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## COPIES OF BACK ISSUES OF NEW VOICE NEEDED

*The New Voice* is working to find copies of certain issues from the early days of the magazine. We have one complete set that is bound and stored in our archives, but want to assemble at least one more complete set which can be put on public display.

We also have scattered copies of other Gay/Lesbian publications which were published here in Nebraska and would like to collect additional copies of these as the basis for what will someday be the archives of gay and lesbian activities in Nebraska.

If you would be willing to donate (or to have photocopied) copies of the issues or publications listed below, please call Sharon Van Butsel at 556-9907, or write to *The New Voice of Nebraska*, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103.

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- Volume 1, #6 (August '84)
- Volume 1, #10 (Dec. '84)
- Volume 1, #12 (February '85)
- Volume 2, #1 (March, 1985)
- Volume 2, #2 (April, 1985)
- Volume 2, #8 (October '85)
- Volume 4, #3 (May, 1987)
- Volume 4, #9 (Nov. '87)

## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 5TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY ON THE FRIDAY AFTER THURS. JAN. 13

Now if you are thinking that's certainly a lengthy way of identifying the date of a party—hey! don't blame that on me! I wanted the party on Thursday, January 13. After all that's our anniversary, but noooooo, it couldn't be that simple. Unfortunately I don't much like the number that follows 13 and so I won't use it in this open invitation. Instead I will refer to it as the Friday following Thursday, January 13, or the Friday coming just prior to the Saturday of January 15. Either way I hope you can figure it out! As Sharon will quickly tell you, it was this same logic that led to our Holy Union being on Friday, January 13, 1989 rather than on the Saturday that follows! Pretty good logic to me! Okay—here goes:

*You, Yes Each And Every One Of You Readers—You are Invited To Sharon & Carla's 5th Anniversary Party On That Day (the Friday following Thurs., Jan 13) From 5-8*

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Sharon Van Butsel  
& Carla Petersen

(On an unrelated note let me update you on my last visit with the back doctors. For the moment surgery has been delayed until May. There had been no additional shifting with my spine. Oh, it's still pretty painful at times—especially when I lift and carry things or if I try to lie down, but I did manage to lose about 25 lbs before those Dec. visits, and I promised to keep going to the Y to swim 3 or 4 times a week. All that seems to be helping it from getting worse—either that or all the exercise I get writing those humongous numbers on my BC/BS monthly insurance payments is doing the trick. Anyway—for now I'm postponing that hospital visit as long as I can. Thank you all for the questions and the concern you've voiced!)

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## NEBRASKA PRISONER LOOKING FOR PEN PAL

Dear Editor:

I have been an avid reader of your magazine for quite some time now, and it wasn't until recently that I was told that incarcerated inmates can receive a complimentary subscription throughout the duration of the incarceration. My release date is June 6, 1994. I would like very much to be put on your subscription list.

Also, I have noted that you occasionally publish a personal ad for incarcerated gentlemen on a one time free basis. I am enclosing an ad for this reason. I hope you have room to print this ad.

I truly enjoy your magazine and shall be anxiously awaiting my first issue.

AD: 26 year old, GWM, incarcerated at O.C.C. Release date: June 6, 1994. I'm 5'11", 200 pounds. I have long, brown hair and deep, dark brown eyes. I enjoy reading, writing, singing and playing the guitar. I am a sincere and open person who enjoys someone talking, touching, quiet evenings and sometimes a little leather and lace. ISO GWM 25-45 who shares similar interests. Looks and size unimportant. Any and all replies answered. Please write.

Charles Duane Case  
#42509  
O.C.C.  
P.O. Box 11099  
Omaha NE 68111-0099

Respond to these writers in communication only. Do not send money or other requested items. Please be responsible for yourself and your response to the prisoners.

## READER RESPONDS TO FRONTIER LETTER

Dear Editor,

In reading your November, 1993 *New Voice* Magazine, I was impressed with the first 2 1/4 pages but the letter from Managing Editor, Bill Gieger of the *Frontiers* publication was really a let down.

I do realize the possibility that I am possibly overreacting and taking this much too personally but speaking strictly from an ex-cons position, I know that the prisons of the State of Nebraska are really humbling places and good male friendship is really difficult to accomplish. Although I don't have any great difficulty forming friendships with people who had the same sexual preferences, I do know a few prisoners who are too timid to admit to other people that they are gay for fear that they will be severely harmed for their choices. Coming out isn't recommended in this situation.

I strongly feel that the point needs to be reaffirmed that some of these prisoners are good people and some of them are really trying to better themselves and there are also a few that have no desire to improve their way of living. I was one of these people not too long ago and am very proud of the things I have done and the changes that I have made since my successful release on parole. Thanks to my family and many numerous friends who done everything imaginable to ensure my release.

While my term of incarceration was brief, 1 year, it was only by the Grace of God that I was blessed with roommates who were also gay or were not offended or bothered by my preferences. Unfortunately those people I have lost contact with because the rules of parole state that no parolee can have contact with anyone who is still incarcerated or out on parole except for meetings and work.

My heart goes out to the men and women who are still doing time for the wrongs that they have done according to society and the laws set down which govern our country. I hope that this letter

offends no one and I am not choosing sides but these people are lonely and I know from my experiences that when mail was passed around each day, it sure seemed to brighten my day to receive a card or letter. Some people are good, some are lifetime scammers. Use your minds and follow your instincts if you feel your are being taken advantage of, stop writing. Some super friendships could be formed if things are made very clear from the start. I can honestly say that if my parole agreement would permit me to correspond with other inmates, I would!! Think about it, you could put a glimmer of light with just a simple card or letter to say, Hello, into someone's otherwise dark and lonely days.

Name held by request

## PRISONER RESPONDS TO FRONTIER LETTER

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Bill Geiger's letter in the November edition "Beware of Prisoner Ads: It Could Be A Scam!"

While in part what Bill states may be true because there are a lot of scams run by prison inmates. However, they are easy to spot provided you are guided by common sense and not emotions or insecurities you may have. If you are a closeted gay, by no means would it be wise to involve yourself with an inmate in any correctional facility unless you already know the person. If you are openly gay, and cannot be exploited by that the only thing you have to watch for are requests, either subtle or direct for financial assistance. Any request for money would be considered a "con" or "scam."

On the other side of the coin, there are some real people incarcerated who are gay and want only to correspond with other gays for moral support and to feel connected to those who share common interests, problems and goals as gays. There are no gay support groups in prison. They are not allowed here because of the fear by the administration that those who participated would be either exploited or physically assaulted by other inmates.

All I ask is that as a prisoner, please do not stereotype me the way society has stereotyped gays. That is also an injustice.

Sincerely yours,  
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## ANOTHER PRISONER RESPONDS TO FRONTIER LETTER

Dear Editor,

I'm writing because I am totally offended by people's attitudes about prisoners. In the *New Voice* (November issue) on page 3, this cry baby Mr. Bill Geiger, Managing Editor, *Frontiers* magazine, out of West Hollywood, California, is a prime example of someone trying to be the babysitter of the whole world.

Everywhere we look these days we've got people trying to be responsible for other people. We are all adults and I for one think it's damn time to grow up and take care of ourselves. I mean let's get real! This is real life we are living in, and it's not some fantasy we want to have hope in. That is to say, if you write a prisoner, you must have enough sense to know that all prisoners are in prison because they committed a crime, and that they may not be the most honest people around. Let's be real — prisoners don't have any money and they would like to have some money just like everyone else. You must know that some prisoners will try to con you out of money and that other prisoners will really want a relationship with you of some sort or the other. But my point is this — let's be grown ups and figure it all out for ourselves. Shall we have the *New Voice* be our parents in living? What would that say about your mentality to allow such a thing to happen? What would that say about your maturity? Aren't you readers smart enough and mature enough to make your own choices or even your own mistakes in life?

What *The New Voice* magazine and *Frontiers* are trying to do is the same damn thing some people in government seek to do, and that is that they want to take care of you. They want to say, "we only know what is best for all of you. I say, if you lay down and let a few people run your life you might as well be in a communist country, or live in a police state. Isn't it enough already that the Constitution in this country is under constant attack and that it is hardly worth the paper it's written on?"

Look at gun control, for instance. That my friends is against the supreme law of our land — the supreme law being the U.S. Constitution. But because a few people, or uneducated unrealistic people thought it would be the best thing for everyone in the whole damn country, we are now going to have even more gun control.

So anyway, the Constitution, which was written for the good of all of us, is defeated by a few narrow-minded dimwits who think they know what is best, and they don't care what the cost is to everyone, or don't understand what the final cost will be to us all. Wake up and understand, people, that you must be allowed to have all your rights in this life and that includes the right to be ripped off by inmates you write to or to not be ripped off by them, and to have a good relationship with them, if that happens. The thing is, are you going to turn your life over to the *Frontiers* magazine police or the *New Voice* magazine police to have them decide what is good for all the adults reading their publication?

I say to every one right now, if you let the *New Voice* decide whether prisoners, or anyone for that matter, can or can't place ads in the magazine, then you're all a bunch of babies who aren't capable of taking care of your own life. And further more, you aren't a friend of the Constitution and of freedom. If anyone doesn't like my comments, I hope they write and tell me so. I'll say what ever I want up to the last minute of my life, as I am a believer and lover of the Constitution, unlike some other people.

When I placed my ad in the October issue of this magazine, I was sincere and I never asked for money — Just as I said I wouldn't. But, I still need money, as do all prisoners. I'll say it clear right now, if anyone offers me money, I'll take it, but we also need real friends.

Another thing you should realize is that, some prisoners are very frank and straight forward, and if you're not ready for possibly some real heavy stuff, then don't write to prisoners. I've written to some people from the street and they obviously can't take where I'm coming from, because after a while they don't write back. But that too is their right as an American.

All I'm saying in all of this is to be an adult — don't play at being an adult — be an adult for real. Be responsible for yourself.

If you have the guts, or the want to promote self responsibility, and self esteem, then print this letter, Dear Editor.

Thanks you so very kindly and to all my friends, the real lovers of the Constitution, I bid you a happy life, and a good day to you all for now.

Sincerely,  
Mark O. Thomas #37879  
POB 22800  
Lincoln NE 68542

### THE JOURNAL OF TRANSEXUAL FEMINISM

*TransSisters, the Journal of Transsexual Feminism*, first published on September 7, 1993 to provide a forum dealing specifically with issues of transsexuality and feminism, to promote dialogue between the feminist and transsexual communities, to foster understanding of transsexuality within the feminist community, and to promote feminist consciousness within the transsexual community. *TransSisters* welcomes submissions of articles, poetry, interviews, reviews, artwork and photography relevant to the issues of transsexuality which express a feminist perspective. Although the primary focus of *TransSisters* is expected to be issues of concern to male-to-female transsexuals, submissions dealing with issues of female-to-male transsexuality are welcome. *TransSisters* is published bimonthly. Individual and Sample copies are available for \$3.00 each (\$4.00 each in Canada), and one year subscriptions (six issues) are available for \$18.00 (\$24.00 in Canada) from: Davina Anne Gabriel; 4004 Troost Avenue; Kansas City, Missouri 64110. All checks should be payable to Davina Anne Gabriel. Advertising and wholesale rates are available on request. Submissions by transsexual women who have experienced discrimination and/or harassment within the lesbian/feminist community are now

being sought for an anthology of personal accounts of such experiences. Manuscripts should be sent to: Davina Anne Gabriel; 4004 Troost Avenue; Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

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## UNSAFE ASSUMPTIONS

by De Moreland

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dancing as you strip to kill.  
Your body emerges  
hard as blue-veined marble  
straight out of fantasy  
and Michaelangelo's hands.  
You toss your head and urge  
me toward explicit kisses.  
Desire implicit.  
We are neither one immune.

## KENTUCKY PRISONER LOOKING FOR PEN PAL

Dear Editor:

I am very interested in printing an ad in your publication. However, I am unable to pay at this time for I am incarcerated. I've never had and am in any type of publication before and I give my word I will respect all others. A pen-pal friend would be a greatly appreciated gesture to help ease my loneliness. I remain,

Respectfully & Sincerely

21 year old Gay white male, 6'1 165 lbs.,  
Hazel eyes, brown hair, clean and in great health.  
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## CFEP NEEDS YOUR HELP TO PASS LB 395

"Your Silence will not protect  
you."

Dear Editor,

LB 395 is alive and well in the Nebraska Unicameral. For those of you that are not familiar with this legislative bill, I will review it briefly. This bill was introduced last year by Senator Tim Hall as an amendment to an existing statute—the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act. LB 395 adds the words sexual orientation to 6 other categories which are protected from discrimination in employment in our state. The bill states, in part, "It is the policy of this state to foster the employment of all employable persons in the state on the basis of merit regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation... Denying equal opportunity for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin or sexual orientation is contrary to the principles of freedom and is a burden on the objectives of the public policy of this state." Simply by adding sexual orientation and defining it, discrimination in employment on this issue would be illegal. We would become the 9th state to pass such a bill.

The bill was offered with 2 amendments: one stating that no quotas or affirmative action is implied or intended and the second that all religious institutions are exempt.

Last March the bill had a public hearing and was then voted on by the Business and Labor committee. By a 4 to 3 vote, it passed out of committee on to General File. This means that during the 1994 session which begins in January, all 49 Senators will have a chance to vote on this bill. We need a simple majority of 25 to win.

Here's where you come in. The Senators need to hear from you. They need to hear your personal stories on why this bill is important to you. This can be by writing a brief letter or by meeting with your Senator personally. It is the most important thing you can do—more so than giving money or marching in a parade or waving a banner. If everyone who believes in this bill would write or visit, the Senators would have no choice but to vote for this bill.

We in Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP) have been meeting with the Senators on an individual basis, allowing them time to ask questions, and making sure they are familiar with this bill. By January 1st we will have met with all of them. They know we are serious and committed, but we cannot do it all. YOU must write. It is the letters from their constituents that is most important to them. YOU can change their minds. If you need information on how or who to contact, please contact CFEP and we get you the information. You can be sure the opposition has written or called. Some Senators we have spoken to have only received negative mail on this bill.

Timothy Rose, a media consultant from Minneapolis spoke at our Coming Out Day last October and quoted these words: "Your Silence will not protect you." It is time, Nebraska, to speak out.

Sandy Kershaw

Citizens for Equal Protection

**RCMC Concert**  
**Sat., Jan. 29**  
**Tickets On Sale Now!**

## RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

Dear Friend of the Gay/Lesbian Community,

River City Gender Alliance (RCGA) is a support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and others who have an interest in the transgendered lifestyle. We provide education, support, a newsletter, and a social outlet for the transgendered person to help them accept themselves, to meet others like themselves, and provide a social outlet for expressing their transgendered needs. Our membership consists of all sexual and gender orientations, males and females, and covers all Nebraska, Western Iowa and southern South Dakota.

The transgendered community has been in the closet like the gay/lesbian community except that we have been much further in it. We are trying more and more to come out and the gay/lesbian community has accepted, helped and encouraged us. They have done more for us than they realize and we ardently support all gay/lesbian programs and activities.

We are getting more active in the gay/lesbian community and would like to reach out to other organizations and people to let them know who we are and what we are about. We also try to educate the general community at large. We can provide speakers if requested.

We feel that your organization may sometimes be contacted by people who are transgendered and need support. If you are contacted by them, it would be greatly appreciated if you could refer or tell those people about our organization because we know we can help them. Likewise, we will refer people to your organization when we receive inquiries that fit your organization. Mailing address: River City, POB 1305, Bellevue, NE 68005.

Sincerely,

Judy Adams

River City Gender Alliance

## RESPONSE TO JOEY LEIGH

Dear Sharon,

I read with interest the article from Joey Leigh. Why didn't someone take pictures and write an article to be submitted to *The New Voice*? Joey Leigh seemed to have plenty of time to write about how wronged the Chesterfield was.

The time taken to do that could have provided me with an appreciation of what happened on the 11th anniversary of the Chesterfield. Or perhaps she could have invited someone to write the review for the Omaha publications. With volunteer staffs there is no way that all events will be covered. If someone had told me they didn't have time, I would have found someone to write the article and take the photos and met the deadline of the publications, rather than bemoan how wronged I was.

The Chesterfield offers a wonderful resource to the women of Nebraska and I am not downplaying that aspect. However, each person has a responsibility to cover events they feel are noteworthy. We cannot depend on someone else to do it. She says maybe we need more volunteers. As I see it this is not a MAYBE but an absolute. So perhaps the next time she wants to see something published in the Omaha publications, she can take the time to either write and take photos or find someone who will do that. I am sorry I don't know what happened at the 11 year celebration, because there was no coverage, only complaints about what someone else didn't do.

Sincerely,

Sonya Smith

## HOW DO SCHOOLS DEAL WITH G/L?

To whom it may concern:

I'd greatly appreciate it if you could run the following information request in your letters page, as a box, in your announcements, or wherever you deem it most appropriate. Thanks!

I am writing a book on gay and lesbian issues in American public schools, and would like to hear from anyone with first-hand knowledge. This includes teachers, administrators, and students who are out in their schools; anyone with information about how schools are handling gay-related controversies or problems, and anyone who can point me in a direction or toward an angle I might now know about.

Please write Dan Woog, 301 Post Rd., Westport, CT 06880, or call 203-227-1755. Thanks!

## IN BLACK AND WHITE SOJOURNER - Black Gay Voices in the Age of AIDS Other Countries - Volume II by B & G

*Sojourner - Black Gay Voices in the Age of AIDS*, is a collaboration of stories, letters and prose, written by men of color, detailing their experiences with AIDS in the twentieth century.

The book is a well-written collection of compositions, directed primarily at men of color who are gay, straight, HIV positive or negative. This book reveals to the reader how the black community is dealing with, and living with the threat of AIDS in their everyday lives.

Even though numerous stories in this collection deals with the negative aspect of AIDS - Death, the stories give the black community as well as the white community, the hard core fact, that AIDS has affected/infected not only the white community, but people of color as well.

Throughout the book there are references to many bouts of denial such as, "So many of my friends had died, it just can't happen to me", "I've always been careful about who I've slept with." "I went to so & so's funeral last night, and I really can't remember if I slept with him or not. In this day and age of AIDS, the fight is increasing on many levels.

One writer wrote "To stop fighting, is to stop living." We are very aware of how the AIDS epidemic has affected/infected the gay and straight community, because we have lost several close friends to this disease. We always wonder why some people are spared from contracting the disease while others are not.

After reading numerous books and periodicals, and newspapers on the AIDS crisis, one starts to think and take a look at the way they are living their lives. Quite often the questions that come to everyone's mind is, "What can I do to stop this disease. It's never too late to let someone you know — friend or foe — that there are ways to stop the deaths and the spread of AIDS.

We highly recommend this book to everyone, not just the black community. This disease has directly or indirectly touched millions of people. It's time to stop this disease before it destroys more lives.

Please join Other Countries in celebration of the release of *Sojourner: Black Gay Voices in the Age of AIDS*, 7X9, 256 pages, paperback, \$10.95. Other Countries is a community of writers that was founded in New York in 1986 to affirm our identity and culture, and document their experiences as Gay Men of African Heritage.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST S/M WOMEN

Do you know the S/M women are victims of violence within the lesbian community?  
Do you know that S/M women are targets for harassment, discrimination and physical assault by other women because of their S/M orientation?

Female Trouble of Philadelphia, a women's S/M and leather organization, is sponsoring a nation-wide survey entitled "Violence Against S/M Women within the Lesbian Community". Our goal in conducting this survey is to determine the extent of violence against S/M women within the women's community and specifically to focus on acts of harassment, intimidation, discrimination and physical assault.

A formal survey report will be published in January/February 1994 and will include over 500 participants.

If your organization would like to receive a copy of "Violence Against S/M Women" survey report or if you would like additional information, please contact: Jad Keres, FT Survey, PO Box 30145, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or call (215) 844-5733.

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by Arlen Ray Lazaroff

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We live in dream tents,  
shiver in ripped coats,  
require insulation  
and fast moving earth machines.

Walk around circles of stones containing  
fire to sing songs around  
flares to burn dead trees  
and recycle paper back to the land as dead ash  
dark and silent but once lit by fire.

We are made alive by fire  
on quiet hilltops above railroad tracks  
where wandering livestock at night  
file silently by our camps  
under brightly blazing suns.

Any time after work's ok to go  
and after work is right now...  
as far as i'm concerned, let's blow this joint  
and incense the world  
silent and lit by fire.

...  
But car gasoline soaks my blue jeans,  
and battery acid will warp my genetic codes,  
and i remember how these survivalist groups

set fire to barns all over,  
and rain terror in sheets of precipitation.  
Traditional women always have face paint  
problems.

Blush and lipstick tend to explode in purses.  
Riot grrrrs reject folk art techniques, most noisily,  
and if they want to get a man  
they get him fifty years on good behavior.

Sacred heart pictures bleed miracles down walls.  
Stains won't wash out unless the cloth is holy  
and the only garments you wear  
on your trip to the spirit world  
will be rent from burial cloths  
of saints and saviors.

Lodge grass women wash their faces  
in tubs of gasoline  
and fuel the sacred hearts of fires  
in open fields  
where crazed hunter-gatherers rake passionate  
glass tears  
and put them in offering plates.

...  
Holy men who wear no clothes  
can't disguise themselves as the opposite sex.  
and we of the indominant legal system  
say their kings have none.

Exposure's a sure way to freeze to death in winter  
and the frosty gods of December good will  
won't leave you any toys.

Hide in Hollywood's latest bison robes.  
Wear animal horns and Christians will refuse you  
as the devil.

Sounds like a better deal to me  
than freezing your butt on their hard church pews  
and the frosty gods of March bitter winds  
will tangle your kites on their telephone lines.

I could wear a sacred helmet but i do not know  
if i need to shield my head from the falling snow  
because i have a set of armor on my mind  
plus a good heart, and it beats fine  
with the summer rhythms of harvest and green  
where the maze gods won't let my shoulders  
rest next to the machine.

(Inspired by *The Spirit and the Flesh*, a book  
about the Native American "Berdache", or gender-  
mixing, traditions.)

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# HEALTH REFORMS and AIDS

by Donna E. Shalala\*

In 1987, John McGann lost his health insurance. Not because he didn't pay his premium. Not because he lost his job — and not because his employer dropped health coverage from its benefit package. McGann lost his insurance because he had AIDS.

McGann died in 1991 without ever regaining his insurance. But his fight, taken eventually to the Supreme Court, taught us that we need to reform our health care system so that people with life-threatening diseases such as AIDS don't face this greatest of personal crises without the protection of health insurance.

Since the epidemic began 13 years ago, thousands of people with AIDS and other life-threatening or chronic diseases have systematically been excluded from the private insurance market. In particular, women and children and minority group members are constantly confronted by obstacles to insurance coverage.

Profit-conscious insurance companies have used both crude and sophisticated methods to keep those people from getting coverage. For example, many insurers require individuals and employees of small companies to submit to HIV antibody screening tests. Others refuse to sell insurance to entire communities where AIDS is prevalent. Some invoke preexisting medical condition clauses to refuse coverage. And a growing number of insurers impose unrealistic lifetime limits on insurance coverage or specifically limit reimbursement for AIDS-related services.

Employers, worried about the cost of their insurance policies and the risk of losing coverage

for all their workers, have gone along with these limits. Some, like McGann's employer, the H & H Music Co., have even chosen to self-insure in order to gain an exemption from state insurance rules.

As a result, today an estimated 27% of people living with AIDS are uninsured — nearly double the national average. Another 45% rely on Medicaid for their coverage, and 4% get coverage through Medicare. The remaining 24% live in daily fear that their often limited private insurance coverage will either disappear or be priced beyond their reach.

This spotty coverage can lead to reduced life expectancy for those with AIDS who are uninsured and who cannot avail themselves of medical and preventive treatments. Similarly, among those who are HIV-infected, a lack of insurance can lead to a more rapid acceleration to full-blown AIDS and an inability to take advantage of the research and treatment advances we have achieved.

For a desperately ill person without insurance, the news of a new drug approval or research breakthrough may not be a cause for celebration, but merely a cruel hoax.

The cost of treating such patients does not go away. Rather it is shifted unevenly to other parts of societies, including inner-city hospitals that are left with the burden of uncompensated care.

This has got to stop. And when Congress enacts President Clinton's Health Security Act, it will stop.

The Health Security Act provides all Americans with coverage that is affordable, portable, and permanent. For people with AIDS,

those who are HIV-infected, and those with other life-threatening or chronic diseases, these benefits are of tremendous value.

First, insurance reforms will prohibit exclusion on the basis of a preexisting condition; bar the use of lifetime or disease-specific coverage limitations; and return to the use of an old-fashioned community rating, which spreads the cost of care for the chronically ill among the members of large communities rather than exacting that cost from those who are least able to afford it.

Second, the acute care segment of our Medicaid population will be folded into regional health alliances and be given a Health Security card and a comprehensive package of benefits equal to that of all Americans.

Third, all insurance plans will provide extensive coverage of the costs of outpatient prescription drugs, which often amount to thousands of dollars a year for a person with a life-threatening disease like AIDS.

And, finally, out-of-pocket medical costs will be limited to no more than \$1,500 for an individual and \$3,000 for a family.

As a nation, we must remain committed to ending the scourge of AIDS. At the same time, we have to improve our commitment to those who are living with AIDS and other chronic and life-threatening diseases.

The President's Health Security Act is a major step in that direction and one that we can all agree must be taken.

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# A CALL TO ACTION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Something special is happening in the heartland. Nebraska is preparing to become the ninth state in the U.S. to put protection of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual civil liberties into law. When the Nebraska Unicameral convenes this January the fate of LB395 will be decided by the 49 men and women of the Legislature. LB395 will prohibit discrimination in employment based upon individuals sexual orientation. Never in this state's history has a bill like this come so far.

A tremendous amount of time and energy has been expended to get this bill where it is today. But, there is still a great deal of work to do. The bill, sponsored by Omaha senators Tim Hall and Ernie Chambers, was first introduced to the Judiciary Committee last year. Hearings were held in Lincoln at which a diverse group of Nebraskans spoke in favor of the proposed legislation. After the hearing the seven member panel added their consent to LB395 and voted to present the bill to the full Unicameral for their consideration.

In the intervening months a concerted effort was made to meet with each of the 49 senators to find out their personal feelings on the legislation, answer questions, combat concerns and in general educate them about the need for protection of our civil rights. Happily, all but a handful of the most vehemently anti-gay officials have been contacted. The result of which is that it appears legal protection is within our reach as a community.

But, as was said before, a great deal still needs to be done and that, my friends, is where you come in. Whether you knew it or not, there is a budding lobbyist inside of you just waiting to come out (no pun intended). The question is often raised, "what can I do?", the answer is that there is a need for every member of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community to become involved. So, here are a few tips:

**1. Write your Senator.** All it takes is five minutes of your time to send your elected official a short note urging their support of this legislation. Tell them that you expect their support and that their support is personally important to you. Remind them that this bill is the right thing to do. Don't worry that your senator is so conservative that he, or she, will not support this legislation. Even the most homophobic representative might be dissuaded from opposing this bill. Also, do not assume that your senator will automatically support this legislation. For many of the senators, their support of this legislation will result in significant pressure from the religious right. We must let them know that we are behind them and we must be willing to support them if the going gets tough. If you do not know who your state senator is, contact any of the numbers listed below (see "Be Prepared"), or you can call your local elections commissioner — their number is in the blue pages of the phone book.

**2. Call your Senator.** Follow up your letter with a phone call to their office or home (home numbers are public information and are, in fact, published by the Unicameral for this purpose). Even if you don't write, a phone call is extremely important. Saying no to an idea is one thing, but telling a constituent that you cannot support them is something quite different. Be open to them and be prepared to answer any question they might have about the bill (see "Be Prepared" below). Do not be put off if you receive a negative response. The world is not a perfect place and there are going to be those senators that we can never convince to support this legislation. Make them justify their stand against the bill and then suggest they simply not vote when the bill is read

(a very common practice during "controversial" votes). Thank them for their time and let them know you appreciate the fact that they were willing to hear you out.

**3. Visit your Senator.** Many people think that their representative is too busy, or too important to bother with them. That is simply not true. Every senator needs and wants to hear from the people of their district. You may be surprised how receptive they are to your visit, even if they do not support the bill itself. If the senator is not available, it is usually possible to visit with one of their aides. These assistants are an extremely important part of the legislative process and their influence should never be underestimated. Call the senator's office before going to see them and arrange an appointment. Let them know who you are and why you are there. Again, be open to them and be prepared to answer their concerns. Your very presence in their office will help debunk many of the stereotypes about Gays and Lesbians.

Early next year, an organized lobbying day will be scheduled. If you do not feel comfortable "going it alone", this will be a perfect opportunity for you to join with people from around the state and visit the capitol. For more information on this event, please contact any of the numbers listed below (see "Be Prepared").

**4. This is lobbying, this is not "coming out".** You do not have to tell anyone your last name. You do not have to tell anyone where you work. You do not have to sign anything, or fill out any forms. In fact, being honest with your senator and letting them know you cannot give them your last name because you fear for your job, your family or your home can be a very powerful statement and serve to underline the basic necessity of this type of legislation. Simply put, "I could lose my job tomorrow, for being here today" can have a significant emotional impact. What is important, is that you share with them the emotional experience of what it is like to worry that your job may be taken away from you for something completely unrelated to your ability to perform the job.

**5. Be Prepared.** Be ready to respond to specific concerns and questions. Copies of LB395, Lobbying Packets, Informational Sheets and a variety of other support materials are available, free of charge, from Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP). You can contact any of the following persons for information and/or support (all of these are Omaha numbers): M.J. or Lori at 342-5664, Jeff or John at 558-8076, or Neva at 344-2826. If you are talking with your senator and they ask you something which you do not feel comfortable answering, tell them you don't know and that someone will get back to them. You can call any of the above numbers and CFEP will respond to them immediately.

**6. Recruit, Pester, Bother, and Otherwise Annoy Anyone Else Who Will Contact Their Senator.** Get everyone you know involved. The more contact we have with these elected officials, the greater the chance we have of passing this legislation. If you are out to your family, stress to them the importance that they contact their senator. Let your minister or priest know that you expect their support. Tell your employer what is going on and urge them to show their support. Get together a group and write letters together. Organize a road trip to Lincoln with your friends. Bore your dates with long drawn out discussions of legal maneuvering. (Okay, maybe not). The point is, every single woman and man in this community needs to do something. It may not be much, but all of us can afford five minutes to shape a better

tomorrow.

**7. Consider contacting another senator.** Contact the senators from the district that adjoin yours. Many senators consider these calls important because they may indicate the sentiments of their own district. Call the senator from the district where you grew up, where you went to school, where you have family or friends. Let them know that how they vote will impact the lives of the people they represent. Consider contacting the senator of a friend who is too afraid to do it themselves. Let them know they have persons in their district who must hide because they are afraid for their job, their home, or maybe even their safety.

**8. Go to Step #1 and repeat all of the above in order.** That's right, contact your senator again! Repeated contact with your senator is important to remind them that we remain committed to LB395. Such contact also provides an opportunity to respond to any new concerns or questions they may have. It is important to make them realize that their constituents take this matter very seriously, it helps to call them and remind them we are out here.

**9. Consider attending a CFEP meeting.** Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the First Unitarian Church in Omaha. Other meetings occur at different times during the month. Feel free to contact any of the members above for the time and place of the meeting. You do not have to join (even though the annual dues are only \$10.00) and you do not have to commit yourself to anything you do not want to do. However, if you are looking to become more involved in the effort to pass LB395 there are a number of areas where CFEP can use your help. If you are from outside the metropolitan Omaha area, CFEP will be glad to put you in touch with a group in your area.

The time to act is now. The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community of Nebraska is on the verge of passing this historic legislation. But it is not going to happen until you decide to become involved. Your efforts on behalf of LB395 can potentially effect the lives of thousands of others. The time you give to this endeavor can make Nebraska a better place for future generations and assure that we are not forgotten when others speak of Nebraska, The Good Life.

For information on CFEP or LB395, call 402-398-3027.

## DEADLINE FOR 'TOM WADDELL AWARD' EXTENDED

The Federation of Gay Games has extended the deadline for accepting nominations for the Tom Waddell Award to April 1, 1994. The three finalists will be announced in New York City in early May at the premiere book signing and cocktail reception for *Gay Olympian, The Biography of the Founder of the Gay Games, Dr. Tom Waddell*, written by ABC Sports correspondent Dick Schaap. Nominees should be worthy people who have dedicated themselves to service in the arts, athletics, or volunteerism that capture the spirit of the Gay Games. Nominations and requests for nomination forms can be sent to: The Federation — Awards Committee, 584 Castro St., Suite 343, San Francisco, CA 94114. The Tom Waddell Award will be presented at Closing Ceremonies of Gay Games IV in New York City, June 25, 1994.

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# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET

by Shelly Roberts  
Hidden Society's Child

Janis Ian was on the Howard Stern show last night. And in the first five seconds, he tossed his auburn curls like some latter day Loretta Young entering his hair through the doorway, and asked her how old she was when she first acted on her lesbianism.

What? Janis? One of us? Oh, gaydar, where were you when I really needed you?

"Fifteen and a half," she replied in the kind of months-on-end accounting ascribed to the impatiently young learning to tally their lifetime. "Oooohh." I thought I inwardly groaned. Only, Judi, lying beside me in our Sunday night let's watch a little tv before we have to sleep ourselves into a new week bed, asked, "What's wrong?"

"Oh, nothing. I used to know her." And drifted myself into a twenty year old Chicago memory. Way back when I still wanted to throw up at the lesbian scenes in paperback books. I had been married to Whatsname for about as long as we were going to last, and had taken up a friendship with a woman at work who fulfilled all the blond, blue eyed Cinderella fantasies I was never going to be. As friends, you understand. The kind who invent traumas weekly for excuses to hug. The kind who later would bring suicidal realizations, none of which would ever get acted on. And only very later understand.

I was still working my way through my frustrated twentysomething housewife phase when Paula said, you have to hear this music, and played Janis Ian's interracial anthem, *Society Child*. It had turned Jan from schoolyard outcast into famous folksinger at fourteen. She, who got to hang with Hendrix, was an icon I had missed and I was taken. With the voice, with the lyricism of the writing with the sentiment and sensitivity and the concern about the boundary crossing of the song.

It was significant months later, with Whatsname packed and gone, Paula offering scant relief, and a company who said, "Vacation. Use it or lose it." The kind of chill December ultimatum that caught me short on cash and travel inspiration. I'd paid for the divorce, and was paying for childcare, and couldn't cover costs beyond the wilds of Gary, Indiana, an inconceivable opportunity for a midwest travel adventure. So I did what any poor Chicago soul in my circumstances would do. I looked in the Sunday *Sun-Times* for amusements, and planned to stay home.

And lo. And behold. Janis Ian was at a local club for the week. For the few bucks it would cost to cover the babysitter and the price of a subway too, and an indulgent taxi from, I could have my own Janis Ian festival.

She was splendid. I was entranced. For four nights I showed up and sipped scotch which hadn't been yet assigned as environmentally hazardous, and drank the music and the lovely lady in.

On the fifth night, the record company advance man acknowledged my existence with free albums and free drinks. Nothing lascivious. I was vaguely disappointed to discover, (what did I know then?) just good business for an obvious fan. I still have the album, a little cat scratched along the upper edge, but with the magic marker inscription still intact. To me. From Her.

On the fifth night we talked a little. Between sets. The sort of star to fan-conversation that makes your adams apple sit doubled inside your

throat. But, I must have said something because the sixth night, she said, "So, uh, you wanna come with us 'n' get something to eat? Help us pack?"

"Did I? Of course! It was way into the little hand numbers by the end of the last set. We rode up the Northside, Janis, me, the three in the band in the Sherman tank sized Checker Cab that defines the streets of Chicago. I sat backward on the fold-down, while they talked of the next gig. And I tried to figure out what I was doing there, or was supposed to do. Help her pack, I guessed. Going home with a guy from a club, I'd have known. But this? It was very undefined.

We headed to the hotel, where I handed her clothes from a drawer or a pile on the floor, and listened to memorable one-way conversation I can't reconstruct. Just the float-through image of being there, innocently, strangely, strongly drawn in a magnetism that had no vocabulary then, in a room where the tension came from nowhere to go with it. So I went home, caught in the first few rays over the corner of the Lake.

I never did know what I had been doing there. Just a fan thing, I always thought. I must nearly have worn the grooves in that signed album smooth over the next decade. I casually sought sightings, and cheered grammy successes, marveled at her anthem to my adolescence, *At Seventeen*, which she lifted wholecloth from my highschool yearbook.

We've traveled some roads since then. Janis and I. I went through lesbian bootcamp, away the next year in Europe with Sandy, interned magnificently with Roxann, and studied self-destruction with Professors Barbara and Jennifer on my way to Judi. A most enlightened trip. I didn't know what Janis did in the intervening. Just, from what I could tell on the Howard Stern show last night, get cooler. Her voice got sweeter. Her memory more special, now that I understood, finally, what I had been doing in a Chicago hotel room twenty-three years ago handing Janis spare socks and packs of guitar strings.

"Did she come on to you?" Judi asked as I explained the encounter, briefly, so as not to interrupt the absorption of as much Ian essence as could pass to me through the cathode ray.

"I don't think so. I don't know. Who could have known?" I answer, my eyes reconstructing a smoky club two decades ahead of the wrecking ball, just beyond the image of Howard Stern's awed interrogation, and way into my thousand yard stare.

Who could have know? Oh, Janis, I'm too old to be a groupie. But I'll always be a fan.

If I had only know then what I just found out now.

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# RED CLOUD RISING

by Arlen Ray Lazaroft

I'm writing a book about romance in a city park soon to be published even if it is cliche'd in parts. The participants are mostly silent at the start, are cloaked head to toe in funeral black, and are not allowed to speak their minds unless the appear to have learned something by the end.

In the first episode I walk past piles of dead soldiers as numbers are assigned and infected clothing's burned. Been around this square plot of manicured land longer than you'd care to know. I should be sleeping on a bed of nails contemplating the mystic instead of genocide. There is a higher way beyond the freeway, and I'm tearing out of my native terrain on it.

"Now hold everything that moves!" I said, "and let's rewind the videotape to the scene where he gets raped by a cameraman with a penchant for penetrating horror.... The scenes and lines on the survey map have been erased, and there is no division between east and west. Sexual activity has totally ceased until we get back on the air next week."

And the tide of human hormones and pheromones should be damned by a wall of dead lover's bones.

I file notes away on the case I've unmade. I hate my own bed and should burn it.

In next week's episode, romantic lid strikes hopelessly again, and I'm shouting "Hold everything that moves! Hold that thought and orgasm until we come to our senses..."

and in that sense and sensuality the park becomes a prison, the shopping mall a torture chamber, streets a place where vermin like u roll in piles of trash...

and if you don't mind i'll sleep in the most uncomfortable spot i can find like under furniture or maybe a nice hard corner of a basement...

Soldiers with guns and flashlights patrol streets outside, taking occasional shelter in foxholes and glory holes... victims scatter, frightened sometimes, and take very little with them.

I travel light, myself. I'm a packrat pulling my tail through heat vents, trading shiny coins for a view of the surreal.

And like clouds in a reddening flatland sunset, still i aspire to rise above it all. And until and if that happens, i'll always

fill.

THE NEW VOICE

# A POETRY SAMPLER

## COMING OUT

by Sam Gilmore

The older man stood by his side as they  
gazed across the bay,  
The younger man just turned twenty-two,  
His hair was blond, not gray;  
Yet, still he felt a closeness,  
here with this older guy;  
For his tender words and gentle touch,  
made the young mans spirits rise;  
They'd been so close for three years now,  
and there hadn't been a day;  
When the older man had not been there,  
in some supportive way;  
The feelings the older man had shared,  
Came directly from his heart,  
for he loved the young man more than life,  
and he'd said so from the start;  
The younger of the two had said,  
he couldn't live that way;  
But as days and weeks and months passed by,  
he found he longed to stay;  
The love he felt from the older man,  
Came to him strong and true;  
Demonstrated in the things he'd say,  
And the little things he'd do;  
The happiness the young man found,  
Was unequaled anywhere;  
Love unconditional flowed to him,  
From this man with graying hair;  
From childhood, the young man was told,  
That a man can't love a man;  
So feelings that he felt right now,  
he didn't understand;  
But as the conflict raged within,  
he let his fears subside;  
He looked the older man in the eye,  
As he raised his voice with pride;  
The words he spoke were strong and clear,  
An indecision passed away;  
"I'll love you till the day I die,  
and with you I want to stay;  
You gave me strength to overcome,  
what other people think;  
You helped me be the best I can,  
and from cruel words never shrink;  
And through you, I've found my answer,  
for in God's own special way;  
He's let me know that I'm all right,  
There's nothing wrong with being Gay."

## MISSOURI MAN

by Leander Scott

So asleep in reckless confidence  
Your empiratic grimace  
Attests to your wallowing fait accompli

Oh Missouri man  
My misery man

As I place my palm, flat upon your belly  
You digest your smile whole  
And resurrect an expression of tethered grace

Then your eyes so rapid flash  
That I wonder, in excellence  
What do heroes dream about?

## METAPHORIC OBSESSIONS

by Owen Keehnen

You with the Renaissance hair,  
the Barrymore profile and the Barryshnikov butt.  
The big pop,  
object of my free floating  
firmly in hand  
rock hard obsession.  
A need lush, full, and hung over walls,  
like thick green vines  
and clinging to window screens with taloned  
hands  
poised to dig into a lover's back.  
It's become steamy Tennessee Williams stuff  
without the decay or the action  
without any between the lines.  
It's preserved and growing  
and there's whenever I see you.  
You make me look down  
but I sneak guarded surreptitious glances.  
The air thickens into a scented smoke  
that threatens and hints and whispers "Toxicity".  
It's a faint keyed refrain  
in air hung heavy with musk.  
It moves in harmony  
like the muscle bone flesh and sinew interplay  
of your back and arms  
when you walk and when you don't.  
You make my mouth go dry  
and my fingers sweat.  
You're everywhere when you're around  
with an effect you must know you have.  
You know all about this sort of thing.  
I don't like it.  
It's cruel anymore  
like a swarm of bees you've loosened upon me  
and which I blindly bat to describe.  
I thrash my stung arms,  
swinging madly and in futility  
until falling facedown in a bed of metaphors.

## NO HERO IN THE RAIN

by Leander Scott

The angels cry in communal tears  
And I, just like the apple blossoms,  
Resist their gift of cold caresses.

It is May  
The month of the Virgin's birth  
And spring, which comes as welcome  
As a kiss on an old maiden's breast  
This year comes as uninvited as the parson's wife

I know this is so  
Because of the rain

Angel's tears, the nuns would say  
So that we would mind the rain

What sorrow provokes the angels so?  
What sin committed grieves them now?  
We do not know and never will  
But I will propose  
With my hand as steady and open as an apple  
blossom  
The tears that fall from each my eye  
Fall for Michael, Michael, Michael

## THE BLADES OF JOY

by Leander Scott

Like so much grass  
The blades of joy  
Erect and wave  
To signal poignant travails  
How uncleathed the swards welcome us  
Some in mercurial strokes against our skin  
Some like scheptulars thrust into the darkness  
All rise in attentive stances  
All flail, verdant and ripe  
Then once satiated, limp like tongues curl  
Recessing back into dormant pastures  
Like so much joy  
Are the blades of grass

## HE'S GOT A MARKET ON THE CORNER

by De Moreland

Stretching  
up against the Greyhound  
terminal wall like a lizard in the sun  
fingers snaking through long hair  
that spills across his shoulders  
like root beer, Felipe stops traffic.

Fluent in the physical,  
his body speaks all languages.

Slow eyes, warm  
as Birthday candles  
make your wish come true.  
He peels his t-shirt, drops  
it like a handkerchief. Moist  
palms draw circles on  
his hone-colored chest. Both  
nipples point him toward you  
like a compass.  
Behind that pout, an open  
invitation that can blow  
you out of all proportion.  
His fingers lead you down  
in search of buried treasure,  
disappear inside the waistband  
of his jeans.

## RAT

by De Moreland

lowdown and long  
black as charred cork  
smiling like a grand piano  
undereath a pair of shades  
like Ray Charles wears,  
he leans inside my door frame  
blowing smoke rings  
like the blues  
out that jeweled pipe  
he smuggled in  
from Istanbul  
inside a rubber  
up his butt.  
He says,  
"I got it."  
"You want it?"  
in a voice  
like cheap whiskey.  
Shit.  
I have to let him in.

# NATIONAL NEWS

## MORE THAN 1400 ATTEND CREATING CHANGE

More than 1400 people attended the sixth annual Creating Change Conference in Durham, N.C., sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Activists from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Belgium and Canada gathered at the annual skills building event, which is the largest political conference in the nation's gay, lesbian and bisexual community.

The conference included full-day intensives on topics such as "Fight the Right," Health Care, Southern Organizing, Anti-Violence, Age and Aging, International Organizing, Civil Rights/Privacy, Work/Family, and Youth. Dozens of other skills-building workshops focused on issues such as media, lobbying, fundraising, volunteers, and boards of directors. Prior to the Nov. 12 start of Creating Change, NGLTF sponsored three full-day institutions: the People of Color Organizing Institute, Diversity Training Institute and the Race, Class, and Gender Institute.

Related events included a community dance, a sober dance, a people of color dance, "Stand Up for Your Rights" star-studded gala, Adrienne Rich book signing, and a town hall meeting on "Access to Power".

The room at the "Fight the Right" intensive was overflowing with activists from around the country who wanted to discuss strategies on how to battle anti-gay Far Right initiatives. Activists also filled the schedule of electronic mail and bulletin board training sessions produced by Digital Queers, a nationwide group of lesbian,

gay and bisexual computer professionals.

"1993 has been a very difficult year for our movement," said NGLTF Executive Director Peri Jude Radevic, who discussed President Clinton's decision not to repeal the ban on gays in the military, and the recent ballot measure defeats in Oregon, Cincinnati, Ohio, Lewiston, Maine, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. "The good news, however, far outweighs the bad. The visibility we have attained in 1993 is unprecedented. And it is our belief that the key to our future is visibility — as more and more people come out, the true nature of who we are rises above the misleading rhetoric of the religious right, and it becomes clearer and clearer that we are integral, vital participants in this society with much to offer in the struggle to make this a better world."

Conference plenary speakers were Mab Segrest, lesbian author and activist who works for the Urban-Rural Mission of the World Council of Churches; long-time activist Frank Kameny, founder of Mattachine Society in D.C., and the National Gay Task Force; and Marjorie Hill, former director of the New York City Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community.

Segrest, a North Carolina activist, welcomed conference attendees to the South with its "peculiar blend of hospitality and repression." She highlighted the importance of rural organizing and advocated a "queer socialism" in place of "queer nationalism". Kameny outlined various gay rights victories in the past 30 years and

declared that the "gay agenda" is "parity: not more, but not one whit less... Momentary defeats notwithstanding, the tide is with us" Hill urged activists to move beyond the usual movement organizing methods, in which "too often there is no distinction between how we organize and how we throw dinner parties," inviting only those who eat the same foods, know the same culture and have similar backgrounds.

During the course of the weekend, youth activists met and created a set of demands for NGLTF and the movement as a whole. Youth leaders presented the demands during the "Stand Up for Your Rights" gala and at the closing plenary. Demands included youth representation on the NGLTF board; action toward combating youth suicide; a youth steering committee; special programs and outreach for youth in under-represented sectors, such as those who are in foster care, in rural areas, homeless or in juvenile detention; and designated funding for youth and youth-oriented programs. NGLTF Executive Director Peri Jude Radevic met with the youth organizers and agreed to a requested conference call before the end of 1993 to discuss the youth demands and NGLTF implementation.

In separate actions throughout the year prior to the conference, Radevic held discussions with members of the Old Lesbian Organizing Committee and other old activists on the issue of ageism and inclusion in the work of NGLTF and the Creating Change conference.

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## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR LAMBDA LITERARY AWARDS

*Lambda Book Report* opened nominations for the Sixth Annual Lambda Literary Awards, The "Lammy's," recognizing excellence in gay and lesbian writing and publishing, will be presented during a gala banquet in Los Angeles, California, on Friday, May 27, 1994, during the American Booksellers Association Convention.

Deacon MacCubbins, publisher of the *Lambda Book Report*, which sponsors the Awards, said "We are delighted to once again honor the many outstanding achievements of the gay and lesbian literary community. At a time when censors around the country are trying to remove lesbian and gay writing — children's books, novels, even community newspapers — from the shelves of libraries, it is important that the entire industry continues to affirm the depth and significance of our authors." Trends in gay and lesbian publishing are reflected in this year's Lammy categories: the non-fiction category has been replaced with two new categories, for gay/lesbian studies, and gay/lesbian biography/autobiography, while a new category, drama, mirrors the ever increasing

number of gay and lesbian plays that are appearing in print.

The public is invited to nominate their favorite gay and lesbian books of 1993 in 16 categories: Lesbian Fiction, Gay Men's Fiction, Lesbian Studies, Gay Men's Studies, Lesbian and Gay Anthologies, Lesbian Biography/Autobiography, Gay Men's Biography/Autobiography, Lesbian Mystery, Gay Men's Mystery, Lesbian and Gay Humor, Lesbian & Gay Science Fiction/Fantasy, Gay and Lesbian Drama, Lesbian Poetry, Gay Men's Poetry, Gay & Lesbian Small Press Book Award (for a gay men's or lesbian press, and Children/Young Adult, for the increasing number of gay and lesbian related books aimed at young readers.

Books must have a 1993 copyright date in order to be eligible and must have been published in the United States. Nominating ballots must be returned to *Lambda Book Report* offices by the Monday, February 7 deadline.

Five finalists in each category will be announced nationally on February 28, 1994.

Eighty-six judges, representing a broad cross-section of the entire lesbian and gay literary community, will then select a single book in each category from among the finalists. Award recipients will not be announced until the night of the banquet.

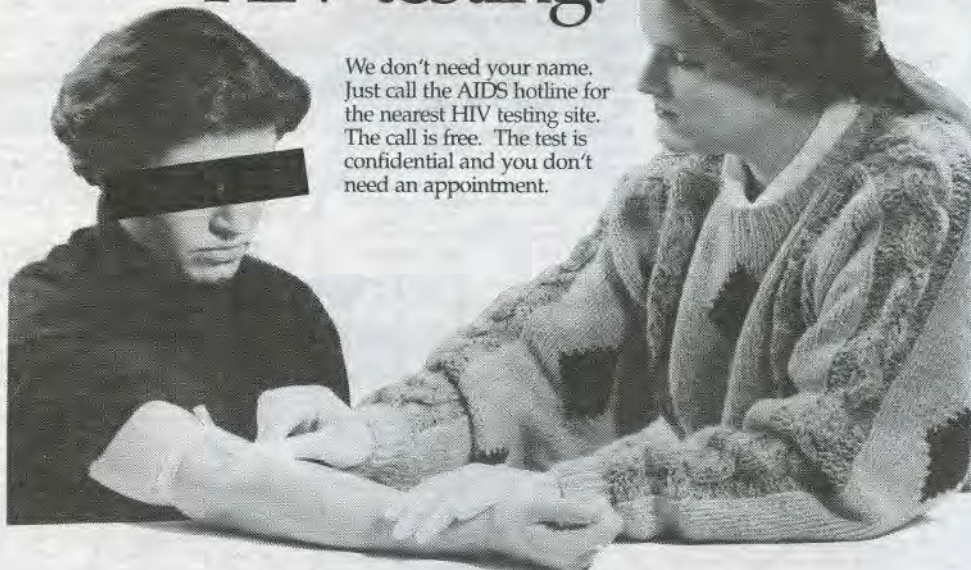
For further information about the awards program or the banquet, please contact *Lambda Book Report*, 1625 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, D.C., 20009-1013 or phone the Lammy's Line at (202) 462-7924.

Mail completed ballots to: Lambda Literary Awards, 1625 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009-1013. Or Fax your vote: (202) 462-7257. Remember, all ballots must be received by February 7, 1994.

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

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

**Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept,** 2200 St.  
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 471-8065  
Alt. test site at Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tuesday

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

**Native American Community Development  
Corp,** 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471

**Nebraska AIDS Project,** 3624 Leavenworth,  
Omaha 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437]

**Nebraska Association of Farm Workers,**  
4939 S. 24, Omaha, 68107 (402) 734-4100

**Nebraska Department of Health, Norfolk  
Regional Ctr, Admin Bldg #16,** (402) 370-3395

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

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

**AIDS Care,** The Mercy Center, 427 E.  
Kanesville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503,  
at: Kathleen Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609

**AIDS Support Group:** Sponsored by Parents/  
Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Lincoln (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,**  
Meets 1st Monday of each month. For more  
info, phone Barb (308) 234-8183.

**Lincoln Caseworker,** (402) 474-4243

**Nebraska AIDS Project,** 3624 Leavenworth,  
Omaha, Individual counseling, support  
groups-confidential locations. (402) 342-4233

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

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

## HOME HEALTH CARE

**LINK-ON Home Health Care,** 2118 South St.  
#B, Lincoln, 68502 (402) 435-0574, Mon-Fri  
8am-4:30pm. care, treatment, counseling,  
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## AIDS ADVOCACY

**AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),**  
For anyone living with AIDS or HIV and those  
interested in AIDS advocacy. Call Nebraska  
AIDS Project, 342-4233, for details.

## PASTORAL CARE

**AIDS Interfaith Network,** 100 N 62, Omaha  
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery) 7pm,  
Service: 2nd Mon, St Cecelia 40th & Webster

**AIDS Interfaith Network,** 215 Centennial  
Mall So., Rm 411, Lincoln 68508, 474-3017,  
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## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

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**AIDS Educ Project,** UNL G/L Resource Cntr,  
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**American Red Cross,**  
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**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 Health Dept** 2200 St.  
Marys, Lincoln 68502, 471-8065 Testing,  
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**Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center,** AIDS  
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**Central Nebraska Office:** 3423 2nd Ave  
**Kearney, NE 68847,** (308) 234-8183

**Neb Dept of Health,** 3423 2nd Ave. Kearney  
68847, Call Sharon (308) 234-8709

**NE Dept of Health, Craft St. Office Bldg,** 200  
So. Silber, NorthPlatte 69101 (308) 535-8133

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

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

**Scottsbluff Co Health Dept,** County Admin  
Bldg, Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866

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

## LEGAL

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8th, Ste 242, Lincoln 68508 476-3882; Jim

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

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

## WHEN WILL CLINTON SPEAK TO AIDS ISSUE?

The Clinton Administration has failed to answer the question submitted by a freelance gay journalist regarding whether or not the President has ever considered delivering a prime-time speech solely on the subject of AIDS. Freelancer JT Colfax who has received answers from previous administrations to such questions as "Would you ever consider pardoning Charles Manson?" and "Can someone anchor a boat in the middle of the ocean and call it a new country?" has not received a response to his Oct. 1st letter. A similar letter was sent to President Bush when he had a year left in office. Six weeks later a full color *History of the White House* brochure was received instead of a response. The letter also asked whether President Clinton had any knowledge about previous administrations considering and subsequently rejecting an AIDS address.

When President Clinton unveiled his budget to a joint session of Congress he first made mention of the fatalities in an Amtrak derailment earlier that morning. It's time that AIDS could be so easily discussed on national television.

A recent (Nov. 28th) *New York Times* Sunday magazine article discussed the perception that the general public is no longer interested in the subject of AIDS. The average person has no clue as to what has been done in the past to fight AIDS, what's being done now, and what hope is there in the future. Only the President is in the position to give us all a clear picture of what is going on. There should be no such thing as "top secret" files when it comes to a public health crisis. A whole new generation is coming of age and they need to be shown that our government takes this crisis seriously so that they can take it seriously. Urge President Clinton to deliver the first presidential address on the AIDS crisis...thirteen years after the onset...or ask him to tell you why he will not. The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20500.

## RESEARCH INITIATIVE

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) announces it will award \$1 million in grants to studies on critical unanswered questions in the disease-causing properties of HIV. The goal of this targeted grants program is to understand three specific ways in which the human immune defense system fails to respond appropriately to infection with HIV and how to overcome these crucial deficiencies. The identification of currently pressing areas of research was made possible by previous broad-based biomedical research funded in part by AmFAR. "Past research and the new knowledge it has produced now warrants that AmFAR support be targeted to solving certain specific problems," said Dr. Mathilde Krim, AmFAR's Founding Co-Chair and Chairperson of its Board of Directors. AmFAR's targeted research grants are in an amount of up to \$100,000. A total of \$1,000,000 will be committed to this program during its first year. The recipients of grant awards will be competitively selected through stringent peer-review and their grants will be competitively renewable. AmFAR is the nation's leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to the support of AIDS research. Since 1985, AmFAR has provided over \$65 million to more than 1,300 research teams.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT OF

### NEBRASKA

by DR & WC

Many thanks to those of you who came down to support the annual "Toys for Tots" Show held at the MAX. Planned by Emperor Connie, this year's show combined both royal families' talents bringing an exceptional mingling of entertainment to the stage. It was a great success. Attendance was excellent, as was the entertainment. The performance was diverse, ranging from Ballads to upbeat Oldies. And the performers really rocked the house! A special thank you to all the performers for donating their tips from the show, and to Roxy for another "smashing" set!

Proceeds from this show were tagged for use by three groups: Children's Crisis Center, toys for kids of PWA's, and personal needs items for PWA's. Many toys were donated by members of the audience and the performers. This year's raffle was handled differently. Five turkeys, donated by Rusty, and a \$50.00 cash prize was awarded. We even received a donation from the UNO Student Democrats.

#### Financial Report of Toys for Tots:

Receipts:Door	\$ 384.00
Tips	\$ 878.00
Raffle	\$ 154.00
	\$1516.00

#### Expenditures:

Set	\$ 91.86
30% to ICON Treasury	\$ 427.24
Disbursements:	
PWA's	\$ 498.45
Kids of PWA's	\$ 249.23
Crisis Ctr	\$ 249.23

New ICON officers were elected on December 6, 1993, at the monthly meeting which was held at the MAX. They are: President-Elect - Duane Schomer, Vice-President - Elect- Gary West, Secretary/ Treasurer-Elect - Eddie B. Current officers' terms expire in January.

Get out your calendars and mark these dates: February 20, 1994 SNOBALL and the ever popular CLOSET BALL on March 27, 1994. For those of you wishing to enter Closet Ball, now is the time to put on your heels and start dancing. Applications will be out in February, and will be available at all the local bars.

The theme for this year's coronations is "Chinese New Year". Although this gala event is not scheduled until June, it's never too soon to start making plans to attend. Coronation will be held at the Holiday Inn — Airport location this year. Connie and Roxy have been busy shopping around, checking prices, to bring you the best available deal. Tickets for Reign XIII's celebration will be \$13.00. Last year's tickets were \$18.00 or \$20.00 (at the door). Cost for the Out-of-Town Show is \$5.00, and Sunday brunch is \$12.00. For \$30.00 you can get entrance to these three events—a weekend package full of outstanding entertainment, and the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and develop new ones. More info will be forthcoming.

The Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and Royal Families would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Again, thanks for your support of Toys for Tots. See you Feb. 20 at Snoball!

## HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION UPDATE

By Patrick Williams

Sorry, Partners — missed a month. Hope that you were wondering. October 16, we put on our first Mr./Ms/Miss contest. Unfortunately, we had no one running for Ms. If we have a Ms interested, we can fill it by board of director appointment. Yours truly, Patrick, was the Mr. HGRA. Thanks much. Duane P. was our Mr. 1st Runner-Up. Viktoria Towne was crowned Miss with Madame X (AKA Chris) as Miss 1st Runner-Up. Many thanks to our outstanding guest entertainers, especially our hostess for the evening, Inga (AKA Stan Brown) who did an outstanding job, both on stage and off. (I'm talking about organizing the show, not ....)

November 6, HGRA hosted a chilly hayrack ride at Lakota Stables. Much cuddling and schnapps sharing occurred. We will definitely do this next year, but will try for September or October. Due to the cold, the general membership meeting around the campfire was postponed. That night, the board of directors held a brief meeting (in the warmth of DC's) to plan the next meeting and to deal with the fact of our Miss H.G.R.A., moving to Denver. It was decided to have board of directors and general membership meetings at 12:00 and 1:00 respectively on November 21st.

After discussion and suggestions from the board, the general membership voted to switch positions, i.e. elevate Madame X, Chris, to Miss and give Viktoria 1st Runner-Up position. We trust that all will be happy with this decision. President Rod will send a certified letter to Viktoria regarding this decision. HGRA feels disappointed with Viktoria's choice not only did not formally inform HGRA and/or the board of directors about her move when it occurred (as of this writing, 12/8, we are trying to get her Denver address) plus, as she received her new job position in Denver the weekend after her HGRA crowning...why didn't she let us know that she was thinking of moving? We love Viktoria and we would love to have her as our Miss, however, we feel that our Miss should be living in our territory. Chris/Madame X is willing, able, and ready and here to serve as our Miss.

On to happier things. President Rod hosted the HGRA Christmas party at his home in Superior 12/4. Thanks, Rod! It was a great party. Congratulations to Chris as our new Miss HGRA. He and I are busy planning social events and fundraisers for the next few months. We will have more details available in the next *New Voice*. We certainly welcome suggestions, ideas, and volunteers and we will be happy to assist other organizations in the gay and lesbian community with their events.

## MR/MS LEATHER NEBRASKA

OPC's own "Renfield" and "Suzie Q" have been named Mr and Ms Leather Nebraska 1994. The contest was held on November 20th at DC's and for those of you who did not attend, you missed a most festive time!

Although the actual contest did not start until Saturday night, the ordeal began for the contestants early that morning as they gathered in the dark, scary basement of DC's for prejudging, which consisted of a panel interview by our seven judges from Omaha and across the country. The judges were: Great Plains Drummer 1993 Joey Kraly, Gulf Coast Drummer 1993 Kris Rabonza, Ms Midwest Leather 1992 Janet Ryan, Faye Foltz from Chicago, Pat Phalen from Omaha, Great Plains Drummer 1990 Dustin Logan, and Ms Minnesota Leather 1991 P.J. Knight. Contestants were questioned on all aspects of their lives, from S/M interests to sexuality to political issues.

When the interrogations, excuse me — I meant interviews - were over, the contestants were dismissed to prepare for the evening while Master Amy took the judges on a field trip to see *Addams Family Values*.

Everybody regrouped at DC's that evening for the contest. Lovingly emceed by Ms Northern California Leather For Life Donna Shroud, and International Mr Drummer 1993 B.R. Emerson Briney, contestants got to show their stuff in short speeches and fantasies, plus guest fantasies from P.J. Knight and her entourage, and OPC's own Mistress Jeanne and Amanda. The Torn Boys and Ron Walters showed us what live talent Omaha really has. We were pleased to have Zip-up Leathers from Denver, soon to be San Diego, on hand for quality leathers at great prices. Master Amy was buying all sorts of cock and ball torture devices... hmmm.

When the smoke finally cleared, Paul Johnson took a string 1st-runner up, and Master Amy was quite shocked to learn that both of her personal slaves, Renfield and Suzie Q, were the new Mr and Ms Leather Nebraska 1994!

Immediately following the contest, worthy (and some not-so-worthy) persons went back down into the basement to pose for Omaha's first drummer tough customer party. For those interested, the lucky models will be in TC issue #6. Next, it was off to Master Amy's for a party, where the new title holders' sashes were "broken in." Suzie Q learned the wrath of Mistress Donna and Renfield got to taste boots from all over the country.

Overall, it was a terrific weekend. Extra special thanks to all of those who participated and volunteered to make it possible. Good luck to those new suckers, we mean lucky title holders on pursuing their international titles!

Love, renfield  
-Chainmail

**Fight the January Blahs  
With PFLAG's Sunday Brunch,  
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## Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha To Celebrate 20th Anniversary

During the weekend of January 21-23, 1994, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will celebrate the 20th anniversary of being chartered as a church in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The weekend's theme "Looking Ahead With Longing, Looking Back With Love" will be carried out as three former pastors return to Omaha to take part in the celebration. The Reverend Bob Darst, presently pastoring in North Carolina, will speak at a Friday night worship service at 8pm. Rev. Darst lead the congregation from 1976 to 1979, when they occupied a storefront on the corner of 19th and Burt. He is fondly remembered for Wednesday night spaghetti feeds in the old building.

The Reverend Jan Kross, currently on staff at Spirit of Hope MCC in Kansas City, will speak at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday morning, January 23. Rev. Kross led the congregation from 1979 to 1989, guiding the search for a new building after the building at 803 N. 19th was condemned. The congregation purchased a former grocery store and bar at 420 S. 24, completely remodeling it to become the church's home for 10 years.

The featured speaker at the 10:30 a.m. service on January 23 will be the Rev. Bob Arthur, who is now the District Coordinator for the Mid-Central District of MCC, with responsibilities for

### METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of OMAHA



30 churches in a 10 state region. MCC-Omaha was Rev. Arthur's first pastorate. The church had only been formed a few months before Rev. Arthur assumed the pastorate. The church had originally met in the First Unitarian Church at 3114 Harney, but differences with the board of the Unitarian Church resulted in MCC having to move into the storefront at 19th and Burt.

Coordinating the worship services will be the present pastor, Rev. Matthew L. Howard, who has served MCC-Omaha for the last five years and has guided the congregation to its present church home at 819 South 22nd.

MCC-Omaha has a tradition of hospitality which will be continued with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 21.

On Saturday, January 22, there will be a Bowling Party at the Ranch Bowl on South 72nd

Street from Noon to 3p.m. The public is welcome to this event. Bowling will cost \$1.75 per game. Shoes are included.

Saturday evening features a home cooked Italian dinner with homemade ravioli and garlic bread. Reservations are required for this event as seating is limited. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under. Call the church office, 345-2563, for reservations.

Saturday night will also feature a gospel concert by the trio Cross Reference, presently based in Wichita, Kansas. This dynamic trio performs gospel music from traditional to contemporary. Their powerful voices were featured at the District Conference held here in Omaha last May. The public is invited to this event. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken.

Sunday, January 23, will feature the music of the MCC-Omaha Choir at the 10:30 service, and a reception in the social hall following that service.

On the evening of January 23 the celebration will move to The MAX at 1417 Jackson for a pizza party from 5-7pm and dancing to the oldies from 6-8pm. Then, at 9:30 p.m., R.N. Hedges will present a variety show featuring the best of entertainment, including lip-synch and live entertainment. \$5 admission includes the pizza party, dancing, and the variety show. After 8 p.m. there will be a \$3 cover charge.

The congregation of MCC-Omaha extends an invitation to each of you to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary as we are "Looking Ahead With Longing, Looking Back With Love."

## NEW VOICE EDITORIAL SPARKS RESPONSE AT NORWEST

The October issue of the *New Voice* featured an editorial about the Greg Kowal Reward Fund. One paragraph described the difficulty encountered at various banks in Omaha when Duane S. tried to set up the reward fund.

*Duane S., a local businessman, agreed to set up the reward fund with a local bank. This was not as easy as it seemed. Duane first went to First National Bank. They were happy to set up an account until they learned what it was for. Then they had to call a Vice President and came back with the word that they weren't interested. No further explanation was given. So he went to Norwest and was again greeted politely and positively until they realized what the account was for. Then he was told he would have to deal with the "Commercial Accounts" section and they only saw people by appointment. So Duane tried a third time and finally hit the jackpot at FirstTier. They were happy to set up the account and give directions for people to contribute — all they had to do was send the money to "The Greg Kowal Reward Fund" at any FirstTier bank. (Makes me pleased that I bank at FirstTier.) And it worked just like they said it would.*

A member of the community who works at Norwest decided that they needed to be aware of how they had given a negative message to the gay and lesbian community, so he gave his supervisor a copy of the magazine. That copy of *The New Voice* made its way up the corporate ladder until it reached the desk of one Sara Masters who wrote the following memo to the members of the management team at Norwest (19 in all).

Date: November 19, 1993  
To: John Cochran, et al.  
From: Sara Masters  
Subject: Diversity

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Attached is a copy of an article that recently appeared in *The New Voice of Nebraska*, a monthly publication for gays and lesbians. The article does not portray Norwest Bank (or First National Bank) in a very favorable light, due to the circumstances in which a local businessman felt he was treated by an employee(s). The article goes on to explain a positive experience at FirstTier and a personal comment of "Makes me pleased that I bank at FirstTier." Some questions that we need to ask ourselves are "how does this situation compare with the one in the True Colors video" and "what can we do to prevent a future occurrence."

In addition, the following information should cause us to think about the business impact that this article could have on Norwest: Median United States Household Incomes\*

Gay Males	\$51,624
Lesbians	\$42,755
Asians	\$36,102
Blacks	\$18,082
Hispanics	\$21,921
Whites	\$30,406

\*USA Today

As issues related to our Vision for Diversity surface, I will communicate them to you. If you have any questions or comments, please call me.

SARA MASTERS  
cc: Diversity Task Force

I am pleased that this editorial sparked a response and I am pleased that Norwest is responding in a positive manner. A special tip of the *New Voice* hat to Tim for sharing this editorial with his supervisor at Norwest.

## EAGLE NOTIFIED ON DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

After several years of ongoing dialogue and education efforts between U S WEST, Inc. and EAGLE (Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians), U S WEST notified EAGLE on Thursday, November 18, 1993 of their decision to not implement Domestic Partnership benefits. The reasons cited were the ongoing re-engineering efforts of U S WEST and the impending National Health Care Reform.

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# LIFE ON A STRAIGHT CAMPUS

by Brian Bowles

I came out a long time ago, or so it seems. When I was sixteen, I told my parents I was gay during a commercial for *Growing Pains*. I wouldn't suggest it. My mom and dad gave me the CBS Afterschool Special response by saying, "we will always love you no matter what you are." Then, a week later, she is calling me a fag and arguing with the vacuum cleaner. It was like the screenwriter became satanic. High school was very difficult for being gay. I went to an all guys school which was very catholic. I remained afraid throughout high school. Then, college came. I went to school in Washington, D.C., where "coming out" became very easy, except on my campus. People found out I was gay at my school. I remember coming back to the dorm and walking in to find a huge poster board with my boxers on it. There was a fake knife drawn into them and a sign reading:

**HOW DID BRIAN GET A HOLE IN HIS BOXERS?** I wonder.....FAG!!!!!! I went numb inside. I just went to my room, where some guys in the hall were threatening to beat me up. I grabbed all my stuff very quickly and moved into a friend of mine for the year. I slept on his couch, telling my parents I was always at the library, because I knew the truth was not what they wanted to hear. My parents soon realized that the gay thing was not going to just go away, so they resorted to great measures. They no longer called, and I felt very alone. I then gave into the pressure from my family to leave Washington D.C. to go to Nebraska. God knows there are no gay people in Nebraska. They were hoping that if I joined a fraternity that the heterosexual vibes would

convert me from this evil lifestyle. Well, I tried real hard. I went back in the closet for two days. I held up the straight image on campus for a while by joining the most homophobic fraternity on campus, but I had this secret life outside of this. Well, that worked for one semester. I realized I had to wake up every day knowing how dishonest I was being. So, I began slow by writing papers on gay issues for my teachers. I was given a very warm reception. I was at first offended, but my teacher thought I needed some kind of support unit on campus. Well, I passed, but I decided to spend more time with gay people in the area to develop some good friendships and a support unit. I was very blessed by what I found. I have many wonderful, genuine caring people in my life, many of them are straight. I recently decided it was time to come out on campus, completely. There was a meeting in the student center ballroom, where a mother was speaking about what it was like having a gay son. I spoke openly with many friends, but I wasn't going to say anything in front of a group. Then, a woman in the audience asked what homosexuality did for our family values. I couldn't stay silent any longer. "What family values did my family express when they turned me away for being gay?" The secret was out. My friend sitting next to me didn't even know. She was very surprised. I don't regret it. There was one girl who said her fear was subsided about the issue just by asking questions. She then wrote an article on campus about how we need to accept homosexuals for what they are, people. Honesty paid off for me. If there was a pill I could take tomorrow to be heterosexual, I wouldn't.

Homosexuality is a gift, because it gives you insight into the struggles that many other minorities in our society go through. We can hide our sexuality, as many of us do, but other minorities can't hide behind bars. Being gay has given me an inner strength I never would have possessed otherwise. I need to always remember that as much as I wish everyone accepted me for who I was that those other people have the same fears we did about ourselves. They are just on the other side of the fence, so it is our job to help educate people. Because if we won't be tolerant with other people coming to accept homosexuality then we will never be truly free.

## MILLER BREWING COMPANY TO SPONSOR GAY GAMES IV

Miller Brewing Company will be the exclusive malt beverage sponsor of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, June 18-25, 1994, in New York City, a Miller Brewing Company official announced today.

According to Greg Plowe, consumer promotions manager, "Gay Games IV is an international event, and this year more than 15,000 athletes from 40 countries are expected to participate," said Plowe. "We're pleased to be able to help these athletes compete in an event of this caliber and to bring the games to an estimated 500,000 spectators."

## NEIGHBORS PROTEST MCC IN CHARLOTTE, N.C.

From *Keeping in Touch*, UFMCC newsletter

A handful of angry neighbors used chain saws and weed eaters to try to drown out the first worship service of New Life MCC Oct. 10 on its new property in Charlotte, N.C., said Rev. Bob Darst, pastor. Opposition continued the following Sunday with similar tactics, including the posting of a sign near the church marked "Gay Crossing", surrounded by black balloons. The church received one death threat. In addition, local residents are suing the zoning board of adjustment over MCC's building purchase.

New Life MCC had planned to move into its new building by now, but legal maneuvering by its opponents has meant the congregation cannot meet inside until further repairs are made to the building. The congregation worships outdoors on the new property Sunday mornings and continues to hold evening worship in rented space.

Community support has come in the form of a rent reduction, supportive word from the police captain and fire marshal, and friendly visits from some other neighbors.



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#### Schedule of Events:

(All events at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., unless listed otherwise)

#### Friday, January 21

6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner

8:00 p.m. Worship Service featuring Rev. Bob Darst.

#### Saturday, January 22

Noon-3:00 p.m. Bowling Party at Ranch Bowl, \$1.75 per game (price includes shoe rental).

6:30 p.m. Dinner Italiano: Home Made Ravioli, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert.

Cost: \$7.00 per person, \$4.00 children 12 or under -- **Reservations Required!** Call (402) 345-2563

8:00 p.m. Gospel Concert featuring Cross Reference of Wichita, Kansas.

Admission is free. A Love Offering will be taken.

#### Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Worship Service featuring Rev. Jan Kross.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service featuring Rev. Bob Arthur, Mid-Central Dist. Coordinator, & MCC-O Choir

and following this service: Reception in the Church Social Hall, 819 S. 22 St.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Pizza Party at The MAX, Cost \$5.00 per person (price includes Dancing, and the Show).

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dancing to the Oldies at The MAX, Cost \$5.00 (price includes Pizza and the Show).

9:30 p.m. "20 Years in Review" -- An MCC-Omaha Variety Show at The MAX, featuring the best in entertainment

and a look back at our first 20 years! Cost: \$3.00 cover at the door.

## "TOYS FOR TOTS" IN BLACK AND WHITE

By B & G

On the 5th of December at The MAX, we attended the annual "Toys for Tots" Show hosted by Connie Henke, Emperor XIII. It was an evening of many Omaha and Lincoln heavy hitters. The show started with Carla Petersen, President of ICON, introducing the first emcee for the evening, Phoenix Fallentino, who was very eager to get the show on the road for this show featured some twenty performers. Phoenix started the show with the lovely Roxy, Empress XIII, performing Amy Grant's *Christmas Time*.

Vince Percy, aka Velvet Empress IV & VII, was brought to the stage as the second emcee and introduced Emperor XIII, Connie Henke's performance of *Everlasting Love*.

For tonight's benefit, all performers had agreed to donate their tips and, if the word benefit precedes show, we always know the next performer will be there. Inga brought on a round of applause, performing *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, two of Dolly Parton's greatest seasonal numbers. Monica West, Princess Royale XIII, then performed Paula Abdul's *Two of Hearts*. Monica's high energy performances are always a joy to watch.

Next to the stage were performances by Phoenix Fallentino, assisted by Michael Gaffney, a former Mr. MAX, performing *We Still Have Time*, by Barbara and Michael Crawford. Phoenix and Michael did a superb job with this number. They were dressed as a "homeless" couple for this number which brought to light what's happening in this world today with many Americans down on their luck.

Dorian Drake, Entertainer to the Court of Reign XIII, performed *Hard Candy Christmas*, another Dolly Parton number. Dorian is one beautiful lady. Every time she enters a stage, she's always dressed to the "T" and her performances are always flawless. We love you, Dorian.

We then had a great performance by our emcee, Vince Percy, assisted by Allen, performing a very funny number, *Lovers Tango* by Romanovsky and Phillips. We sincerely enjoyed that number because the performers acted like they really enjoyed the number and each other. Next to the stage brought one of our favorites, the retro queen herself, Miss Jennifer Jett performing *Jingle Bell Rock* and *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree*, by Brenda Lee. Jennifer as usual had a stunning costume (she was dressed like a Christmas tree.)

Miss 2001, Miss Lafayette, performed a very

up tempo number which really got the crowd in the groove—Aretha's *Everyday People*. Thanks for your support, Miss Lafayette. This number was followed by Prince Royale XIII, Michael Gaffney's performance of Nat King Cole's *Happiest Christmas Tree*. (Michael was dressed like a Christmas Tree, too.)

Returning to the stage after a long absence was someone we first saw when I first came out in Omaha—Muffy Rosenberg. Muffy performed Barbara Streisand's *Jingle Bells*. It was great to see you perform again, Muffy.

The surprise of the evening's performances was when the DJ's decided to play a trick on Dietra Snow. When she walked on stage they played a song she hadn't rehearsed for, but like the pro that she is, Dietra took command of the situation and performed like she just had rehearsed it. Get it, girl!

Before the second half commenced, Carla and Vince conducted a raffle. Prizes were cash and several turkeys. The cash was won by Royal Bush of Royal Securities who donated the money back to Toys for Tots, and all of the turkeys were donated back to be used in holiday baskets for PWA's. We thank all the winners of the raffle for their generosity.

The beginning of the second act of the show brought Roxy performing the country tune, *Watch Me*, and Connie Henke and company brought toys to the stage while doing *The Little Old Lady From Pasadena* and *Two Girls for Everyone*. Laura Lee did a great job with *The Greatest Love of All* by Whitney Houston while receiving more toys from audience members.

After Monica West "high-kicked" herself through *Why Waste Your Time* and Phoenix performed a Debbie Gibson tune, Dorian came back with the ballad, *If I Could*. Vince Percy performed the comic song *P—s Me Off* and Jennifer Jett was *Back in Business*, a Madonna Tune. Lafayette gave us *Show Me Love* and two highlights of the second half of the show were Muffy's *Let There Be Peace On Earth* by Gladys Knight and Dietra's *I Think About You* by Patti LaBelle.

Connie and Roxy gave us the final performance of the evening and just after midnight the show was history.

We might mention that it was announced during the show that Carla Petersen's term as President of ICON ends following the opening of the January ICON meeting, and we know that she will be deeply missed. Thanks, ICON, for another great show!

## "SPEAK OUT" TOPS 1 MILLION MARK

"Speak Out" has made a real contribution to our progress in Congress on a variety of issues, including the recent confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg and passage of legislation reorganizing the Office of AIDS Policy at the National Institute of Health. "Speak Out" letters counter the right wing phone calls and mail on issues such as the military ban, funding for women's health concerns and AIDS research funding. Since the beginning of the program four years ago, more than 1 million letters have been sent to decision makers in Washington from 100,000 lesbian and gay Americans and non-gay supporters. "Speak Out" is the only national program that guarantees that our voices will be heard in the critical hours before an important vote takes place.

This year, "Speak Out" volunteers signed up new participants at more than 90 Pride events. The volunteers are concentrating on more extensive voter education plans in local communities, including displays of congressional voting records and providing information on Federal lesbian and gay issues. We now have "Speak Out" participants in every Congressional District, although we need more members in states such as Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Alabama. If you know people who have not yet joined "Speak Out" or if you want to become a "Speak Out" representative in your area, call 1-800-777-HRCF to get more information.

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## MAGIC THEATER

*Belches on Couches* will be presented by The Magic Theater located at 325 S. 16th, next to King Fong. World Premier performances of this original work opened the weekend of December 17 & 18, and will continue on January 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22, all at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$12. \$7 for students and seniors, available by calling the theater at 346-1227. Seating is limited; reservations are encouraged.

I recently had the opportunity to interview JoAnn Schmidman, founder and artistic director of the Magic Theater, who co-wrote *Belches on Couches* with Megan Terry and Sora Kimberlain. Sharon — Tell me about Magic Theater.

JoAnn — We do contemporary alternative theater. *Belches* is an original piece as are all the pieces we do. They are very new — hot off the typewriter or keyboard of some living writer in America. The themes have to do with our current needs, hopes, desires, and fears — the things that bug us or please us so we expect others to feel the same way. The work we do is always funny, always humorous. I don't think anything can be looked at or fixed unless you can have a good laugh. I think turning things upside down on their ears is the way you can see new possibilities, things you have haven't seen before. These things are in our plays. They are carefully designed, carefully chosen, carefully scored — almost musically. The content is almost sculpted. Traditional theater should be this way but it's not.

We've been working on *Belches* for a year. Seldom do we work on a piece less than two or three months even when the text is already written. It makes it alternative theater because the audience takes from it what they bring to it so each person sees a different show — like each artist makes it unique even though it's our words. It's translated by each new perception of it. Each artist takes it on a new plane. It's serious and it's funny and it's engaging because it has to do with everyone if they are willing to let it in.

Especially *Belches*, in that it has to do with television. It has to do with the evolution of the American couch potato.

Sharon — Tell me more about *Belches*.

JoAnn — It poses the question, "Is watching television really the brain drain pastime it seems to be or might it be a catalyst for reflective thinking — a chance to tune in to our possibilities rather than tune out."

Sharon — Interesting thought.

JoAnn — We've been having a good time thinking about it. It takes these couch potatoes — actually all of us. We are who we are talking about. We reflect and re-view 40 years of videotape. We just start stream of consciousness reflections on all the stuff that has made us even if a person doesn't have a tv. It's impossible not to be affected by media. It's part of our culture. It is our culture. The media permeates every part of our life. It's inescapable if you think at all.

There is romance, news, adventure, sports, how to cook. In *Belches* we put together a pretty funny list from Lassie to Let's Make A Deal to Merry Maids to John Packwood to Mud Slides in Malibu to Popeye to Depends Commercials, Madonna, Doritos, Jenny Craig, Moses, Diamond Zirconia Jewelry, Hostess Snowballs, Cancer, Scaling Mt. Everest, Caps, Jeffrey Dahmer, Drive By Shootings, The Energizer Rabbit, Stealth Bombers, Married with Children, Nancy Reagan, Charley Starkweather, Micro Mice From Mars, Sharks, Gazelles, The Young and The Restless... Anyway, you get the picture? It's massive. It's all part of us — the Floods, the Simpsons, Hillary's National Health Plan, Bird Watching, Whales,



JoAnn Schmidman, founder and artistic director of the Magic Theater, with Megan Terry and Sora Kimberlain.

Virtual Reality, Roy and Dale, AIDS.....

Sharon — Who is *Belches* for?

JoAnn — For all of us, for anyone who would like to continue living on this planet in a fashion that is better than the way we're living now. If we're not going to resign that this is our fate; if we're going to take some sort of action; if people feel that the way to take action is as part of a group, then they're thinking like we do. That's what our audiences do, they think together as a group and then are empowered to do something in their own lives and for the good of the planet and for themselves.

That's the idea of *Belches*, that we can do something. Couch Potatoes can do something other than drool.

*Belches* may not be just gas, it may be trying to put together the right words to do something. It may not be a burp at all but a way of processing.

Sharon — My brain has trouble keeping up with you.

JoAnn — The trick is you don't have to. Instead of sitting down to an 8 course meal and eating all of the courses, you can nibble and if you want to come back another night, you can.

Come and let it breathe. Come rested, well fed, and in a good mood, without a headache and let it breeze in and around and get what you want. It's not like school, it's for fun. If people want to just come watch the video tape, that's fine. We must have a million feet of video tape. The tv. stations have let us have their old tapes. If someone wants to just watch color, that's fine. It's too much for one night. It's meant to be too much. It's not made to be gobbled up all at one sitting. We want people to take as much or as little as they like. That's the wonderful things about theater and it's not taught that way. We're beaten and abused as children and told how to watch it. We're told "If you don't see every tiny thing in a Shakespeare

play, you've flunked the course." That's not how we want theater to be. If you want to get one story and miss the next two you can come back another night and see them.

Theater is not a linear thing. If you get 5 of the 10 elements and miss the other 5, that's okay. It's a result of what's going on in your head. You don't have to get everything. Reciting the plot is not the name of this game. There probably should be a name other than theater for this but there's not another name. If I were directing regular theater I would still take the same visual and auditory challenges I take with this theater. It would be multi level, and too much for people. They shouldn't get it all. If you want to get it all, go to MacDonalds. Don't come to the Magic Theater.

You may have noticed the window dressings we have up, with potatoes — the kids gather outside on bicycles and have seminars and hoot and holler. We hear wonderful conversations. We were coming out and there was a little 3 year old walking with her mother and when she saw the potatoes, she squealed and ran to the window where the potatoes were, and then she squealed and ran to the Mr. Potato Heads and then she squealed and ran to more potatoes. She was wonderful and only three. The children are incredible reviewers of new art who come on bicycles. You hear adult voices but not as often. Sharon — It sounds great. I feel like I understand the Magic Theater a little better.

JoAnn — Good, maybe you can help us interpret it to others. Do you think you'll make it down to the play?

Sharon — Oh, definitely. Not the first weekend — we'll be out of town — but we'll be there.

JoAnn — That's good. We'll see you then.



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 But would not tears and grief be barriers?)  
 And when you hear a song or see a bird  
 I loved, please do not let the thought of me  
 Be sad...For I am loving you just as  
 I always have...You were so good to me!  
 There are so many things I wanted still  
 To do - so many things to say to you...  
 Remember that I did not fear...It was  
 Just leaving you that was so hard to face...  
 We cannot see Beyond...But this I know:  
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## MCC-O NEWS by Carla

With the Christmas holidays barely past, MCC-Omahara is busy with preparations for the upcoming celebration of our 20th Anniversary. However, it is fitting now to pause to reflect on our mission here. Did you join us for the special Christmas Eve Service? Were you present for the New Year's Eve Service? Did you attend the Doni Ashford Memorial? Are circumstances such that you utilized our Pantry? This month did you receive an invitation to attend MCC-Omahara—either orally or written? Did we see you at one of the AA or Support Group meetings? Were you a part of the congregation during one of the Sunday Morning Worship Services? Whatever the occasion that caused you to visit MCC-Omahara, did you feel welcome and loved? If so, then we have begun to accomplish our mission. In today's world getting caught up in the hustle and bustle is so easy. We at MCC-Omahara want you to know that we're here for you, just as Jesus came here for us. In 1994 we hope you will let us get to know you and to serve you. Praise God for the blessings of 1993 and the promise of "abundant" life in 1994!

By now you should be seeing flyers everywhere regarding our 20th Anniversary Celebration. We hope you will join us for some or all of the festivities. Rev. Jan Kross, Rev. Bob Darst, and Rev. Bob Arthur—all former pastors of MCC-O—will be joining us for the weekend's festivities. For a complete listing of events, check out a related story elsewhere in this month's *New Voice*, or see our full page ad. Please join us in this celebration!

In other news—We extend a public "Thank You" to Jeff S., Kenny at Gilligan's, Stosh and Bruce at The MAX, and Unity Church for the sound equipment that now makes hearing in our sanctuary much much easier! Thank You! May God continue to bless you for your generosity!

Membership classes will once again be held in January. Currently our membership is 119, and it looks like this class will bring us over the 130 mark pretty easily. We just keep growing.

Don't forget we now have two Morning Worship Services: one at 9:00 a.m. and the other at 10:30. Attendance at the 9 o'clock service runs between 20 and 30, so parking is easy. By 10:30 though, the streets are getting packed and the sanctuary generally has 115 or more gathered for worship (there's room for 140 easily). We do have Sunday School for children and adults every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. This is your invitation!

A Trivial Pursuit Playoff is on tap for January's Deacons' Coffeehouse on Saturday, Jan. 15. Teams of three will be competing in this Super Bowl Saturday affair. Sign up your team now. A special category has been created for the event: MCC-O Trivia! Check it out: What year did MCC-O move from Burt St. to S. 24th? Come join us! Admission is just \$1.00 or a canned good for the pantry, and light refreshments will be served at no charge. The Coffeehouse runs from 7-10 the third Saturday of each month and everyone is welcome! Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams!

December was a time for true blessings for MCCers. We were able to give out a dozen holiday baskets. Around twenty people gathered for our Christmas party. Among the gifts given to the church were a new microwave—our last one was stolen Thanksgiving Eve by thieves who helped themselves to our turkeys as well—silverware, many supplies for the children's Sunday School class, a donation to the chair fund, and a myriad of kitchen goodies! Thank you one and all! The Bake Sale was a booming success as we continued to fundraise for the expenses being incurred in preparation for the 20th Anniversary Celebration. And the "Wrap Off"—well, let's just say it was an interesting, and yes, an enjoyable evening for participants. Many of us were blessed time and time again by the lighted Nativity Set adorning our south yard. And even when one Sunday's winter "breeze" picked up the stable and left it on the level below, we were blessed. Mary, Joseph, the wise men with their camels, the shepherd and his sheep, as well as Baby Jesus staid firm—just as their testimony has for centuries.

Of course, the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Services were the icing on a month packed with blessings.

Please join us in 1994 as we begin a second 20 years of ministry in the area. Join us each week as we "celebrate life in Christ."

For now—that's it from my pew, but remember there's an empty seat in my pew and it's just for you!

See you in church—this Sunday!

## PFLAG SOCIAL HUGE SUCCESS

The first Sunday of December saw a social gathering of PFLAG, for the Holiday Season. Around 50 people turned out for the event.

Though the weather was inclement outside, inside was warmth, cheer, friendliness, and good cheer. It was so good to see the two communities getting on so well. Way to go, PFLAG. You're, as usual, right out there in the front lines, promoting "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All."

There was no formal program for this afternoon. Just socializing, visiting, getting to know one another. There was a Holiday Buffet, that was just plain Sin City. Many good pastries, cookies, plenty to eat. And to wash it down, a very good punch.

The River City Mixed Chorus gave a mini-concert. And, as usual, they were a real delight to listen to. It was so good of them to volunteer their services. And this is truly a "mixed" chorus, both genders, and of both communities. Here is another excellent group that promotes "harmony" not only in music, but getting the two communities together, both bonded in a love of music.

And don't forget that special Sunday, January 9th. PFLAG is having a fundraiser at The Max. A belt loosening breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes and ham. It is from 10:30 to 1:00 PM. For more information, just call 291-6781.

Yes, it was a most delightful afternoon. An afternoon one recalls later with very fond memories. It strongly shows both our communities can get along. And it shows we G/L people are no different than anyone else. One wouldn't have been able to tell who from whom at that social. And the best part; it really didn't matter! Keep your banner high, PFLAG. You're doing a great job!

## NEW YORK CITY, HERE WE COME...

There is still time to reserve your place on the bus to New York City for the Stonewall 25 Anniversary and Gay Games.

A bus will be leaving Omaha on June 23rd and arriving back in Omaha on June 28th. The cost of the bus is \$125.00. Arrangements have been made for lodging at a cost of \$31.25 per night (with up to 4 people sharing a suite with 1 double and 2 twin beds). The total cost of transportation and lodging would be \$218.75.

In order to sign up, mail in a \$35.00 deposit to ANGLE, P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131. A 2nd payment of \$100.00 will be due by January 15th. The last payment of \$83.75 will be due by May 15, 1994. For any questions, please call the Gay/Lesbian/ Bi Information and Referral Line at 402-558-5303 and leave a detailed message for Becky or Sonia.

## PFLAG ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISER

It is not too late to make plans for breakfast on Sunday morning, January 9th. The Omaha Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will have a brunch that morning at The MAX from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Let PFLAG's Moms and Dads fix a brunch for you. We will be featuring all you care to eat scrambled eggs, pancakes, and ham for a suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door. So fight the January blahs and come warm up with PFLAG's family and friends at The MAX that morning. We look forward to seeing all of you there!!

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## NIGHT OF 1,000 STARS IN BLACK AND WHITE

By B & G

It was truly a very enjoyable evening. On Saturday evening, December 4, the Nebraska AIDS Project sponsored "A Night of 1,000 Stars", which consisted of numerous community members having dinner parties around the city and having all of the money earned at each party donated to the evening's event.

We were invited to a \$25.00-a-plate buffet dinner that was hosted by our dear friends, Stan Brown and Brandon Shukis. The oriental style dinner and delicious desserts were all prepared by Brandon's mother, Shirley Shukis, who, along with Brandon as her assistant, prepared a delightful meal. Joel Cason, a person living with AIDS and another good friend, was Stan and Brandon's Guest of Honor, and greeted us with an enamel red ribbon pin which he said was our ticket into the Mutual of Omaha Dome where all of the dinner parties were meeting later.

We were glad to have Joel with us to share trials and testimonies of his life and to cement in us the reason we were out for this event; we are all to love one another, and that we all, especially in the gay and lesbian community, need each other.

The other guests were all members of the River City Mixed Chorus. It was nice being able to sit and visit with Barb, Jane, Elizabeth and Lori, Toni and Patty, and Harry. We enjoyed a lot of talk about the Chorus, Church, The Evening, and then the grandest entrance was made by Sassy, Stan and Brandon's part poodle/part dachshund who entered in her Christmas red sweater. We found that five of us owned dachshunds and, well, we sat and bragged about them.

After the chatter and the lovely meal we caravanned to the Mutual Dome. Entering the room it was a thrill to see all of the people attending the gala event — some dressed casual; some in tuxedos and cocktail dresses. It was an impressive sight and a joy to see so many in attendance. We said "Hi" to many friends and with both of us being in retail and meeting much of the Omaha public at work, found ourselves wondering how we were going to act in this very mixed crowd.

It's unfortunate that we have to feel this way. As I said hello to employees of my Boss's husband and customers I had assisted just that day. Then we met with our pastor, Rev. Matthew Howard and his spouse, Craig, and some other folks from church - Carla, Sharon, Peggy, Dawn, Cheryl, Fred & Mike. There were also friends that I had not seen in years and it was a delight greeting new people.

The host of this gala event was Daniel Plante and he introduced Nebraska's first lady, Diane Nelson, and then Mayor P.J. Morgan and his wife Annie. After they all greeted the crowd, the River City Mixed Chorus under the direction of John Bennett performed three numbers and then the music of Pam and The Pearls began. They were a big band type group and did a fine job of performing many of the classic dances from time past, which include "Dances with Touch." We looked at each other - so what do we do - we want to dance, what are we here for, who are we here with.

We decided we would be the "Gay Couple" to break the ice on the next song but we were too late as, proudly, Fred and Mike from Metropolitan Community Church danced to "In the Mood." We gladly followed as did other MCC'ers and by the next song the room became a place with no barriers. We waltzed next to my boss's cousin and his open-mouthed wife and I just waved and said "Hi" as we danced around them. For the next two hours I was the proudest I have ever been to be me, and I couldn't wait till the next day when I would share this moment with my mother who lives 3,000 miles away. I wanted to share it with her because she loves to hear when I'm happy.

I hope everyone else was just as happy as we were that evening and just thank NAP, Stan, Brandon, Shirley, Joel, the Other Diner Guests, Fred, Mike, and most of all, God for giving us a wonderful evening.

## RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

The River City Mixed Chorus celebrates its Tenth season—"A Decade of Harmony, a Singing Tribute to Pride," as it presents its annual Winter Concert, Saturday, January 29, at 7:05 p.m., UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center. Music director, John J. Bennett, has prepared a varied program of choral music including: Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria"; Gabriel Faure's "Cantique De Jean Racine Op. II"; selections from the Broadway musical "Jekyll and Hyde"; Garth Brooks' "We Shall Be Free"; and many favorite pieces from past Chorus concerts. Season tickets are available this year for \$12.00 per person which includes admission to this concert and the Pride Concert on June 4, seating in a reserved section, an invitation to an after concert reception, and other Chorus events. Individual advance tickets are \$6.00, \$8.00 at the door, and \$4.00 for senior citizens and students. Tickets can be purchased from any Chorus member, by calling 341-SING (7464) or by mail to: RCMC, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103-0267.

## NIGHT OF 1,000 STARS: ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

By Sharon Van Butsel

Carla and I also joined in the festivities on December 4. We were guests at a dinner at The MAX hosted by Don Randolph, Tracy Heintzleman, Gary West, and Richard Will. Richard prepared a superb Baron of Beef dinner and we enjoyed it with our friends in the festive Christmas atmosphere of The MAX.

We, too, joined the crowd at the Mutual Dome - people who had attended \$5 per person dinners and those who had attended \$100 per plate dinners. The dinner parties were all unique. The only requirement was that each party had to raise at least \$500. We also watched the heterosexual couples dancing, wondering how soon we would be able to join them.

Carla had announced as soon as we decided to go that she was going to dance with me at the Dome so I was fully prepared to take to the floor. Unfortunately the first several songs were fast — jitterbugs from the big band era — and I would not let Carla risk her back on the dance floor. However, after Fred and Mike took to the floor, I couldn't restrain her any longer so we joined in on the next song — something with a Latin beat — and she was so proud to dance with me.

A couple songs later the music changed to slow and dreamy and so we were able to again join the dancers as they swayed back and forth to the music.

There were a few raised eyebrows as gay and lesbian couples slow danced in each other's arms but there was no stopping the tide of dancers. We had tasted freedom and we were not going back.

The night was an overwhelming success — good food, good company, good music, and overwhelming generosity.

The dinner parties and individual donations raised a total of \$53,000 for support services at the Nebraska AIDS Project. This was combined with a matching grant of \$50,000 from Terry Watanabe, President of Oriental Trading Company, bringing the evening's total proceeds to \$103,000.

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## GOSPEL TRIO "CROSS REFERENCE" TO PERFORM AT MCC-OMAHA

**Cross Reference**, a gospel trio, will be appearing in concert Saturday, January 22, 8:00 p.m. at MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd. This concert is part of a full weekend of activities as MCC-Omaha celebrates their 20th anniversary. Cate Hampton, Tammie Long, and Jeff Mosch comprise the group which has been together for 3 years. They are currently based out of Wichita, Kansas, after having recently moved from Kansas City. While the group will keep their name **Cross Reference**, they are in the process of becoming incorporated as **Voices of Faith Gospel Ministries** and hopes to begin full-time ministry in 1994. The group offers a wide range of musical style from traditional to contemporary Christian music and everything in between. **Cross Reference** has sung at the last two General Conferences as well as District Conferences in Billings, Montana, and Omaha. **Cross Reference** has also appeared in concert in MCC's throughout the Mid-west.

## LUTHERANS CONCERNED HOLDS SERVICE

By RJ

The first Sunday in December Lutherans Concerned met in the Sanctuary at First Lutheran Church for formal church services. Three pastors conducted services. The sermon or lesson was especially interesting. The minister talked about the Babylonian Exile, and how the people of Jerusalem came back to the city to rebuild. In a way, the minister said, gay and lesbian people in the ELCA are like those exiles in their trials and tribulations.

The services were good. At the close of the service all collected at the front of the sanctuary for an open communion, either sharing the cup or by cup of intinction.

Following the close of the services, all gathered in the fellowship hall for refreshments, fellowship, visiting, and gathering together. These church services before Christmas are becoming an annual feature event with Lutherans Concerned. And a welcome one. A very good evening.

## RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

At the end of 14 weeks of bowling, Ernie's Bookstore holds first place, 3 games ahead of second place R.U.N. Delta's and 3.5 games ahead of third place 'Bout Average. The top six teams are bunched together within a 6 game spread.

High scratch games for the men are held by Bob Andresen with an unbelievable 299, followed by Ken Williams with a 258 and Ron Walters with a 248. Bob Andresen also holds the high scratch men's series with a 722, followed by Ken Williams with a 630, and Dwight Wages with a 629. However, Bob is not one of the high men's average holders. Those honors are held by Mark Schaffart with a 191.8, followed by Ken Williams with a 186.9 and Dan White with a 177.1.

High scratch game for the women is held by Kerry Fleek with a 212, followed by Debbie Johnson with a 209, and by E. Mueller with a 204. E. Mueller also holds the high scratch series (543) and the high average (160.3) for women. Second high women's series is held by Norma Nelson with a 506. Cheryl Christensen holds down third high series with a 505. The second high women's average is held by Kellie Loveall with a 152.4. Norma Nelson has the third high women's average with a 149.7.

The MAX holds both the high team game (804) and the high team series (2226). Hetero Pet's Qurum has second high team game with a 787, followed by Whippersnappers with a 763. City Lickers has the second high team series with a 2154. Third high series is held by the Delivery Boys with a 2074.

Outstanding performances for the week included Rich Handzlik (215 game), Bob Andresen (209 game), Mearl Dodson (579 series), Dean VanderPool (567 series), Pat Hines (182 game and 460 series), Kellie Loveall (173 game), Debbie White (441 series), Jack DeVries (142 pins over average), Danny Smith (85 pins over), Cheryl Lenz (80 pins over), and Debbie White (75 pins over average).

The complete standings are as follows:

	won	lost
1. Ernie's Bookstore	37	15
2. R.U.N. Delta's	34	18
3. 'Bout Average	33.5	18.5
4. City Lickers	32	20
5. Whippersnappers	31	21
6. R.U.N. Lambda's	31	21
7. Wild Thangs	29	23
8. Church Ladies	28	24
9. Gilligan's 2	28	24
10. DC's	27.5	24.5
11. Tops and Bottoms	27	25
12. DC's Tuna Melts	26	26
13. Six Balls & 2 Jugs	25.5	26.5
14. Delivery Boys	25.5	26.5
15. The MAX	23	29
16. Fly Weights	23	29
17. DCs 3 Steers & A Heifer	21	31
18. Gilligan's CCB's	19	33
19. Gilligan's Four	19	33
20. Hetro Pet's Qurum	18.5	33.5
21. Stosh's Saloon	18	34
22. Gilligan's 3	15.5	36.5

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# MCC VARIETY SHOW FEATURES 20 YEARS IN REVIEW

As part of MCC-Omaha's celebration of its 20th anniversary, R.N. Hedges will present a variety show at The MAX on Sunday, January 23. This show "MCC-20 Years in Review" will feature the best in female impersonation as well as outstanding live performances.

This retrospective look at the last 20 years will include music from each year as well as a look at the history of MCC-Omaha.

Performers confirmed so far include the incomparable Miss Dorian Drake; the first Miss MAX, Muffy Rosenberg; the powerful voices of R.N. Hedges and Bill Burch; the MCC-O Choir; Miss Great Plains, Dietra Snow; the Omaha Original, Jennifer Jett; the talented Inga; the talents of Pat Phalen; and a host of others.

The show will begin promptly at 9:30 p.m.

Preceding the show there will be a Pizza Party at the MAX from 5-7 p.m. followed by Dancing to the Oldies from 6-8 p.m.

Admission for the Pizza Party and Dance is \$5 which will include admission to the variety show. After 8 p.m. there will be a \$3 cover charge at the door.

# A NEW "ANGLE" IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

ANGLE would like to recognize the following individuals, organizations, and businesses for their donations to the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line.

Dan Adams  
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Jerry Marcoe  
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Donations are always needed to help fund the phone line and we appreciate any amount of donation. Please send your check to ANGLE, P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131.

**Mark your calendars now for ANGLE's Fourth Annual Chili Feed at The Diamond Bar, on Sunday, February 20, from 5-8 p.m.**

A \$5.00 donation will get you all the chili you can eat or \$3.00 per bowl. Please help support this event with the donations going towards ANGLE's general fund for 1994.

Join ANGLE for our monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month, UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd.

**For more information call the Gay/Lesbian Information Line, 558-5303.**

# 2001 SHINES

Once again the management and staff of 2001 gave Nebraskans a night to remember.

Wed., Dec. 15, 2001 offered community folk a place to gather for an elegant Christmas Dinner. Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu were the main courses offered. (The Prime Rib was flawless.) They were served with rice pilaf or baked potato, as well as cheesy broccoli and cauliflower.

Complimentary wine, a salad, and hors d'oeuvres completed the evening's menu. Dinner was served by a waiter dressed for the occasion in black and white which served to compliment the white tablecloths and red napkins which completed the festive atmosphere.

Highlighting the scene were some "special" lights that added a sparkle to the occasion. Christmas greenery, multicolored lights, gleaming golden sleigh with a Father Christmas, a Christmas tree with red ribbons and presents for children piled under it—at every turn there was something new to delight the eyes. All of it topped off by hosts who greeted their guests warmly.

Nebraskans got a wonderful evening out and proceeds from the event went to help provide Christmas baskets and gifts for five PWA families in the Lincoln area. Now that's what Christmas is all about—helping others!

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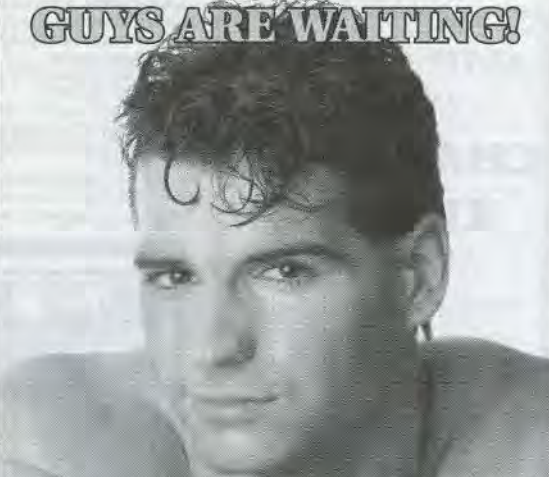
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## FEDERATION ENDORSES RAINBOW ROLL

The Federation of Gay Games has endorsed "The Rainbow Roll for the End of AIDS," a cross-country, in-line skating relay from San Francisco, the "Athens" of the Gay Games, to New York City for the opening of Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival.

In May and June of 1994, a multi-racial, co-gendered team of skaters will carry a rainbow flag as an AIDS memorial and symbolic "torch" to the Gay Games opening ceremony, June 18, 1994, representing all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people around the world.

The Rainbow Roll is being initiated by the A.R.E.A. founder and runner, and a director of The Federation of Gay Games, Brent Nicholson Earle. He also ran 1000 miles in 1990 with the Rainbow Run for the End of AIDS, in which he carried a rainbow flag from San Francisco to Vancouver, B.C., for the opening of Gay Games III.

Fundraising events in the cities along the route of the Rainbow Roll will benefit The Federation of Gay Games and other national and local sponsoring organizations.

The Rainbow Roll is dedicated to Gay Games founder, Dr. Tom Waddell, and artist, Keith Haring. Both men were gay sports and cultural leaders lost to AIDS. Anyone interested in supporting or participating in The Rainbow Roll may contact The American Run for the End of AIDS, 2350 Broadway, New York, NY 10024, 212-580-7668.

## PFLAG COMES TO VISIT

By RJ

The Gay/Lesbian Support Group had Dave England, one of the leaders of PFlag (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays) here in Omaha, come to visit. Mr. England was invited by the group to give a talk "on the parent's side" and in particular "the father's side." There was a good turnout this evening of those who came to listen and to try and understand their parents better.

Mr. England related his wife's reaction and his and their experiences. Mr. England strongly stated, "Prepare your parents first. Just don't dump it on them and run." His suggestions were to write a letter if away from home and to do your homework. Is there a PFlag chapter close by? Get their number for your parents. Get some good reading material, up to date reading material, and give them to your parents to read. Try to find support levels for your parents. Be very careful about suggesting they see a pastor. This could be a very bad suggestion, as some pastors simply can't handle G/L-ism. I should say the majority, as very few can.

The Don'ts are these. Don't spring the issue on your parents during the Holidays. Ditto for funerals, weddings, and any family gatherings. Pick a quiet time. I'm still in favor of a letter, maybe not directly coming out, but at least giving some strong hints. This, hopefully, will lessen the immediate shock. And give the parents some breathing room. And, hopefully, not lead to an explosive confrontation when you directly and personally come out to your parents. How you handle this, though, is up to the individual. You, and only you, know your parents. But, do be gentle. Your parents, too, are people.

Mr. England stated it took them a year and a half to find PFLAG—the long way around. First they found a chapter in Denver, which led them to Lincoln, and from Lincoln to Omaha. And they live in Omaha.

Mr. England said a child coming out is akin to a death in the family. And many parents go through the 5 stages of grief as well. However, loss by death is permanent. Loss of a child through G/L-ness is an ongoing process that does not go away.

Parents may go through different stages of understanding. There may be denial. Most usually they are heavy laden with guilt. They

blame themselves. "What did I do wrong?" "Where did I go wrong?" However, no two people will react the same.

Why tell at all? Because the child must continually play games. Little fibs become big lies. By lying and playing games, stories can become mixed up. After all, who can keep track of everything one says. Or there can be a deadly silence, with no communication at all, as the child may be afraid to say anything at all. This is pure Hell for the parent. I have seen this in PFLAG. And I have gone through this silence myself, akin to what the parents have had to go through. It is pure Hell. And there is not a damn thing one can do, as that would interfere in the child's life. It really tears one up.

Mr. England says the typical male parent's reaction usually is one of two: a casual, cavalier "So What?" attitude, or more than likely, a full nuclear blast followed by the speedy expulsion of said child through the nearest exit, open or not.

It was a good evening of sharing. Mr. England was very candid. I have known Mr. England for some time through PFLAG and he has come a long way. As is his wife, Mr. England is very active in promoting social issues that deal with fairness and understanding toward the G/L community. One of the highlights of the evening was when one member of the Support Group stated, "Now I understand my mother better."

It was a very good evening. Hopefully, those in the group now have a better understanding of the parents and, in particular, their fathers who are also only people struggling with an issue which they are bewildered and confused about.

Keep up the good work, PFLAG! You're doing a great job!

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

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

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

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

**The Male Space**, 1st Thursday (Discussion) 7-8:30pm, 2nd Sunday (Social) 2-6pm at 1448 "E" St., Lincoln. For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Women may lend financial support. Membership \$10/quarter. Interested write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

**Nebraska Bookstore**, 13th & Q Streets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries The Advocate

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

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

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

**University of Nebr Bookstore**, 14th & R, Lincoln, Gay Studies Section: Books on G/L Life.

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

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

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

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

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

## \*\*\*\*\*OMAHA\*\*\*\*\*

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Info: 345-9916 "Stonewall" Group, Wed. 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, (continued)

Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri. 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 455-7916; Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

**Citizens For Equal Protection**, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155. Legislative action to eliminate discrimination for gay/lesbian/bisexual employment, housing, education, public accommodations. 1st Thursday, 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

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

**Frontrunners/walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 Running/Walking Club (SASE for info)

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

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

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

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

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

**New Realities**, Books, Tapes, & Gifts. Old Market Passageway Downstairs, 1026 Howard, Omaha 68102, 342-1863

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, President-Scott Rezek, 346-4110, V.P. - JoJo Morrison, Secretary - Charley Wade, 597-1689, Sundays at 3pm at Skylines, Center Mall, 42 & Center

**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502 For all who enjoy cross-gender experience. All orientations welcome. No sexual encounters. Meets monthly, Omaha.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**,

\*Grand Island, Open Meeting 12noon, Sundays

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

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

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

**2nd Annual ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622, Attn: Scott Hummel-sec. or Roger Klenke-direct

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

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

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

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

**Times of the Heartland**, 601 S. 16, Suite 710, Omaha 68102. Newline: 341-6900, Advertising, 341-1667. Weekly newspaper for heartland region

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

Omaha Frontrunners, location varies 10am

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

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

### MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 7pm, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Omaha

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous.

\*\*\*\*"An Alternative" Gay Men's Stag Group, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916

\*\*\*\*"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

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

### SATURDAY

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

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

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

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## SATURDAY, January 1

New Year's Day

Check the Football Schedule at your favorite establishment

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc., DC's, Omaha.

Coalition 1st Sat. Event, 7-10pm Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

## SUNDAY, January 2

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

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

Adult film star Karl Thomas performs at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## MONDAY, January 3

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

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

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

## TUESDAY, January 4

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

## THURSDAY, January 6

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

The Male Space, Discussion Group 7-8:30pm, 1448 "E" St., Lincoln. For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska Support Group, 8pm,

## SATURDAY, January 8

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

Omaha Players Club, Info: call 451-7987

## SUNDAY, January 9

PFLAG Fundraiser Brunch, 10:30am - 1pm, Suggested Donation \$5, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

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

The Male Space, Social 2-6pm, 1448 "E" St., Lincoln. For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

The Omaha Original, Jennifer Jett, performs at 9:30 pm at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## MONDAY, January 10

Deadline for February Issue of *New Voice*

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

## TUESDAY, January 11

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

2nd Tuesday "Write In", Sponsor: PFLAG, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", 7pm

## THURSDAY, January 13

Grand Island Support Group, Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101

## FRIDAY, January 14

Sharon and Carla Celebrate their 5th Anniversary at The MAX, 5-8pm, Stosh's Saloon

## SUNDAY, January 16

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

North Platte Support Group, 7:30pm, Gay and Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska, Write: 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101

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

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

Miss MAX 9, Amanda Foxx performs at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## TUESDAY, January 18

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

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

## FRIDAY, January 21

MCC-Omaha 20th Anniversary Celebration begins. Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00pm, Worship Service, 8:00 p.m. featuring Rev. Bob Darst

## SATURDAY, January 22

MCC-Omaha 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Italiano, 6:00 pm, \$6/person, reservations required, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

Gospel Concert featuring the music of Cross Reference, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Admission is free, a love offering will be taken

## SUNDAY, January 23

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 20th Anniversary Worship Services: 9am featuring Rev. Jan Kross; 10:30am featuring Rev. Bob Arthur, UFMCC Mid-Central District Coordinator, and the MCC-O Choir. Reception in the Social Hall following the 10:30 service

MCC's 20th Anniversary Celebration Continues: Pizza Party 5-7pm, Dancing to the Oldies, 6-8pm, Variety Show "20 Years in Review" 9:30pm The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## TUESDAY, January 25

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, 7pm. Small group sharing session (under 21 group meets separately). Program: "PFLAG Library and Censorship" For more information call 467-4599

## THURSDAY, January 27

Grand Island Support Group, Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101

## SATURDAY, January 29

River City Mixed Chorus Winter Concert, 7:05pm, UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, Omaha, Admission \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door, \$4 seniors and students

## SUNDAY, January 30

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10th Anniversary Miss MAX Pageant, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## LINCOLN POLICE START HATE CRIMES HOTLINE

The Lincoln Police Department is proud to announce the implementation of a new service to the citizens of Lincoln. The Hate Crimes Hotline is a telephone hotline that allows people who have been the victim of a gay bashing to anonymously pass the information to authorities. This phone line is in no manner designed to replace a formal report which would afford arrest and prosecution of the persons responsible, but it can be a method of analyzing the extent and seriousness of the gay bashing problem in Lincoln. As a department we hold true to our belief that if someone is attacked and assaulted, the person responsible should be arrested and brought to justice by way of a formal police report. By the same token we understand that there may be situations where victims are reluctant to divulge their identities, and it is for this reason that the hotline has been created.

The Victim/Witness Unit which is housed in the Lincoln Police Department will be charged with answering the hotline and recording the information given. Callers will be given an ID number and asked to call back in 10 days so that we will at least have a chance at further contact with victims should it become necessary. The hotline is now in operation and can be reached at 441-7181. Hours of hotline operation are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. After hours you will reach a recording.

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## RAISE THE RAINBOW

The Stadtländers Foundation announced the launch of "Raise The Rainbow", a project which will create the world's largest rainbow flag, symbol of the gay and lesbian freedom movement, to raise more than \$500,000 for AIDS charities.

The mile-long by 30-foot rainbow flag will be unfurled only one time. Its first and only appearance will take place in New York City on June 26, 1994 during the Stonewall 25 International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Gay and Lesbian People. More than 10,000 individuals are expected to help carry the dramatic multi-colored symbol up Fifth Avenue. The Stadtländers Foundation has commissioned Gilbert Baker to supervise the production of the world's largest rainbow flag in New York City this winter, joining together more than 17,000 square yards of fabric in the vibrant purple, blue, green, yellow, orange and red hues of the rainbow. Mr. Baker is the creator of the original rainbow flag, flown for the first time over the 1978 San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day celebration, and subsequently adopted as the universal symbol of lesbian and gay pride.

Those who wish to support "Raise The Rainbow" and carry the flag in the Stonewall 25 march are asked to register with a tax deductible contribution of \$50 or more to The Stadtländers Foundation. Corporate sponsor Stadtländers Pharmacy, a nationwide pharmacy specializing in serving the needs of individuals living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic conditions, is underwriting all costs for creation of the rainbow flag so that every dollar contributed by marchers will go directly to the Foundation.

All funds generated by "Raise The Rainbow" will be distributed to AIDS charities nationwide under the guidance of The Stadtländers Foundation's 16-member National Community AIDS Advisory Board chaired by Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. To register for "Raise The Rainbow" and have the opportunity to receive a piece of the great flag as an historic souvenir, individuals should print or type their name, address, and phone number and send it with their tax deductible contribution of \$50 or more to The Stadtländers Foundation, 600 Penn Center Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. For more information about participating in "Raise The Rainbow", call toll-free 800-NYC-1994.

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UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Women's Resource Center

### Kearney:

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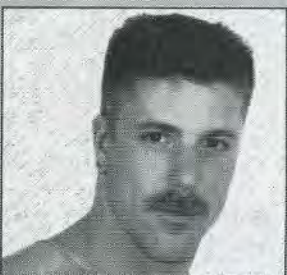
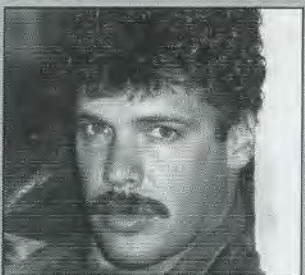
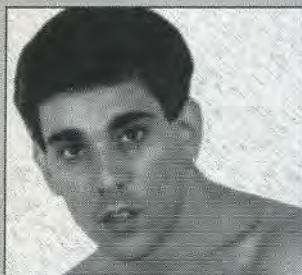
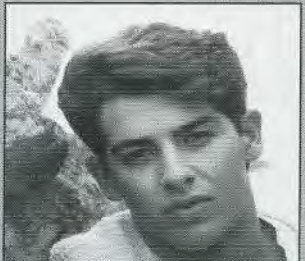
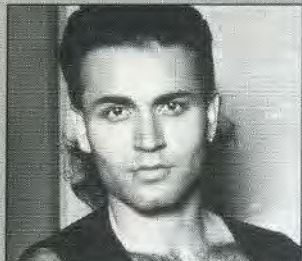
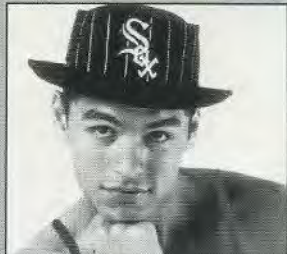
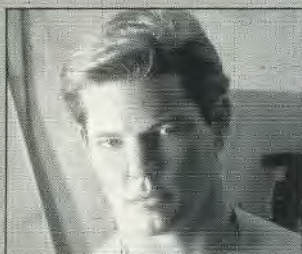
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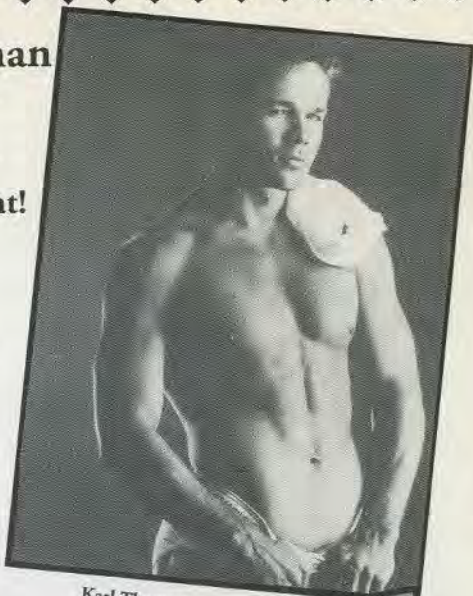
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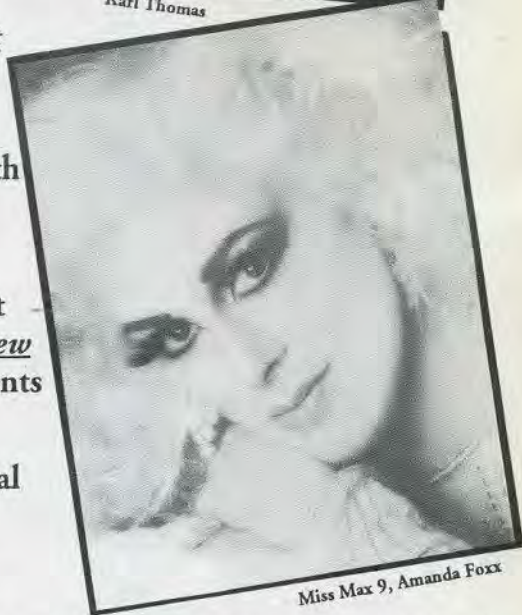
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