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## REAL LIFE ADVENTURES OF TWO LESBIANS IN THE HOSPITAL-ACT 2, SCENES 1 & 2

By Sharon Van Butsel

The house lights of the theater are still dimmed and the spotlight is focused on the main character in this drama/comedy. With some difficulty she arises from her hospital bed and pads across the tile floor to the bathroom, with the tails of her designer gown flapping in the breeze and a long plastic "tail" slapping against her leg as she walks. Thick bandages are held in place with elastic netting that somehow resembles the mesh bags you find around frozen turkeys. The nurse is waiting to hook up this evening's dose of intravenous antibiotics and to check once more for signs and symptoms of an infection.

The spotlight dims to signal the arrival of night and time for our wounded heroine to sleep, but instead of sleeping she rolls over to clutch her pillow. Tears fill her eyes and she whispers, "I want to go home."

This is the scene as I write this episode of our saga. Carla has had her second back surgery — a monster surgery that involved three surgeons and lasted for nearly 12 hours while doctors made an incision on her back, removed the broken hardware, replaced the four old screws with six new ones, clamped the incision shut, turned her over, a new surgeon makes an incision from her belly button to her pubic bone, they move all the essential organs out of the way, remove a disk from the back, replace it with a titanium ring filled with bone shavings from her hip, sew up the abdominal incision, turn her back over, unclamp the incision, try for three hours to get the spine back into alignment, finally settle for the best alignment they can get, put a rod in to hold the spine, and at last close the incision in her back. Our heroine goes to the Recovery Room and our very tired surgeon goes to tell the waiting spouse about the outcome of the surgery.

Carla stayed in Intensive Care at Bergen Mercy Hospital overnight and then went up to the medical floor. She recovered very quickly and

went home after only 5 days, able to walk 2 - 3 blocks without difficulty. Then, after being home 2 days, the incision began to again drain large amounts of fluid, necessitating a trip to the doctor's office. A few days of antibiotics and dressing changes were ordered, and a trip back to the doctor on Monday morning. So on Monday, July 11, 13 days after surgery, the doctor started to take out some of the stitches, only to discover that the incision had not healed and that there was a large pocket of fluid in the wound. He had one question of Carla. "Did you have plans for today? Good, because I'm going to send you to the hospital, and we'll open this up in surgery this evening and see what's going on."

So, it was back to surgery for a "debridement." Translate that to mean 2 hours of cleaning out the wound, checking the hardware, putting in two large drains, and trying to sew the layers back together. As the doctor diplomatically explained, layers of fat don't heal very well and Carla had a pretty thick layer that had not healed and had just allowed fluid to collect.

So, as I write this Carla has been in the hospital for another five days, on IV antibiotics in case there is an infection they can't find, on bedrest so not to stress the healing incision, and with large drains in to let any fluid escape.

The final outcome is still uncertain. The doctor is concerned that there may be an infection deep in the incision, even though she's not running a temperature. So they're doing a very sophisticated test that will show them if there are any pockets of infection. One drain was removed today. The other drain will be removed tomorrow. If that all goes well and the test doesn't show a pocket of infection, they'll watch her for another 24 hours and then let her come home. After that it is just a matter of wait and see — wait to give the tissue time to heal and see if it does. If the fluid accumulates again and the tissue doesn't heal

together, it will mean a referral to a plastic surgeon to see what he or she would recommend.

In the meantime, Carla is very homesick and tired of being in the hospital. I'm very tired and not always real good about being sympathetic and patient with my favorite patient. We're both pretty scared, but we have great faith in God and in our doctor. If there's new and exciting events, I'll add a note at the end, but for now we want to thank all of you for your support and your prayers.

By the way, I need to commend Dr. Eric Phillips (our spine surgeon) and Bergen Mercy Hospital for the excellent care and compassion that we've received. We are treated as a couple and are treated with respect in every instance.

Of course, not every moment of this play has been high drama — there have been some lighter moments. Such as the night I left the hospital during a torrential rain and ran to the parking lot only to find that I couldn't get my key to open the door of our Explorer. After several attempts I went back inside the building and dripped all over their floor while I tried to figure out what to do. Finally, I decided to just go try it again. If nothing else I could open the tailgate and climb over the seats. Back into the pouring rain. And the key still wouldn't work. I tried every door and the tailgate — and then I saw a book lying on the front seat. And I didn't remember having had a book in the car with me. With that I turned, walked to the next line of cars, opened the door of my Ford Explorer and drove away. For Christmas, all I want is a little rainbow flag to put on the antenna of the car so I can tell it from all the other Ford Explorers in the parking lot.

*(Carla's Note: 7/19/94—I'm home now, but we're still awaiting results. By the time you read this, hopefully I will out & about some!)*



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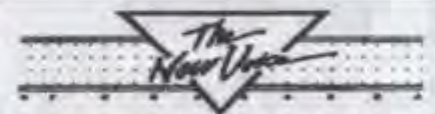
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GRASSLEY RESPONDS TO LIFTING THE BAN ON GAYS

Dear Mr. Rohwer:

Thank you for your recent correspondence. I am glad to have the benefit of your views. I appreciate knowing your support for lifting the ban on gays in the military. This has been hotly debated for several months, and a clear resolution of the issue is still forthcoming. The Department of Defense (DoD) policy continues to be that a gay lifestyle is incompatible with military service. This has been the policy for many years. However, the DoD recognizes that many homosexuals have served with distinction in U.S. Armed Forces. Therefore, the new policy announced by President Clinton on July 19, 1993, is an attempt to balance privacy rights of individuals with traditional military values and objectives.

On January 29, 1993, President Clinton announced a two-phase plan to repeal the ban on homosexuals in the military. The first phase was a directive from President Clinton to end the practice of asking new recruits about their sexual orientation. The second phase, announced on July 19, 1993, was an executive order from the president delineating the DoD's new policy with regard to homosexuals in the military. The Senate Armed Services Committee began hearings on this issue in March 1993 following President Clinton's announcement of his intention to lift the ban. The committee hearings played an

important role in shaping DoD policy on this issue. I believe that the hearing process is an essential part of determining the ramifications of a policy change to this nature and scope.

July 19, 1993, President Clinton announced details of the new DoD policy on homosexuals in the military. Under his new policy, dubbed "don't ask, don't tell", applicants for military service will not be asked about their sexual orientation. Sexual orientation is considered a personal and private matter, and orientation itself will not prohibit an individual from serving in the military. However, homosexual conduct is still grounds for separation from military service. Homosexual conduct is defined as a homosexual act, a statement by a servicemember that he or she is homosexual, or marrying or trying to marry a member of the same sex.

Since President Clinton's announcement many legislators have called for federal legislation to continue the ban on homosexuals serving in the military. A federal law would supersede President Clinton's executive order. The debate about gays in the military was revisited during consideration of the FY 1994 Department of Defense Authorization bill. Included in this bill was language written by Senator Sam Nunn stating that the armed forces are unique, and that "persons who demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline" in the military. The legislation does include language which ends the practice of questioning recruits about their sexual orientation, but it also states that a future secretary of defense could reinstate such questioning.

These provisions are more restrictive than the policy proposed by President Clinton. However, efforts to loosen the restrictions failed to pass the Senate. Senator Boxer's amendment to delete the language and replace it with provisions to allow the president to decide policy with regard to gays in the military failed by a vote of 63-33 on September 9, 1993.

However, on October 1, 1993, the day the new regulations were scheduled to take effect, the Pentagon issued a memorandum instructing units to effectively suspend the ban on gays in the military. This edict was in response to a recent court ruling in Los Angeles which declared the ban unconstitutional. This judgement was

handed down by Federal District Court Judge Terry J. Hatter, Jr., in the Keith Meinhold case and was upheld by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

On December 22, 1993, Secretary Aspin announced new regulations to carry out the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on homosexuals in the military. Modifications were made in the regulations in early 1994. The regulations now read, "A person's sexual orientation is considered a personal and private matter and is not a bar to continued service under the section unless manifested by homosexual conduct." However, this issue is far from resolved. Before announcing his resignation, Secretary Aspin said that he expected more lawsuits on this matter. It remains to be seen how these might effect future DoD policy.

Before closing, may I ask a favor of you? I work hard to keep in touch with Iowans by returning to Iowa virtually every recess and weekend. In fact, every year I make certain that I hold meetings with Iowans from each of Iowa's 99 counties. But I also rely heavily upon people like yourself who are willing to write to me to share their concerns and interests about federal matters. Therefore, you can help me do a good job representing Iowa in the United States Senate by telling your friends how much I appreciate letters from Iowans and urging them to write me as well.

Sincerely,  
Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

## CRUISING IN OMAHA PARKS IS RISKY BUSINESS

Dear Editor,

Please pass this info on to your gay men readers...

Cruising in Omaha parks is risky business. Not only are the parks full of undercover cops this summer...but rumor has it that police have installed hidden cameras in some parks.

Remember, it is not true (and is NOT entrapment) that an undercover officer must answer you honestly if you ask him if he's a cop. Trust me on this one, okay?

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To the editor:

A federal bill to prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation will soon be introduced in Congress. National polls tell us that, while most Americans oppose anti-gay job discrimination, they don't know that it's a serious problem, and they don't know that federal civil rights laws and the laws of 42 states do not protect us. When most Americans hear our personal stories and learn that current laws don't protect us, they support Congressional passage of an employment non-discrimination law.

To educate the public, the Human Rights Campaign Fund's "Documenting Discrimination" Project is seeking personal stories from lesbian, gay, bisexual, and heterosexual people who have experienced job discrimination based on sexual orientation. These personal accounts will be crucial in the effort to pass this bill and secure equal rights in the workplace for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation.

We encourage all of your readers who have ever experienced such job discrimination — or who knows someone who has — to tell us their stories. Anyone who wished to remain anonymous will be able to do so. Interested readers should call Sophia Michelakis at our office at 202-628-4160; write to Documenting Discrimination, Human Rights Campaign Fund, P O Box 1396, Washington, DC 20013; e-mail us at doc.disc@glib.org; or fax to 202-347-5323.

Sincerely,

Tim McFeeley, Executive Director  
Human Rights Campaign Fund

### DOCUMENTING DISCRIMINATION

A Project of the Human Rights Campaign Fund

Anti-gay discrimination occurs every day in the United States, yet only eight states and a few cities and counties have laws to protect against it.

## EXON RESPONDS TO MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Dear Henry,

I have recently received the Mother's Day card you signed supporting AIDS research. I appreciate knowing your thoughts on this most important issue.

I believe we must continue with public education, prevention and research programs as the HIV/AIDS virus is spreading rapidly and continues to have a devastating impact on our nation. I have been supportive of efforts to increase funding for health programs, including medical research, as I believe all citizens benefit from the improved quality of life such research brings. I do, however, continue to have grave concerns over our nation's outrageous federal budget deficit and must consider its impact on our nation's well-being as well.

You may be interested to know that I am a

Now members of Congress are considering a federal law to protect lesbian, gay, and bisexual Americans from job discrimination. But we will need your help to enact it. The most important thing you can do to help is to tell us about discrimination you have faced.

If you have a true story to tell about being fired, losing a job opportunity or promotion, or facing on-the-job harassment because of your sexual orientation, we need to hear it.

Please take a few minutes to fill out and return this form immediately. If your friends also have stories to tell, please copy this form and share it with them or call for more copies.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

cosponsor of the Health Research Fund Act which would increase funding for the National Institutes of Health. The legislation was introduced as an amendment and I understand that Senator Kennedy has included the amendment in his health care reform alternative plan. It has also been included as an amendment to President Clinton's Health Security Act which was introduced by Senator Mitchell here in the Senate. I hope it will be included in whatever health care reform effort is finally enacted into law.

I will be sure to keep your support for AIDS research funding in mind when the Senate considers related appropriations measures in the future.

Cordially,  
J. James Exon  
United States Senator

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People may write to me at:  
William C. Stosine,  
Route 6,  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240.

Thanks, Bill Stosine

## Samples of Letters to the Editor written by Bill Stosine

An Aug. 3 letter says "most Americans do not flaunt their sexual preference, whatever it is." Oh, yes, they do. Heterosexuals flaunt it all the time. They have public weddings, marriage announcements published in the newspaper (along with affectionate-appearing photographs), wear wedding rings, often hold hands, hug or even kiss in public, cuddle together at the movie theater, etc. - Bill Stosine

It is outrageous to say that homosexuals cannot fall in love, they can only have sex (March 30 letter). I have been in a loving relationship with another man for more than 12 years, faithfully and monogamously. I don't understand why people waste their time trying to find reasons to hate us for our love. Why is any of their business?

To depict gay people as lustful animals interested only in finding the next sexual thrill is to deny us our humanity. That simple act of denial makes gays un-people and fair game for acts of violence and hatred that would be unthinkable against "real people." You may recall that similar tactics were effectively used against the Jews in Nazi Germany.

I do not appreciate being compared to an alcoholic, a criminal, or someone who practices bestiality. My relationship is a loving one with a consenting adult and we do no harm to anyone. We try to be good people. We pay our taxes, drive the speed limit, do volunteer work for charity, shovel our elderly neighbor's driveway when it snows. In other words, we lead the same sort of ordinary, decent lives that other people do. The horrors that some people imagine about us are entirely in their own minds.

- Bill Stosine

Please send clippings of newspaper articles and letters to the editor to:

William C. Stosine,  
Route 6,

Iowa City, Iowa 52240

He will be glad to write responses on local issues.

Following are excerpts from an article in the Sidney, Ohio, Daily News

Letter writer feels he speaks for other gays by Mike Seffrin

In his letters to the editor, William Stosine feels as if he is speaking for many others who can't risk commenting publicly about gay issues.

A resident of Iowa City, Iowa, Stosine regularly sends letters to newspapers around the country, including *The Sidney Daily News*. Stosine said he has been writing letters to the editor for at least a dozen years, trying to promote education and understanding of gay issues. With gay issues popping up in the news more frequently in recent years, he began sending letters to papers outside the Iowa City area.

He was also prompted to expand his letter-writing efforts after talking with friends in other parts of the country who told him "how frustrated they were at seeing ignorant and hateful letters against gays in their local papers and not being able to respond. Having their name attached to letter supporting gay rights would have consequences for them with family, employers, landlords, etc."

Describing himself as "a gay man, 41 years old, who has been in a loving relationship with my companion for more than 14 years, faithfully and monogamously," Stosine hopes his letters combat what he views as the ignorance and prejudice surrounding gay issues.

Stosine has received many responses from readers of his letters, which go between 30 to 40 newspapers. A typical response to one of his letters reads, "I wish that I could write the same type of letters myself, but I can't. If my co-workers saw a letter like yours written by me, it could be bad for me."

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## FLORIDA PRISONER SEEKS PEN PAL

Dear Lee,

How are you doing? Fine I hope!! I am a prisoner in the Florida System and very lonely. I am 29 years old and 6'4 and weight is 190 lbs. I am mixed with Black and White. I would like a single man that is gay. Lee I enjoyed our publication of *The New Voice of Nebraska*. It had some good articles in it. Could you please help me find a good pen pal? Thank you so much for your help. Have a nice day. Sincerely,

Lorenzo P. Jones  
DC#208689 - Dorm F-204 U  
Jackson Correctional Institute  
P O Box 4900  
Malone, FL 32445

## EDDYVILLE PRISONERS WANTS PEN PALS

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is \$10 and my ad that I would like to have published in your personals section.

I am a 32 year old white male, masculine, and very lonely. Will answer all letters.

George Powells #85405-6-B2  
Kentucky State Penitentiary  
P O Box 0128  
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Dear Editor,

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28 years old, gay white male, 6'1" 200 lbs. Green eyes. Clean cut. Good build and in great health. Seeking others for correspondence, hopefully more. Will answer all.

Respectfully & sincerely,  
Eddie Averitt #100862  
Kentucky State Penitentiary  
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Bill Belcher #98433  
Kentucky State Penitentiary 14-R-18  
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Dear Editor,

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## CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: Roberts' Rules of Lesbian Dating

by Shelley Roberts

Leslie is nearly 30 now, and has been serially monogamous for nearly a decade. She says she's tired of the same old serial every morning, and wants to try something new. She wants to spend the next year dating (which, by the way, hasn't made the woman she's been spending the last year with all that thrilled. "Oh, um. Snooky-Poo, there's just a little something I'd like to discuss with you. Nothing personal, you understand.") Leslie says that she doubts, all lesbian things being equal, that she'll make it through that long because lesbian dating is a contradiction in terms. Vera who has her thirties half accomplished, says that sex is only good when you're with a life partner, even, oh, heck, if it's only for a few months anyway, because, at least your intentions were in the proper place. And Kristen who doesn't have to work hard at making fifty look awfully good, says lesbians just don't have a clue how to go about doing the dating thing.

So, in the interest of your continuing proper growth and socialization, for your personal edification if necessary (*Oh, no, Pookey-cookey, she certainly doesn't mean me or anything. But, uh, don't throw that paper away just yet, okay? I haven't, uh, finished the, um crossword.*) and because I truly believe that we are a group of ten million women waiting for someone else to ask us to dance herewith:

### Roberts' Rules of Lesbian Dating:

1. It is never a good idea to ask anyone to marry you *before* the first date. (See also *Robert's Rules of Lesbian Sex, Rule #1*.)
2. The average interval between lesbian relationships is a *minus* two point three seven minutes. (See also *Rule #1*.)
3. All things being lesbian, if you don't want to marry 'em, don't ask 'em to a movie.
4. It is actually necessary to utter the actual words, "dinner," "lunch," "coffee," or "back-rub" to the other party and to come to some actual agreement on time and place before you consider it an actual date, and not merely an appointment, although appointments are less scary, and don't require you to shave above the knee.
5. You will say at least three stupid things in her presence the first time you meet. It's a law. Sometimes, six, depending on the strength of the attraction. Fortunately, if the attraction is mutual, she will not notice. Until several years later.
6. As soon as you recognize a mutual attraction it is usually a good idea to stay at least in the same house for a reasonable amount of time before making excuses to your hostess as to the probable condition of your epileptic cat. Unless, of course, your current girlfriend was also invited to the party.

7. It is permissible, but not ever necessary to ask for telephone numbers prior to departures. Your hostess will have the number for you, and be on the phone to your answering machine before you even have the key inserted into the front door lock. Unless, of course, your current girlfriend was also invited to the party.

8. Proper dating does not usually include the signing of leasing within the first few minutes.

9. Ditto mortgages.

10. It is often good dating practice to ask early, any or all of the following:

a) Is this your normal weight?

b) Are you a Pisces? (Please feel, depending on your particular astrological inclination, free to substitute your own personal zodiacal aversion.)

c) Are you Positive? (This is a safe sex question, not a philosophical deduction, although, come to think of it, that's not a bad question to ask either.)

d) So, um, have

you been collecting antique torture implements for a very, um, uh, long time?

e) How long have you been off Prozac?

11. You should always find out if her husband knows that she's dating Women.

a) It's never inappropriate to find out beforehand if he has a concealed weapon permit

b) Or to ascertain the exact status of his last combat readiness evaluation.

12. With any woman who has three children under the age of consent you will automatically come in fourth.

13. It is not impolite to determine precisely how long it has been since her last break up. It is, however, considered in some circles, extremely rude merely to slow down, open the door on her side, and push, as you pass her street on the ride home from the party where you two just met.

14. Charming as it might be, do not even consider buying her breathing creatures that take any more attention than a pet rock unless the U-haul is already on reserve, and you're practically packed.

15. However, the way to her heart is to arrive with a pocketful of Milkbones for pre-existing puppy from a previous marriage.

16. Jointly signing adoption papers for a Cabbage Patch Kid is, in many states, considered grounds for punitive legal action in subsequent separation hearings. Roses are far less incriminating.

17. If it is really, *really* good, none of your friends will approve.

18. But you can count them to check out any person you have dated more than once, which is, no question, less expensive than hiring a PI.

19. If it doesn't work out, several of these same friends will refrain successfully from gloating.

20. Any friend of a friend in need of being "fixed up" is way too broken to date.

21. It is much cheaper to say, "No thank you, I have to shampoo the parakeet this weekend" now, than it is to break up later. It is not, however, easier.

22. "I love you," is not a question.

23. Sex changes everything.

24. Eventually, somebody has to ask somebody to dance.

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### THE TIMES CHANGES AT THE TOP

Former managing editor Joseph Lelyveld recently replace Max Frankel as executive editor of *The New York Times*. Like Frankel, Lelyveld has been receptive to our community's concerns. Thank Lelyveld for his past sensitivity and remind him how important it is to keep our issues visible. Joseph Lelyveld, Executive Editor, *The New York Times*, 220 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036.

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# THE WIZARD DISCUSSES THE 5 C'S OF RELATIONSHIPS

by Scott L. Lowther

Have you wondered why some couples stay together for years and others go through a series of relationships? Have you ever thought, "I wonder what they're doing that I'm not?" If so, perhaps this will be of assistance. It is written to all would-be partners who haven't settled down, but want to. Its emphasis is on the problems we seem to encounter when entering relationships.

Before we can focus on the necessary ingredients of a relationship, it's important to complete a self-analysis. We have to decide whether a relationship is truly what we want. I've met many gay men (and women) who lamented for years about why they don't have a mate. They cite reasons ranging from "there's nobody out there" to "it just didn't work out." Neither of these "reasons" leads any insight into what happened. Insight requires honest (the key here is honest) soul-searching. If after an honest self-inventory an individual decides that he/she is interested in a long-term, committed relationship, the next step is further appraisal. It's important to know who you are. Many people can describe what physical characteristics they want in a mate, but they've given little consideration about who they are or what they like. We need to know what activities we like or dislike, the characteristics we can or cannot tolerate, and the behaviors and habits that might be compatible with our own.

For example, it's important to know whether you're a morning person or prefer late-night activities. It's not impossible to date someone whose schedule varies from yours, but the difficulties should not be overlooked. Joint social activities become more difficult when you work opposite schedules. This may be fine for a person who likes companionship on a limited basis, preferring to attend social gatherings on his/her own. But, for the person who wants a relationship where most social activities are shared, an opposite work schedule may prove problematic.

Similarly, it is important to establish mutual social activities. For example, if one of you very much enjoys going to the bar every weekend while the other is rarely interested in this activity, a great potential of conflict exists. Or, if you enjoy active sports and the outdoors while your would-be mate prefers reading and solitary activities, you may find that you don't enjoy each other's company in the long term. This is not to say that you must find someone exactly like yourself, a clone of sorts; rather, that you should try to find someone who enjoys what you enjoy most of the time. When your interests are at odds on a regular basis, the catalyst for conflict exists.

Other considerations are your basic

boundaries in a relationship. These are the limits you establish regarding what you will or will not tolerate or accept. For example, you may decide not to date anyone who drinks too much or is physically abusive. It is also important to determine whether you want an open relationship or monogamous one. There is no faster means to a volatile conflict than ambiguous boundaries surrounding the monogamy or open relationship issue. So, boundaries are self-imposed limits. If your partner is unwilling or unable to respect your boundaries, it may be necessary to terminate the relationship. Therefore, it's vital for both of you to know what your limits are during the early stages of a relationship in order to avoid painful results later on.

Although not a vital importance, learning about your prospective mate's family background may provide clues about his/her personality, behavior and communication patterns. For example, a person who grew up in a small home with 10 siblings may require less solitary time than someone who grew up as an only child or in a small family. Also, your mate's family-of-origin influences importance placed on holidays, traditions, religious practices, family gatherings, and so on. Again, this does not mean that two people have to be exact replicas of each other. It means an understanding of differing backgrounds may prove useful when conflict arises.

Of course, no relationship will feel good for very long without open, honest communication between the partners. The more open, spontaneous, and honest the level of communication, the less resentment, anger and distance will result. This task sounds very simple, but in practice is very difficult.

The respective individuals' family background will have an impact. An individual who grows up in a dysfunctional, alcoholic home may learn that when people disagree, physical violence occurs. This type of family is noted for manipulation and complete lack of boundaries. Therefore, this adult-child-of-an-alcoholic-home may have difficulty expressing his/her emotions, distrust you when you say you care about how he/she feels, and become frightened whenever a disagreement occurs, remembering how disagreements resulted during his/her childhood. On the other hand, many of us have been brainwashed that there is a "healthy" family or "healthy" relationship. This is the Ozzie and Harriet, Father Knows Best, Cosby Show dimension. We forget this dimension is a fictional portrayal of relationships as we'd like them to be, not as they are. As human beings, we can never

achieve perfection. Twelve-step programs (AA and Alanon) have a slogan of "Progress, not perfection". I think that is a motto to adopt when entering any relationship. If we keep in mind that we must embrace life one-day-at-a-time, and that we can never achieve perfection, we will be operating within the realm of healthy reality.

If during your journey you seek assistance from a fellow wizard, lovingly take your partner by the hand and make an appointment with a counselor knowledgeable about gay relationships. Realize starting over is exactly that...starting over, repeating the same situation with another person. As long as basic boundaries are not being violated, and you feel the necessary love and affection for the person you've chosen, there's a good chance the issues can be resolved.

For those who believe "there's not one out there," keep in mind that we all meet people every day at the supermarket, theatre, in our neighborhoods, and through other friends and social activities. Assuming 10% of the population is gay, and approximately 400,000 people live in the metropolitan Omaha area, we can deduce that 40,000 of them are gay or lesbian. Although being out is, in my opinion, a prerequisite to any meaningful relationship, certainly there are a sufficient number of people to choose from.

Meanwhile, don't be afraid to "try a few on for size" while you're finding that special someone. Don't feel you have to jump into a relationship with the first person you date. I believe some dating experience allows one to be better equipped to make a rational decision than someone who has little to compare potential mates to. None of us would buy the first car we're shown at the dealer's, yet we feel compelled to fall in love as quickly as possible. Take your time. Shop around. There are plenty of potential partners out there. You're special and you offer special characteristics and personality traits that no one else possesses. Be proud of what you have and don't settle for less than you deserve!

Remember the keys to success. They're found in the 5 C's. COMMUNICATION, CARING, COMMITMENT, COMPROMISE and COMPATIBILITY. And a little love and mutual attraction and you've got the recipe for a satisfying long-term relationship. It won't be perfect, but what in life ever is? And, since his Wizardness is continually striving to incorporate all of these concepts into his own life, as always, take what you want and leave the rest because you're always free to "pay no attention to that man behind the curtain." Happy hunting and continued success.



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## "ZODIASCOPE" Astrological Forecast for August 1994

by C. Lichtenstein

Don't talk to me about the dog days of August. I'd rather think of it as balmy and sensual, even though the planets may toss us an ice cube. Mercury is the planet to watch as it sweeps through three signs. I suppose we are all allowed to change our minds and area of focus once or twice or more at this time. (If anyone complains, blame it on Mercury.) Mars moves into sensitive Cancer so even if our minds are not totally made up, at least we can be sincerely soppy about it.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20) Talk about pushy pushy. Aries are even more...effusive, (shall we say)...than usual this month. It seems that you just can't contain your desire to share your opinion with the immediate world. Share if you will, share if you must. You have carefully gathered all your facts, lined them up just so and are ready to aim them with a steady deadly shot. You are not known as The Ram for nothing, dear.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21) Although friendships still have their rather sticky moments, avoid the tendency to bite back by focusing your attention elsewhere. Buy! Buy! Buy! Acquisition becomes the be all end all this month. Plans for investing money and collecting objects of beauty will become more important. The real goal is to use this loot to enhance your home surroundings. A lovely home makes Taurus very happy.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) Career momentum may hit the skids for a bit, but you have enough get up and go to get up and go. We can only put up with so much abuse. Personal drive will help you either look for greener pastures or redirect your energy into more profitable pursuits. Keep a low profile around authority figures. You just don't see eye to eye with them now. Tough - they'll learn the hard way!

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) It may be a good idea to stay close to home for the month. Travel appears to be mired in problems and headaches. So what. Cancers prefer to stay close to home base anyway and now you have a good planetary excuse. Put your gay energy where it counts - volunteer and nurture those in need. You have the drive and the stamina to put in the good fight on behalf of our community.

**LEO** (July 24 - August 23) You may be a little on the pooped side this August when it comes to love and deep commitment, but never fear, the glorious Leo personality will manifest around friends if not around lovers. You can be the center of attention in the social swirl and feel particularly energetic around large groups. You must be starved for attention from the masses.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23) Who wants to be president of the corporation? You do. Professional goals are energized now and you will do what it takes to win over those in authority.

Be careful not to put all your efforts into the political basket. Relationships are strained and you need to give sufficient attention to partners before problems become worse.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23) You would prefer to hit the road and take off for parts unknown, but the job bears down on you. Problems don't seem to go away at work. No sooner do you feel that one brush fire is out, than another one flares up. Take all challenges as they come and keep your mind on that fabulous vacation. It's worth taking a break, if you can.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22) Scorpios are in their element this month as sexual energy is high and well focused. A tendency to go for the gusto and wear yourself out is not advisable. Keep all social activities *entre nous* and don't go out of your way to invite the immediate world to your doorstep or seek the kindness of stranger all over town. All avoid any gambling. Games of chance hold no chance for you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 22) Partners give you the support you need and you are also there for them. The one hitch is that your home may still be an area of discord or disarray. Are there just too many projects to do around the house? The best advice is to roll up your sleeves and do what needs to be done once and for all. August is the finish up or else month.

**CAPRICORN** (December 23 - January 20) You still seem to be suffering from foot in mouth disease. It is best not to give your opinion right now - it is not wanted or will be misinterpreted. On the bright side, you can accomplish anything you want on the job. You've got energy, you've got know how; now do what needs to get done. Whatever you do, just don't talk about it!

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19) Party hearty is the keynote of the month. Energy is high and you are raring to go! There may be a tendency to spend much more on your fun than you intend to or than you can reasonably afford. Finances have been a problem for a while and don't seem to be going away. Keep a watchful eye on your wallet while you dance the night away.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20) You are inspired to do more around the house. It may be a good time to redecorate, or move a few pieces of furniture around to give your place a new, fresh look. Revamping your home may help you gain a bit more self confidence. We know that Pisces' home reflects their personal outlook. What does your home say about the real you?

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## SUPERSTARS, Twelve Lesbians Who Changed the World

Love makes the world go around unless, of course, you're gay. Then, even couples in history are portrayed as spinsters and lonely old men. A new book by *Lesbian Lists* author Dell Richards changes all that and in the process blows the myth of "objective" history out of the water.

*Superstars: Twelve Lesbians Who Changed the World* shows how much being a lesbian and being part of a couple or a female support network had on the lives of twelve of the world's most influential women. In life after life, Richards details how sexual identity was the core of these women's lives, that if the women had not been gay - and had supportive women in their lives - they never would have achieved success, much less fame.

*Superstars* completely reinterprets the lives of social work founder Jane Addams, nursing founder Florence Nightingale, educator M. Carey Thomas, public health nursing founder Lillian Wald, historian Edith Hamilton and her sister industrial medicine founder Alice Hamilton, cross-dressing physician James Miranda Barry, lesbian feminist Natalie Barney, publisher Sylvia Beach, Harlem Renaissance A'Lelia Walker, child psychology founder Anna Freud and post-gardener Vita Sackville-West.

"For most of these women, the fact that they were gay changed their professional life in profound ways," said Richards, a journalist trained in sociology who is fast becoming one of the leading pop-historians of the gay community. "By leaving out this 'minor detail,' scholars routinely distort the actual lives of notable gay men and lesbians."

Take Jane Addams.

An early girlfriend, Ellen Gates Starr, helped Jane Addams found Hull House. Her life-long companion, Mary Rozet Smith, not only did major fund-raising and built the Children's House but often gave Addams money out of her own pocket to keep Hull House open. Without these women, Addams never would have been able to start Hull House, much less keep it going until it became the formidable institute it was.

"These blanks not only give heterosexuals a false sense of security about their own sexuality and rob young homosexuals of role models but force historians to totally misrepresent gay people's lives," said Richards. "We need to completely re-think our willingness to 'protect' the private lives of our historic figures."

*Superstars: Twelve Lesbians Who Changed The World*, by Dell Richards, Carroll & Graf Publishers, Inc., New York, \$12.95 Trade Paperback, 256 pages, ISBN: 0-88184-955-3

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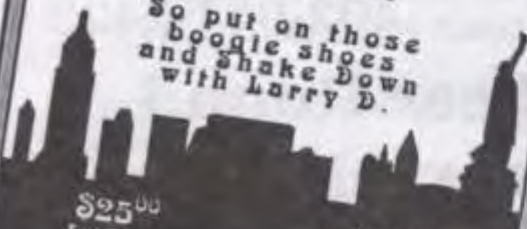


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How might this happen, you say. Well, what IF there were 25 million gays and lesbians, ALL, unashamedly out of their closets, exhibiting love toward one another and toward the straight community? THAT would most certainly make an impact, wouldn't it!?

Having been involved in the field of

## FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon, syndicated columnist

Psychology in past years, I honestly do not believe that "OUTING" a brother or sister is a healthy act on our part. Most folks would not be psychologically capable of coping with a surprise trauma of this nature. It could wreck their lives, being unprepared to bare their souls. However, I also am well aware of the EFFECTS OF SUFFOCATION they have chosen by remaining in their closets.

It's been two decades now since I exited my closet. Over the years, I've run into folks who knew me and "just knew" I was also "one of the group. They could have "outed" me! The thought keeps going through my mind: might I have been able to make a more graceful exit from my closet IF one of them had become my "fairy godfather" or "fairy godmother"? What is someone had cared enough to give me advice, support and encouragement; if someone had loved me into the light of reality!?! Maybe we can start a "FAIR GODPARENTS CLUB"!?!

We all surely know at least one person in the closet. We could start a bold communication with them, one on one. Find out WHY they have decided to stay in their closet; what are their fears. Remembering always it is not our role to play God; our role is that of someone who cares for a fellow traveler who is self-suffocating and maybe just needs a sounding board and helping hand. Remembering that a person in their closet is really a child to reality and honesty. Remembering they are good people who are used to living a lie; a lie which may have taken them years to build—to build the intricate facade which keeps their secret hidden. Remembering that graceful exits for closets may demand the arm of a loved one.

If you think this is a good idea and would like to become involved in getting something started, write me in care of your Editor who will forward the mail on. If you're swamped with work as I am, we'll both be saying "how in the hell am I going to have time to take on another task?" But as the old-timers used to say: "If you want something to get done, give the task to a busy

person."

### CHANNEL CHANGE

"Throw the bouquets while people can still smell them" Dad always used to say. Well, I recently was invited to Denver by the group of gays and lesbians who work at COORS. They provided me a lecture with an open invitation to their co-workers, P-FLAG, MCC, and the general public to come and think about Understanding Alternative Lifestyle. Their efforts showed me how gays and lesbians in the workplace of a large Corporation might make their lives count more because of their honesty. Ms. Wright, COORS R&D told me she even came out of her closet at work to Bill Coors himself after she read the Foreword he wrote in my autobiography published August '93. This has also shown me how important it is for straight bosses to come out of their closets as gay rights supporters. By the way, if you want to use Visa/MC to order the book-it's 1-800-356-9315.

Many kudos to the COORS L.A.G.E.R. group who is helping to educate without being obnoxious. That's the COORS LESBIAN & GAY EMPLOYEE RESOURCE group.

Another group deserving kudos is the GLSU at U.N.R. where I recently spoke at their sponsored event open to the public. The GLSU has the largest Student Union on the UNR campus. They're highly respected for the G/L activities but also for Community & University labors.

As a teacher/lecturer, I find great joy and inspiration for the College/University audiences and am looking forward to the Fall semester with probable meetings coming up at the U of South Dakota, Kent State University, and State U of NY at Brockport. Keep up your good labors all you studs and studettes!

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

Mr. Lundon is former Mg. Editor of Zipper magazine and The Coast to Coast Times. His autobiography legacy: *The Closets Are Empty...The Dining Room's Full is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing Company.*

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# A NOTE FROM THE FRIDGE by Brian Bengtson

This month we have fixins' from DeMoreland, Arlen R. Lazaroff, a sample from Mike Logan's collection, entitled *A Very Southern Childhood* (Toth Press, Mountain View, CA), and a poem-cobbler by yours truly. See 'ya at the salad bar!

## 722 Toulouse by DeMoreland

She baits her trap with makeup  
thick as Van Gogh's paint, pours herself  
into a dress like pastry in a tube  
and waits against a gas lamp  
for the Showgirl Club to cough  
a man into the street.

Louis watches out of sight.  
His black snake throbs inside his pocket.  
He strokes his saxophone beside the door  
of seven twenty two Toulouse  
where damp red curtains billow  
out like tongues to lap  
the ghost of daylight's coffee  
that steams above the street.

She snares one in a move  
so smooth he barely stirs  
and struts him past the neon Jesus  
the Manhole Club, and Slick's Review  
across the street and up the stairs  
to her nest inside the Hummingbird Hotel

## captain of your ship by Arlen Lazaroff

wheeling my long time friend into the dead end  
cafe  
white eyes in the family section all spiral  
downward  
into the black and white checkerboard and marble  
floor

We are survivors of a famous shipwreck  
a vacation cruiser that crashed into a pile of rocks  
we were hard headed enough  
we didn't need any survival gear  
but one of us broke down anyway  
and i have to wheel him out of here

passing by saturday afternoon sidewalk sales  
i hoist skull and crossboned sails  
on this survivor's raft  
queer nationalists have no official flag  
and everybody's using the rainbow these days  
they hand discarded fetish rages  
to function as prayer flags  
hope blows to all four corners of the earth  
and sometimes eludes our grasp

i spray paint on fundamentalist billboards  
write letters to national magazines  
watch parades and parades and parades  
yet nobody can seem to do anything  
except build more ships and hope they don't  
leak too badly and reach safe harbor soon

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## Where Clichés Come From by Mike Logan

Workmen tend to snigger delivering furniture  
to two middle aged male physiological extremes,  
but these guys howled uncontrollably,  
without the usual winks and knowing nudges,  
as they put the queen size bed

together backwards,  
spending the hour roaring  
each time we stopped to ponder  
their delay

—the type of guys you normally offer  
a beer or 2 for doing their work so well,  
instead fled quickly out the door,  
leaving us to wonder how they could bend  
so many nails,  
and my new roommate to complain  
about the bag of underwear Lisa left  
and what should we do with the open box  
of high heeled shoes.

## No Holds Barred by Mike Logan

Meeting every last Sunday from 2 to 4  
in an obscure working-class neighborhood,  
cops, plumbers, construction-workers,  
married, engaged, recently divorced,  
hirsute, white, muscular, ghastly tattoos,  
these guys have jobs, not careers—you know the  
type.

thud, grunt, groan, as they grasp each other  
tightly, crashing against the wrestling mats.  
All good friendly hard-working Joes,  
your local street corner bigots  
hanging out with the boys.  
I mean, how butch can you get?

It's all a charade, of course:  
An elaborate ruse  
for neighborhood guys  
to meet neighborhood guys.  
Buzzed from beer, the testosterone flowing,  
oiled, half nude, raring to go,  
dominance and submission already decided  
when the bedroom calls.

## STRAIGHTJACKET AND TIE: A Review by Richard Grabman

When something unusual happened to me when I was younger, I could count on my brother to say "well, you can put it your novel." Thankfully, that novel was put in a drawer somewhere, and I went on to other things. Unless you're personally involved with the author, first novels in general, and coming out novels in particular (boy knows he's different; boy meets boy; boy loses boy; boy finds self), are pretty much the same: "earnest and sensitive" is the euphemism reviewers employ. It means "boring and self-indulgent." But by tossing in a little science fiction and a good eye for absurdity, Eugene Stein's coming out novel, *Straightjacket and Tie* defies the stereotype. Things happen to people; the coming out experience is pretty much the same for everyone. Whether the author really is a red-head, worked as a typist for Jerzy Kozinski, or was a statistician for the NYC Department of Sewers are particulars that don't really matter. That Bert Rosenbaum has these experiences, and at the same time is plagued by researchers from the polysexual planet Debbie, does. Those sassy extra-terrestrials let us follow Bert through his specific experiences, and his coming out, pointing out the absurdity of one person's experience and of everybody's experiences. The visitors from Debbie save us from slogging through the personal sensitivities of someone we only know from a

## Standing on the Edge of the Quilt by Brian Bengtson

I can feel the names  
each time I shut my eyes  
after seeing the pictures  
or watching the newsfeed.

Sometimes the symbol gets soft  
at all the proverbial edges  
when you see the volunteer guard  
set free giant squares  
while dancing on those off-white walkways

that connect crack babies  
with aspiring drag queens,  
and all the delicate kids  
who had to be careful playing outside  
with Nebraska farm boys  
who didn't think  
that this one time would count.

I feel hollow,  
like the vacuum of air  
between strokes on the drumroll  
when the names touch down  
by my door, once a year.  
I close respectful eyes,  
and use another bus stop.

In the flat voice that doesn't look  
at the glass half full,  
I question my time to join the tour.  
I think of who might attend my vigils  
with shaking hands;  
how many days may pass  
between the crumbling of topsoil  
and the folding of cloth.

So I wait at the end of the field,  
like the kid in the back  
of class as others choose teams,  
and I watch the bodies dwindle down  
as the names are called.

dust jacket. And, they keep us from taking ourselves and our lives too seriously. Stein's handling of schizophrenia is praise-worthy. As a boy, Bert worships his nearly identical older brother. His shame, guilt, alienation and final acceptance of Phillip's increasingly erratic behavior is a subtle reflection on Bert's awareness of himself as a gay man and as a decent human being. Throwing mental illness into a first novel, and a comic novel at that, is risky. Stein is extremely good at using this material without exploiting mental illness as a heavy-handed metaphor or resorting to cruel jokes about a serious disease. Besides, when one is visited regularly by drug-using, screwed up researchers from planet Debbie, how much faith can we put in Bert's normality? The particulars of Bert's life are what convince us Bert's "normal". Of course, those particulars include lovers and sex: the good, the bad and the hilarious. Red-haired Bert's pubes give rise to a particularly funny sex scene. It's a shame that Tichnor and Fields has ceased operations. *Straightjacket and Tie* is just the sort of risky book by an unknown author that other commercial publishers avoid. Houghton Mifflin is to be commended for bringing Eugene Stein's unique gay voice to the mainstream. Eugene Stein, *Straightjacket and Tie*, Tichnor & Fields (Distributed by Houghton Mifflin), \$19.95.

# AIDS/HIV RESOURCES AND NEWS

## HIV TESTING\*

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

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

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

**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,  
att: Colleen 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,  
teaching of HIV infected individuals, people  
with AIDS, and others; Rick Swaink, Director.

## 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 Cecelias 40th & Webster

**AIDS Interfaith Network,** 215 Centennial  
Mall So., Rm 411, Lincoln 68508; 474-3017,  
Services: 7pm, 4th Mon, St Marks, 14th & R

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lincoln Cancer Cntr,** 4600 Valley, 483-1872

**Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept** 2200  
StMarys, Lincoln 68502, 471-8065 Testing,  
counseling

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

**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
(statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437]  
**Omaha Office:** 3624 Leavenworth, 68105  
342-4233 AIDS Hotline, HIV testing, AIDS  
awareness, practical support, counseling  
**Lincoln Office:** (402) 474-4243  
**Central Nebraska Office:** 3423 2nd Ave  
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 234-8183

**Nebr 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

**Nebr 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

**Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C.,** 201 N.  
8th, Ste 242, Lincoln 68508 476-3882; Jim

**Nebr Bar Assoc,** 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091

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

## AIDS AND THE FAMILY

December 1, 1994 will mark the seventh annual observance of World AIDS Day, an international campaign sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO). This year the World Health Organization has designated "AIDS and the Family" as the theme for World AIDS Day. AIDS represents an increasingly heavy burden for families worldwide — families composed of friends and lovers as well as families that are traditionally defined.

"Families are the place where the young learn to practice safe behavior and reject discrimination," says Dr. Michael Merson, executive director of WHO's Global Programme on AIDS. "If we all do our utmost within our families of choice — whether they are the people who share our home or those who share our planet — we shall help immeasurably to defeat AIDS in every family."

It's not too early to begin planning the World AIDS Day in your community. The NAMES Project has created a special World AIDS Day display packet which is available to institutions such as museums, art galleries, federal and state agencies, hospitals, and many others. Last year over 50 communities hosted special World AIDS Day displays of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. We anticipate an even greater number of World AIDS Day displays in 1994.

In this year of "AIDS and the Family," the AIDS Memorial Quilt is a uniquely appropriate symbol, as it was created by the families of those who have died of AIDS.

## STAVUDINE (D4T) APPROVED

The Food & Drug Administration announced the approval of stavudine, or D4T — the fourth drug approved for the treatment of AIDS and HIV infection. Stavudine is an antiviral agent of the nucleoside analog class, which include zidovudine (AZT), didanosine (ddI) and zalcitabine (ddC). Nucleoside analogs are thought to slow the progression of AIDS by inhibiting HIV replication. Data indicate this class of drugs may delay the onset of AIDS symptoms in HIV-infected individuals, and may extend survival in some. Stavudine is specifically approved for the treatment of adults with advance HIV infection who no longer respond to or are intolerant of other antiviral drugs. "This is another sign of our commitment to act quickly on treatments for life threatening diseases," said FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler, M.D. "Stavudine is an important drug because it gives people with AIDS — and their doctors — another treatment option, when currently available drugs become less effective."

Stavudine's major side effect is peripheral neuropathy — characterized by pain and tingling or numbness in the hands and feet. Between 15 and 21 percent of the patients in Stavudine trials reported the condition, which appears to be dose-related and can usually be reversed by withdrawal from treatment. Stavudine was the first drug granted parallel track status by FDA. The parallel policy allows the agency to make available promising new drugs to patients before approval. Since October 1992, when the drug was granted parallel track status, about 11,000 patients have been enrolled for treatment. Stavudine is manufactured by Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. of New York, NY, under the trade name Zerit.

# NATIONAL NEWS

## LESBIAN AVENGERS TAKE FIFTH AVENUE

Over 20,000 lesbians took over Fifth Avenue in an explosion of joy and rage — the biggest lesbian action in history. The International Dyke March, organized by the Lesbian Avengers, ended in a firestorm inside Washington Square Park, where marchers gathered in a circle to eat fire and raise their voices in defiance.

"This goes beyond visibility; we're flexing our political muscle," said Lesbian Avenger Marlene Colburn, noting that the group marched without a city permit. "We took the streets because we have a right to them — and a right to live our lives. This is just the tip of the iceberg. We're witnessing the emergence of a lesbian activist movement in this country and abroad. The march will be heard from Cincinnati to Buenos Aires."

Lesbians demanded the custody of their children; an end to the violence that threatens us every day; health research that takes lesbians into account; asylum for lesbians fleeing persecution;

political and economic justice for poor lesbians and lesbians of color. The action was also a warning to feminists about their homophobia and to gay men about their sexism — and a promise to turn words into actions.

The 35-chapter Avengers have been battling lesbophobia since June 1992. The International Dyke March is sponsored by The Lesbian Avengers, a direct-action group focused on issues vital to lesbians survival and visibility. For more information call The Lesbian Avengers Media Hotline at 212-239-1451 X6066.

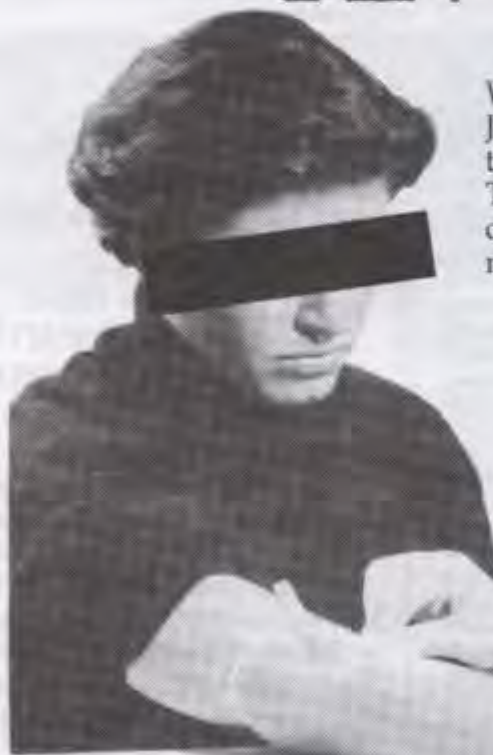
## MICHIGAN WOMYN'S FEST

The 19th Michigan Womyn's Festival is set for August 9-14, with 7-8,000 women expected to attend. Besides camping at the isolated site, women can enjoy 40 performances, 300 workshops, a crafts faire with 140 booths, dances and more. Brochures available from WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458 or 616-757-4766.

## JACK HART LOOKING FOR GAY MEN'S FIRST TIME

Jack Hart, the best-selling author of *Gay Sex: A Manual for Men Who Love Men* and *My Biggest O*, both published by Alyson Publications, is seeking contributions to a new book in which gay men will talk about their first sexual experience with another man. *My First Time* will be a collection of true, first-person stories by men from around the country and the world, describing their first consensual same-sex experience. It should provide an intriguing look at the myriad ways that gay men begin the process of exploring their sexuality, whether at age thirteen or thirty. First-time experiences run the gamut from disappointing to thrilling; this range will be captured in *My First Time*. The book is scheduled for release in 1995. Deadline for submissions is September 30, 1994. For guidelines, send stamped, self-addressed envelope to *My First Time* Guidelines, Alyson Publications, 40 Plymouth Street, Boston, MA 02118.


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# LOCAL NEWS

## EXPLORE LEATHER FREEDOM AT FANTASY '94

The very hottest Leathermen and Leatherwomen will gather in Omaha to celebrate "Leather Freedom" as FANTASY celebrates its 6th anniversary. This year's celebration, which will take place August 19, 20, & 21, is again sponsored by Fantasy Productions and The Leather Journal.

As always, FANTASY is not a competition — it is an opportunity for Leatherfolk to come together and show you the BEST they have to offer while they help raise money for charity. The profits raised from this year's event will be donated to CFEP (Citizens for Equal Protection) and The Leather Archives Foundation in Chicago, Illinois.

There will be 14 (fourteen) events to round out the weekend, with title-holders and dignitaries flying in from coast to coast to take part in all of the activities. Thursday, August 18th, will kick off the weekend with a Pre-Party for anyone already in town. Friday, August 19, will begin the weekend's festivities with a cocktail party at The MAX at 7:00pm, hosted by Jeff Tucker, International Mr. Leather 1994. Following that event will be the traditional Introduction of Title-Holders and Dignitaries, followed by other special events. Please, take note: **Bare Buttocks are not allowed at any of the Fantasy Events.**

Saturday begins with a Leather Fair, from 9am - 2pm at The MAX, where you will be able to purchase all of those fun toys or artwork you've always wanted. During the Fair, there will be Seminars and Demonstration on Safe Play and on Being a Title-holder.

FANTASY, the show, will be held Saturday evening at The MAX. This year's Leather extravaganza is produced by Jolanne Tierney - Ms Leather Sacramento 88/89, Shan Carr - IMSL 89, and Jim Gau - Mr. Omaha Drummer 94. Saturday evening will blend into Sunday morning as The Leather Journal hosts an After Hours Party.

Sunday wraps up the weekend with a Farewell Brunch at Gilligan's and a Softball Game for all those in attendance.

Ticket prices are \$35.00 and include admission to all Fantasy events. Get your tickets and join the over 50 Title-holders and Dignitaries expected to be on hand this year.

For more information, contact:

Fantasy 94  
PO Box 8203  
Omaha, NE 68108-8203

## IS MAUPIN TOO HOT FOR PBS TO HANDLE?

The Public Broadcasting System has announced it will not fund the sequel to Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City*. Although the original *Tales* was the highest-rated dramatic production that PBS has ever aired, and well-received by critics and viewers alike, it was also targeted by American Family Association, who opposed its portrayal of lesbian and gay life as happy, well-adjusted, and fulfilled. Let PBS know that their mandate to represent all communities includes our community — even in shows that aspire to do no more than entertain. Write: Ervin Duggan, President, PBS, 1320 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 2231-1698. *GLAAD/NY Bulletin*

## WORKERS ARE EDUCATED IN DIVERSITY

by Janet Houston and Pat Phalen

The writers co-chair U S WEST Communications' Nebraska Pluralism Council. This is a response to Rick J. Cole, who had some concerns about U S WEST's attempt to educate our employee body on gay and lesbian issues. A letter in the Public Pulse on June 15 and a large advertisement in the June 25 edition of *The World-Herald* addressed this topic.

U S WEST has a written policy dealing with pluralism and diversity. We also have written policies dealing with discrimination around the various dimensions of diversity. All employees receive annual coverage on these policies and our employment depends on adhering to them. All dimensions of diversity including sexual/affective orientation are included.

It is important to note that there is no requirement to embrace any aspect of these dimensions or to compromise one's own values. Employees of U S WEST are simply required to work with each other in an atmosphere of mutual respect and teamwork. Recognizing that knowledge promotes understanding and that understanding promotes respect and teamwork. U S WEST makes a concentrated effort to educate our employees on all aspects of pluralism and diversity.

U S WEST has adopted this position because we recognize that a successful company actively seeks to involve all of its employees in all aspects of the business. A successful company recognizes that it cannot afford to discount, devalue or disenfranchise any member of its work group. In addition U S WEST serves a diverse population of customers. Thus, pluralism and diversity are part of a conscious business strategy to meet the needs of, and provide quality telephone service to, that diverse population. This is not only a sound business strategy, it is morally and ethically the correct thing to do.

Mr. Cole bemoans the loss of Christian values and a discounting of the Bible. He needs to recognize that not all employees of U S WEST are of Christian faith and that not all employees are followers of the Bible. Religious freedom is another aspect of pluralism and diversity which must be recognized and respected.

The employment situation he refers to has been settled in court. The court's decision indicates that a correct and appropriate action has been taken. This action was a response to a disruption of the workplace rather than a suppression of religious freedom.

U S WEST has been recognized at all levels for our pluralism and diversity efforts. We are generally considered to be a "lighthouse" company for equal and full employment for all of our employees. Any leader or pioneer is most vulnerable to criticism, and we recognize that breaking new ground is never easy. U S WEST will accept the criticism secure in the knowledge that we are doing the right thing and that the long-term success of the company will be endured due to the full contribution of each member of our workplace.

- *World-Herald*

Support your local Labor Day  
PWA Fundraising Activities!

## CURIOUS BI NATURE: ARE THERE BISEXUALS IN NEBRASKA?

An Affirmative Yes! A new bi group has been meeting in Lincoln in addition to the long-standing group, Bi-Pals (Bisexual People, Alternative Lifestyles).

Since the beginning of 1994 the "Bisexual Discussion Group" has been meeting weekly at the University with the sponsorship of the Gay Lesbian Student Association. Early meetings were filled with discussion on topics of a bisexual nature, (how we live our bisexual lives, defining bisexuality, issues of monogamy, etc.).

As an introspective winter months come to a close the group turned to some more social events such as cafe outings and movie nights. On a sunny Sunday in May we had an open invitation picnic at Antelope Park with fifteen people in attendance, including several newcomers.

During the summer months the group has taken a turn toward more social and outdoor events, allowing discussion to take place in a more natural setting. Several members attended the Omaha Pride Parade and walked together with some Omaha bisexuals as the Queer Bi Nebraska contingent (an ad hoc group). The group planned a potluck before the end of June and one member planned to attend the 25th Anniversary of Stonewall in New York, where she will also attend the International Conference to Celebrate Bisexuality.

This group is open to an bisexual, bi-curious, or bi-friendly people. If you're interested in finding out more about the group, are interested in becoming a member of Bi-Net U.S.A. (the national bisexual organization), or want to find out where the weekly Wednesday meetings at 7:30 are held, contact Erica at 477-0217.

- *Chronicle*

## CAPTAIN RICH RICHENBERG AWAITS DECISION: COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEEDED

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Sheila Widnall and to your  
Senator asking him to contact  
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Washington, D.C. 20330

## ICON FILES REPORT ON MISSING MONEY

In a special meeting of the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska held on Monday, July 18, the Board voted 5-4 to file a police report regarding missing coronation monies. The special meeting was called by President Gary West when an audit of Coronation funds showed a \$3273.50 discrepancy between the funds collected and the funds deposited. The audit was made when President Gary West received the June bank statement and it showed only one deposit (\$789.00) for the month of June. This deposit was in direct conflict with Treasurer Ed Smiarowski's June report to the organization,

which showed deposits of \$50.00, \$50.00, \$789.00, \$3492.00, \$500.00, and \$155.00.

Officer Clark, who took the report, commented that he did not know whether the report would be investigated by the fraud division or by the theft division. According to West, Clark did believe that the evidence warranted an investigation and was strong enough to indicate a theft or fraud had occurred.

West will be contacted for further evidence and follow-up questioning once the report has been channeled to the appropriate division.

A follow-up story will appear in the September *New Voice*.

## GAO STUDY

The Government Accounting Office (GAO) is studying the problems gays, lesbians, and bisexuals have had getting security clearances with the US government. GAO is collecting information about such cases and will present its findings to Congress.

If you or anyone you know would like to help document the kinds of harassment and inappropriate questions that have been part of security clearance investigations, please contact Elizabeth Mead at GAO, 441 G. St., NW, Room 5100, Washington, DC 20548 or by phone at 202-512-3945.

**Support Fantasy '95!**

## M? PARALLEL GALAXY PAGEANT TO BE HELD IN LINCOLN AUGUST 20

The Futz, Inc. announces the immediate availability of applications for contestants in the *M? Parallel Galaxy Pageant*, a costume contest and entertainment event to be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 1994 at the Villager Motel Conference Center, 5200 "O" St. to benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project. According to the Pageants Director, Kelly Sheridan, "This highly theatrical event is this space/time continuum's only cosmic, outrageous, non-discriminatory, eclectic, alternative, [dare I say beauty?] pageant."

The contest is open to anyone over the age of 18. Contestants will be judged in four categories: swim wear, question and answer (to take place during evening wear), and talent. All categories are to be interpreted however the contestant chooses. A panel of judges will determine the winner based on originality, outrageousness, and characterization. Decisions of the judges are final.

The contestant entry fee is \$5.00. All contestant entry fees will be combined and awarded to the winner at the end of the event. Prize money is determined by the number of entries only: no other money is promised or will be awarded. Trophies will also be awarded as the Director of the Pageant deems appropriate.

Entry fees do not entitle contestants to seating in the main performance area. Any contestant wishing seating must purchase it separately at regular admission prices (\$10.00 each or two for \$15.00). Applications for contestants will be accepted until 6:30 p.m. the day of the event. Contestants who sign up by August 10 will be entitled to 10 of the first-forward table reservations: 10 seats for \$75.00.

The talent division of the contest is open season, but is restricted to no more than five minutes: no open flames. The Futz will be providing a live microphone and a cassette tape deck which you may make use of. No special lighting is available.

The Futz, The Villager Motel, and the personnel of the M?-PGP assume no responsibility for theft or loss of any personal property brought into the contest.

## THE PRICE WE PAY FOR INVISIBILITY IS

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## SAY YOU LOVE SATIN!!!! AT THE MAGIC THEATRE

The new musical comedy for "Generation X" wry, cynical, manic, dysfunctional and dripping with "lust for lifestyle" has been created by Omaha David Brink. **SAY YOU LOVE SATIN!!!!** premiered July 29th at the Magic Theatre's new facility, 325 So. 16th Street in Omaha. **SAY YOU LOVE SATIN!!!!**, a hilarious send-up of TV infomercials and heavy metal wannabes, is Brink's take on nerdy, nervous 90's. Haute couture fashion victims and fans of Brink and the Magic Theatre who sold out the productions of *Soap Scum* and *Floating Milk Pods*, will thrill this zany version of "Hard Copy" dressed in spandex tights and satin tanks. Get ready to cheer Trinity Lead, True Crime Detective extraordinaire when she teams up with a serial murderer aficionado librarian for the assignment of her life. Brink's writing talent has been encouraged by the Magic Theatre since he was 16 when they produced his first play. "We continue to be impressed with his work," says Omaha Magic Theatre artistic director JoAnn Schmidman. "His talent is wide ranging and **SAY YOU LOVE SATIN!!!!** is more than funny." **SAY YOU LOVE SATIN!!!!** features the comedic talents of Anthony Chambers, Margaret DuBe, Charles Gould, John Jackson, Megan Millea, Larry Tarkington, Gretchen Venteicher, Stacy White, Kendra Williams, and Jo Ann Schmidman. Music is by "Funkemickel," direction is by David Brink and set is by Sora Kimberlain. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, August 5-6 and 12-13 at the air conditioned Magic Theatre, 325 So. 16th Street. Show time if 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for Adults, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$2 for handicapables. Phone (402) 346-1227 for information and reservations.

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## WE SHOULD HAVE COVERED THE PARADE

G. Woodson Howe's  
"Your Newspaper" column

The first thing that should be said about the *World-Herald's* lack of a story about a gay pride parade in Omaha June 12 is that we should have covered the event.

The next thing to be said is that our decision did not result from hostility toward gays and lesbians. No one here harbors any bias towards gays or lesbians. Our news coverage of gay rights is as impartial as we can make it.

Sally Lansdale, associate coordinator of the Omaha chapter of the National Organization of Women, wrote us and asked: "Why is a block party at the Old Market worthy of a full color, above-the-fold front page photo, while a parade at Turner Park, east on Harney, south on 20th, and west on Farnam back to Turner Park — by 300 singing, chanting, enthusiastic supporters of equal rights for gays and lesbians — not news?"

Dave Holmes, a member of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, asked a similar question. He said that the parade of 300 to 400 people "was certainly of interest to the approximately 40,000 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens of Omaha. The leadership of the *Omaha World-Herald* is entitled to their anti-gay bias, but suppression of news is poor press."

The reason we had no coverage in 1993 was that we weren't told about the gay pride parade, much smaller that year.

This year we were informed. An assignment editor, however, decided against coverage.

The assignment editor was mindful that, by longstanding practice, the *World-Herald* does not give "media events" a high priority. A media event is a happening contrived to get television and press publicity. Demonstrations are often media events. Marches in the names of causes are sometimes media events. Rallies are media events unless the headline speaker is someone newsworthy who has something new to say.

Some media events merit press attention by virtue of the large crowds they draw. Regrettably, we must cover them once they have achieved a critical mass. The word "regrettably" is used because even when a rally draws a crowd the inherent newsworthiness can be negligible.

Our coverage of rallies sometimes is reduced to counting heads, describing slogans on signs and reciting the chants of the marchers. We would rather use our resources to explore the important issues rallies are designed to spotlight.

Having escorted you inside the head of an assignment editor, it is time to repeat: We should have covered the June 12 gay pride parade.

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## PRIDE INSTITUTE UPDATES REFERRAL REGISTER

Pride Institute, the nation's only accredited inpatient alcohol and drug dependency treatment facility exclusively for lesbian, gay and bisexual clients, maintains a national register of lesbian, gay identified and affirming alcohol and drug treatment and aftercare providers. As many agencies have closed, clinicians have moved, and new clinicians have opened practices, the list is increasingly becoming updated for many areas of the country. Pride Institute receives thousands of calls annually from lesbian and gay people who are not appropriate for treatment at Pride Institute. An effort is made to then refer the caller to another provider, usually in his/her area. To register your agency or practice, or update your registration, call 1-800-547-7433 for a listing form.

## NEWS FROM THE COURT — THE IMPERIAL COURT

By Emperor XII Steve Koeller,  
aka Stella Dallas

### Chairman, Labor Day Committee

Warning, wanted: many people to head to Vennelyst Park (9100 N. 31st) from noon til 5pm on Monday, September 5th, for the Biggest picnic of the year, "Labor Day." Your \$7 admission will, of course, get you all the pop (yes, Diet) and all the beer you can drink! And again there will be a cash bar available. Many prizes, small and large, will be raffled off. Yes, the volleyball nets will be set up and the horseshoe pits are ready. There will be games as well — Balloon Toss, Egg Toss, and yes, Boys and Girls, the annual DRAG RACE is back. In addition, Ice Bowl '95 will be there with food to sell. Come hungry. See you there! Remember, Monday, September 5th. Don't Miss It!

Picnic proceeds will go to benefit the PWA Assistance Fund. Come with plenty of cash to support the raffles—over 100 prizes are expected!

July 17th was a night of Glitz and Glamour as we saw the new Royal Families crowned at Investiture '94".

Your Royal Family Members for Empress XIV Mae are:

Princess Royal XIV	Ammie Zahn
Grand Duchess XIV	Laura Grey
Grand Czarina XIV	Jennifer Jett
Princess XIV	Dorian Drake
Duchess XIV	Eva
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	Kendra

Your Royal Family Members for Emperor XIV David Hansen are:

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	Williamson
Grand Duke XIV	Hugh Farrell
Grand Czar XIV	Tim Jones
Prince XIV	Tim Pederson
Duke XIV	Don Hooper
Czar XIV	Annie Welty
Baron XIV	Dan "Archy"
	Archibald

The evening also honored the Coronation XV ten year anniversary monarchs: Laura Lee and Gary West. We also saw a new camp title this year with Universal Queen Mother and King Father (Miss Stella Dallas and Dick Brown). Torgy was named Honorary Prince Royale. The monarchs have named Felice Whitney, Velvet, and Pat Phalen to their Advisory Board. Congratulations to all.

Many thanks and Good-bye and generous Support to the Prince and Princess Royal of Reign XIII, Michael and Monica for a job well-done.

The Board of Governors would like to welcome Reign XIV and hopes your reign will be as great as others.

Congratulations to Danny Smith, our newly elected secretary, and to Connie Henke, Danny Smith, and Carla Petersen, who just renewed their terms on the Board of Governors.

The fact remains, ICON is still thriving — 14 years strong — so if you feel that you could contribute your time and talents, please let David or Mae or a current Board of Governors member know and join a winning team. The next meeting will be Monday, August 1, 6:30pm, in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. The meetings are open to the public. See you there.

Don't forget. Attend the annual Labor Day Picnic! Plan to attend Mon., Sept. 5, Vennelyst Park, noon til 5! Til then, See You in Court!

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## ICE BOWL '95 ACTIVITIES

The 1995 Ice Bowl Fund Raising Committee was kept busy during the past month with two major events - the production of an Ice Bowl Benefit Show at DC's on June 26 and the manning of the bar, bake sale, and food concessions for the Imperial Court of Nebraska at their July 2 Picnic. A big thank you goes out to show director Jeff Flores, (who played Mrs. Quee plus four other characters), and her Ice Princesses who performed at DC's. Entertainers included Empress and Emperor XIV, co-hostess Eva Davis, and many other Omaha Impersonation luminaries. Combined efforts raised over \$390.00 to help bolster the 1995 Ice Bowl Prize Fund. Thank yous go to Dan and Charley for the use of their space, D.J. and staff. Steve Koeller provided a grand winter-like set and decorations. A great time was had by all at the sunny ICON July Picnic at Vennelyst Park. ICON staff watched the gate, poured beer and soda, organized games, and did the clean-up work. Dick Brown's outstanding Bake Sale booth raised \$112.00 by selling made-from-scratch goodies. Scott Rezek, Gary, and Duane manned the bar and raised \$234.00 including their tips. Budda organized the food kitchen with the help of Tim, Jeff, and Kevin. They served tasty cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips and ice cream to raise funds for the Imperial Court of Nebraska. Special thanks go to Gary West for his continued support of all Omaha organizations. Omaha is a city of great fund raising support and event networking. The 1995 Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament Executive Committee thanks all who contribute financially and give their help.



Miss Club 2001 Tasha DeVore

### CLUB 2001 RAISES OVER \$500 FOR UNMC CLINIC

On June 26, Club 2001 threw open the doors to the back bar and invited a small but supportive crowd to enjoy a wide range of talents while they raised money for the HIV Clinic at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

The show was headlined by the gorgeous Miss Club 2001, Tasha DeVore. She was joined by the lovely and talented Brooke, and by the talents of Club 2001's own Josephine. A special treat for the audience came with the vocal talents of Alice Bellamy who brought cheers from the audience as she sang live. The D.J. for the evening was the irrepressible Larry D., who couldn't resist trying on one of the lovely beaded dresses for a few minutes of clowning before the show.

Owner Gary West, a member of the Omaha Meat Packers, introduced the Lincoln audience to his particular brand of female impersonation, characterized by eye lashes that seem a foot long and breasts that are truly larger than life. Gary was joined by two other members of the Meat Packers known as the Packettes, Sharon and Carla. Their offbeat brand of humor was at its best as they lip synched to the comic songs of *The Neon Girls*. Look for more from the Meat Packers when they again take to the stage for their annual Labor Day Show at the MAX on September 5.

When the evening was over, more than \$500 had been raised, thanks to Lincoln's generosity.

### DES MOINES: GLRC BEGINS NEWSPAPER

*OUTward* has begun publishing for the central Iowa community. The newspaper of the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center in Des Moines plans to produce the tabloid-size paper every other month until finance can support a monthly issue. The GLRC is coming back from a period of debt and troubled leadership. Operating expenses were helped this spring with an announcement of a \$5,000 grant from The Principal Financial Group of Des Moines. The GLRC board is actively seeking membership growth and plans to erase a \$7,880 debt by the end of 1994. The GLRC is also preparing a building at 522 11th St. (11th & High) for use as an office space and a community center. For info, call the GLRC at 515-277-1454.

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## ICON GIVES DROP-IN CENTER A FACE LIFT

The Storefront or Drop In Center for HIV information and testing, located at 1723 Leavenworth, has a new coat of paint, a new refrigerator, a new cassette player, and some new furniture, thanks to the generosity and hard work of The Imperial Court of Nebraska.

Board member, Carla Petersen, had visited the center earlier in the spring. After talking with the volunteers, she took their requests back to the Board of Governors of ICON. The Board responded enthusiastically to the need. \$500 was voted to cover the costs which included a new refrigerator, a cassette player, end tables and coffee table along with gallons of paint and carpet cleaning supplies. However, donating the money was not enough. The members of the Board of Governors wanted to get in on the action, so they volunteered to clean the carpets and paint all the walls themselves. Volunteers included President, Gary West; Emperor XIV David Hansen; Board Members: Alice Bellamy, Jack DeVries, Gerald Brown, Michael Gaffney, Carla Petersen; Volunteers from the test site; members of the acting troupe XXXXXXXX, along with Ron Bradstreet aka Ammie Zahn. Busy hands made short work of the project, and the center was bright and shining in time for a special Friday night session, including music and free root beer floats for everyone who stopped by the center.

The Drop In Center is a joint project of the Douglas County Health Department and the Nebraska AIDS Project. It is open every other Friday night for testing, counseling, and education from 10pm to 2am. The Center targets a very high risk population and has shown significant success.



Emperor XIV Candidates David Hansen and Gerald Brown are joined by ICON President Gary West as they put a new coat of paint on Outreach Center

## FERRARI'S PLACES OF INTEREST FEATURES OMAHA

Brazil is the featured location of the new 15th edition of *Ferrari's Places of Interest*,™ the worldwide gay and lesbian travel guide.

The dramatic orange sky of sunset over Rio de Janeiro makes the book easy to spot on bookstore shelves. Inside, articles by gay Brazilians reveal much about the lifestyle of Brazil's gays and lesbians, and a special feature describes gay tours in Brazil.

*Ferrari's Places of Interest*™ completely changed the concept of gay and lesbian guides last year by including feature articles by the gay

and lesbian press around the world and across the US. Local gay and lesbian writers are now able to share their insights and inside information about gay Russia, Portugal and South Africa, as well as Alabama, San Francisco and New Mexico.

Fifty-nine articles appear in this year's edition, and the list of contributors reads like a Who's Who in worldwide gay publishing. "A Gay Revolution in Europe," by De Gay Krant, tells how dramatically a recent decision by the European Parliament will improve the lives of gay and lesbian Europeans. Spain's *MENSUAL*

Magazine chronicles "The Maelstrom of Change" in gay life since the death of Franco. Six separate articles cover gay life in cities of the Midwestern states of the US, including an article on Omaha and Nebraska written by Sharon VanButsel, editor of *The New Voice*.

*Ferrari's Places of Interest*,™ (15th edition) is now in stock at gay/lesbian and women's bookstores worldwide and can now also be purchased through mainstream bookstores throughout the US.

# RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE BEGINS ON AUGUST 28TH!

**The voting of rules and the commencement of league bowling begins on Sunday, August 28th in SKY LANES at the Center Mall, 42nd and Center Streets.**

**1:00 p.m. - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**3:00 p.m. - TEAM BOWLING BEGINS**

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**HOUSEWARMING  
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A housewarming for A.C.E. Unity House (a PWA Drop in Center) is planned for August 21st, Sunday, from 1 - 8 pm at 1007 South 37th Street. Come join us for cake and coffee/punch and meet the board of A.C.E., its clients and share in making our home a house full of hope, love and unity for all. If you have questions, please call 345-1976. Beginning hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. For our housewarming, your gifts and donations are gratefully received.

**EQUITY BEFORE  
THE LAW**

A group called Equity Before the Law has been formed by several concerned organizations and individuals. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the rape and murder of Teena Brandon, and of hate crimes in general. A candlelight vigil honoring Brandon is being planned. For the time and place of the next meeting, or information about the group, call Matt at 477-3336 (Lincoln), or Rich at 341-1371 (Omaha).

The July and August Coalition board meetings have been changed from the third Tuesday of the month to the second Sunday from 7-9PM.

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**NEW ORLEANS  
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# "THE GODS MUST BE SMILING, or THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOMO"

By Arlen R. Lazaroff  
(The Postmaster of Venus)

Someday, maybe sooner than you think, all legal taboos against private and consenting adult homosexual activity could be scratched from the lawbooks, and the Military-Industrial Complex won't suffer a bit. Part of the population will come to work smiling, and production will increase; indeed, Corporate America will be brightly enhanced by such a move.

Where will you be then? Ready for a same-sex marriage-union in the church of your choice, followed by a riotous reception, a horny honeymoon, a legally protect domesticity - all the things your "straight" friends take for granted? Or quietly cursing the god of your choice for allowing these "sinners" another hand up? Civilization continues; no wrathful god sending lightning bolts our way this time. Maybe they're getting older, more tolerant, "mellowing out" in the cosmos.

Of course there will still be some grumbling from opposing ranks about "traditional family values" and such breaking down. After all, breeders look out for their own wants, needs, and desires (did i hear a small voice say "special rights?") and some don't want to share. The idea of "equal, not special rights" may take root in the post-Edenic mind garden sometime, but there will always be work to get done: got to keep up with the harvest, keep the weeds down.

When and if "sodomy" laws are no longer a concern except to historians, and job and housing protections are extended to a wider population, and it doesn't matter anymore who lives with whom as long as nobody gets hurt, where will you be? Slimming in the suburbs with a loving partner, watering the astroturf with a long green hose purchased from a nearby gay-owned hardware store, chuckling at hateful letters in newspapers from miffed fundamentalists angry at how the barriers are crashing down in their own yards? Or will you attend a big street party, all dressed up in your own self-expression, toasting a brighter future with nothing but blue sky? Will HIV/AIDS still be a problematic reality? What color are your condoms?

OK, we're not there yet. But the current ball got rolling, at least in the "conventional wisdom" mindset, the night in 1969 when a fed up bunch of bar patrons at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village told the cops (and to some degree the mafia owners of the place) where the milk inn don't stop anymore. 25 years later (June 26, 1994) the incident was remembered in a march through midtown Manhattan to Central Park. Around this time there were also Olympic-Style "Gay Games," an historic museum display at the Manhattan Public Library, a media blitz, and many performance pieces, all asserting "gay pride."

I was part of a Nebraska group who attended, courtesy of a bus and hotel reservations organized by Omaha's ANGLE group, who are also responsible for "pride parades" here. We were sort of a group of state ambassadors, i felt. All the states, at least 72 foreign nations, and what I would call "subgenre" organizations, attended the parade, some to show their pride, some to show their symbology (rainbow flags and buttons everywhere), some to show their new-found gymnast's bodies (on which clothing is merely decoration).

I guess we like to "party", and like last April in Washington, this was a big one, with all kinds of people represented actually. Thought most of the participants stayed within the bounds of what's accepted behavior-wise (i'm not even counting all the wild costumes), a few "radical faeries", "lesbian avengers", and others unhappy with the organization or left out (such as the ever controversial NAMBLA, which I won't comment on here) organized separately and sort of assimilated into the parade on their own. A few "faeries" even walked stark naked, past "New York's Finest", without any "indecent exposure" arrests. (Now we're talking. That couldn't have happened at the Stonewall Inn in '69. And I dare you to try it on I-80 sometime.)

Thank the gods for our diversity. I guess we should have our choice of

experience - quiet domesticity, and carnival expression, or somewhere in between. In some cases, everything works.

I actually spent most of the trip as a quiet observer, engulfed in a sea of humanity, not really connecting with anyone. I got along with our bus group quite well, but didn't totally connect with any one person the whole trip, so i pretty much set my own agenda. There really is lots to see and do in New York so it's rather easy to amuse yourself. Still, it would have been nice to have had a close friend along to "go out" with. I visited many book stores, ate out of corner grocery stores, visited art museums, all kinds of places really.

The one thing i managed to do for the group was make an "Iowa-Kansas-Nebraska" sign (the states were grouped together by organizers) because we apparently weren't provided one. How could they forget the Heartland Homos? So, at the "last minute" we found a board, some flags, buttons, magic markers and improvised, plus i carried the sign for part of the long walk on Sunday. I feel that was my best contribution to the trip.

Otherwise, how does a lone wolf find himself in all that rowdiness and carnival humor? I don't know that i was beaming with pride, but it was kind of fun. It's so important to communicate with the person next to you who's alone; not enough of us do that in social situations (bars), and you aren't guaranteed friends in printed ads. Gay people had had a lot of self-esteem issues anyway. We need to be nicer to ourselves. I didn't have any sense of danger walking the streets of New York at any time, however, and i did manage to "hang out" with some of the bus group for at least short stretches of time.

Well, that's about enough from the Postmaster. I'll close with a thought from Martin Duberman, author of the book *Stonewall* (which i suggest you read if you haven't yet) and faculty member in Gay & Lesbian studies at Columbia University. At a reading he gave at the Different Light bookstore the night before the march, he said the weather has always cooperated for these Stonewall commemorative marches; the gods must be smiling on us. In fact, it rained hard in Omaha the night before our group left (Wednesday), nothing but overcast sky stretching the whole distance.

Then the sky cleared Saturday, stayed blue Sunday; rain returned Monday afternoon. Next time someone insists natural disasters are "punishment for our sins," mention this to them! Remember blue sky over Stonewall 25 ("but there's no place like home!" said Dorothy, who died just before those queens rioted at the inn. Was it Judy who died for our sins?)"

Well, i don't know, but i'm glad i went. A few more of these block parties, then maybe we can start taking over the world.

Personal to Len from Fillmore County: if you can ever disentangle yourself from those transmission lines, give me a call. Lowell from Lincoln has my number. And to the guys at the Independence Day outing on the farm near Weeping Water: keep smiling!

## DUBUQUE: GAY BEER BEING BREWED

Dubuque Brewing and Bottling Company has been contacted by a Colorado man to produce "Pink Triangle" Premium Light Beer for gay bars in Los Angeles, Seattle, New York, Philadelphia, central Florida, Denver and Phoenix. Denver attorney Mike Beery got the idea from a Saturday Night Live skit about "Schmidt Gay Beer" involving hunks at poolside. Beery, who is gay, estimates donating about \$5,000 of his profits to AIDS charities in the beer's first year. The Dubuque brewery also handles the distribution and marketing for Pink Triangle Beer, which is expected to soon go to San Francisco and larger Texas cities.

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## NEON GIRLS ARE DELIGHTFUL RAINBOW

By Sharon Van Butsel

Joan and Christy, otherwise known as The Neon Girls, delighted the audience at a benefit for the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund, held at MCC-Omaha on July 16. Based on the name of their group, I had expected high-tech flamboyance. Instead I found myself talking part in an intimate exchange between two very talented performers and an audience who were led through a complete spectrum of emotional experiences.

The style of music was primarily that of classic "women's music" with acoustic guitar, handheld percussion instruments, and songs of love and protest that were born in the coffeshops and festivals of a decade gone by. Christy, a nurse in a pediatric intensive care unit, and Joan, an inspector for Federally funded housing projects, had many original pieces based in their day to day experiences.

One piece compared the feelings Christy had had when she accidentally broke a small ceramic drum belonging to the five year old daughter of some friends to the feelings we experience when a relationship ends, that there are just too many pieces to glue back together again and even if we try, the drum or the relationship will never be the same. Another piece told of Joan's experience when she met a very small black child in the housing projects who "had a terrible love for her doll whose name was Rose." Joan confessed in her song that she had had many dolls through the years but none that had ever been as special as Rose was to that child.

Joan and Christy sang songs of losing friends to AIDS, of seeing the Quilt for the first time, of coming out, of so many life experiences. They performed the wonderful lullaby by Fred Small that proclaims to a child "you can be whoever you want to be, you can go wherever you will. You can love whomever you want to love and I will love you still." And when it got too serious, they shifted the mood to one of side-splitting laughter with other songs.

The audience, who had been scattered throughout the room during the first set, all crowded together in the first few rows during the second set, eager to take part even more fully in the experience. When the evening ended, people were slow to leave, slow to break the mood, slow to depart from the magic of the evening. The Neon Girls are based in Kansas City and perform at local festivals and events. Plans are already underway to bring them back!

## SHAKESPEARE ON THE GREEN

by R.J.

Once again, in Elmwood Park, Shakespeare On The Green, was presented. This marks their eighth season. It is hard to believe, 8 years, 8 seasons have gone by. The first season, *The Tempest* and *The Taming of the Shrew*, was presented. I greatly enjoyed these plays of Shakespeare. The second season, saw the plays, *A Midsummer Nights Dream* and *Hamlet*. Rev. Jan Kross was pastor of MCC, at the time, and a contingent from MCC attended the festival that season.

This year, at the festival, it was a shock to see one of the leading performers, Casey Kizziah, had died last October of AIDS. Damn that disease! Another brilliant young person, cut down in his prime. Casey was a most handsome young man, real good looking. And he made a dashing lead actor. He was truly gifted. And now, Casey belongs to the Ages. Casey played McBeth, Hamlet, Oberon, in a *Midsummer Nights Dream*. Casey also played Benedict in *Much Ado About Nothing*. Casey had also directed *Othello* for the 1992 Festival.

This year's Shakespeare Festival 1994 was dedicated to Casey's memory. For the purposes of future festivals, a Casey Kizziah Leading Man Memorial Fund was set up to underwrite the position of a leading man in future Festivals.

This year's Festival featured Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*, and *Henry IV, Part I*. *Love's Labour's Lost* was one of Shakespeare's earliest works, and a delightful light comedy. It starts with the King of Navarre, and his 3 Lords, who swear off women for 3 years to dedicate this time to study. It didn't quite work out this way. As usual, life doesn't always follow the paths we humans pick out to follow. Things start to get rather confusing and mixed up. But in the end everything seems to work out okay. *King Henry IV, Part One*, is of a much more serious nature. This play covered a very turbulent period of English history from 1398 to 1485. *King Henry IV, Part One*, covers the start of this civil war, that was to rage on eighty years.

These plays were well accepted and the Green was filled with people, all in a festive mood, many who brought a picnic lunch or a wine and cheese repast. Thankfully on the night I attended, the weather held, and those were delightful evenings. Somewhat chilly, but having attended all previous 7 seasons, I learned to bring a jacket along.



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## A.C.E. OPENS UNITY HOUSE

The AIDS Coalition For Empowerment (A.C.E.) is proud to announce the opening of A.C.E. Unity House. A.C.E. Unity House is the first multi-use drop-in center for the PWA community in Nebraska. A.C.E. Unity House will provide the following activities and services: - support groups\* -clothing bank\* -food bank -lunch\* -financial counseling -housing assistance -legal clinic -dental screening -library\* -seminars -treatment room -T.V./stereo/game room\* (\* denotes services that are already in place.)

Many more programs and services will be added. A.C.E. Unity House will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00am until 4:00pm. If you are HIV positive or a person LIVING with AIDS and would like to share in this project by dropping by and making new friends, getting a bite to eat, or just having a quiet place to come and relax, please call us at 402-345-1976.

If you would like to help A.C.E. with this courageous project, whether it's in a volunteer capacity, with a financial contribution, or by donating an item on our wish list, please contact us at 402-345-1976. Wish list: -486 computer w/ VGA monitor -laser printer -pool table -ping-pong table -patio table -games -clothing -volunteers -conference table and chairs -electric typewriter -photocopier -postage machine -VCR -books -office supplies -alarm system -software -modem -furniture -kitchen items -smoke eater -fax machine -T.V. -food pantry items -A CURE FOR AIDS

## A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

by Stan Brown

Thank you again to the following entertainers who performed in my "Show of Pride" at the Max in June: MC's, Jim Gau and Pat Phalen, Miranda Wrights, Tim Pederson, Quincy Valentine, Sharon VanButsel and Carla Petersen, Stella Dallas, Melissa Morgan, Jassmyrn Starr, Jennifer Jett, Madame X & Troy, Christine Peek, David Himsen, Felice Whitney, Dorian Drake, Stacey and Special Guest, Kathy Tyree. With cover from the door and tips \$360.00 was raised for ANGLE's general operating fund. One ticket for the Stonewall Weekend was raffled off as well as other donated items. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the event to make it a success, especially Don and Bruce of the Max.

Our thanks also to Alma and the staff of Chesterfield for helping us with our After Stonewall Party and Cookout on the 10th of July. We really appreciated the support - all the bars give us throughout the year.

ANGLE needs your input on how we can make our Pride activities bigger and better in 1995. We would like to get feedback from the community at our next meeting on August 2nd, 7:00pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd. We will be having a presentation from the Omaha Player's Club between 7-8 and then start our regular business at 8:00. Please plan to attend the meeting to give us our ideas and suggestions. If you cannot attend, write to us with your suggestions care of: ANGLE, P O Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131 or call our Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line at 558-5303.

## GILLIGAN'S HOLDS MEMORIAL FOR TORGY

Ron Torgerson, better known to his friends as "Torgy," died last month. He was known to most of the community as a member of the Omaha Meat Packers, helping to raise money for various AIDS related causes through his outrageous performances. However, to his many friends at Gilligans he was known as loving friend and as a proud grandfather.

Ron "Torgy" Torgerson will be remembered at a memorial to be held at Gilligans at 7pm on Wednesday, August 10.

## IOWA CITY: WOMEN'S MUSIC FEST ANNOUNCED

The first Iowa Women's Music Festival will be held September 16-17 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds near Iowa City. Organized by Prairie Voices Projections, more info is available at P.O. Box 3411, Iowa City, IA 52244 or 319-335-1485.

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## CFEP PROTESTS RADICAL RIGHT PROGRAMING

On July 16, approximately 20 members and supporters of Citizens For Equal Protection gathered at local Christian radio station KGBI to show support for a fast being held by the Reverend Dr. Mel White and to protest programming which includes James Dobson's *Focus on the Family*, a radical right broadcast out of Colorado Springs.

The Reverend Dr. Mel White, an openly gay minister from Dallas, Texas, had begun a 7 day "fast for understanding" on July 11 in front of the world headquarters of *Focus on the Family* in Colorado Springs, Colorado. With this fast, Dr. White called for an end to the attacks against gay and lesbian Americans by the Religious Right.

According to Dr. White, *Focus on the Family* leader, James Dobson, has become the primary spokesman of the Religious Right. *Focus* employs over 1,200 workers, has an annual budget of \$150,000,000.00 and owns a vast media empire with daily and weekly radio broadcasts, along with 2,000,000 volunteers in all 50 states.

"Like his powerful allies - Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, James Kennedy, Lou Sheldon, and the others - Dobson has discovered that attacking gay and lesbian Americans as the new 'evil empire' is an effective way to raise money and mobilize volunteers to achieve their larger political goals," says White.

An author as well as a minister, Dr. White was ghost writer for Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, and other Christian leaders before he declared his homosexuality. He is now Dean of the Cathedral of Hopes in Dallas, Texas, which has the world's largest gay and lesbian congregation. White is calling upon the Religious Right to stop "the endless flow of misinformation about homosexuality." White continues, "I am hoping that this fast will help alert my fellow Americans to the lies being told about our gay brothers and sisters and to the tragic consequences of those lies in the lives of people they love. Even more, I hope more people will begin to realize... Dobson and his allies on the Radical Right are a threat not just to lesbians and gays, but to all Americans who cherish freedom and justice for all."

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# TO LIE ABOUT THY NEIGHBOR

by Andrew Sullivan

Extremism has always been present in Nebraska on a small scale but when extremists set up an office in the capital it is time for people to take notice. Radical ideas are one thing but deliberately misleading and false information is an extreme attack on democratic principles. The Traditional Values Coalition has done this and should not be underestimated.

Rev. Lou Sheldon, founder of the Traditional Values Coalition, supported followers of political extremist Lyndon LaRouche in a petition campaign in California to quarantine and isolate AIDS victims. This is confirmed by the book *The Religious Right: The Assault on Tolerance and Pluralism in America* put out by the Anti-Defamation League.

A broadsheet put out by the Traditional Values Coalition and distributed in Nebraska this year states the motto "sex before eight or it is too late" is the motto of a homosexual organization. Not only is it **\*\*NOT\*\*** the motto of a homosexual organization, it isn't even the motto of the North American2 Man/Boy Love Association and I have a letter from Congressman William Dannemeyer, author of the anti-homosexual book *Shadow in the Land: Homosexuality in America* to prove it. Did the Traditional Values Coalition lift the motto out of John DeCamp's conspiracy book *The Franklin Cover-Up*, a book discredited because of witnesses who recanted their testimony, the high level involvement of Lyndon LaRouche activists, and Anti-Semites who supported the conspiracy because it resulted in the conviction of two homosexual Jews?

Having studied the history of the above motto, the Anti-Fascist Network has reason to believe it is used as a political code word by elite European neo-Nazis who have used sex scandals and allegations of satanic cults in their propaganda. Such sex scandals, such as those which came out of the Franklin Credit Union scandal, have appeared in Italy where neo-fascism is on the rise.

The Traditional Values Coalition broadsheet says only 1 percent of the population is homosexual yet the study which is the lowest percent of homosexuals for any study and has been rejected as inaccurate even by some anti-homosexual organizations.

And what of films like *The Gay Agenda* promoted by the Traditional Values Coalition? The film is set out to dehumanize homosexuals by pointing to the absolutely most extreme behavior. This would be like painting all right-to-life activists as abortionist killers. The "science" of the films is based on interviews conducted by "psychologist" Paul Cameron, who said AIDS victims should be castrated and tattooed. Cameron has also been expelled by the American Psychological Association and the American Sociological Association for misrepresenting research.

Debate on what, if any rights, homosexuals have should take place but the public should know who is sending out false and misleading information, and professions such as journalism and academia must take a role in informing the public.

The purpose of the Anti-Fascist Network is to be critical of those who advocate more government power, especially of organizations, groups or individuals whom unjust exploit the pains and fears of the public

to accomplish such ends. The Anti-Fascist Network, while sharing a libertarian philosophy that power corrupts, is not a political organization and does not engage in advocacy work. However, the Anti-Fascist Network would hope the public would embrace a pluralistic democracy and individual rights. The Anti-Fascist Network assists individuals or organizations in being more responsible in their role in democracy and being more critical of those who advocate more power to government at the expense of individual rights.

Anti-Fascist Network, P.O. Box 4824, Omaha, NE 68104.

## ONE PERSON AT A TIME

By Amy Meek, Omaha Players Club

We are pleased to announce that we have increased our leather contingent numbers by one for our local G/L/B/T Pride Day festivities. This may sound like a minor accomplishment, but to club dictator Amy Meek, it is a great feat. That one additional person proves that we are only increasing in visibility, though only in small increments. That's all that matters next year, I would be just as pleased for one more or ten more. As long as there are more. We have increased 5X since our first organized situation five years ago. We had 25% of our current 60 member roster with us on Pride Day to include a couple of our het members who came out for support. That's club unity! We may be small, but we're mighty!!

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# A TRIP TO STONEWALL 25

By Marta Hartley

I knew there was a special purpose for me to win a trip to New York City for the Stonewall 25 Celebration and parade. Everything fell into place perfectly. A thank you to PFLAG Lincoln Chapter's donation of money for help with meals. More kindness was extended from friends Carrie, Rebecca, and Sue. As always, I had support from my sissey. The scholarship for ANGLE's bus trip to Stonewall 25 was sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha. I'm thankful for the many kind, supportive hands reaching my way. I was the third alternate picked in a drawing at Nebraska A.I.D.S. Project and I was headed to New York City.

The bus departed MCC-Omaha at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, June 23, and we arrived in N.Y.C. on Friday, June 24, around 10:30 a.m. Now, I either underestimated that bus ride, or I'm sicker than I thought. It was physically exhausting. I recuperated Friday and Saturday and prepared myself for the big event Sunday. Sunday was the parade and rally. A million people were expected!

News coverage was constant in N.Y.C. I was already aware of the history of Stonewall, and I was happy to see the current emphasis on news coverage of the Gay, Lesbian movement.

It was exciting. I was proud to be able to witness history. I was a little nervous because I knew I could not walk the estimated four miles from the United Nations Building to the Great Lawn in Central Park where the rally was held. There was also some confusion. The original parade route was changed, and a separate parade was added by ACT-UP. I'm living with HIV and I had to see the parade from ACT-UP. I was glad that one other person from our group joined me for the experience. At the ACT-UP Parade I

continuously wept as my brothers and sisters marched before me. I thought of my many friends and loved ones that this disease steals from. Yet, I was proud and would not have changed places with anyone.

It was hot and very crowded. I walked from the United Nations Building after the ACT-UP Parade. I was planning on marching as far as possible, then hopping a trolley for the rest of the way. Except the promised trolleys were not provided. I took a cab to the park, then walked, stopping several times because of physical exhaustion.

The Rally at the park was emotionally charged. But after the ACT-UP Parade, nothing else seemed quite as important to me. At times during the trip, I just cried, thinking "oh, no, they are forgetting about us" (H.I.V. community). I also thought a lot about Freedom and Rights.

I did not make it to the Closing ceremonies at the Gay/Lesbian Games. Although, my friend who joined me for the ACT-UP Parade did attend the closing ceremonies and stated they were very emotional. He told me it was announced at the Closing ceremonies an estimated 1/3 of the athletes were H.I.V. positive. Also, one half of the Gay population in N.Y.C. is estimated to be H.I.V. +. An estimated 3,000 people are infected every day in this country. How silly for me to feel alone.

In future planning for trips involving people living with H.I.V./A.I.D.S., I believe it's important to consider accommodations: things like separating smokers from non-smokers, providing air-conditioned rooms for persons with health issues. Other things to consider are transportation, storage (refrigeration) of medication(s) and

medical emergencies. Fortunately I was feeling pretty well and didn't have any major problems.

I was proud and destined to be a part of the Stonewall 25 festivities. I witnessed history. I was moved to laughter and tears, and met new friends. Thanks again to everyone who made the trip possible.

## PSYCHO BEACH PARTY AT THE BLUE BARN

The Blue Barn Theatre is proud to be the host for the birth of a new theatre company in Omaha. The Mighty-Mighty Theater Company made its debut at the Blue Barn, located at 1258 South 13th Street. *Psycho Beach Party*, by Charles Busch, opened on Thursday, July 21. It will run in repertory with the Blue Barn's own summer show, *Italian American Reconciliation*. *Psycho Beach Party* is a gender-bending spoof of the Gidget movies of the 1950's. It's just a day at the beach for Chicklet and "her" friends... until their lives are invaded by a glamorous movie star on the run, Chicklet's Mommie Dearest, and a mysterious razor-wielding friend who is shaving the hair off all the beach bunnies. It's a wild comedy in drag. The Mighty-Mighty Theater Company is being formed to bring gay theatre to Omaha audiences, thereby enriching the lives of all people by helping to create greater freedom, tolerance and communication. Founding member Jim Hoggatt will direct the Mighty-Mighty Theater's debut production. *Psycho Beach Party* will run Thursday and Saturday evenings through August 13. All performances will begin at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. Call 345-1576 for information and reservations.

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# THIS ISSUE IS NOT ONLY ABOUT SEXUALITY, IT IS ABOUT GOD...AND IT IS ABOUT THE CHURCH

*Wanted you to know what I said during the debate at state-wide synod assembly of the Lutheran Church in Lincoln. The affirmation of welcome resolution was defeated by a 2/3 vote. Generally, the delegates said a special welcome for gays and lesbians was unnecessary: "of course, we are the Welcome Place! All are welcome." In various ways, perhaps we should see if that's true...???*

Two years ago, I was a visitor at Assembly and could only listen to the debate on a similar resolution.

Although it did not pass, the debate was civil — and the vote was close... As one of the drafters of the resolution, I was mostly grateful for both.

But the fact was that we, The Welcome Place Church, voted not to be that for gay and lesbian people.

What are we going to do about people who are gay and lesbian...about those who are members of our congregation?

If we don't welcome them,

- Do we ask them to leave?
- Do we throw them out?
- Or just continue to condemn them?

Would gay or lesbian people be more likely to be welcomed and included in our church, if they repented?

Hear that word a lot...

But what do we mean when we say it?  
Do we want people who are homosexuals to stop BEING who they are and to become heterosexuals instead??

Is that what we mean by "repent"?  
If those of us who are heterosexual were told to repent and become homosexual, could WE do that??

OR, do we mean by "repent" that gays and lesbians not live out their sexuality...that they be celibate forever??

If that's what we mean, do we not turn a gift of the Spirit into a law enforced into the lives of homosexual people?

Is that what we mean by "repent"?  
OR, if not to repent, do we just want them to shut up and go back into the closet?

Look at all the conflict their visibility is causing!

It's hurting the church unity!  
But if our unity as a church (and as a congregation) is based on silence, deception and on fear instead of on God in Christ—

Then our unity is false and will crumble.  
One of the really disturbing elements of this issue is the deeply felt hatred of gay and lesbian people by many religious/church-going people!

When people experience the church, the Body of Christ, should they not therefore experience the presence of Jesus??

Many of us who are the object of such venom by individual religious people or religious organizations, experience someone other than Jesus at those times of rage...

For the life of me, I don't understand the hatred...

We in this church can do better.

We can bring healing.

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We can bring Jesus...

What are we going to do about gay and lesbian people?

I hope we will be welcomed and affirmed and helped to live lives in God's presence in the world and in the church into which we were baptized.

## DES MOINES: ICLU TAKES ON STATE

The Iowa Civil Liberties Union has filed a suit against the state employment services department on behalf of a Polk County man claiming he was fired because he's gay. Douglas Liebert complained of sexual harassment in his otherwise all-women department, only to be told to undergo psychiatric testing. When he refused, he was placed on leave for a month and, after refusing the testing a second time, was fired.

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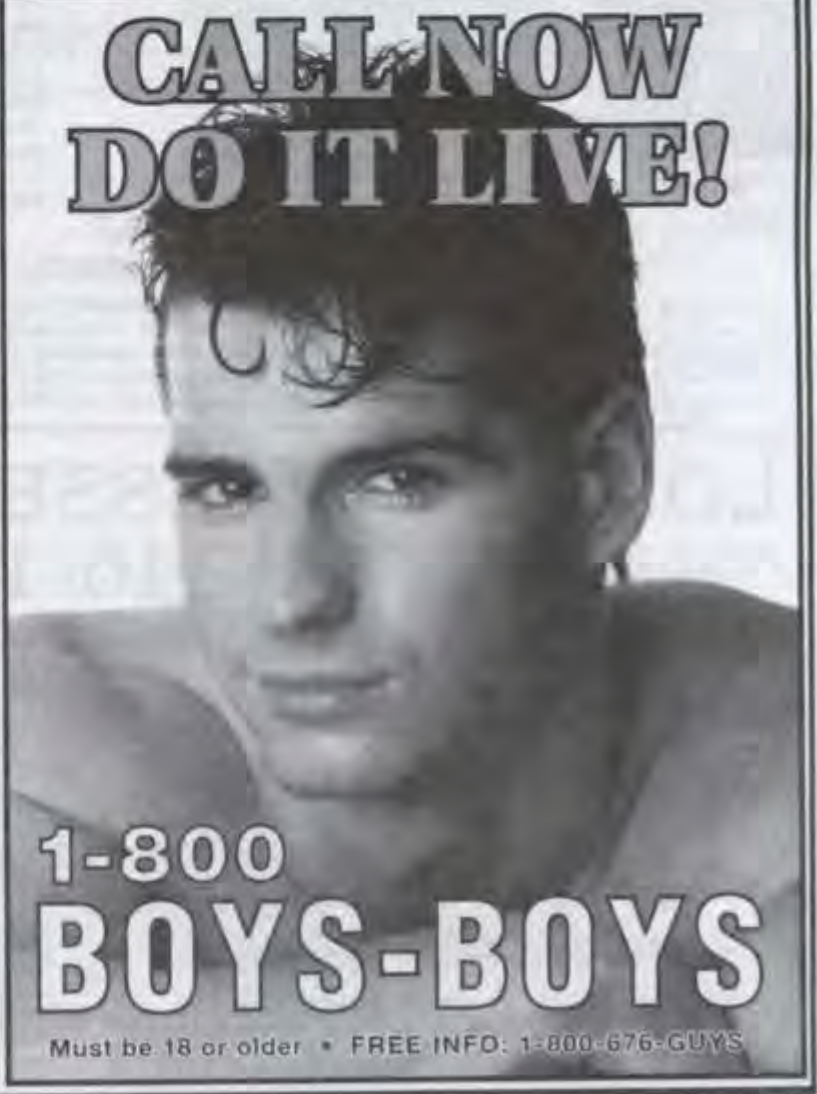


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Mike Cox, Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1994

## MIKE COX OF ST. LOUIS TAKES GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER TITLE

The 1994 Great Plains Drummer contest, sponsored by Fantasy Productions, was held in Omaha the weekend of June 17 & 18, 1994. Some of the five contestants came as the result of winning local contests held in St. Louis, MO (sponsored by Gateway M.C.), and Omaha, NE (sponsored by D.C.'s). Other contests came with title made by appointments in Des Moines, IA (sponsored by The Blazing Saddle) and Kansas City, MO (sponsored by The Dixie Belle). Contestants competed to represent the Great Plains Region which consists of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and a portion of Montana.

The contestants were Dusty Sanders - Mr. Iowa Drummer 1994, Jim Gau - Mr. Omaha Drummer 1994, Mike Cox - Mr. St. Louis Drummer 1994, Craig Heslop - Mr. Kansas City Drummer 1994, and Ken Outzen - 1st Runner Up Iowa Drummer. The contestants were judged in prejudging Interview, Speech, Jockstrap, Question/Answer, and presentation of his Sexual Fantasy. Each category was worth a maximum of 200 points. The Olympic Scoring Method was used, which means that the high and low score for each contestant was dropped.

The judges for this year were: Head Judge - Jim Sterba - Past President of the Cornhaulers L & L from Des Moines, IA, Joe Kraly - Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1993, Amy Marie Meek - Int'l MS Leather 1993, Bob Ewing - Co-Sponsor Fantasy Productions, Craig Poos - Mr. Oklahoma Leather 1993, Cindy Bookout - Ms. Oklahoma Leather 1993, Mike Reese - Mr. Missouri Leather 1994, Pat Phalen - former Emperor of ICON. The Tallymaster for this year's contest was Dick Brown - Mr. Gay Nebraska 1987. (P.S. Marcus the merciless Hernandez says Dick has great legs.)

After all categories were scrutinously judged, the results were:

2nd Runner Up - Jim Gau

1st Runner Up - Craig Heslop

1994 Mr. Great Plains Drummer - Mike Cox

You may remember that Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1991, Woody Bebout, went on to become International Mr. Drummer. Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1993, Emerson Briney, also captured the International Title. Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1993, Joe Kraly, was 1st runner up for the International Title.

Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1994 Mike Cox will be going to San Francisco in September as the representative of the Great Plains Region as he competes for the International Mr. Drummer title. We hope you will join us as we wish him the best in his quest for the International Title, and throughout the next year. If you would like to schedule Mike to be at one of your upcoming events, please contact: Fantasy Productions, PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108.

### G/L/B/T LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Plans are underway for Nebraska's first statewide G/L/B/T community organizing/ leadership training conference. The conference will take place September 10 & 11 in Lincoln, and will feature workshops by national and regional experts on: Fundraising, Rural organizing, Effective use of the media, Building stronger and more welcoming groups, and organizing to fight the radical right.

For more information, call Rich at 402-341-1371 (Omaha), or Andy at 402-477-3336 (Lincoln).

### MCC BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW PASTOR

The Pastoral Search committee of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha has begun the monumental task of seeking a new Pastor. The committee, which consists of the Board of Directors, the two Lay Delegates, and the Worship Coordinator, have completed a survey of the members of MCC-Omaha and are compiling those results to use as a guide in their deliberations. Announcements of the opening are being sent to all available clergy and all churches in the denomination. A packet of information has been prepared telling about the church, the community served, and the city. Applications will be accepted from licensed MCC Clergy beginning in mid-August. The Pastoral Search committee will select a candidate from among the applicants and that candidate will be brought to Omaha to meet the congregation and to preach. After that visit is completed, the members of MCC-Omaha will vote on whether to call the candidate as their Pastor. Last month Rev. Matthew Howard announced that after much prayerful deliberation, he felt called by God to resign his position at MCC-Omaha so that he might take a sabbatical in order to continue his education and then follow God's calling into another area of ministry. Rev. Howard agreed to continue as the pastor of MCC-Omaha until a replacement could be found.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays  
PFLAG,** 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123,  
291-6781. Meets 1st United Methodist, 7020  
Cass, 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, Room 204, East End of  
Church "Program & Time for Sharing", 4th  
Sunday, 2pm, Mead Hall Below Mead Chapel,  
West End of Church "Sharing"

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

**Prime Timers,** Social/support org. for older gay,  
bisexual men and younger admirers. Meet 3rd  
Sunday, 4pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N.  
Happy Hollow, Info: (402) 493-5415 or write:  
11516 Burt St #E-13, Omaha, 68154

**River City Mixed Bowling League,** Sundays,  
3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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. Information: GLAGN,  
Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call:  
(308) 534-7820

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

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

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

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

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

**Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services,**  
P.O. Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 68363-1046

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

# CALENDAR: Regular Meetings & Events

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Children's Christian Ed. 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

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

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

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

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

At-Anon, 7pm, Support grp. for those affected by loved one's use of alcohol, Side Door, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, Omaha

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

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

Every Other Fri., Outreach Cntr. HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am

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

### SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY EVENTS

For Details on Groups, Please See Resource Directory

### First MONDAY (August 1)

Imperial Court of Nebr. Board of Gov., 6:30pm, The MAX, Omaha

Bi-PALS (BiSexual People, Alternate Life Styles), Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, Info call: Barb (308) 234-8183

### First TUESDAY (August 2)

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

### First THURSDAY (August 4)

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

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

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

### First SATURDAY (August 6)

Hearthland Gay Rodeo Association, 6pm, DC's, Omaha

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

### First SUNDAY (August 7)

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

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

### Second MONDAY (August 8)

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

### Second TUESDAY (August 9)

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

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

### Second THURSDAY (August 11)

Grand Island Support Group, GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call: (308) 534-7820

PFLAG-Omaha, Discussion & Support, 7-9pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, 291-6781

### Second SATURDAY (August 13)

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

River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender community, RCGA, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

INFORMATION(SAGE) Inter-generational Coffee House, safe, smoke-free, alcohol-free social, open to everyone. 4pm-9pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, (402) 488-4178

### Second SUNDAY (August 14)

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

GLAGN (Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr.) Board of Directors mtg. 1 - 3pm, Location changes.

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

Note Change: Coalition for G/L Civil Rts-Steering Comm, Cornerstone, 640 N 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

### Third TUESDAY (August 16)

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

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

### Third SATURDAY (Aug. 20)

Deacon's Coffeehouse, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-10 p.m., Admission \$1 or Can of food

### Third SUNDAY (August 21)

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

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

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

### Fourth TUESDAY (August 23)

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7pm, 467-4599

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

### Fourth THURSDAY (Aug. 25)

Grand Island Support Group, GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848 or call: (308) 534-7820

### Fourth SATURDAY (Aug. 27)

Coalition Bowling Night, 7pm, Gateway Bowl, 333 N. Cotner, Lincoln, Free shoes, \$1.50/game

### Fourth SUNDAY (August 28)

Parents FLAG-Omaha, Support Meeting, Mead Hall below Mead Chapel at 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781

### Last SATURDAY (Aug 27)

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

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR GROUP'S LISTING IN THE CALENDAR.**

# CALENDAR: August Special Events

## TUESDAY, August 2

Omaha Players Club Presentation at A.N.G.L.E. Meeting, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha

## WEDNESDAY, August 3

MCC Crusaders Womens Softball, 7:30pm, Dill Field Red, 69 & NW Radial, Omaha

## THURSDAY, August 4

"Psycho Beach Party", 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th, Omaha, 345-1576  
Tickets \$10/Adults, \$5/Students & Seniors.  
NO LATE SEATING

## FRIDAY, August 5

"SAY YOU LOVE SATIN" 7:30pm, Magic Theatre, 325 S. 16, Omaha, Tickets \$12 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, \$2 for handicapped, 346-1227 for reservations

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

## SATURDAY, August 6

"SAY YOU LOVE SATIN" 7:30pm, Magic Theatre, 325 S. 16, Omaha, 346-1227

"Psycho Beach Party", 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th, Omaha, 345-1576

3rd Anniversary Celebration, DC's, 610 S. 14th, Omaha, 10pm-2am

"It's All Good" Benefit: NAP & Harambee, 10 pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

## SUNDAY, August 7

"The Dream Warriors" perform at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

"Laura Lee presents A Prelude to National" Starring Dietra Snow, Laura Grey, and more at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Rd, Lincoln, 10pm

## WEDNESDAY, August 10

Deadline for August Issue of *The New Voice*

Memorial for Ron "Torgy" Torgerson, 7pm, Gilligans, 1851 Leavenworth, Omaha

MCC Crusaders Womens Softball, 9:30pm, Dill Red Field, 69 & NW Radial, Omaha

## THURSDAY, August 11

"Psycho Beach Party", 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th, Omaha, 345-1576  
NO LATE SEATING

## FRIDAY, August 12

"SAY YOU LOVE SATIN" 7:30pm, Magic Theatre, 325 S. 16, Omaha, 346-1227

## SATURDAY, August 13

"SAY YOU LOVE SATIN" 7:30pm, Magic Theatre, 325 S. 16, Omaha, 346-1227

"Psycho Beach Party", 8pm, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 S. 13th, Omaha, 345-1576

## SUNDAY, August 14

"Diva Duets—All Divas, All Duets" featuring Dietra Snow & Laura Grey and special guests at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## SUNDAY, August 14 (continued)

"Miss Dorian Drake Invades Lincoln" Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln, 10pm

## WEDNESDAY, August 17

MCC Crusaders Womens Softball, 9:30pm, Dill Red Field, 69 & NW Radial, Omaha

## FRIDAY, August 19

"Fantasy '94: Leather Freedom", Pre-Party, Admission \$35 includes all events

## FRIDAY, August 19

"Fantasy '94: Leather Freedom", Cocktail Party hosted by IML '94 & Introduction of Titleholders and other Dignitaries, Admission \$35 includes all events

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

## SATURDAY, August 20

"Fantasy '94: Leather Freedom", Vendor Fair, Seminars, Demonstrations, 9am-2pm at The MAX;  
Fantasy Stage Show, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha,  
Fantasy After Hours Party Hosted by The Leather Journal, DC's, 610 S. 14, Omaha  
Admission \$35 includes all events

M? Parallel Galaxy Pageant, 8pm, The Villager Motel Conference Center, 5200 "O" St., Lincoln, Admission: \$10 each, two for \$15. Infor: 435-6307 (M-F/11-5) \$5 Entry Fee applications accepted until 6:30 pm.

## SUNDAY, August 21

"Fantasy '94: Leather Freedom", Farewell Brunch at Gilligans and Celebriety Softball Game, Admission \$35 includes all events.

Housewarming for A.C.E. Unity House, 1-8pm, Unity House, 1007 So. 37th, Omaha

## SUNDAY, August 21 (continued)

GLAGN (Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska) Picnic at Hall County Park, Grand Island, An Alcohol-free event.

"Gay Games—Gay Jeopardy & \$100 Pink Triangle" The MAX, Omaha, 9:30pm

"Mega-Retro Disco" Host: Larry D., Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln, 10pm

## SUNDAY, August 28

"Summer Fun II" All Day Contests and catered dinner for only \$3 at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln, the fun begins at 2:30pm

"Muffy Rosenberg, Miss Iowa at Large" performs at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

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St. Mary's Tan  
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### Council Bluffs:

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### Lincoln:

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UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Women's Resource Center

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Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508

The D & M 424 E Locust St., 243-9629

### Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys,  
342-1244

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

The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595

Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,  
449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

The New Run 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703

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

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Sunday, August 14  
What Can Be Better  
Than A Sunday Night  
With Divas?  
Diva Duets  
All Divas,  
All Duets  
Featuring  
Dietra Snow  
&  
Laura Grey  
And Their  
Special Guests

Sunday, August 21

Game Shows With A *Flair!*  
It's The *Gay Games*  
Win BIG Playing  
Gay Jeopardy & The \$100 Pink Triangle  
Hosted By Miss Max 10 & Mr. Omaha Drummer '94

Sunday, August 28

One Of Omaha's Biggest Names  
Just Got A Little Bigger,  
THE MAX Presents  
Muffy Rosenberg, Miss Iowa At Large

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