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THE NEW VOICE AND OMAHA COMMUNITY FACE LOSS OF LEADER

SHARON McCARTNEY RETIRES AND MOVES TO DENVER

The Steering Committee of *The New Voice* is saddened to announce that one of our strongest voices and supporters has left the city. Sharon McCartney, secretary for *The New Voice*, has retired from her position at US West and has moved to Denver with her spouse, Sandy Waldron, who has accepted a promotion and a transfer there.

Sharon has been a leader in the Omaha Community since moving here from Des Moines 8 years ago. Sharon has served on the steering committee of *The New Voice* since 1988, acting as secretary, typist, layout manager, and manager of the Prisoner Project. Her thorough organization and her flying fingers will be sorely missed.

Sharon has also been a highly visible member of the Omaha community, having been recognized for both community service and personal achievement at every one of ANGLE's recognition function held in Omaha. Sharon is perhaps best known for helping found the Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians at US West.

She has served as co-chair of the Pluralism Council at US West in Omaha and has been a regional director of the Pluralism Council for the US West Corporation. She has taken part in multitudinous speaking engagements and has led the fight for an end to discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the corporate world.

Sharon has recently served on the Board of the Omaha Chapter of PFLAG and has been actively pursuing a degree in human services.

Sharon is not severing her ties with *The New Voice*. She will continue to be our liaison with several of our regular feature writers and will continue to manage the Prisoner Project from her home in Denver.

The New Voice wishes to join with the Omaha Community in wishing Sharon and Sandy well on their move. We'll miss you both.



Sharon McCartney

LB 21 AND LB 400 INTRODUCED: BOTH ADDRESS EQUAL EMPLOYMENT FOR GAYS/LESBIANS

Two gay/lesbian civil rights bills have been introduced in the 1995 legislature. LB21 introduced by Senator Ernie Chambers, and LB400 introduced by Senator Tim Hall. Both bills are very similar to the old LB395; both bills amend the Nebraska Fair Employment Act to

include sexual orientation. Both do not apply to religious organizations, associations, or societies. Quotas are not permitted. Both bills go to the Business and Labor Committee. A request will be made for both bills to be heard. Members include Chairman Abboud, Schimeck, Preister, Dierks,

Vrtiska, Chambers, and new member Schmitt (from Ord). Chairman Abboud will assign a date for the hearings. If you would like to help get gay/lesbian civil rights legislation passed, contact Lincoln PFLAG or Citizens for Equal Protection. -adapted from PFLAG Newsletter



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOMOPHOBIC "PARAMILITARY" FORCE STRIKES AGAIN

Dear Editor,

Perhaps the word "paramilitary" is too strong of a word to describe a police force but that is how Mayor-elect Hal Daub described the Omaha Police force and his description was defended by Police Lt. Gary Becerra, president of the Omaha Police Union.

Unfortunately, "paramilitary" might actually be too soft of a word to describe the latest actions of the Omaha Police Force against Omaha's homosexual community. Terry Tippit, businessman and owner of the Run bar, has become the latest victim. As is now known, three pieces of artwork displayed in the Run bar were confiscated by Omaha police (stormtroopers?) for being pornographic, which may come as a surprise to the owner of the artwork and the artist. If this artwork is found to be pornography then it is the world's most expensive pornography as the art pieces ranged from \$1,000 to \$20,000 a piece according to a *World-Herald* article. So ends the idea of freedom of expression.

What is just frightening is what City Prosecutor Martin Conboy was quoted as saying the *World-Herald*. Conboy described minors as those under 21 and the fact that people under 21 could view such artwork may factor into his decisions. Once again, law enforcement is attempting to turn adults into juveniles. If we treat adults like children, incapable of dealing with responsibility, then we will have irresponsible adults who act like children and are dependent on

a paternalistic government. This is a threat to freedom.

Finally, the Run is still dogged by the propaganda of child abuse, sex scandals and satanic cult nonsense which followed after the failure of the Franklin Credit Union. The Run bar was featured in much of that propaganda. The *World-Herald* stated that the Omaha Planning, Fire and Police Departments opposed the re-opening of the Run bar. The Police department stated overcrowding and problems with "minors" at the bar.

A homosexual could become paranoid that there is a concerted effort to shut down the Run bar and run homosexuals out of the park. This should not happen. The gay and lesbian must make a thunderous protest and keep public officials alert that homosexuals will not walk into a concentration camp without a fight.

Everyone should call their city council member, not just once but twice and follow those calls with a letter. If you don't know who your city council member is, call the Mayor's action line and they can assist you. If you know who your city council member is, call them at the numbers below.

All phone numbers begin with 444-55
Joe Friend 26, Brenda Council 24, Subby Anzaldo 25, Paul Konec 22, Richard Takechi 28, Lee Terry 23, Frank Christensen 27.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan

VOPALKA IS ALIVE AND WELL

Dear G/L/B/TG Community Members,

I would like to let you all know that I, Sandy L. Vopalka, do still live in the state of Nebraska and call Lincoln my home.

I have heard from many people that I had left the state. Well, I have a Master's Thesis to finish, research that I am still working and a video presentation to complete.

I will not leave without most of you knowing that I am doing so. Actually I may be moving late this summer, but I don't know right now. I would never just up and leave.

Nebraska has been my home for the last 13

years and I have worked with too many of us to just walk away. The g/l/b/tg community of Nebraska is part of my family.

So, you best check with me before anyone else thinks that I have left! Oh, yea, I want you all to mark May 6th on your date books. There will be a graduation party for me, in Lincoln. I could never remember all the people I have worked with in the past 13 years. The invite is an open one.

Love Ya, Nebraska,
Sandy L. Vopalka

UNMC HIV RESEARCH

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to report another excellent year for clinical research in new therapies for HIV/AIDS at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. 33 persons were enrolled into trials sponsored by pharmaceutical companies. In addition, a total of 35 men and men from the region were enrolled in AIDS Clinical Trial Group (ACTG) protocols. 35 participants enrolled last year continue to be followed.

The ACTG is a national collaboration of the National Institutes of Health, pharmaceutical companies, and investigators around the country. Our evaluation from the National Institutes of Health has been very favorable. We are required to compete again for funding in 1995, and hope we are successful. Unfortunately, funding remains very tight, and the current political situation does not bode well for any increase. UNMC continues to support our work by writing off patient care expenses such as laboratory tests, but our success is only possible because of generous support from the community. Private donations allow us to enroll all interested patients into studies, and to continue our excellent performance. These monies also permit original pilot studies and preliminary research by UNMC staff, who can then apply for funding from outside agencies.

The benefits to patients with HIV disease from our region are immeasurable. Not only are HIV-infected patients from this area able to access experimental therapies if they wish, they also have the opportunity to empower themselves by taking a positive stand against the disease. Although a truly effective treatment is yet to be found, we have observed many people enjoy the benefits of new medications, of constructive action and opportunity to participate. Results from several clinical trials have demonstrated the superior performance of several new anti-HIV drugs, and of combination therapies.

We are also very fortunate at UNMC to have two world class scientists in the field - Drs. Howard E. Gendelman and Mario Stevenson. They continue their work in pathogenesis and molecular biology in their respective laboratories.

On behalf of the patients and the staff of the HIV Clinic at UNMC, we thank all our donors for providing us with this opportunity. We plan to do even better in 1995.

Respectfully, Susan Swindells, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Medicine
HIV Medical Director

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PFLAG DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PFLAG'S POLICY STATEMENT ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

IN ORDER THAT OUR CHILDREN MAY GROW TO HEALTHY, WHOLE ADULTHOOD, WE BELIEVE:

*A knowledge of human sexuality and an understanding of the human relationships which are important to the full development of the individual should be introduced to the child in age-appropriate ways very early in life.

*The family, as the primary caregiver, should constantly reinforce the teachings as the child matures.

*Parents, to be effective teachers and models, must clarify their own knowledge, beliefs, and value systems in order that they might be comfortable in transmitting them to their children.

*An understanding of one's sexuality can be enhanced through agencies outside the family such as: schools, religious institutions, youth groups, and health services. These are not to substitute for the family but rather to support parents in providing current information through another caring environment.

*A study of human sexuality is only complete and honest if it includes homosexuality; therefore, we urge parents and teachers to impart to children a non-judgmental understanding of homosexuality.

*Since approximately 10% of our children are homosexual, adults need to be able to relate sensitively to young persons who are having difficulty with his understanding of their sexuality.

*All children should be made aware of the health risks in certain kinds of sexual activity. They should be given realistic and useful help in the avoidance of such risks.

*Gay men, Lesbians, Bisexual and Transsexual people can lead productive and meaningful lives, and their sexuality can be incorporated into their lives in caring, committed, and loving relationships.

This is what PFLAG is about and we do make a difference:

I'd read the PFLAG statement on human sexuality just a few days prior. My nephew, age 6, and I were off to view the lights of Christmas. I was driving. He told me about going to recess at school with his friend, Bill. He said he and Bill talked about sex and they had it figured out "except for one thing." They still wondered "if you had to be naked?" He asked me, "Do you?" I told him "yes." I asked my nephew "What do you think sex is?" He told me he would have a swimsuit on and she would be in her underwear, then they would get into bed and kiss and touch. (His mom had answered a few questions earlier.) I told him that was right and in order to have sex you had to be an adult and you should love the person you are having sex with. My nephew looked me square in the eye and asked, "Have you ever had sex?" I told him "yes." He asked "With who?" At this point, I nearly sideswiped a car, but I recovered and told him, "I had sex with my old boyfriend, John."

Then, thanks to PFLAG, I said something quite wise. I told my six-year old nephew, who is kind and caring, who asked for an "Easy Bake Over" for his third Christmas, who prefers dolls to trucks, who prefers ballet to football, and who has two drama classes under his belt, "sometimes a man and a woman have sex, sometimes two men have sex, and sometimes it's two women who have sex. When you love someone, it's OK." He

accepted my "pearls of wisdom" matter-of-factly. Then he was off to other subjects.

His father, my brother, through no choice of his own, knows his best friend from high school is Gay. His father has also grown to know some of my sister, Marta, and my friends who are Gay/Lesbian. In particular, one Gay man has spent countless hours with my nephew. He was a friend. He was very open and honest about being born Gay and the struggles in life due to it. My brother loves his child enough that he will not lie to him. I was safe in telling my nephew the truth.

Perhaps, my nephew will go with the odds (90% heterosexual, 10% homosexual). But if he doesn't, either way he will be what the universe intended him to be, and due in a large part to PFLAG, he will be surrounded by people who will love, support, and respect him, "Just the way he is."

Cynthia, PFLAG-Lincoln

COMMUNITY HIV/AIDS EDUCATION AWARD

Cynthia also shared the following letter with us. The New Voice offers its congratulations to Marta for her award. Way to go, Marta!

Dear Marta,

It is a pleasure to notify you of the Lincoln-Lancaster County AIDS Task Force's decision to present you with its 1994 "Community HIV/AIDS Education" award in the individual category.

This award recognizes your outstanding contribution to HIV/AIDS education in our community. Because of your willingness to share your personal story, your audiences not only become more knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS but also come to understand the human side of this disease. Your dedication and perseverance in reaching out to educate others, truly does make a difference.

On behalf of the Lincoln-Lancaster County AIDS Task Force, please accept our appreciation for your efforts. Arrangements will be made through the AIDS program staff at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department to present the "Community HIV/AIDS Education" award to you.

Respectfully,
Gary George
Chairperson

ATTITUDES CERTAINLY HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH!

Dear Sharon,

I watched with interest the media coverage of the removal of gay art from The Run and in the process became very aware of how little attitudes of those in power here in Omaha have changed. This, like the publicity of arrests of gays in a local park only point to those attitudes. While I do not condone open sexual acts in public places, I was very aware that no heterosexual acts were publicized like the acts of the gays.

Now again the gay community has been singled out to be held up to public ridicule and scorn by the labeling of gay art as pornography.

While the community at large turns its back on the overt sexual activity displayed every day in every home with a T.V. This kind of biased views are the very seeds that keep the attitudes of bigotry and intolerance alive in our community.

In this new year, it would be so refreshing to see people practice some tolerance and understanding for those people with different views and lifestyles. Then and only then will we truly enjoy peace on earth, good will toward all men and women.

Happy New Year,
Sam L. Gilmore

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POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

"A SEVERE CASE OF POST-GURU DRIP....."

Things are a mess here, what with cleaning up after my mother and all, so I have to make this short, my little haiku-hens. We will be seeing pieces from Fritz Bally, Daniel Siagusa, Christopher Thomas, and two from yours truly. Don't listen to anything my mother said, someone mixed her meds again.

Peace and Kibbles,
Brian

COOL RAIN

By Fritz Bally

Delirious - ridden blue with love, purple fingers fiddle sweet music. Languid dreams whisper over our bodies. Pink-white mist soars between - these men - heaving and smearing their lust together. Picture, life - we kiss the pungent petals and rip red the delicate peach.

THE MIGRATION

By Daniel Siagusa

Yes, I was privy to that sort of revelation. Overjoyed in its intensity But talking started to pale and who knows what bon mot turned into what spicily placed retort. The clock ticked and people meshed. A voice overheard told of a night meeting about apples and oranges. I came. You left. You didn't return. And there I stood, in my Sunday finery, oblivious to the ensuing commotion. And what if you never came back? Well, what of it. Soon even the geese won't come back. The sorry people will still turn their gazes to the sky hoping to see a pretty v-formation. We call phenomena like that instinct. Whether you obey some fixed internal mechanism, or the skittish pulls and chains of own doing, I cannot say. I am outdoors, watching starlings fight with house wrens for the best seed. Nobody cares about sparrows anymore - they're too common.

"Take two gurus and call me in the morning."

- 1.) Send typed poems of thirty lines or less.
- 2.) Will try to respond in a reasonable time frame.
- 3.) Send comments/critiques if you'd like.
- 4.) SASE if you want 'em back.
- 5.) Blow, don't sniff!!!

LONELY DAY

By Christopher Thomas

The day tunnels into the darkness of words. I stand among their disappointments like a mountain flower pressed and dried into something absurd.

I recite your name each hour. It hovers in the room like the shadow the clock makes when the late afternoon sun filters through the house. I check the mirror,

find two strangers standing there. What waits between us is all I own. I am not who I was without you. I'm caught in a scason I can neither pronounce nor spell.

I feel forgotten in the bones. I'm a thing gone loose and limp. What was two has become one. Somehow I prefer this to being lonely in your arms.

BEING OF SOUND MIND

By Christopher Thomas

I decided to decide which of my whats should go where and knowing how silent they would be without me, I've prepared this list that I might speak in their behalf.

If I am survived by he who revived the hunk in me, what is - is his until he dies. Our ashes are to be mixed and kept in the blue-willow ginger jar above the fireplace in the visiting room.

Then the house and all its things shall be a home to visiting poets. Each shall take a small jar of the ashes to their graves so I may only resurrect if they do.

OFF-DAYS

By Brian E. Bengtson

There is a weight in every movement, like a casing of stone over each tired muscle, and an ache deep inside my belly that food can't seem to quiet.

I should be used to it by now. It should be part of the daily list, right between "wake up," and "brush my teeth." I don't want to die, but I can see a red ribbon pulled taut, and waiting for my last push.

There is a fever that toys at the edges of my punctured skin, like the prickly kneading after my foot wakes up, and a shortness of breath that scares my inner eight-year-old.

I shouldn't be surprised. It should be part of the program, followed after the taking of pills. I don't want it to end, but I can see the quiet peace waiting for me to come home.

CLOSING TIME

By Brian E. Bengtson

I can imagine darkness, solid, sturdy, no trace of thought except for lasting vibrations of peace

constantly echoing, replacing traits of identity, like a child who presses shut his eyes, driving out the monsters and the night, holding on

to that last memory of the door being open with the light left on in the hall, and I can tease myself that I really won't mind.

FEATURES

CONTACT CONGRESS: IT'S EASY & URGENT

As Congress convenes, anti-gay extremists are poised to launch new attacks on our rights and dignity. Now more than ever, lesbian and gay Americans — and our friends and family — must make our voices heard on Capitol Hill.

Contacting Congress is quick, easy, and effective. This may be hard to believe, but Members of Congress respond to the people back home. The forces of fear only triumph over the forces of fairness when they send more mail to Washington than we do.

Congress trounced us on discrimination in the military because constituent calls and letters ran 100 to one against us. On the other hand, when Members of Congress have heard from us, we've made progress. Through phone calls, letters, and meetings, average citizens secured unprecedented support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a legislative priority for lesbian and gay Americans.

The good news from the 1994 election is that, amidst the Republican sweep, voters of all parties rejected anti-gay discrimination. They defeated discriminatory ballot measures in Oregon and Idaho and re-elected virtually all Members of Congress who supported ENDA. Post-election polls confirm that non-partisan majorities support equal rights: 64 percent of Republicans, 71 percent of Independents, and 77 percent of Democrats

agree that lesbian and gay American should not face discrimination, particularly in the workplace.

Our challenge is to bring the message of non-discrimination to the new Congress, even though we are severely out-gunned by well-funded Radical Right groups. Pat Robertson's "Christian Coalition" alone claims more than 1 million members. His TV network reaches 60 million homes, mobilizing viewers to call the Capitol. Our task is to get Congressional moderates of both parties to overcome this pressure and fight for the fundamental value of fairness.

Take just a few minutes to fight the right in Congress. Introduce yourself to your Senators and Representatives by calling or writing them about each of the following issues. Ask them to:

Support the Ryan White CARE Act. A post-election poll found that 78 percent of the voters favor increased efforts for AIDS research, prevention, and care. The CARE Act is the key source of federal funding for vital services for people with HIV/AIDS.

Co-sponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. ENDA would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation. Remind Congress that until ENDA passes, no federal law protects hard-working Americans from being fired and otherwise discriminated against at work merely for being lesbian, gay,

bisexual, or even heterosexual. Most voters favor equal rights in the workplace. Point out the bill prohibits quotas and does not apply to religious organizations, small businesses, and the military.

Oppose any legislation that singles out lesbians and gay people for discrimination. Extremists will use any opportunity to further their discriminatory agenda. Attacks are expected on education bills, arts funding, HIV/AIDS.

Keep these addresses and phone numbers, and pass them on to friends and family:

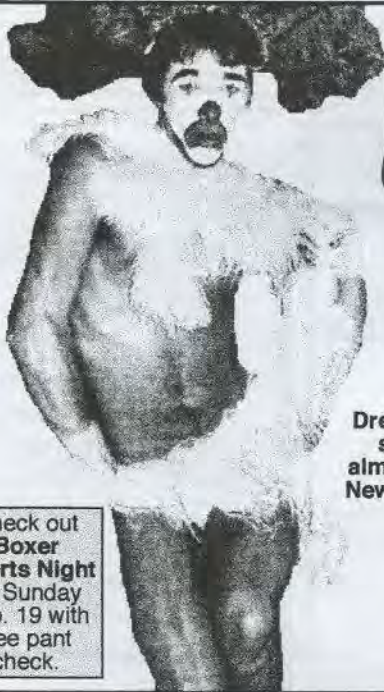
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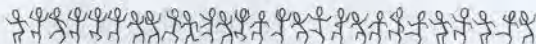
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Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Yes siree! The Doctors have confirmed what most of us were already well aware of: former President Reagan has Alzheimer's. Why else would a Presidential push onto the back-burners the needs of a national catastrophe like AIDS? Maybe there will be a forthcoming announcement that President Bush has a tinge of it too.

Although I may be saying this in a bit of jest, in the back of my mind I have this awful thought: what if our leaders were ill, mentally/emotionally, and making decisions under such circumstances, decisions which would affect the lives of millions?! It's a scary scenario and whether we're Republican or Democrat we've all learned how info of this nature is kept under wraps from the electorate. I've lived long enough to remember the sickly times of F.D.R., J.F.K., Richard Nixon, and lord knows how many alcoholics. I wonder what decisions made during their times of "stress" might have been different if they had been under no strain.

What it comes down to I guess is that as plain and simple citizens we may truly be at the mercy of the D.C. politically correct, P.C. liars, BUT it behooves us all to adopt the motto "Be Alert". Let us never be afraid to search for and demand the truth from our so-called civil servants who were elected by the majority of voters...non-voters basically are non-entities.

The watch-word which any minority must adopt is "AVANT!" — onward, upward, forward!

FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Ludson, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

The only real advantage we have is our moral edge. It will progress us as a minority through the left over mine fields of our leaders under "stress"; though the apathy of those who didn't go to the polls to vote, even though the deceipts of the D.C. P.C.s; our individual moral edge will make us winners.

CHANNEL CHANGE: Are you covered by a group insurance plan at work? Mine costs approximately \$1,000 a year, a lot less than what I'd pay if I had individual coverage, but still a lot of moola. Most of us who have medical coverage simply feel secure; we never use it unless we are struck down by an illness or accident. That's why we joined the group coverage, isn't it...to protect ourselves IN CASE?

Well I may not be Heloise, but here's a tip from HeloACE. If you got it, USE IT!

I have to pay a bit additionally above my actual Doctor costs but a \$10 Doctor visit is preventative medicine. Get a thorough physical check-up, have your teeth cleaned, ears, corns removed, check out your arteries, lungs pictured, cancer check-ups, how about the Virus? Maybe a brain scan! I mean, you get the idea. If you got it, use it, you're paying for it!

Be sure and tell your Doc exactly what you want or you'll get much less than you expected. Remember they are practicing medicine on you. If your Doc tells you, as mine did "you really should stop smoking" - ask him/her "why?". Is this only a desire on their part, or are we in trouble, and, if we are then let them prove it. My lung x-rays showed that maybe I might have smoked a little at some point in my life but they were nice and pink and there were no signs of throat damage or cancer signs anywhere. I even outdid my Doctor on the treadmill: I don't go to the gym and I smoke 2 packs a day after dropping down from 4 1/2 because of the costs. I'll have this checkup again in a year to see if things have changed. Doc doesn't nag me any more on the subject. I shared my secret in keeping my lungs clean and so here's HeloACE's 2nd tip to you;

take a jigger glass with a tablespoon of honey and a tablespoon of vinegar; heat it your microwave, hold your nose and slug it down once every 4 to 5 months. You wouldn't believe the crap you'll cough up and spit out. Love ya darling and let's hope your Doc does also!

Come one, come all! The Reno, Sparks, Lake Tahoe gays and lesbians and The Patches of Love Quilt Project invite you to join in viewing one of the largest displays of the AIDS Quilt in the West by helping make an impact while you take a vacation. The Quilt display begins Thursday, February 23rd and runs through Sunday the 26th at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center. The largest Quilt display on the West Coast will be in October at the Rose Bowl.

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

LESBIAN WRITER SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED

The Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation announced the submission deadline for its 1995 Lesbian Writers Fund. Now in its fifth year, the Lesbian Writers Fund will be making five awards of \$11,000 each to emerging lesbian writers of fiction and poetry. Three fiction and two poetry prizes will be awarded.

"Astraea stands alone in committing substantial grant monies to support lesbian writers," according to Astraea program director, Ivy Young. "The Writers Fund has made it possible for past awardees to have that space where creation is possible. And we are all made better by their efforts," Young said.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 8, 1995. Interested writers should write or call the Astraea Foundation for guidelines and an application form at The Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation, Attn: Lesbian Writers Fund, 666 Broadway Suite 520, New York, NY 10012; 212-529-8021.

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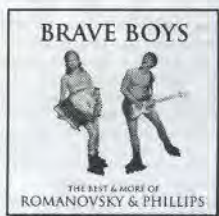
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"ZODIASCOPÉ" Astrological Forecast for FEBRUARY 1995

by C. Lichtenstein

There are those unlightened souls who believe that Valentines should only be red, but why limit color? Perhaps the world would be more at peace if we embraced a rainbow of colors for our hearts. February offers new insights with the Sun in intuitive Pisces, but misdirected communication could occur with retrograde Mercury. We feel inwardly in tune, but we are not expressing our feelings effectively. No matter, in the month of love, no words need be uttered.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) You may feel strangely wise and perceptive in February. Allow yourself the necessary time and space to pull back from the world and meditate to seek the answers from deep within. Friends, however, cannot be relied upon. They don't understand you and vice versa. No matter, you are more than able to forge your own way and don't need anyone to hold you back.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Taureans give a royal wave as they hold court in social circles. The royal "we" must mingle and express our ideas and opinions but those delightful abilities are more appreciated among friends than in career. "We" must be careful of throwing pearls before corporate swine. If communicators are misinterpreted, "we" will find ourselves in losing in the Bull ring. Get the point?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) There is the off chance that the opinions that you force on others may be heard and appreciated, but why take the heavy hand? Make your point far more convincing by speaking softly and sprinkling your words with a little sugar. Career advances can be made towards the end of the month as all you have been working towards beings to come into view. Is it the light at the end of the tunnel or just an oncoming train?

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Don't rush into any investments now, no matter how tempting they may seem. Money is better spent on more universal projects such as a course of study which enables you to improve your credentials and do some good for us out there. The path to true lust may not run smoothly. Be careful of how you express your exuberant emotions so they are not misinterpreted.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Is it possible that Leo's seem even more overbearing than usual? It is best to avoid any interviews or "first encounters" and concentrate more on those who know what you are really like and love you anyway, warts and all. You don't mean to be obnoxious. It's just that you know you are fabulous and just want to inform everyone else. They don't call you proud

for nothing!

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Relationships reach a new level of understanding if you are willing to take a more balance view of the situation. (This may be music to Virgo's ears, but remember that it takes two to tango!) Plan job tasks carefully - you may waste too much time on unnecessary projects because of wayward subordinates. (It's a shame that the vassal system is out of fashion.)

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) Although most people consider you a little less organized than you should be, this month may surprise even your most ardent critics. Use this time to get your job and everyday tasks in order. Sadly my dear, it is not the time to relax and party. The planets will conspire to make any enjoyable pursuit too annoying to be savored and friends too overbearing to be tolerated. Better to work now and party later.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) Feel trapped? You may face an almost overwhelming temptation to do anything to escape the confines and the annoyances of your home. Just as well - Scorpios are sometimes too staid and anti-social. There is a balance though; if you need to let loose and have a little fun, do it calculatedly and conservatively. It is in bad taste to burst upon the scene in flames and expect a warmer reception.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Use this time to relax at home and enjoy what you have built. Quiet, reflective time away from others may be just the thing right now as the planets make communication with others difficult or disruptive. Poor old Sagittarius may suffer from "foot in mouth disease" if not careful. Others know you don't mean it, but once a word is uttered, it is difficult to take back.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Don't be tempted to throw good money after bad based on a promise of two. This is not the time to invest or even listen to financial advice. It is a good time however, to put your money where your mouth is. Express your views grandly and publicly for the Gay community. Despite what others think, you offer sage wisdom and wise observation, if asked. I'm now asking.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) First impressions are lasting impressions, so be careful of not properly preparing for an important meeting or interview. You can blow it big time if you don't give it the proper seriousness. On the bright side, there could be a big payoff as investments seem to come into their own. I guess if you can't make them love you at first sight, you can at least

try to buy them off.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Shy Pisces will have to overcome their bashfulness. Be happy! The planetary energy is almost too good to waste. Get out there and meet new people - you never know what can happen! Do not allow friends to dissuade you and don't use your job as an excuse that you are too busy. This is the time of new beginnings so build carefully and deliberately for future success.

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BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS FIRST CD

The Boston Gay Men's Chorus, under the leadership of Music Director Robert Barney, announces the completion and release of its first commercial recording, *Visions: Words for the Future*. *Visions* features nine premiere recordings of new music commissioned by gay choruses. Six of the nine works were commissioned by the BGMC itself. Among composers presented on the recording are Daniel Pinkham, Conrad Susa, David Conte and Bill Cutter.

Available on compact disc and cassette, the project was recorded in the acoustic splendor of Boston's historic Jordan Hall by noted engineer Scott Kent and has been released on the AFKA label. Guest artists for the recording include Boston Symphony Orchestra flutist Fenwick Smith (in Susa's *A Winter Serenade*) and the Capital Brass (in Jeffrey Brody's *Psalm 100*).

The project represents one of the most ambitious and musically significant projects yet undertaken by a gay or lesbian chorus. The nine selections demonstrate the diversity, power and talent that the gay choral movement has inspired during the last decade. The disc also represents a landmark accomplishment by one of Boston's smaller organizations.

Music Director Robert Barney stated, "I'm proud of what a unique offering this CD is. It is a musically significant contribution to the coral music field as well as an important document about what the gay and lesbian choral movement has accomplished. As a community chorus, we tackled extremely difficult music and met the challenge with flying colors."

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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: SHADES OF BROWN

by Shelly Roberts

I must have been in the bathroom when they took the vote. Or maybe I was out of town at the time. Just exactly when was it that we all decided that the national lesbian color was brown?

I hadn't noticed it before, until I went to the *Lammy's* this year. The *Lammy's*, for you uninitiated are our highest literary pinnacle, The Gay and Lesbian Pulitzer Prizes. The Queer Academy Awards, only for *books*, since they don't much let us into the movies unless accompanied by an adult.

The *Lammy's* are the Lambda Literary Awards, sponsored by the *Lambda Book Report*, a bimonthly magazine underwritten by Lambda Rising, the bookstore in Washington, DC. The magazine takes no prisoners and very little advertising. It draws from the literary luminary list of over 400 reviewers, and is the bible that your local bookstore uses to decide what to stock. Once a year, through a series of obscure procedures that winners are convinced are imminently fair and extraordinarily accurate, the best of the book breeds are handed pieces of scrimshawed crystal for their literary efforts. Kate Clinton officiates. A rubber chicken dinner is had by all and a good time is had by many.

The books, and their authors are feted once a year in whatever city the ABA's (American Bookseller's Association) annual convention is held. (Be patient, I'll get to the brown part in a minute. After all, if I don't tell you this stuff, who will?) Anyway... ABA is where Random House and Barnes & Noble get together to schmooze (a technical term) and decide just how many million copies of Daniel Steel or Tom Clancy you'd find on their shelves. It's also where people who have

received the favorite low-fat recipes of gods in spacuits hawk the story they've scribed on the laptops. Nearly two thousand companies and individuals vie for whatever dollars are left in bookstore budgets after they've shelled out the big bucks for the latest from Ludlum.

In addition ABA features an institution, replete with banners and flags, referred to as the Gay-Lesbian-Feminist Aisle. This is where B & N, not to mention, Outwrite, Out & About, and OutBooks go to replenish their g/l stock of reading material. It's where Naiad and Firebook and Alyson and Paradigm all go to show and sell. It's why I was in LA at the time, and got to attend the *Lammy's* in the first place. And where I learned our national lesbian colors are not even in the rainbow spectrum.

Now I have to tell you, I have seen glamour in my time. Oh, sure, noting Presidential, you understand, but "do"s that had more forks, knives and spoons at one place setting than I have in my entire silverware drawer. So I have a frame of reference for recognizing snazz when I see it. Or when I don't. Besides, I've seen what Bob Mackee can accomplish with some see-through sequins to show off Cher's navel every year at the Oscars.

And, trust me on this, Mr. Mackee was nowhere to be seen at the *Lammy's*. At least not on the ladies. Our gentlemen were a different story. Peacocks (is that redundant?) to the last man. Dull-birds to the right. Not *you* of course. Or me either. We weren't afraid to be a bold swatch of style, a confident coloratura.

But, my oh my, the blabs and blands and the boring festooning of the rest of us. It was as though, in forsaking all those usual roles, we neglected to get costumes of our own. Boy pants. Boy shirts. Boy, oh, boy, the glumeratti. Not a star in a carload. At our highest accoladum!

Maybe the girlie garb is somehow about acting-out old roles. So we assign it much lesser value.

But how exactly did we figure that the boys granted us any more appealing apparel?

Sure chinos and oxford cloth are more comfortable than the Barbie doll alternative, Cheaper too. It's just that, in case nobody noticed, we have sticky-outy stuff in places where boys don't. And we don't where they do. So their jockeys and jerseys and jams just make us look like the laundry ate our real clothes, and we're doing the best we can with what we can scrounge from our brother's drawers.

Isn't it time we found a fashion faze of our very own? Dyke duds. Annie Oakley outfits.

Melissa Etheridge ensembles, Kate Clinton clothing. Strong women styles reeking of Eleanor Roosevelt updated. Clothes really in league of our own.

Let's shed some of those boring beiges and monotonous monotonies. Let's turn from our tiresome taupes and tans, cast out cliché cinnamons and chestnuts. Let's opt for cache. Declare our independence, and quit masquerading as mudhens.

Let's let go of the holocostian notion of embracing black triangles as though they didn't advertise reminders to whole generations yet unborn that once, somewhere it was believed that we could be cured by charring.

And, what the hey, let's even consider going clear off to cheery. Oranges or Azures. Limes. Or Grapes. Or, as long as we are ruminating fruity, cherry is cheery. Ruby red. Capable crimson. Stalwart scarlet. Something to look good in and feel good about. And even something for the symbolically impaired, who could contentedly refer to it as menstrual mandarin and leave the rest of us alone.

I say let's stop dressing for our own funerals. Even on the most gay occasions. Ballrooms weren't meant for browns. They were meant for bangle beads.

The plain fact is, these are the 90's. We're busy putting our best faces forward. Isn't it time we stopped facing the world in colors designed to go best with sensible shoes?

The next time we have a vote on an identity issue as important as this one, could someone please call me in time to raise my hand. Or... better yet... don't wait till the ballots are printed. Sign me up right now for the nominating committee.

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NEW MEN'S CATALOG

Rick Hutcheson, President and CEO of Shocking Gray Corp. announced that Shocking Gray has introduced a new catalog brand, M2M, targeting urban gay males. "M2M brings the best of what's fresh and cutting edge in the bicoastal urban gay meccas to stylish gay men throughout the country," Hutcheson explained.

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QUARANTINE IN CUBA AND AT HOME

by Joseph Schuman

I'm going to defend Cuba's quarantine of PWA's.

There! Now I've got your attention, so let me backpedal before I get lynched. I oppose quarantine in the U.S. and I oppose quarantine in Cuba. So why am I defending it? What I mean is this: I think that criticism of Cuba's policy has been overstated; that the policy could be adopted in Cuba by reasonable and humane people; and that - while I think it's wrong - it does not deserve condemnation. It's just plain unfair to compare quarantine in Cuba to quarantine here. Their situation is different.

Quarantine is a terrible thing. What is more precious than the freedom to come and go? I don't like the idea of confining anybody, for any reason, under any circumstances. Quarantine is confinement of the innocent and that's even worse. Still, I think most of us agree that sometimes it's necessary.

But quarantine for AIDS is far different from quarantine for measles. Measles is contagious. You can't take universal precautions against measles: we all have to breathe.

And quarantine for measles is a nuisance, while quarantine for AIDS is confinement for life, or until we find a cure... whichever comes first. But you need to know more than just what bug is involved. I was on a camping trip with my family when I was 8 or 10 years old.

We saw a sign imposing polio quarantine on an entire town. "Roll up your windows," drivers were advised at the city limits. "Don't stop here for gas. And don't even think about lunch at our cafe."

We rolled up our windows and drove through town fast. Polio quarantine was not a life sentence, true, but it was a lot more than a nuisance.

A year or two later, polio vaccine was developed and everything changed. A quarantine which had been justified before would be oppressive now. In the same way, a quarantine which is oppressive here might be necessary somewhere else.

Would quarantine of 99 responsible PWA's have been justified if it prevented one asshole from acting crazy? What about ten? Fifty? What if 100 new infections were prevented? Or one, or a million? I don't now how to answer these questions.

In the U.S., quarantine for HIV is crazy. Here, it would impose a life sentence on innocent people, but it would offer absolutely no realistic prospect of any benefit at all. We couldn't have made a dent in the epidemic by locking people up.

But Cubans faced a tougher question. They could realistically hope for an impact. After all, when HIV was identified, only a few Cubans had been infected, while the milk in the U.S. had already been thoroughly spilled.

You can effectively quarantine a hundred people, but not a hundred thousand. Besides, U.S. borders are far more virus-permeable than Cuba's. Us Yanks travel around the world; foreign tourists come here all the time; we receive lots of immigration. With some help from geography and a lot of help from the U.S. blockade, Cuba could hope to keep down new infections from outside.

But limiting outside infections is not the only

impact of the blockade. *Cuba is poor.*

Universal precautions whose costs are insignificant here would be completely unaffordable there. There, *more condoms mean less food.* I'll bet there isn't a disinfecting unit like the one my dentist uses on the whole island. Throw-away medical practice, with paper sheets, single-use thermometers, plastic-wrapped everything? Out of the question! AZT? Cuba can't get *penicillin*; I've heard they have shortage of *aspirin*.

People worry about the impact of AIDS on our economy. Cuba has far fewer resources and won't lavish care on a few while depriving others. If Cuba had an epidemic proportionate to ours, it would face destruction.

In the U.S., meanwhile, thousands of PWA's are homeless and thousands more lack decent food, housing and care. We've got billions to build new prisons but the Illinois Department of Corrections says it can't afford clean needles or condoms for prisoners.

So, when condemnation of Cuba's quarantine comes from AIDS activists, I think it's unfair and it makes me sad. But when it comes from our government - the government which won't take care of PWA's here and which has intentionally worsened the conditions which make Cuba's choices so hard - then it's outrageous and it fills me with cold and impotent rage.

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THREE BUNGLED AMERICAN OUTINGS

by William A. Percy

Just as the traditional gay groups in the UK, including the principal one, Stonewall, have recently staked so much money and effort attempting to equalize the age of consent for homosexuals with that for heterosexuals and lesbians, mainline activists in America have found themselves exhausted by their ability to achieve only an unsatisfactory compromise in their attempts to attain the right for gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military.

As a result and because of the growing toll of AIDS in the face of monumental neglect from the government and the military's and the right wing's stalwart opposition to gays in the military, some of America's more intrepid activists, like their English counterparts, have stepped up the pace of outing.

In the crises on both sides of the Atlantic activists, incited by the hypocrisy of the Anglican and American establishments, have responded with the best tool at their disposal — outing, but in England only of the unabashed homophobic hypocrites.

One of the more significant outings in America recently was that of Senator David L. Boren (D., Oklahoma), a joint accomplishment of Gay and Lesbian American's founder Michael Petrelis, a star both of ACT UP and Queer Nation, and the

spectacular columnist Michelangelo Signorile. Without being names, Boren had been the subject of pp 168-192 of Signorile's best selling book, *Queer in America* (Random House, 1993), there simply called "the Legislator" who when his wife went out of town from time to time sexually "harassed" and "victimized" one or another of his male aides after both got drunk. "His desire to keep his homosexuality a secret does not affect only his life.

Beyond the obvious fact that it influences the lives of millions of his own kind whom he votes against, his being closeted also causes him to sexually and psychologically abuse people who work for him. The damage done to these young men is incalculable. "Certainly there can be lifelong trauma" (p. 182).

While some might argue that because the aide who blew the whistle, being well over 21, voluntarily returned to the Senator's home on several occasions and had sex with him, a different interpretation might be offered.

Also, perhaps the Senator, like many husbands who engage in furtive sex (often while inebriated) does not consider himself gay.

In any case, he announced after being outed by Percy on radio talk shows that in June 1994, he would retire from politics, perhaps to become

president of a state university in Oklahoma.

A graduate of Yale College *somma cum laude* (1963) and, like George Bush, a member of the Skull and Bones Society, Boren was like President Clinton a former Rhodes scholar. He took his law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1968. A member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as early as 1967, he went on to become Governor in 1975 and then Senator from 1979 onwards.

Within the Senate chairs the Select Committee on Intelligence — a "sensitive" position if ever there was one. His career strikingly parallels Clinton's in neighboring Arkansas except that he has ended one rung below in the hierarchy.

Like many Washington insiders, Petrelis deduced Boren's name for the information in *Queer in America* (but also received a tip, as he confirmed to us in a telephone conversation). Petrelis then demonstrated with others outside the Senator's office.

Boren's outing attained almost no media coverage. The mainstream press in America has frequently been guilty of sensationalizing outing attempts which have homophobic motives but which have less substantive proof than do many outings by gay activists.

One such recent case was the accusations, now recanted, mad against Chicago Catholic Cardinal Bernardin by an ex-seminarian Steve Cooke, who after alcohol and drug addiction was diagnosed with AIDS, that Bernardin had coerced him into sex over two decades ago.

The accusations were made in the context of a \$10,000,000 lawsuit and the only evidence was the man's alleged long-lost memories of the occurrence, brought back or "reinforced" through hypnosis.

It is not uncommon for conservative or homophobic columnists to use rumors or allegations to take "swipes" at public figures they disdain, even when the evidence is far from sound. *New York Times* Pulitzer Prize winning columnist William Safire's sneers may have caused retired Admiral Bobby Inman to decline to be further considered as a candidate for Secretary of Defense on Jan. 18, 1994. Whatever his true intentions, Safire, who had been hurling journalistic barbs at Inman for years allegedly because Inman did not support some of Safire's pro-Israeli positions.

Safire, who is alleged to have secret connections with the Israeli Intelligence Service, in effect took advantage over the current hysteria in America over the issue of gays in the military.

During the few days before Inman withdrew from consideration as Defense Secretary, rumors that he might be gay or even a pedophile had been printed by various news outlets. At the Jan. 18th press conference, Inman accused Safire of conspiring with Sen. Minority Leader Robert Dole to circulate rumors that Whitewater as well as about Inman. The media have come off badly, as usual, on all three of these cases of outing.

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THE MEN WITH THE PINK TRIANGLE

A Review by Greg Hicks

The Men with the Pink Triangle, by Heinz Hegar, is the true life and death journey of one concentration camp victim's struggle though the camps of Germany, during the Nazi occupation.

Early in the 1930's, the main character discovers his attraction toward men. After suppressing his sexual feelings for several years, while studying at the world famous medical school in Vienna, he falls in love with the son of a high Nazi official.

Their relationship is investigated by the Gestapo and he is arrested for being "a dirty queer." He is interrogated, imprisoned, and later found guilty under Paragraph 175 of the German Criminal Code - Homosexual Behavior.

He is then sentenced to six months penal servitude, however towards the end of his six months he is told he will remain in custody and sent to his first of many concentration camps.

The central character is shuttled through several camps throughout this book, but due to his strong will to survive, he is finally released in 1945, after spending a total of six years in the camps.

Thousands upon thousands of homosexuals lost their lives through the many abuses and tortures inflicted on the victims of these concentration camps.

Many victims wondered what crime they had actually committed to be incarcerated in a concentration camp. Many homosexuals wondered, "What does it say about the world in which we live in, if an adult man or woman is told how and whom to love, and are persecuted for making a choice?"

Why have so few homosexual Holocaust survivors come forth to describe their ordeals? That is a question many people have asked. "Scarcely a word has been written on the fact, that along with the millions who Hitler had butchered on grounds of "race", hundreds of thousands of people were sadistically tortured to death simply for being homosexual, or having homosexual feelings."

Scarcely anyone has publicized the fact that the madness of Hitler and his followers was not directed just against the Jews, but also against the homosexual, in both cases leading to the final solution of seeking the Total Annihilation of these human beings."

Today, the pink triangle is a very strong symbol for the gay and lesbian community. No one truly knows the fate of the individuals who wore the first pink triangles. We have very few names and faces of gay Holocaust survivors who have spoken up or will speak up about their experiences in the camps. The men who wore pink triangles were never recognized as victims of the Holocaust. Many did survive, but many are still denied a place in today's society.

This book will give you a glimpse into a seldom discussed or explored history of gay Americans. Many may wish that their stories will never be told, but I believe it is time the world knows the whole truth about the Nazi atrocities.

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

A Review by Carla Petersen

Happy Ever After by Stacy Chandler will bring smiles to the faces and laughter to the hearts of its readers as it tells the tales of the author and her partner of many years. *Happy Ever After* is a collection of anecdotes from their life together — not too unlike the life Sharon and I have shared, and very similar to the lives of all couples. Chandler and her "Pookie" share their experiences as coupon fanatics, as recreational junkies, as homeowners, and as lovers. Chandler delights us when she talks about "Creating Your Second Language," the "Shelf Life" of the food stuffs they buy, the "Unwritten Rules" in a relationship, and, of course, their "Cash Clashes."

All in all Chandler takes us through their daily life with its joys and concerns in over fifty tales. *Happy Ever After* will appeal to couples who will readily identify with many of the incidents she describes, but it will also appeal to singles who are intent on coupling "someday." For those readers, Chandler shows a lot of the stretching and bending the individuals do to make a relationship work.

For a couple hours of light reading, *Happy Ever After* gets a thumbs up rating. I read it on the bus headed for the casino and I came home \$100 richer — but that's no guarantee, of course!

Happy Ever After is available from Speculators, Inc. in Troy Michigan.

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MELINDA PARAS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NGLTF

The Board of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced the appointment of San Francisco Health Commissioner Melinda Paras as the new executive director of the organization, which has been newly reshaped following a four-month program evaluation of the agency. Appointed to the San Francisco Health Commission in 1993 by Mayor Frank Jordan, Paras chairs the Budget Committee and serves on the Joint Conference of San Francisco General Hospital.

For the past four months, Paras has headed a transition team at NGLTF, assessing the organization's strengths, challenges and duties and developing a plan for NGLTF's next two years. The NGLTF board established the transition team in response to the departure of several key staff people, the changing demands of NGLTF's constituents and the altered political atmosphere facing the gay and lesbian community. Following extensive evaluation, Paras has created "a new vision of a new era."

Important changes at NGLTF, as developed by Paras, include:

- the full activation of the NGLTF Policy Institute, which will become a think tank in which the creative and vibrant analysts and organizers in the gay/lesbian movement will produce and disseminate valuable reports and organizing materials. A nationally-known respected director will recruit researchers, political analysts, writers, and organizers throughout the country (many of whom are already seeking an organized relationship with the Task Force) to affiliate with

the Institute. Their work — funded, published and marketed through the Institute — will become the backbone of the organization's policy work in such areas as AIDS activism, youth, domestic partner benefits, hate violence, right wing rhetoric, lesbian health initiatives and the hundreds of other important issues that face the community.

- a revamped field operation, attentive to the needs of local activists. Thousands of organizers around the nation rely on NGLTF as a vital source of information and assistance. The field operation

- will be staffed with activist experts who have access to the most complete information and resources available to the lesbian and gay community.

- commitment to the full and diverse representation of the lesbian and gay community in the agency's leadership and in areas of operation. The board has prioritized strong multicultural leadership as an essential criteria in the selection of the leadership team of organization.

In addition to heading the transition team responsible for creating a new structure for NGLTF, Paras has assisted in stabilizing NGLTF's finances. The organization has scaled back its budget to 2.6 million dollars and had prepared for a potential year-end deficit following income shortfalls earlier in the year. In her four months as interim Chief Operating Officer, Paras has eliminated that project deficit and the organization plans to end on the targeted budget.

"Melinda has done an amazing job of guiding

NGLTF out of a period of crisis and through an important evaluation and transition process," said NGLTF co-chairs Chris Collins and Deborah Johnson-Rolon. "Her contribution in only four months have been tremendous. She has created a new vision for a re-engineered NGLTF and has succeeded in stabilizing the organization's finances. These accomplishments give us the deepest confidence in Melinda's ability to lead NGLTF into the future."

"I have been a great admirer of NGLTF for years," Paras said. "I am proud to have led NGLTF out of its internal crisis so it could resume the critical work it does. Our constituents need so much from us — and the re-engineered NGLTF will be in a better position than ever before to deliver relevant programs and resources to our community."

Paras has been active in movements for social change in the Filipino and lesbian/gay communities for more than 20 years. In San Francisco, she served as coordinator of the lesbian/gay speakers bureau of the Community United Against Violence anti-violence project; vice president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club; staff member of the 1990 and 1991 political campaign to defend the new domestic partner law in 1992.

She pioneered efforts to make AIDS services available to poor and disenfranchised communities as the Director of Multicultural Affairs and later as the Deputy Director of Shanti Project, a large AIDS service provider in San Francisco.

NAMES PROJECT TO DISPLAY ENTIRE QUILT IN DC IN 96

Plans are underway to display the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt together again in Washington, D.C. The display, scheduled for Columbus Day weekend in 1996, will be the fifth showing of the entire Quilt in Washington, D.C. since The NAMES Project began in 1987.

Anthony Turney, executive director, announced, "We are embarking on a two year journey that will end in Washington, D.C. in October 1996 when we will gather up all the Quilt panels — 50,000 we expect by then — to display on the Mall."

Seven years since its inaugural appearance in Washington, D.C., the Quilt has increased 14 times in size, from 1,920 three-by-six foot panels in 1987, to its current size of more than 28,000 memorials. The NAMES Project estimates that by the time of the display in 1996, the Quilt will include as many as 50,000 panels and cover more than 32 acres. In order to fit the entire Quilt onto the grounds, the NAMES Project will need to cover the entire Mall from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial.

Turney continued, "Several weeks before critical U.S. elections, when the spotlight is on the President and elected members of Congress, we will display the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington — to ensure that AIDS and its awful cost is remembered as part and parcel of the American, and international, agenda."

The display will mark the first showing of the entire Quilt since 1992, when many felt the Quilt could no longer be displayed in its entirety due to its enormous size. "A display of this size is always a bittersweet proposition," said Turney. "The fact that the 1996 Quilt display will be 25 times larger than it was in 1987 is a horrific tragedy, because each one of those panels represents a life that shouldn't have been lost."

— NAMES Newsletter

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Write or call at any time. Pride, Love, and Union Service, P O Box 283, Woodstock, VT 05091, phone 03-448-3754 or fax 603-448-4076.

AmFedVets CONFERENCE

February 17th through 20th, 1995. The American Federation of Veterans (AmFedVets) is holding its first Biennial Conference and Educational Summit at the New York Holiday Hills Conference Center and Resort. The cost of the event, excluding transportation, is \$260 per person - double occupancy - including accommodations, food and workshops.

Among the featured guests are Anthony Hawkins, Director for the V.A. Center for Minority Affairs and Joan Furey, director for the V.A. Center for Women Veterans. The workshops will cover Women and Minorities, The Hidden Client, Sensitivity Training, Lobbying and Networking, The Senior Veteran, and Fundraising.

German Lopez, President of AmFedVets announced that the theme of the Conference is "Awareness Through Education - Responsibility Through Involvement." He suggests that reservations be made early in that there are limited accommodations. For information, contact 212-349-3455, FAX 212-233-6058, email swaroop44@aol.com, or mail AmFedVets Suite 811, Veterans Hall, 346 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y. 10013.

AmFedVets is a national, not-for-profit consortium of gay, lesbian, and bisexual veterans, non-gay veterans, military personnel, and supportive friends believing in equality of rights and equal access for all regardless of sexual orientation or minority status.

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JASON STUART RETURNS TO OMAHA

Just before New Year's I picked up my personal mail out of the mailbox. In amongst the handful of letters was a flyer. The return address was Modern Artists, Los Angeles, California. I opened it and gave a squeal of delight that caused the cats to jump to their feet and look around for the source of the excitement. "Carla!" I yelled, "Jason Stuart's coming back to Omaha!" You may remember Jason Stuart from his visit to Omaha last spring. He's the out, gay comedian who was the headliner at the Funny Bone. Remember? The one who came out on Geraldo about a year and a half ago. The cute, funny gay man whose favorite line is "Jealous?" This delightful comic will be appearing at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa on February 7 and then will be at the Funny Bone in Omaha from February 8 through February 12.

Jason Stuart has been very busy since he was here in Omaha last spring. His appearance on the "John Larroquette Show" and on "Sequest DSV" have aired. He's done an independent film called "A Sailor's Tattoo" with Alexandra Paul (of "Bay Watch") and Grace Jones. He's been interviewed by almost every major newspaper across the country, including The Los Angeles Times, who placed his story under an article on Warren Beatty (which, according to Jason, is exactly where he wants to be!) He's also appeared on "Evening at the Improv," "Comedy on the Road," "Comedy Central," and lots of news shows. Jason Stuart has also recorded his first comedy album and a new dance song, "I'm Out...Jealous!" But most exciting of all, his visit to Omaha gave Jason the opportunity to be interviewed once again for *The New Voice of Nebraska*. Jealous?

In an exclusive telephone interview, Jason Stuart bared all and shared his personal goals and dreams for the upcoming year.

Sharon—Jason, this is Sharon Van Butsel with *The New Voice* in Omaha.

Jason—Sharon! It's good to hear from you. Can you hold on just a minute?.....Okay, I'm back. I was on the other line congratulating a friend who's just been nominated for a grammy. I forgot that you were going to call today...not, that's not really true. I knew I had to stay home today to do phone interviews but I forgot that your's was at four o'clock and I was on my way to take a bath, so I'm standing here naked. How are you?

Sharon—Well, it's sort of exciting, talking to a naked Jason Stuart.

Jason—I've got a robe on now, but thanks for the thought.

Sharon—I've got a list of all the things you've been doing. You've been really busy. What's been the most exciting thing during this last year?

Jason—It's been a very good year, with my appearance on the John Larroquette show and on Sequest. And I did an independent film called "A Sailor's Tattoo."

Sharon—Is it worth seeing?

Jason—I don't know. I haven't seen it yet myself. I hear it's a little far out, but you'll have to watch for it and see what you think. I also got cast in an 'artsy' film called "Faces on Mars." In that I play a communist count. Then I did a show on America's Talk Channel, and I'm going to New York to do The Comic Strip. It was really exciting last summer when I did a show on Broadway with Sandra Bernhard for the Gay Games. She's a hoot.

Sharon—Okay, who's Sandra Bernhard.

Jason—She plays Nancy on "Roseanne."

Sharon—I'm terrible about the names of actors and actresses.

Jason—You know who I am and that's all that matters.

Sharon—True! Tell me about coming back to Omaha.

Jason—It was a great time when we were there last year. Our show sold out, and I'm looking forward to coming back.

Sharon—What can we look forward to when you come back?

Jason—New material, my new dance song, and me looking cuter than ever and still single. Though I did have an affair this year. I had thought it might work out with him and I'm sorry it didn't. I'm very much the romantic.

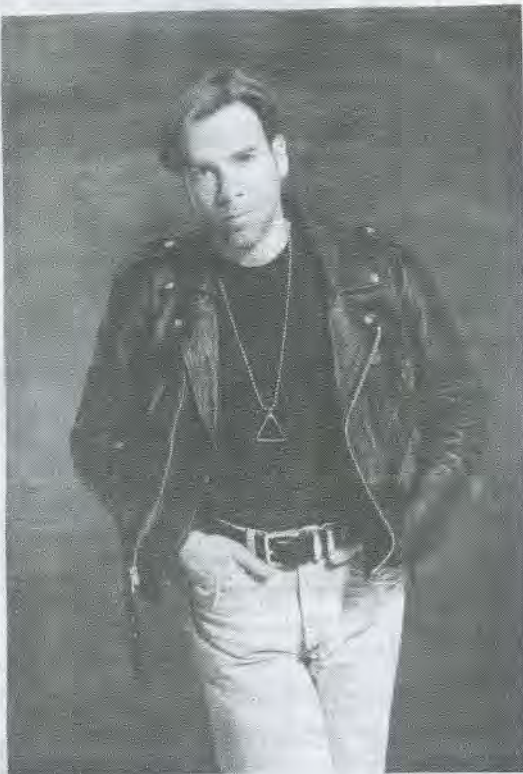
Sharon—Other than coming back to Omaha, what do you want to accomplish during the next year?

Jason—I want to get a very nice part in an independent film that is critically acclaimed and which I get no money for. So then I can do the same role in a big studio film that is not done as well, but I get big money for doing it.

Sharon—Any leads on this fantastic independent movie?

Jason—Not yet. I was up for a big movie but someone with a bigger name got it. I'm competing in a more competitive arena now for bigger parts. More famous people are up for them so it's more intense. And everyone wants to work with someone in particular so they're willing to work for less in order to get to work with that person. They just don't know yet that they want to work with Jason Stuart. And I do have another goal. I want to find a husband this year. Can you find me one?

Sharon—I can try. What are you looking for in a husband?



Jason Stuart Will Appear at Funny Bone

Jason—Michael Stedman from 30 something.

Sharon—Okay, but what qualities does Michael Stedman have that you are looking for?

Jason—I'm looking for someone who is strong, dark, handsome, passionate, committed, with a good sense of humor, and sexy.

Sharon—And someone who can walk on water?

Jason—Too much, huh? Maybe we always want too much.

Sharon—Not necessarily. You just have to find the right package.

Jason—Yeah, I guess you're right. Why are you asking? What are you, a dating service?

Sharon—Not really, but I'll see what I can do. I'll include your promo picture in the magazine and see what response we get. You look really good in the picture. You've lost weight.

Jason—Yes, I have. I've been working out really heavily.

Sharon—What is your preferred method of working out?

Jason—Now, you know I can't tell you his name. No, really, I work out with weights and I run.

Sharon—Okay, I'll keep my eyes open for Mr. Right. We'll see you at the Funny Bone in February.

Jason—Thanks for your support.

Jason Stuart will be appearing at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, on February 7, and at the Funny Bone in Omaha from February 8 through February 12. For reservations, call (402) 493-8036.

Jason Stuart's LIVE stand-up comedy and dance tape will be available for sale following the performances.

SNOBALL: A NIGHT OF ROYAL ENTERTAINMENT BY ICON'S MONARCHS I-XIV AND LOCAL TITLEHOLDERS — FEB. 26

For a glamorous evening of entertainment by the Imperial Court of Nebraska's royalty — past and present — plan to attend Snoball '95, Feb. 26, 9:30 p.m. at The MAX. Door admission is \$3.00 per person.

The set will be another eye-dazzler by Danny (Roxy—Empress XIII). Most recently you'll remember his sets from Food-4-Thought, Toyz-4-Totz, and Emperor David's Show for the Unity House.

Entertaining during the evening will be the following:

Emperor I, II, IV, V, VIII—Gary
Emperor VII—Dick
Emperor IX—Joe
Emperor X, XI—Gerald
Emperor XII—Steve
Emperor XIII—Connie
Emperor XIV—David
Empress V—Laura Lee
Empress IX—Felice
Empress XI, XIV—Mac
Empress XII—Phoenix
Empress XIII—Roxy

Now some of you are asking "What about the Athenas? Are they going to be there too?" Darn right, they are, but Snoball '95 will be an evening of retitling for them. For the past couple years ICON's Board has debated regularly whether 1) the Athena position was doing what it was designed to do, 2) it was worth the problems it caused when our Athenas traveled out of town, 3) we could singlehandedly educate all the other court systems in the international scene to accept an Athena on an equal basis with the Emperor and Empress, and 4) there was enough local interest in the position to warrant its continuance. All of that led us to a discussion of image.

What is it we imagine when we think of Emperor and Empress? What picture do we want

everyone to imagine when they think about those positions?

The consensus of the Board was that every person in our community from the toughest guy or gal to the femmest gal or guy to the all-American—every one of these should be able to picture himself or herself as either the Emperor or the Empress. We, of all groups from within the gay/lesbian/bi/transgender community should encourage every individual to be himself/herself. Thus we voted to discontinue the Athena position and retitله those currently holding those titles. So, one important part of the night will be the time when the Athenas take on a new title—either Emperor or Empress. Henceforth Athena II — Carla will be known as Emperor or Empress IX and Athena III — Tami will be known as Emperor or Empress XI and Athena IV — Tami will be known as Emperor or Empress XII. Come join us for this retitling and celebration! The title held by JoJo, Mother to all Athenas, will hereafter be known as "Mother Athena" JoJo.

Adding to the festive evening will be a number of the local titleholders from area pageants and bars:

Miss Closet Ball — Siera Sands
Mr. MAX — Tim
Miss MAX —
Mr. HGRA — Jim B.
Miss HGRA — Bobbi Jo Beaujolais
Ms. Leather NE — Miss Amanda
Mr. Leather NE — Renfield
Miss RUN — Miranda Wright
Miss DC's — Dorian Drake

Snoball '95 promises to be an exciting evening that you won't want to miss. Emceeding for the evening will be Pat Phalen, Emperor VI and Phoenix Fallentino, Empress XII and Miss Gay Omaha. A new Prince Royale XIV will be crowned during the evening's festivities. Plan to join us for "A Royal Affair."

THE CHANGING A.N.G.L.E. Organizational Assessment

By Rich Ketter

In October of 1994, the Board of Directors of A.N.G.L.E., Inc. met with a volunteer from the United Way of the Midlands, to undertake an assessment of Organizational Needs. The purpose was to assist board members in an analysis of management effectiveness. Five key areas of not-for-profit responsibilities were listed as Human Resources, Finance, Planning, Community Relations, and Organizational Operations.

This process fit nicely in ANGLE's commitment to be a flexible and responsive organization. The evaluation by the United Way Volunteer states that ANGLE is a stable organization with a strong foundation. It cites Personal Commitment and Cooperative Action in the Community as definite strengths and shows strong needs to expand membership and market programs and services. This report will be reviewed at the February 7th ANGLE meeting at the Religious Center at UNO. It will also serve as the focus for the 1995 Plan of Action being developed by the ANGLE Board of Directors. This plan is due for review in March of this year.

Anyone wanting a copy of the United Way Report should attend the February meeting, or call 402-558-5303, or write to P.O. Box 8343, Omaha, NE 68108-0343. A donation of one dollar is requested to cover copy and mailing costs.

PRIMETIMERS ENDS WITH A CELEBRATION

February 12 will mark the final meeting of the Primetimers organization in Omaha. The group invites the community to join them for a "Culmination Celebration" to be held at the Old Market South Country Cafe, on February 12 beginning at 6:45 p.m.

"NIGHT OF 1000 STARS" RAISES OVER \$93,500 FOR NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The sparkle was enhanced for the Nebraska AIDS Project when they released the report of the total of \$93,500 raised from the fundraiser, "Night of 1,000 Stars," and received a check for \$13,750 from Terry Watanabe, president of Oriental Trading Company.

The \$93,500 raised through the event represents a 79% increase in donations over last year's event. Increased awareness, and the participation of Borsheim's Fine Jewelry and Gifts are credited with the success of this year's event, said Karen Bloomfield, development director for NAP.

The check from Watanabe was the final

payment on a \$50,000 challenge grant issued in 1993. Watanabe issued the challenge grant in recognition of the first annual "Night of 1,000 Stars."

"We couldn't be more pleased," said David Catalan, co-chair for the event. "The tremendous response of the corporate community as well as local residents to the growing needs of our agency is truly overwhelming."

The Nebraska AIDS Project provides support services to Nebraskans and Iowans living with HIV/AIDS. NAP provided educational information to over 531,500 people through presentations and media events.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED HOLD ADVENT CELEBRATION by R.J.

Lutherans Concerned met and in place of their usual meeting, they held Advent Services. This service was well attended, with an excellent order of service. The Homily was given by Rev. Donna Wright. A particular hymn, very moving and haunting was *Bornng Cry*. It was a very beautiful hymn. Another facet of this service, was the Lord's Prayer, which to me, was a new version I had not heard before. The prayer was really neat. Communion was shared by all. And following the Benediction, all retired to the social hall, for a good repast of snacks and goodies. And for a time of socializing and fellowship. A most excellent service. Way to go, Lutherans Concerned. Keep up the good work.

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Photos: Left to Right Londa Lee, Jennifer Jett, and The Cow Chip Chorus all help raise money for new Piano at MCC Show held at DC's

DC's SHOW RAISES \$1800 FOR MCC-O PIANO FUND

It was just one week before Christmas when members and friends of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha came out in force to DC's for a pizza party and variety show coordinated and produced by Music Director, Bill Burch, and Board Member, R.N. Hedges. The festive Christmas atmosphere of DC's was the perfect backdrop to the huge gift wrapped packages which Church Secretary, Carla Petersen, used to make up the set.

Bill Burch and R.N. Hedges opened the show, blending their voices in "The Happiest Time of the Year." They were followed by Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino performing Sandy Patti's "We Shall Behold Him." Next to the stage were the comic talents of "The Cow Chip Chorus" featuring Omaha Meat Packettes, Sharon Van Butsel and Carla Petersen, along with International Ms. Leather 93 Amy Marie Meek, International Ms. Leather 94 Cindy Bookout, and Leather Nebraska Finalists Blake and Carter. The Cow Chip Chorus treated the audience to a variety of Christmas parodies including the poem "A Visit from St. Dan" and the familiar "Rudolph the Red Nosed Moo Cow."

The Men's Quartet from MCC performed "O, Holy Night" followed by Scott Meister with a delightful rendition of "The Christmas Song." Stella Dallas performed "She Thinks His Name Was John" was followed by the incomparable Miss Jennifer Jett performing "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" and Miss Monica West performing "All I want for Christmas is you."

The Ladies' Chorus from MCC delighted the audience with "An Old Fashioned Lesbian Christmas" which celebrates the spectrum of Lesbian lifestyles from parenting to community service to longtime relationships. Not to be outdone, the Men's Chorus performed "Coming

Out at Christmas" in celebration of the coming out process.

Miss Londa Lee took to the stage for her first solo performance and enchanted the audience with an excellent rendition of "A Hard Candy Christmas." MCC Board Member, Annette Dickman, soloed "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and soprano Lynn Morehouse performed "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

Music Director, Bill Burch, put aside his normal reserved, professional manner to appear as The King, Elvis Presley singing "Blue Christmas." The comedy continued as R.N. Hedges performed his original version of "I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus" and the MCC Choir performed "The 12 Days After Christmas."

Kendra and Stella Dallas returned to the stage, followed by Brady appearing in her alter ego to perform "White Christmas." The high energy talents of Monica West were evident as she performed "Turn the Beat Around."

The show closed with Bill Burch returning to the stage to perform the beautiful "Bethlehem Morning."

The show, which had broken with tradition by starting promptly at 8:30 p.m., was over by 11 p.m. and folks were either on their way home or took to the dance floors to continue the celebration. The evening had been an overwhelming success. The pizza party and show had raised just over \$1800, which will go toward the purchase of a much needed baby grand piano for the church.

Special thanks go to Dan and Charlie and Arch and the staff of DC's for their support and hospitality.

If you would like to contribute toward the piano fund at MCC, send your contributions to MCC Piano Fund, Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103.

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR A TITLE - NEBRASKA 1995

On the Sunday following the Mr. and Ms. Leather Nebraska contest, the Omaha Players Club hosted an informal function at the home of Amy Marie Meek's parents with the leftover dignitaries from Oklahoma and St. Louis and a few locals. OPC threw the first annual "I'd Do Anything For A Title - Nebraska," a mock contest based on a similar contest held in the Bay area. Thanks go to Shannon Morgan for the creation and inception of the concept.

Categories for the four contestants (2 male & 2 female) were as follows: Speech, Interview, Fantasy, Image, Attitude, STD Trivia, Math, Impressions, Trivial Pursuit, Charades, Darts, and Golf Putting. Our contestants were Brent Fluty - Oklahoma Daddy's Boy 1993, Paul Jaques - Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1994, Jeanne Moe - Omaha Players Club, and Tami Bevan - Omaha Players Club. Judges were Michael Reese - Mr. Missouri Leather 1994, Mike Cox - Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1994, and Anne Menillo - Ms. St. Louis Leather Pride 1993. Staff included Blake - First Runner-up to Ms. Leather Nebraska 1995, Carter - contestant for Mr. Leather Nebraska 1995, and Sarah Dishongh - Ms. Missouri Leather 1995. The contest was produced and filmed by Amy Marie Meek - International Ms. Leather 1993 and emceed by Cindy Bookout - International Ms. Leather 1994.

After seconds of deliberation, the judges finally chose Jeanne Moe as Ms. IDAFAT-NE 1995 and Brent Fluty as Mr. IDAFAT-NE 1995. The Omaha Players Club has decided that this will become an annual event to be held on the Sunday of Leather Nebraska Weekend. Anyone is welcome to participate. We are looking for a more structured contest next year as this one was conceived and thrown together in 25 minutes. Look for the contest on Sun., Nov. 19, 1995. Location to be determined later.



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**Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgender (GLBT)
Resource Center Survey**

An ANGLE ad hoc committee is gathering information on the feasibility of a GLBT Resource Center in Omaha. We need your help. Please complete the following survey by February 20, 1995, and return it to ANGLE, P.O.Box 8343, Omaha, NE 68108. Thank You!

SECTION 1 — QUESTIONS

1. Do you feel a GLBT Resource Center (however you envision it) would be valuable in Omaha at this time? (Mark one.)

- YES NO

Why or why not? _____

2. What programs would you utilize from a GLBT Resource Center? (Mark all that apply.)

- discussion groups
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- classes / seminars
- speakers bureau
- recreational activities
- social activities
- legal services
- financial counseling
- health information
- political information
- real estate referrals
- calendar phone line
- hotline for "coming out"
- information & referral line
- AIDS information
- organization information
- organization offices
- drop-in center
- employment aid
- community calendar
- food pantry
- clothes pantry
- translation services
- library / media services
- community bulletin board
- multicultural education
- List Other(s): _____

3. Where would you like to see a Resource Center located? (Mark all that apply.)

- downtown west
 midtown south
 north

4. How could you support a Resource Center? (Mark all that apply.)

- building / materials
- office equipment
- furniture
- financial resources
- as a volunteer
- organize activities
- lead group(s)
- library materials / equipment
- share occupational skills / knowledge
- other(s): _____

5. Other opinions or comments: _____

SECTION 2 — DEMOGRAPHICS (Optional)

Today's Date: _____

How/Where did you receive this survey? _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Occupation: _____

Education (Mark One.): High School Diploma/GED
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 Other

Special Needs (Mark All That Apply.): None
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Ethnic Background (Mark One.): African-Am. Asian-Am. Caucasian
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Income (Mark One.): Under \$25,000 per year
 Over \$25,000 per year

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

-----Cut Here To Retain Meeting Information and Plan to Attend Upcoming Meetings-----

You are invited to get in on the first phases as we explore the feasibility of a GLBT Resource Center in Omaha. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these preliminary meetings: Let your voice be heard!

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sat., Jan. 28, Tally Surveys from Groups/Organizations: 2-4 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 25, Tally Surveys from Individuals: 2-4 p.m.

Sat., March 25, General Meeting: 2-4 p.m.

Meeting Location: Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha

DO YOU WANT A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER?

This is one of the primary questions that the Community Center Feasibility Study Committee is trying to ascertain.

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. has discussed the idea of a Community Resource Center, off and on, for the past few years. Two years ago, A.N.G.L.E. made its first formal move by sending a questionnaire to various Community/Resource Centers throughout the country asking them questions about finances, staff, volunteers, the structure of their Board of Directors, etc. We received the final results about a year ago.

Next came the Conference on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organizations in Nebraska, sponsored by CFEP, in January of 1994. During that Conference, participants of organizations throughout Nebraska listed a Community Resource Center as one of their top five priorities.

During the first half of 1994, A.N.G.L.E., as well as other Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/HIV-AIDS Organizations, were asked to participate in gatherings to discuss the possibilities of a Resource Center. In July, letters were sent to two of the individuals assisting with the discussions. There was no reply.

In the fall of 1994, A.N.G.L.E. formed a committee to do a Preliminary Feasibility Study in regards to a Community Resource Center. A general planning meeting was held on November 5. There were 13 people who attended. At this meeting it was decided that, as part of this study, we would like to do an organizational survey. Subcommittees were formed to create the survey and to distribute the survey to organizations. If your organization has not received a survey, please contact the Information and Referral Line at (402) 558-5303 and leave the name of your organization and a contact name and phone number.

At our meeting on December 17, we agreed that a subcommittee would create an individual survey. The survey is currently being distributed. A copy of the survey is on page 20 of this copy of *The New Voice*. We encourage all to participate! This information is vital to identifying the needs, wants, and dreams of a Community Resource Center. Feel free to make extra copies or contact the Information/Referral Line for more copies. The deadline to return the completed survey is February 20. We will compile the information received and will publish a report in the April issue of *The New Voice*.

Why you can be a part of Achieving this New Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Endeavor:

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MCC-OMAHA NEWS

Twenty-one big years—Yes, that's how long Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha has been in the area. Thank you for your support! In January we celebrated the occasion with a potluck dinner following worship on January 29 and an in-house campaign to help decrease the principal on our building loan.

The Piano Fund has raised 1/2 the monies needed for making that baby grand a reality. Donations in any size are welcome. Those wanting to donate one of the 88 keys need to send a \$100 donation to MCC at P.O. Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Clearly mark that donation PIANO FUND. The Fund Raisers hope to have the piano by Easter. You can help make that a reality!

In Feb. GALP will be holding a Bake Sale in the Social Hall Feb. 12. Come purchase a sweet for your sweetie! Then again—if you want to make some sweets yourself, EXCEL has cookbooks for sale for only \$6 each. They are packed with recipes to delight even the finnickiest

sweetie! EXCEL Cookbooks are available from the Church Office.

The Pastoral Search Committee has been reviewing applications and looks to call someone in to candidate in the near future.

Our Food Pantry is getting bare in spots and donations of canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese, canned fruits, canned whole meals, powdered/evaporated milk, and personal hygiene items—shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, lotion, and soap—would be appreciated. The Church Office is open from 9:30 until 4:30 Monday through Friday.

We invite you to join us for Sunday Worship at either 9am or 10:30am every Sunday. The first Sunday of each month the deacons lead an evening worship service at 6 pm. Christian Education Classes are available for children and adults every Sunday at 9am. Til next month, that's it from my pew. See you in Church!

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Emperor XIII Connie & Empress XIII Patsy

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Emperor IX Joe & Empress IX Felice

Emperor VIII V, IV, II, & I Gary

Emperor VII Dick

Emperor VI Pat & Empress VI Veronica

Empress V Laura Lee

THE DROP-IN CENTER

The Drop-In Center, located at 1723 Leavenworth Street, is approaching its second year anniversary this February. For those of you who don't know, the Drop-In Center is a collaborative effort between the Douglas County Health Department and the Nebraska AIDS Project, dedicated to providing HIV/AIDS education, counseling, and testing for the people living in the downtown area. There have been many changes over the past two years that are worth talking about. Many organizations in the community have taken part in making these changes possible through donations and volunteering time, services, and needed items. Those organizations that deserve recognition include the Imperial Court of Nebraska, The AIDS Coalition for Empowerment, *The New Voice*, Festival Foods, Absolutely Fresh Sea Food, and many more. A special thanks also to all the local bar owners who have helped and supported us in our Friday night outreach and in other activities. Another positive change is when we are open for testing. We have added a Friday afternoon time slot; anyone can come and be tested on Friday afternoon from 1-4 pm. There have also been many fun activities at the Center over the past two years. There will be many more in the coming months, beginning with a "Free Bake Sale" in February. Be sure to stop by and sample some goodies or bring in some of your favorites, if you like! We're proud of what we've accomplished and look forward to doing even better in '95. But most of all, we're proud to be a part of something so important. Thanks to all who have helped make the Drop-In Center a success. We couldn't do it without you!

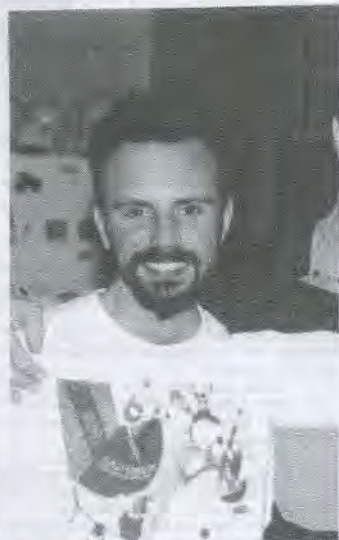
COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS OF BRANDON SHUKIS

The Omaha community is mourning the loss of one of its "unsung heroes" with the death of Jeffrey (Brandon) Gerard Shukis on December 22, 1994. Brandon was an active supporter of Omaha's Gay, Lesbian, Bi, and Transgender Community through his activities with ANGLE, Fantasy, and the River City Mixed Chorus. These activities led him to be nominated and receive recognition at the 1993 ANGLE Recognition Dinner.

Brandon, along with his partner, Stan Brown (aka Inga), were frequent performers in benefit shows in the Omaha area. Brandon is perhaps best known for his role as "Captain" to Inga's "Tenille." Brandon was also the organizer of the many food functions hosted by ANGLE, including the annual Chili Cook-Off's held at the Diamond.

Brandon was an active friend of the River City Mixed Chorus and was volunteer coordinator for the chorus. A eulogy delivered by Dave England of PFLAG recalled a lighter moment as he told of Brandon's role in ordering an enormous sheet cake for a River City Mixed Chorus Concert. There was so much cake remaining after the concert that it reappeared at several other community events, before finally making its way to help feed the homeless at the Francis House. The recollection of Brandon's "cake that would not die" brought both tears and laughter to the over 200 gathered for a memorial service at St. Cecilia's Cathedral.

Brandon's warm smile and gentle manner will be missed as the community gathers for Pride activities, for the Recognition Dinner, and for River City Mixed Chorus Concerts.



Brandon never sought fame or recognition. He only sought to serve his community with all the love and talent he could offer.



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RUN JIM DANDIES INCREASES FIRST PLACE LEAD IN RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Run Jim Dandies continues to hold first place after 18 weeks of bowling. They have increased their lead to six games over the second place team. Second place is once again held by DC's #1 who edged our 9-4 - Gets & Not! on pin count.

The high scores for men's scratch game and series are unchanged from last month. The high men's scratch game is held by Mike Wierznicki (258) followed by Dan Cooper and Joe Bloemer with identical 248 games. Dan Cooper holds high men's scratch series (697), followed by Bloemer with a 674 and Wierznicki with a 646. Dan Cooper holds the high men's average with a 207.4, followed by Bob Andrews with a 185.3 and Joe Bloemer with a 183.6.

For the women, Rhea Lukehart still holds high scratch game but has improved her high score to a 250. Kellie Loveall has moved into second high with a scratch game of 236, dropping E. Mueller's 231 to third high. However, Mueller still holds the high series (602), and high average (172.0), followed by Rhea Lukehart with a 598 series and 168.9 average, and Cherie Iniguez with a 552 series and a 161.6 average.

City Lickers are now #10 in the standings, but they still hold both high handicap team game and high handicap team series (814 and 2328 respectively). Rainbow Chaser have second high team game with a 783, followed by DC's #1 with a 766. DC's #1 also holds second high team series (2112), followed by Rainbow Chasers with a 2101.

During week #18 of bowling, Russ Allmon had a nice 235 game (138 pins over average) and Tom Cech bowled a nice 205. Russ Helledieck had a 563 series and Les Erickson a 557 series. Rhea Lukehart and Cherie Iniguez continued their winning ways with games of 233 and 198 respectively, and series of 595 and 516. Rhea was bowling 94 pins over her average. Tom Keith bowled 90 pins over average and Sandra Robertson bowled 78 pins over her average.

Complete team standings as of week #6:

	Won	Lost
1. Run Jim Dandies	50	18
2. DC's #1	44	24
3. 9-4 Gets & Not's	44	24
4. Gilligan's 2	42.5	25.5
5. Dicksters	40.5	27.5
6. Wurgler Photo	40	28
7. The MAX	38.5	29.5
8. Delivery Boys	37	31
9. DC's Liplockers	36.5	31.5
10. City Lickers	36	32
11. Puss&Boots Gilligan 3	33	35
12. Gilligan's I CCB	33	35
13. Misfits	32.5	35.5
14. DC's Tuna Melts	32.5	35.5
15. DC's 2 Reason to Drink	32.5	35.5
16. Rainbow Chasers	32	36
17. Express Male	31	37
18. Kings & Queens	31	37
19. The DJs	29	39
20. The Taylor Shop	28	40
21. Night Riders	27.5	36.5
22. Bowling for Tricks	27	41
23. TM #8	27	41

METROPOLITAN ARTS COUNCIL AND NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT TO SPONSOR ART SHOW

A multi-media art show sponsored by Metropolitan Arts Council and Nebraska AIDS Project will be held at the new Art Space, 1209 Hamey Street, May 19-29. The show will feature artists who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

The event is being planned in conjunction with a 2-day seminar at Nebraska Methodist College. The seminar will explore ways communities can come together to support persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. The featured speaker, Carol Levine, is the executive director of The Orphan Project in New York City and will share her experiences with working with children and families who are impacted by the disease.

Both the seminar and the art exhibit are open to the public. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit at Art Space on Friday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

HGRA ROYALTY AND DC'S PRESENT WINTER ROUNDUP

On February 4, 1995 the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association and DC's Saloon will host the H.G.R.A. Winter Roundup Show. The show will begin around 9:00 p.m. It will be emceed by the new Mr. H.G.R.A., Jim Bohrer, and will feature performances by the new Miss H.G.R.A., Bobbi Jo Beaujolais; Mr. H.G.R.A. Runner-Up, Ron; Miss H.G.R.A. Runner-Up, Miss Autumn Weather; the Des Moines Spur Spinners; plus other special guest performers. This is the first show for the new Royalty and will prove to be an evening full of songs, dance, laughs, and friends. Cover charge will be \$2.00 at the door, or you can pick up advance tickets for \$1.50 at DC's. All proceeds will go to N.A.P. There will also be a 50/50 raffle held that evening. Come join us for an evening of fun and surprises.

PANHANDLE BEGINS MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services based in Scottsbluff, Nebraska has begun a support group for men. The group has been meeting since November and there has been a steady growth in the number attending. If you live in the Nebraska Panhandle or know someone who does, you can learn more about the men's support group by contacting PGLSS at P.O. Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363.

ANGLE TO ADOPT A NEW NAME

Yesterday you knew us as BOO (Bars & Organizations of Omaha); today you know us as ANGLE (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors); tomorrow -

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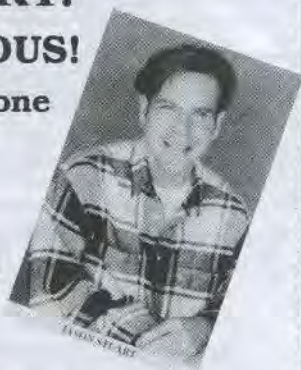
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Sam truly played many parts in our lives. Sam was a Navy veteran having served some special times in the San Francisco area. He retired from Union Pacific Railroad with over 20 years service. In Omaha's Old Market, Sam owned and operated the Alley Bar which became Stars Restaurant.

Sam was a collector of fine objects d'art and had a true appreciation of those things with intrinsic beauty. One such object was the Mandina Mansion on 39th & Harney, a former Storz home, and currently the Renaissance mansion. Sam spent many hours rehabilitating, restoring, and enjoying this exquisite property. Sam's current project was another of Omaha's premier residences. Sam had recently purchased a home on 38th and California and was in the process of rejuvenating that property.

Sam enjoyed the Christmas season as no other and always had his home perfectly appointed in each nook and cranny. The past few years, Sam had contributed much of his vast collections of Madonnas and angels to the Cathedral Arts Project for display at St. Cecilia's.

Sam made a positive impact on all with whom he came in contact, and was known to be a consummate host with a warm and generous spirit. Sam was generous with many individuals and organizations in our community, including *The New Voice of Nebraska* magazine. Sam helped bring the magazine to Omaha when Lincoln was about to stop publication. Sam was Grand Czar to the sixth reign of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, a supporter of the River City Mixed Chorus, the Nebraska AIDS Project, Metropolitan Community Church, Opera Omaha, the Tour of Homes, Showcase of Homes, the Cathedral Arts Project, as well as many other charitable organizations.

Surviving Sam are his sisters, Katie, Marge, Angie, Marianne, and Martha, nieces and nephews, especially Josephine, cousins, especially Yang and Bill, and many dear friends. This loss will be especially difficult for Herald Wiltshire, Sam's companion, partner-in-life, and very best friend.

The community may never realize the impact made through this one individual. *The New Voice of Nebraska* sends condolences to those who have been touched with this loss.

G & L PARENTS BAKE SALE

Feb. 12 GALP will hold a Bake Sale in the Social Hall following the 10:30 Worship Service. Sweets for your sweetie is the theme of the day! What better way to let someone special know that you care. Proceeds from the Valentine's Bake Sale will go to help fund the organization's newsletter.



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METROPOLITAN CLUB MEETS

The Metropolitan Club, a professional gay and lesbian organization which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will hold its fourth monthly meeting on the 16th of February at FRANKIE Pane's, 1112 Douglas Street. Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. The topic, presented by two very knowledgeable attorneys from our community, will be estate planning, wills, and living trusts; subjects that are near and dear to all our hearts. There will be a \$4.00 cover charge to defray the cost of renting FRANKIE Pane's.

November's presentation was given by Jim Kieffer on diversity in the workplace and

the importance of diversity to our growth as a civilization. December's presentation was given by Senator Tim Hall on LB 395, an equal employment initiative he hopes to bring to a vote this year. Both meetings were well received.

March's presentation will cover gay and lesbian travel opportunities such as RSVP Cruises, Atlantis

Tours at Club Med, and other "family values" vacations. It's time to start tanning up and tanning so you'll be ready to hit the beach (or at least look like you did!)

Come, have a cocktail, and meet Omaha's professional gay and lesbian community. Hey, where else are you going to meet us?

SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS

by Al S.

I couldn't make it to Lavender Couch's album release party, but did get a copy of their self-titled cassette and of the Capitol Lite Mix CD, which contains two of their songs done live. Both were made with the help of Gary Lind of Eclipse Studio. These are professional sounding recordings which could be played on the radio, if the right person hears them.

The songs have many emotions that carry you along. Some of them are uptempo (*Wife*), catchy (*Situation*), sweet (*Cotton Fields*), remorseful (*Love Story*), and sad (*Fire's Out*). You listen to these tunes and take home your own meaning. The voices are sweet, but strong, the instruments subtle, but powerful. Lavender Couch makes you think and feel — more than most local bands or national ones, for that matter. Get a copy at one of their shows or at a local independent record store.

I did not make it to one album release party last month. Lincoln's No Left Stone celebrated the release of *The Weaver Festival Phenomenon* Dec. 4th at Sharkey's. They're a hard-rocking alternative pop band. Opening for them was Omaha's Ledge, a great sounding power pop band.

Sharkey's has original bands about four nights a week, plus several good beers brewed on premise.

My favorite place for seeing hot bodies and hearing new music has to be Club Fusion. In addition to the After-hours, this all-ages club has live music on Fridays and Saturdays. On Dec. 2nd, they had four bands. Sabin's Echo opened, playing punk music with some awfully questionable titles: *Roach*, *Junk*, *Skankin*, and *Blow Job*. I'm not sure what they were about, but the guys sure looked good. I especially like the lead singer, Troy, who is young, thin, shaved-headed guy with a real screaming punk-rocker voice.

My favorite local metal band played next: Chain of Being. They play dark, but melodic music with a definite groove. They're also four of the best looking, nicest guys you'd ever want to meet.

The last two bands were Anesthesia - five hard-rockin' guys who also play groove metal with a flair, and Desecration, whose music can best be described as Death Metal. They have a lead singer who growls every word and must use a lot of throat spray after every show.

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MR AND MRS LEATHER NEBRASKA 1995 CHOSEN

Omaha was the site of the 1995 Mr and Ms Leather Nebraska contest. The Omaha Players Club was the host of 17 clubs and over 20 local, regional, and international title holders. The judges, Keith Hunt - Int'l Drummer 94-95, Raymond LeBrun - Mr Minnesota Leather 1994, Joey Kraly - Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1993, Mike Cox - Mr Great Plains Drummer 1994, Brent Fluty - Oklahoma Daddy's Boy 1993, Sarah Dishongh - Ms Missouri Leather 1995, and head judge Viola Johnson had an excellent panel of contestants to choose from. Miss Amanda, an Arizona transplant from APEX took the women's title only points ahead of the Des Moines born Blake.

Carter, a newly arrived citizen from Oklahoma showed well, but the men's title went to Renfield, last year's sash queen due to a narrowly missed point requirement.

Emcees were both out-of-towners with Donna Shout from SFO and Terry Gatewood from Oklahoma City. Some other dignitaries included Mark Frazier - Mr NLA Int'l 1994, Mike Reese - Mr Missouri Leather 1994, Lady Dorothy - of PEP Denver, Mark Warner - Mr Minnesota Drummer 1994, Charles Blake - Mr Minnesota Leather 1995, C.J. of Rocky Mountain Drummer Boy fame, Larry Everett - Mr Oklahoma Leather 1995, Rick Gannon - Great Plains Drummer Boy for Life, Jeanne Moe, Jim Gau - Mr Omaha Drummer 1994, Steve Lenius - Mr Great Lakes Drummer 1994, Paul Jaques - Mr Gulf Coast Drummer 1994, Dustin Logan, and Anne Menillo - Ms St. Louis Leather Pride 1993.

The following clubs presented their colors: The Toolbox Technicians of Tulsa, T.B.L.A. of Virginia, T.U.L.S.A., P.E.P. - Denver, KC Pioneers, Atoms of Minnesota, Denver Crusaders, Tribe Excalibur of OKC, C.O.D.E. of Denver, Northstar MC, Leather and Lace, NLA Dallas, NLA Intl, G.M.S.M.A., Lone Star Bears, Front Range Bears, the newly formed Gateway Players Club and the home team, O.P.C.

The Omaha Players Club would like to thank the contestants, judges, visiting dignitaries, and all those who came out to the show. Good luck to Miss Amanda and Renfield. We all hope you do well in Chicago!!

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SAGE ORGANIZING MEETING

By Sandy Vopaika

Nebraska SAGE will have an organizing meeting Wednesday, February 22nd, at 7pm. The location of the meeting will be 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln. If you have any questions or want directions, please call 488-1478. This is to plan and understand the future of SAGE in Nebraska.

It is very important that several people attend this meeting. The leadership of this group needs to be decided upon and hosting the monthly coffeehouse. I started SAGE here in Nebraska almost three years ago and I hope that people would like to continue the ideas and programs. Maybe like ideas and programs can start and maybe programs in other places than just Lincoln.

The future is in your hands

-- the hands of the community. I have spent countless hours on this project and I must let others take over this project. I will be in Nebraska through at least the end of July. I finish my degree in May and hope to finish my research this summer. Who knows where I may go after my work is completed here. Remember this date, February 22, at 7pm. I hope to see lots of people here.

INTERNAT'L MS LEATHER SEEKS NEW LOGO

Bare Images Productions, producers of the International Ms Leather Contest, has extended its deadline for submissions of artwork to be considered for the new IMsL logo. Submissions will be accepted through the first of July 1995. Artwork has been donated by Mistress Mir for use in this year's campaign, so extending the deadline will give artists more time to work on what is hoped will be "the" logo for the International Ms Leather Contests and merchandise.

Artwork should include the word IMsL and will be used for letterhead, merchandise, promotions, etc. Merchandise will include everything from very small membership pins to sweatshirts so the logo must be clear and legible at any size. Several versions of the logo may be used such as simple versions for small pins as well as more ornate concepts for larger items. Artists should keep this in mind.

The artist selected will receive a royalty contract for the use of his/her work on all associated merchandise, but not for printed materials. The logo selected will be the official logo for the contest for its duration with Bare Images Productions and the royalty contract will last as long as the Bare Images Contract does. Send any and all submissions to Bare Images Productions, 4332 Browne St., Omaha, NE 68111-1829. Call 402-451-7987 (fax 402-457-5350) for further information.

PFLAG-OMAHA RAFFLE

The latest fun--raising effort for PFLAG-Omaha began at the January 12 chapter meeting when the group began selling chances on a weekend getaway to a beautiful, secluded, furnished, privately-owned house near the Platte River State Park. You and your guest will stay over the weekend with the fixings for a steak dinner provided. Nearby, at the State Park you will find a lake, trails, horse riding facilities, and beautiful, scenic country. The house is fully equipped with modern conveniences, including air conditioning, microwave oven, and outdoor gas grill. Tickets are available for \$1 apiece from PFLAG Board members. The drawing will be held on Sunday, March 26, at the PFLAG meeting on that day. The winner will select the weekend of their choice in coordination with the house's owner, Joyce. Persons wishing to purchase raffle tickets should contact any PFLAG-Omaha member or call the PFLAG Hotline at 291-6781 for information to get tickets!

MAX SHOW RAISES FUNDS FOR UNITY HOUSE

Emperor XIV David Hansen demonstrated his ongoing commitment with still another benefit show, this time at The MAX, with funds going to help support the work of Unity House and the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

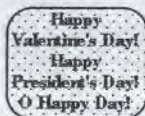
Emperor David was joined by Empress XIV Mac, Miss Closet Ball Siera Sands, Mr. MAX Tim Pedersen, The Omaha Original Jennifer Jett, Miss DC's Dorian Drake, Empress XIII Roxy, Miss Stella Dallas, Bill burch singing live, Tim Jones, Miss Annie Welty also singing live, and Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino. Emcees for the evening included Mr. Jim Gau, show director for The MAX, Miss Phoenix Fallentino, and Miss Dorian Drake. The set, created by Roxy, featured a lavender eagle in full flight with a rainbow banner draped from its talons. This creation was striking with its beauty and its use of color and style.

As they have done throughout the years, Bruce and Stosh and the staff of The MAX donated the use of their facilities and made a sizable donation from the door receipts. During 1994, The MAX produced 35 benefit shows for various community organizations. The support given to the community by Bruce and Stosh and The MAX is unequalled and largely unrecognized.



Dorian Drake at The MAX

We Went To Singapore,
Suriname, Provincetown,
Amsterdam, Australia,
Helsinki, Botswana,
LA, And Kuala Lumpur,
And Brought You Back
A T-Shirt



Each year, the AIDS Memorial Quilt travels the globe bringing a message of remembrance and hope to millions of visitors. You can help the Quilt continue this journey by wearing one of these beautiful, full color T-Shirts. Each design is printed on 100% heavy weight cotton. T-Shirts are available in Medium, Large, and XLarge for \$15 and XXL for \$20 (plus \$5 S&H). Help make a difference.

1(800)USA-NAME



AIDS/HIV RESOURCES AND NEWS

HIV TESTING*

*We urge you to inquire about anonymity & confidentiality before testing.

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

Douglas County Health Department,
1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

Drop-In/Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth
Omaha, NE 68102. Open every Friday 1-4pm.
Every other Friday from 10pm - 2am. HIV
testing, education, support.

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

Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Dept 3145 N
Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling
Walk-in tests: The Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tues.
Urban Indian Health Ctr, 140 S. 27, 434-7177

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

Hastings College, Hastings, NE

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite
110, Omaha AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233 or
(800) 782-AIDS [2437]

Nebraska Dept of Health,
Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847, 308/234-8183
Norfolk, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16,
(402) 370-3395

NorthPlatte, Craft St. Office Bldg,
200 So. Silber, 69101 (308) 535-8133

Nemaha County Health Department,
1824 N. Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

AIDS Care, The 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

**Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support
Group,** Meets 3rd Tuesday, (308) 385-5175

Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,
1st Monday, info. phone Barb (308) 865-5610

Nebraska AIDS Project
[statewide] (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
Volunteer Svcs and Administration 402-342-
6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV tests,
AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd. 484-8100
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807

North Platte Area Support Grp,
Call: (308) 535-8133

**Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support
Group, Scottsbluff,** Call (308) 635-3606

HOME HEALTH CARE

LINK-ON, 2118 South St. #B, Lincoln,
68502, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm, counseling,
teaching of HIV infected individuals, people
with AIDS, and others; Rick Swaink, Director.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call **Neb AIDS Project 342-4233**

AIDS Educ Project, UNI, G/L Resource Cntr,
Rm 342, Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644

American Red Cross,
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 341-2723

Community Prescription Service AIDS Info,
medicine, supplies by mail, 1-800-677-4323

Douglas County Health Department,
1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

Grand Island/Hall Co. Health Dept,
105 E. 1st, Grand Island (308) 385-5175

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

Lincoln-Lancaster Co Health Dept 3145 N,
Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling

Neb AIDS Educ/Training Center, AIDS
education to health care professionals, UNMC,
600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681

Nebraska AIDS Project
[statewide] (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131
for Volunteer Services and Administration
402-342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233,
HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical
support, counseling
Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100.
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807

Nebraska Dept of Health,
Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847,
(308) 234-8183
Norfolk, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm
Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395
NorthPlatte, Craft St. Office Bldg,
200 So. Silber, 69101 (308) 535-8133

Neb Regional Hemophilia Center,
UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227.

Nemaha County Health Department,
1824 N. Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549

People of Color Consortium Against AIDS
2226 Leavenworth, Omaha (402) 341-8471

Scottsbluff Co Health Dept,
Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866

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

LEGAL

Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 910 "L"
St. Lincoln 68508-2228 476-3882; Jim

Neb Bar Assoc, 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Box 81455,
Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Omaha, NE 68105,
345-1992, Open Wed - Sat 10am-4pm for Open
In Visits. Activities include: Support groups,
classes, t.v., movies, therapeutic massage, other
activities for those with HIV.

Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha,
NE 68102, Open every Friday 1-4pm, every
other Friday from 10pm - 2am. Testing,
education, support.

AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),
P.O. Box 31305, Omaha 68131, For anyone
living with HIV and those interested in AIDS
advocacy. 345-1976, Office Hours: M-F 9am-
4pm, Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Omaha Meet
every other Sunday 6pm

PASTORAL CARE

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery) **HIV/
AIDS Prayer/Healing Service:** 2nd Monday,
7pm, St Cecelias, Nebr. Chapel, 40 & Webster

Lincoln Interfaith Council, 140 S.27th St.,
Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, **HIV/AIDS
Healing Worship Service,** First Tuesday, St.
Francis Chapel, 1145 South St., Lincoln, 7pm

NEW DEVICE TO TREAT RETINITIS

A National Eye Institute (NEI) clinical trial reported that a new, drug-releasing device was effective in treating cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis, a sight-threatening disease that affects one of four people with AIDS. A 4 millimeter-diameter device, called a ganciclovir implant, is surgically placed into the eye, where it releases the anti-viral drug ganciclovir over a period of several months. The findings, published in the *Archives of Ophthalmology*, show that AIDS patients have no progression of newly diagnosed CMV retinitis for about eight months using the ganciclovir implant. Among those who received no immediate treatment, the eye infection worsened in about 15 days. CMV retinitis is a chronic, sight-threatening infection of the retina, the light-sensing tissue that lines the back of the eye, caused by cytomegalovirus, an usually benign virus that may infect those with weakened immune systems, such as people with AIDS.

Currently, CMV retinitis is controlled through intravenous treatment with the drugs ganciclovir or foscarnet. Because people with AIDS are never cured of CMV retinitis, they must undergo daily intravenous treatment for the rest of their lives. To improve the treatment and quality of life for these people, researchers have sought alternative therapies for CMV retinitis, such as the ganciclovir implant, that would prove safe and effective.

RESOURCE DIRECTORY

*****LINCOLN*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:
**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

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

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

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

INFORMATION/SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln
68542-2043. Info, Conference Updates, Education
for older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee
House 2nd Saturday, 4-9pm, at 3319 S. 46th,
Lincoln. Everyone welcome.

Lesbian Discussion Group, Womens Resource
Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588,
472-2597, Call for meeting information

Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg, Saturdays,
10am, Gathering Place, 15th & "E", Lincoln,
Contact Judith at 472-2598 for information

The Male Space, 2nd Sunday 1pm, 3221 "W"
St., Lincoln. Focus "Spiritual Healing". Gay/
Bisexual Men, all ages, all races welcome.
Membership \$10/quarter. Info write/visit: Stan
Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln-
political & grassroots activist org. in every issue
relating to full equality for women-meets monthly,
Lincoln NOW, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501,
477-1226

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Nebr
Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644,
Social, info, referral, library, General meetings
Thursdays, 7:30pm, during school year

The Wimm'n's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM,
89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln.

A Woman's Place, Box 67035, Lincoln, 68506,
nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women.

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*****

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

**Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran,
303 S. 41, Omaha. Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm
**Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Saturday 4:30pm

A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Infean-
ders), Box 31375, Omaha 68131 558-5303,
Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE
activities throughout the year

Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548,
Omaha, 68155 (402) 398-3027, Legislative
action-eliminate discrimination for g/l/b employ-
ment, housing, education, public accommodations.
1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney
Different Realities, Computer Bulletin Board
for gay, lesbian, bisexual, leather, transgender
community. Access by modem at (402) 345-8381
using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours/day at 14.4 baud.

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays &
Lesbians. US WEST. Contact Pat Phalen, 1299
Farnam, 3rd Flr, Omaha 68102. (402) 348-8569

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

Gay And Lesbian Parents Group (G.A.L.P.),
1st Thurs, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22,
345-2563. Emphasis on Gay/Lesbian Parent
& significant other. Mtgs open to anyone.

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

Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD)
G/L/B/Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386

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

Metropolitan Club, PO Box 31484, Omaha, NE
68131-0484, For gay and lesbian professionals to
meet, socialize, and network with others.

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

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

National Org. for Women (NOW) Omaha poli-
tical & 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

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

Omaha Meatpackers, AIDS fundraising
organization. Call: (712) 366-1791

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

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

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

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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays
PFLAG, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123,
291-6781. Meets 1st United Methodist, 7020
Cass. 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, Room 204, East End.

"Program & Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, Mead
Hall Below Mead Chapel, West End "Sharing"

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns,
733-1360, Cleve, Omaha.

Prime Timers, no longer active in Nebraska
River City Mixed Bowling League, Sundays,
3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha

River City Gender Alliance, Box 680, Council
Bluffs, IA 51502 For crossdressers, transsexuals,
& those wishing to know more. All orientations
welcome. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday, Omaha.

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

7th Day Adventist Kinship Inc, Support/Info
for Les/Gay College Student 800-4GAY-SDA

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Org Not active.
Women of the Plains, Box 24355, Omaha,
68124-0355, Bring women's culture to Omaha

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

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

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

*****STATEWIDE*****

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts, Box 94882,
Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter, socials.
Bus. Mtg, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm; 1st Saturday
Social, 7-10pm, Both at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16

Equality Before The Law, Box 80172, Lincoln
68501, 477-3336 (Lincoln) 341-1371 (Omaha)
Ad hoc coalition for hate crimes law in Nebr.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr., Support
meetings, social events, newsletter. Info: GLAGN,
Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call:
(308) 534-7820

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

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

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

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

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha
68103. Internet address: tjrr05c@prodigy.com
Subs. \$19/year. Deadline: 10th of month

Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services,
PO, Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046

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

PEN Magazine, PO Box 1693, Des Moines, IA
50306, (515) 265-3214, Alternative Entertainment
Magazine. Subscriptions \$25 12 issues.

PRIDE Group, c/o Counseling Center, Wayne
State College, Wayne, NE 8787. Info: Karen or
Virginia, (402) 375-7321. Group for Gay, Lesbian,
Bisexual Students and Friends to meet new people,
discuss issues, provide community service,
educate, and raise awareness.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

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

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, 12n (308)382-0240

MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 7:15-9:30pm, First United Methodist, 7020 Cass, (Northwest Door), Omaha

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Entrance Omaha 7-9:30pm

TUESDAY

Omaha Women for Sobriety meeting, 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29, Call Judith 472-2598

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

Nebraska Bisexual Network, Lincoln, 7:30pm, Call for Location & other info 472-5644/476-0314-477-0217

THURSDAY

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center General Meeting, Lincoln, 7:30pm, Nebr Union, 14th & R, Room 234, 472-5644, days or 435-4813, nights

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Entrance Omaha 7-9:30pm

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

FRIDAY

Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm, different locations, call 472-5644 for location

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

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

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, ***"An Alternative" Open Gay Men's Stag Group, 7pm, Unity House, 1007 S. 37 St., 455-7916 ***"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran Church, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

Drop-In Center, HIV Info Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 1-4pm every Friday, 10pm-2am every other Friday

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

SATURDAY

Lincoln Women for Sobriety Meeting, 10am, The Gathering Place, 15th & "E" Sts., Lincoln, Judith 472-2598 for information

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

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

Open AA Meeting, ACE Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Omaha

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

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

First SUNDAY

6pm Evening Worship Service, MCC-Omaha 819 S. 22 345-2563
Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

First MONDAY

Bi-PALS (BiSexual People, Alter-nate Life Styles), Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm
Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, Info: Barb (308) 865-5610

First TUESDAY

A.N.G.L.E. Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha
HIV/AIDS Healing Worship Service, St. Francis Chapel, 1145 South St., Lincoln, 7pm

First THURSDAY

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

G/L Student Association Rm 234 Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7:30pm, 472-5644

Gay & Lesbian Parent Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha

First SATURDAY

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights Drop In Social 7-10pm Corner Stone, 640 N 16, Lincoln

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc., 6pm, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha
River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender community, RCGA, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Second MONDAY

Note Meeting Change: **Imperial Court of Nebraska** Board of Governors, 6:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Omaha
AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, Omaha

Second TUESDAY

Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln

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

Second THURSDAY

Grand Island Support Group, GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call: (308) 384-7235
PFLAG-Omaha, 7pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass 291-6781

Second SATURDAY

Omaha Players Club, Workshop 2-5pm, Play Party 8pm, 451-7987

Second SATURDAY (continued) INFORMATION/SAGE Intergenerational Coffee House; open to everyone, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, (402) 488-4178

Second SUNDAY

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

The Male Space, 1pm, 3221 "W", Lincoln. Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Contact: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

Third TUESDAY

Lincoln NOW (Nat'l Organization of Women), The Women's Club, 407 S. 14, 477-1226, 7pm

Omaha NOW (Nat'l Organization of Women), 7pm, First Unitarian 3114 Harney, 391-7303

Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, 8pm (308) 381-5175

Third THURSDAY

Metropolitan Club, FRANKIE Panes, 112 Douglas, Omaha, 7pm

Third SUNDAY

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

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

Fourth TUESDAY

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7pm (402) 467-4899

Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658

Fourth THURSDAY

Grand Island Support Group, GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848 or call: (308) 384-7235

Fourth SATURDAY

Coalition Bowling Night, 7pm, Gateway Bowl, 333 N. Cotner, Lincoln. Free shoes, \$.50/game

Fourth SUNDAY

Parents FLAG-Omaha, Mead Hall, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781

Last SATURDAY

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, Omaha, 733-1360

PLEASE CHECK YOUR GROUP'S LISTING IN THE CALENDAR. SEND CORRECTIONS TO: NVN, P.O. BOX 3512, OMAHA, NE 68103

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, February 3

Dugan & Doyle perform. 9-11pm. Downtown Grounds, Omaha

SATURDAY, February 4

HGRA Winter Roundup Show, featuring HGRA Royalty & Special Guests, Benefit for NAP, 9pm, DC's Saloon, 710 S. 14, Omaha

MONDAY, February 6

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 7pm, 3101 Webster, Omaha, Call Tom Bertino 345-8948

WEDNESDAY, February 8 thru

SUNDAY, February 12

Jason Stuart, Gay Comedian headlines at The Funny Bone in Omaha

THURSDAY, February 9

Straight Spouse Support Group, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Omaha. 402-291-6781.

FRIDAY, February 10

Deadline for March Issue of *The New Voice*

Michael Fitzsimmons & Joydance perform. 9-11pm. Downtown Grounds, Omaha

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

SATURDAY, February 11

Steve Thornburg Jazz Quartet performs. 9-11pm. Downtown Grounds, Omaha

SUNDAY, February 12

Bake Sale, sponsored by Gay/Lesbian Parents Group, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

Primetimes Culmination Celebration, 6:45pm Old Market South Country Cafe, Omaha

MONDAY, February 13

ICON Board of Governors, 6:30pm, Stosh's Saloon at The MAX, Omaha

TUESDAY, February 14

Valentine's Day

SATURDAY, February 18 thru

SUNDAY, February 19

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SATURDAY, February 18

Elaine Herfindahl performs. 9-11pm. Downtown Grounds, Omaha

MONDAY, February 20

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 7pm, 3101 Webster, Omaha, Call Tom Bertino 345-8948

WEDNESDAY, February 22

Nebraska SAGE Organizing Meeting, 7pm, 3319 S. 46 St, Lincoln, Call 488-1478 for info

FRIDAY, February 24

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

SATURDAY, February 25

Community Center Meeting, 2-4pm. All are welcome to attend, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd

Kristi Holler from Sioux Falls, S.D. performs. 9-11pm. Downtown Grounds, Omaha

SUNDAY, February 26

SNOBALL '95, A Royal Affair featuring the re-titling of Athena II, III, and IV. 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

ANGLE MODERATOR ADDRESSES JON CHRISTENSEN

In a recent letter to Representative Jon Christensen, Rich Ketter, Moderator of A.N.G.L.E., challenged and encouraged the newly elected Representative to support legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Mr. Ketter also offered to assist the Christensen staff in arranging a town hall style meeting to hear the concerns of his gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender constituents. A copy of the letter follows.

Jon Christensen
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Christensen,

I want to welcome you to your office of service to the people of Nebraska.

I am moderator for an Omaha based organization in service to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. From that position and from my personal commitment, I invite you to recognize your responsibilities in representing our needs in Washington. I also offer any needed assistance you may require as you help to assure that equal protection is truly protected in the law. In this way you will fulfill your obligations to the true contract with America, the Constitution of the United States.

I will be glad to assist your staff in arranging a town hall style meeting where you can hear the concerns of your gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender constituents, who are also your neighbors, family, and friends in Nebraska. Although our interests are considered by some to be special, please know that Freedom and Justice are not special interests.

I challenge you to extend your spirit of reform to include the removal of prejudice and bigotry from the business of Congress. I invite you to support legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and to reject any which encourages exclusion, promotes prejudicial ideas, or is thinly veiled bigotry. I sincerely hope that you adopt this practice in the hiring of your staff and in

maintaining your office.

I also encourage you to help establish proper funding for treatment and services for persons living with AIDS, for education to prevent the rise in the epidemic, and for research towards a needed cure. I implore you to show the nation that Nebraskans believe this is important. Too much inaction and too many losses have already occurred.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of these ideas. I am ready to look forward to much cooperation with your office in improving the opportunity for a truly just society, where we can all value each other.

Sincerely,
Rich Ketter

Readers are encouraged to follow Mr. Ketter's example and also address their concerns about gay, lesbian, bi, or transgender issues to Mr. Christensen.

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PERSONALS

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Omaha IRISH STUD MUFFIN: GWM 5'7, irish stud muffin, looking for hot hairy bodies, tight jeans a plus- give me a call- #23546

Omaha LIGHT SKINNED MAN: Thomas, 22, lt skinned brn eyes 6'1 168 iso 18-22 just to have fun and go out #24348

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Omaha GOOD CLEAN FUN: 30 Bi WM iso guys to get together for good clean fun, - lv a message- #12608

Omaha DINNER FOR TWO: Jim, in late 30s, like to spend quiet evenings, going out for supper, like to hear from you like 20-30 slender build- #18426

Omaha QUIET EVENINGS: Jim prof'l like to meet masc guy

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Lawton SCI FI FAN: Robert, 5'9 170, blond/blu. theatre. movies. sci fi, int in 30-45 sense of humor, fun, friendship poss rel #18659

Odessa COMPANION/FRIEND: Charles, lkg for a male companion for friendship or rel, lv your name and phone # and I'll call you back- #32098

Palestine GOOD TIMES: Randy, 6'6, 225, brn/bm iso someone 18-27 just to go out and have a good time- #15976

Rusk HUGABLE JIM: like to meet fun loving, int in doing things outside gain' places, hugging affectionate, - like to get to know you- #16612

Rusk AFFECTIONATE, CARING- iso same like to have a good time, just drop me a line let me hear from you- #16612

Rutherford DYLAN 18 5'7 130 blk/bm med bld short hair white/hisp; iso some friends poss rel- just see what happens #16481

Wichita Falls WANT COMPANY? Rob, 32, int include being a homebody, movies, and enjoying the company of a good man- I'll be waitin' for ya! #16026

Omaha ZIPPER PROBLEMS? Lamar 30 BM tailor, iso a man w/ a nice suit who is living probs w/ his slacks, 4 best results, make sure U wear them when you come & see me- w/ a suit of course, give me a call, I hve my tape measure ready- #15963

West Omaha LOVE ON THE SOFA: WM, 36, 6'2 198, brn/ looking for Mr. Right, quiet times, on the sofa or in bed I also have a room to rent #15739

Ft. Smith LIKE TO HUNT? 25, like music, movies, like sports, anything like that, hunting, pref

blondes but open to others, #15677

Lawton TEACH ME PLEASE: Rodney married but not fulfilled, I'm 24, clean cut 5'4 145 new to this looking for an older WM to show me the ropes- waiting to be schooled- #16423

Midwest City BE GENTLE: John, '67 chevy iso someone 30-45 that knows how to treat someone who's never been around- give me a call- #15615

NE Area INTRODUCE ME: GARY SM 5'2 blk/bm avg build, hot and looking for anyone male or couple to show me leather lifestyle love to hear from you- #15551

NW FEMININE MEN: David, 28 GWM tp cute, shy, tall, slender, iso cinnamon, long haired guy, slender, 18-21 on the feminine side, race open- #15479

NE Nebraska LOOKING FOR A SON, 40's gd build, top, fun loving, hard working, non smoker/drinker, edu loyal, imaginative & supportive, lkg for younger with sim traits- looking for a long term rel, can help supp you- and help u reloc- #13799

Omaha 10 FEET TALL AND BULLETPROOF: Kurt GWM 29, brn/hazl, like country, rock, jazz, movies, eyes at home lkg for another GWM in the area- Give me a call- #12467

Omaha BODY ART, 6' 185, long hair, tattoos, hard rocking partier, want to party up, call me! #7729

Omaha I KNOW MR. RIGHT IS OUT THERE, GWM young 39 5'11 180, blond/blu like to meet light slim 21-26 for frenshp or rel, attr

to men from other countries, walking musi dancing, quiet eyes at home- #12738

Omaha COMPANIONSHIP, MICHAEL 40- 6'2, 195, like to watch foreign films, horror films, stay home go out to eat,

attr: for fun discreet rel, movies, dinner, things of that nature- like to hear from you soon #13457

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa DISCREET BI GUY: bi attr WM 5'3 130, 30s iso attr chn cut guy, discreet call me- #23017

Oklahoma City LOOKING FOR A FRIEND: Dennis WM 33 brn/bm 195, 6', just moved here mainly looking for friends- #23201

Oklahoma City LOOKING FOR A COWBOY: 25, 5'7 125, brn/blu, lkg for a cowboy 25-35 who has his act together- #23357

Tulsa CUDDLE UP: GWM 20 6'2 brn/hzl, iso romantic 18-25 loves attention to cuddle and kiss- #23701

Tulsa TALK TO ME: Tony, 27, 6', stocky 230, married WM bi, iso other married or bi men who are stocky like me, iso someone discreet and alot of fun great attitude, to talk with- #24320

Tulsa COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE, 30 fun, vers quiet nights long walks and movies... #24465

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Tulsa SEXY WEIGHTLIFTER: 27 (+) looking for sexy men 20-38, weightlifting and fun- #21988

OK City BLONDE HAIR/BLUE EYES: Michael, 24 GWM iso someone 24-30, 5'7 145, blu, blond hair, mus-tache, think you'd like to talk, give me a call- #21631



looking for my age 35-45, tall and lives in the area, friendship, companionship poss rel- #11833

Omaha PARTY ANIMALS, MARTIN 20: BM looking for someone to have fun with, walk in the park, go to parties and stuff like that- #12317

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