newsletter. They had legislative monitors and position papers and spokespeople. They caravan'd partisan audiences to TV stations to sit respectfully observant or interruptive at the Sunday morning

shows on which the other side intended to parade Satan. They showed up at churches wherever the other side showed videos of our satanic parades. They fought public fear with fervor.

And they even generally did a good job of arousing the ones of us for whom arousal usually carried a very different meaning.

They held speakers trainings that had the tongue-tied making proclamations by the end. And they imported Oregonians. And Coloradists. For inspiration. And lesson plans.

You'd have been amazed.


Then an amazing thing happened. We won. Oh, not by the weight of our picket signs.

Not even by the rightness of our cause. Or the wrong-headedness of theirs. We won because of the other side's carelessness. And our due diligence in pointing out to powers that be that they'd got the wording wrong. That the purpose wasn't stated accurately. That the petition to turn our lives back into felonies didn't stand up in judicial standards. And incidentally, that they didn't have the signatures to put our affections up for a vote.


The fundies were told to go home. Not just us, but by Justices. Who agreed with all our arguments on human rights and wrongs, and found a way to tell them that they were not the majority our terror had crafted them into.

Oh, sure, some said it wasn't a clear cut victory. They complained bitterly that the judgment only proclaimed, "Clerical Error!" and not conspicuous conquest. But the reality is that a vanquish is a victory for the prevailing side, and for a change, we prevailed.

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# FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lunden, Syndicated Columnist

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! When President Clinton proclaimed it best if children were born into a two parent family, all the Religious Right stood up and cheered, as did all of us who are gay/lesbian who come from two parent families; because we love our Moms and Dads who love us. The assumption that a child will have the love, compassion and understanding from a Mother AND a Father is exactly that - an assumption. Plus, there are plenty of straight kids with two parent families in the same boat with us!

We can also shout hooray for the fact that our Creator's love is not conditional as some of His so-called "children". **Conditional love**, to move, has always been **tolerance**, not love. Unconditional love is the only "love" which is truly loving. Speaking of people with unconditional love qualities, let's throw a few bouquets while they can still smell 'em to the Moms and Dads in P-FLAG who probably don't know any more about this "gay-thing" than we do in reality, but they stand by us all the way. They just go on loving those little ducklings of theirs, whom many think of as "ugly ducklings", because they know those ducklings were a gift from God to be cherished, nurtured and loved. And, while I'm in the mood for throwing Kudos, we must never forget all the parents who may not have been lucky enough to have been gifted with a gay or lesbian child, YET they still exhibit unconditional love and accept us as their loved ones.

Time for a channel change! Got a few "ruffled feathers" letters from some of you who were offended because I refer to "us" as "homos". So: brief explanation time. Gertrude said it best: "A rose is a rose is a rose". There is no shame or negativity to the world **unless** we are ashamed of being who we are. You see, my generation grew up with that word and we were made to feel ashamed even though there was no reason to be so. "Gay" is a newly-coined word, which I am getting used to using, but consider my surprise I announce to my Mother in "coming out" that I was "gay". She was glad for me. I thought I was talking to another Mother. When I told her she must have misunderstood me and that I was a "homosexual", she then burst into tears and bemoaned the "fact" that she'd never see me in Heaven. When I told her "don't bet on it Mother", she said she never would because gamblers won't be there either. So what's in a word? Only the meaningful truth in communications. Forgive my offensive truth.

Well! You say you're a Senior Citizen and can't find anyone to love?! Imagine that! You



think this is only a problem for homos? Get over it Honey, it isn't. We live in the real world and it's been this way for centuries. Oh, I see. You've chosen to bellyache and cry-in-the-beer about it anyway. Just a little moaning and groaning there's nobody around who loves poor little OLD you now that you're over-the-hill. And what a pretty sight you are in that condition! It's a barrel of fun being around a whiner and a complainer.

For those of us who are lucky enough to even still be alive after fifty in these times, we should wake up and smell the roses. This is the time of life when we have the time to be leaders! Not whining and complaining about our diminishing supply of fresh meat; which is really what it's all about, isn't it? It's not that we're not loved. It's that we're not "getting it" like we used to.

What is the ugly truth is that we're not Bad Dolly and Stud Muffin we once were when all the pretty young things were trackin' our trail. It is however a fact of life that straight and gay must learn to live with. What's our choice? Well, we could bemoan the fact that we're sex starved old farts who are still alive OR we can put that greed aside and make our Senior years count for the bettering of the lives of the generations yet to come. Edmund Wilson may have said it best: "If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes!"

But what can poor, sex-starved, little OLD you do? Good God Gertrude, put your specs on and take a look around you! There are Community Services Centers in desperate need for volunteer help. There are cities where there is a desperate need yet to establish such Centers. There are

letters to be written to our "public servants" (excuse the expression) in our Capitols and D.C. There are people who need to be registered to vote so Equal Rights can be a reality. There are freedoms which need to be loved; the ill who need to be tended to tenderly. And, probably the most important of all: if you are still in your closet is to throw open the door and step boldly into the truth of being the beautiful person you've deserved to be all your years but were afraid to reveal before. As Seniors, there's not much more Society can do to us at this point in life. Let's not waste the most important years of this lifetime - our Senior years - when wisdom can be our guide instead of our libido.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

## The Show Must Go On?

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They can't come back again in Florida. At least not easily. That's what the clerical judgment meant. And the fundies seem kind of silly in the state now. They learned that not enough are willing to put their names on the line in the name of prejudice and bias.

So now the committee has called a town meeting. Invited everyone. So they can set a new agenda.

The word disband has never even occurred. The newsletter editor would not have a printing platform. The Steering committee would be directionless. The legal committees would be without precedent. The fund-raisers would be deflated. The strategists would have no position to take on the weekends.

At the town meeting, though no one in town showed up, they preached diligence and vigilance. With no one to vote against. And so was invoked the most important of all of Newton's laws of society: *that an organization in motion shall tend in perpetuity to stay in motion.*

Sometimes I think, along with Chair, and Co-chair, with Record Keeper and Coin Keeper, it ought to be a requirement that every new organization — particularly the *ad hoc's* and the *pro tem's* - designate one official Chenille Bathrobe Wearer to stand before the assembled group at the appropriate time and loudly proclaim,

"What are you people still doing her? We're all finished. GO HOME!"

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# "ZODIASCOPE" Astrological Forecast for July 1994

by C. Lichtenstein

How hot and steamy can July get? I guess it depends upon the planets. This month may seem less of a passionate play and more of an intellectual firestorm in many areas of our lives. This is thanks to the travels of Mars into intellectual and cool Gemini. Fine. So be it. This simply means that we can still enjoy the bods on the beach but should continue to keep our eye on the prize - true equality and dignity on both a personal level and for the entire community.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20) The lines of communication are open for business. You will have no trouble making your opinions known, but be sure you have all the facts before you shoot off your mouth. On the bright side, you will be able to enjoy a victory or two at work - People actually like you and try to smooth over the rough edges for you there.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21) It's an excellent time to take some action on your investment portfolio. Read all documents carefully and do your homework before you make a move. Once the homework is done, you will be able to profit from your efforts. Then, in true Taurus fashion, you will be able to kick up your heels and plunge into social scene. Everybody into the pool!!

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) Personal charisma soars! You may find yourself thrust into center stage. This may or may not be a good thing, depending on how you handle yourself in your professional pursuits. There still seems to be some struggles in your career and our "in-your-face" opportunity to shine may chaff those in authority. Although forearmed, you still must have your day in the sun.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) Powerful forces are at work - even now, your intuition is going wild. It is not a bad idea to go with your "little voices" (they do speak the truth), but look before you leap into action. Ask some pertinent questions - you will, more than likely, hear some good news in return. You possess the self confidence to recognize that you have made the right personal choice. Be your personal best.

**LEO** (July 24 - August 23) Friends are there when you need them and you are there for them in return. Social obligations build to a frenzy, so be careful of overbooking your personal time. You may (finally) hear a spot of good news about investments. It's about time! Home projects continue apace - no sooner do you finish one stinking project, than another rears its ugly head.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23) Your hard work is beginning to pay off in your career. The efforts you put into specific projects now seem to be the engine that drives your success. The planets are also nicely placed so that, even in your success, you can appear to others to be kind, warm, personable and gracious, even if you are not so

inclined! Grab for the gusto and the promotion. **LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23) Pack your bags and take a trip (two or three). You are absolutely energized and raring to go. You even seem to have the funds to do what you please with whom you please. A rare gift is available through any type of volunteer work for our community. Try to allot some time to give something to others, whether it's time, money, or expertise.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22) You are especially sexually active this month but try to be a little choosy with your time and partners. There is also an indication that parties and arenas of fun and frolic may not be all they are cracked up to be right now. Too much fun will have its penalties. Keep the fires of passion burning, but dish it out selectively, match by match.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 22) You are finally getting an opportunity to get away from all the frantic misery at work. It's all been much too much, but now you will direct your energies into partnerships and one-on-one relationships. Not a moment too soon; you were getting a little too frayed at the edges and a little too overwhelmed on the job. Relax a bit and let the good news dribble in.

**CAPRICORN** (December 23 - January 20) Roll up your sleeves and get to work. You will have the energy you need to tackle any and all tasks with supreme efficiency. Ask for clear and concise instructions before you begin the job - there is no sense wasting time and this powerful energy. Any legal issue will go well. Vacations planned at this time will be lovely and very enjoyable.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19) Party animal! There is no stopping you this month as

the energy compels you to dance, perform, paint, play or gamble with reckless abandon. Spend only what you can well afford to spend - finances are still a source of trouble and concern. Don't be foolish here. Thank goodness there are people around you who care about your future. **PISCES** (February 20 - March 20) This is a wonderful time to hang around your home and fully enjoy your surroundings. Puttering is not a bad idea this month - you may be able to finish many little a ro und - the - hom e

projects that you have been putting off. You may also hear some good news about relationships. That which has been given up for lost may be found again.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT CLOSER TO INTRODUCTION!

Senator Edward Kennedy and Representatives Gerry Studds and Barney Frank and a number of their colleagues plan to introduce in the United States Senate and House of Representatives legislation which would outlaw employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The Human Rights Campaign Fund has been working with our coalition partners for some time to develop viable federal anti-discrimination legislation. We have chosen to move employment legislation in Congress now because of recent favorable indicators.

Professional polling and focus groups, commissioned by HRCF, indicate that Americans believe that people should not be fired or discriminated against for being gay. A *Newsweek* poll released in February reported that "74% of all Americans favor protecting gays from job discrimination." Furthermore, in response to HRCF's request, 71 Senators and 235 Representatives have indicated that sexual orientation is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or termination of an employee in their Congressional office. Finally, encouraged by President Clinton's White House, several federal agencies have issued policies prohibiting job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

HRCF is working with members of Congress and other organizations to arrange hearing on this bill and to advance it through Congress, but we need your support to ensure success.

We need you to communicate to Members of Congress the reality of job discrimination against lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals, and the importance of eliminating it through federal legislation. And since Members of Congress need the support of their constituents, you must let them know that you support their efforts to pass an Equal Employment Opportunity Act.

Please take the time to write Members of Congress to relate your personal experiences with anti-gay discrimination and to urge their support for Congressional action. Feel free to draw from the sample letter enclosed. Then send us a copy of your letter with your response form to HRCF, PO Box 1396, Box 1396, Washington, DC 20013.

Finally consider taking additional steps to build support for this legislation by meeting with your Member during upcoming recesses and gathering endorsements for the bill.

### SAMPLE LETTER:

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

and

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_

I urge you to support the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1994. This bill, which will soon be introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy and Representatives Gerry Studds and Barney Frank, would outlaw discrimination in employment against an unprotected segment of the American population — lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals.

According to a professional poll commissioned by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, 76% of Americans believe that people should not be fired or discriminated against in employment because of their sexual orientation. Yet, every day, many hardworking, patriotic Americans are

Cheryl Summerville was fired from Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. despite her exemplary record because she objected to the firing of a fellow employee for being gay. Her separation notice read: "This employee is being terminated due to violation of company policy. The employee is gay." Cracker Barrel has fired over a dozen people under this policy.

Discrimination based on prejudice hurts our economy and spirit, and violates the fundamental American values of fairness and equality. Please stand up to fear and ignorance by supporting the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. I would appreciate your thoughts on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

### REMEMBER!

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These posters are ideal for elementary, secondary, or college classroom use. They're also great for home or office and make excellent gifts. Cost is \$10.00 plus \$5 shipping and handling. All orders shipped first-class in crush-proof tubes. Allow three weeks for delivery. Proceeds from poster sales benefit Project 21, an informal, national alliance of organizations and individuals working to ensure that fair, accurate and unbiased information is presented to America's youth regarding the nature and diversity of sexual orientation. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter acts as Project 21's fiscal agent and sponsor and also sponsors the Project 21 poster.

## 13th ANNUAL LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE RUN

### Patricia Nell Warren official starter

Patricia Nell Warren, author of the landmark gay novel, *The Front Runner*, was at the starting line at 9:30a.m. to sound the "go" signal for Front Runners New York's 13th annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Run in New York City's Central Park on June 18.

*The Front Runner*, first published in 1974, is the story of an ex-marine track coach who comes to terms with his homosexuality through his passionate love for his young Olympics-bound protegee. It made *The New York Times's* best-seller list and continues to be one of the top-selling gay novels of all time, having sold over 10 million copies in seven languages.

When a group of gay runners in New York City was looking for a name for their newly formed running club, they didn't have to look far...and Front Runners was born. There are now Front Runners clubs all over the world.

"We're extremely honored," said Lenore Beaky, Co-Director with Marty King of the Pride Run, "to have Patricia Nell Warren as this year's starter."

No one who's both gay and a runner can fail to have been affected by *The Front Runner*. As a runner, I enjoyed all the knowing little details of the running scene — the racing, the training, the preparations.

As a lesbian I find it sad to see how little has changed in professional sports — how pervasive and damaging homophobia still is, after 20 years. And I am, of course, looking forward to reading Ms. Warren's sequel to *The Front Runner*.

The sequel, *Harlan's Race*, is published this month by the Wildcat Press.

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# PRISONER PROJECT

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## OPEN LETTER FROM PRISON PROJECT MANAGER

by S. McCartney

I have heard from several inmates who have asked to have an ad placed free of charge as prescribed by *The New Voice* policy.

We are happy to do this for our readers, however, the response has been overwhelming. We have limited space to print ads and are doing this as a service for those who otherwise might not be kept in contact with the community happenings.

Others of you have written to ask for a list of other publications that print free ads. I do not know of any such list. You would have to investigate this question on your own.

Please be patient with us. Our space is limited and we cannot possibly publish the number of letters we get each month.

If you do not see your ad in print within three months resubmit your ad for publication.

This project started out for Nebraska and Iowa prisoners but has expanded to others incarcerated in Kentucky, Nevada, and Florida.

## OMAHA PRISONERS WANT PEN PALS

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to let you know that I enjoyed your last issue which was the May issue of *The New Voice*. At that time I was not interested in putting an ad in. But know I would like to place an ad if at all possible.

I'm 33 years old, 5'5", long brown hair, brown eyes and around 150 lbs. I'm very quite, shy person. I like country music, the country life, dining out and going to the movies. I plan on moving back to Arkansas when I get out on Jan. 5, 1995. But before I leave Omaha, I plan on spending a few days here getting adjust to life outside this fence, before moving on down the road to greater horizons.....

Jimmy Phillips  
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Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask if you would place an ad for me. I heard that you place an ad one time free to prisoners. I have been receiving *The New Voice* for some time now and it has helped me in my struggle. I'm a 29-year old male around 225 pounds. I have brown hair and eyes. I am interested in country music and most of the older rock. I get out in Dec. of 1996 and I don't know what I am going to do once I am out of here. No one in my family knows about my situation because I am steal trying to come to terms with it. So if you are sincere, please respond. I look forward to hearing from you soon. I'm looking for a pen pal and maybe more later.

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- Get copies of materials that are no longer available from the original publishers.

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Items available from the Document Delivery Service include:

- Training manuals to help prepare and present HIV/AIDS information to different audiences.

- Brochures and educational materials for the general public and selected target populations.

- Fact sheets, reports, information packages, wallet cards, and other resources for education and prevention programs.

For further information on the Document Delivery Service call a Reference Specialist at 800-458-5231.

## INTERFERON GAMMA BOOSTS ABILITY TO FIGHT MYCOBACTERIA

Interferon gamma helped fight non-tuberculous mycobacterial infections in patients who did not respond to conventional therapies, according to research reported in the May 12 issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine* by scientists from the U. S. National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Mycobacteria are a diverse family of disease-causing organisms including some that cause tuberculosis. Non-tuberculous mycobacteria occur in an environment and usually affect up to 40 percent of people infected with HIV.

The study involved seven patients who were not HIV infected and had severe non-tuberculous mycobacterial infection of at least two organ systems. Six of the patients had MAC.

The patients had received the maximum tolerated conventional treatment for at least four months and had become drug-resistant before enrolling in the current study. Treated with interferon gamma, all patients rapidly improved and many of their symptoms abated.

"Laboratory and animal studies have suggested that interferon gamma, a protein normally secreted by the immune system's T-cells, plays an important role in containing and clearing mycobacterial infections in the body," says Steven M. Holland, M.D., who reported the study. "This leads us to conclude that the protein may someday be used in the treatment of other mycobacterial infections, including tuberculosis."



# SPECIAL RIGHTS, EQUAL RIGHTS, GAY RIGHTS?

by Richard D. Mohr

This year, referendum initiatives directed against gay civil rights protection are slated in eight states — Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Missouri, Michigan, and Florida. Last year, nineteen cities and counties across the nation had such referendums. Gays lost all of them. The organization which launched Cincinnati's referendum named itself "Equal Rights, Not Special Rights," while the gay side called its organization "Equality Cincinnati." Both sides claimed equality as their principle. Clearly America is confused about what equality is.

The "no special rights" side seems to take equality to mean equal opportunity or identical access to whatever government is offering by way of privileges and possessions. In consequence, these people suppose that any legislation that gives something to a specified group violates equality. And, indeed, equality understood as equal opportunity is quite entrenched in America's folk rhetoric of justice. For example, the chief federal agency for the enforcement of the 1964 Civil Rights Act is called the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Still, this sense of equality does not capture all or even the core of what equality is. Equality is at heart a principle of non-degradation. It asserts that people are not to be held in lesser regard, as morally lesser beings, independently of their actions. Consider the sixteen state anti-miscegenation laws which the Supreme Court struck down in 1967. Formally they treated blacks and whites the same, for they denied each group identical access — to each other. Blacks couldn't marry whites; whites couldn't marry blacks. What then was the inequality in anti-miscegenation laws? They were inequitable not

because they denied equality of opportunity to blacks, but because they were part of a system that holds blacks in morally lesser regard independently of what they individually do; such laws viewed blacks as dirty, loathsome, abject.

Or again, consider the nation's paradigmatically racist joke: "What do you call a black millionaire physicist who's just won the Nobel Prize?" The answer is the spondee, usually shouted, "nigger." Notice that the person in the joke has availed himself of opportunity as fully as anyone could. The joke's butt could not launch a suit against someone claiming that he has been denied access to some freedom, opportunity, or possession — for he has it all. Rather the joke's belittling fun presumes that the physicist's disesteem is entirely a matter of a perceived status having nothing to do with his actions. In the joke's moral system, which is to say America's popular morality, this person could never be equal no matter what he did. Equality, then, in this instance, is a principle of non-degradation, and only secondarily, if at all, a principle about similarity of access.

People marching under the banner "no special rights" are then understandably not profoundly confused about equality. It is true that equality is a right which everyone has, for everyone has a right not to be treated as a morally lesser being. Yet, given this understanding of equality, both assertions and violations of it will always make reference to the specific treatment of some group's members, will turn on whether they are socially viewed as degraded independently of any action that makes them members of the group. Justice then requires looking to the specifics of history and social custom, not to generic human nature, in order to determine whether some law, policy, or practice promotes or violates equality.

Have gays as a group historically been treated as less than full human beings, as loathsome, abject beings? Yes is the answer offered by society's record of slang, jokes, family policy, religious teachings, medical history, and symbolic legislation (like military policy and unenforced sodomy laws). Therefore constitutional equal protection should guard gays from degrading treatments by governments. Similarly, gay civil rights legislation promotes rather than destroys equality since it works to end the humiliation, degradation, and insult caused by discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. Such laws then are not special treatments in any way that is morally objectionable. To the contrary, they are the historical and socially specific treatments which equality as a general principle of non-degradation requires.

Though now targeted just as gays, the rhetoric of "no special rights" is a ploy to attack all civil rights legislation which specifies any group as protected. It masks a mentality of "us versus them" and succeeds only a stratagem of "divide and conquer." Therefore, other minorities currently protected by law — blacks, hispanics, women, Baptists, Catholics, Mormons, jews, the disabled — all need to be particularly mindful that gay rights do not steal anything from them, but rather help solidify the very principle of equality in virtue of which they have these rights in the first place.

— Richard D. Mohr, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois-Urbana, is the author of *A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights* (Beacon Press, March 1994.)

## Let's Get Metaphysical

by Brother Anthony Penner

We are close to the corner stone within the knowledge of Pisces going into Aquarius. The Millennium is at hand.

Religion may not find this truth to be beneficial with enlightenment in all areas of growth. Through years of logic and reason in growing to understand the many facets of God, I have found that religion, or Christianity, with its belief systems, dogmas, and platitudes have done more harm to every part of its existence. It has turned all good, in logic and knowledge, to benefit the greatest evil, guilt, fear and domination of ego. This has caused the greatest bigotry, prejudice, hatred, wars and injustice to the soul, mind and body, throughout history, as well as today. For example, in organized religion and evangelism, the church has two masters; one of the knowledge of the devil and fear, and God and love. Which master do you choose to grow and learn more about? Their idea of God sitting on his throne, keeping an exact accounting of all sins we have committed. Does He have nothing better to do than to look for the evil and darkness in us. This idea is insulting to the human spirit and soul. For those of you who chose the God of love, the next few lines are for your growth and magnificence in the path of joy Light and Love.

**For being human: Here is the body of the universe or heaven:**

You are already in the grand plan of God-Creator-Source. How ever you see it as an individual, so it is.

**You will receive a body:**

You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours

for the entire period of this life, this time around.

**You will learn lessons:**

You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. Each day at this school, you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irreverent and stupid.

**There are no mistakes or accidents, only lessons:**

Growth is the process of trial and error, experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiments that ultimately "work".

**A lesson is repeated until learned:**

A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson. This is the state of "becoming".

**Learning lessons does not end:**

There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons, or growth. If you are alive, as some humans think they are, there are always lessons to be learned. This is why we are in constant change, evolving, mutating, incarnating and experimentation of all things.

**There is no where better than "here":**

Until you find that to be so, you don't grow to another level. When your "there" has become your "here", you will simply obtain another "there" that will again look better than "here".

**Others are merely mirrors of you:**

You cannot love or hate something about another person, unless it reflects to you, something that you love or hate about yourself. Until then, open-up and let go. Give yourself more room to

grow and glow in the light with more understanding.

**What you make of your life is up to you:**

You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours. In past, present, or future, there is no one to blame but yourself.

**Your answers to life's questions lie inside you:**

The answers to all of life's questions lie inside of you. All you need to do is look, listen, understand and trust your inner or higher self.

"Good luck", or will you again forget all this? Until then, this is Brother Anthony. Keep your Love Light on in all you think say, or do.

## RELIGIOUS RIGHT HOPES TO HIJACK SUBWAYS

In response to a Gay Men's Health Crisis safer-sex campaign aimed at young lesbian, gay male, and heterosexual subway riders, fundamentalists and so-called family-values groups want to establish a censorship board to ban similar public-service ads before they are placed. The Metropolitan Transit Authority has resisted this effort to abridge our first-amendment rights. Please thank the MTA for sponsoring this vital, racially inclusive ad campaign, and for continuing to hold their ground against censorship. Write to: Peter Stangle, Chairman, Metropolitan Transit Authority, 347 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

- GLAAD



# LOCAL NEWS

## Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) NEWS

by Sharon McCartney

It is my pleasure to announce that EAGLE presented its seventh Stonewall Award on June 1. The Stonewall Award is presented to a person or group of people who exemplify the spirit of Stonewall. Past recipients include Janet Houston, Paul Sloat, Sharon McCartney, Cheryl Lape, Peri Jude Radecic, and Arlene Dacus and the Condors.

This years recipients were two men who have been with the EAGLE organization from the beginning — Rick Worman and Roger Labs. Rick has been the treasurer, representative to the Regional EAGLE Board, and is presently Co-moderator. Both Rick and Roger have been instrumental in fund-raising ideas and are eager to help in any way that is needed. It has been especially gratifying to see the personal growth in both of them. They celebrate 11 years in a committed, loving relationship. Roger is consistently supportive of Rick and speaks out when the occasion calls for it. (We kiddingly say

Roger is the thorn in the rose's (Rick's) side.) They have attended the past five conferences and are committed to domestic partnership issues, personal growth and Coming Out issues. Rick has taught us that this is his journey and that we need to be patient with him and his journey.

Congratulations to Rick and Roger. It has been great working with the two of you and seeing you grow together and individually.

EAGLE is proud that U S WEST Communications agreed to pay for the interpreter at the Pride Parade. This is a first for the community in terms of having an interpreter on hand for our deaf/hearing impaired community.

EAGLE is in the process of developing an annual scholarship fund for gay/lesbian teens. More information will be provided as this process is finalized. We raised \$42.00 at the Pride Parade and thank those who purchased bottles of ice water and bubbles.

## MCC-O Going Smoke-Free

The congregation on May 22 voted to make Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha a smoke-free facility and also approved a proposal to hire an architect or draftsman to plan a two-step expansion of the MCC-O building. Almost 60 members and several friends of MCC-O attended the semiannual meeting.

The congregation approved a proposal by the Board of Directors to have the building become smoke-free beginning Sept. 1. This "smoke-free" policy would be in effect for all meetings, whether official church functions or groups renting the building.

Members also voted a proposal to spend up to \$6,000 for an architect or draftperson's two-part proposal to make the building handicap accessible and expand the sanctuary area. An amendment requested that any proposal include cost estimates, as well as information as to how our current heating, cooling and roofing would fit in with this expansion.

- MCC-O Messenger


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**PRIDE PARADE LARGEST EVER**

With an official count of 325 marchers, the 1994 Pride Parade was the biggest ever in Omaha. The parade again marched to the drum beat of the Condors Drill Team, a talented group of young performers who have joined the Pride Parade for the last four years. New this year was Ollie the Trolley, provided by *The New Voice* for those unable to walk the 1.8 mile route. Marching for their first time were members of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Support Group and Unity Church. Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha had the largest single contingent in the parade and perhaps the greatest spectrum of chants, ranging from singing of *Amazing Grace* to the phrase expanded to its present form by the Rev. Troy Perry, "We're Here. We're Queer. Get Used To It! AMEN!!" Following the parade the marchers joined another 150 people in Turner Park for a rally and picnic. The EAGLE employee group of U.S. West sponsored the appearance of the popular group *Lavender Couch* and U.S. West provided a sign language interpreter for the rally. A *New Voice* salute to Pride Chairperson, Dave England, and to the folks at ANGLE for this outstanding event.

*Photos: Top to Bottom, Left to Right: The parade comes down Farnam, MCC-O marches, Ollie wears the New Voice Banner, RCMC follows a real drum major, Mickey joins the Leather folk, A bevy of visiting Queens, The Gender Alliance and their convertible, "With Liberty and Justice For All."*





**1994 PRIDE CELEBRATION**

*Photos: top to bottom, left to right: Lavender Couch performs for the crowd, HGRA members were striking with their black hats and red scarves, Central High Student Tim Mahoney with his parents, Rainbow Flags carried with smiles, our own Brian Bengtson poses with Todd after they led the parade as part of the honor guard.*



## CHORUS NOTES

by Stan Brown

Thank you again to the community for the support of all our events this year but especially our Pride Concert and Raffle and Garage Sale. We could not have lasted the past 10 years without your support and we hope to strengthen that support as we start our next season.

We are already excited about our next season as we add a performance to both our Winter and Pride Concerts. By adding a performance each time, we hope to accommodate more people who would like to see our concerts but weren't able to this year we were sold out.

If you would like more information about our concerts, please write to us at P.O. BOX 3267, Omaha, NE 68103-0267 or call our Singline (342-7464) and leave your name, address, and telephone number to be added to our mailing list.

If you are interested in becoming a singing member of the Chorus, we are having auditions for all voices this summer. Please call John Bennett at 551-6517 before July 10 to arrange an audition time or for more information.

Our new season rehearsals start on Monday, August 22, and are held at First United Methodist Church, 69th and Cass Streets each Monday.

A final note from this "reporter" as I pass writing this article on to someone else in the Chorus next season.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those Chorus members, Chorus Board, and members of the community who I have worked with as Marketing Chairperson this past year and wish the new Chorus Board members much success.

Next season, I am looking forward to becoming just a "singing" member again!

## RABBI KUSHNER SPEAKS TO FULL HOUSE

by RJ

Rabbi Harold Kushner spoke to a full and overflowing crowd at the Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Kushner is a well known author of several books including *When Bad Things Happen To Good People*. He came to the Center to speak on his latest and newest book, *To Life...A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking*.

Rabbi Kushner's speech was a good one, and well accepted. It helped this "Christian" understand Judaism a little better, and what it is about. I strongly agree, one cannot hope to understand Christianity, unless one explores the roots of Christianity, and where it came from. Jesus, was not a Christian. Jesus was Jewish through and through.

The speech addressed the continual questions of Jews and why they are considered the chosen people of God. This was compared to a family. The Eldest one in the family is supposed to set an example for the younger siblings, and to serve as a role model for the younger siblings. Also, as an elder sibling, the parents are always the harshest on the sibling, and expect more. So many Christians get this so warped out of shape. Like, "The G/L's want special rights, when all the G/L's want is equal rights!"

The speech was also laced with some good humorous stories. One I especially liked (and a good chunk of my family is Catholic) was the one about the exchange between a Catholic Priest and a Rabbi. This Priest cajoled the Rabbi about eating pork. The Priest told the Rabbi, "Go ahead, try it. It's tasty. It's delicious. It's good for you." "Father," said the Rabbi, "I'll try some on the day of your wedding."

A real good thought provoking, enlightening speed. The Rabbi gave some real good comments and explanations about Judaism. I'm looking forward to reading his books. A copy of his speech on audio tape will be at the MCC library. It was a real enriching evening. Filled with humor, good common sense, and an open mind. And the audience loved every word. I know, I sure enjoyed Rabbi Kushner's speech.

## A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

by Stan Brown

June was such a great month with all of our exciting Pride activities going on and we want to especially thank those people who made them such a success. First of all, to Dave England, our Pride Chairperson, we extend a big thank you for all of your hard work and planning. Our Pride Guide was bigger and better this year, our Parade and Rally were well organized and well attended, and our buttons and T-shirts looked great.

Our thanks go out to Brandon Shukas planning the food for the picnic after the parade; Dick Brown, organizing the Parade Monitors; Pat Phalen, planning the Pride Rally; Sharon Van Butsel, Carla Petersen, and Sharon McCartney, helping with the Pride Guide; Debbie J. helping with publicity and media; and Jeanne M., submitting the Pride logo.

A personal thank you from myself and ANGLE to all the performers who were part of my "Show of Pride" at the MAX. We had a great time and appreciate the support of the audience, owners of the MAX, Don and Bruce, and all the staff at the bar. I'll let you know how much money we raised in next month's article.

Mark your calendars now because there still is more to come this summer from ANGLE. On Sunday, July 10, we will have a fundraiser at The Chesterfield with a cookout and a chance for people who attended Stonewall in New York to get together to share their pictures, stories and "Pride" with the community. Look for flyers at all the bars for the specific time and more information about this After Stonewall Party.

Also later this month representatives from all organizations will be invited to a cookout to discuss their ideas and suggestions concerning our Recognition Dinner and Awards evening in October.

Let's keep our "Pride" going throughout the year. So please join us for our monthly meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd., or call the Phone line (558-5303) for more information.

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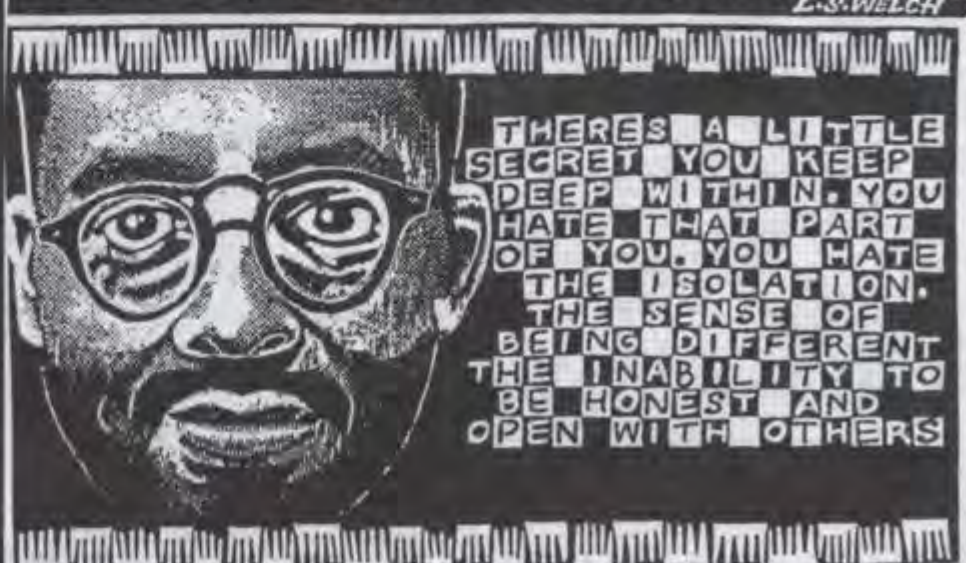
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## LEATHER FREEDOM - FANTASY '94

Leather Freedom is on its way. In Omaha, Nebraska the weekend of August 19 - 21, 1994 title-holders, dignitaries, and spectators will once again gather to celebrate the 6th year anniversary of this charity event. This year's beneficiaries are CFEP (Citizens for Equal Protection) and The Leather Archives Foundation.

Title-holders and dignitaries already confirmed for this year's event include: Jeff Tucker - MR NLA 94, Dave Rhodes - publisher of *The Leather Journal*, Terry Gatewood - Mr. Oklahoma Leather 94, Scott Bloom - Mr. Leather Detroit 04, Emily Cotlier - Ms Philadelphia Leather 94, Cindy Bookout - Ms Oklahoma Leather 93, Amy Marie Meek - IMSL 93, Mike Cox - Mr. St. Louis Drummer 94, Jim Gau - Mr. Omaha Drummer 94, Craig Heslop - Mr. Kansas City Drummer 94, Greg Lowe - Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer 90, Shan Carr - IMSL 88, Suzy - Ms Leather Nebraska 94, Eric - Mr. Leather Nebraska 94, Janet Ryan - Ms MidAmerica Leather 92, Raymond LeBrun - Mr. Minnesota Leather 92, David Hawn - Great Lakes Drummer Boy 92, Gregg Hurt - Mr. Missouri Leather 93, Mike Reese - Mr. Missouri Leather 94, Jolanne Tierney - Ms Sacramento Leather 88

89, Kris Robunza - Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 93, Rick Gannon - Great Plains Drummer Boy 93, Marcus Hernandez - columnist BAR & Drummer, Author Jack Rinella and still more.

Friday evening, FANTASY will kick off with a reception party hosted by Jeff Tucker IML 94 and The Leather Masters at the host hotel. Then it's off to The MAX (one of the midwest's BEST bars) for the INTRO party where you will have the opportunity to meet all of this year's titleholders and dignitaries. Saturday morning will have the Leather Fair (with lots of leather, rubber, art, informational, game booths) and seminars and demonstrations on the lifestyle. Saturday night will be FANTASY - The Show produced by Jolanne Tierney, Shan Carr, and Jim Gau. Afterwards, *The Leather Journal* will be hosting and after hours party. Sunday, the Leather Fair continues, followed by a farewell brunch at Gilligan's, and then a softball game for all those still here.

All this for \$30.00 (\$35.00 after August 1) (And remember all profits go to the charities). So make your plans now to attend this year's event. For more information, please contact Fantasy Productions, PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108.

## OPC Member Takes 2nd Runner Up at Internat'l Mr. Leather 1994

Terry Gatewood, Mr. Oklahoma Leather 1994 and a member of the Omaha Player's Club, took the 2nd Runner up at the 1994 International Mr. Leather Contest.

Terry is a resident of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and was sponsored by T.U.L.S.A., an Oklahoma based leather/SM education and play group. He is active with Simply Equal, a political organization working for equal rights for G/L/B/T persons in the Oklahoma region, and works as a marketing director for an electronics supply company.

Terry competed against 43 leathermen from around the U.S. and other parts of the world, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Great Britain. Contestants were judged on attitude, physique, and leather image. Terry's speech urging members of the community to join the "war on the right" was especially moving.

We are extremely proud of Terry for representing OPC so well. We congratulate him on his success and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

## DC'S CROWNS DORIAN AS MISS DC'S; WELCOMES COMEDIAN DENA KAYE TO OMAHA

On June 5th, Mr. Steve Lucart coordinated still another flawless pageant as contestants vied to be the very first Miss DC's. At the end of the evening the glamorous Miss Dorian Drake walked away with the glittering crown - a fitting finale to her presentation which included a white western pants suit with silver studs and a glorious beaded gown. Runner up, Miss Ammie Zahn, provided

strong competition with her "Miss Kitty" Formal wear and a side splitting talent entry. Congratulations to both!

And congratulations to H.G.R.A! You did it! Charley talked to Dena Kaye and she will be appearing at DC's on July 3rd.

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## FIGHT THE RIGHT

Until recently, the gay rights movement locale has been viewed as coastal in nature. Now, the Heartland of America is home for an innovative nonprofit organization in Dallas, Texas — Alliance for Progress. Gay rights advocates, Roger Davis, a Los Angeles businessman, John Etienne Mourot, a Dallas political consultant and entertainment attorney, and Christopher Parman, an Oklahoma City political advertising consultant, have combined their talents to promote a positive mainstream image of gay and lesbian lives through television advertising and public education forums.

"The gay rights movement must inevitably advocate its message not only through Congressional lobbying efforts, as other gay rights groups currently do, but also through voter awareness campaigns. The most effective means of lobbying voters is through televised commercials," Parman asserted. "We will air 30-second commercials which emphasize the similarities between gay/lesbian and heterosexual lives and values. The spots will be telecast both nationwide and to locally targeted areas, much like public service announcements," he explained. Alliance For Progress will film its first commercial, entitled *Sunday Morning*, this summer and air it nationally this fall. The organizers said that *Sunday Morning* demonstrates how the majority of gays and lesbians actually spend their Sundays like most Americans, such as going to church, eating at a restaurant, recreating at a park, shopping at the malls, and spending time at home with the family.

"Our goal," Mourot stated, "is to show the heterosexual audience that gays and lesbians are normal everyday people who engage in normal everyday activities; the difference being that they live with, and love, a same gender partner. If we can alleviate some of the public's fear-induced stereotypes of gays and lesbians, anti-discriminatory legislation will no longer be a threat that must be fought at every level of our political system and in our courts. By educating the public to the realities of gay life, we can replace an atmosphere of fear and hate with one of understanding. Everyone has the right to live in peace, out of the closet."

While the advertising campaign has been carefully planned, Alliance For Progress needs the financial support of the gay and lesbian community to effectively implement it. Our philosophy is simple. When we present our community in a positive manner to the "Heartland" and change its beliefs, then our community's battles will be over and the war won."

Financial donations may be sent to Alliance For Progress, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave., The Centrum, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75219. For more information call 1-800-520-4AFP or in Dallas call 214-520-2205. Davis concluded, "It's vital that we deliver the message. The time is now!"



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The season opens with three performances of Broadway's hit musical *The Secret Garden*, September 16-18. The Joffrey Ballet, performing *Billboard*, returns September 30 through October 2 with three performances. On October 8, Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia makes its chamber orchestra debut on the Lied Center Stage.

As the first presentation on the New Voices series, Columbia Jazz Jam introduces three new Artists, Joey DeFrancesco, Russell Malone, and Nuenna Freelon on October 14. Spain's foremost flamenco company, Teatro De Danza Espanola will appear October 29 with its thirty members. Co-commissioned by the Lied Center, the Paul Drescher Ensemble presents *Looking East to West*, an innovative music theater work on November 4 in Kimball Recital Hall. Pianist Awadagin Pratt, the 1992 Naumberg International Competition Winner, performs November 11 in the Johnny Carson Theater. On the same series, November 18, DynamO Theatre from Montreal will present *Mur-Mur (The Wall)*, a work which incorporates the Company's unique theatrical form of acrobatic movement and clowning. The following night, November 19, contemporary jazz artist Herbie Mann with his group Jasil Brazz will appear on Lied Stage.

Diamanda Galas, the most explosive vocal presence in American performance history, will appear with John Paul Jones (Cofounding member of the rock group Led Zeppelin), on November 20 in an evening of new songs. In partnership with the UNL Department of Theater Arts and Dance, the Lied Center will present *A Christmas Carol* December 8-11. The world-famous Paris Opera Ballet Ensemble appears January 13 featuring repertoire by the world's foremost choreographers. One of the headliners of the season will be the sumptuous voice of soprano Kathleen Battle in recital January 21. The Omaha-based Emmy Gifford Theater will present two performances of Hans Christian Andersen's *Thumbelina* on January 28 in Kimball Recital Hall.

Sharing the bill on February 4 will be the vocal jazz ensemble Moore by Four, and drummer T.S. Monk, Jr. On February 9, the St. Louis Symphony returns to the Lied Center Stage with Leonard Slatkin conducting. As a part of the New Voices series, choreographers David Rousseve brings *Reality* to the Johnny Carson Theater for two performances on February 11. Le Ballet National De Senegal, the premier West African dance company, will present a full-evening work titled *Pangols* on February 21.

New Voices artist Dan Hurlin returns to the Johnny Carson Theater on March 3 and 4 to perform his provocative *Nothing so Powerful as Truth*. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma appears in recital on the Lied Stage March 7. The Flying Karamazov Brothers will entertain the entire family with comical juggling and outlandish humor on March 10. The virtuosic talents of Kalichstein, Laredo and Robinson Trio joins forces for an evening of chamber music March 18. Another full-evening dance work titled *Still/Here* will be presented by Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company March 28.

The critically acclaimed Orchestra of St. Luke's will perform April 7 with Andre Previn as guest conductor. *Voice of Change*, a chamber ensemble dedicated to 20th Century music, will perform in the Johnny Carson Theater on April 20. Winner of six Tony Awards, *The Will Rogers Follies* fills the Lied Center Stage on April 21, 22, and 23. What could close the season better than the enthralling sounds of the Canadian Brass Ensemble appearing April 29.

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Over the last three years, Suzanne has performed for every type of audience, playing major comedy clubs and concert halls throughout the U.S. With her upcoming national TV special on HBO, Suzanne steps into the living rooms of this country with the same out lesbian comedy that has challenged stereotypes and broken down barriers from Texas to Oregon, from New York to Florida.

Her television credits include ABC's *Day One*, *Evening at the Improv*, *Caroline's Comedy Hour*, *Out There* on Comedy Central, and a host of other network and cable appearances. Recently, she won New York City's *Outstanding Achievement Award for Comedy*, and her ongoing national tour is receiving rave reviews! "She's a center stage diva who bursts out of her closet with little explosions of out-spoken bemusement that could make even Bette Midler blush," says Michael Musto of the *New York Daily News*.

**THE NEON GIRLS IN OMAHA JULY 16**

**Joan & Christy: Who are they?**

Joan first caught the performance bug in the cultural mecca of Vinita, Oklahoma where she appeared as the sugar plum fairy in the kindergarten production of *The Nutcracker's Suite*. A self-taught folksinger, she conducted one-woman hootenannies for civic, Camp Fire, and school groups during her junior high and high school years in the 1960s. Armed with a psychology degree from the University of Kansas and a set of hand tools, she set off for a career in housing rehabilitation. For several years in the 80s, she traveled throughout the Midwest as a member of a women's acoustic string band, *Rosy's Bar & Grill*. After working for 8 years as an independent remodeling contractor, she now works as a housing inspector for HUD in order to support her music habit.

Christy was first inspired to develop her musical talents during summers at Girl Scout camp spent 'singing around the campfire' and during winters spent freezing her lips to the mouthpiece of her cornet and french horn in elementary and high school band. Also a self-taught folksinger, she continued to play and sing for friends, for fun, and for an occasional coffee house. After graduating from the University of Idaho with a degree in zoology, she landed, for awhile, in Manhattan, Kansas seeking zoological specimens. The search led eventually to Kansas City where she earned a degree in nursing from the University of Kansas. She is currently working in the intensive care unit of a children's hospital in order to support her music habit.

Following parallel themes in their lives, each, in separate communities, helped to found women's choruses. Christy started, directed, and

accompanied Manhattan's first women's chorus, *Women of the Heartlands: Singing Our lives*. Joan was a founding member and accompanist of the *Kansas City Women's Chorus*. They met when Christy moved to KC and joined that chorus where both are currently co-directors, music arrangers, accompanists and singers.

Christy and Joan, *The Neon Girls*, began making music as a duo in the spring of 1987. With the encouragement of friends, they began performing at benefits and women's gatherings. They have since opened concerts for Dieder McCalla, Ferron, Alix Dobkin and Judy Small. Their first road trip was to Parsons, Kansas to perform at the Kansas State NOW Conference. They have since traveled to Des Moines, Iowa to perform at a coffee house, to Mississippi for the 3rd Annual Gulf Coast Women's Festival, and to Roman Nose State Park in Oklahoma to perform at a Women's Retreat sponsored by Herland Sister Resources. Besides benefits, rallies and birthday parties at home, they have also presented full concerts in Kansas City through Willow Productions, Cross Currents and Lavendar Umbrella. In October of 1992, they released their first audio recording, *The Neon Girls - Defying Gravity*. They currently are trying to get out more, so they can become world renowned performers, quit their jobs, and support their music habits with their music.

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## MAINSTREAM PRESENTS

### "HOW TO FIGHT POLITICAL EXTREMISM"

The Nebraska Mainstream Committee presented an all day workshop, "How to Fight Political Extremism In The Heartland" on Saturday, June 11. About 50 people attended.

J. Eileen Durgin-Clinchard of Mainstream welcomed the group and explained that Mainstream is a coalition of member organizations with a threefold mission: coalition, communication and coordination. Coalition as a catalyst to bring together diverse groups with a common thread...they have been under attack by the radical right, or are potentially under such attack. Communication by means of a monthly newsletter which will provide information based on the research the Mainstream Committee has done, information sharing across organizations, and educational material relating to being active in the democratic process. Coordination of the unique and common interests of the member organizations, recognizing that there is room for divergent interests, to help educate the public, news media, and government officials about efforts of the extremist groups to subvert an open and fair political process.

Sue Ellen Wall, director of Lincoln/Lancaster Commission for the Status of Women, was the first speaker. Sue talked about pro-choice and how it is important that women continue to have a choice. She stated that she believes the first culprit is the men who run the Roman Catholic Church. She believes that men are afraid for women to become totally free and independent for fear of being treated the same way that men treat women today. She challenged the men in the group to take to task men who beat their wives, abandon their children and continue to keep women pregnant as a means of keeping the power. She said men need to give up some of their power and privilege. She also said that we all must name the behaviors and hold media responsible for covering news in an even-handed way. Those organization who are 501 (C)(3), as many of the radical right are, should stay out of politics or have that tax status taken away. She said we

should all be involved in school board meetings and hold the schools accountable to have sex education and human growth classes.

Following Sue was Jeff Wilson who challenged the group to understand that there is nothing "special" about wanting to have housing, employment and same benefits. Jeff said the radical right is using gay/lesbian issues as an inroad to dominate other subcultures and it is potentially possible for their agenda to expand to nearly any minority status person. This is known as "fencing off" and is treatment as non-people.

David Moshman, president of the Board of Nebraska Civil Liberties Union spoke next about the rights of all people even those we disagree with. His main point was consistency in all cases.

Following David was Sharon Rowe, Pro-choice activist involved with Nebraska Republicans for Choice. Sharon was a delegate to the Republican meeting and she stated we need to be active and get ourselves selected to attend these caucuses as a way to make certain that our voices are heard. It is not difficult, often only a call to ask for the form and then returning it.

The last speaker was Jody Ripper from Iowa, founder of Iowans for Democracy, a coalition of over sixty organizations concerned with activities of the radical right. Ms. Ripper has spent several years conducting research on social and political movements with focus on the New Right, studying both secular and religious agendas. She talked about Pat Buchanan and other right wing fundamentalists who make several billion dollars a year and have large numbers of followers.

We must be prepared to fight extremists. They are getting elected into our school boards, church boards and anywhere they can get a foothold. Often their agenda is not open, they manage to get elected and show their real agenda.

The meeting was a success and already plans are underway to plan the next meeting. If you have special skills or would like to become involved in Mainstream write to J. Eileen Durgin-Clinchard, 638 N. 25, Lincoln, NE 68503-3013.

## MCC-O NEWS

June was so busy with Vacation Bible School, the GALP Zoo Trip, the weekly mowing of the lawn, the PRIDE PARADE, Rev. Howard's Study of the Gospel of Matthew, "The Possible You" Workshop, Sunday Worship Services, the Deacons' Movie Night and their Bar-B-Que for the Pantry, the Women's Support Group's trip to New York for the Gay Games and Stonewall 25 Celebration, the drawing for the three PWA's to make the same NY trip, Prayer Share Care Circle Meetings, and all the regular weekly gatherings MCC-O offers.

What will July bring? More of the same? Yes! and No! Yes—another Saturday of Vacation Bible School—more evenings to gather and study the Gospel of Matthew—another Deacons' Coffeehouse, the third Saturday in July—the 9AM and 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship Services—more PSC CIRCLE Meetings—and, of course, all the regular weekly gatherings!

July offers yet another activity. MCC-O is pleased to house the NEON GIRL CONCERT on Saturday, July 16. This is a benefit for the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund. The Neon Girls are truly a delightful and insightful duo! Their music will enchant you, and you'll go away from the concert with a lighter step and a song in your heart! We hope you can join us in welcoming them to Omaha and at the same time support the PWA Assistance Fund.

July 11, MCC-O will begin an HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support Group. Enrollment is limited to 12. The group will meet for 12 weeks every Monday evening at 7p.m. For details see the entry in the Community Calendar in this issue or call the Church Office.

Summer Sundays are always busy with fun in the sun, but we invite you to join us for our 9AM service. Take time to celebrate life and praise the God who gave life to each of us. By 10:00 you'll be on your way to a day of summer fun!

MCC-Omaha has Worship Service at 9AM and 10:30 AM every Sunday. We invite you to join us this Sunday.

Until next month, that's it from my pew! See you in church!

### HIV/AIDS SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP FORMS

An HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support Group will run from July 11 through September 26. This 12 week session will meet Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha at 819 S. 22. The group size will be limited to 12 members for the initial sessions. If you would like to sign up for this group, call Fritz Bally at (402) 341-4113.

### FATAL CRASH TAKES LIFE OF AREA PERFORMER

Memorial Day weekend brought sadness when several female impersonators were involved in a head on collision while attending a national pageant in St. Louis, Missouri. Cartier died as a result of the injuries. Vivian Cartwright (Miss MAX), Loreal, and Todd were all seriously injured. Vivian and Todd have been released and are recovering at their family homes.

### IOWA WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

The first Iowa Women's Music Festival is now being planned for the weekend of September 16-17, 1994. Beginning with a dance on Friday night, Festival plans include a day stage, workshops, artists, and vendors during the day on Saturday at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

A concert will be held Saturday night at McBride Auditorium in Iowa City. It is open to all lesbians, bisexual, and heterosexual women.

Prairie Voices, a newly formed coalition of women in the area, will be sponsoring the Festival and hopes to make it a yearly event.

Ideas and volunteers are needed in such areas as advertising, graphics, security, technical production, workshops, and fund-raising.

If you have suggestions or can help in any capacity, whether short term or long term, please write: Prairie Voices, PO Box 3411, Iowa City, IA, 52244 or call 319-335-1486.

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## NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT

Grab that sun screen and hit the street! It's time for the **July Picnic**—Saturday, July 2, Vennelyst Park (9100 N. 31 St.) from noon til 5 p.m. ICEBOWL '95 will be there with food, ice cream and a bake sale. Come hungry. Your \$7 admission will, of course, get you all the pop and beer you want! And again there will be a cash bar available. Yes, the volleyball nets will be up, and the horseshoe pits are ready. See you there! Remember **SATURDAY, JULY 2. DON'T MISS IT!**

There to greet you will be the newly crowned monarchs of Reign XIV: Emperor XIV David and Empress XIV Mae. The Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska joins the community in congratulating you and wishing you a successful reign. Over 200 community folk gathered at The MAX Sun, June 12, to join in the Victory Celebration.

There's no other way to describe Coronation XIV but wonderful! Congratulations Roxy and Connie on going out with a splendid evening complete with enchanting decorations, delightfully colorful costumes, and entertainment diverse enough to hold and touch any audience. Great job! Both Connie and Roxy, as well as the Board of Governors, extend to all of you who so generously supported this Coronation, a big **THANK YOU!** Without your support, this truly wonderful weekend could not have happened.

July 17 join us at The MAX as we say "Thanks and Goodbye" to the Prince and Princess Royale of Reign XIII—Michael and Monica. And in the second half of the show we meet the Royal Families of Reign XIV. Investiture '94 promises to be an evening of fun, and I suspect, a few surprises!

For those of you who have admired the Rainbow Pendants that you've seen dangling from the black lace "chain," ICON still has a few left for sale. They will be available at Investiture '94 for the same great price of \$15.

ICON extends congratulations to ANGLE for a truly great PRIDE PARADE! We were proud to have our out-of-town guests join us and you in this march of celebration!

Coming soon will be the annual Labor Day Picnic! Plan now to attend. It's scheduled for Mon., Sept. 5, Vennelyst Park, Noon til 5!

Til then—See you in Court!

## PSC Explores Prayers

A lot of prayers come out of the MCC-O family as we share our joys and concerns. But have we looked at Jesus' prayer, "Loving God I pray... that they may be one, as we are one" (John 17:21-23)? What does it mean to be "one" as God and Jesus were "one"? It has been almost 2000 years since Jesus prayed this prayer. The Spirit of God has been at work since then and the time is perfect for us to open our hearts to one another and allow the Spirit to move so we might be living examples of God's answer to Jesus' prayer. "Answering Jesus' Prayer" is the next study the Prayer Share Care Circles will embark on. PSC Circles are open to all friends and members of MCC-O. They meet every other week for about two hours in a leader's home. Currently three groups meet: one in Lincoln on Sundays and two in Omaha (one on Mondays and the other on Thursdays). For more information contact the church office. The PSC leaders invite you to come and join in this time of prayer—sharing—and caring!

—MCC-O Messenger

## PANHANDLE GAY AND LESBIANS GROUP GROWS

It's summer and we continue to grow, grow, grow. We now have 74 people on our mailing list. We appreciate the support we are getting from other communities as well.

Our very first "Out and About" dance which was held May 7th was a great success! Approximately 50 people attended from as far away as Denver, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Torrington, Lincoln, Kearney, Gibbon, Lexington, Alliance, Bridgeport and the Scottsbluff/Gering area. Our thanks to everyone for help decorating and cleaning up after the dance.

Our next big "project" is to participate in the Lesbian/Gay campout called "Rendezvous '94" which is taking place in the Wyoming mountains July 15, 16, and 17, and is sponsored by the United Gays and Lesbians of Wyoming.

The Scottsbluff *Star-Herald* has finally printed the story about our Support Service. There have been mixed reactions to the article. The majority agree that the article will be a positive step for our group as far as public exposure. The *Star-Herald* has expressed concern that it will lose some subscriptions and advertising. It is important that the paper get positive, as well as negative, responses to the article. The *Star-Herald's* address is: Managing Editor Lynn Monson, 1405 Broadway, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.

We received a \$100 donation from a woman in Denver. We plan on having brochures printed with information about our group to be mailed to local agencies, schools, churches, who might give us referrals.

## REV. HOWARD TO LEAVE MCC-OMAHA

On June 13 the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha regretfully accepted the resignation of Rev. Matthew L. Howard.

In his letter of resignation, Rev. Howard stated that though he felt great personal sadness, he felt that God was calling him to leave this position. He also affirmed his belief that God's plan for all of us is for good.

Rev. Howard will continue serving as pastor of MCC-Omaha until a replacement can be found. A pastoral search committee has been formed and has begun to process to call a new pastor for the church.

## OMAHA POLICE SEEKING INPUT

Sgt. Denise Cousins of the Omaha Police Department wants your help. Have you or someone you've known reported domestic violence to the Omaha police?

If so, Sgt. Cousins would like to know how you were treated. She is investigating how same-sex couples are treated when they make these reports to the police. Based on her findings, a determination will be made as to whether in-service training is needed to help the police respond more appropriately to such calls. Sgt. Cousins may be reached between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 444-4970.

—MCC-O Messenger



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## PFLAG HAS GOOD TURNOUT IN MAY MEETING

by RJ

There was a good showing of Pflag this May evening. Beginning with election of officers, other business matters were discussed, including the fund raiser at The MAX, Sunday morning the 19th of June. That morning brunch was served to raise money for Pflag.

Also discussed was an incident at an Omaha Public School, which resulted in a school board meeting, an overwhelming vote, to put "sexual orientation" on the list of the **No Harassment** code of conduct. For a 16 year old boy, to take this matter to the school board took a lot of courage. The best part was, the boy's parents, were right there beside him, in full support. Way to go!

Following the business meeting, discussing the Brunch and the school issue, a video was shown. Entitled *Before Stonewall* it was a long video, but a doggone good one. It gave a run-down on G/L's and their lives, before Stonewall. Even though we know there are no G/L's in the military, it did cover G/L's in WWII and quite a good coverage. This is an excellent video. If you get a chance to see it, by all means do.

Let's see more good turn outs like this one. Especially from the G/L community. If Lincoln can do so, why not Omaha? So come on, Guys and Gals, let get out there and support Pflag. They do us. Can we G/L's do no less?

*PS— The Omaha School Board met in session over the issue. The first session vote was 11-0, in favor of adding "sexual orientation" to the "No Hazing" rules.*

*This addition is now "policy", all because a 16 year old boy, and with the loving and full support of his parents, who were beside him all the way.*

## HELIO THERAPY POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE SUN

What is Heliotherapy? Heliotherapy is the treatment of disease by exposing the body to sunlight. Heliotherapy decreases blood pressure, lowers resting heart rate, increases cardiac output, lowers blood cholesterol, increases sex hormones, increases muscular strength, increases resistance to infections, increases oxygen capacity of blood, increases tolerance to stress, increases adrenaline in tissues, and increases energy and endurance.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Dermatologists use heliotherapy for the treatment of acne, psoriasis and other skin disorders.

Heliotherapy is a chiropractic treatment used for muscular stimulation and relaxation.

Heliotherapy is the only known cure for Seasonal Affective Disorder, a cyclic mood disorder caused by sun light deprivation during fall and winter months.

Currently, AIDS research clinics use heliotherapy as an effective tool for boosting the immune system.

Heliotherapy used in hospital operating rooms reduces the bacteria count by as much as 50%. As a result, patients have been found to recover faster and have fewer post-operative infections.

Scientists at the Baylor University Medical Center have successfully used heliotherapy to destroy the AIDS virus and other infectious diseases and are developing heliotherapy to decontaminate blood for transfusion.

Heliotherapy is practiced in Cancer Research Institutes for successful DNA repair. Within hours of light treatments, the cancer cells begin to die, leaving the normal tissue unharmed. 70% to

80% of the tumors treated responded positively after just one treatment.

Heliotherapy is used as an effective tool for irradiating the blood of cancer patients.

The maternity wards of most major hospitals use heliotherapy for the treatment of hyperbilirubinemia (neonatal jaundice), a condition found in over 60% of prematurely born infants.

While fully recognizing that long term overexposure to the sun and burning can result in skin cancer, premature aging and wrinkling in some cases, the science of heliotherapy supports that the sun also offers many benefits.

## BOSTON ANTHOLOGY

Have you had loved ones die due to AIDS? If so, I would like to hear your story. A Boston activist and writer is looking for 2 page typed or printed submissions for anthology of real life testimony from persons who've helped people dying from AIDS. Willing to have their/your experiences published? For more information, send self-addressed, stamped envelope to PO Box 31, Boston, MA 02133. -ACCESS Line

## PRICE HITS THE BIG TIME

Deb Price, the country's first openly lesbian or gay syndicated columnist, was recently picked up by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Though Price is now carried by three dozen papers, reaching millions each week, Chicago is her biggest market yet. Send thanks to: Dennis Britton, Exec. Editor, *The Chicago Sun-Times*, 401 North Wabash, Chicago, IL 60611. -GLAAD/NY Bulletin

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# IN SUPPORT OF... GLAGN

As a person who has lived in outstate Nebraska all of my life, it has been difficult to fully appreciate, let alone come to grips, my sexuality.

This is not to say that those who live in more urban areas have it easy in this department but the opportunities to become more aware of the dynamics of this are, naturally, fewer here than what would be found in a metropolitan area. And, of course, being gay or lesbian and living in a highly straight oriented society, brings with it a set of references and built in perspectives that can be difficult to overcome.

That is why I am so thankful for group like GLAGN. When I first saw it listed in the resource guide of another publication I couldn't believe it! For so many years I was pretty much convinced that I was alone or nearly so in this area and that anyone who was gay or lesbian had long since moved out of the country or to somewhere like San Francisco! Slowly, I began to realize that there were many of us around only it was all so deeply closeted that the very idea of a group where issues of mutual interest could be discussed was beyond reality!

And now there are groups in North Platte, Grand Island, and Scottsbluff! People that I know who are gay and lesbian and who used to live in this area are astounded that we have this resource now among us! They remember what it used to be like and many cannot believe that it might be changing.

I have found the GLAGN group to be very important in helping me feel good about who I am and in helping me to fully accept who I am. Any gay or lesbian person who is over thirty and who has lived anywhere in the midwest, west (outside of California), or south has been bombarded with the gay jokes, the stereotypes, and playground games such as "Smear the Queer!" We have all been made to feel subhuman, abnormal, and perhaps even evil. It takes time to feel accepted - even accepted by yourself!

GLAGN is giving me a way to do this. I am learning that I am not alone in these feelings, that what I have experienced is not unique, and that healing can occur! I have made some great friends as well.

And, most importantly, I am finding that as I begin to address all the suppressed feelings and unspoken anger and resentment build up over a long number of years, that I am beginning to like life again, to accept others more easily, and to not have so many resentments, and hang-ups. In short, I am on the track again of becoming a whole person.

Now, this does not mean I am going to rush from the closet and clobber everyone around me with my new found wisdom and insight! In fact, I think that would be counter-productive to the growth I am feeling because of GLAGN! Things are changing, and, yes, the change is slow.

I need to be realistic and realize that while I am feeling better about my sexuality, the environment in which I live is still not sure that all this change is good! However, I am finding that I can deal with this prejudice and ignorance a lot easier than before and it is far less threatening than it used to be! I now realize better who I am and, therefore, I am in a better position to help others understand and accept this as well.

Right now, I may be just as effective doing this from the closet than from without. And, who knows, I may not be as closeted as I think I am! I believe time is on my side with this as well and when the time is right I will know it or it will happen.

So, I would like to urge people in outstate Nebraska to become even more involved in their GLAGN groups. Go to the meetings, support the people who have organized them and made their homes available for this. Encourage each other and be good listeners! And, very importantly, try to understand each other and be accepting of each other.

We are all in this boat together and we are all at various stages of acceptance or denial. Many people are pretty fragile because, for many of us, this is new ground. For such a long time we had no means of expressing or sharing who and what we are. That was a closet door we can be glad was opened! GLAGN can only help make things better for all of us if we become, in whatever way we can, involved with it. It really represents an investment in ourselves!

The Little Chicago Kid  
- GLAGN Newsletter

## BALLET OMAHA PRESENTS ITS 1994/95 SEASON

The season includes a diverse offering of classical and contemporary ballets, and will showcase two new works created specially for Ballet Omaha.

The season opens October 7-8 with a repertory of mixed works including:

- the Omaha premiere of *Anne Frank*, a ballet based on the *Diary of Anne Frank*, choreographed by Mauricio Wainrot to the music of Bela Bartok;
- *Concerto Barocco*, a neo-classical ballet choreographed by George Balanchine to J.S. Bach's *Concerto for Two Violins and Strings*;
- and, a new piece by Ballet Omaha Resident Choreographer Robin Welch to the big band sound of the 1940s.

December 2-4 and 9-11, Ballet Omaha will once again present its own 1920s version of the *Nutcracker*, choreographed to the music of Piotr Tchaikovsky. This new work premiered to Omaha audiences in 1993.

February 17-19 will showcase the dramatic ballet, *Romeo and Juliet*, which was created by Robin Welch in 1990 to the music of Sergei Prokofiev.

The final production, April 28-30, will include another evening of repertory including:

- a new collaboration between choreographer Lynne Taylor-Corbett and Omaha's own composer Chip Davis;
- and, Lew Christensen's *Il Distratto*, a hilarious satire on body parts choreographed to the upbeat music of Haydn.

All four Ballet Omaha productions will be held at the Orpheum Theatre in Omaha. In addition, Ballet Omaha will present two productions at the Lied Center in Lincoln. These include the Fall Repertory, October 22, and *Romeo and Juliet*, February 25.

Season tickets and Ballet Ala Carte vouchers may be purchased by contacting Ballet Omaha at 346-7332.

In addition, Ballet Omaha is offering a new package to full-time students called Student Ala Carte. This special subscription includes two discounted tickets for seats in the upper balcony of the Orpheum Theatre. These tickets may be exchanged 30 minutes prior to curtain for higher-priced seats, if available, at no additional cost to the student. For more information, contact Ballet Omaha at 346-7332.

Ballet Omaha is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, Mid-American Arts Alliance, Nebraska Arts Council and United Arts Omaha.

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# CORONATION XIV OF THE IMPERIAL COURT: A CHINESE NEW YEAR

Photos: Top to Bottom, Left to Right: The Emperor's Dragon, Emperor XIII Connie and Empress XIII Roxy, The Colorado Springs Court took the award for the best out-of-state presentation, Ice Castle Empress Jennie Crane, Emperor XIV David and Empress XIV Mae





# RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## \*\*\*\*\*LINCOLN\*\*\*\*\*

### Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:

Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" St., Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526  
Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214

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

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

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

**Information for Older Gay People (INFORMATION/SAGE)**, Box 2204B, Lincoln 68542-2043. Info, Conference Updates, Education, Coffee House 2nd Saturday each month, 4-9pm, 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, Everyone welcome.

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

**Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg**, Saturdays at 10am, The Gathering Place, 15 & "E" Sts., Lincoln, Contact Judith at 472-2598 for info

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

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

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

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

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

**The 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\*\*\*\*\*

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

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

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

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

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

**Different Realities**, Computer Bulletin Board for gay, lesbian, bisexual, leather, and transgender communities. Access by modem at (402) 345-8381 using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours per day at 2400 baud. Sponsor: River City Gender Alliance.

**EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Assoc. for Gays & Lesbians. US WEST. Contact R. Worman 1299 Farnam St., 3rd Floor, Omaha 68102.

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

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

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

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

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

**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

**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

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

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

**PFLAG**, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123, 291-6781. Meets 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, Room 204, East End of Church "Program & Time for Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, Mead Hall Below Mead Chapel, West End of Church "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) 493-5415 or write: 11516 Burt St. #E-13, Omaha, 68154

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, begin Aug., Sundays-3pm, Skylanes-Center Mall, Omaha

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## \*\*\*\*\*STATEWIDE\*\*\*\*\*

### Alcoholics Anonymous,

\***Grand Island**, Open Meeting 12noon, Sundays

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

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

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA)**, Box 3354, Omaha, 68108-9998. Info: call Dan 344-3103 (Omaha) All who enjoy support rodeos & other country activities. Meets 1st Saturday DC's. Omaha

**ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622

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

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

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

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

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



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

### SATURDAY, July 2

**Independence Day Picnic**, Sponsored by Imperial Court of Nebraska, Vennelyst Park, 12n-5pm, \$7 admission, Free beer & pop. Food available on grounds, **Omaha**

### SUNDAY, July 3

Country Western Singer/Comic **Dena Kaye** at DC's, 610 S. 14, **Omaha**, 9pm. Sponsored by HGRA. Cover \$3.

### MONDAY, July 4

*Independence Day!!*

### FRIDAY, July 8

**Drop In Center**, HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am

### SUNDAY, July 10

**Deadline for August New Voice**

Deadline for **River City Mixed Chorus auditions** for all voices. Call John Bennett at 551-6517 to arrange audition.

**ANGLE After Stonewall Party**, Cookout & chance for people to share Stonewall pictures, stories and "Pride" with the community. The Chesterfield, 1951 St. Mary's, **Omaha**

**Gay Pride Parade** in Denver

**Benefit Show for IGRA**, sponsored by HGRA, DC's, 610 S. 14, **Omaha**

### MONDAY, July 11

**HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support Group** will run from July 11 - September 26. 7pm. Metropolitan Community Church of **Omaha**, 819 S. 22. Group limited to 12 members for initial sessions. To sign up, call Fritz Bally at (402) 341-4113.

### THURSDAY, July 14

**Suzanne Westenhofer** stars in her own HBO comedy special at 11 p.m. This is the first time an openly lesbian comedian has had her own comedy special on HBO.

### SATURDAY, July 16

Special concert by **The Neon Girls**. Benefit for PWA Assistance Fund, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22.7p.m., Admission

### SUNDAY, July 17

**Investiture of Reign XIV** of the Imperial Court of Nebr., 9:30pm, The MAX, **Omaha**

### TUESDAY, July 19

**Suzanne Westenhofer** stars in her own HBO comedy special at 10 p.m.

### FRIDAY, July 22

**Drop In Center**, HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

### First SATURDAY

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, 6pm, DC's, 610 S. 14, **Omaha**

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

### First SUNDAY

**Evening Worship Service**, 6pm, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

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

### First MONDAY

**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

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

### First TUESDAY

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

### First THURSDAY

**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

### Second SATURDAY

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

**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

### Second SUNDAY

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

**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.

### Second MONDAY

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

### Second TUESDAY

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

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

### Second TUESDAY (Continued)

**P-FLAG Omaha, Board Mtg.**, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Church Library

### Second THURSDAY

**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) 534-7820

**P-FLAG-Omaha**, Support & Discussion Meeting, Room 204, East End of Building, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 7-9pm, 291-6781

### Third SATURDAY

**Deacon's CoffeeHouse**, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 7-10 p.m., Admission \$1 or Canned Food

### Third SUNDAY

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

**North Platte Support Group**, 7:30pm, Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebr, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101 or (308) 534-7820

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

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

### Third TUESDAY

**Lincoln NOW (National Organization of Women)** meeting, 7pm, The Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, Call 477-1226 for info

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

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

### Fourth SATURDAY

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

### Fourth SUNDAY

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

### Fourth TUESDAY

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

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

### Fourth THURSDAY

**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) 534-7820

### Last SATURDAY

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



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of **Omaha**  
819 S. 22, 345-2563, Christian Education for  
Children 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38 & South  
St. by tennis courts. Optional brunch follows.

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

### MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 7:15 to  
9:30pm, First United Methodist Church, 7020  
Cass St. (Northwest Door), **Omaha**

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

### TUESDAY

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

Omaha Women for Sobriety meeting, 5:30pm,  
**Omaha** YWCA, 222 S. 29 st., Contact Judith  
at 472-2598 for more info.

Al-Anon Support Group for those whose lives  
are affected by a loved one's use of alcohol, 1st  
Unitarian Church, Side Door, **Omaha**, 7pm

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

### WEDNESDAY

Gay Men's Discussion Group, **Lincoln**, 6pm,  
for more information contact Luis at 472-7450

Lesbian Discussion Group **Lincoln** 6pm,  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th, Contact Women's  
Center 472-2597 for more info

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

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

MCC Crusaders Women's Softball Team,  
**Omaha**, Time and location of games varies.  
Call 345-2563 for info.

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

BiSexual Discussion Group, The Mill, 800 "P"  
St., **Lincoln**, 7:30pm, Info: Erica 489-2024

Lambda Push 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** 7-9:30pm

G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, Unitarian Church,  
6300 "A" St., **Lincoln**, 7:30pm, For more info  
contact V.J. at 477-3526

### FRIDAY

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

**Lincoln** G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm,  
Plymouth Congregational, 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 Infor  
Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am

After Hours Dancing, 1:30 - 4am Late Night,  
DC's, 610 S. 14, **Omaha**  
The New Run Bar, 1715  
Leavenworth, **Omaha**  
Trick's Public House, 1019 S. 10,  
**Omaha**

### SATURDAY

**Lincoln** Women for Sobriety Meeting, 10am,  
The Gathering Place, 15th & "E" Sts., **Lincoln**,  
Contact Judith at 472-2598 for more info

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

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

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243-3965

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342-1244

DC's 610 S. 14th, 344-3103

The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595

Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,  
449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

The New Run 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703

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

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St. Mary's Tan  
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## 4th of July Weekend

# July 8 - 10th

## 2nd Anniversary Party Weekend

Sat.  
July 2  
**I.C.O.N.**  
Picnic in  
Omaha  
12-5

Mon.  
July 4  
Bar Opens at 2:00  
Beer Bust 2-8  
\$2<sup>00</sup> with 50¢ Refills  
Sandwiches  
Available 5-7

Sun.  
July 3  
Beer Bust 3-8  
\$2<sup>00</sup> with 25¢ Refills  
Old Fashioned Picnic  
5-7  
Volleyball &  
Horseshoes Available  
Disco Opens at 9:00  
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Friday, July 8  
Hors d'oeuvres Served  
5-9  
\$1<sup>25</sup> Well Drinks and  
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5-8  
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Sunday, July 10  
**Mr.  
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9:00  
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Beer Bust  
4-8  
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