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OUR TURN: Guest Editorials

YES, WE DID MARCH WITH PRIDE!

The 1997 Pride Parade has come and gone. My partner Tom and I are glad to say that we had a wonderful time. We arrived at Heartland Park early, about 1:00pm, to check out the booths before everyone arrived. We thought that there could/should have been more booths representing several other organizations and businesses, but that's another letter.

Tom and I had plans to watch the Pride Parade from the shade trees of the Old Market. But Betty Dorr from PFLAG invited us to march with their group. Someone handed me a banner and we were marching. We had a fun time and wouldn't have missed it for anything. We were disappointed that the children missed the parade. But they were with their grandparents in South Dakota for summer vacation. This year's Pride Parade was actually fantastic. The Omaha and Lincoln Drag Queens were in rare form. And the pretty people on the motorcycles (Hi Pat) were also wonderful. I think that this was the first time that local television actually took "time" to talk with people about focusing on the things that they knew would upset "Mr. and Mrs. Public". In the past, there was a narration lasting about 30 seconds while they ran pictures of the parade. Finally "Pride" seems to mean something to the local television stations. However, we could use some more positive input and support from the Omaha World-Herald.

In response to the letters in the July (*New Voice*) issue. Although I felt that I had explained that there are a variety of people and groups in the "community", I in no way implied that approval

was needed for anyone to march in the Pride Parade. I simply stated that some thought be given to the way we present ourselves in public. Everyone should participate in some way if they are able. And I would like to believe that no one has ever been denied participation in the Pride Parade. I don't believe that we should mold ourselves from "hetero" values. Goodness, some straight people could certainly use some more "values" themselves. I think that there is enough ammunition out there without "us" adding to it. Let's get those so-called Christians to accept us as people. People with higher values, high standards, higher morals. I know that my children will not grow up hating certain people or groups. How many "Christians" can say that about their children? Fred Phelps certainly can't.

The phone calls I received were encouraging. Some I had never met thanked me for writing the letter. Some asked what I was actually trying to say. Not everyone agreed but at least they agreed that a lot of people have probably thought about it but didn't have the courage to speak out because of backlash from the "community" (Go figure). All of us, gay/lesbian/gay parents, are very proud of who we are and what we have accomplished. "We will NOT go quietly into the night." I'm sure that the 1998 Pride Parade will be BIGGER and BETTER. Hopefully more people will come out and get involved with planning, building and organizing next year's parade.

Thank you, Mike Orr

WHAT A DAY!

By Brad Matthew

What a day. What a day in our lives to put aside the fear, that greatly troubling moment when you actually care what the world thinks of you. What a day. What a day of deliberation for all. We together on that day, where many people of many faces, many personalities, and levels of mind, united for the same cause, to unite as one, stand as one, and to march as one.

A day where if you don't accept me, then you don't know me. A day where if you will not love me, then you shall not be a part of me. And a day, a day to look upon one another as not only family, not only as friends, but look upon all as though this group, this liberated union, look upon them as a part of ourselves. If we cannot accept each other, how can we expect the world to accept us.

PRIDE. Perception through Ridicule, Idealism and Dedicated Equality. Not once can I point out where there was not a smile upon my face, upon the face of the person marching in back, the person marching in front of me, and the people I love as we held hands and marched on together!

This celebration of joy, this celebration of life, of being who you are and ignoring the ignorant minds that we are forced to lie with and face each day. Forgetting the comments, forgetting the looks, forgetting the fact the people have stopped and stared at you, for holding hands, for kissing, for simply showing affection to one another. Seeing through the ridicule, letting our perception not be blocked by arrogant bigots. Having ideals, goals, good goals that work for the best of everyone, doing not for ourselves but for each other. Dedicating time, money, effort and putting all we can into the fight for equality for everyone, to spite age, race, gender, sexual orientation, or any other discrimination. This day, a day of pride, to see it, to show it, to live it.

My first pride parade and not to be my last. The day of the liberation, not the day it started, but only the day when it was displayed to the world with no discomfort in mind. The time when I knew no one would stare, point me out, or say a single word to me for what I did. This time, although it ended, the fight for equality rages on every day, everywhere. The day when people can marry who they choose, openly love and display that love anywhere, with no repercussions.

This was what the parade was about, to provide that place, display our pride, and be whoever we are, no holding it inside. One day we can only hope, we can only assume to know, that this is the way the world will be. What a day, what a magnificently wonderful day!

GAY SCHOOL IN TEXAS

Three Texas educators have created the state's first high school for gay and lesbian students. The educators say the private school is needed because a study found 28% of gay and lesbian students drop out of school because of harassment. They say a tolerant atmosphere is badly needed. Co-founder Becky Thompson said, "A lot of schools aren't there for the needs of the kids. They're public schools, they're just going about the everyday business of getting the kids and shuffling them through. We're trying to be a little bit more nurturing, especially to this population." The Walt Whitman Community School opens September 2 near the Dallas airport. Annual tuition is \$7,000. Students who are not gay or lesbian can also attend classes.



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RESPONSE TO PRIDE ISSUE

Dear Editor,

Letter to the guest editorial June 97 issue. Topic "Pride Parade" - Does it Really Help us?

Dear Mr. Orr, I appreciate your opinion on your "dissappointment" of some members of the gay community. I must state in defense of the "people who priss arund like a princess in heat". You see, being diverse is not the fact that we are only gay, but that we are all unique in our own way. Some members of our diverse community do priss around. It's part of a persons unique personality, part of themselves that most people have been ridiculed most of their lives. The same goes for the "dog collar" wearing leather community. Also men who wear ear-rings and pony tails, it's only part of the unique personality that we call diverse. I understand and agree that vulgarity should not be a part of a public event. But I hardly agree that being a priss is not vulgar, nor is wearing leather or a wig or a pony tail. This year our pride theme is "Tradition of Diversity". This is one day that we as a community can come together and show the general public we are proud. Even sissys and butch men and women. If we start excluding those whom we dont approve of, sooner or later we will all be on the sidelines watching a small parade.

So please Mr. Orr, reconsider your participation in next years event. Maybe you can blend in with the normal looking crowd, because you are still gay and regardless of what you approve of you should be proud that we are all unique and diverse it would be a pretty boring life if we all acted and dressed alike.

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ACTION IS THE CURE FOR HOMOPHOBIA

By Kerry Lobel

As I travel the country, I am both heartened and impressed with the level of energy and expertise of the activists I meet. At the same time, I am aware that we face an increasingly organized and insidious opposition.

We are witnessing an unprecedented wave of organized and orchestrated intolerance perpetrated by leaders of the right and targeting our communities.

Recently, three major movements have signaled a heating up of anti-gay rhetoric and mobilization against the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities signaling a step up in the "culture wars." The actions and words coming out of these groups are cause for real concern.

Just recently, the Southern Baptist Convention took the unusual and extreme step in the name of preserving family values of asking its members to participate in a national boycott of one of the world's most family-oriented corporations. They ask for the full-scale rejection of Tigger and Mickey because of the company's "gay friendly" policies, including domestic partner benefits and Ellen's coming out. They cite Disney's active participation in America's moral decline. Rev. Tom Elliff, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, referred to gays as "moral trash".

All summer, Promise Keepers will be mobilizing for its massive gathering of one million Christian men at the foot of the steps of the U.S. Capitol this October. Although they claim to be a movement of Christian men living their lives by biblical values, in fact their leadership is closely linked to right wing organizations. Founder Bill McCartney has gained national notoriety for his anti-gay rhetoric, declaring that "homosexuality is an abomination of Almighty God," and that gay people are "curable". Promise Keepers' literature reads, "homosexuality violates God's creative design for a husband and a wife and is a sin." McCartney made his plans clear when he said, "Many of you feel like you have been in a war for a long time, yet the fiercest fighting is just ahead. God has brought us here to prepare us. Let's proceed. It's wartime!"

Finally, in another recent development, a conference of right-wing political activists and academics came together in Washington, D.C. at Georgetown University to demonize the GLBT community in the name of science and scholarship. The benign sounding conference "Homosexuality and American Public Life" included a who's who of right-wing homophobes including Robert Knight of the Family Research Council who argues that "there is a strong undercurrent of pedophilia in the homosexual subculture." Ex-gay Anthony Falzarano claims that the gay community "has been working for the last 30 years like an army of termites, secretly eating away the floorboards of moral integrity in this country."

Where is the silver lining? Our response to these acts has been heartening. In rejecting the boycott, many are voicing support for Disney and its policies, including President Clinton — a Southern Baptist himself. Coalitions are coming together in cities and towns across the country to expose the true agenda of the Promise Keepers. And a broad range of scholars, students, and organizations are coming forward to challenge the bigotry of pseudo science.

The more we organize our supporters, the more marginalized the right wing becomes. We must be clear about our vision. Our country must move into the future guided on the principles of religious and political pluralism, freedom, and equality.

Kerry Lobel is the Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

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INTERVIEW WITH AMY GLUCKMAN AND BETSY REED, EDITORS OF *HOMO ECONOMICS: CAPITALISM, COMMUNITY, AND LESBIAN AND GAY LIFE*

by Kay Diaz

Is it true, as Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia claims, that "those who engage in homosexual conduct have high disposable income?" [dissent in *Evans v. Romer*, the Colorado Amendment 2 decision] Or do gays earn less than their straight counterparts? Do gay men disproportionately work in the arts, health and beauty, and restaurant businesses? After Absolut and IKEA, Cindy shaving k.d., what do mainstream marketers have a in store next for gays? What benefits are you losing out on, and how are insurance companies screening you? What price is the closet? Can gays get along?

Two members of the *Dollars and Sense* editorial collective, Amy Gluckman and Betsy Reed, have edited *Homo Economics: Capitalism, Community, and Lesbian and Gay Life* (Routledge \$19.95 paper), a collection of essays on what they describe as the tense relationship between gay people and the economy.

KD: What prompted you two to do this book?

AG: Betsy and I became interested in this whole issue of gay marketing, where there seemed to be this sudden outpouring of commercial attention to the gay community, not only the development of gay business but advertising on the part of mainstream businesses to the gay community, so we wrote about that ["The Gay Marketing Moment"]. It got a tremendous response, and as we started to look further, we discovered that there was very little accessible information about economic issues in the gay community.

BR: *I remember one meeting where Amy brought up the idea of the relationship between gay life and capitalism, and how it seems like the gay community owes a lot of its development to the modern economy in many ways, but as progressives, we were instinctively wary of that notion. So we were intrigued by that seeming contradiction. And then there was this explosion of marketing interest in the gay community, which also made us wary because it really did not appear as if this interest was borne of political awakening, but rather was the result of hard financial calculations on the part of corporations.*

KD: *In spite of gay culture growing with the modern economy, have the works in your book hammered out a link between being lesbian and gay and suffering economically?*

AG: Those links haven't been established very well yet. Economists are just starting to think about this. I think that the issue of sexual orientation is more parallel to the issue of gender than race, in economic terms. Gay people have not experienced the seamless exploitation as a group that Black people have. Gay people, like women, are found in all classes. People of color are too, but there has been a more systematic historical link between race discrimination and class exploitation, and that doesn't quite translate to the gay situation.

KD: *So, probably, the vulnerability you might have as a lesbian or gay man is a vulnerability dependent on class position. If you are poor, being gay is liable to be a real big vulnerability. If you're wealthy, it may not matter much at all, economically speaking.*

BR: *Lee Badgett ["Beyond Biased Samples: Challenging the Myths on the Economic Status of Lesbians and Gay Men" and (with Mary King) "Lesbian and Gay Occupational Strategies"] discovered that there were clusters of lesbians in occupations that tended to be both disproportionately low-paying and hostile to an out lesbian (but have a high turnover) and one of the possible explanations she suggests for lesbians gravitating towards those occupations is, it's a strategy for minimizing possible financial loss if you're disclosed as a lesbian.*

KD: *The interesting thing about gay men's employment, is that they have been disproportionately concentrated in higher paying professions than straight men, but, in fact, have been paid less than straight men within those occupations.*

BR: *One of our writers writes about the economic costs of the closet, how much it actually costs in financial terms to maintain an essentially fake identity. [Jeffrey Escoffier, "The Political Economy of the Closet: Notes Toward an Economic History of Gay and Lesbian Life Before Stonewall"] To separate your work and personal life, and to sacrifice the networking that usually happens at corporations.*

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socially, outside of the formal office life. Things like that are the points that are unique to the lesbian and gay economic situation.

AG: Escoffier also goes back a few decades and looks at the cost of being homosexual. If your social life required going to the bars every night, that's expensive. And if, for example, you and your lover couldn't share a household, you had to pay separate expenses. Leading this double life had a variety of costs throughout the 40's, 50's, and 60's.

KD: The first section of your book is called "A Community Divided." Do you think the gay and lesbian community (to the extent it can be called a community), has become more divided since the decades after WWII or, more recently, as the distribution of wealth has become increasingly stratified since the 80's?

AG: There's nothing new about class stratification. If you look at the history that Julie Matthei ["The Sexual Division of Labor, Sexuality, and Lesbian/Gay Liberation: Toward a Marxist-Feminist Analysis of Sexuality in U.S. Capitalism"] describes in the early 20th Century, there was an upper-crust lesbian social set that had a whole circle, and at the same time a working class lesbian life. But it's even harder today in some ways to separate reality from idea, hype, media image, and media visibility that takes on a life of its own.

BR: Gay politics and a gay political agenda has really depended on a feeling of solidarity and sameness, in some cases. And there have also been real tensions around that because oftentimes the people at the forefront of the gay movement have actually been those who are more privileged in the economic system: white, upper-middle

class. That's what we were trying to get at with the phrase "a community divided." There is a sense of community and solidarity and a lot of political good has come of that, but at the same time, representing the community as a sort of monolithic entity has definitely alienated a lot of people and done some political damage.

KD: Could you explain how you saw that alienation as part of the contradiction of our economic system for the lesbian and gay community?

BR: One of the most exciting things that we've seen in the last 50 years is the development of a strong, vibrant gay community in this country, and economics has a lot to do with that. The fact that, increasingly, women have moved into the work force and have been able to maintain their own households, free of dependence on a male wage earner, has been hugely important to the ability of lesbians to live. We have a piece by Lawrence Knopp ["Gentrification and Gay Neighborhood Formation in New Orleans: A Case Study"]. It's about the gentrification of a neighborhood in New Orleans, the Marigny neighborhood, and how it really enabled the community to form in a basic way. To have access to capital, to even form rental agencies dominated by gay men that reached out to gay men. That kind of thing was really important. But at the same time, I'd point to something that the historian John D'Emilio very presciently conceived of in a 1984 article, called "Capitalism and Gay Identity": despite everything that capitalism has done for gay life, gay people tend to be the scapegoats for economic anxieties that are produced under the economic system.

KD: Homophobia has taken very similar forms to anti-Semitism in terms of the stereotypes of

gay people and Jewish people. But also heterosexual feminists, and all those who lead lifestyles different than the dominant heterosexual nuclear family. So that's a central contradiction. The other contradiction would be that, while capitalism has allowed the development of very strong gay communities, it has also emphasized because of various class stratifications, the differences among gay people, and that has been an ongoing source of difficulty politically.

AG: In "Capitalism and Gay Identity," D'Emilio goes back to the 19th Century and shows that capitalism enabled gay life (originally more from men) in the sense that once an industrial workforce developed that was free of the farm and free of household-based production, single individuals could move to the city, get a job, and explore their identity. That's probably a fundamental way in which gay people can sort of be grateful to capitalism. That was one of my initial questions, as Dollars and Sense progressive, from a critical perspective: how grateful to capitalism should we be?

KD: How do you see the issue of "gays in the military" fitting in? It seems to me that this is really an issue where class and racial tensions within the lesbian and gay movement were played out. You had activists, progressives on the one hand saying they didn't want anyone in the military, so they didn't want to fight for gays in the military; on the other hand, you had other progressives saying, well look, people need jobs, people need to be in the military, and they shouldn't be subjected to these witch hunts. And the witch hunts have been targeted disproportionately at Black women.

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BR: The "Don't ask, don't tell" policy is really damaging as a message to all sorts of employers.

KD: You mean that employers will say - "Hey, on the job, don't ask, don't tell."

BR: Right. It sends a message to the rest of society.

AG: Stay in the closet. One of our authors speculates that the reason why the gay military thing fell apart was that it was a deal cut at the top by people like David Mixner and Clinton's people before the election of '92. And it wasn't the result of the slow building up of organizing that was required, for example, organizing among gay service members, or organizing in low-income gay communities where the military is important for economic opportunity. If that organizing had been in place, thousands of phone calls could have lit up Congressional switchboards on our side of the issue, and the outcome might have been different.

There's a whole set of issues that is also real important in the book, and I wish we could have dealt with even more. The kinds of conflicts occurring because a segment of gay politics has been steadily moving towards the Right. You know, organizations supporting people like Governor William Weld (great on gay issues; terrible on everything else progressive) who's gotten a lot of support from some of the gay organizations in Massachusetts, because they don't care about the other issues. All they care about is gay issues. Not just that they don't care, but that they are actively on the side of punitive welfare reform, or are on the side of privatization of state services, that sort of thing.

There's a split between the part of gay activism that is moving towards the Right, and what remains of a more progressive gay movement that sees itself as part of a broader Left or progressive movement. I think that some of those folks in the more mainstream gay organizations are scratching their heads wondering, "Why aren't people accepting gay marriage? We're just like everybody else."

KD: It would be subversive. What would be the economic effects of gay marriage?

AG: It's obviously a benefit to be able to get your partner's social security, there's a whole variety of financial benefits to marriage, and there's no reason why that shouldn't be available to gay people. But the economic dynamics of marriage for a gay couple are not going to be the same as the economics of marriage for straight people, where the man has a lot more economic power than the woman, so there is an inherent source of inequality in the marriage. That is not an automatic feature

of gay marriages. If a woman is able to marry another woman, and have all the benefits that accrue to that, I think that really does change the picture.

KD: I want to put Amy on the spot and ask you a question you posed to Barbara Smith: "Do you think that, in spite of the discrimination that now goes on, capitalism could ultimately go along its merry way and assimilate gay people and gay rights, but otherwise remain the same?"

AG: I can't claim scholarship or expertise, but my speculation would be yes, that it can. That's what we already see. Many mainstream corporations have decided that there's more money to be made by advertising to the gay community than there is to be lost by risking some wrath on the Right or from cultural conservatives. The fortunes of the market are to overcome social taboos. The willingness of gay politics to shift to the Right to accommodate our economic system, and not talk too much about those who are most vulnerable to it - yeah, I think that probably most of the current demands of gay rights can be accommodated and perhaps will.

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MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thousands of women will head off to the Michigan woods again this summer for the 22nd Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, August 12-17, 1997. Situated on 650 secluded acres, the festival offers plenty of camping in a village-like setting, creating a self contained women's town for the week.

On the schedule is a six day women's film festival, 300 workshops and three performance states featuring 40 sets of music, dance, comedy and theater. Broadening the concept of women's music to include punk rock as well as pop, jazz along with folk music.

Artists scheduled to appear include Toshi Reagon Band, Ulali, Cris Williamson & Trei Fure, Lunachicks, Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert, The Five Lesbian Brothers, Dar Williams, Sexpod, Elvira Kurt, Sawagi Taiko, The Murrers, Dance Brigade, Lea DeLaria, The Knee Jerk Dance Project, Edwina Lee Tyler, Ubaka, Hill, Reno & Three of Hearts.

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NEBRASKA JOINS OTHER STATES WITH HATE CRIME LAWS

Finally! Nebraska, Louisiana, Arizona, and Delaware have joined the many other states that have hate crime legislation.

Not since 1990 when six states passed penalty enhancement laws have so many states put anti-gay hate crime laws on the books. The Nebraska measure provides for harsher penalties for offenses committed against a person or person's property because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability. The state had no such law until now — it goes into effect in September.

The Cornhusker state joins 20 other states (including Iowa) and the District of Columbia which have enhanced penalties of crimes motivated by hate against sexual orientation.

"WHO'S THE BOSS" STAR COMES OUT

Danny Pintauro, formerly Jonathan Bower of television's hit sitcom *Who's the Boss?*, came out of the closet by unusual means — through the *National Enquirer*.

The tabloid article relates the 21-year old actor's "coming out" experience, including how he told his parents and his "Who's the Boss?" co-stars Judith Light and Tony Danza. "I couldn't deny it anymore. It was just the right time to come out," he tells the *Enquirer*. The article includes a sidebar on the "coming out" process by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's Entertainment Media Director Chastity Bono.

"The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community is indebted to people like Danny Pintauro who demonstrate the courage to 'come out'," said Joan M. Garry, GLAAD's Executive Director. "He should be proud in the knowledge that by telling his story he is a role model for gay youth who may be struggling with their own sexual orientation," Garry added.

MONTANA'S SODOMY LAW STRUCK DOWN

The Montana Supreme Court has unanimously struck down the state's sodomy law — ruling that sexual activity between consenting adults of the same-gender would no longer be illegal.

In the case of *Grayczan vs. Montana*, six gay and lesbian plaintiffs charged that the sodomy law violated their right to privacy which is guaranteed in the state's constitution. "Quite simply, consenting adults expect that neither the state nor their neighbors will be cohabitants in their bedrooms," said Justice James Nelson.

Montana's law was among the most severe of all the nation's sodomy laws because it prohib-

ited same-gender "sexual contact" — not just the customary ban on anal and oral intercourse, which straight people often enjoy. Violators of the law could have faced up to ten years in prison and a maximum \$50,000 fine.

Twenty states continue to have same-gender sodomy laws which make it illegal for some Americans to love whom they choose to love. Those states are: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Arizona, Utah and Idaho.

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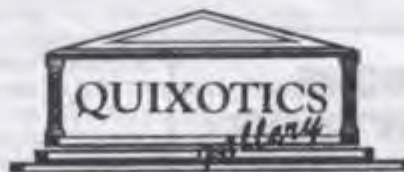
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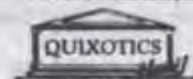
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"THERE IS A LIGHT THAT NEVER GOES OUT..."

Brian's Note: I will always love the sunsets in Omaha. The skies change into all these bands of red and orange, like some prism for the color-blind. I fell connected when I take the time to notice the start of night. Maybe that comes from the poet inside me, the one that forces me to see the symbolism in things around me. I have absolutely no idea why I am sharing this with you. Let's just consider this one of those special moments that bring us all closer together. Those who feel the need to join hands and sing "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" may do so at their own risk.

The "Literate Poofter lets us down" department: I didn't read anything of real value this month. Right now, all of my X-men comics are in a major amount of turmoil right now due to *Operation Zero Tolerance*. It's a "sense-shattering" story that involves a joint-international military strike and round up of mutants. In the Marvel Universe (that's the land of Spiderman, the Hulk, and Captain America for those who are lost), humans have the chance of being born with a genetic quirk that will result in the development of superhuman abilities during puberty (like acne and angst aren't enough, huh?). I have followed these heroes ever since I could read. I am sure anyone worth their snaps and show tunes could see why. Over the thirty-plus years of this title, readers and writers have drawn parallels to the fight for civil rights, gay and lesbian rights, and the struggle of PWA's to gain acceptance and support in the world. As I have been avidly reading my escapist literature, I keeps getting flashbacks of Senator Jesse Helms suggesting that people with AIDS get "shipped off to some island somewhere" on the floor of the senate. This was early in the epidemic, but it still scares me. It's funny how Art imitates Life, eh?

The "One-Legged Man in a Butt-kicking Contest" department: This past month, I attended the Heartland Rodeo. It was a wonderful day, and my day-glo skin actually changed color (in fact, I actually tanned my ankh on my neck. While I thought it was cool for about five minutes until I realized that I have branded myself with an accessory!) It was great to see a good turnout, but I kept feeling like a Hasidic Jew trapped in the Polish Sausage tend at an Octorberfest.

I am a native Nebraska, and I have ridden a horse or two in my life. I have even seen a cow close-up (thought I did frown on actually milking the thing. I have my limits, even when I play nature-lover.) I guess the concept of riding a horse to rope a cow for fun and profit never jelled with me. Not that I am knocking anyone who likes rodeo sports, mind you. It's just not my proverbial "cup of tea." If they added exploding steer and a lazer light show, that would be different. What can I say? I am a Renaissance man.

The "I can't wait to see what else he is going to babble about" department: Now that everyone in Hollywood is jumping on the Ellen bandwagon and coming out of the closet, are allowed to scream "No DUH!" at the top of our lungs every once in a while.

The "I think he is getting too enamored with himself" department: I was doing one of my favorite things the other day, which is to get out publications I have ever been printed in, spread them out on the floor and roll around in them while I chant "Baby, I'm a star." As I was practicing my private self-worship, I realized that I have never written a poem about pulling weeds. So, in my effort to never deprive myself (and you, dear reader) of anything, I present this latest piece. This is also an attempt to keep my column at a page's length for this month, so bear with me.

Next month I hope to be able to present some work from others, and you know what that means. Send some stuff, or I will start whining again! Any we don't want that to happen. God only knows where that could lead. Until next month, keep your stick on the ice!

Love,
Brian



WEEDING

By Brian E. Bengtson

I played in the earth today.
My hands became a storm
straight out of the bible
as I pulled each struggling root
free from the life-giving soil.
Small clumps of soil
fell like a hail of boulders
as I shook each weed
before adding to the pile.

I played in the earth today.
I became the judge
in my own race of the fittest.
My hands made each choice
of who would live to bloom
and who would decay
into the rich topsoil
to complete the circle
and help with the next season.

I played in the earth today.
My fingers are still covered in dirt
like the dust spread over the prairies
after the big storm.
I can still smell the sap
left by each blade of grass
I took from the garden.
I played in the earth
and discarded the weeds.

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CORONATION 17 Tropical Heatwave: A Night in the South Pacific

by ChaSe Manhattan

Pomp, pageantry and party, ...not to mention nerves, numbers and "NO, NOT NOW!" All this and more were a part of the Imperial Court of Nebraska's Coronation 17 on July 5, 1997 celebrating the successful reign of Emperor XVI Royal Bush-Bouvier and Empress XVI Phoenix Fallentino.

The weekend festivities started early with Wednesday night's In Town Show featuring a host of past monarchs, current title holders and the presentation of the Emperor and Empress awards and thank you's.

Champagne flowed freely and emotions ran high as Royal and Phoenix said "Bon Voyage" to Reign 16 and set sail for a star studded weekend in the South Pacific.

The first port of call was the Omaha Mining Company where the Emperor and Empress were welcomed to a scrumptious buffet of tropical hors d'oeuvres and big island shrimp while a host of past monarchs and current in town title holders toasted to the success of their reign.

Obviously, quite a few of those in attendance had big plans for the weekend including a number of clothes changes considering the huge amount of dirty laundry that was aired during the Emperor's Roast.

Royal and Phoenix ducked the spears and arrows as they rode the tide of jabs and jests concerning their pasts as stories were replayed for the audiences amusement for only a dollar per minute. Their Most Imperial Majesties were both gracious and good natured as they thanked the community and specific individuals for everything from emotional support to advice, fundraising success and friendship.

Friday's cool island winds and warm sunshine created the perfect setting for the annual Fourth of July picnic at Progressive Park. Hundreds participated in the daylong festivities ranging from volleyball to horseshoes, having their fortunes told, cruising the information booths and cruising the bathrooms.

Laughter spilled forth as Royal made his traditional round of storytelling, Gary West and others poured the beers and the candidates tried to shake off the last minute jitters while awaiting what the next day would bring them. Progressive Park provided the perfect haven for the GLBT highlight of the summer...the flower filled park and lush river setting were especially inviting to our guests from California who decided to show everyone the latest Californian rage in Lime Green summer sandals, hats and purses. Truly a "tropical" statement!!

Island splendor, imported humor and vocal talent were essential ingredients in the action packed "Out of Town" show held that night at DC's. From the hilarious stylings of Truck Stop Traci to the incomparable voice stylings of Mr. Colorado Michael Vrooman, the larger than life crowd toasted to the success of our own Royal and Phoenix while a majestic myriad of Monarchs and Out of Town Courts spread good times and good will to all in attendance. A special thank you to the staff of DC's. Your speed and preci-



sion in drink pouring and disc changing made this three island cruise go off as smooth as an ice cold Pina-Colada on a hot tropic night.

Afterwards, Emperor XII Steve Koeller led the contingency to Gilligan's for his annual late night party and the crowning of the In Town and Out of Town Miss Gilligan's. A scrumptious buffet was enjoyed by all as the crowd filled the back bar only to get lei'd upon arrival. Congratulations to Mae O'Naise, Miss Gilligan's In Town and Liz Starr, Miss Gilligan's Out of Town. Then it was off for the late night bar tour - HOT, HOT, HOT!

Speaking of "hot nights", let's not forget the hospitality suite at the Radisson. Several of Omaha's finest helped provide excellent "hospitality" to our out of town guests and in some cases our in town guests as well! Steve and Annie, you two truly are the Lord and Lady of Hospitality!

Saturday morning brought about the traditional scurry of Coronation Day activities. The sun rose and the corps of volunteers started their action packed day of preparations. Hangovers were cured. Breakfasts served. Sets were delivered, tables set up, decorations placed and then replaced. Boats were hoisted, palm trees grew and flowers bloomed. Last minute ballots were cast, and then the ballots were counted. Bodies ached, clothes pressed and hair was teased...all a part of Coronation '97 - A Tropical Heatwave.

The evening's festivities filled with pomp and circumstance, iris and irony were a sight for everyone to behold. From the first set and introduction of Royal, Phoenix and their guests through the final crowning of our new Emperor and Empress, the production reached towards new heights in elegance and pageantry.

Who could imagine so many crowns, miles of sequins and beads, gifts galore and gratitude all gathering together in the Paxton Grand Ballroom. Tradition, ICON style!

Command Performances, introductions of in state organizations and out of state courts filled the evening only to be topped by the final performances of Royal and Phoenix as they prepared to step down and crown the new monarchs. Tears flowed and dollars flew...all a part of this community's thanks to Reign XVI.

The Board of Governor's and the College of Monarchs were introduced and by the end of the evening, the crowd estimated to be well over 200, watched with anticipation and nervous tension as the Reigning Monarchs read the ballot results and

were excused from the Hallroom to retrieve their respective successors.

Gasps went out and applause rang up as Royal brought the new Emperor, Jeff McKenzie to the stage. Phoenix had the final say as she exited the Grand Ballroom, greeted the anxious candidates Josephine, Sharon and Michelle and then politely excused herself to "freshen up a little", thus leaving the candidates to wait just a little bit longer...and the crowd to wonder what was happening, why the delay?

After what seemed to be an eternity, Phoenix returned to the stage through gasps and cheers to present the court with our new Empress, Sharon Van Butsel. The newly crowned Imperial Monarchs were greeted with "Congratulations", "Good Luck" and "I'm glad it's you and not me!" well wisher's prior to retiring to the Hospitality Suite for the Post Coronation Party.

Sunday morning proved to be a trial for everyone...cleaning up the mess in the Ballroom, taking that boat back down the fire escape, making amends and changing plans. Plans for the victory bunch, that is.

It seems that somehow during the course of three management changes, the contract for the Victory Brunch was "misplaced" by the Radisson. As the hotel lobby filled with Brunchiers, news spread fast that plans had changed.

Bruce, Stosh and the staff of the Max were more than willing to rise to the occasion and provide a beautiful patio setting for the guests. It is amazing how, when push comes to shove, the Max is always there to help. Our many thanks to Jim, Tracy, Annie and the rest of the staff of volunteers who pulled it together on Sunday morning to create an elegant patio brunch.

The Max was also the host for the Victory Show on Sunday night with a record number of entertainers wishing the 17th Reign of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and the newly crowned monarchs Jeff and Sharon well as they prepared to the lead the fund raising activities of the court during the next year.

Coronation weekend means many things to many people, and there always seems to be something going on at any hour of the day or night. Some could say that it's entirely possible to "Rock Around the Clock" during Coronation. Perhaps it's fitting then, that the theme for next year is "Homecoming at AKSarben High". Bring on the poodle skirts and leather jackets, bon fires and bowling balls!!! It's gonna be a PARTY!!



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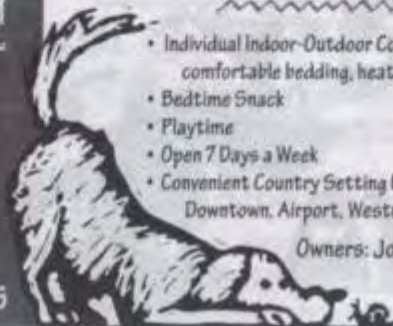
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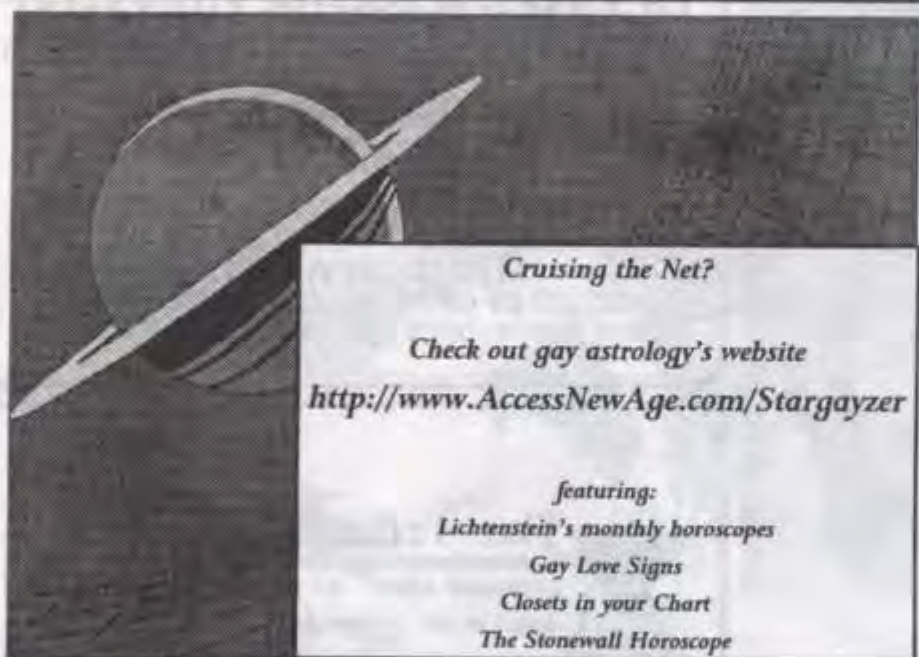


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GALP SUPPORT LACKING

Due to a lack of support from the community, the GALP support group has ended meetings until further notice. With a mailing list of 30+, there was almost no physical support at meetings or special functions. GALP had hoped to create an atmosphere where anyone could come and discuss the special events that are happening with children of gay parents and the needs of gay parents. We should remember that our children are not always as prepared as we are to cope with the name-calling, the abuse and the loss of friends and family.

An excerpt from GLPCI: *When Abigail Garner's gay father separated from her mother during her first grade year, she was put into a "loss group" in her elementary school to learn to deal with the divorce. But she didn't understand why she belonged in the group. "I just gained a dad," she remembered thinking, "what's my problem?"*

Teens with gay parents face prank calls, derogatory jokes, harassment, other parents who forbid their children to accept an invitation to a gay family's home, and teachers making anti-gay comments during class.

Children of gays and lesbians need to interact with others like themselves for a sense of fellowship, to learn coping skills, and for understanding.

Issues are often different for children of gays and lesbians than for their parents. While parents often go through a grieving process when their children come out, children are more likely to accept a gay or lesbian parent, but they lack strategies for coping with the response of their peers. Older children whose parents came out recently may also face issues around their own sense of sexual identity, and their learned homophobia.

If and when the need should arise, GALP will continue its discussion groups once again. For those who came to the monthly meetings, to the Easter picnics and to other special events designed to bring our families closer together, Thank You! We hope to see you again.

For information and contacts for GALP, call the Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha at 345-2563 or e-mail at mcomaha@radiks.net

METRO AREA BEAR CLUB IS BORN

On July 10, a group met for the first time at Stosh's Saloon at the Max to discuss the formation of a metro area bear club.

The 17 people who attended the meeting discussed the type of club they would like to form. It was decided that the group wanted an all-inclusive social club for bear and cubs. The group will meet monthly with the next meeting scheduled for August 6 at 8PM at Stosh's Saloon. Activities include dining out, movies, plays, camping and club runs.

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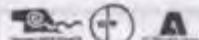
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IN THE LIFE TO AIR AUGUST 2

For its August 1997 episode, a special edition of *IN THE LIFE*, America's gay and lesbian television newsmagazine, celebrates its first five years on the air. The hour-long special takes a nostalgic look at the stops and starts that made up *IN THE LIFE*'s early episodes, and continues on through five seasons as the series evolves into an in-the-field newsmagazine. When *IN THE LIFE* debuted five years ago, the idea that gays and lesbians should have a regular slot on national television was completely new — this was five years before Ellen.

IN THE LIFE, produced by the not-for-profit In the Life Media Inc. and presented by Thirteen/WNET in New York, is a newsmagazine series which chronicles the history and contemporary experience of the lesbian and gay community. It airs on nearly 100 public television stations. A complete list of national air dates can be found on the web at <http://inthelife.org>.

Correspondents Tanya Barfield and Darius de Haas join host Katherine Linton for these stories in this look back at five years of *IN THE LIFE*.

The Early Years: The story of *IN THE LIFE*'s first two seasons make up this opening segment. The pilot episode aired June 1992 with political "fumorist" — that's feminist/humorist — Kate Clinton as host. When that episode hit the airwaves in 1992, it didn't take long before the new gay series, on national PUBLIC television, came under attack in the PBS funding wars of the early 90's. In a sense, *IN THE LIFE* has Bob Dole

to thank for letting America know it was out there — his June 12, 1992 attack on *IN THE LIFE* from the floor of the U.S. Senate made headlines. Dole called *IN THE LIFE* the "gay Ed Sullivan show" — in a way he was right. *IN THE LIFE* stayed with, and played with, a variety show format for the first season. Clips will remind *IN THE LIFE* connoisseurs of episodes like In the Life goes Country, Lily Tomlin reading letters from Vito Russo, and In the Life goes to the movies with Charles Busch, where the famous drag artist played a whole handful of characters. Other guests highlighted from those early episodes will include the Lavender Light Gospel Choir, the singing group the Flirtations, writer/actor David Drake, country band Doug Stevens and The Outband, and comic Lea Delaria.

The Great Events: From political conventions to cultural celebrations, *IN THE LIFE* cameras have been there to record history as it happens. Millions of people have been lucky enough to be there at these significant events, and millions more have turned to *IN THE LIFE*, as it has marked the milestones in the struggle for gay and lesbian civil rights. This segment includes reports from the 1993 March on Washington; Stonewall 25 and Gay Games IV, the 1994 remembrance and New York celebration of the 1969 Stonewall Riots; and the 1995 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. Also included is an *IN THE LIFE* look at the 1996 Republican Convention in San Diego for a story about gay men and lesbians both under and outside the

"Republican Big Tent".

IN THE LIFE and the Arts: Even though *IN THE LIFE* eventually moved away from the original variety show format, it never lost its commitment to profiling artists and entertainers who help shape and define gay and lesbian culture. Music. Art. Dance. Drama. Humor. In any area of the arts, gay men and lesbians have made great contributions both to the gay community and to the mainstream by challenging stereotypes, celebrating differences, and confronting the devastation of AIDS. In celebration of the many talented individuals who have appeared on *IN THE LIFE* during its first five years, this segment features Marga Gomez, scenes from the Broadway musical Rent, choreographer Bill T. Jones, British actor Sir Ian McKellen, playwright Tony Kushner, and artistic director of the Public Theatre, George C. Wolfe.

An *IN THE LIFE* Tribute: This segment will pay tribute to the many people who have appeared on *IN THE LIFE* who have since died. Included are singer/activist Michael Callen, International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival director Mark Finch, drag artist Randy Allen, writer Andrew Hopkind, comedian Frank Maya, filmmaker Marlon Briggs, civil rights activists Dr. Betty Shabazz, Dick Sargent of "Bewitched" fame, and lesbian pioneer Peter Worth, who lived on Fire Island from the 1940's until her death last year.

Memorable Segments: Three past stories from *IN THE LIFE* will be shown in their entirety on the August/September episode. The first, about a young man from Romania, is an example of coverage beyond U.S. borders as international reporting has been an important part of *IN THE LIFE*. History has also taken a front-seat from the beginning and a segment about persecution of homosexuals during the holocaust, one of *IN THE LIFE*'s most powerful segments, will be shown. And in its fifth season, *IN THE LIFE* introduced a regular story feature called A Day in the Life, and an unforgettable Day in the Life with The Lady Chablis from Savannah will be included.

IN THE LIFE will be seen on Nebraska Educable on Saturday August 2 at 9pm.

OUR RIGHTS IN THE WORKPLACE

With the increasing awareness of the Gay Rights movement, many individuals are asking a change for the better. As an employee and student, I am asking Metropolitan Community College to change its Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity Policy statement to include sexual orientation as a protected group. Although the college campaigns as being committed to honoring diversity within its population, Metro has no official document prohibiting discrimination for sexual orientation. Why is this important? Because in our society, a possibility exists that people can be fired and students unfairly treated solely because of another's prejudice against their sexual orientation. A group of interested persons/parties is being formed now to work on this issue, as well as future issues in acquiring additional rights and benefits with the college.

If you are a Metro employee, student, alumnae, or other interested party and would like to join our efforts for change, or offer you input, please contact Margarita Bodisch at 402-457-2524 9am-5pm Monday-Friday or e-mail me at mbodisch@metropo.mccneb.edu

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Instead, I had to watch FIVE FAGS & A HAG get their picture taken by WURGLER PHOTO. They looked like a MARAUDER'S special straight off the ROAD KILL GRILL. What a night they must of had.

I feel like such a D.C.'s MISFIT that me and my NUTTY BUDDIES may just have to go out to the CHESTERFIELD or OMAHA MINING COMPANY and see if we can't find some way to take care of our FRUSTRATED BALLS. I hear JAKEYS JOYRIDERS met some real HOT BALLERS there last week.

If not, I'll just have to clean up, run out and get my hair cut at GARBO'S and wait at GILLIGAN'S to meet the person of my dreams.

PRE-SEASON BOWLING REGISTRATION PARTY AT GILLIGAN'S - Saturday, August 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

SNAP

(SUPPORT NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT) PRESENTS BOYS IN THE BAND

Mark those calendars for Aug. 29-31 and Sept. 5-7. This season's productions will be in the Hitchcock Theater of the Rose. Seating is limited, so sign up early. Tickets are available by calling (402) 342-9053.

In 1968, *Boys in the Band* was rightly considered groundbreaking, "the frankest treatment of homosexuality I have ever seen on the stage," according to Clive Barnes in *The New York Times*. Produced at a little theater in Hollywood, it was perceived as an exact account of the prevailing mood of gay life in the '60's and a wonderfully accurate period piece. Today it seems immediate as ever because it's a fairly savage comedy about a potentially tragic situation: the conflict between personal instinct and the dictates of society. It's a very funny play because of

its sharp wit and a very sad play because the wit is often sharp enough to be painful. One of its famous lines, "Show me a happy homosexual and I'll show you a gay corpse," comes from Michael, the central character with a Catholic upbringing and the burden of God as well as society on his shoulders. Clive Barnes further stated, "The power of the play is the way in which it remorselessly peels away the pretensions of its characters and reveals a pessimism so uncompromising in its honesty that it becomes in itself an affirmation of life." *Boys in the Band* was written by Mart Crowley and is directed by Norm Filbert.

Other season shows include *Torch Song Trilogy* (Oct. 24-26 & Nov. 1-2); *Breaking the Code* (Feb. 6-8 & 13-15); and *Master Class* (June 5-7 & 12-14).

LOCAL GROUPS SUPPORT DISNEY — YOU CAN TOO!

Prompted by an idea from Lamb of God MCC in Anchorage, Alaska, MCC-Omaha is encouraging local groups to sponsor a Disney day. On that particular day, group members or employees bring a newly purchased Disney toy/product to work/the group. Then those Disney products are taken to a local agency and given away to needy kids.

MCC-O each year sponsors Christmas pre-

sents for needy children through the St. Martin de Pores Christmas Project. You can support Disney and MCC-O by purchasing your Disney toy/product now and bringing it to MCC-O any Monday - Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Or drop them by on Sunday morning and join MCCers for worship.

Want to see your Disney toy/product go to a child whose parent(s) have AIDS or a child with

AIDS? The Imperial Court of Nebraska will collect your toys/Disney products now and come Christmas, they'll add them to the Toyz 4 Totz Project that they do each Christmas. Those toys can be delivered to the GLBT Resource Center at 1719 Leavenworth between 6 and 9 p.m. Monday through Friday or Saturdays between noon and 6 p.m. SUPPORT DISNEY, AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!


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PART 2

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Yes, things are gearing up for the 1997 International Mr. Fantasy Contest, which will be held in Omaha August 15-17.

This is the ninth year for a Fantasy event, and the third year for the contest itself. The weekend is known for being jam-packed from beginning to end, so get plenty of rest before it starts.

Thursday, August 14, will be the Fantasy Pre-Party at DC's beginning at 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 15, the weekend events begin with a Welcome Party, this year sponsored by the Cornhaulers L & L Club from Des Moines, Iowa, at DC's from 5-7 p.m. Then the action turns the corner and moves to The MAX for the registration party, introduction of all the contestants, and a few surprises. Saturday morning things begin with the Vendor Fair and Seminars/Workshops. Saturday evening, the lights go down as the contestants take the stage to compete for this year's title. There are always after-hours parties going on after this one. Sunday, as tired as you might be, save some energy for the Farewell Brunch held at Gilligan's and the traditional (anyone can play) softball game.

The cost for the weekend is \$35 per person and includes admission to all of the events. Separate event ticketing is NOT offered for the weekend.

Last year's winner, Kevin Watson of Albuquerque, NM, continues to travel to the many statewide contests happening around the country as he helps search for the next man to fill his role.

This contest is NOT political in nature. Categories for the contest are Prejudging, Fantasy Wear, On Stage Question and Answer, Presentation of a Sexual Fantasy, and the "Mystery" Category, which no one will know until the day of the contest.

For more information on how to attend or possibly compete in this year's contest, please contact Fantasy Productions, Inc. at PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE, USA 68108-8203

**GLOBAL
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What would happen if countless people around the world were to think a single, positive thought at the same moment?

That question is being asked by the Tonglen Foundation, a non-profit organization sponsoring an unprecedented global ceremony to focus awareness on healing a range of physical and emotional diseases, from AIDS to addiction.

On August 8 at 9:30 p.m. CDT, people in all parts of the world will participate in a Ceremony which includes an 8 minute meditation for healing.

The "Ceremony for the Beginning of the End of Disease" is endorsed by an impressive list of physicians, educators, activists and spiritual leaders, and is expected to draw more than a million people together to meditate, pray and communicate about the possibility of easing human suffering.

"Something powerful happens when any disease occurs. The compassion of the people dealing with the disease is suddenly ignited," says Randy Balbes, co-founder of the Tonglen Foundation, the event's sponsor.

"That's the gift that disease gives us, and that spark of compassion is the source of all healing. The ceremony honors that spark, and focuses on the hope that someday we can live in a state of compassion that isn't triggered by disease or loss.

AIDS organizations throughout the world will be using the Ceremony as a fund raising vehicle, and religious and spiritual organizations, gay and lesbian groups, and other health organizations worldwide will be gathering to observe simple ritual.

For more information contact Randy Balbes at (805) 969-0713 or Terri Mandell at (818) 980-0212. Or contact the Tonglen web site: www.tonglen.com.

**NAP CUT-A-THON
AUGUST 9
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NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

On August 9, many of the salons throughout Nebraska will be donating a portion of their proceeds to support the Nebraska AIDS Project through the annual "Cut-a-thon."

As advertised by the Nebraska AIDS Project, "On Saturday, August 9, there's just no excuse for bad hair..."

The process is simple: just make an appointment as usual and let your favorite stylist work their magic. That's all there is to it.

- Participating Salons include:
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 - Command Performance, Omaha
 - Creative Hair Designs*, Omaha
 - Cuts & Such, Omaha
 - Design of the Times, Omaha
 - Fingers, Faces, and Feet, Nebraska City
 - Garbo's, Omaha (3 locations)
 - Hair by Stewarts (5107 Leavenworth), Omaha
 - Hair Crafters, Omaha
 - Hair Creations, Omaha
 - Hair Happening, Kearney
 - Hair Nouveau, Lincoln
 - Hair Studio, Beatrice
 - Hair Talent, Omaha
 - Hair Today, Omaha
 - His, Hers, & Theirs, Woodbine, IA
 - JC Penney Styling Salon, Grand Island
 - LaPetite Salon & Tanning, Sidney
 - Mane Gallery, Omaha
 - Petticoat Lane, Omaha
 - Pink Flamingo, Lincoln
 - Prof. Aesthetic Electrolysis Clinic, Omaha
 - Russell's, Omaha
 - Salon Aura, Omaha
 - Salon Tino's, Omaha
 - Shear Trends, Inc., Glenwood, IA
 - Sherry's Salon, Arapahoe
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**BLUE BARN
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GO-GO BOYS
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The Blue Barn Theatre announces the first play of its 1997-98 season: *Go-Go Boys from Planet X!* This exciting new work reunites playwright Miss Tanqueray LaVoris and Director Zack Humbee, who teamed last winter to produce the most successful show in Blue Barn history, *Reform School Timmy!* (an XXX-mas Carol.) Says Mr. Humbee, "We took you suckers for a ride last Christmas and we're going to do it again this summer. Baby needs new shoes, Omaha."

Go-Go Boys from Planet X! is also the first completed work from the new Douglas County Correctional Center's Emerging Playwrights Program (D.C.C.C.E.P.P.) where the playwright is currently in residence. "That boy swore he was 18!" says the hurt LaVoris, once a popular performer in Omaha's transvestite community. "At least it's clean here. Not like the roach motel I'm used to." Miss LaVoris and Mr. Humbee also want to acknowledge the support of the National Endowment for the Arts and in particular Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina who pushed through the funding for this one-of-a-kind program. As director Humbee says, "It was a long, hard, slow drive, but that's what Jesse's good at. He has fond, vivid memories of Edgar Hoover's pink panty parties back in the 50's and he's been a tireless advocate since. Now Jesse wants to make sure the unique transvestite voice isn't lost in our modern battle for politically correct art. And I say Hell! Why not plant some cash in my back pocket while we're at it?"

Go-Go Boys from Planet X! takes place right here in Omaha where the Evil Dragford of Planet X, Miss Formica DelRey, aided by her legions of Go Go Boy Slaves, plots to take over the earth and turn everyone gay. "This play is based on my own alien spacecraft abduction experience," says Miss LaVoris. She recalls being brought onboard a spacecraft one night while walking through Elmwood Park. "They put me on a table and inserted probes where the sun don't shine. Then the little bug-eyed shiny guys gave me a manicure and waxed my eyebrows. I looked damn good! You know all those ET's are flaming queens!" After attempts to sell her story to the *National Enquirer* and *Weekly World News* proved unsuccessful, Miss LaVoris turned to playwrighting. "Writing this play has been a cathartic experience for her," says Mr. Humbee. "I just hope she keeps her mitts off my cast," none of whom is using their real name for the show. "They're a testy and unreliable bunch of pansies," says Humbee, "but they all look good in silver."

As for when and where *Go-Go Boys from Planet X* will be performed, "At press time we know the show will open on July 17 and we're negotiating for several perky spots, whatever's cheap," says Mr. Humbee. An anonymous representative for the Blue Barn says that by the time people read this article, the location will be set. Call 345-1576 for dates and times and to join the Blue Barn's mailing list.

NORTHWEST BISEXUALS HOST ANNUAL GATHERING

Northwest bisexuals will hold their sixth annual gathering and campout over Labor Day Weekend, August 27 through September 2 in the Wenatchee National Forest near Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington state.

The gathering, sponsored by the Bisexual Network of Oregon (BiNet), will be held at a secluded campground between the Bumping the American rivers, 23 miles east of Chinook Pass and Mt. Rainier National Park.

The gathering has attracted campers from as far away as Massachusetts and New Mexico.

Campers may come for any portion of the Wednesday evening through Tuesday morning gathering.

All bisexuals and their guests are welcome. For information contact BiNet Oregon at (503) 622-5401.

RCGA BENEFIT "TRULY A TOUCH OF CLASS" COMING TO DC'S

Hosted by Barbra Love, Co-facilitator for the River City Gender Alliance, and ICON's newly crowned Emperor Jeff and Empress Sharon, "Truly a Touch of Class" features a group of entertainers sure to please the Omaha-area audience. Featured entertainer for the evening is Dorian Drake. Dorian will be joined by a supporting cast including Feleena Katz (Duchess 16), Ms. Annie Welty (Emperor 15), Miranda Wright (Miss River City '93), Lesley Street (Co-facilitator of RCGA & Ms. GLBT Pride), Ms. Helin Bedd (Miss Suicide '97), and Ms. Biggens.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 8:00 p.m. The show begins at 9 p.m. Proceeds from the show will benefit Fall Harvest '97.

RAINBOW OUTREACH

Rainbow Outreach extends a warm welcome to its newest board member, Rachel Chapin. Rachel brings to the Center her experience with the River City Gender Alliance where she is a member and served as chairperson.

June was a busy month. Rainbow Outreach was represented by an information table at this year's Pride Festival and at the first HGRA Rodeo in Fremont. Members from Rainbow Outreach also participated in this year's Coronation celebration. The Board of Directors of the Rainbow Outreach would like to congratulate the new Monarchs for ICON's 17th reign. We are proud to announce our 501 (c) 3 status. This is the US Government's official recognition of Omaha's gay, lesbian, bi, and transgender Resource Center as a not for profit entity. 501 (c) 3 means any donations are tax deductible and the Rainbow Outreach is eligible for federal grant funding.

Rainbow Outreach is currently staffed by volunteers Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6-9pm, Tuesday and Thursday from noon-9pm, and Saturday noon-6pm. We always need volunteers. If interested, please stop by the Center and fill out an application or leave a message for Rich Ketter at 341-0330. Rainbow Outreach is currently developing a business plan as well as anxiously anticipating a computer. We need any IBM Compatible office suite software (Microsoft Office, etc.). If you have any software to donate, please call 341-0330. (Remember, the donation is now tax deductible.) Finally, I would like to thank all of our volunteers for all the effort they put forth. We appreciate you!

PR Chairperson, Marshall Burnham

SLICE OF SUMMER AUGUST 17

ANGLE will hold its third annual Slice of summer on Sunday afternoon August 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. It will be held at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center at 1719 Leavenworth. Food and beverage will be provided.

The event is a public opportunity to find out more about ANGLE and to get involved in planning such events as National Coming Out Day, the Annual Recognition Dinner, and the Pride events for 1998. Representatives will be available throughout the day to talk to you about these projects.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled from 1:00, and homemade ice cream will be served at 3:00. Come join us for a great time and discover the many ways you can get involved.

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THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: River City Mixed Bowling

You see it in the faces of your friends and you see it in their performance. They're struggling to keep pace with the ever changing world. But what about you?

Do most of your phone conversations end with you saying "I'm heading into a tunnel now..."

Is your idea of quiet time hitting the mute button on your TV or VCR?

Do you walk into a room and forget what you went in there for, or you dial someone and by the time they've picked up, you've forgotten whom you've called?

Does your answering machine have more intimate conversations with your friends than you do?

Then maybe it's time for you to step back from the demands and dynamic power struggles of day to day life - 1997 style, and take some time for yourself. Why not take time out of your busy schedule and get a little exercise, enjoy an afternoon away from the phone, spend some time with friends...join the River City Mixed Bowling League. That's right, JOIN THE RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE!!

Good times, good friends and old fashioned fun are as much a part of bowling as are friendly competition, shots of jaegermeister, bowling a turkey, finding out the latest gossip or seeing who has the worst hangover from Saturday night. Teams from within the GLBT community are forming now to take part in the 1997-98 bowling season. Why not get your friends together, form a team and join in on the fun...come on, you know you want to!

This year's host center is Kelly's Hilltop. Located at 1313 North 48th Avenue, this unique center complete with it's "Cosmic" interior and friendly staff make it the perfect place for friends to get together and enjoy an afternoon of competition.

"Grandmother Ice Bowl" will be back selling her strike pot tickets along with the rest of your friends. The starting time has changed to 2:00 pm and we've added some new elements to make the season a little more exciting and to provide more fun for your Sunday afternoons.

A special "Pre Season Sign Up Party" is scheduled for Saturday, evening, August 16th at Gilligan's Pub from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Come out and say "Hi" to Kenny and his staff as they play host to pre-season evening of fun.

We are limited to the first 30 teams to sign up...so come early. First come, first served and the first to be assured a spot on the lanes.

Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and the trimmings will be available as part of this fundraiser for Ice Bowl '98. All you can eat for \$5!!!!

Regular league bowling will start on Sunday, August 24th. The organizational meeting will be at noon with bowling following at 2:00 pm sharp!

Take out a week's worth of frustrations on 10 little pins and be a part of the competitive advantage with the River City Mixed League.

Individuals interested, but who don't have enough for a four person team are welcome as well. We'll help find a team for you. For questions regarding the league, how to join, team registration, etc., please call Kim at 639-2231.

We Celebrated Pride with a big flair and lots of flags and shiny, shimmery fringe!



August Events



Mr, Ms, Miss Gay Pride '97
Dan, Leslie, Phoenix & 15 Revue
August 8 & 9

Barbara Love's B-day Show
with Stone Path guests
August 1 & 2

Felena Katz & 15 Revue
August 22 & 23

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August 22 -24 are the dates! Raccoon River Resort in Des Moines, IA is the place. The cost is \$35 for all three days or \$20 for just one day!

For tickets or more information call (402) 734-9556. Ticket DEADLINE is August 15.

Womyn's Summerfest 2 is promoted by Linda L. Willis and Friends.

LATEST ON GAY MARRIAGE IN HAWAII

A proposed constitutional amendment in Hawaii is giving the legislature the chance to define marriage as solely between a man and a woman. It may win popular approval in the November 1998 statewide vote.

National groups, including Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the American Civil Liberties and the Human Rights Campaign have already begun strategizing with local grassroots activists on a public education campaign to turn public opinion. Meanwhile, the state's supreme court is still reconsidering the marriage ban.

STILL WISHIN'

The GLBT Resource Center needs your help in furnishing our "new home." If you can donate any of the items listed below, please call and leave a message on our phone 341-0330. We'll come pick up your donations or arrange to meet you at our "new home."

- Filing Cabinets 5
 - Information Racks—4
 - Fans
 - 4 Folding Tables 5' or 6'
 - Book Cases—6
 - Locking Change Box
 - Free Standing Partitions—5'height
 - Table Games
 - Non-Fiction GLBT Books
- Used or new items—either would be great, but we do ask that *all items be in working/usable condition with no initial repairs needed.* We also need the following:
- Computer/Copier Paper
 - Staples / Paper Clips
 - White Out / Scissors
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WOMENSPACE PRIDEFEST TO BE SEPTEMBER 6 AT LAKOTA STABLES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Pridefest 1997 will have both a new date and location. The 5th Annual Pridefest will be held Saturday September 6 at Lakota Stables near Mahoney State park. We hope the new location will facilitate attendance by both Omaha and Lincoln folks. Plans for the day are currently being finalized so watch for more info soon.

We are excited to announce that the final concert of the 1997 season will be a performance by internationally acclaimed Heather Bishop. Heather will be performing Saturday November 22 at the Witherspoon Concert Hall.

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LOOKING AHEAD: A Calendar of Events for the Coming Year

September 97

- 1 - ICON Labor Day Picnic,
- 5-7 - SNAP "Boys in the Band"
- 5 - PFLAG Putt-Putt Golf
- 6 - Women's Pridefest,
Lakota Stables
- 6 - Installation of Rev. Sharon Sloat,
MCC-Omaha
- 7 - Valerie "Fresh Fish" @ The MAX
- 14 - NAP AIDS Walk Nebraska,
Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, Norfolk
- 21 - Valerie Vortex @ Q, Lincoln
- 23 - PFLAG Lincoln "G/L Arts"
- 27 - Imperial Court of Iowa
Coronation, Des Moines
- 27 - Int'l Mr. Drummer, SF
- 28 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

October 97

- 5 - Miss Gay Omaha @ The MAX
- 12 - WRC/ANGLE Nat'l Coming Out
- 19 - Muffy's B'Day @ The MAX
- 24-26 - SNAP "Torch Song Trilogy"
- 26 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 28 - PFLAG Lincoln Halloween Party
- 30 - Nov 2 - RCGA Fall Harvest
- 31-Nov 2 SNAP Torch Song Trilogy

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November 97

- 1-2 - RCGA Fall Harvet
- 1-2 - SNAP "Torch Song Trilogy"
- 9 - ICON Food 4 Thought
@ The MAX
- 21 - Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska
- 22 - WomenSpace Heather Bishop
@ Joslyn
- 22 - ANGLE Recognition Dinner
- 23 - Ashley Simone B'Day Bash
@ the MAX
- 25 - PFLAG Lincoln
Thanksgiving Potluck
- 30 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

December 97

- 1 - World AIDS Day
- 6 - Night of 1000 Stars
- 7 - Dorian's B'Day Show
@ The MAX
- 14 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz @ The MAX
- 21 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 24 - Hannukah
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service MCC-O
- 28 - Mr. & Miss MAX Year in Review
- 30 - PFLAG Lincoln "Spiritual
Survival in Homophobic World"
- 31 - New Year's Eve

January 98

- TBA - Miss MAX 14

February 98

- 6-8 - SNAP "Breaking the Code"
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AREA RESOURCES

RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS EDUCATION, INFO & REFERRAL

**Indicates HIV Testing Available

- AIDS Educ Project**, UNI G/L Resource Cntr, Rm342, NebUnion, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644
- American Red Cross**, 2245 Heather Dr, Crete 68333 (402) 826-3785
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997
2515 St Marys Ave, Omaha 68105 431-4447
- **Charles Drew Health Center**, 2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433
- **Douglas County Health Dept**, 1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-7750
- **Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth Omaha, NE 68102, Friday 1-4pm, Every other Friday 10pm - 2am HIV testing, education, support
- **Equilibria Medical Center**, 544 S. 24, Omaha, 68102 Call (402) 345-2252
- **Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Department** 3140 'N' Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Walk-in tests: Urban Indian Health Ctr, 140 S. 27, 434-7177
- **Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept**, 105 East 1st St, Grand Island, Mary (308) 385-5175
- **Hastings College Health Center**, Hastings, NE 68901 402-461-7372 Ask for Judy
- HIV Clinic**, Univ of NE Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681
- Lincoln Cancer Cntr**, 4600 Valley, 483-1872
- **McCook Family Planning**, 111 West "C" St, McCook, 69001, (308) 345-3626
- **Nebraska AIDS Project** {statewide} (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/ Volunteer Services, HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
- **Omaha Office**: 139 S. 40th, 68131, Administration 552-9260; AIDS Hotline 402-552-9255
- **Lincoln Office**: 2123 Winthrop, 484-8100
- **Central Nebraska Office**: 3423 2nd Ave Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
- **Northeast Nebr Office**: 304 N. 5 St, Suite C, Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 370-3807
- **Western Nebraska Office**: 3707 Ave. D, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807
- Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center**, AIDS education to health care professionals. UNMC, 600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681
- **Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services**, *Kearney 3423 2nd Ave 68847 308/865-5609
- **Norfolk**, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395
- **NorthPlatte**, Craft St. Office Bldg, 200 So. Silber, 69101 (308) 535-8133
- Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center**, UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227
- **Nemaha County Health Department**, 1824 N, Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549
- **Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 342-8716, Testing Sat, 1-4pm; 1st & 3rd Sat Women Only, 2 & 4 Sat Open to Public
- **ScottsBluff Co Health Dept**, Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866
- Siouxland AIDS Coalition**, 2nd Tuesdy, 12 noon Siouxland Chapter of Am. Red Cross, 1512 Pierce, Sioux City, Iowa. Call (712) 252-0722
- Veterans Admin Medical Center**, 42 & Woolworth, Omaha 346-8800; Dean Pierce, x 4119

HIV/AIDS COUNSELING & SUPPORT

- AIDS Care**, Mercy Center, 427 E. Kanesville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, att Colleen Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609
- AIDS Support Group**: Sponsored by PFLAG, Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437
- Calico II HIV/AIDS Support Group**, Meets 1st & 3rd Tues, 7pm, Alliance For info call: (308) 762-8259
- Douglas County Mental Health - Outpatient Program**, 4102 Woolworth, Omaha, 68105 Att: Leslie A. Epstein (402) 444-7930
- Family AIDS Support Group**: Sponsored by PFLAG-Omaha, Meet 1st Sunday, 2p.m. 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha
- Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support Group**, Meet 3rd Tuesday (308) 385-5175
- HIV/AIDS Support Group for Women**, 7-9pm, NAP Office, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln
- HIV/AIDS Support Group for Men**, Lincoln, Every Other Sunday, 5-7pm, Call Greg 438-3425 or 441-3324
- Harambee Mental Health Services**, Business & Technical Center, 2505 N. 24, Omaha, NE 68110, (402) 451-3913. Mental Health Services to people of color who are infected with HIV, their partners, and their families. Charles Drew Health Center.
- Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group**, 1st Monday, info, Barb (308) 865-5610
- Nebraska AIDS Project** {statewide} (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/
- North Platte Area Support Grp**, Call: (308) 535-8133
- Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support Group**, Scottsbluff, Call (308) 635-3606

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR HIV/AIDS

- AIDS Interfaith Network**, 100 N 62, Omaha Br Wm Woeger, 588-3100 (Chancery) Service: 2nd Monday, 7pm, St Cecilia's, Nebraska Chapel, 40th & Webster
- Lincoln Interfaith Council**, 140 S. 27th St., Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing Service: 1st Tues, 7pm, St Francis Chapel, 1145 South Street, Lincoln

LEGAL SERVICES FOR HIV/AIDS & GLBT ISSUES

- Sean McFarlin**, Omaha, 333-6000
- Petersen Law Offices**, Thomas M. Petersen Attorney & Counselor, 2712 S. 87th Ave., Omaha, 68124 (402) 393-8080
- Taylor Law Office**, 501 CenterStone, PO Box 82272, Lincoln, 68501-2272 (402) 475-0033
- Nebr Bar Assoc**, 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091
- Nebraska Civil Liberties Union**, Box 81455, Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091
- Stone Law Firm**, 501 CenterStone, PO Box 82272, Lincoln, 68501-2272 (402) 475-0055

GLBT RESOURCES

GREATER NEBRASKA BASED RESOURCES

- Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff**, PO Box 924, Chadron, NE 69337, 308-432-404
- Fellowship of Believers**, 812 North 10th, #7, Norfolk 68701, 402-379-9935 Home-based church meets Wed 7pm, Sun 10am Open to all.
- GLB Alliance**, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College, Hastings 68901 Judy 402-461-7372 (Health Ctr) 462-2961 (home). For G/L/B Students
- Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr**, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68847 Support, socials, newsletter. Info: Todd at (308) 382-5419, Rod at (402) 879-4650 or e-mail rdeuel@ltec.net
- Lambda Car Club**, Box 2325, North Platte, NE 69103
- Pinhandle Gay/Lesbian Support Service** Box 1046, Scottsbluff 69363, (308) 635-8488
- PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays**
- *Fullerton**, PO Box 833, Fullerton, NE 68638, (308) 536-2521
- *Hastings**, c/o Hastings College Health Center, Box 269, Hastings, NE 68901, (402) 461-7372
- *Hendley**, PO Box 427, Hendley, NE 68946, (308) 265-7620
- *Holdrege/Kearney**: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St Luke's Epis. (308) 995-54990, Mail: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949
- PRIDE Group**, Counseling Ctr, Wayne State, Wayne, 68787. Karen or Virginia (402) 375-7321 G/L/B Students

IOWA BASED RESOURCES

- American Business & Prof. Guild**, Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102, Network of gay business prof. men from IA, MN, SD, NE, Meet last Sat., Write for info.
- Bar Alternative Gay Group (BAGG)**, meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, 322 Tri-View Ave, Sioux City, IA, For details call Terry (712) 255-1890, Sue 258-6167, or Murty 255-8528
- Community Alliance**, 1301 Villa Ave, Sioux City, IA 51103 (712) 258-4704
- Integrity Prayer Service**, Wed, 6:30pm, St. Thomas Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA Al (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr 258-0141
- Iowa Coalition for Human Rights** Box 1222, Iowa City, IA 52244, or call Richard Shannon 319/337-5870, rashanno@sprynet.com
- Morningside College Student Group**, Tim Drwig, Advisor, Student Svcs. (712) 274-5426
- PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays**
- *NE Iowa - Waukon**, IA Box 142, Waukon, IA 52172, Meet 4th Monday 7-9pm, Robey Memorial Library, 401 1st Ave. SW, Waukon

SOUTH DAKOTA BASED RESOURCES

- PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays**
- *Sioux Falls, SD** 4th Sat, (605) 334-5508
- Sioux Empire Gay & Lesbian Coalition**, Box 1716, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, Information and Help Line (605) 333-0603
- Sioux Falls Support Group for Men**, PO Box 1602, Sioux Falls, SD 57101

AREA RESOURCES

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND RELATED RESOURCES

LINCOLN BASED RESOURCES

- Alcoholics Anonymous.** Meetings:
**Mon. 7:30pm, Rainbow AA, 3rd Floor, "Meeting Place" 28 & S. Lincoln
**Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln. Info contact V.J. at 477-3526
**Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214
- Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts.** Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter
- FLEX (Female Leather Exchange)** PO Box 5512, Lincoln 68505. Email: flexed@juno.com Informal assoc. of women 21 and over interested in leather community.
- Gay Men's Support Grp.** Counseling & Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNI., Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450 Confidential
- Lesbian Discussion Group.** Womens Resource Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNI., Lincoln, 68588. 472-2597, Call for meeting information
- Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects.** 610 "J", Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. O/P chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality. Sliding Fee
- Lincoln Pride Network.** Box 81291, Lincoln 68501-1291, umbrella organization for GLBT in Lincoln area, Call PFLAG Phone Line 402-434-9880, e-mail L.PrideN@aol.com
- Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg.** Sat, 10am, YWCA, Lincoln. Contact Judith at 472-2598
- National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln-activist org.** issues of full equality for women, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 434-6695, meet 3rd Tuesday, 7pm YWCA, 1432 "N" St.
- Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).** Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880. 4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Web Site: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/4882/> HIV Family Grp. Under 21 Grp same time p/ce
- SAGE.** Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee House. 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln
- Straight Spouse Support Group -- Lincoln.** Call 489-9088 for info
- Unitarian Church.** 6300 "A", Lincoln, NE "A recognized Welcoming Congregation"
- UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr.** Rm 234 Nebr Union, 14 & R. Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644, Social, info, referral, library, General meetings Tuesdays, 7pm, during school year
- The Wimmis Show.** 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln
- A Woman's Place.** Lincoln, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women
- Youth Support Group--Lincoln.** Every Other Saturday 4-6pm, Call 434-9880
- Youth Talkline** 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm-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 BASED RESOURCES

- Al-Anon** Fridays 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74
- Alcoholics Anonymous.**
**Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Presbytrn
**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian
**Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74
- A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors).** Box 8343, Omaha 68108, 341-0330. Network, raise consciousness, PRIDE activities, Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet www.angl.org
- The Book Station and Coffee Lounge.** Books, Gifts, Coffee, 1913 Leavenworth St., 342-0520
- Buzz-Journal.** Box 8523, Omaha 68103, e-mail: Buzzjournal@aol.com
- Citizens For Equal Protection.** Box 55548, Omaha, 68155. 398-3027, Legislative action 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney
- EAGLE-Omaha.** Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians. US WEST. Pat Phalen, 1299 Farnam, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102 (402) 348-8569
- Frontrunners/walkers.** Box 4583, Omaha 68104, HOTLINE 496-3658, Running Walking Club (SASE for info)
- Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo).** UNO Students - Wednesdays, 6pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Kim Erwin 344-4078
- Gay And Lesbian Parents Group (G.A.L.P.).** Not Meeting at Present
- Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line.** A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 341-0330
- Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD)** G/L/B/Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGRA).** Box 3354, Omaha, 68103-0354. Dan 597-1689 Enjoy/support rodeos, country activities. Meets 1st Sat alternating between Omaha/Des Moines
- ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament.** Tournament held President's Day Weekend
- Imperial Court of Nebraska.** Box 3772, Omaha 68103 Fundraising organization work for advancement of G/L/B/T society. Board Meets 1st Monday each month, 7pm, The MAX
- "Learning to Exchange Power"** Novice BD/SM Support Grp, 2nd Sunday, 2-4pm, Back Room, Wooden Apple, 22nd & Martha, Omaha
- L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha)** educational-social grp. Gay Men interested in Leather Lifestyle. Write: Box 8181, Omaha, 68108
- LinOma Bares.** Box 8493, Omaha 68106 Nudist/Naturist Club for gay/bi men
- Lutherans Concerned.** 453-7137
- Metropolitan Club.** Box 8603, Omaha 68108-0603, 3rd Thursdays, 7pm, gay/lesbian professionals to meet, socialize, network
- Men's Support Group.** Meet Tuesdays 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St. Call 345-2563
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.** 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, 68103, E-mail address: MCCOMAHA@radiks.net Web Site: <http://www.radiks.net/mccomaha> Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am
- National Org. for Women (NOW) Omaha** political-grassroots activist org. issues of full equality for women- Omaha NOW, Box 3325, Omaha 68103-0325, (402) 391-7303. Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney
- Nebraska Zen Center** for all persons, 3625 Lafayette Ave, Omaha 68131, 551-9035
- New Realities.** Books, Tapes, Gifts, Old Market Passageway, 1026 Howard, 68102, 342-1863
- The New Voice of Nebraska.** Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine. (402) 556-9907 or ijn05e@prodigy.com
- Omaha Meatpackers.** AIDS fundraising organization. Call: (712) 366-1791
- Omaha Players Club (OPC).** Pansexual education & play group Meeting/parties monthly. Send \$5 and an age statement to OPC, Box 34463 Omaha 68134
- Omaha Women for Sobriety** meet Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29 St., Contact Judith at 472-2598 for more info.
- ONYX IMAGES.** Box 31026, Omaha, NE 68132-9998. Fraternity for African American men. Age restriction for membership. Support for brothers of all ages.
- Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays** PFLAG Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064, 291-6781 Meet 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, "Program & Sharing", 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"
- Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns.** 733-1360: Cleve, Omaha
- Proud Horizons Youth Support Group.** sponsor: PFLAG For gay, lesbian youth & those questioning sexuality, age 13-21. Meets Sat., Omaha, Call 291-6781
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center.** 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Mail: Box 8583, Omaha, 68108, Call 341-0330 for times/events
- River City Couples.** Social Support for GLBT couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric: 392-1443, email recouple@probe.net
- River City Mixed Bowling League.** Sundays, 3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha
- River City Gender Alliance.** Box 3112, Omaha 68103-3122 MessageHotline 398-1255, Email: sgibbona@synergy.net For cross-dressers, transsexuals, those wishing to know more. All orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday
- River City Mixed Chorus.** Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 341-SING (341-7464) Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian Sensitive people
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 7-9pm, 2nd Thursday, 1st Methodist, Room 209, 291-6781
- W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather Tactles)** Box 7083, Omaha, 68107-7083 Educational/social group for women of leather. Omaha/Lincoln 402-477-7741
- Women's Support Group.** MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am
- WomenSpace.** Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712, Quarterly newsletter for lesbian voices & events

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

AUGUST CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p> <p>Reconciling Worship Community, 7:30 p.m., Dietz Methodist, 1423 S. 10, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, Omaha, Closed</p>	<p>HIV Tests, NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29 Omaha, Call Judith 472-2898</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open Noon-9pm</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Frontrunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>UNO GaLO 5pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Call Kim 556-3545</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY

<p>AUGUST 3 Frontrunners, 10am, Keystone Trail, Lot 5, Aksarben, Omaha ICON Investiture of Reign 17, 9pm, The MAX, Omaha Hollywood Strippers Touchez, 323 Phillips, Sioux Falls, IA</p>	<p>AUGUST 4 ICON Board Mtg, The MAX, 7pm, Omaha</p>	<p>AUGUST 5 AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th Lincoln ANGLE, 7pm, GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha</p>	<p>AUGUST 6 (1st Wed)</p>
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<p>AUGUST 10 Frontrunners, 10am, Metcalf Park, 51 & Franklin, Omaha MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215 Learning to Exchange Power "Building Your Own Toys" Wooden Apple 22&Martha 2-4pm PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm Miss MAX Ashley Simone, 9pm, The MAX, Omaha Mr & Miss Q Show, Lincoln Iowa State Farm Boys Faire, Raccoon River, Des Moines, IA</p>	<p>AUGUST 11 AIDS Interfaith 7pm St Cecelias Omaha Iowa State Farm Boys Faire, Raccoon River,</p>	<p>AUGUST 12 Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA HIV Support Grp-Women 7-9pm NAP, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln Iowa Farm Boys Faire, Raccoon River, Des Moines</p>	<p>AUGUST 13 (2nd Wed) Iowa State Farm Boys Faire, Raccoon River, Des Moines, IA</p>
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<p>AUGUST 17 Frontrunner 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha PFLAG/Kearney 3p, St Luke's 2304 2nd Ave (308)237-7136 Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488 "A Touch of Class" RCGA Benefit, Hors D'oeuvres 8pm, Show 9pm, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha ANGLE "Slice of Summer" 1-4pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, Omaha Miss MAX Ashley Simone at Q, Lincoln</p>	<p>AUGUST 18</p>	<p>AUGUST 19 NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432 "N", 434-6695 Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303 Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p>	<p>AUGUST 20 (3rd Wed)</p>
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<p>AUGUST 24 Evangelist Jeri Ann Harvey at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Frontrunners, 10am, Field Club Trail, 39 & Marcy, Omaha PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215 Portfolio Men Dance at The MAX, Omaha Disco Ball, Q, Lincoln Womyn's Summerfest 2, Raccoon River, Des Moines River City Bowling League 2pm, Kelly Hilltop Omaha</p>	<p>AUGUST 25</p>	<p>AUGUST 26 PFLAG-Lincoln Meeting, "Media Coverage" 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" 434-9880 La Cage Aux Folles, Omaha Community Playhouse</p>	<p>AUGUST 27 (4th Wed) La Cage Aux Folles, Omaha Community Playhouse</p>
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<p>AUGUST 31 Frontrunners, 10am, Omaha White Night & Wild Annie's Strip Off The MAX, Omaha Muffy Rosenbury at Q, 9pm, Lincoln SNAP presents "Boys in the Band" The Rose, Omaha Labor Day Weekend, Raccoon River, Des Moines, IA</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 1 ICON Labor Day Picnic, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31 Ave, Omaha Meatpacker's Labor Day Show Benefit for PWA Assistance Fund, The MAX</p>	<p>September 2 AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, Lincoln ANGLE Meeting, 7:30pm, GLBT Resource Center, Omaha La Cage Aux Folles, Omaha Community Playhouse</p>	<p>SEPT 3 (2nd Wed) La Cage Aux Folles, Omaha Community Playhouse</p>
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AUGUST CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

HIV Tests, NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9:30pm
G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" Lincoln, Call V.J. 477-3526
Univ of Nebr-Kearney GLBT Grp, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, info Call Ronnie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312
Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6pm-9pm

EVERY FRIDAY

Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7pm 488-2043
Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, For callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln
Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm
Al-Anon, 8:15pm, Omaha, Underwood Hills Church
Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative" Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave
"Live & Let Live" 8:15pm Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74th Lincoln: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214

EVERY SATURDAY

Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am, Gathering Place, Lincoln, Judith 472-2598
Womens Support Grp, 11am, MCC-Omaha
Youth Support Grp, 291-6781, age 13-21 gay, lesbian, or questioning sexuality, Omaha
Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm
HIV Testing Outreach Center, 1-4pm, (1st & 3rd Sat.-Women Only,; 2nd & 4th Sat.--gen public), 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

AUGUST 1

Womyn's Book Discussion, Laurie 556-0937
New Voice Volunteer Orientation, 7pm, Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
All Interested Persons Welcome

AUGUST 2

Heartland Gay Rodeo Ass'e 5pm, Omaha
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, (402) 398-1255
In The Life airs on Nebraska Educable 9pm

AUGUST 7

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha
Amateur Strip Night, Q, Lincoln
Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30pm, John & Harold's Ice Cream Shop, 415 Nebraska St, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528

AUGUST 8

Fronrunners Friday Afternoon Club, Club James Dean, 6:30pm, Omaha
New Voice Volunteer Orientation, 7pm, Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha,
All Interested Persons Welcome

AUGUST 9

Fronrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
Players Club, 2pm Workshop; 8pm Play Party
SAGE Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
NAP Benefit Cut-a-Thon, Check with Your Favorite Salon to see if they are participating
Lincoln PFLAG Swimming Party, 434-9880

AUGUST 14

P-FLAG 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass Omaha 291-6781 7pm
Straight Spouse Suppt Grp 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781
Bi-Net meetin, 7pm Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

AUGUST 15

Mr. International Fantasy Weekend, Omaha
Q Anniversary Weekend Celebration, NO COVER!
Iowa State Farm Boys Faire, Raccoon River, Des Moines, IA

AUGUST 16

Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-9880
Q Anniversary Weekend, NO COVER!
Mr. International Fantasy, The MAX, Omaha
Iowa State Farm Boys Faire, Raccoon River, Des Moines, IA
PreSeason Bowling Registration Party - Gilligans, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

AUGUST 21

Metro Club, 6:30pm, Market Basket, Omaha
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235
Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30pm, John & Harold's Ice Cream Shop, 415 Nebraska St, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528

AUGUST 22

Womyn's Summerfest 2, Raccoon River Resort, Des Moines, IA, Call 402-734-9556 for more info
Evangelist Jeri Ann Harvey at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22,

AUGUST 23

Womyn's Summerfest 2, Raccoon River Resort, Des Moines, IA, Call 402-734-9556 for more info
Fronrunners Run/Walk, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD, 1pm (605)334-5508
Evangelist Jeri Ann Harvey at MCC-Omaha

AUGUST 28

La Cage Aux Folles, Omaha Community Playhouse

AUGUST 29

SNAP Presents "Boys in the Band", Hitchcock Theater at The Rose, Omaha
Hell-a-thon "24 Hours of Drag" Club 15, Omaha, 9pm Friday - 9pm Saturday
Labor Day Weekend, Raccoon River, Des Moines, IA

AUGUST 30

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Hell-a-thon "24 Hours of Drag" Club 15, Omaha
Labor Day Weekend, Raccoon River, Des Moines, IA

SEPTEMBER 4

CFEP, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha
Bar Alternative Gay Group 7:30pm, John & Harold's Ice Cream Shop, 415 Nebraska St, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528
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SEPTEMBER 5

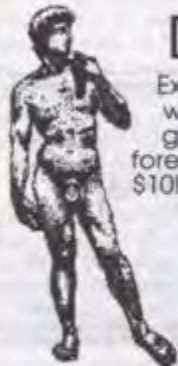
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SEPTEMBER 6

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MCC-Omaha Installation of Rev. Sharon Sloat as Pastor, 7pm, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha
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Boy next door type, 19, 5'10, 160lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a medium build, seeks friends to hang out with. I like to hang out downtown, and see what's up. (Lincoln) #2831

JUST A LITTLE CURIOUS

I'm a little Bi curious and want to meet similar, masculine, men to have good times with. Come on, buddies, let's make some fun. (Lincoln) #2065

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LUSTFUL IN LINCOLN

This horny, very good looking, White male, 37, wants to meet exciting men. (Lincoln) #1453

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I'm a heavy set, 38 year old, Bi, White male, seeking other Transvestites and men who love them. I'm into all sorts of things. Let's see if you can spark my interest. (Lincoln) #1103



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OUT The Gay community around here is so boring that I can't find it! I'm a very good looking, 18 year old, White male, 5'11, 145lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I want to meet other Gay guys who want to hang out, party, and see what's going on. (Lincoln) #33840

SEEKING YOUR INPUT

I'm a masculine, Bi male looking to hook up. What do you think of that? (Lincoln) #32936

DANCE IN MY PANTS

I'm looking for other guys to have fun with. I'm an attractive, White male, 6'1, 202lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, a mustache and goatee, and medium build. I like movies, theater, dance, and whatever else we can get into. (Lincoln) #32231

VIDEOPHYLE This good looking, horny, 30 year old, White male, seeks other hot men for safe times. I love to watch videos and get off. Wanna join me? (Lincoln) #31133

LAUGHS AND LOVE

Looking for fun? Good times? Do you have a variety of interests? Let's talk. I'm a 32 year old guy, 5'7, 170lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes. I wanna meet Hispanic men for laughs and love. (Lincoln) #30755

OUT TO THE BALLGAME

I'm an intelligent, good natured, White male, 6'1, 350lbs, into sports and movies. I want to make friends to go out with. (Lincoln) #24223

MAKE FIREWORKS GO OFF

This Bi, White male is looking for exciting new friends for freaky fun. Don't doubt, I have the equipment to make you happy. (Lincoln) #22624

CHEERS

I'm a Gay, White male, in my early thirties, with average looks. I'm a total bottom. I want to have a relationship with another guy in the area. (Lincoln) #30588

ANTIQUE HUNTING

I'd love to meet an older man to hang out with. I'm an attractive, White male, 6ft, 190lbs, interested in movies, the opera, and hunting for antiques. (Omaha) #2614

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COME OUT AND PLAY

I wanna meet some guys for friendship and fun. I'm a nice looking, 35 year old, White male, bottom, 5'11, 170lbs, with light Brown hair and Blue eyes. Obviously, I prefer to meet tops. (North Fork) #32914

VIRILE AND VERSATILE

This good looking, 32 year old, White male, 6'2, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes enjoys being both a top and a bottom. I want to meet other Gay, or Bi, men for good times. (North Platte) #29116

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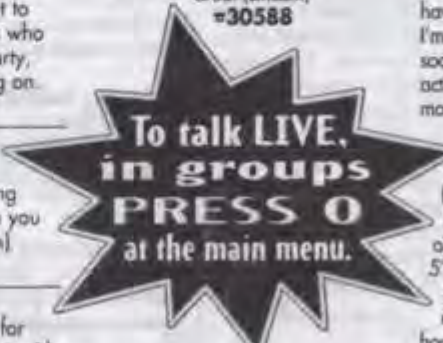
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HOT 'N NOW I'm a good looking, masculine, 31 year old, White male, 6'3, 220lbs, looking for guys to connect with for discreet, hot times. Make it happen. (Omaha) #2326

BEAUTIFUL VISION I fantasize about being your Transvestite. I'd love to get myself all fixed up and be your sex slave, or whatever you'd like me to be. If you're between 20 and 35, and would like to be a part of my vision, let's get together soon. (Omaha) #2213



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I JUST GOT HERE This new kid in town seeks guys to show me the sights. I'm 18, 5'6, 140lbs. I wanna meet men, 18 to 23, who like to dance, camp, and swim. (Omaha) #1618

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COFFEESHOP COMPANION I'm a fun loving, youthful, White male, 19, looking for new friends. I'm 5'6, 135lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I love to go downtown, on the weekend, and hang out at the coffee shop. I also like reading, watching television, listening to music, and having a good time. Care to join me? (Omaha) #31393

COWBOY DUO NEEDS THIRD We're two Gay, White country cowboys and we're looking for other guys to corral with for hot times. I'm 30, 6ft, 170lbs, with a dark beard. My buddy is 6'2, 160lbs, with light Brown hair. We're both very masculine, wear country clothes, and like to have multiple orgasms. We want partners, between 20 and 40, who are very active participants. We love to travel. #11643

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BALD AND BULKY I like heavy set, trucker types, to age 55, for fun and friendship. I'm a 45 year old, Black male, 5'11, 280lbs. I like conversation, and good times. Bald guys are a special turn on. (Omaha) #27005

MADE FOR MAKE-UP I'd like to meet Transsexuals and Transvestites who would like to help me dress up, and do my make-up. I especially need help with the make-up but would also like to consult about my skirts and lingerie. I'm a good looking, White male, 6'5, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. Maybe we can mess around, too. (Omaha) #15270

I NEED MATURE NURTURING I'm looking for an older man, 55 plus, to show me what man sex is like. I'm a 29 year old, Bi, White male, 5'10, 280lbs. I prefer hairy, hung, uncut guys if possible. (Pierce) #1346

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WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR This friendly, fun loving, White female, 20, seeks a feminine woman for friendship. (Omaha) #2486

ABIDING FRIENDSHIP I'm a 36 year old, Gay, White female, seeking the same for a long term relationship. I enjoy plays, dancing, singing, and alternative music. Our relationship must be full of passion, loyalty, sincerity, abiding friendship, and intimacy. (Omaha) #34652

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

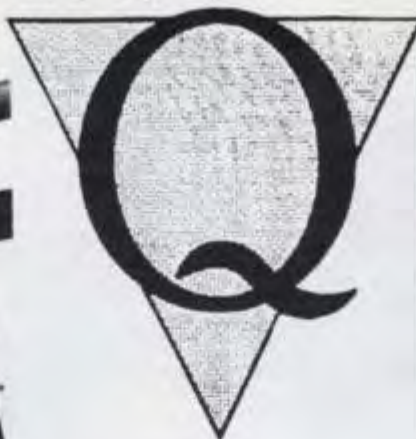
IF YOU LIKE THEM
HOT, YOUNG, BUFF & WILD
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS
PORTFOLIO MEN
AMERICA'S #1 MALE REVUE
ONLY IN OMAHA & ONLY AT THE MAX

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

THE MEATPACKERS & PACKETTES
ARE BACK FOR THEIR
ANNUAL LABOR DAY BASH
THE NAP PWA BENEFIT SHOW
WITH MORE STARS THAN
THAT TELETHON THING

THE MAX JACKSON AT 15TH OMAHA 402-346-4110

THIRD ANNIVERSARY



SUNDAY 3-BLACK-OUT/UNDERWEAR PARTY
THURSDAY 7-AMATEUR STRIP NIGHT SUNDAY 10-MR.
AND MISS Q SHOW FRIDAY 15, SATURDAY
16-ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND PARTY, NO COVER
SUNDAY 17-MISS MAX '97, ASHLEY SIMONE SUNDAY
24-DISCO BALL SUNDAY 31-MUFFY ROSENBERG.

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