

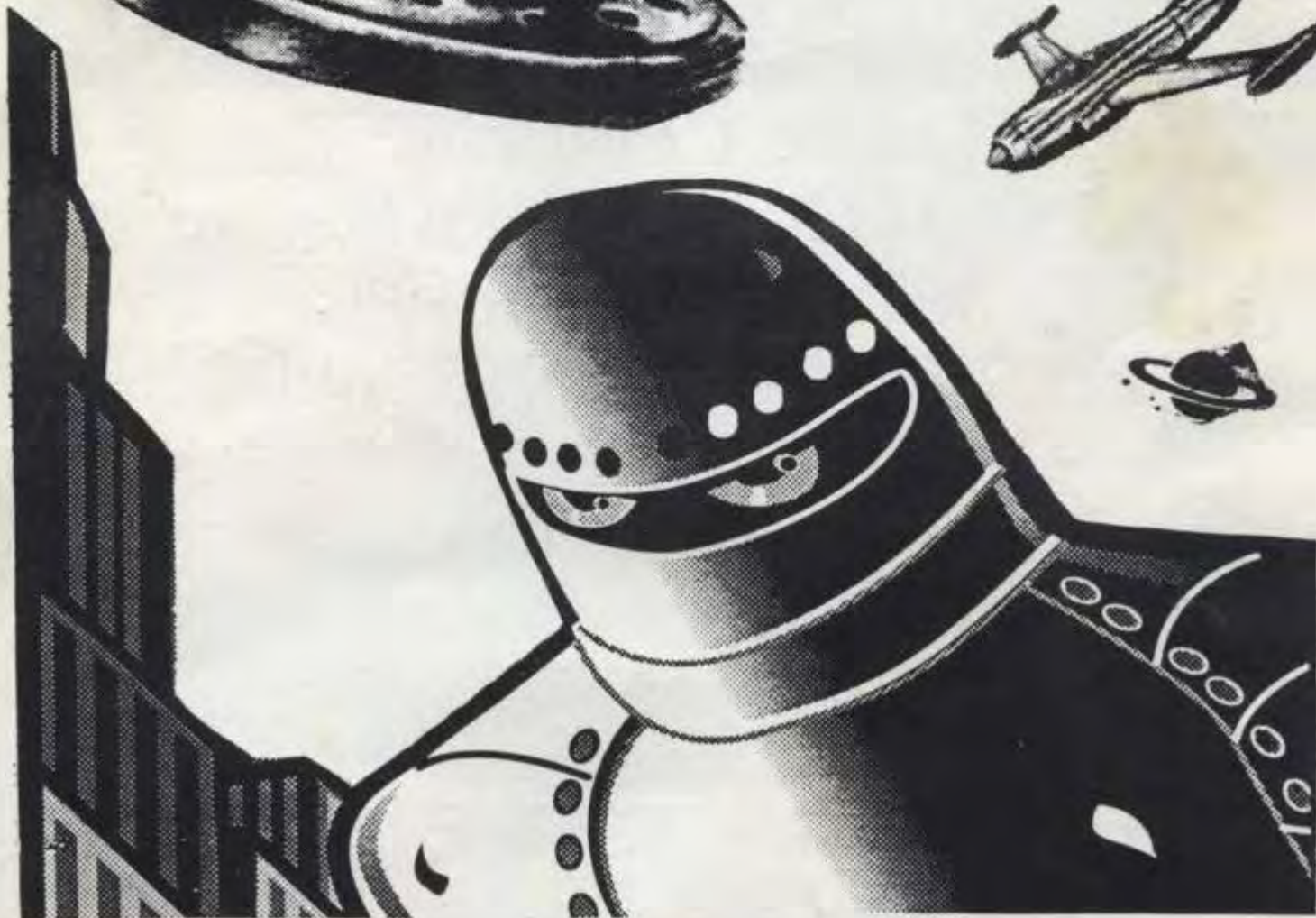
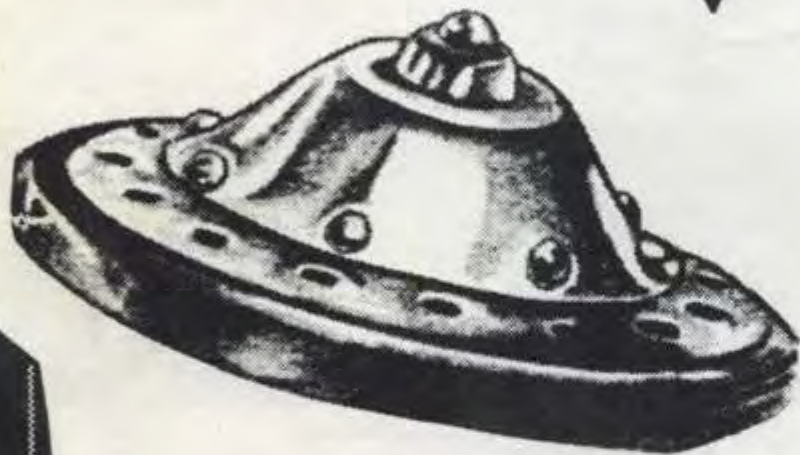
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# OUR TURN: Opinions of New Voice Staff

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THOSE WHO WOULD RESIGN THE TITLE OF EDITOR (To Fully Appreciate This Article, You Should First Read The Poetry Page)

By Sharon Van Butsel

Dearest, darling Brian,

Since you have chosen to resign as our Poetry Editor by way of your personal page, I will respond in the same manner. Please understand the definition of "Editor" as we use the term at *The New Voice of Nebraska*; it means that you take a portion of the articles submitted each month and decide which of them should be used in the magazine. You've got that part right.

It also means that you are expected to get your selected materials to the Editor-in-Chief immediately after deadline so the magazine can be assembled. You've come close on that one — you and I just don't always agree on the definition of "immediately."

It means that you are expected to make sure there is material for your section every month. You do great on that one.

And it means that you take the darts thrown by critics. That one seems to be a problem. So you've gotten three out of the four. That's not bad — a batting average of .750 in the big leagues would get you a pretty interesting contract.

So what difference does it make if you're not Poetry Editor anymore? Well, it means that I won't fire you if your stuff isn't in by deadline, but it does mean that on months like this, when I'm so busy I can't think straight, that I may not get up at 5 a.m. to make sure your stuff gets typed in. (After all, what difference does it make if it's in this month or not? It's just another feature

writer and we have lots of those.)

It means that it becomes my responsibility to make sure that there is poetry in the magazine in one form or another. (And please remember, I would probably have printed some of that stuff you got last month. I seem to remember having printed some poetry from an up-and-coming young poet who wrote a lot about sex.)

And it means that the critics will have to pick on the content of your poetry instead of the choices you have made (or they can gripe about your faux fur chin—who knows?).

Now let us think for a moment — is it better to be criticized for the choices you make as an Editor, or for the quality and content of what you write? I've had plenty of both over the years and neither one is much fun. But at least if you are criticized about the material you choose to print (or not to print), you have a greater right to put in an "Editor's Response."

If you would like to see an example, check out the Letters to the Editor section and the conversation between myself and one Mr. Wm. French who joins the ranks of those who want to gripe about what we do at *The New Voice* rather than becoming part of our staff and helping expand our capabilities.

And then there are those who become irate if a single redundant word or phrase is edited from their submission (they'd rather let the world see what poor grammar they use and have their article

strung across two or three pages, rather than be complete on one page).

And those who gripe because we didn't "cover" their event, but never even consider writing a story themselves or at least writing down the pertinent information and letting us make it into a story.

And those who promise stories or columns but just don't get around to getting them in.

And those who have big events planned but don't let us know until after the magazine has gone to the printer. (Why, Brian, I think you should resign more often—I haven't had such a good excuse to go on a diatribe for a long time!)

Seriously, Bri, (my personal nickname for the distinguished poet — and he hates it) you can have us remove the title of Editor any time you want (more specifically, any time you can live with the consequences. And I do have a couple interesting submissions that came in after you picked up the stuff for this month. One's all about how it feels to be butt-fucked, and the other is written by someone who has just fallen head-over-heels in love for the fifth time this year. And they both rhyme!) I don't think that this month I'll have time to get the title of Editor off the masthead and the heading for the page, but I'll see what I can do.

Love You!  
Sharon

P.S. Those of us who have worked on the magazine for the 8 3/4 years that it has been published here in Omaha are beginning to feel like it's time to move on to other things, so Brian, just put up with the poetry I choose for a while and maybe the next Editor-in-Chief won't be so mean. (Don't get your hopes up too far — we've sort of set our 10 year anniversary as a good time to step down and that isn't until January of 1998. I bet I can get a whole lot of little rhymes by love-struck youth printed by then.)

P.P.S. I have a poem that you selected that I didn't have space for last month. Maybe I'll try to slip it in somewhere.

P.P.P.S. Could we work out a good deal on those books that didn't sell? We're out of raffle prizes to donate to deserving organizations. Anyway, the cat used my copy for a litter box.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PRISONER PROJECT FOR NEBRASKA & IOWA

by Sharon McCartney

I want to again clarify the prison project. The project is meant to keep the prisoners in Nebraska and Iowa informed of what is going on in the community while they are out of circulation. I continue to hear from prisoners in Kentucky and Nevada who request free ads and free magazines. Because of the cost involved in publishing and mailing of the magazine, we are no longer able to provide this service to out of state prisoners. When we did, the response was overwhelming with as many as 70 magazines being mailed out. This is a considerable expense for a nonprofit organization to bear. My suggestion is to find others in the prison system who would be willing to subscribe to the magazine and share the cost and the magazine. The cost is \$19.00 per year.

We will publish ads from out of state prisoners who send stamps or a money order to pay for their ad. We do not offer free ads to prisoners.

I would appreciate it if those who are in prison would share these guidelines with others and refrain from sending letters asking for free magazines and free ads. It is a time consuming effort for me to respond to each of these requests. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

For those of you who are in Nebraska and Iowa, please continue to let us know who you are and we will be happy to respond to your requests.

As always, we advise our readers to respond responsibly to those requesting pen pals. Do not send money or material things to the prisoners. We are offering an opportunity for those who are incarcerated to have correspondence from the outside.

## MR. NEBRASKA FANTASY THANKS

Dear Editor:

Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank the many wonderful people who shared their unconditional support, advice and encouragement while I competed for the Mr. Nebraska Fantasy and International Mr. Fantasy titles.

To my dear friends, Jeff, Chas, Duane and Pat, a heart felt thank you for all your help. Without you guys, I never could have made it! Additional accolades to my LEO brothers, my sponsor, Pat Phalen, Frenchy, "my own Edith Head", DCs, The Max, Tom C. for his outstanding light work, Tom and Him for the "musical score", The New Voice, ICON, and Jim Gau just for being you! Last but certainly not least, to my Fantasy Man, Rick, "I love you."

Once again, Bob and Dustin outdid themselves with Fantasy, 1996. We saw record attendance and one fantastic weekend. Their hard work and dedication to our entire community is to be commended! Congratulations, and continued success!

I am very proud to represent the title of Mr. Nebraska Fantasy and look forward to a great year ahead. Thank you Omaha. It's great to be home!

Sincerely,  
Rick Strub  
Mr. Nebraska  
Fantasy, 1996



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## LABOR DAY BLOWOUT IN GRAND ISLAND

A few days ago my partner brought home *The New Voice* and we started reading the letters and going through it. I was reading the letter from Mr. Ned Harrison (WHY NOTHING ON PROBLEMS AT MOTHERHOUSE) and then read your response. I found your response somewhat queer (excuse the pun).

You say that there's "no evidence" that Mr. Richard McCollough, a.k.a. Brother Andrew, a.k.a. Federal Prisoner # 12855-047 is a fraud or ever has been. Is this some kind of a joke on your part? I don't know where you've been in the last year or so but there's quite a bit of evidence. The FACT that Mr. McCollough has duped two different banks by posing as a medical doctor and getting large loans from the Bank of the Rockies and the Bank of Hallam; the FACT that he was sentenced to four years in two federal prisons (Leavenworth, KS and Yankton, SD) for giving false statements to obtain loans; the FACT that on April 11, 1996 the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha reviewed Mr. McCollough's request for approbation to form a hospice center and due to his criminal background and the question of his MARITAL STATUS, the Archdiocese denied his request.

But that didn't stop Mr. McCollough from going forward with his hospice center and duping thousands of dollars from the community, to say nothing of the fact that he lied to the community about what great work he was doing, all the time lying right in everyone's face. Shall we go on? How about the Christmas party that was given last year to help support the Motherhouse? Why don't you ask the people that spent hours and hours putting the party together and then going out of their way to make baskets of food and gathering personal items for the Motherhouse to say nothing of the money that was handed over to Mr. McCollough.

If you really want to know the FACTS on this scam artist there's documentation on file at the court house in Lincoln, NE, the court house in Colorado, and let's not by any means forget the Federal Justice Department. All you have to do is pick up a phone and make a call or pick up a pen and write a letter. They're more than happy to give the information to you, or anyone. I know that they'll be more than happy to send you any information on this fine upstanding citizen. So, where's the monk now? Has he left town to rip off another community? Is he still in Omaha thinking of new ways to rip more people off?

As for the *New Voice* being objective and non-judgmental, I'm not sure where your going with that. After reading your response to Mr. Harrison's letter it's apparent that you are VERY judgmental and biased.

Sincerely, Wm. French

*Editor's Note: Mr. French, we didn't say there was no evidence — what we said was that no one had provided the New Voice with any evidence. And this is still true. And as I have said many times, the volunteers who put out The New Voice are not investigative reporters. We are just people who provide a forum for the community — a place to announce events, write about events, share your poetry, opinion pieces, photographs, etc.*

*I'm not sure why you say our response shows we are judgemental and biased. I don't think either is true. But we are frustrated and tired of people who criticize rather than helping us be a better publication.*

*The hostility is evident in your letter, but all the anger and criticism won't change the fact that if you or any member of the community wants an event or issue covered, you probably need to write the article yourself. We will consider all submissions but, of course, cannot guarantee that everything submitted will be published. We would be happy to talk with you about the becoming a reporter for The New Voice — all you have to do is pick up the phone, just like all you had to do before was write an article about the information you had about the Motherhouse and send it to us so we could publish it. But since you didn't care enough to write, we didn't have an article to publish. Hummm?! Seems that you are criticizing us for something you didn't do. A little strange, isn't it?*

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## Q RESPONDS TO LETTER

Dear Sharon,

We would like to respond to a letter written to you last month from "Frustrated in Lincoln" concerning the lack of Country in Lincoln.

Q began playing country music every Wednesday starting in April due to a large number of requests from this community to do so. Although we are happy with the response we've received from it, this was not an easy task for us to undertake. We had to hire a new DJ, we had no library of country music, not to mention the fact that our atmosphere is far from a "saloon" motif. In the early months of our Wednesday Country Nights many of our regular customers who were not aware of the change frequently requested other music. Our DJ obliged them later in the evening after most of the country music patrons had left.

We are committed to providing an outlet for the Gay and Lesbian Country Music fans as long as they support it. Be assured that from now on as long as we offer Country Night on Wednesdays we will play only country music. In the next few months we will also be adding several country music dance contests to help inspire more Lesbians and Gays who love this music to come out and enjoy Wednesday nights. I hope this clears up any misconceptions any one might have had concerning our Wednesday Country Nights.

The Management of Q

## LIVE AND LET LIVE AA GROUP

Dear Sharon,

In your calendar of events there is a notice on "Every Friday" for the "Live and Let Live" meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. The meeting has changed locations and we would like the changes made as such:

Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church

851 N. 74th Street

The time has remained the same.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for getting the word out to the community about our meeting

Yours truly,  
SB

## "UNDER OUR NOSES"

Dear New Voice,

I am sending a check to renew my subscription. I keep saying I won't do it again, but here it is. I am enclosing an article by Andy Rooney which I think pertains to Ned Harrison's letter, page 3 [of the September issue of *The New Voice*. The Andy Rooney article appeared in the *World-Herald* on 3-29-91, entitled "Funny About Our Standards: We Don't Like Tattle Tales.]"

In the world of politics, business, religion, all this garbage goes on under people's noses and they do whatever meets their own needs instead [of] what is right. I know "right" means many different things to different people. [word illegible] Christians is one example.

While I am an agnostic and detest Christianity for what it has done to we gay and other people, I must face the reality that "the majority rules" except in some cases where people are protected by our wonderful Constitution.

If you have on file an article by Ann Landers in October 12, 1993 Grand Island newspaper, you know how I feel about all the sleaze that goes on in the gay world. Of course, the same goes on in the straight world, too.

When a gay person submits to the put down by the straight world by remaining in closet, in my mind I can't trust them completely.

I am 75 years old. I am completely "out of the closet" and happy about it. If every gay person did this our life would be much better.

I have many clippings and articles about the Gay world, Christianity, etc. on file. I could go on for pages but will stop now.

I know nothing about Ned Harrison or the situation he writes about, but I would like very much to know him. If there is a way I could contact him I would like to know how.

Yours truly,  
Bernard C. Nelson

*Editor's Note: Ned, if you would like to be in touch with this writer, contact The New Voice and we will put you in touch with him.*

## H.G.R.A. RESPONDS

By Shelley A. Foster

I'm sorry to hear that someone is having a hard time learning about the Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc. Since it is obvious you read the New Voice, I don't see how you've missed hearing about us. The New Voice has been very good about printing the date, time, and location of our regular monthly meetings in their calendar section. They also list our address in the resource section every month. I did miss the deadline one time this year. And at least two other members submit articles on a fairly regular basis.

As editor of our monthly newsletter I can tell you that we send copies to Q, Panic, and the old 2001 every month. If you're not into the bar scene, our mailing list also includes gay friendly bookstores in Iowa and Nebraska, the UNL Gay Resource Center, Citizens for Equal Protection, National Organization for Women, EAGLE, Frontrunners, GLAGN, SAGE, PFLAG, ICON, even PGLSS in Scottsbluff and a C & W group in England, plus numerous other groups and businesses.

This year will be the third time we have had a table at National Coming Out Day in Omaha. This was our first summer for having a table at the Imperial Court Picnics, WomenFest, and the Omaha Pride Parade. And I can't begin to tell you all the events our Des Moines membership has participated in. For the past two years we have been telling everyone that would listen about hosting the 12th Annual International Gay Rodeo Convention this past July. We had a couple of members who lived in Lincoln who used to distribute the newsletter and other information in your fair city. We regularly attend the ANGLE meetings, and I know some of the people present live in Lincoln. Since I live in Iowa I don't get to Lincoln often. Perhaps you'd volunteer to distribute our newsletters and other info in your area.

As I am the Correspondence Secretary, I pick up all the mail from the Post Office Box and answer all mail in a timely manner. This includes requests for newsletters, applications, rodeo information. We even had a student from UNL attend our Awards Banquet last fall so that we could answer questions for a research project he was doing. In my opinion we disseminate information about HGRA as best we possibly can. If you know of other ways, please let me know. We are putting on our first rodeo next June and need all the members, volunteers, and monies that we can possibly obtain. Please feel free to write me or any other member at our P.O. Box.

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# FOCUS ON THE FAMILY IS OUT OF FOCUS

from GLAAD

The homophobic Focus On the Family group has a new article on its America Online site that gives destructive and warped advice to teachers dealing with students who come to them with questions about their sexual orientation.

The author, Beth J. Leuders, claims that, "Young people scarred by molestation and family violence or duped by the moral apathy in our society often push their sexual curiosity to the limit. These vulnerable kids become the prime targets for pro-gay groups looking for young recruits on high school campuses." Later, Donna Rene Hopkins, a counselor for New Creation Ministries, which tries to "reform" lesbians and gay men by encouraging them to deny their feelings and try to live as heterosexual, suggests that "the gay community is feasting on what is basically already a turbulent and confusing time in an adolescent's life."

Both the writer and her sources clearly have an anti-gay agenda, making false claims about lesbians and gay men as predators of the young, about the lie of "recruitment", and about the myth that people are gay because of childhood molestation or abuse.

In addition to hauling all of the usual lies and stereotypes about lesbians and gay men out of their war chest, Focus On the Family points teachers in the direction of a number of radical religious organizations which claim to be able to "cure" homosexuality, and a handful of books that are all anti-gay radical religious right propaganda. The article's guise of being a "guide" for teachers could mislead them into doing something harmful to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered youth, leaving them feeling even more alienated and confused.

With lesbian and gay young people so at risk for suicide, alcoholism and drug abuse, Focus On the Family is doing the most destructive thing it can to America's gay youth, denying their sexual orientation and propelling them into a cycle of despair.

Let Focus On the Family know how destructive its lies and myths about lesbians and gay men are to young people. However, be aware that time spent in the AOL Focus On the Family forum increases the group's revenue, so accessing the site and posting there comes at a price. e-mail to Focus On the Family at [fofmail@aol.com](mailto:fofmail@aol.com)

Letters to the editor can be mailed to: Teachers in Focus magazine, Focus On the Family, Colorado Springs, CO 80995. Fax: 719-531-3424

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## PLEASE LIST DOUGLAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

To Whom It May Concern:

I have subscribed to *The New Voice* as a resource for my clients for almost a year. It is with some concern that we are not listed as "Counseling/Support Services" under AIDS/HIV Resources. I have been seeing AIDS/HIV clients, as well as gay, lesbian, transgender, etc. for 3 years. Political realities make it impossible to take out an ad, but I would appreciate being listed under Counseling.

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Thanks very much.

Leslie A. Epstein

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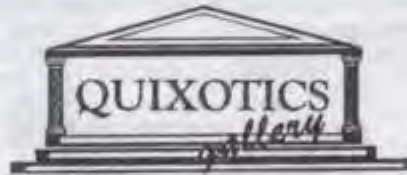
*Editor's Note: Thanks for the letter, Leslie. As I explained over the phone, all you have to do is call us or send us a letter and we'll be happy to list your organization in the Resource Directory. That's all any group or organization has to do. After all, we want to let our readers know what is available in the community. And we can't do it without your help.*



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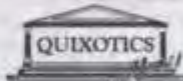
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# POETRY with Brian E. Bengtson

## "WHEN THE GOING GETS WEIRD, THE WEIRD TURN PRO — HUNTER S. THOMPSON"

**The Scene:** Brian's small (yet tasteful, considering his track record of always losing out in any divorce!) downtown apartment. It is approximately 8:16 p.m. and he has no idea of what to write on this page. He did not receive any poems this month in the mail (well, he did get one from somebody who has been on the page recently, and a batch of truly bad verse that could hold him legally responsible for any unpleasant side-effects on society if he should decide to print them), and he really doesn't want to print any of his own.

**The Result:** Good afternoon, my faithful followers!! When fall comes around, I always think about the changes that you go through in life. That, and the fact that I can get away with the "layered" look again (which can hide a multitude of sins, let me tell you). I have been writing this page for about two years now; in fact, I can safely say that what started out as a small note written in a silly mood has grown into something much bigger and better (If you must have an innuendo, please put it here.)

When you tell people you are a poet, you usually get a weird look (and for some reason they start to speak slower), and you can watch their synapses mentally add the black beret and goatee. Since I already have a goatee (it gives me a noticeable chin, dammit!), they are free to add the customary turtle-neck sweater and bongo drums. Having this page has been a Godsend (though I will admit I have used my page as a way of picking up men. Those who fell for it know who they are; I will spare them further indignities.) for this writer. I have been given a readily-available outlet for my creative energy (I don't think you could get away with an innuendo here, but if you think you can do it - got for it!)

**A side-tracked thought:** If they do not give the gay man on *Melrose Place* a half-way decent relationship (or at least one that doesn't put him in jail, for God's sake!), I will altogether stop listening when people tell me about the show! I'll show them!!

**The scene now:** Time has passed. The exact amount will be a secret, lest Sharon find out and summarily have me sacked! Nevertheless, time had indeed passed, okay? Brian is again in his downtown apartment; the gunfire has stopped, so now he can turn his monitor on.

**The said result:** As I have said, I love writing this page. Choosing poetry for it is another thing entirely. I will admit I have no credentials (outside of knowing a few brief definitions, and knowing what I do like in poetry) to be a proper editor. I fear sometimes that I let personal tastes dictate what I select (that aside, I have seen some really God-awful stuff since I started this venture. Some of it would make you want to claw your eyeballs out and vote Republican!) each month.

Some people like my babblings more than the poetry I print. Some like the poetry more than my verbose antics. There are those readers who like to only read poems written by yours truly (and for that I am eternally grateful), and because I am nothing if not humble. I am sure there are those who cannot stand anything that has my name attached to it, be it poetry or prose (but I never do talk to those people. If I could I would simply say, "keep turning, the personals are in the back.")

**Another side-tracked thought:** If you sit on Park Avenue long enough, you can see everything. One night, I saw a monk in full robes walk past a man who had urinated on the street. If I could work that scene into a poem, I would be a happy man, let me tell you!!

**Back to the result:** There are also critics (and rightly just in their assessment) who state that if I should decide to print my own material, I should ask someone else to choose (or at least have the audacity to make up a fictitious name and be done with it!) which of my poems will be used that month.

What I would like to propose is an end to my editor-ship, and a beginning to my career as a feature writer who occasionally features other poets on his page (besides I could name the page something really cool and hip like "When the going gets weird..." by Brian E. Bengtson, or something like that). Then, I can go about my business with the critics satisfied, the fans given their monthly dose of "Brian-ocity," and everything will be hunky-dory, okay?

And for those who just must have some poetry, I will include a new piece to calm your nerves. So now, if you want to write me (with a poem to consider, or words of hate and love. No chain-letters or pyramid schemes, please) don't put the "Editor" title by my name. It gives me the willies! Take care of each other.  
Brian

### SURVIVOR'S WALK

By Brian E. Bengtson

Your arms  
are now thin  
and brittle  
like a porcelain doll.

You are a puppet  
held in place by tubes  
and the wind  
rustles through you;

your cane shakes  
when you stand.  
I study your skin  
as it tightens

around your face.  
I see snapshots of the Holocaust  
when I walk with you.

No one gave us  
any colored triangles  
or a pointed star,  
just more pills.

Your breath escapes  
and we must stop.  
Your withered frame  
crumples on the curb.

Your eyes close  
as you struggle for air  
and we dream  
of escaping this camp.

### TANGERINE GREEN MONKEY DISEASE

By Ray Allen

Collectors of quilt scraps rolled up into balls  
stoned on the smell of shopping malls  
made transparencies of treasure maps  
and pumped coins through photocopy machines.  
The monkeys were green tangerine.

Fat men blew stogies at Stoner's drug store.  
Most thought the clerk girl a henna washed whore.  
The clock bled in inches and birds watched the time.  
Green monkeys in spacesuits told signified rhyme.

A crow told a baby of horrid disease  
that makes powdered noses most powerfully sneeze  
They'll ring down in inches and question the hards  
who pamper their bored feet and piss in our yards.

Elders of villages had passenger seats  
on trains reserved for handicapped beats  
their poets were crazy on more hope than dope  
their pigeons pecked eyes from boggering statues  
their constables stared at blood in the air  
told of the crippling monkey disease  
made victims' skins green as raw tangerines  
picked prematurely from trees struck dead by lightning.

collectors of soap slivers drove them aside  
through eyes of the old and the wise suicides.  
golden agers told strangers (who'd endlessly beg)  
of the day monkeys brought the sickening plague  
to live in our storefronts  
and back yards and homes  
so we would not roam too far from our beds  
and fuck up our heads  
with thoughts of sex, violence and  
denial of time's graceful aging.

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— JULIE BROWN

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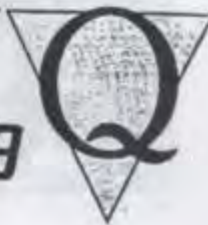
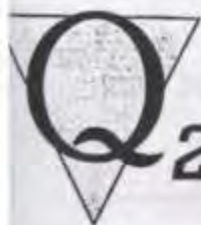
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## LIVING WITH HIV

Dear Staff,

Hi...My name is Jeffrey Lee Swann. I am a gay, white male, living with HIV. I had a lot of problems accepting my infection at first, but now that I have accepted it I'm ready to join in the fight against the spread of this ugly virus.

I would like to say something to the Gay Community as a whole...The easiest way I know how to do that is to have you print a letter for me. I am very unable to pay for it, but if you think its worth printing, then do so.

It is enclosed separate from this letter. Thank you for your consideration and time. Please let me know in what issue you print it in, if you print it. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Swann

Hi,

My name is Jeffrey Swann and many of you in Lincoln already have heard of me. I sorta' made an ass of myself recently and made the paper. People, I was thrown for a loop when I learned that I was being attacked by HIV... I first went through a state of depression and had a case of the "why me syndrome". But then I got real angry with both myself and the many people who still practice unsafe sex! Do we not care that people are dying around the world due to this killer!?

It was a schooled lesson to learn, I should not have ignored the facts. If you are gay or bisexual or straight and are having unprotected sex with multiple partners, you're only asking for your own punishment! In 1993 I was told that I was at such a risk, they gave me a 98% chance of testing positive in my future if I did not change my sexual habits! I did not listen. I kept saying I won't get it. I'm way too picky about who I choose for sex. I was only lying to myself! But what makes it worse, is I was not thinking of the other person either...

We have to get this virus under control! Doctors and science cannot do it! It's up to us, the ones out cruising and having all this unsafe sex! We are responsible for the spreading of HIV...

We must now become responsible for preventing the spread of HIV. We are only asking for our own infection as well as the infection of others we have unsafe sex with! It's not God or the devil! It is US and our own sexual irresponsible ways.

Please, whether you think you are infected or not, for your own healthy future as well as for all our sexual partners' healthy futures, use condoms, and water-based lubricants. Practice safe sex and be responsible for helping save lives instead of irresponsibly guilty of your own risk for infection as well as the infection of others!

Judging from my path alone, I'm overwhelmed by the startling statistics I am a part of now! If you are sexually active, your risks of exposure are really greater than you think. What if your in bed with one of my many past partners?! Or, in bed with one of their many partners?! Or on down the line it spreads and grows, killing our friends and loved ones!

Wake up out there! Please, for the love our community...practice safe sex and help stop the spread of HIV!

Sincerely concerned,  
Jeffrey Swann

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, and MSU's Students for Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness will present "Twinkie Museum," their first annual experimental video festival in March 1997.

The festival will focus on the idiosyncratic perspectives produced by transgression from conventionally defined and enforced gender and sexual categorizations. It takes its name from the infamous "twinkie defense," and absurd bit of our history in which Dan White, Harvey Milk's assassin, got away with murder under the justification of having recently consumed too much junk food.

We live with such conundrums daily, and together they greatly influence, if not constitute, our perspectives (some more familiar aspects of which include camp sensibility and drag balls). At our best, we take these incongruities and forge the most tolerant and inclusive of ideologies with which to regard ourselves and approach society at large.

Judges look for work indicative of the diversity within our community, rather than material that panders to didactic commercialized ideas of queerness. More than anything, it's our scope of experience that attests to our numbers: "The personal is political" implies just that, that the truly challenging and enlightening ideas are those least commonly expressed or tolerated within a standardized dogma of rhetoric.

Applicants should send their work to P.O. Box 41074, Memphis, TN 38174 to be considered for inclusion. Deadline is December 31, 1996. We'd like all but documentary work to come in under thirty minutes, but will consider everything. Please enclose provisions for return of unused materials, and include a brief bio for promotional purposes. For more details, call (901) 324-GAYS and leave a message for Twinkie Museum.

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## SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS

By Al S.

### EQUALITY DAY '96

August 25 was a nice day in the park — me with 8 bands and a few hundred people. It was Equality Day '96 at Gene Leahy Mall, an all-day event sponsored by NOW. The bands played under the big tent, and I think that must have been the theme. We all belong inside the big tent of life. Other groups represented were CFEP (Citizens for Equal Protection), Metropolitan

Community Church, the Nebraska Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights, The American Association of University Women, and others. Donations were taken and T-shirts, badges, and bumper stickers were sold to raise money.

The bands that volunteered for the cause were: Sawdust Devil, Naked Love (no, they did not put on a demonstration), Fungus (they kinda grow on you), Fishburn (sounds painful), Witness

Tree (not from Elmwood Park, either), Old Boy Network, Jumpin' Kate, and Echo Farm. This definitely was a good cross-section of the talent the local rock community has. Three speakers, Brenda Council, Shelley Kiehl, and Mimi Heintzmann talked about why we need to keep up the fight for equality for all of us.

### BANDS WORTH WATCHING

#### Steve Walton and the Flash Action Band:

Lots of action but not much flashing, although it would have been welcomed. Singer John looks like Shannon Hoon of **Blind Melon** and sounds like Jim Morrison of The Doors. Bassist Pete is really worth watching. He's tall, thin, with long brown hair and shows enough skin to make it worthwhile.

**Franklin Park:** Dull name but they play good music, a kind of punk-edged pop music. All four are worth watching. But if you run into them in the park, stay away — they're all jailbait.

**Truman Sparks:** Also young and cute. Their music belies their age, though. They have a very professional sound and are good at what they do.

**Trailer Park:** Grunge, hip-hop, and punk all rolled up in one band. Lead guitarist Shawn is the one to watch. He is a strikingly handsome young guy with golden blond hair, trimmed around the sides, falling in his face as he gets into it. (The music, that is).

**Turtle Moon:** I adore this band. They play heartfelt, rhythmic rock with words about everyday situations told in a tricky but memorable turn-of-phrase. Singer/writer/guitarist Scott is surely worth watching. He has short, dark hair, dark complexion, and a voice that is so natural that you feel he is just sitting around telling you stories. His sweet sincere personality is an added bonus.

**BeeBe:** The two female lead singers are certainly worth watching. Alixcia has a chic Euro-dyke image while Jenifer looks like a high class porn star. When I saw BeeBe August 19 at the Ranch Bowl, most of those screaming and crowding the stage were women. And I really don't think it was for the guys in the band — they're not all that good looking.

An Honorable Mention must go to the two Industrial bands that were at the Ranch Bowl on September 9th. Opener **13 mg** was the more industrial looking. I watched shirtless lead singer H. Beno, who was tall, super-thin, and completely bald. I asked him if he was clean shaven all over and he said he couldn't show me right there, but he was. No, I did not take him up on the offer. Journalistic ethics, you know.

The other group, **29 Died**, has an album *Sworn* listed at number 10 in *Rolling Stone* magazine's Alternative chart. Especially worth watching was lead singer David Cienny. It was his 21st birthday. The tall, strawberry blond Boris Becker look-alike also had a nice smooth body. All he had on was a pair of boxing trunks and black boots. The drummer, Jeff Fusting, looked like a short, powerfully built Chad Lowe. Enough said.

Have a smokin' hot October and don't let Jack Frost bite you.

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# "OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for October 1996

by C. Lichtenstein

For Entertainment Purposes Only

October is National Coming Out Month and what better way to celebrate this liberation than to open up and air out all the closets in our horoscope. As a public service, I offer this much needed astrological outing. Astrology charts have three closets; the first is ancestral stuff (garbage that family foists upon us; conform or else!). The next contains deep psychological and sexual challenges we face in merging with others. The third is more intuitive and spiritual. It's where we allow our own self-undoing through the prisons we create for ourselves. Ready to break out? Read ahead:

**ARIES (March 21 - April 20)** All your closets are ruled by water signs which means that you're more emotionally involved with those areas of your life than most folks. You have more attachments to family, home, deep sexual commitments and spirituality than you would care to admit in a public forum. (Don't worry, your secret is safe with me!) Gather all kindred souls and create something for yourself that was denied to you by Mom and Dad.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)** Accept me for who I am or tough luck! Gay Bulls who seem so emotionally committed to others can turn off the spigot and go their own way if their needs are not supported. You probably never faced inner conflicts of who you are and how people would accept you. Instead the fire in your closet enables you to seek the company of those who accept you for who you are, hooves and all.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** You probably had the most difficult time coming out sexually. Part of the problem is endemic to Geminis in general who are unable or unwilling to choose or settle down with one special person. However, in the case of gay twins, chalk up the extra angst to your Capricorn sitting in your sexual closet. You can run, but you can't hide, so do yourself a favor this October and talk to someone who can help.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)** Pink Crabs seem emotionally centered on the outside, but I would

bet that all your closets are swirling with hurricanes and tornadoes. It must be all those air signs in there, stirring up your neuroses and making you try desperately to seek balance, harmony, justice and logic when none may exist. Crabs don't have a backbone, but you may find one tucked away on a back shelf. Try it on for size.

**LEO (July 24 - August 23)** Seek and ye shall find, pink Lion. All your closets are ruled by water signs which indicates that you should allow your emotions free rein. Family restrictions never seemed to bother you; you are able to undermine the current regime rather easily. The pothole exists in your sexual expression. Dramatic as you are, there are some things that even you won't discuss openly.

**VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)** You may not appear to be a firebrand, but don't let naysayers and homophobes get in your way! All your closets are full of fire and it's evident that through your life, it's been your way or the highway. Remember that fire is not conducive to quiet contemplation. Try stepping back from the heat every so often and take stock of who you are.

**LIBRA (September 24 - October 21)** If you have any qualms or barriers preventing you from coming out proudly, it probably originates from family baggage. Your closets are ruled by stable earth signs which provide you with ample common sense. However, Capricorn casts a pall over your "roots" and I suspect Mums, Dad and the clan are less than pleased with your lifestyle choice. Tough. You gotta live your life.

**SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22)** Passionate Scorps glide into their lifestyle choices far more easily than other signs. This is because all your closets contain air signs which blow and cool off the hot embers of any raging temperamental fires. While you may play the sexual gadfly (after all, frivolous Gemini sits in that closet) you know how to handle family issues and are spiritually in harmony, thanks to

diplomatic Libra.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22)** What do you get when you combine a big mouth like Sag with closets filled with emotional water signs? A lot of wailing and yelling perhaps, or maybe a sarcastic spot-on appraisal of where others are full of garbage. Your venture out won't be quiet and dignified, but it will sure entertain audiences. Out loud and proud is always the best way, I think. Others will have to adjust.

**CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20)** Serious, conventional Capricorn is anything but where your closets are concerned. This is because they are filled with rambunctious fire signs. You are regal and dramatic sexually, but probably need a lot of confirmation from lovers. Be aware that the ramrod fire signs will not take no for an answer when family dictates get in the way of your inner needs.

**AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)** The only closet that appears to creak is the one containing secrets, personal undoing and spiritual fallow. Ever heard of the old saying that you are your own worst enemy? It's possible that all the junk that you stuff away and hide is beginning to fester and smell. Open up and toss it out! Happily, other closeted potholes in your chart are less problematic.

**PISCES (February 20 - March 20)** Spiritual Pisces may feel at odds with the barriers in their closets, but thank goodness all those air signs blow a clean breeze through every so often. The worst I see is fragmented nerves and related stress, but like everything else, this too shall pass and you will have the satisfaction that you are living your life openly, freely and unafraid.

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## THE "RIGHT" VOTE

by Gary L. Beck

I was watching the news one morning as I normally do prior to heading off to the rat race I call work. It happened to be the day after our elected officials in Washington, D.C. decided that same-sex couples should not have the legal recognition of marriage and should not be considered for employment non-discrimination. To add insult to injury, immediately following this clip was a report of Jack Kemp campaigning. He made the remark that he believed that the Republican Party and all of America should be a place of non-discrimination. I found these two news bytes to be quite contradictory.

Don't take this article wrong. I am not going to be advocating for the Republicans for President nor will I do that for the Democrats. I am registered as an independent for a reason. I do not believe that voting for a particular party is going to accomplish anything. I think that Mr. Clinton's poor display with respect to gays in the military as well as his signature on the Defense of Marriage Act indicates that we cannot trust a single party line to act in favor of gay and lesbian issues.

Instead, I think we need to actively be informed of what it is our legislators believe. We need to look at the bigger picture and all of the

intricacies of the electorate. A prime example of this is the Christian Coalition's strategy of taking over school boards and any local elections they can win. Systematically, they are infiltrating American political system. Following a recent meeting I was at one individual mentioned that Dole was a probable candidate due to the fact that he stepped down as Senate Majority Leader to run for the presidency. Yes, he has proven he will try something new, but would I be willing to have him decide on justices to the Supreme Court (which will be a likely happening within the next four years)? Despite Clinton's pitfalls, Amendment 2 may not have been decided as it was without some of his appointees.

When entering the voting booth, it is crucial to realize that the Founders of America created a political system of checks and balances. Even though it seems to be somewhat ineffective, our system prevents the President from unilaterally doing things just as it prevents Congress from doing things without the President's seal. All of this is policed by the Supreme Court who can review a law and deem it as constitutional or not. It is a system that works and is very complex; thus necessitating careful consideration of who we

vote for on Election Day.

We are in a very double-dealing, double-minded society. Right now, the Rainbow PAC is working on a voter guide for November. This should be published within the next month. Please read through it, but do your own investigating. The future for gays and lesbians appears ominous at this point and time. We need to be very careful, very informed, and very active. Regardless of who you vote for in November, the important thing is that you ARE voting and voting in an informed fashion.

## IGRA FINALS RODEO

The final rodeo of the International Gay Rodeo Association 1996 year will be held October 18-20 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

IGRA is proud to announce that several of our cow girls and cowboys have competed well enough to be invited to this event.

The winners in Albuquerque will be the best of the best. Let's all wish our I heartland members GOOD LUCK!!!

## ROBERTS' RULES: There's A Pony in Here Somewhere by Shelly Roberts

I have a theory, and a confession.

The theory first. It has been my experience that life is often built backwards.

Just when you need a friend, all the strangers around you, sensing that telegraphing thing we all do when we're truly, pitifully needy, head for nearby hills, underground bunkers or convenient convents achieving invisible sanctuary. And tell me what century it was when a *next* lover actually materialized precisely when those tractor-trailers were trucking holes through anyone's stomach over the mess left behind by a *last* lover. And just *try* borrowing from a bank when you actually *need* the money. See what I mean? Backwards.

We'll get back to this. But for now, let me get to that long overdue admission.

It really pains me to tell you this. It is terribly revealing, and I wouldn't exactly say that it's something I'm proud to share. In fact, my folks don't know this about me. Or my kids. And I don't know that I've actually revealed this in public before. So you'll excuse me if I seem a bit nervous about sharing this kind of intimate a detail. But here goes:

I was once... um...

I have in my lifetime... um...

Okay. Okay. Okay. Okay. BeenaRepublican. There I've said it. Phew. I'm so ashamed.

But I did it for a good cause. Honest.

You see, it was way back in the Nixon years when I was a tiny tyke, barely tall enough to pull a lever in the voting booth. I looked at Richard, the Chicken Hearted, and Watergate, and the 18 minute "accidental" gap the charmer managed to blame on his loyal and ever-faithful spinster (a technical term) secretary, and signed right up. I knew that I couldn't buy a used country from the man, much less the used car that everybody talked about then. I also knew that no one was going to count the number of *Democrats* who voted against Nixon. That was, after all, their job.

But, hey, Republicans who voted against Nixon, *that* they would count. They'd definitely tally the R-word people who used their ballots to just say "No!" So I switched. Just for that year. And until now, I've never told anyone.

I don't mean to be taking up your time Republican bashing here. I'm sure that there are some fine, upstanding examples who are a credit to their bank accounts. It's just that I am having a *really, really* hard time reconciling the term *gay* with the term *republican*. And as we all know by now, the Log Cabin Republicans have been getting a lot of press lately, not to mention that thousand

dollars back. So there we are: *Gay* <Shudder> Republicans.

It brings back haunting thoughts of everything I ever read about Vichy France.

I mean why would you want to be voting for, working for, campaigning for, posturing for, fronting for the same party which embraces our declared exterminators, the Brothers Pat, Buchanan and Robertson? And the salamander speaker who spends too much time speaking for our annihilation? Splane it me, Lucy.

Why would supposedly smart people invest their time and energy in an effort designed to get them back into camps wearing symbols their cars used to sport?

Kokie Roberts, the former NPR and now mainstream newsnick, moderating a panel at the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association convention in Washington DC, loudly proclaimed to CSPAN and everybody that the Log Cabin Republicans were now probably the most visible gay (and I'm sure she also meant lesbian) organization in the country. "Who knew they were there!" Roberts (no relation) exhilarated to accompanying laughter and applause.

So now I find myself represented in the mainstream media by Ru Paul and the Collaborators.

That other Roberts also suggested that LCR's membership rolls have probably seriously swelled from all the extraordinary publicity. That they are getting bigger for committing an act that appears to be absolutely, irrefutable against their own self interest. And yours.

So you see what I mean about life often being built backwards.

Unless, on the other hand... hmmm... maybe there *too* became Republicans so that they could vote against the bad guys. Maybe they really *planned* to have Dole look like a weathervaning buffoon on this whole gay issue think for sending back the check.

Maybe they meant to do it. Did it intentionally. Were instrumental in causing the downfall of a moderate to help elevate a surely unelectable extremist in the party. Yeah, yeah. That's probably exactly it. And ain't that a pistol!?

Maybe they aren't so dumb after all.

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## DRUG ABUSE BEHAVIOR & HIV RISK

HIV education outreach is a vital component of AIDS Services Organizations. The purpose is to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS. Speeches, trainings, testing, counseling and hotline attempt to convince people to reduce their risk of HIV infection. We now know many people must change their current behaviors. Research shows that changing behaviors is not easy. The most effective method of changing behavior is through peer education. Input of individuals who are at risk of infection is critical in designing risk reduction programs. When it comes to IV drug use, ethnographer Steve Koester says successful and realistic HIV-risk reduction strategies are designed by drug users themselves. During training with the Denver Health Department, participants had the chance to talk with users and peer educators about what they have learned. Getting to know the community, the hangouts and the leaders in a group is essential. This is time-intensive and slow going, but builds trust that specialists aren't going to report users, or interfere with their use. Koester started by paying users to tell him about their drug use. For several months, two doctoral students basically hunted out where the users bought, sold and injected.

One student reported he would walk down the street and everyone would nod, a signal they had a supply to sell. After several months, they stopped trying to sell to him and accepted he was just doing research and was not going to interfere with their business. Eventually, researchers built trust to such a level they were allowed to document heroin preparation and injection on video.

A second round of paid interviews began to flesh out risk behavior the users were and were not willing to take to protect themselves. If they usually shot up at home, one user said, they rarely shared needles. If they did, it was with family or sex partners who did not share outside the group. People who shot on the street were more likely to recycle or rent needles, and might pick up syringes visible in the gutters, grass or streets of Denver.

The users identified their own risk behavior and what changes were realistic. For example, a street injector has to be more mobile and has less time to inject, often seconds. That user will take more risks and won't carry a bleach kit. A home shooter will be more likely to use a bleach kit if sharing with others.

As both Koester and the users themselves agreed, knowledge won't change behavior, but taking the time to learn the context of risk behaviors goes a long way in learning how to design practical risk reduction programs.

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## ON THE **LEGAL FRONTLINE**

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### CAUGHT WITH YOUR PANTS DOWN?

While murderers, rapists, drug dealers, and thieves run rampant in our city, the Omaha Police Department has made lonely homosexuals in Elmwood Park its new priority. The OPD has assigned a seemingly constant battery of officers to patrol the "cruisey" park looking for male to male sexual activity. One source informs me that, on the other hand, heterosexuals can perform sexual acts unimpeded in the park. Once the police detect homosexual activity, they arrest the suspect and hand them a ticket for Lewd Conduct.

Lewd Conduct is a crime under an Omaha City Ordinance which carries a penalty of up to six months in jail and/or a \$500 fine. Lewd Conduct is purposely or knowingly doing a lewd act. A lewd act is defined as, "any act of a sexual nature which is offensive to the average person of a group which is intended or likely to observe it." This ordinance has been tested in the Nebraska Supreme Court and found to be constitutional.

The problem is that OPD issues these tickets like they were entrance tickets to the park. Hundreds of tickets are issued every year. The following are a couple of examples that led to a lewd conduct charge:

a. Pete was in one of the parks when he was approached by an undercover police officer and **asked to engage in sexual acts**. Deciding that the person was unattractive, Pete declines his invitation. The officer persists and suggests sexual favors three more times before Pete decides to flee the park. The officer follows Pete to another location about three miles away where he approaches Pete's car and again asks him to at least expose himself to the officer. Pete, feeling rather flattered, complies. The officer, laughingly, issues him a ticket stating, "I didn't think you were going to fall for it, Pete."

b. Ken was in a bathroom in one of the parks. Having to relieve himself, he went to a bathroom

and began to use the wall-mounted urinal. An undercover police officers seated on the toilet next door began to make grunting noises and looked through a hole in partition between the two urinals. Ken, thinking that a small pig has escaped from the zoo, turned to look to see what all the noise was about. He was issued a ticket because the officer could see his penis through the waist level peep hole.

One might be thinking that this is entrapment. However, entrapment in Nebraska is **very** hard to prove. The accused must prove that he had no tendency to perform the act that he did absent the prodding of the police. It generally doesn't work.

The ramifications of receiving this charge can be very great. The name alone implies that the accused is a pervert and immoral. It can place jobs, relationships, and freedom in danger. The consequences are not worth the thrill; keep your pants up!

A word of caution. This column is for informational purposes only, and is not for the replacement of your attorney. Each case has different facts which can produce different results. Please consult your attorney for advice relevant to your needs.

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## FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! You better think very carefully about this "coming out" of your closet thing before you jump from a frying pan into a fire or go and do something which you know damn well is going to absolutely change your life. It is really worth it to "come out"? So how do we avoid stupid errors? Well, God gave us brains to evaluate situations; so we use our brains.

To the tens of thousands amongst the probable 25 million homosexuals in the U.S. who are married; who have set up elaborate facades to protect the homosexuality from being found out — to you I ask the same questions I had to ask myself: Is coming out of your closet worth going through an inevitable divorce... a divorce from someone you love but are not IN LOVE with? Is it worth going through the follow-up hell which this kind of divorce usually produces? Is it worth

the possible estrangement from your children?

Yes, for those of our community who ended up when we were younger taking the so-called "easy way out" and got legally married to a member of the opposite sex to hid who we really were... for those of us: we have some serious questions to ask when think about "coming out."

Of course, for ALL of us, we must consider the possible loss of job or job advancement possibilities. It shouldn't have to be this way but it still does exist because there are so many folks out there who are afraid of us little sissies. There are still the ignorant, as evidenced by the Military, where there are those who, because of their ignorance, felt "uncomfortable" being around an out-of-the-closet homosexual. I know the answer, but I always wonder if anyone ever considers how uncomfortable it is for us to exist in a closet!?

And don't forget about the relatives. Oh god, ye, the relatives: Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and grandparents. Won't they just die when they might have to admit there's a queer in the family! Is it worth "coming out" to end up facing family displeasure and maybe even hatred from those who have said they loved us over the years?

AND! What about all the old acquaintances and "friends"? Most of us already know what the pain of being abandoned by a friend is like. Then there's all the old neighborhood folks who watched us grow up. Are you prepared to face the folks you thought

loved you NOW condemning you for being something you're not? You could be called a "pervert", a "child molester", or a "child of the devil." Hearing these words from those whom you though loved you unconditionally could be a real downer as they tell you're going to rot in hell.

Are you REALLY prepared for a future of being free? The cost of freedom has always been great: freedom-fighters around the world have even lost their lives many times in the struggle for freedom. Are you prepared to be free to face ignorance head-on? Are you prepared to be free to be abandoned by folks you though loved you unconditionally, only to learn their love was conditional? Are you prepared to be free to possibly face verbal and even physical abuse and join the list of the many wives and husband who go through it day after day also even though they are still in their secret closets?

Yes, no one ever said being truthful and truly loving would be say, did they? No one ever promised us a rose garden. We've always had to grow our own!

This all however is a part of the cost of freedom. The freedom to be YOU in all your God-given glory. The costs to be considered in "coming out" of your suffocating closet, that closet which has made you live as a liar may be very dear costs! The question you face is: Is freedom to be all that you are worth the cost? Reality sucks, huh?

Oh, you say you're already out of your closet. Well then, you should be enjoying what you paid for. Are you? Are you enjoying the glorious freedom to be you and to love yourself? To love yourself because it is easy to do now. We all know how difficult it is to love a liar!

Maybe you've fallen in love, and now you have the glorious freedom to spend your life with that person. Was it worth the cost?

Now that you no longer have to live in the fear of being found out, is that fresh-air freedom worth the cost?

Was it worth the cost to learn there were family, friends and relatives who said they loved you but really only loved your facade?

Ah yes! Ever since the beginning of time there has been a cost to be paid for freedom; there has always been a piper to pay for truthfulness. It has never been the easy-way-out but it has been the ONLY WAY to fly. Who should appreciate it better than a fairy whose wings were made to fly!!

And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet!

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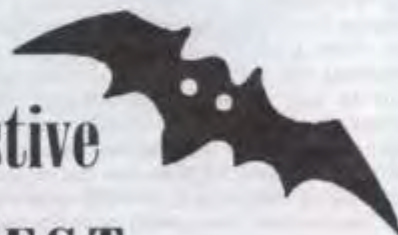
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# THE REBIRTH OF DARROL K. STEPHENS

From the Pastor's Heart, by Reverend Gina L. Hartung, Pastor,  
Shepherd of the Plains MCC

I pondered the many things that have occurred in the last month. The most outstanding was the honor of walking with Darrol to the rebirthing of his life and spirit.

I did not realize the wonderful process of death and transformation of new life that occurred in our home. I am reminded of the kind of full circle that happens in life. How a circle is one without a beginning and without an end. Thus it was so with Darrol and his final days.

I have spoken enough with Darrol's parents to know that when Darrol was born he was rocked to sleep, and his mother sang to him, bathed him, fed him, changed his diapers and clothes, responded to his pain with comfort, helped him take his first steps and laughed with every full face grin he made.

Following the natural growth process, Darrol acquired the skills to become an adult in that he learned to love and give comfort to himself and others, feed himself, bathe himself, relieve himself, walk without assistance and laugh at many things in life. These became second nature to Darrol as with most of us — we too have accomplished this independence.

It was a very short time for us as friends when the very things acquired in growing began to become unnecessary for the move to rebirth. One of the first things Darrol gave up was holding his bowels and urine. He began to require a loving group of people to provide the care. Just as mothers do, we lotioned, cleaned, changed, washed and put moisture barriers on him. Next Darrol no longer needed his legs to move him about because the journey of rebirth and flight does not require legs. We then moved him about in a wheelchair for as long as possible. The third step was the inability to feed himself fully and negotiate combing his hair or brushing his teeth. We then began the process of feeding him the things he liked and brushing those beautiful teeth many times a day. Soon water and food became something that was not of any value from us just as if he had returned to the womb for his sustenance. Little by little, swallowing became impossible, and the medications changed from medicines to arrest AIDS to ones that would give him comfort. They were all given by suppositories, and Darrol was so patient with me as I learned the art of insertion. In the final stages, Darrol became less able to communicate with adults and began to smile at things that amused him. I imagine that Darrol was a baby that smiled and it was easy to return his joy. Singing the 60's and 70's music to him with the made-up words I created when I didn't know the correct words made him grin. Next Darrol began to sleep more and required less play time but more rest time as his body was growing tired. Soon Darrol lived in between two worlds and sometimes seemed far off. We continued to talk to Darrol, loving and caring for him, always being in close physical, intimate nurturing just like a big sister or mother. Finally, the functions of breathing were what we watched change. He breathed strong, then more congested, then less and less with gaps of no breathing, next a panting kind of breath, next a shallow breathing pattern with most of the movement in his lower stomach rather than the chest. Then on June 12, 1996 with Reverend Wuf (Bob) at one side holding Darrol and me on the other Darrol rebirthed right

in front of us. We were loving, crying and giving permission for the transformation of Darrol to leave through the open window. A lady always knows when to leave, quoted from "Fried Green Tomatoes", and it is true.

The awesome experience of loving someone and being given the honor to be a chosen presence during the most vulnerable state of living existence still lingers with me. The love that filled our home ever reminding me to be kind to others and to avoid taking things so seriously still exists. The Spiritual connection of motherhood I felt with Darrol's mom, but most of all the process of a butterfly moving back into the cocoon, that he may rebirth in the heavens, not bound by the limitations we struggle with, images fully in me daily. God Bless each and every one of you for your financial, spiritual and physical strength through this metamorphosis.

With Honor and Respect,  
Gina

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## DARROL

by Marie DeLong

(Written June 8, 1996 at 3:25 A.M., four days  
before Darrol died.)

We sit around the living room and tell jokes to one another.

We share our different stories of the same occurrence, and sometimes similar stories, and we laugh. Thoughts of summer picnics drift through my head.

It is comforting to be with loved ones.  
We are all still alive in this physical realm.

Yet in the next room,  
a man lays dying.  
He is now more alive in the spiritual realm.  
He is someone's spouse, son, brother and friend.  
He makes us face our own mortality with his presence,  
like the hand of God which picks us up when we have fallen.

It is comforting to be with loved ones,  
when I am living and you are dying.  
Travel your spiritual journey my friend.  
In the meantime  
your family and friends will tell silly tales,  
and make humor to cover the sadness we all feel.

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## TUBING THE NIOBRARA

by Shelley Foster

In August I was lucky enough to go on a Women Only trip to Valentine, Nebraska for a day of tubing on the Niobrara River. We camped out at Smith Falls State Park Friday and Saturday nights with 34 women from the Omaha-Lincoln areas.

The main reason I'm writing this article is to inform everyone about some difficulties we had with our arrangements. Originally Linda and Joanne had talked to Supertubes at National Coming Out Day last year and picked up some literature. They chose to use this company because they are "family" owned.

Jo and Linda met in Lincoln with the owners of Supertubes back in May or June and set up the weekend. Linda informed them she would try to get 40-50 women to participate. The owners of Supertubes even said they would join us on the tubing trip, since it was to be all women. Linda asked if they required a deposit, she was informed that there was NO WAY they would forget a trip with 50 lesbians!

Over a period of almost 3 months Linda called Supertubes approximately every 2 weeks with updates as to how many women had actually signed up for the trip. They even have recorded conversations with them, stating that everything was set.

Well, 2 weeks before the scheduled trip Linda called once again to give the final tally and was informed that we didn't have a reservation! Not under her name, not under Joanne's name, nothing. And there was no way they could accommodate us, they had reservations for other groups on OUR weekend. Perhaps we could come the following weekend. Well, we all took vacation time, and a former Omaha resident was flying in from Reno, Nevada. NO, we could not change weekends.

Linda called me in a panic and I suggested she call one of the other tubing companies in Valentine and see if they could help us. She called Sharp's Outfitting and they not only accommodated us, but offered their shuttle bus to us free of charge (Supertubes was going to charge us \$25). Sharp's picked us up at noon on Saturday and drove us to the dam to get on the tubes. We did have one snag, the last group of women had to wait about 1-1/2 hours to get their tubes. For some reason, Sharp's didn't have enough tubes waiting for our use. But, we spent 6 wonderful, wet hours on the Niobrara. What a blast!

We had 6 tubes in our group and we decided to stop and wait for the next group so we could go down the river together. We didn't realize how fast the current was and when we attempted to stop, our cooler tubes turned over and we lost some of our sodas. I still need to dry out my camera, I had it around my neck so it wouldn't get wet. Wrong! I got off the tube to get it to change directions and the 2 feet of water under my feet turned into 5 feet shortly down stream. With that current I had a lot of difficulty getting back onto my tube. And my camera suffered the most, it went underwater numerous times!! Some of the women brought those big water guns that shoot 50 feet, and we had some fun water fights with our other groups and even with strangers passing by on their canoes. Our group even pulled over and ambushed Linda's tubes with our water guns.

Now that I've recuperated from my sore muscles and exhaustion, I'm ready to go again. In fact, we've already planned a trip next summer with some friends and all our kids. And Linda has begun planning a winter retreat to the Raccoon River Resort in January. We've already signed up for the snow angel competition and her special version of the Newlywed Game.

## MILITARY WITCH HUNT EXPOSED IN HAWAII

In the September 2 U.S. News & World Report, an article called "Is the Air Force Asking and Telling? Gays Allege a Witch Hunt at a Hawaiian Base," reported on the zealousness with which the military has recently asked, told and pursued gay men at Hickam Air Force Base.

According to U.S. News, the military gave Senior Airman Bryan Scott Harris, who is facing a long prison term for sexually assaulting another man, a reduced sentence if he would turn over the names of other military members involved in acts of sodomy. Additionally, the military also demanded that Harris identify anyone who bought a drink at Hula's Bar and Lei Stand, a Honolulu club with a heavily gay clientele. Again, according to the article, military investigators have asked Honolulu's Metropolitan Community Church, which ministers to gays and lesbians, for membership lists and records of commitment ceremonies.

Since President Clinton ordered the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy, the article suggested that the military has stepped up its pursuit of lesbians and gays.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a legal advocacy group, has been attempting to break this story for months, and U.S. News & World Report should be commended for a balanced and well-researched report that goes beyond the coverage seen elsewhere in the mainstream media. Contact U.S. News & World Report, 2400 N Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20037-1196. e-mail 71154.1006@compuserve.com

## PINE-SOL LADY HAD TWO MOMS

from GLAAD

In an interview with the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Diana Amos, best known as the Pine-Sol lady, spoke about growing up in an interracial family headed by two lesbian mothers.

The article recounts her experience in the early 1960's as a young African American girl who moved with her mothers from an Indianapolis ghetto to her alternative family in San Francisco with a new Jewish lesbian mother and two new siblings.

"To the 38-year old Amos, her story is cut from the wholesome cloth of American life. It just happens to have an unorthodox shape," wrote *Chronicle* staff writer Steven Winn. "When you're a kid, you understand love," says Amos, "and that's what I felt when my mother got together with Norma. Suddenly she was singing and cooking again. And my sister and I had these two other kids to play with."

Winn described the ways in which the children could not speak of their mothers' relationship in public because it could have cost them their jobs. Amos also said racism broke up her family. Norma eventually moved out, facing the additional pressure of disapproval from her own mother.

The article also reports that Amos went on to professional success and a happy heterosexual marriage.

## MAN ADMITS MOTIVE IN DOUBLE MURDER: THEY WERE LESBIANS

The man charged with the killing of Roxann Ellis and Michelle Abdill of Medford, Oregon has said he killed them because he hates homosexuals and bisexuals.

The development in the case has been reported by the Oregon media. The statements by the accused killer, Robert Acremant, have refocused attention on the case and re-opened wounds in the Medford community.

Ellis and Abdill, an openly lesbian couple and local activists, were murdered "execution style" last December. Their bodies were found bound and gagged in their pickup truck. Soon after his arrest, Acremant made a variety of statements regarding the killings, including at first that it was a botched robbery. Later, he said he knew the women were lesbians and that it made it "easier" for him to kill them.

## POSITIVE: LIFE WITH HIV ONE IN THREE AMERICANS KNOW SOMEONE INFECTED WITH HIV

How does a person who is diagnosed with a chronic illness such as HIV/AIDS cope with the everyday challenges of life? How do families and friends face the challenge of day to day life with a loved one who is infected with the virus that causes AIDS? An innovative television series has been developed to answer questions such as these.

"POSITIVE: Live with HIV" explores the experiences and everyday challenges of people living with HIV and AIDS. The four-part series features real people who give personal accounts of their lives and the lives of friends, families and loved ones who are directly affected by AIDS. It is a forum for those infected and affected by the virus to share the experiences, challenges and triumphs of living everyday with this disease.

"Our job," said Juanita Anderson, Executive Producer of POSITIVE for AIDS FILMS, "was to create a series that showed life from inside the epidemic, from the many points of view of people living in some way at some stage, with the virus. From news coverage to made-for-TV movies, television perpetuates stereotypes of all kinds that do a disservice to the people who are supposedly being portrayed. In the case of people living with HIV, this is particularly damaging given the terrible stigma associated with the disease."

"POSITIVE: Life with HIV" has been airing on public television stations across the country since January. New markets continue to be added and repeat broadcasts are scheduled for many of the cities where the series has already aired. For the broadcast schedule in your area, please call your local public television station or Independent Television Service (ITS) at 612-225-9035. You can also contact ITS to request a copy of the POSITIVE Viewer's Guide. Videotapes of the series are available in English and Spanish and may be ordered by calling 1-800-358-3000. The cost of the videos is \$19.95 plus \$3.75 shipping and handling.

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## A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

A new angle in news. Along with Citizens for Equal Protection and the Women's Resource Center of UNO, ANGLE is co-sponsoring National Coming Out Day 1996. CFEP, while still a committee of ANGLE, began the tradition 5 years ago. NCOD returns to the Milo Bail Student Center at UNO this year, October 13 from 1pm to 6pm. Linda Paras, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, will be the keynote speaker. There will be educational videos, raffle prizes, door prizes, and voter registration. And of course, you can expect the same booths, food, and fun that NCOD has become known for.

More in ANGLE news. ANGLE has scheduled the 6th annual Recognition Banquet, *In Step With Pride*, for October 26. The banquet will be held at Best Western Central, 72nd & Grover, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the banquet is to celebrate and recognize community service accomplishments. An independent panel will determine which nominees will receive awards. Nomination forms are available at bars, MCC-O, and NAP. The forms must be received by October 14 for consideration.

Tickets are available through the mail at PO Box 8343, 68108-0343. Tickets cost \$18 per person, \$12 for students and PWAs. Tickets will not be available at the door. Reservations must be made by October 21. For more information, call the ANGLE phone line, 588-5303.

## NEW CLUB IN TOWN

By Debbie J. & Margarita B.

Hey, all you leather folk out there! Heard about W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather Tactics)? We're a new all women's leather club! Yes, that's right, you read that correctly. We're excited about W.E.L.T. and this is why: We are a growing club comprised of totally hot women who have a vision of improving the image of S/M by educating others in our community and society. Our mission statement, developed by club members, is as follows: Our purpose, as women gathered because of shared interests in leather, S/M and fetish, is to educate ourselves and others about our lives and interests. To give each other support in a world that is not tolerant of difference. To create an accepting place for social interaction among like-minded people and always, to uphold the concepts on safe, sane and consensual play. In addition, W.E.L.T. provides a social outlet and a place where women can find support in our leather community. In the future, we plan to promote S/M workshops and events for your playful pleasures.

Membership is open statewide to all women of leather regardless of sexual orientation. To date, we have 12 members, three of which are elected officers. The board consists of Roxane G., President; Debbie J., Vice President; and Margarita B., Secretary/Treasurer.

Our meetings take place bi-weekly, alternating between Omaha and Lincoln locations on Saturdays at 4:30 pm. The business meetings are followed by workshops on chosen S/M topics. To find out more details, please call (402) 477-7741. We look forward to seeing fresh new faces at our next W.E.L.T. meeting!



Photos: Left: Miss River City: Back Row, Muffy, Laura, Terry. Front Row: Neicey, Ashley, Roxy Right: Miss Run '96 Muffy Rosenberg and Miss River City 1995 Laura Grey



## ROXY IS NEW MISS RIVER CITY

It was a hot August night at the Run as three of the hottest entertainers in the city competed for the title of Miss River City. Terry Tippet, owner of the Run, and Steve Koeller, show director, were delighted to welcome back Miss Laura Grey who was stepping down as Miss River City '95-'96. Competing for the title were that hot young performer, Miss Ashley Simone; the high energy Neicey Braxton; and Omaha's Sweetheart, Roxy. Special guests for the evening were Miss Run '96, Muffy Rosenberg; song-stylist Theresa Robinson; and Miss MAX '96, Dietra Snow.

Winner of the \$100 cash prize and the crown as the new Miss River City was Roxy. First alternate with a \$50 cash prize and a trophy was Neicey Braxton and second alternate with a \$25 cash prize and a trophy was Miss Ashley Simone.

## WESTENHOEFER RETURNS TO OMAHA

From the time Suzanne Westenhofer walks on stage with her blonde hair, dazzling smile and quick wit, she delivers her laid-back monologue with self-confidence and style. She's pretty, she's hip, and she's gay. As she performs in clubs and on television, her name is preceded by "famous lesbian comedian," but she's more into destroying labels and if it involves some lighthearted straight-bashing, so be it. In her performances Westenhofer tackles everyday problems about being gay with a humor that reaches both gays and straights. She is disarmingly funny in all the unpolitically correct ways. Don't like her sexual preference, then leave. Suzanne is perhaps one of the most confident comedians, men or women performing today. Timely and topical and very, very funny, that's famous lesbian comedian Suzanne Westenhofer.

Women of the Plains, Inc. is proud to bring Suzanne back to Omaha-Oct. 19 at the Joslyn. Ticket prices are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Tickets are on sale at New Realities in the Old Market, Borders Books and Music—132nd and Maple, and The Way Home Music and Books in Lincoln or by mail to P.O. Box 24355, Omaha, NE 68124.

## ICON HOPES TO SERVE 100+ WITH THANKSGIVING SHOWS

by Carla

Following a meeting with Susan Merrick, Rich Santee, and Don Randolph regarding traditional Thanksgiving donations the Imperial Court of Nebraska has given to PWAs, the Board of Governors of ICON affirmed the following plan: Funds from the "Food 4 Thought" Shows in Lincoln and Omaha will provide grocery vouchers for 100 PWAs, stock MCC-O's Food Pantry—which serves PWAs year round, and provide a dinner at MCC-O for PWAs and parishioners. To meet their goal, the shows need to raise between \$3500 and \$4500.

The Lincoln Show is set for Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Q. Princess Royale 16, Sharon, is organizing the show in the absence of Empress 16 Phoenix who will be attending the Colorado Springs Coronation. The show will feature entertainers from Lincoln and Omaha and promises to be fun. Showtime is 9 p.m. Hope to see you all there, and don't forget those checkbooks! What a great way to show thanks—giving to others!

The Omaha Show will be Sunday, Nov. 9, at The MAX. The Emperor and the Empress have promised some very special entertainment to everyone who comes out that night. (After all they have to make up for skipping out on the Lincoln Show!) Come join us and share the bounty with which you have been blessed!

## NEW BOOKSTORE

The Book Station, a new bookstore, has opened at 1913 Leavenworth Street (next to the Chesterfield). The store features books, magazines, comics, calendars, and gifts on varying topics such as gay/lesbian interests, poetry, photography, art, new age subjects, sex, erotica, and more. The store owner, Heather Akerberg, wants to focus on topics and authors that venture off the beaten path. The Book Station gets new titles in every week and will special order items when possible. The store will soon feature a coffee lounge where Heather hopes to have special events such as poetry readings and live music. Stop by or call 342-0520.

## ICE BOWL LUAU BIG SUCCESS

The Run was the site for another Ice Bowl Food Fundraiser — seems that Ice Bowl does really well with both bowling and eating! One could even say that there were real "pigs" at the event — and they were the prettiest shade of pink. Seriously, the Hawaiian Luau was a great success, raising more than \$500. The food was excellent. Thanks to Stella and Terry for a great event.

## LABOR DAY BLOWOUT IN GRAND ISLAND

As always, a fabulous time was had by all at the Labor Day dance held at the Izaak Walton Cabin east of Grand Island on Saturday, August 31st.

We had a great turnout and it was wonderful to see so many old friends and new friends mixing it up and getting to know each other!

It is especially thrilling to note that so many people donated so generously to the stereo fund. To date, we have invested \$1,517.78 into the sound system, and have collected \$544.00 so far toward the fund. We collected \$324.00 at the Labor Day dance.

Thank you so much to everyone for donated to the fund and to everyone who attended. Also, as always, a big thanks to those who volunteered to D.J. and play those wonderful twist tunes, and those who helped to clean up. We also gained two new members that evening and we're very pleased. Hope to see you all and the barn dance!

—GLAGN Newsletter

*Other upcoming events listed in the GLAGN Newsletter include:*

*Halloween Party - Oct. 26 - Izaak Walton League*

*Las Vegas Night - January*

*Annual Hearts of Fire Benefit Show -*

*Adams Co. Fairgrounds, Hastings*

*Barn Dance - April*

*May - Gay Prom*

## FORMER IOWAN HEADS VICTORY FUND

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has appointed former Des Moines school board member Jonathan Wilson as its interim executive director. Wilson came out as a gay man after a bitter struggle in Des Moines over teaching about homosexuality.

The Victory fund is a donor network of people committed to electing openly gay and lesbian officials at all levels of government. Founded in 1991, it has raised more than \$1.3 million for its recommended candidates.

## A BIG MONTH FOR HGRA ROYALTY

The 95-96 Mr., Miss, and Ms. are getting ready to end their reign. Friday, October 11, 1996 at 9:00 P.M. we will all be at the Chesterfield in Omaha for the Royalty Step-Down performances. We plan on having lots of fine entertainers on hand to bid them ado. Then, on Saturday the 12th, things will move to DC's Saloon where the 96-97 Royalty Contest will take place. The interviews will be held in the afternoon, with the entertainment portion starting at 8:00 P.M.

## TRANSGENDER FALL HARVEST IN CEDAR RAPIDS

Fall Harvest '96 "The Homecoming" will be held from October 31 - November 2 at the Sheraton Inn in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The full weekend Registration is \$175 each or \$265 for couples.

This includes the Thursday Night Pizza Party, Friday and Saturday lunches, Friday and Saturday banquets, all sessions, programs and entertainment.

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For more information contact the River City Gender Alliance Hotline at (402) 398-1255 or contact Iowa Artistry, PO Box 75, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.

## NOVICE S/M, BONDAGE SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

There is a new novice BD/SM support group forming in Omaha and, if there is interest, in Lincoln. This is a support and information group for novices; however, experienced players are welcome to attend to share their experiences. Our goal is to teach safe, sane, consensual play and to teach how to negotiate a BD/SM scene. Everyone will be encouraged to express their fears and ask questions. Singles, couples, and moresomes from all sexual orientations are welcome to attend. We will be meeting in the back room of the Wooden Apple (22nd & Martha) on the second Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. The first meeting will be October 13. The topic will be "What is BD/SM?"

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# INTERNATIONAL MR FANTASY TAKES OMAHA BY STORM

**Mr. New Mexico Fantasy dominates competition, Rick Strube takes 2nd Alternate Spot**

Dustin Logan and Bob Ewing of Fantasy Productions were again joined by the Leather Journal as they produced the best ever Fantasy Weekend.

Leather men and women crowded local establishments as they came together to party, play, and cheer for their favorite in the 2nd International Mr. Fantasy competition. Emcees Dustin Logan and Frank Nowicki climbed to the top of scaffolding to announce the seven hot leathermen who vied for the coveted title in such events as prejudging interviews, Fantasy wear, presentation of their sexual fantasy, jockstrap competition, and the infamous "Mystery Category" which is not announced until just before the event. This year's mystery category had 5 very macho, very sexual men making greeting cards for selected holidays and composing verses for their cards. (Now just who was it that made the life size greeting card complete with glory hole?)

The Fantasy competition opened with a performance of selections from "Rocky Horror Picture Show" by the contestants and several of the IMSL title-holders and staff. The number was incredible — especially when the house came down as the owner and producer of the International Ms Leather Contest, Miss Amy Marie Meek, took the stage as the "transsexual transvestite from Transylvania." Those of you who know Amy will know that her usual style is tee shirts, head bands around hair that is shaved on the sides and long in back, shorts or overalls, and hiking boots. To see her decked out in full "drag" with curled wig, make-up, leather, lace, and an unbelievably long "tool" — well, this alone was worth the price of admission to Fantasy. (Love you, Amy!)

The contestants were: JC, Mr. Fantasy - Colorado; Kevin Watson, Mr. Fantasy - New Mexico; Rick Strube, Mr. Fantasy - Nebraska; Jeff Sappenfield - Mr. Fantasy - Texas; Mike



Warner - Mr. Fantasy Tennessee; Robert Riley, Mr. Fantasy - Minnesota, and Steve Collier, Mr. Fantasy - Missouri. They were a diverse group, both in appearance and style, producing a broad spectrum of fantasies. Our own Rick Strube captivated the audience with his smile — a grin which spreads across his face with delight at each new experience, especially during his rather playful fantasy when he took on the role of the puppet Pinocchio. JC, Mr. Colorado Fantasy, is a mountain of a man with an imposing presence both on stage and off. He used his strength and power to full advantage in his fantasy which ended with a heated branding iron applied to his partner's ass. This fantasy was staged to perfection, with the branding iron put downstage to heat while the scene unfolded. The presence of that branding iron never left your awareness and you could feel the tension rise throughout the fantasy much like a Stephen King mystery. The final act was a thrilling moment of tension relief and gave an illusion of reality that was incomparable.

Jeff Sappenfield, Mr. Texas Fantasy had a rather shy smile that went well with his down home style. His long legs looked quite at home in blue jeans, chaps, or in a jock strap as he acted out his locker room fantasy and charmed his place into the first alternate position.

Fantasies ranged from an eerie funeral scene



to a playful birthday party fantasy presented by Mike Warner, Mr. Tennessee Fantasy. There was a barber shop scene, a motorcycle repair scene, and an incredible scene in which the central figure soared to new heights of pleasure as his body released strong endorphins in response to hot wax poured over newly shaved skin.

Obviously the judges had a most difficult challenge but at the end of the evening Mr. New Mexico Fantasy was named the new International Mr. Fantasy, Jeff Sappenfield was named first alternate and Rick Strube was second alternate. The contestants named Mr. Congeniality for the event, but this year they contestants were all so great that there was a three way tie for the title. So, taking home the title of Mr. Congeniality were JC, Mike, and Rick.

Judges for the event were: Bob Ewing, head judge, JD Buchert, Cindy Bookout, Harley McMillen, Dave Rhodes, Larry Everett, Alan Selby, Scott Rodriguez, and WW Walker. The MAX was decked out with an erotic montage of the art work of Chuck Wilson, which was a perfect setting for the event. It was an exciting event, filled with wonder, laughter, and the arousal of strong emotions. What more could one ask?

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# A.N.G.L.E. 1996 RECOGNITION NOMINATION PROCESS

A.N.G.L.E. invites your participation in the sixth annual recognition of members of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender and the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender sensitive community. The categories for recognition are:

- Community Service — Business
- Community Service — Organization
- Community Service — Individual/Couple
- Individual Personal Achievement

The **Community Service** categories are: 1.) Business, 2.) Organization and 3.) Individual — Community Service. Recognition is given for enhancement of the community, unselfish contributions to the community through involvement and awareness, for promotion of community strength and unity within diversity, and being a positive role model. A recognition committee appointed by A.N.G.L.E. consisting of local and impartial out of area members will determine the recipient of Special Recognition in each category by use of a Lickert Scale (rating from 1-5) evaluation model.

Individual Personal **Achievement** is given to a Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender person in recognition of an outstanding personal achievement which reflects positively on the community.

**All nominees will be acknowledged** at a recognition dinner, October 26, 1996. Special Recognition will be given to one nominee from each category who has not received Special Recognition in the last four years.

**Please complete the attached nomination form** and return it no later than October 14, 1996 to:

A.N.G.L.E.  
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Please include your name and phone number. Anonymous nominations will not be considered. This is the community's chance to say "Thank You" to the many who have given so much of themselves this year.

Sincerely,

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**NAME OF NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITIES/SERVICES/ACHIEVEMENTS/OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NOMINEE:**

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**HOW HAS THE COMMUNITY BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS NOMINEE OR HOW HAS THE PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL REFLECTED POSITIVELY ON THE COMMUNITY:**

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**WHY WOULD YOU GIVE THIS NOMINEE SPECIAL RECOGNITION?**

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Thank you for completing the Nomination Form. Your assistance in this recognition process is very important to us and the community.

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**Experimental Cinema: The Films of Barbara Hammer**

**Nitrate Kisses** (USA, 1992, 63 minutes) & **Tender Fictions** (USA, 1995, 58 minutes)  
Thursday, November 21, Friday, November 22,  
and Sunday, November 24

*Nitrate Kisses* explores eroded emulsions and images for lost vestiges of lesbian and gay culture. This first feature by Barbara Hammer, a practicing pioneer of lesbian cinema, weaves striking images of the sexual activities of four gay and lesbian couples with footage that unearths the forbidden and invisible history of a marginalized people. *Nitrate Kisses* encourages the viewer to save scraps, letters, books, records, and snapshots in order to preserve our ordinary lives as history. Archival footage from the first gay film in the U.S., *Lot in Sodom* (1933), and footage from German documentary and narrative films of the '30s are interwoven with current images of desire in this sexy and haunting documentary.

With *Tender Fictions*, Barbara Hammer constructs an autobiography before someone does it for her in this post-post-modern sequel to her 1992 award-winning documentary, *Nitrate Kisses*. Childhood stories of the artist as a young lesbian and intimate tales of the lesbian as a young artist underscore the filmmaker's life of performances. With a Swiss army knife she robs an American Express Bank in Morocco, accosts a shepherd in a field on International Women's Day, and tap dances on Shirley Temple's star on Hollywood Boulevard. This child movie star was the ideal by which Hammer's ambitious mother measured her own Barbie. Grandma, already a cook for Lillian Gish in Hollywood, introduced the cute, loquacious child and her mother to D.W. Griffith. Lesbian autobiography is a slender genre, so Hammer draws from general culture studies for critique and to provide an ironic edge to the synthesized "voices of authority." Using personal archival footage of the AFL-CIO faculty strike at San Francisco State College supported by the Black Panther Party (1968), the first San Diego Women's Music Festival (1965), and the "Take Back the Night March" in San Francisco (1979), Hammer challenges a younger generation to visualize a world before they existed. The stories tug at your heart, the theory teases your intellect, and the fragile line between truth and fiction provoke you in this dense and hypnotic montage.

**French Twist** by Josiane Balasko  
(France, 1996, 100 minutes) **Sunday, Dec. 8**

Josiane Balasko (*Too Beautiful for You*) wrote, directed and stars in this French comedy about Laurent (Alain Chabat), a brash philanderer; Loli (Victoria Abril), his juicy peach of a wife; and Marijo (Balasko), the beefy, crop-haired lesbian stranger who wonders in to fix their sink, stays for dinner, and ends up changing their menage big time. Laurent can't figure out why happily heterosexual Loli falls for Marijo's barrel-chested charms, but we can: She may be the butchiest cookie this side of *Go Fish*, but she offers Loli attention, tenderness, and laughs, and she shakes up Laurent's smug macho world but good. (Abril shoots off sparks of pleasure like a little rocket and walks around naked like she's wearing the most chic fashion - which, of course, she is.) There are lumpy patches of sentiment thrown in, but otherwise this '80s-style farce is funny, breezy, erotic, and so matter-of-fact about the infinite variety of human sexuality." - *Entertainment Weekly*

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**"IN STEP WITH PRIDE"  
ANGLE's 5th Annual Recognition Banquet**

By Stan Brown

ANGLE's 6th Annual Recognition Banquet "In Step With Pride" will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Best Western Central, 72nd & Grover in Omaha. As the chairperson again this year, my committee has planned a great evening of good food, exciting entertainment, and the recognition of many who have worked so hard in the GLBT Community this past year.

The evening will start with a cocktail reception with a cash bar at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm, and the entertainment and presentations starting at 8:00. Entertainment will include performances by The River City Mixed Chorus, ICON Royalty, and other special guests.

Tickets are available from many ANGLE members, by calling the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line 558-5303 (ask for Stan to return your call), or by sending your check to ANGLE, P.O.Box 8343, Omaha, NE 68108-0343. Tickets are \$18.00 per person or \$12.00 for students and PWA's. A choice of chicken or a vegetarian entree will be available for dinner. Reservations need to be made by Monday, October 21!!

Nominations forms are available at the GLBT bars, MCC, NAP, the NCOD event at UNO on October 13, plus other community events and meetings. Nominations are due back to ANGLE, P.O. Box 8343, Omaha, NE 68108-0343 by Monday, October 14! Please submit a nomination so we can recognize those individuals, businesses, or organizations that have made contributions to the GLBT community.

Be "In Step With Pride" and attend this year's Recognition Banquet on October 26th!

**FUN FOR WOMYN IN '97**

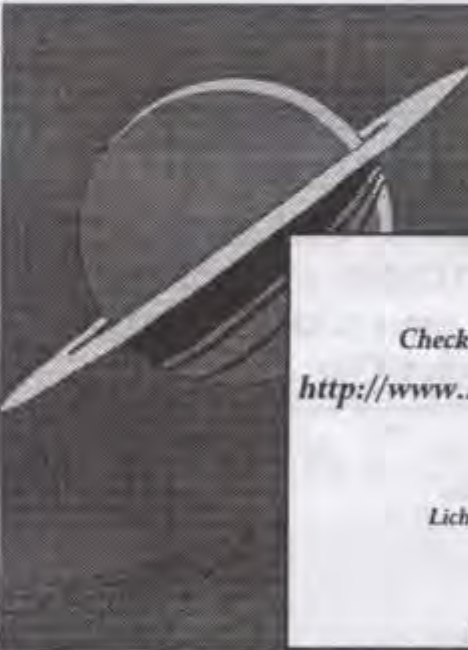
Linda Willis and friends are planning several future events. January is the Womyn's Winterfest I at the Raccoon River featuring "The Newlywed Game," Lesbian Quilt, Snow Queen, Comedy Hour and more! Next June will be a 2nd edition of Womyn's Supertube Camping Weekend in Valentine. And then August will bring Womyn's Summerfest I at Raccoon River. To receive future announcements and information, please send SASE to Linda L. Willis, 2119 "F" Street, Omaha, NE 68107-2010, or call 402-734-9556.

**MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

The Men's Support Group meets at MCC-Omaha on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and combines peer support with educational and social activities. The group is open to all men and places a high emphasis on confidentiality and mutual respect. In August, the Red Cross provided two programs for the group. August 20th the Red Cross provided C.P.R. basic training and answered questions about issues related to first aid. August 24th a Red Cross volunteer discussed educating the public about AIDS. The group discussed the need for better, more informative television and radio commercials.

**ONYX IMAGES 5TH**

Onyx Images will celebrate its 5th anniversary with a blow-out celebration the weekend of October 11, 12, and 13. This celebration recognizes the success of this social fraternity for African-American brothers as it brings together friends and acquaintances from across the country. The group is for African-American males, but the celebration is for everyone and will include events sure to please every person attending. Registration for the weekend is \$85 and must be received as soon as possible! For more information, contact Onyx Images at (402) 455-6375.



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# ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC SUCCESS

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The weather was perfect — a warm, sunny late summer day.

The setting was private and comfortable as the Labor Day picnic sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska returned to Vennelyst Park.

There were about a dozen groups and individuals with booths, and there were the folks from Ice Bowl selling hamburgers and cheeseburgers. There were raffles and lots of conversation. All in all it was a typical Labor Day Picnic for ICON.

The proceeds from this year's affair were combined with the proceeds from the show Ashley and Michelle held the night before and awarded as grants. \$705.10 went to the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund, \$705.10 went to the Nebraska AIDS Project, and \$668 went to the TECA (Teens Educated to Combat AIDS) program of the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Nearly 300 people attended the picnic and all seemed to have a great time. Congratulations to all those raffle winners, especially to Rick Strube who won a \$100 photo shoot by Jerry Wurgler and to Tom Cech who won a leather portfolio from Bags and Baggage. Play safe this winter. We'll be back with more picnics in the spring.

# NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY SET

**DATE:** October 13, 1996

**TIME:** 1:00 - 6:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:**

Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom  
University of Nebraska @ Omaha

Plans are in progress for the various activities and events. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan the day, please call the Citizens for Equal Protection phone line at 398-3027. Work is in progress for an exciting and fulfilled day to celebrate coming out and being visible.

## FUN FOR WOMYN IN '97

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# "HATS OFF" TO ASHLEY AND MICHELE

Innovative Show at DC's raises over \$300 for TECA



The second of a year long series of events put on by members of the Royal Families of Reign 16 of the Imperial Court was an innovative show entitled "Hats Off to Phoenix and the Emperor's New Clothes." The benefit for NAP's TECA program (Teens Educated to Combat AIDS) was produced by Grand Czar Ashley Mattox and Grand Czarina Michele Korman and featured cash prizes for the "Best Hat" and "Best Costume" designed for the reigning Monarchs, Phoenix and Royal.

Ashley and Michele brought together some of the most entertaining performers in Omaha, including their own debut performance with the duet "Broken Hearted." They were joined by Niecey Braxton, Annie Welty, Dorian Drake, Roxy, Ashley Simone, Steve Koeller, Madam X, Mark East, Royal Bush, Phoenix Fallentino, and Carla and Sharon doing a very special rendition of "Some of Our Best Friends are Straight" in honor of ICON's Raffle Queen, Michele Korman.



The Best Hat contest was won by Miss Raven with a creation that was at least four feet across and featured a huge bumblebee and flowers. The Best Costume contest was won by Annie Welty modeling a creation of Carla Petersen's, a giant "flame broiled Fish Sandwich" in a take out box — a truly unique set of new clothes for our "Flame-Broiled Cheeseburger Emperor 16" Royal Bush.

The set for the show was created by Danny Smith and featured an elegant black and white hat suspended above the dance floor. Pat Phalen and Raven were the emcees for the evening. The judges for the hat and costume contests were Terry Tippet, Dan Mathew, and John Winter.

Photos: Top, Right: Raven's winning hat, Left: Annie models winning costume. Below: Michele and Ashley join in duet



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## RAINBOW PAC TO OFFER POLITICAL FORUM AT MCC

On October 20 the Christian Social Action Committee of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will sponsor an open forum for the community to discuss the upcoming elections. Speakers will be members of the Rainbow PAC who will discuss the responses to a recent survey sent to political candidates in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County. Rainbow PAC will have a list of candidates that they have chosen to endorse as being "gay-friendly."

There will be a potluck dinner following the 10:30 a.m. service approximately Noon. The forum will begin around 12:45. The public is invited to bring a covered dish and join us for an old-fashioned potluck dinner and stay for the forum. Or just come for the forum. Either way you are welcome. This event will be MCC's final effort to get everyone registered to vote. Registration forms are available at MCC for both Iowa and Nebraska voters.

Future projects of the Christian Social Action Committee include a Thanksgiving Dinner and taking part in St. Martin de Porres' annual Christmas project. For more information on the Christian Social Action Committee, contact the Church office.

## NEWS FROM LINCOLN, SHEZA MANN TALKS

I'll start by saying congratulations to the new Mr. Q, Troy Haasis. I look forward to working with Troy the next year. The 2nd anniversary of Q was a great success. Mr. Q, Troy Haasis and Miss Q, DeDe Dekarr performed for College Night and were well received by a lot of newcomers to Q. In talking to the audience before the show I realized 40% had never been to Q, let alone seen a drag queen for the first time. On Wednesday, the 7th, Linda Mackie and I had a great time singing live country. Some patrons got involved and helped Linda on a few numbers. Alias Jane was well received on Thursday, the 8th. On Sunday, we closed the weekend with a show to beat all shows—"Flashes from the Past" with Q Revue, Lip-Stitch, Andrea, Mercedes and John, Tasha, Kara, Freida, Mr. and Miss Q, Miss City Sweetheart—Barbie Que, Angel and Jamie from Denver. Again, I would like to thank all the people who helped on Anniversary Week. A SPECIAL thank you to the community for your support over the last two years.

Up and coming events at Q will hold much entertainment. October 6, it's LEATHER & LACE night. And, get this written down on your calendars, kids, on the 13th it's the prom you never got to attend. YES, it's Homecoming at Q. We will be crowning a king and queen for the night. On the 20th, Dorian Drake will return to the Q stage in a spectacular show. And, on the 27th, it's the 14th annual BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Contest. Halloween at Q is expected to be the biggest event to date with a huge costume contest, lavish decorations and prizes totaling over \$400. First place is \$250, second is \$150, and third is \$50, plus, special surprises, so get in costume and come to Q on Thursday the 31st.

Panic will be offering a one night only appearance by "Provincetown's Own" stand-up comic, Julianne Gavin, October 13. Julianne has received rave reviews and lots of laughter. This extraordinarily funny woman will be performing at 8:00 P.M. so get there early for a good seat. October 26, Alias Jane returns for a performance at 9:00 P.M. and don't forget Halloween at Panic, with costume contest and cash prizes.

The Futz Theatre will be opening on October 10 with "Vampyre Lesbians of Sodom". This production will run through October 26. To make reservations you can call the box office at (402) 435-6307. I encourage you to make reservations because seating is limited. Paul Pearson and I started the Futz Theatre two years ago and in September we moved into our third season. We are located in the Mission Arts Building just one block north of Q.

On November 3rd, I.C.O.N. will be holding "Food for Thought" at Q. This benefit is very important to the community and what it stands for. We look forward to I.C.O.N.'s return to Lincoln. Well, that's about it kids, so until next time, from the bottom of my purse,

Sheza

### COMING OUT DAY

**DATE:** October, 13, 1996

**TIME:** 1:00 - 6:00 P.M.

**LOC:** Milo Bail Student Ctr Ballroom  
University of Nebraska @ Omaha

Plans are in progress for the various activities and events. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan the day, please call the Citizens for Equal Protection phone line at 398-3027. Work is in progress for an exciting and fulfilled day to celebrate coming out and being visible.

## STAGE RIGHT IS "RIGHT ON!"

by Carla

Looking for a quiet spot for coffee and a muffin? I found just the spot for you! As usual I'm a bit behind the times, but it's never too late to check out a new g/l/b/t sensitive business. This one is even a New Voice advertiser.

In case you're a little slower than me—I'm talking about Stage Right, that warm and cozy coffeehouse right next door to the north of the Orpheum.

Now, I never knew there was anything next to the Orpheum—never, that is, until a meeting of the executive board of the resource center steering committee set a meeting there.

What a great place Stage Right is! There are tables and chairs as well as a couch and cushioned

chair. The wooden walls give it a warmth that feels good even in the fall.

I'm not sure what happens on the stage that extends from the eastern corner.

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# LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA: OUR FIRST YEAR

By Chuck W.



LEO Members show club colors at International Mr. Fantasy Contest in Omaha

Much has happened since August of 1995. It was Saturday, day two of "Fantasy '95," that I approached Bob and Dustin about forming a leather club in Omaha. Explaining, actually complaining, to Bob that at the time I was tired of not being involved in a leather community and wanting to do something about it, Bob, Dustin, and I agreed to meet when things settled down a bit. About mid September we gathered at Gilligan's, coming to the meeting full of ideas and with a list of leather curious men and women. I met with skepticism from Bob and Dustin because of prior experiences that Bob had with a club we had both been former members of. Working together, we agreed that our goals and ideas were obtainable, setting another meeting later in the month to discuss our ideas further. During the second meeting we worked out more details, deciding to create a traditional men's leather club. During this meeting I picked the founding members. We set our first official meeting for October 1st. Attending that first meeting were 10 eager men wanting to educate ourselves and our community about the leather lifestyle in a positive manner. We wanted to be a social club that was designed to bring back the joy of being gay leathermen and not a fund-raising organization. We had many meetings, sometimes every week for the next month and a half, getting much of the needed ground work done. About mid October officers were elected. I was named President, Jim G. Vice-President, Rick N. Secretary, Bob E. Treasurer, Rick S. Historian, Dustin L. Road Captain. On November 2, we had our first meet and greet which was held at Gilligan's. It was our first public appearance as a club so that the community had a chance to get to know us and allow us to find out who might be interested in joining our club. Our first pledge class began in April, and we accepted two new members in June. Our newest pledge class consists of 6 men, who are currently still going through the pledge period.

I began working with Cindy Bookout to get the women's group underway, and in April they held their first meeting at the Chesterfield. Most of our members attended to lend their support. This new organization is now known as W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather Tactics).

Late spring and summer kept our club extremely busy. We attended Interna-

tional Mr. Leather in Chicago, and sponsored the welcome party for Fantasy weekend. Two of our club brothers also prepared for 2 international contests. Rick S. placed 2nd runner up to International Mr. Fantasy, and Rick N. will compete for International Mr. Drummer in late September in San Francisco. It was during Fantasy weekend that we were able to premier our club T-shirts and club colors. They were well received and admired, receiving many compliments from our local community and our out of town guests. We also attended Aunt Mike's underwear night and we were out in force at ICON's Fourth of July and Labor Day Picnics.

On September 8, we held our annual meeting in which new officers for LEO were named. These new officers are: Bob E. President, Duane P. Vice-President, Rick S. Secretary, Rick N. Historian, and Dustin L. Treasurer and Road Captain.

This fall looks to keep us extremely busy as well, as some of us prepare for our first club runs to St. Louis and Des Moines. Our Beta pledge initiation will be held in late October. And we also plan to have a holiday party in December. Overall, it has been a great first year for LEO.

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# MISS GAY NEBRASKA REGIONAL DRAWS FROM 5 CITIES

## Miss Vickie Valentino Takes Title to St. Louis

The recently revitalized Miss Gay Nebraska Pageant demonstrated the capabilities of the new producer, Mr. Jim Gau, as he drew contestants from Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Little Rock, and New Orleans to compete for the crown. This event, a regional qualifier for the National Competition for Miss Gay America, was a highlight of the pageant calendar. The set was outstanding — it seems that even the master designer Tom Cech had outdone himself for this three dimensional set of silver hangings and glittering stars. The MAX was the perfect setting for the event and for the glamour of the contestants.

The contestants began with the Contemporary Fashion Category, emceed by the very first Miss MAX - Muffy Rosenburg and Emperor 12 of the Imperial Court - Mr. Steve Koeller. They continued with the Talent Competition emceed by Emperor 16 Royal Bush and Empress 16 Phoenix Fallentino and then moved into the evening gown question and answer competition, emceed by Miss Dorian Drake and Great Plains Drummer 96 - Rick Noss and Mr. Nebraska Fantasy - Rick Strube.

Contestant 1, Niecey Braxton, Omaha, Nebraska, was at her best, bringing her high energy to the performance and showing her flair for costuming. Contestant 2, Stephanie Williams, New Orleans, Louisiana, avoided the expected and chose costumes and performances that showcases the spectrum of her talents. Contestant 3, Ramona Baker, Kansas City, Missouri, had a special warmth that drew the audience deep inside her smile. Vickie Valentino, St. Louis, Missouri, was elegant in her costuming and spoke with eloquence and conviction. The final contestant, Candace Carrington, Little Rock, Arkansas, simply took your breath away in the Contemporary Costume section with a black cat suit and black boots topped with a dramatic coat patterned with faces of cinema greats in striking contrasts of black and white.

The judges, Miss Annie Welty, Mr. Owen Whitehall, Mr. Danny Smith aka Roxy, Mr. Vince Percy aka Velvet, and head judge, Vickie Vincent scored the contestants carefully in what proved to be a very tight race. But after careful tabulation by tabulator Duane Perrot, the winners were announced. Miss Vickie Valentino accepted the crown as Miss Gay Nebraska. Candace Carrington will also go to nationals as the first alternate. Second alternate was Miss Stephanie Williams of New Orleans.

Special guests for the evening included Miss Gay America '96 Kari Nichols, former Miss Gay Nebraska and the reigning Miss MAX Dietra Snow, Miss Gay Nebraska '95 Laura Gray, and Miss Gay Missouri Loretta Matson.

Congratulations to all those who worked to put together a topnotch pageant!



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An amazing variety of items found new homes, including the proverbial kitchen sink! Well, actually, they were bathroom sinks, and there were two of them, but let's not quibble.

As with any yard sale, not everything was sold. We sorted through the clothing items and kept anything we thought was appropriate for a future clothing-only sale.

Goodwill picked up the remaining clothes and household items, and we will donate any vouchers from Goodwill to MCC.

Our next fundraiser, a benefit show, was held on September 29 at DC's.

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## October

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## November

- 2 - HGRA Election & Awards Dinner
- 3 - ICON Food 4 Thought - Lincoln
- 5 - VOTE!! It's Election Day
- 6-10 Creating Change - Wash, DC
- 9 - Game Night at MCC
- 10 - ICON Food 4 Thought - Omaha
- 10 & 17 - All Iowa AIDS Benefit
- 16 - HGRA Indoor Rodeo
- 17 - ICON Chili Cook Off
- 30 - Panhandle Bingo Night

## December

- 1 - Lutherans Concerned
- 1 - PFLAG Holiday Gathering
- 7 - Night of 1000 Stars
- 8 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz - Omaha
- 14 - HGRA Mtg, Des Moines
- 14 - MCC Caroling
- 15 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz - Lincoln
- 22 - Ms Suicide - Lincoln
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service-MCC
- 31 - New Years Eve Parties

## January 97

- 5 - ICON "Bob & Inga's Show"
- 19 - ICON Live Extravaganza
- 26 - MCC 23 Anniversary
- 26 - Miss MAX
- TBA - Womyn Winterfest - Racoon River

## February 97

- 16 - ICON Sweet 16 Prom
- 22 "Hearts of Fire" Hastings

## March 97

- 28 - Good Friday Services - MCCO
- 30 - Easter Services at MCC-O
- 30 - ICON Easter Bonnet Contest

## April 97

## May 97

- ICON Memorial Day Picnic

## June 97

- TBA - Womyn's Supertubing Valentine
- TBA - RCMC Pride Concert
- TBA - Desert Plains Drummer
- 15 - ICON Stepping Down
- 22 - Pride Parade & Festival
- 27-29 - Gay Rodeo - Fremont

## July 97

- 4, 5, 6 ICON Picnic & Coronation
- TBA - Mr. Nebraska Fantasy Contst

## August 97

- TBA - Womyn's Summerfest Racoon River
- TBA - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest

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**\*\*\*\*\*LINCOLN\*\*\*\*\*****Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:****\*\*Mon. 7:30pm, Rainbow AA, 3rd Floor,****"Meeting Place" 28 & S. Lincoln****\*\*Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A",****Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526****\*\*Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D,****Lincoln, 438-5214****BiPALS (Bisexual People/Alternate LifeStyle)****Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Mon 7:30pm,****Cornerstone (upstrs) 640N 16. All sexes welcome.****Gay Men's Support Group, c/o Counseling &****Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL,****Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential****Lambda Business Assoc, Box 6341, Lincoln****68506 421/483-6183, Mtg 4th Sun, 3pm****Lesbian Discussion Group, Womens Resource****Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588,****472-2597, Call for meeting information****Lincoln Women for Sobriety Mtg, Saturdays,****10am, Gathering Place, 15th & "E", Lincoln,****Contact Judith at 472-2598 for information****National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln-****activist org. issues of full equality for women,****Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 477-1226****Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-****FLAG), Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880,****4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", HIV****Family Grp, G/L Youth Grp meet same time/plce****SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, For****older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee House****2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm,****at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, All welcome.****UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Nebr****Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644,****Social, info, referral, library, General meetings****Tuesdays, 7pm, during school year****The Wimmin's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM,****89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln.****A Woman's Place, Box 67035, Lincoln, 68506,****nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women.****Youth Talkline 473-7932, Friday & Saturday****7pm-Midnite, Lincoln. Emotional support,****referrals, AIDS info for callers Age 23 and****under. Project of Coalition for G/L Civil Rts****YWCA Counseling & Education Department,****476-2802, Lincoln. Information and Referral.****\*\*\*\*\*OMAHA\*\*\*\*\*****Alcoholics Anonymous,****\*\*Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prbytrn****\*\*Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High****\*\*Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm,****\*\*Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm****A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeav-****ors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108, 558-5303,****Network, raise consciousness, PRIDE activities,****Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet www.angl.org.****Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548,****Omaha, 68155 (402) 398-3027, Legislative****action- eliminate discrimination for g/lb 1st****Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney****Community Resource Development Center,****Box 8343, Omaha, 68108, Meet 3rd Sunday, 2-****5pm, Call 558-5303, ask for Darin****EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays &****Lesbians. US WEST. Contact Pat Phalen, 1299****Farnam, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102 (402) 348-8569****Frontrunners/walkers, Box 4583, Omaha****68104, HOTLINE-496-3658, Running/Walking****Club (SASE for info)****Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo), UNO****Students - sponsors Meetings Each Wednesday****Milo Bail Ctr, 3rd Flr Board Room. Info call****Jonathan Raymond 571-8518**

# AREA RESOURCES

**Gay And Lesbian Parents Group (G.A.L.P.),****1st Thurs, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22,****345-2563. Emphasis on Gay/Lesbian Parent &****significant other. Mtgs open to anyone.****Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line,****A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 558-5303****Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD)****G/LB/Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386****ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament,****Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622, Tournament is****held President's Day Weekend each year.****L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha)****educational-social group for Gay Men with****interest in Leather Lifestyle. Write: L.E.O., Box****8181, Omaha, 68108****Lutherans Concerned, 453-7137, 7pm, Mar. 3,****June 2, Oct. 6, Dec. 1, 1st Lutheran Omaha****Metropolitan Club, PO Box 31484, Omaha, NE****68131-0484, Meet third Thursdays, For gay/****lesbian professionals to meet, socialize, network****Men's Support Group, Meet Tuesdays 7:30pm,****MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St. Call 345-2563****Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha,****819 S. 22 St, Omaha, 345-2563, send mail to:****Box 3173, Omaha, 68103, E-mail address:****MCCOMAHA@radiks.net. Sunday Worship at****9 & 10.30am****New Realities, Books, Tapes, Gifts, Old Market****Passageway, 1026 Howard, 68102, 342-1863****National Org. for Women (NOW) Omaha -****political & grassroots activist org. issues of full****equality for women- Omaha NOW, Box 3325,****Omaha 68103-0325, (402) 391-7303, Meets 3rd****Tuesday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney****Omaha Meatpackers, AIDS fundraising****organization. Call: (712) 366-1791****Omaha Players Club (OPC), Pansexual****education & support group. Meeting & parties****monthly. Send \$5 and an age statement to OPC,****Box 34463 Omaha 68134****Omaha Women for Sobriety meet Tuesdays,****5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29 St., Contact****Judith at 472-2598 for more info****ONYX IMAGES, Box 31026, Omaha, NE****68132-9998. Support/Social Fraternity for****African American men. Age restriction for****membership. Support for brothers of all ages.****Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays****PFLAG Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064,****291-6781. Meets 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass,****Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7pm, "Program****& Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"****Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns,****733-1360: Cleve, Omaha****River City Mixed Bowling League, Sundays,****3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha****River City Gender Alliance, Box 3112, Omaha****68103-3122. Hotline: 398-1255, leave message.****Email: sgibbona@synergy.net. For crossdressers,****transsexuals, & those wishing to know more. All****orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday****River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha,****68103-0267. 341-SING (341-7464). Volunteer****chorus for Gay/Lesbian Sensitive people.****7th Day Adventist Kinship Inc, Support/Info****Les-Gay College Student 800-4-GAY-SIDA****Straight Spouse Support Grp 7-9pm, 1st****Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781****Women of the Plains, Box 24355, Omaha,****68124, Bring women's culture back 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****Youth Support Group, sponsor PFLAG. For****gay, lesbian youth & those questioning sexuality,****age 13-21. Meets Sat., Omaha, Call 291-6781.****\*\*\*REGIONAL/STATEWIDE\*\*\*****American Business & Professional Guild,****Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102, Network of gay****business/professional men from IA, MN, SD, &****NE. Meet last Sat. of each month. Write for info.****Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian,****Gay, & Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff, PO****Box 924, Charon, NE 69337, 308-432-4047****Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts, Box****94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter****Community Alliance, 1301 Villa Ave, Sioux****City, IA 51103 (712) 258-4704****Fellowship of Believers, 812 North 10th, #7,****Norfolk 68701, Ph: 402-379-9935 Home-based****church meets Wed 7pm, Sun 10am Open to all.****GLB Alliance, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College,****Hastings 68901 Judy 402-461-7372 (Health****Ctr) 402-462-2961 (home). For G/L/B Students****& Friends - safe place to meet, discuss & learn.****Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr., Support,****socials, newsletter. Info: GLAGN, Box 2401,****Kearney, NE 68847 or Todd at (308) 382-5419,****Rod at (402) 879-4650 or e-mail rdeuel@ltec.net.****Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGAA), Box****3354, Omaha, 68108-9998. Info: Dan 344-****3103. All who enjoy/support rodeos & country****activities. Meets 1st Saturday DC's, Omaha****Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772,****Omaha 68102 Org. for advancement of G/L/B/****T society. Board Meets 1st Monday each month****Integrity Prayer Service, Wed, 6pm, St. Thomas****Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA. Call****Al (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr (712) 258-0141****Iowa Coalition for Human Rights Box 1222,****Iowa City, IA 52244, or call Richard Shannon****319-337-5870, rashanno@sprynet.com****Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects, 610 "J",****Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr.****O/P chemical dependency treatment while****affirming sexuality. Sliding Fee****LinOma Bares, P.O. Box 8493, Omaha, NE****68108. Nudist/Naturalist Clubs for gay/bi men****The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha****68103. 556-9907 or tjrn05c@prodigy.com****Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Support Services,****Box 1046, Scottsbluff 69363, (308) 635-8488****Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays****\*PFLAG, Kearney: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St****Luke's Epis. (308) 382-0752 or 995-5490. Mail****PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949****\*PFLAG, Sioux City, IA 2nd Sun, 2pm,****Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18****PRIDE Group, c/o Counseling Ctr, Wayne State,****Wayne, NE 68787. Info: Karen or Virginia****(402) 375-7321. G/L/B Students. Meet, discuss,****community service, educate, raise awareness.****U of N-Kearney GLBT Support Grp, Thurs,****4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, Ronnie 308-865-****8488/236-5312, e-mail read@platte.unk.edu****W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather****Tactics) Box 7083, Omaha, 68107-7083****Educational/social group for women of leather.****Omaha/Lincoln 402-477-7741**

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 &amp; 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th &amp; South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p>	<p>HIV Tests, NAP, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Fronrunners, 6:30pm, Br-Talbot</p> <p>PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437</p> <p>AA, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>GalO (UNO) 4-6pm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, 571-8518</p>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><b>October 6 (1st Sunday)</b></p> <p>Fronrunners, 10am, NP Dodge Park, Omaha</p> <p>Family AIDS Support, 2-4pm, 1st Meth, Om</p> <p>Lutherans Concerned, Omaha</p>	<p><b>Oct 7 (1st Monday)</b></p> <p>ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, The Omaha Mining Company, 1712 Leavenworth</p>	<p><b>Oct 8 (1st Tuesday)</b></p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South &amp; 11th St., Lincoln</p> <p>ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p><b>Oct 9 (1st Wed)</b></p>
<p><b>October 13 (2nd Sunday)</b></p> <p>Fronrunners, Ford Birthsite, Omaha</p> <p>Novice BD/SM Support Grp, Back Room, Wooden Apple, 22nd &amp; Martha, 2-4pm,</p> <p>PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm</p> <p>Nat'l Coming Out Day, Milo Bail Student Center, UNO, 1-6pm</p>	<p><b>Oct 14 (2nd Monday)</b></p> <p>AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Omaha</p>	<p><b>Oct 15 (2nd Tuesday)</b></p> <p>Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>Free/Confidential HIV Tests by Lancaster Co Health Dept 5-7pm The Panic, Lincoln</p>	<p><b>Oct 16 (2nd Wed)</b></p> <p>GALO Talk Group, 3pm, Q's call Jonathan 571-8518 for info</p>
<p><b>October 20 (3rd Sunday)</b></p> <p>Fronrunners, 10am, Mt Vernon Garden, Omaha</p> <p>Community Resource Center Development Mtg, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 2-5pm</p> <p>PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/995-5490</p> <p>Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488</p>	<p><b>Oct 21 (3rd Monday)</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 22 (3rd Tuesday)</b></p> <p>NOW-Nat'l Org for Women</p> <p>Lincoln: 7pm, Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, 477-1226</p> <p>Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p>	<p><b>Oct 23 (3rd Wed)</b></p>
<p><b>October 27 (4th Sunday)</b></p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends -- Set Clocks Back One Hour</p> <p>Fronrunners, 10am, Burke H.S., Omaha</p> <p>Lambda Business Assoc, 3pm, Lincoln, 483-6183</p> <p>MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215, Lincoln</p>	<p><b>Oct 28 (4th Monday)</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 29 (4th Tuesday)</b></p> <p>PFLAG, 7pm Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Topic "Gay Marriage" Lincoln, 467-4599</p> <p>Straight Spouse Support Group 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln</p> <p>Fronrunners Monthly Mtg, 6:30pm, Omaha, 496-3658</p>	<p><b>Oct 30 (4th Wed)</b></p> <p>GALO Talk Group, 3pm, Q's call Jonathan 571-8518 for info</p>
<p><b>November 3 (1st Sunday)</b></p> <p>Fronrunners, 10am, Omaha</p>	<p><b>Nov 4 (1st Mon)</b></p> <p>ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, The Omaha Mining Company</p>	<p><b>Nov 5 (1st Tuesday)</b></p> <p>ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, 3923 Farnam, Omaha</p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South &amp; 11th St., Lincoln</p>	<p><b>Nov 6 (1st Wed)</b></p>

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY	EVERY FRIDAY	EVERY SATURDAY
<p><b>HIV Test Site, NAP</b>, 3610 Dodge, Ste 110, <b>Omaha</b> 7-9:30pm</p> <p><b>G/L Alcoholics Anonymous</b>, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" <b>Lincoln</b>, Call V.J. 477-3526</p> <p><b>Univ. of Nebr-Kearney GLBT Support Grp.</b> 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg. info Call Ronnie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312</p>	<p><b>Outreach Center</b>, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Lesbian Discussion Grp</b> <b>Lincoln</b> 7pm 488-2043</p> <p><b>Youth Talkline</b>, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, <b>Lincoln</b></p> <p><b>Network Q</b>, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, <b>Lincoln</b></p> <p><b>Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative"</b> Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74th <b>Lincoln</b>: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214</p>	<p><b>Lincoln Women for Sobriety</b>, 10am, Gathering Place, <b>Lincoln</b>, Judith 472-2598</p> <p><b>Womens Support Grp.</b> 11am, MCC-<b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Youth Support Grp.</b> 291-6781, age 13-21 gay lesbian, or questioning sexuality, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Youth Talkline</b>, 7p-12m, 473-7932, <b>Lincoln</b></p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Oct 3 (1st Thursday)</b> <b>Gay &amp; Lesbian Parents Support Group</b>, 7:30pm, MCC-<b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Citizens for Equal Protection</b>, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, <b>Omaha</b></p>	<p><b>October 4 (1st Friday)</b> <b>Outreach Center</b>, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm &amp; 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, <b>Omaha</b></p>	<p><b>October 5 (1st Saturday)</b> <b>Heartland Gay Rodeo Association</b>, General Meeting, <b>Des Moines, IA</b></p> <p><b>River City Gender Alliance</b>, for Transgender community, Box 3112, <b>Omaha</b> 68103</p>
<p><b>Oct 10 (2nd Thursday)</b> <b>F-FLAG</b> 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass <b>Omaha</b> 291-6781 7pm</p> <p><b>Straight Spouse Suppt Grp</b> 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781</p>	<p><b>October 11 (2nd Friday)</b> <b>Fronrunners Friday Afternoon Club</b>, The Chesterfield, <b>Omaha</b>, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>HGRA Royalty Step Down Show</b>, The Chesterfield, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>ONYX Images</b> 5th Year Anniversary, <b>Omaha</b></p>	<p><b>October 12 (2nd Saturday)</b> <b>Fronrunners</b>, 9am, Ford Birthsite, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>HGRA Royalty Competition</b>, DC's, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>SAGE Coffee House</b> 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, <b>Lincoln</b>, 488-4178</p> <p><b>ONYX Images</b> 5th Year Anniversary, <b>Omaha</b></p>
<p><b>Oct. 17 (3rd Thursday)</b> <b>Metropolitan Club</b>, 6:30pm, Neon Goose, 10 &amp; Pacific, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>GLAGN Support Group</b>, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235</p>	<p><b>October 18 (3rd Friday)</b> <b>Womyn's Book Discussion Group</b>, Call Laurie 556-0937 or Beth 435-2418</p> <p><b>Outreach Center</b>, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm &amp; 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>ACLU Anniversary Dinner</b>, <b>Lincoln</b></p>	<p><b>October 19 (3rd Saturday)</b> <b>Suzanne Westenhoffer Concert</b>, Jocelyn Gallery, Witherspoon Concert Hall, <b>Omaha</b></p>
<p><b>Oct. 24 (4th Thursday)</b></p>	<p><b>October 25 (4th Friday)</b> Last Day to Register to Vote in Nebraska!</p>	<p><b>October 26 (4th Saturday)</b> <b>Fronrunners</b>, 9am, Ford Birthsite, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Omaha Players Club</b>, 2pm, Workshop S &amp; M 101; 8pm, Play Party</p> <p><b>American Professional &amp; Business Guild</b>, <b>Sioux City, IA</b>, For Information, write: ABPG, Box 142, <b>Sioux City, Iowa</b> 51102</p> <p><b>ANGLE Recognition Dinner</b>, Best Western Central, <b>Ashland</b></p> <p><b>Halloween Parties:</b> <b>GLAGN</b>, Izaak Walton, <b>Grand Island</b></p>
<p><b>October 31 (5th Thursday)</b> <b>Transgender Fall Harvest</b>, Cedar Rapids, <b>IA</b></p>	<p><b>November 1 (1st Friday)</b> <b>Outreach Center</b>, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm &amp; 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Transgender Fall Harvest</b>, Cedar Rapids, <b>IA</b></p>	<p><b>November 2 (1st Saturday)</b> <b>River City Gender Alliance</b>, for Transgender community, (402) 398-1255</p> <p><b>Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc.</b> Elections and Awards Dinner, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Transgender Fall Harvest</b>, Cedar Rapids, <b>IA</b></p>
<p><b>Nov 7 (1st Thursday)</b> <b>CFEP</b>, 7pm, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>G/L Parents</b>, 7:30pm, <b>Omaha</b></p>	<p><b>November 8 (2nd Friday)</b></p>	<p><b>November 9 (2nd Saturday)</b> <b>Fronrunners</b>, 9am, Ford Birthsite, <b>Omaha</b></p> <p><b>SAGE Coffee House</b> 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, <b>Lincoln</b>, 488-4178</p>

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## ORGANIZATIONS EVERYONE WELCOME!

Attend the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) Board Meeting **Monday, October 7**, at The New Omaha Mining Company, 1712 Leavenworth, Omaha, 7 pm

"New members welcome for the gay and lesbian organization at UNO (GALO). Join the fun at the Milo Bail Student Center, Jenkins Room. We meet every Wednesday from 4 - 6 p.m. Fun activities planned every month such as gay and lesbian creative night, movie nights, coffee talk and the creation of a speaker's bureau. If you have any questions contact Jonathan Raymond—President of GALO—at 571-8518" (Nv96)

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