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## HOPEFUL IN OMAHA

by Scott Lowther

Some of us opt for the glamor and excitement of a long-term, committed relationship. In so doing we will have to decide between monogamy and an open arrangement. It is to the individuals or couples who are struggling (or have struggled) with this issue that this article is written.

Several studies have been conducted on this topic during the past 20 years. Most of these occurred in the 1970's or before, making their usefulness in 1993 somewhat questionable. The studies most commonly referred to are the Hite Report, the Kinsey Study, and one which was published as a book under the title *The Male Couple*. This article will discuss these three studies briefly and make some observations which seem appropriate in Omaha, NE in 1993.

The Hite Report dealt with human sexuality in general. Due to the necessity of summarizing each of these studies within the brief confines of this article, suffice it to say that the "bottom-line" of the Hite Report was that some type of sexual infidelity occurs during the course of a relationship. It is noteworthy that the relationships studied were heterosexual. The majority of the male respondents who participated in the study self-reported that they had engaged in some type of extra-marital sex within the first 2-5 years of their marriages. Women respondents, not surprisingly, reported a much lower incidence of extra-marital sexual encounters.

The Kinsey Study is notable for its contribution to our notion of a continuum of human sexuality. In other words, according to Kinsey, very few individuals are one-hundred percent homosexual or heterosexual. The study found that most people's sexual experiences, and correspondingly their orientation, falls along a continuum. If true, this concept would mean that gays and straights are more alike than different because we've not the polarized opposites we

have historically believed ourselves to be.

In *The Male Couple* the authors developed the idea of a series of "stages" male couples evolve through the longer they are together. These stages overlap and generally occur gradually over a period of 20 years or more. These seven stages include periods such as 'blending' and 'nesting'. According to the approximately 1200 male couples the authors interviewed, one-hundred percent were designing some sort type of "open" relationship rules after the first 1-2 years of "marriage."

These three studies paint what some, including myself, may view as a depressing reality of the issues facing couples who want the "happy-ever-after" fairytale expectations many of us have grown up with. They seem to indicate that the notion of monogamy, at least in same-sex pairings between males, is impossible. Maybe it is. I hope it isn't.

Over the years I have known a large number of gay couples and I have been involved in my own relationships. Admittedly, I am unacquainted with very many, if any, male couples who are one-hundred percent monogamous. I specify male couples because, according to the data available, and from my own non-scientific experience, lesbian couples appear to have a much lower incidence of extra-marital sexual activity than male couples.

Some opinions about this phenomenon can be formed. First, the studies cited occurred during this country's "sexual revolution" during which all relationships experienced a redefining of rules governing sexual fidelity. Secondly, these studies occurred prior to the AIDS epidemic which may have altered some individuals' and couples' behavior. Thirdly, I believe that no matter how many couples a study interviews, there are always exceptions to the so-called "rules" the study cited.

Personally, I have always maintained the belief that a monogamous relationship between two males is possible. Unfortunately, there appear to be few role models available which might support this belief. Since I have been unwilling to be diverted from my original goal of 'marital bliss' I have painfully endured the grief of more than one relationship termination.

This is not to say that I, like most males I know, am not occasionally aroused by the sight of a beautiful face and body; rather, that I believe (or want to believe) in males' ability to control our own behavior, regardless of our physiological urges. Is this idealistic naivete? Do lesbian couples experience this issue or some variation thereof?

Since I don't believe I have the wisdom necessary to answer these questions, and since I vehemently hope that the statistics previously cited by the "experts" aren't absolute, I have decided to enlist the help of REAL EXPERTS—YOU.

Realizing that this little experiment will lack scientific integrity, and understanding that I face the very real possibility that I may get an answer that I don't want to hear, I propose the following:

- That everyone who reads this article, relates to it, knows someone who relates to it, or has an opinion relating to it write to me, in care of *The New Voice of Nebraska* by August 15, 1993.
- That these responses include the respondent's name (optional), age, sex, current relationship status and length of time involved with your current (or ex-) partner.
- That respondents include information about whether or not your current relationship is monogamous or open and the reasons you and your partner chose that option. You might also include your general perception about how it seems to be working for you, the advantages and disadvantages, and whether you would choose that option again if you had it to do over again.
- Confidentiality is assured.

The results of this non-scientific inquiry will be published in the October *New Voice*. Anyone who knows of recent empirical studies on this subject with results contrary to those discussed above can also contact me via *The New Voice*.

The fate of my idealism rests with you, our readers. I anxiously await the insight and collective wisdom I know our community possesses. Until October, I remain, "Hopeful in Omaha."



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Yours sincerely,  
Brian Strader  
(Co-founder of MANE MEN)

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## BURGLARY REDUCES ICON'S OPERATING FUNDS

Dear Editor,

The Board of Governors of The Imperial Court of Nebraska has asked me to inform the gay and lesbian community of Nebraska and SW Iowa of the facts and status of a burglary of ICON funds.

Approximately \$2511 of the Coronation funds was burglarized from the home of Joe Reed, ICON treasurer, during the week of June 21. A police report has been filed, and the burglary is under investigation. The police do have a suspect, and they expect to act on that this week (7/12/93).

Attorneys advise us that if criminal action is taken by the state, it is possible that a judge will include restitution as a part of the sentencing. If restitution does not take place as a result of the criminal proceedings, ICON has the option of suing the burglar in a civil suit. We also have the option of holding Joe financially liable for the loss.

The Board of Governors wants you to know that they intend to pursue complete restitution of the stolen funds. The Board has removed Joe Reed as treasurer for not depositing the funds in a timely fashion. The Board is thankful that the Coronation funds are not funds designated to help us serve the gay and lesbian community through the various groups. The funds are, however, the operating dollars that we generally use throughout the year to provide the front money for picnics, shows, etc. So until these funds have been returned, ICON will be operating with a low cash flow. We do not at this time anticipate any changes in our usual summer and fall activities.

We will keep you posted as to the progress of the situation. Please bear with us as we work "through the system." If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 556-9907 or drop us a letter: ICON, P.O. Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Carla Petersen  
ICON President

## CRUISERS, BEWARE!!

Dear New Voice,

I'm penning this letter as a serious warning to you fellow gay men who've been known to cruise Omaha parks. Beware! The parks are full of undercover cops, cracking down on cruisers. Take it from me, one who got arrested a few nights back.

Yes, I've done my share of cruising. And my point here is not to debate the morality of cruising. My point is this: if you cruise parks, you can easily get arrested. Listen to the mistake I made.

I cruised a park near 96th and Center Streets. It was late at night, dark, only a few people around. Certainly no children. I started talking to a guy who happened to be gorgeous and seemed interested. Unfortunately, he also happened to be an undercover cop—a decoy.

Now, you've heard the line about asking a potential trick if he's a cop. Right? If he lies to you it's entrapment. Well, think again. I asked this guy, "Are you a cop?" He looked at me and said, "No, are you?"

In the end, as this decoy/officer was giving me a ticket for lewd conduct, I said to him, "I asked if you were a cop and you said 'no'. 'I am a cop,'" he said, flashing his badge. "That's a big myth about asking." He went on to say, "In undercover work (including narcotics) a lot of people ask us if we're cops. We always say no and it's not entrapment." So.... if you're one who thought you could avoid undercover cops by asking the guy if he's a cop, take note.

The end result is a hundred dollar fine (for first offense) and the risk of public exposure and/or embarrassment if your name gets printed in the paper—in the small print under "sentencing." It's not the kind of thing you want printed, is it?

As for me, I'm now considering alternatives to cruising. If you choose to cruise, my advice would include: tell a guy you prefer to leave the park to talk. Don't do (e.g. touch or grope—this will get you a lewd conduct ticket) anything or say anything suggestive to someone you don't know or trust in the parks.

Signed,  
Ticked and Embarrassed

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## RESPONSE TO HECKLER

Dear Editor and NVN Readers,

While attending the pro-life Mother's Day March, a pro-abortion and obviously a NVN reader, shouted "Andrew, you're next!"

I thought gay people believed in the right to privacy but apparently something overrides this right, political loyalty. Some of you think that being pro-life is contrary to gay rights, but such thinking is very narrow minded. Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and columnist Nat Hentoff are both pro-life and pro-gay rights just as I am. And I might add that the Democrats aren't the gay friendly people that others think they are. Have you heard what Peter Hoagland and Exon have said? They want a compromise on the ban on gays in the military. Need I mention Sam Nunn? Or should I remind you of Clinton wanting to segregate gay and lesbian people from heterosexual people? Because of my actions, there are no "God hates fags!" signs at the pro-life march and there is no homophobic literature being distributed at the marches. In fact, most often when homosexuals are criticized by the pro-life movement, it is because gay and lesbian people defend abortion clinics, as if homosexuals were demanding to have one. Why gay and lesbians continue to defend abortion clinics is somewhat mysterious.

Are you jealous of heterosexuals because they can have babies and you can't? Why are gay and lesbian people so interested in defending what most heterosexuals find abhorrent? The attack on gay and lesbian people has had a resurgence because of conspiracists and hate groups and down right anti-Clinton mood among the public. Much of the current homophobia will fade in the next few years, because it is a trend.

I am tired of narrow-minded people and their reactionary politics. I am braver and smarter than you (my personal heckler). Even when I am down, I am more balanced than you. I don't drown my feelings in alcohol, and don't subscribe to a fatalistic view of the world. And I certainly don't feel sorry for myself and I don't seek to make people my enemy. I am not afraid to admit when I am wrong, and I certainly don't need to think like other people for the purpose of being accepted. "Hitler was pro-life," how damn ignorant can one be? Don't they know Jewish and Polish women were subjugated to mandatory abortion by Hitler? You, my personal heckler, state that legal abortions prevents women from dying but legal status did not make abortion safer.

Women still die at the same ratio as before if not higher as later term abortions are more dangerous and occur more frequently under legalization. A woman has a right to choose abortion just as much as Hitler had a right to kill Jewish babies. You stood in front of an abortion clinic, where a doctor was alleged to have fallen asleep while performing abortions, and said "prolife your name is a lie, you don't care if women die. Not the Church nor the State, women ALONE will decide their fate." I suppose you could carry that policy to domestic violence, sexual harassment, and rape, and say "women ALONE will decide their fate." I suppose that policy could be picked up by the the homophobes while they beat the hell out of gay people. "Not the Church nor the State, fags ALONE will decide their fate". Sounds to me like the Reagan administration's policy on AIDS.

My personal heckler yelled "Andrew, you're next!" What? On your list? Only in your wet dreams.

Defiant,  
Andrew Sullivan

## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

Of all the varied responsibilities that have confronted me since Wayne's death, none has me feeling mixed emotions like the "socially correct" issue of sending out Thank You cards. Quite frankly I don't understand why one should say "Thank You" for the flowers or the card you sent. Or "Thank You" for attending the service. So, I'm not.

I do, however, wish to take this opportunity to say to the community, both straight and gay, a very heartfelt thank you for all that you did preceding Wayne's death. It would be a vain effort to try to express in words all that I experienced in my short, but full life with Wayne, but that's not the issue here.

I simply wish to say how incredibly proud and strong I feel because of the love and support, the highs and the lows, the good times and bad times that I was witness to between all of you and Wayne. I am now, and will always be in amazement at how our community as a whole can concentrate on and genuinely be involved in an individual's life, and what an effect that commitment can make.

It goes without saying that Wayne was dedicated to AIDS education in general, and that he was a major influence in fund raising for the P.W.A. Fund in Omaha. What needs to be said though, is that he could not have done it as well, and perhaps not as long as he did, without your involvement.

I cannot tell you how much this meant to Wayne. I hope you experienced the feelings of appreciation and love from Wayne when you were with him as I did. I can tell you that it meant a great deal to me, and know that the same love and support is there for me and others in our community brings me great peace of mind and lifts a sad heart.

So on Wayne's behalf, I say thank you for always being there for him and his cause, and for myself, for being there then and down the road ahead.

Tracy S. Heintzleman

## THANKS

Dear New Voice,

On behalf of the members of ANGLE I wish to personally Thank You for your part in the fund raising effort at the MAX last month. Because of your participation we raised over \$700.

Thanks for helping us out.

Dave England  
Moderator

## THANKS NVN

Dear Editor,

This letter is to let you know that as of September 9, 1993, I will no longer be in prison; therefore, please take my name off the list for the New Voice prison project. I would like to thank all of you for sending me the New Voice while I've been in prison. You've helped me stay in contact with the gay community through your gift of the New Voice. Not only having to deal with this prison, I also am living with AIDS, but I have maintained my pride as a loving, caring gay man, and I truly love all my gay brothers and sisters. Again, thank you so very much. When I get out, I will be sending you my paid subscription to the New Voice. Love and Thanks...Jeffrey Melton

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# FEATURES

## A FANTASY IN LEATHER BECOMES REALITY An Interview With Amy Marie Meek, International Ms Leather '93

By Sharon Van Butsel

Amy Marie Meek, 26, is the reigning IMsL - International Ms Leather. She won the title in San Francisco on March 20th in competition with 8 other contestants from across the country. The contestants competed in personal interviews, speech, fantasy, attitude and image. Amy did well in all categories, but her personal interview scores were far ahead of all the other contestants. This is not surprising for those of us who know how deeply Amy Marie feels about important issues of life and how knowledgeable she is about them. Since winning the title, Amy has been traveling extensively, but I was able to meet with her for the following interview.

Sharon--When did you first become involved in Leather?

Amy--I became involved in the leather community in 1990 when I went to Fantasy for the first time. I was playing before that but then I found out about the community aspect of it.

S--What do you mean "community aspect"?

A--Basically I mean community as being a family working together rather than a group of individuals with interests in common. There's a sense of support and political affirmation.

S--I know lots of people who are into leather but they don't win international titles. What led you to run for the IMsL title?

A--I can't really say why -- maybe stupidity, maybe death threats and persuasion. No, seriously, when I do things in my life I tend to do them in a big way. I really got inspired from my work with the March on Washington. Knowing what a national network -- the people you meet -- and seeing the changes you can make on a national scale is amazing.

S--You already had a local title, didn't you?

A--Yes, I had a local title but I wanted to show the world what Nebraska had to offer -- that we had a viable leather community.

S--You are or were Ms Nebraska Leather?

A--I still currently am because we changed the contest from March to October so I still hold the title because it hasn't been given to anyone else. We moved the date in order to give the local winners a better chance to prepare for the national contest. If I would have run for IMsL right after I won the state title I would have only had two weeks to prepare.

S--What do you intend to do with your title?

A-- Basically change the communication across the country. That's what I've been doing in individual communities. I've been having leadership meetings with the leaders of all the local leather organizations. The format we chose basically is that they come together and talk. It's not me coming in and lecturing them on how to have a community. If they're having problems it's probably because they aren't communicating. Group A wasn't at a meeting and Group B didn't know why and started imagining the reasons and getting all stirred up. If you're having problems in a community, it almost always can be solved with communication.

S--Is that a problem in the Omaha community?

A--With the Omaha leather community it's not necessarily that the groups don't get along because there aren't that many groups to deal with; it's because people are insecure about coming out. Coming out in leather/S/M is like a second coming out experience except that it's harder because it isn't as accepted and there isn't the support in the gay and lesbian community.

S--Do you find that people don't accept you?

A--People respond to me differently than before I came out in leather. They aren't as likely to come up and just say "Hi" when they don't know me, because they know of me which isn't always the way I really am. Friends tell me of conversations they hear where people talk about things I do and some are totally off base.

S--So what are you really like?

A--I'm really the same person I was before I was in leather--just my interests have changed. Now I'm really into the safe, sane, and consensual exploring of a S/M/fetish lifestyle, but my favorite interest at this point in time is educating others about what I've learned and dispelling myths.

S--What is the most prevalent myth?

A--That S/M is abuse.

S--How's S/M different than abuse?

A--The difference being that S/M activities may sometimes seem to be a violent act but it's really a mutual consenting act between two adults. The adults have come to some form of agreement on a "power exchange." The activities they pursue enhance that exchange. Abuse is non-consensual, violent, and wrong.

S--If someone is curious about S/M or leather in general, what would you suggest they do?

A--In the Omaha area they can contact the Omaha Players Club at 451-7967. The group was formed in response to what I see as a problem in this community--some people are afraid to come out and there are others who need a way to learn more about safe, sane, and consensual activities.

S--Will you be at Fantasy on August 20 & 21?

A--Yes. Over the past couple years I've become deeply involved in Fantasy. I'll be deeply involved in the programs and the show.

S--What will be going on at Fantasy?

A--Fantasy this year will be bigger and better than ever. We'll have over 100 titleholders. Saturday will be full of more workshops than we've ever had before, including titleholder-oriented workshops on how to be a better title holder. The workshops will be at the Radisson-Redick. The show on Saturday night will be at The MAX. No one will want to miss this show.

S--So where are you off to next?

A--I've been in 17 cities in three months. Next I'm going back to St. Louis for the Midwest Leather Conference, then I'm here in Omaha getting ready for Fantasy. Then to Seattle and then to San Francisco to see Emerson step down as International Mr Drummer. That will be September 25.

S--Any last words?

A--I just want to encourage people to run for Mr and Ms Leather Nebraska in the fall. You never know where it might take you. People tend to forget that Emerson and I hold joint titles. We both started out with the Mr and Ms Leather Nebraska Titles and now we're both international title holders. And we're both very tired -- it's hard work but it's worth it.

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# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: WASSAU MATTER?

by Shelley Roberts

I really hated to do it, but I had no choice. I had to fire the insurance agent.

Now what on earth, you are probably asking yourself, does that have to do with you? Well, since you asked, I'll tell you.

A while back, I got into serious trouble with a reader who took issue with me when I wrote about all the lesbian and gay men I do business with. The Mechanic. The Cleaners. The Printer. The Vet. The Dyke Doc. The Insurance Agent. Because I didn't mention any of the straight business people I interact with, she took me to task for being "Heterophobic."

Imagine! Me? Well, don't worry, she didn't live long.

The PC Swat team surrounded her house, chucked in tear gas, wrestled her to the sidewalk, handcuffed her, tossed into the PC Police Car, and sped her off for Community Retraining. Well, okay, no. Actually, what they did was to bury her in responding letters that said stuff like, "When the world's a better place, and all of us are equal...". "Heterosexuality is alive and well without our help, but supporting our own, that's a conscious choice."

She hasn't written any letters to the editor again that we know of. At least not in this country. And I continue to espouse the active use of businesses in our own community. I think of it as my side of the deal.

But, yes, I did fire the dyke insurance agent. It started off okay. When we needed new car insurance, we called for a quote for a two-lesbians-over-twenty-five-no-garage household. She wrote up your standard don't-run-over-anybody-or-into anything-and-never-make-a-claim policy. I signed a note roughly equivalent to the national debt for a small agrarian country, and we drove away dyke-insured.

Then Judi had her accident. Oh, nothing serious, thanks for asking. It just shook her up a bit. But it did do damage to a couple of Japanese quarter panels. And the insurance agent never called to ask if Judi was okay.

Of course, technically, that's not her job. Technically her job is to go to the insurance companies involved to make certain that we don't get substandard, made-in-Cleveland replacement parts. It's her job to see that the insurance companies pay for the installation of those replacement parts in a service organization that is not currently under indictment. Still, we are in the same networking group. We have most of our friends in common. It would have been really good business to call, don't you think? And besides, she didn't do all that well at getting us the

kind of company response we felt we deserved.

And then there are the tricks that an insurance agent, especially a dyke insurance agent, can play on your behalf. They're not illegal, or even misleading. But they can set up your policies so that two officially unrelated people living in the same household and sharing the same cars can get better rates. Not as good as if they were legally married, but not as much as if they were Hell's Angels trying to insure their Harley Hogs.

She didn't get us that rate. She got us into an expensive, special assigned risk rate pool. "Sorry," she said.

It cost a thousand bucks extra a year. We were sorry, too. Especially since I had a perfect driving record. No accidents. No tickets in the last five years for anything they could catch me at. So why do I have to pay so much extra freight?

"But," we said. "She's our Dyke Insurer, she wouldn't lead us wrong, would she?" We paid the premium.

Then I ran into another (non-dyke) agent, who quoted us a rate with a company with a name actually listed in my phone book. For a thousand bucks less. Oh, sure, he had to do a little homework to see that we got it. But he thought it was good business to do his homework. We did too. We signed up immediately. (The old agent still hasn't noticed that I canceled the policy with her company. Or bothered to ask why.)

Our local lesbian book store closed over a year ago. The proprietrix shuttered the doors, complaining bitterly about no community support. She never mentioned that she had almost no stock. Or that she never smiled when anybody came into her store. Or that, since she hardly read anything she carried, she couldn't recommend anything. After about one visit, nobody went back, making it nearly impossible for the woman who followed to do any business.

On the other hand, when I needed to replace the old shiny black sports car with a new shiny sports car, the dyke mechanic went out of her way to see if she could get me a better price than the local dealership. Though I won't need her services till the warranty runs out, whenever anyone asks me for the name of a good mechanic, guess who I recommend? Just like I recommend the dyke optician, who does better on price than Lens-Crafters, and remembers your name when you walk in the door. Good business practices deserve more business.

The idea of doing business in our community, of putting our money where our vested interest is, is, I think, still the best idea. And our part of the bargain.

But don't you just hate it when community businesses truly believe we automatically owe them a living just because they're lesbians or gay men. Regardless of what kind of service, quality, or product they offer. Phooey!

There isn't enough money in circulation these days, that we can afford to donate an unnecessary thou' buck a year to business owner's incompetence just because we live in the same associated neighborhood. What we owe them is a chance to learn something from their failures.

So, you see, I had no choice. I had to fire the insurance agent.

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## INTERNATIONAL HOME EXCHANGE CLUB OPENS U.S. HOTLINE

Club EX Network, the International Home Exchange and Hospitality Club recently established a Toll Free Number for information in the U.S. The organization, launched last year and based in London, is the first home exchange and hospitality networking service for Gays and Lesbians worldwide.

The home exchange service helps vacationers travel for much lower costs, since the cost of housing is reduced to zero. It also encourages cultural exchange between Gays and Lesbians of different countries.

With over 120 members worldwide, the Club was founded as an alternative to "straight" home-exchange organizations, since many Gay and Lesbian travelers prefer to arrange home exchanges without feeling the need to hide their sexual orientation.

Club Membership for one year costs approximately the same as one night in a downtown hotel. Member's confidentiality is assured. For more information on the "Club Ex Network" call 1-800-787-0010 or write Doug Rattray, Club EX Exchange, PO Box 101, London SW12 0PR, UK, (Tel/Fax +44/81 675 6195.)

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# HAWAII'S HISTORIC SAME-SEX MARRIAGE RULING STANDS

The Hawaii Supreme Court turned down the State Attorney General's request to reconsider its May 5 ruling that said that the State's refusal to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples is unconstitutional. In answering the State's request for reconsideration Hawaii's highest court made clear that the State must prove a "compelling interest" or lift the ban on same-sex marriages. The court's most recent edict, which was supported by a majority of the court, means that other states will be able to use the May 5 ruling in efforts to legalize same-sex marriage elsewhere.

Hawaii supporters of equal rights hailed the May 5 ruling a victory for all people wishing to end gender-based discrimination. "We're overjoyed and we couldn't be more pleased, and we now expect to prevail ultimately on the issues of gay marriages," said Dan Foley, attorney for the three gay couples who filed the original law suit against the state as part of the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project (HERMP).

The HERMP project began in December of 1990 when three Oahu couples applied for and were denied marriage licenses. The couples then filed a law suit against the state of Hawaii in May of 1991, for denying them the right to marry someone of the same gender. After the suit was dismissed by the state circuit court in September of 1991, before reaching the trial stage, the three courts appealed to the state supreme court.

In its divided opinion (2-1-1), the Hawaii Court stated that the state could no longer base its recognition of marriage on the gender of either person involved and that discrimination by government on the basis of gender will be subject to the same type of exacting scrutiny applied to racial, ethnic and religious discrimination. Discrimination of this type, said the Court, will be

presumed invalid and will be declared unconstitutional unless the state can show a compelling public interest served by the regulation and that it has attempted to meet that interest by employing the least restrictive form of regulation.

By applying the same heightened scrutiny to sex-based classifications, Hawaii's highest court made plain what many state courts and the U.S. Supreme Court have only implied under the state and federal constitutional guarantee to equal protection: gender discrimination by government will no longer be tolerated. Thus, *Baehry v. Lewin* also marks a huge victory for the women of Hawaii, as it says that the state court will now view gender-based distinctions with more skepticism than do our federal courts.

"The burden now imposed by the Court on the state is identical to that used by courts in the 1960s to overturn regulations that discriminated on the basis of race, including state laws in the South that prohibited interracial marriage," notes ACLU-Hawaii Legal Director, Carl Varady "We believe the prohibition on same-gender marriage is based on the same prejudice, ignorance and faulty reasoning that previously were used to rationalize state laws banning interracial marriage. No thinking person would try to justify legal sanction against interracial marriage today, and we believe a similar dissipation of prejudice will occur if the courts across the nation strike down the ban on same gender-marriage."

Hawaii's Attorney General, Robert Marks, immediately announced the State's opposition to the ruling. Marks said he will defend the state's marriage statute, "not out of homophobia", but because of "compelling state interests" such as the enormous cost the state would have to shoulder if forced to provide spousal benefits to same-sex

partners living together.

"What about how much it costs to pay for benefits of opposite-sex couples?" asks HERMP Plaintiff Joe Melillo, in response to the attorney general's position. "By pointing to the disparity in benefits, the state is only highlighting its own discrimination," Melillo notes. "Last I heard, equal rights were not for sale."

Hawaii's Attorney General also asked that the state's arguments be reconsidered on the grounds that the May 5 decision was unprecedented and that it did not represent the opinion of the majority of the Court. The opinion, issued by Justice Steven Levinson, was also signed by Chief Justice Ronald Moon. A Substitute Associate Justice, James Burns, agreed with the prevailing opinion but suggested that a ban on same-sex marriages might be unconstitutional only if homosexuality was shown to be biologically fated.

A new Associate Justice, Paula Nakayama, agreed with the High Court's refusal to reconsider the case. Nakayama, Levinson and Moon now form a majority of justices agreeing that the origin of one's sexual orientation is not relevant. The only decision left is whether the state can provide compelling reasons to justify its refusal to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The case has been remanded to trial court. A final decision affirming equal rights is expected to be made by the Hawaii Supreme Court within the next two years. HERMP organizers, however, concede that finances may play a vital role in the ability to secure the over 100 legal rights associated with civil marriage. A \$25,000 legal bill continues to mount and organizers anticipate the need for

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# ABOUT THE COUPLES OF HAWAII'S HERMP LAWSUIT



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## Joe Melillo and Patrick Lagon

Joe Melillo, 46, and Patrick Lagon, 36, have been a couple for 15 years. They own and operate a successful screen printing company in Honolulu.

Patrick, one of ten children, was born and raised in the islands. He handles the artistic side of the business he maintains with Joe.

Joe, a native of New Jersey, made Hawaii his home 28 years ago. He teaches home economics and culinary arts at the University of Hawaii, was chef for the governor, set up a real estate brokerage, and created his own design company.

Once the state approves their legal marriage, Joe and Pat plan to make their vows to each other immediately. "We're gonna run downtown and grab the first person that will marry us," says Joe. "We've waited too long already."

Eventually, however, Joe and Pat plan to have a big wedding reception with their families, friends, and all the trimmings. The only thing they haven't decided is who should toss the bouquet.

## Ninia Baehr and Genora Dancel

Introduced to each other by Ninia's mother, Ninia and Genora are going on their fourth year as a couple. Born in Honolulu, they enjoys kayaking in the ocean off Kailua.

Genora became the first female engineer to work at a local television station. She stays extremely busy with two full-time engineering jobs and plans to begin pre-med studies.

Ninia is a coordinator of the University of Hawaii's Women's Center. With a master's degree in American Women's Hi(er)story, Ninia uses her talents to fight human rights violations.

Ninia's and Genora's parents are supportive of their pursuit to marry. "My mother brags about picking out her future daughter-in-law," says Ninia. "She knew that Genora and I would make a good couple. I guess mother knows best."

Ninia and Genora plan to have an extremely private wedding on the slopes of Mount Haleakala on Maui, with just a minister and two witnesses. "The lawsuit was for everyone, but the wedding will be just for us," says Ninia.



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much more backing to help educate Hawaii citizens about the positive implications of same-sex marriage.

"We hope everyone takes this opportunity to come out and support this equal rights movement," says Ninia Baehr, HERMP Co-Chair. All contributions will do a lot to keep us moving forward," Baehr notes. (HERMP tax-deductible contributions can be sent to: HERMP c/o GLCC, 1820 University Ave. #8, Honolulu, HI 96822.)

## HAWAII EQUAL RIGHTS PROPONENTS URGE "MAINLAND" SUPPORT

Riding the crest of the equal rights wave, organizers for the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project (HERMP) call for the participation of the national lesbian, gay and bisexual community. With the Hawaii Supreme Court's decision declaring the state ban against same-sex marriage unconstitutional unless the state can prove a compelling state interest, Hawaii is on the to being the first state to legally recognize same-sex marriages. With this will come the entitlement of over 100 civil rights and privileges previously denied to lesbian and gay couples; health care benefits, survivorship laws, and tax deductions to name a few.

If same-sex marriage is legalized in Hawaii, the burden will then be on the other states to justify not recognizing marriages performed in Hawaii. A victory in Hawaii will bring other states one step closer to full recognition of equal rights.

Community members and community-supportive people interested in joining the forefront of the marriage rights pursuit should contact the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project (HERMP), c/o of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (GLCC) of Hawaii, 1820 University Ave. #8, Honolulu, HI 96822, telephone (808) 951-7000. HERMP is an all-volunteer, grassroots, tax-deductible, 501(C)(3) group, striving to promote loving relationships.



## T.S.

by Brian E. Bengston

It's been nearly a decade since  
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in your downtown apt.  
Nine years to the day  
you gave me a bottle of poppers  
and told me to  
"cum like a madwoman."  
Seven years have past,  
we all got drunk on New Year's  
and you shared me with your lover.  
Five years ago,  
I was doing you on the stairs  
while he was at work.  
Sometime last year  
they tore down your house.  
Yesterday I realized  
I couldn't remember your face.

### MIDNIGHT EMBRACE

By Elmore

How soft and smooth your golden eyes and hair  
Glisten beneath the candle's hazy gleam;  
Ethereal, your godlike beauty seems  
As natural here with me, your love to share,  
As muscles fit your Herculean frame.  
How warm your gentle hands with strokes  
sincere  
Rub mine, assure me: "Never need you fear  
The end of this eternal taper's flame."  
I smile, and bathe myself in your arms of bronze;  
Our soft embrace is painless, safe, as sleep;  
Our midnight hearts melt into one. I weep!  
I've longed to tell you this a dozen dawns:  
But never could I taint the love I feel  
By making all my dreams and wishes real.

## ON GAY RELATIONSHIPS

by Galen H.

The word "gay" and "relationship" seem to be a contradiction in terms. Most gay people are alone in search of the perfect person.

How is it that a group of people who fought so hard to be accepted for what they are can't seem to fight hard enough to keep a relationship together? The gay community must stop obsessing about sex and follow through when they make a commitment to another person.

Most gay people seem to confuse loneliness with sex. It is easy to understand how the sex act would make someone not feel lonely anymore, but after the sex act is over the loneliness does return. So what do most gay people do but find another person to sleep with?

My ex-partner slept with another man only one week after we broke up and I moved out of our home. We had lived together for a year. At first, I was very hurt and angry. I came to the conclusion that I meant nothing to him. However, this was not the case. Actually, the sex act happened because he was lonely. In fact, we still are the best of friends and are learning a lot about ourselves and each other.

Another aspect of sex that makes gay relationships difficult is seeing a community that seems to be having so much fun sleeping with anyone they wish. When you are exposed to this mentality and you see a cute guy, it makes your partner seem less-than-perfect. You begin to have sexual fantasies about others and it makes you wonder if you are meant to be with the "ball and chain."

Inevitably, the relationship fails and the sexual acts to cover up loneliness begin. Ironically you discover there is nothing in the community you were missing except cheap sex.

The most important gifts you can give to someone are honesty and trust. When these are taken away it makes keeping a commitment next to impossible.

So if you love someone be honest and give them a reason to trust and stay with you. In a relationship when sexual fantasies occur it is important to discuss them openly with your partner. Both of you must promise not to panic and understand that it can be worked out and that your relationship is not doomed. As long as you keep your commitment and remain honest you will reach a plateau of understanding. The concept may seem very simple but to keep a relationship, you must be committed to "each other." This may mean that once you find your perfect person you cease going to the bars or to other such pick-up joints except on rare occasions.

Discover new thing that you can do alone and together. You can still have your friends, and so can be, just limit them to ones you both can trust. This may seem a little extreme to some but there should be no need to go to cruise joints if you have the one you've been searching for. If you have decided to be alone then feel free to go to the bars every night. But don't be blinded and wonder why you never have a relationship that lasts, if you continue in the same manner as you did when you were single.

## CREATING CHANGE '93

The nation's largest annual gathering of gay and lesbian activists will be held this year for the first time in the South. The Creating Change conference, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), will be held November 10-14, 1993, in Durham, N.C., at the Omni Durham Hotel and Convention Center.

The 1993 conference will include more than 40 skills-building workshops. In addition to the individual workshops, there will be day-long concentrations in critical areas affecting the gay and lesbian movement including: Fight the Right, Civil Rights/Privacy, Anti-Violence, Health, Age

and Aging, Work and Family, International/Stonewall 25, and Sex and Sexuality.

Partial scholarships are available for limited income activists, activists with disabilities and activists of color. To request a scholarship application, write Ivy Young at NGLTF, 1734 14th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

The 1993 Creating Change Conference will mark the event's sixth anniversary. Last year's conference attracted more than 1,200 activists to Los Angeles.

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and what will happen when he visits! But guess what! Uncle Brett arrives, and he looks pretty normal. To Igor and Tiffany's delight, he, too, hates brussel sprouts. Boldly colorful pictures, cute and appealing characters, a storyline that all gays and lesbians can identify with—all of these make Michael Willhoite's newest book a must for the gay or lesbian parent's library. *Uncle What-Is-It Is Coming To Visit* sells for \$12.95 and is available from Alyson Wonderland, an imprint of Alyson Publications, Inc., 40 Plympton St. Boston, Mass. 02118. ISBN 1-55583-205-9

Willhoite is the author of *Daddy's Roommate*—winner of a Lambda Literary Award, *Families: A Coloring Book*—a multicultural, multi-generational book showing children and families in a myriad of activities, and *The Entertainer*—the story of a young man's journey.

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## WILL YOU BE MINE?

Author/Freelance Photographer, Diane Whitacre announces the release of her new book, *Will You Be Mine?* The documentary includes interviews with forty-one gay and lesbian couples and four of the heterosexual couples that filed for the first domestic partnership on February 14, 1991, in San Francisco City Hall.

For many years Whitacre has photographed couples getting married in City Hall on Valentine's Day. She had no idea that her pictures of domestic partners that filed that first day would compel her to write a book. "After pulling the black and white prints I realized that I had photographed an important event that other people should know about," comments Whitacre. She became intrigued with the subject and began to interview many of the couples that filed that day. "They expressed the same wants, hopes, and needs as any heterosexual couple. There were serious thoughts, humor, and comments that could bring you to tears," she continued.

In addition to the photographs and interviews, *Will You Be Mine?* includes a history of domestic partnership, comments from San Francisco city officials, and statistics for the first year. Harry Britt, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, wrote the foreword.

In order to preserve the integrity of *Will You Be Mine?* Whitacre formed her own publishing company, The Crooked Street Press, to produce and distribute the book. It is available by calling the Crooked Street Press at 1-800-466-4401 or by sending \$19.95 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling to the Crooked Street Press, 1317 Grant Avenue, #522, San Francisco, CA 94133.

## OVERCOMING PREJUDICIAL PRESSURE

Psychologists say, "To know what a man is really saying, you must first learn what he is remembering." This theory provides the motivation for a brave new autobiography about one man's struggle to overcome the prejudices placed on him because of his difference.

*The Closets Are Empty...The Dining Room's Full: An Autobiographical Legacy* supplies eye-opening information on gay lifestyles and psychic phenomenon. Scheduled for release in October 1993 by Ponderosa Publishing House, this insightful book provides a window through which increased awareness can be viewed.

Lundon discovered early in life that society was unaccepting of those who were different. When he began to have psychic experiences, his father's negative attitude persuaded him to keep them secret. Today a strong believer in New Age concepts, he has developed and refined his ability to give psychic readings, provide spiritual healing, and bring on out-of-body experiences.

Although he discovered his homosexuality at age 12, this fact too was hidden from outsiders—locked in his closet. This was not a topic fit for discussion. Lundon boldly, yet discreetly, reveals the challenge of dealing with homosexuality in a largely intolerant society. By reviewing his research for self-mastery, he paves the way for others to express their own individuality. A Foreword by Bill Coors and a Preface by Mrs. Richard (Jeramie) Dreyfuss provide further insight into this intriguing man.

*The Closets Are Empty...The Dining Room's Full* faces prejudicial pressure head on—encouraging readers to develop their own philosophy of life. It is available in hardcover for \$24.95 plus \$3.00 shipping from Ponderosa Publishing House, P.O. Box 3097, Reno, NV 89505.



• **AND YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD TROUBLE WITH AIRLINES...**

A USAIR worker, whose last name is "Gay", using the employees' free-flight program, got on one of his company's planes recently. When he found the free seat assigned to him occupied by a paying passenger, Mr. Gay took an empty seat nearby. But then another USAIR flight waiting at the airport ran into mechanical problems, and airline officials, equipped with a list of freebie ticket-holders, began asking non-paying passengers to give up their seats to make way for paying passengers from the other plane.

Going to the seat assigned to the USAIR employee, a ticket agent asked, "Are you Gay?" Somewhat taken aback, the passenger nodded that he was, at which the USAIR agent said, "Then you'll have to get off." Mr. Gay, the USAIR employee, overheard what the ticket agent was saying to the customer and decided to clear up the confusion. "You've got the wrong man - I'm Gay," said the employee. Whereupon an angry third passenger who had overheard everyone's remarks piped in, "Hell, I'm gay, too. They can't kick us all off!"

The mass linguistic confusion was soon cleared up, and no one had to give up a seat on the flight because of sexual orientation. Mr. Gay, the USAIR employee, eventually made his way to his destination on a less complicated flight. (From the newsletter of Seattle's Frontrunners)

**NORTHWEST GAY RODEO SEATTLE, SEPT 10, 11, 12**

The Greater Northwest International Rodeo 1993 will take place Sept. 10, 11, and 12 in Seattle. Rodeo '93 will have events such as Bull and Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, and Chute Dogging; as well as the "Wild Drag" Race, Steer Decorating, and Goat Dressing. For more information, please feel free to contact the Rodeo Hotline at (206) 233-8931.

**CREDIT UNIONS URGED TO END DISCRIMINATION**

The Family Diversity Project of Spectrum Institute has launched a national campaign to end discrimination against credit union members. "Most credit unions discriminate against unmarried couples by using a restrictive definition of "family" in membership criteria," said Thomas F. Coleman, Executive Director of the project. "We convinced some credit unions to correct this problem, but with the help of the gay and lesbian community we can get hundreds of others to remove marital status bias from by-laws."

Most credit unions and customers don't know the problem can be corrected by simply adding the term "household member" to the definition of "family" in their by-laws. "Credit unions should not resist such a change because it is really in their best interest to expand membership," Coleman said. More members means more depositors and borrowers, which, of course, means more profit for the credit union.

Coleman hopes that credit union members throughout the nation will press their local institutions for change. He said that a "How To" kit is available to assist organizations and individuals who want to participate in this campaign. To obtain a copy, write to: Family Diversity Project, P.O. Box 65756, Los Angeles, CA 90065 or call (213) 258-8955, ext. 747.

**VICTORY FUND TO TRAIN CANDIDATES and CAMPAIGN MANAGERS**

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund announced a new training program to help openly lesbian and gay candidates win elective office. The Victory Fund Training Institute will offer training to potential candidates and campaign managers at regional training workshops. The non-partisan training will serve both Republican and Democratic community leaders.

The 8-month pilot program will be coordinated by David Fleischer, a political consultant with extensive experience in candidate training and campaign management. In 1990, Fleischer co-created New York's LaGuardia Public Life Training Center, the first pilot project in New York to train candidates for office. Besides teaching the nuts and bolts of how to run winning campaigns, The Victory Fund Training Institute will help identify potential candidates for future races, match strong candidates with strong managers, and encourage team-building, partnership and resource sharing among participants. "We're very pleased to offer strong, openly gay and lesbian potential candidates the training and technical support they need to win," said William Waybourn, executive director of the Victory Fund. "Our fundraising and networking programs have helped gay candidates win an increasing number of races; now we're ready to take the next step." The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is the country's largest political organization dedicated solely to electing qualified openly gay men and lesbians to public office. Since its inception in May 1991, the Victory Fund has raised more than \$350,000 for its recommended candidates.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## CELEBRATING FAMILY—NEW ORLEANS STYLE

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*Celebrating Family—New Orleans Style* is the theme of the 12th Annual International Convention of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) for September 3-5. Specially designed optional pre- and post-convention tours will also be available.

Sandwiched in the middle of the convention, and conflicting with it in the sense that no once can be two places at the same time, will be that Sunday's increasingly popular Southern Decadence Day, a very loosely organized roving party of what can accurately be described as trash drag—the trashier, the better—and their escorts dressed (or undressed) as they wish. As the party, under the direction of an appropriate Grand Marshal, moves from bar to bar, some linger behind and others forge on, ultimately resulting in what can only be described as an ever-expanding gay-focused Mardi Gras style celebration.

While some are participating in or witnessing Southern Decadence, their more serious-minded, though not necessarily less fun-loving, companions can focus their attention on the much

more structured convention. And some may wish to take in a bit of each. For that reason, the convention host committee has set forth a flexible fee schedule that provides for single day registrations as well as separate tickets for Friday night's Lynn Lavner Concert, Saturday evening's Twilight and Champaign City Bus Tour, and Sunday night's Grand Banquet which will be followed by a Mini-Mardi Gras Extravaganza and costume contest (locals not eligible).

Aside from its entertainment aspects, the Celebrating Family Convention will feature at least three keynotes (including Rep. Gerry Studds, D-MA, and Federation P-FLAG President Mitzi Henderson), a total of 48 workshops (on a range of subjects about as diverse as one could find anywhere), a special Musical Interfaith Service, and lots of meetings.

Arrangements for a special convention room rate of \$80 single/double or \$100 triple/quad from August 31 through September 8 have been made with the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel on the world-famous Canal Street directly across from the French Quarter. Optional tours available to all are: *House Party on River Road in the Grand Homes of the Brinqier Family*; *Creoles, Courtyards, Convents and Con-Men*; *A French Quarter Stroll*; *Plantation Life*; and *A Swamp Adventure: The Real Wildlife*.

Requests for registration forms and other information should be directed to P-FLAG Host Committee, Box 15485, New Orleans, LA 70175.

## HATE, LIES AND VIDEOTAPE

*Hate, Lies and Videotape*, a new tape that exposes the propaganda tactics of the religious Right, is produced by the Gay and Lesbian Emergency Media Campaign (GLEMC), a group that produces and distributes media that exposes the agenda of the religious right and promotes lesbian and gay visibility.

The video vividly compares *The Gay Agenda* — a slick 19-minute documentary-style video that feeds on gay and lesbian stereotypes — with other hate propaganda films such as *The Eternal Jew* (a 1940 Nazi propaganda film).

"*The Gay Agenda*" includes sensationalist images from gay pride events taken out of context and combined with statements from "medical authorities" and other pseudo-officials. The video is one of the major weapons in the Far Right's declared "Holy War" against lesbians and gays.

GLEMC produced *Hate, Lies and Videotape* to expose and counter the fear-mongering tactics of the Far Right. It contains compelling comparisons between "The Gay Agenda" and propaganda tactics of the Ku Klux Klan and the German Nazi movement. The tape also contains dramatic footage of gay-bashing victims and their attackers. Copies of the tape were distributed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the major television networks, with more copies slated for distribution to the U. S. Congress.

For more information about GLEMC and to obtain copies of the videotapes, contact: GLEMC, (212)229-2863, 39 West 14th St., #402, New York, NY 10011.

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

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

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

**Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept,** 105 East  
1st St, Grand Island, Mary (308) 381-5175

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

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

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

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

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

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

**AIDS Support Group:** Sponsored by Parents/  
Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Lincoln (PFLAG),  
Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437

**Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support  
Group, Meets 3rd Tuesday,** (308) 381-5175

**Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,  
Meets 1st Monday of each month, For more  
info, phone Barb (308) 234-8183.**

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

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

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

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

## HOME HEALTH CARE

**LINK-ON Home Health Care,** 2118 South St.  
#B, Lincoln, 68502 (402) 453-0574, Mon-Fri  
8am-4:30pm, care, treatment, counseling,  
teaching of HIV infected individuals, people  
with AIDS, and others; Rick Swaink, Director.

## AIDS ADVOCACY

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

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

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

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

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

**Grand Island/Hall Co. Health Dept,**  
105 E. 1st, Grand Island (308) 381-5175

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

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

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St Marys, Lincoln 68502, 471-8065 Testing,  
counseling**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## HIV IN HEALTH CARE SETTING

An article in *Business Week* related that at least two dozen insurance companies have begun to offer disability insurance with special coverage for health care employees who might be at risk for infection with the virus that causes AIDS. According to the report, "of the estimated 1.5 million residents in the U.S. infected with HIV, only 36 are health-care employees who were infected at work. And out of the 5.6 million health-care worker in the country, just 8,000 have caught the virus."

## WOMEN AND HIV INFECTION

A decade into the epidemic, AIDS ranks as sixth leading cause of death for American women. The disease so severely affects women in New York City that it is the primary cause of death in women aged 25 to 44.

The number of women infected by HIV is steadily increasing. As of March 1993, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that more than 32,000 American women are reported to have AIDS. Epidemiologists believe that the actual number of women with AIDS is greater because many women whose immune systems are severely compromised by HIV infection remain undiagnosed and unreported. The CDC revised the definition of AIDS in January 1993 to add three new conditions, one of which is specific to women—invasive cervical cancer.

The majority of HIV-infected women are black or Hispanic. Many also are affected by poverty and injection drug use, which place them and their children at greater risk for HIV infection. Although such conditions are pervasive in cities, trends suggest that HIV infection is increasing more rapidly in non-metropolitan areas than in urban areas.

## AIDS-FREE HIV-INFECTED Men Have Slowly Progressing Disease

HIV-infected individuals who do not progress to AIDS for more than six years may undergo changes to their immune system and stabilize to a very slowly progressing disease state, according to NIAID-supported researchers.

An analysis of 290 SFMHS participants, revealed that 10 percent had no net loss of the immune system cells, CD4+ T cell, targeted by HIV. However, these men had an average CD4+ T cell count of 400 cells per cubic millimeter (mm<sup>3</sup>) of blood lower and an average of 250 CD8+ T cells/mm<sup>3</sup> higher than uninfected SFMHS men.

Changes in other laboratory markers that predict CD4+ T cell loss leads the SFMHS investigators to conclude that HIV disease is slowly advancing even among these men with apparently stable CD4+ T cell counts. The findings also suggest that the broad range in HIV progression rates may be the result of several independent factors interacting in a variety of combinations.



## GAY COMIC TACKLES BEWITCHED ROLE IN SF STAGE PLAY

In the retro style of the successful *Real Live Brady Bunch*, a new stage version of the classic sitcom *Bewitched* is planned for the New Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. The stage play caps a wave of *Bewitched* mania in recent years, including the release of a companion book and renewed interest in the series, which ran on ABC from 1964 to 1972.

Slated to play one of the most popular recurring characters on *Bewitched*—the practical joking warlock, Uncle Arthur—is openly gay actor and comic, Hank Donat, known for his "thinking person's" style of comedic activism at stand-up and Gay Pride venues and seen regularly at gay landmark Josie's Cabaret in San Francisco. Director Prentiss Smithson, of SF-based Neptune Productions, says Donat was a natural for the acerbic Arthur. "We knew Hank had the right sense of humor when we heard he was organizing the other actors in the audition hall into a TV Trivia and Inner Child Parenting Workshop."

Donat faces the challenge of recreating the role originated by Paul Lynde, whose camp performances as TV's Uncle Arthur became a favorite among queer viewers. "I'd like to make it clear that I'm *not* queer like Paul Lynde," says Donat. "Paul Lynde was a 50-year-old, angry, bitter alcoholic. I'm 28."

Donat says the new show introduces modern

themes to the hexy stories, bringing *Bewitched* into the queer '90s. "The play provides a perfect parable for gay oppression. Darrin is constantly tormenting Samantha about expressing her natural self, and she relents. Who has the real power in this relationship? In the revival, I think we'll see Samantha start to take some of that power back. It's a somewhat cerebral interpretation, but still very fun and true to the original."

Elizabeth Montgomery, the original witch Samantha, also embraces political theory on the '60s sitcom, stating in a recent *Advocate* interview, "*Bewitched* is about repression in general and the frustration it can cause. This was about people not being allowed to be what they really are."

The gay connection continues. Co-star Dick Sargent made national headlines when he came out as a gay man in 1991 after California Governor Pete Wilson vetoed a gay rights bill. The following year, he and Montgomery were Grand Marshals of the Los Angeles Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade. Diane Murphy, one of the twin sisters who played Tabitha on the sitcom, is also openly gay. Murphy runs a nonprofit organization for battered women and their children in Santa Barbara, California. Though Lynde did not come out publicly during his lifetime, his homosexuality was no secret in the Hollywood community, and the same is true of Agnes Moorehead, Endora of *Bewitched*.

## DOT CELEBRATES LESBIAN, GAY, and BI PRIDE

Federico Pefia, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is among the first cabinet level officials to support actively the lesbian, gay, and bisexual employees in his department. The Secretary issued policy statements on May 27, 1993, that are historic in that they are among the first policies issued by a Cabinet Secretary that include protections based on sexual orientation. The Secretary defined diversity as "inclusive—hiring, developing, promoting, and retaining employees of all races, ethnic groups, sexual orientations, and cultural backgrounds; the old, the young, and the middle-aged; the able-bodied and the disabled; men and women." His policy statement on EEO stated "it is the policy of this Department that no one be denied opportunities because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or sexual orientation." In addition, the Department was the first cabinet-level agency to observe lesbian, gay, and bisexual pride. The major event was addresses by Secretary Federico Pefia, and Congressman Barney Frank. Other activities were a lesbian, gay, and bisexual history display in the FAA building, a seminar led by a panel from the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and a seminar on the effect of AIDS on workplace, family and friends.



## WE'RE PROUD, WE'RE GAY, WE'RE IN THE PTA

On April 25th, the largest crowd of gay, lesbian and bisexuals ever assembled gathered in Washington, DC to celebrate our lives and call for equal rights and liberation. Media coverage, virtually non-existent at the last March in 1987, was extensive and, for the most part, balanced and accurate. Many reports commented on the overwhelmingly "normal" appearance of marchers, and went to great lengths to describe the scope and diversity of our community. Parents and children featured prominently in this discussion. The next day, the largest daily newspaper in the United States, *USA Today*, printed a large front page photo of a sea of marchers. Visible in the center foreground were two large banners: "GLPCI—Family Values" and "Gay Fathers". Television's *The 700 Club*, a conservative religious program hosted by Pat Robertson, featured footage of the official banner of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International with parents chanting "We're Proud, We're Gay, We're in the P.T.A.!"—as a prime example of America's moral decay. The contingent of parents and children, estimated to include over 3,000 marchers and over 400 strollers, stretched for six blocks. Just For Us, our organization for children of lesbians and gay men, carried the Rainbow Flag and the flags of four nations. The kids too had their own cheer: "We're here, they're queer. We brought our parents—Get over it!"

On the eve of the March, GLPCI and Just For

Us hosted a reception attended by over 450 parents and children. Many new faces attended, including representatives of several emerging national groups for lesbian and gay parents. At the reception, GLPCI honored seven lesbian mothers who are prominent activists in our community:

Katherine Brady, a producer of *In the Life*, the first gay/lesbian television variety show in the U.S.;

Colonel Grethe Cammermeyer, the Army nurse fighting her discharge and leading the fight to end the ban against homosexuals in the U.S. military;

April Martin, Ph.D., the author of *The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook*;

Donna Red Wing, *The Advocate* magazine's "Woman of the Year" for 1992;

Reverend Janie Spahr, the first openly gay or lesbian minister called by a mainstream congregation before being nixed by the Presbyterian hierarchy;

Bonnie Tinker, an Oregon activist and producer of the award-winning *Love Makes A Family* documentary; and

Karen Williams, the popular stand-up comic, known as "the Diva of Comedy."

These women responded with humorous anecdotes and inspirational comments. It was a splendid tribute to lesbian and gay parents and our children—and we thank them for their dedication, commitment, and shining example.

—GLPCI Network—Summer 1993

## GAY DOCTORS GET PRO-GAY VOTE FROM AMA

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) has announced that it successfully lobbied the American Medical Association to pass a groundbreaking resolution barring discrimination against lesbians and gays in AMA membership. AAPHR, the U.S. and Canadian organization of lesbian and gay physicians and medical students, said its members worked behind the scenes for months to convince the AMA to go on record in support of the rights of lesbians and gay men. After the June 15 vote by more than two-to-one at the AMA's annual conference in Chicago, AAPHR Executive Director Ben Schatz said, "The AMA's decisive vote to take a clear stance against anti-gay discrimination is an acknowledgement that gay and lesbian physicians are an increasingly important force that organized medicine can no longer afford to ignore. "Moreover, today's vote constitutes a recognition by the AMA that anti-gay discrimination is not only a civil rights issue, but a health problem as well. The fact is that our society's pervasive anti-gay bias results in the loss of thousands of gay and lesbian lives each year through increased teen suicide, anti-gay violence, higher rates of drug and alcohol abuse, inappropriate medical care and other factors. It is incumbent upon all physicians who care about their patients to oppose the discrimination and bias that are so harmful to the health of their gay and lesbian patients."



## TIMES OF THE HEARTLAND COMES TO OMAHA

### An Interview with Tim Kennedy

By Sharon Van Butsel

Omaha is now home to three publications serving the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community. *Times of the Heartland* began publication June and will be published weekly and distributed regionally. The publisher, Tim Kennedy, took time from the unbelievably busy schedule of a weekly publication to talk with me about the *Times*.

Sharon—Tim, thanks for taking the time to talk with us. Congratulations on your new venture. The first three issues looked really good.

Tim—Thank you! It's been really hectic. I don't know how eloquent I'll be for this interview—I didn't get any sleep last night. We finally got to press after waiting to see what Clinton would announce about the ban. Then he's not making a decision for several days. We finally heard back from Barney Frank and the White House today, but that was too late for this week.

Sharon—How would you describe the *Times*?  
Tim—It's a weekly newspaper with news of interest to gays and lesbians in the heartland.

Sharon—How did the *Times* come about?

Tim—Myself, Jay, Shawn, and W.C. were all working for the Omaha Federation of Labor publishing the *Labor Chronicle*. When that ceased publication, we got together and decided to try publishing a gay/lesbian newspaper.

Sharon—What will your primary focus be?

Tim—There are a couple of things: the lives of gays and lesbians, not just the news. Who we are and what we are. I believe being gay or lesbian is like a gender of its own. I think there's actually 4 genders. Too often people define us by our sexuality but who we are is much more than who you have sex with. We have our own culture.

It's important that people begin to understand gays and lesbians for who they are. Gays and lesbians are more sensitive, probably due to introspection since we grow up so alone. I want to impart the sense of who we are to people both in and outside the community. I want a lot of humor—every gay person has a sense of humor. I want to show our diversity. We're not doing a real good job of that yet. We especially need more input from the lesbian community.

We intend to include hard news, news about things happening politically across the country. I want to be an impetus for more political activity here. Gay Pride felt so good—I remember my first Pride march. There were 12 or 15 of us walking down the street and it felt so good. Then to see hundreds of people marching in Omaha, Nebraska! That was so good! And if we can report on things that make people feel good about

being gay and lesbian then people will be more willing to come out of the closet.

Sharon—How will you distribute the *Times*?

Tim—We're putting it out in the gay and lesbian bars in Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux Falls, Sioux City, and Des Moines and at places in the Old Market. On Friday nights we have someone standing outside every gay bar handing papers to people. We've got street boxes ordered and we're going to put boxes in the Old Market, Downtown Lincoln and Downtown Des Moines. We'll be putting them out at the Universities and, of course, we have a few subscribers.

Sharon—What about rural Nebraska?

Tim—We haven't identified a way to get the paper out in rural Nebraska. We'd love to put street boxes out in Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings, and in Kansas but we can't afford to buy all those boxes and we're not sure it would work anyway. I'm afraid they'd be a target for vandalism. I'm afraid we just don't know how to distribute the *Times* in rural Nebraska.

Sharon—Just how would a group get their event covered by the *Times*?

Tim—So far we have to run everyone down. We'd love to have press releases from groups and have them notify us of upcoming events. We want to list every event happening in the community, just like we want to get more information out on the organizations. People just don't know all that's going on in the community. Some of them go to the bars and think that's all there is. We want organizations to send letters or press releases or call us and talk to us.

Sharon—What do you see in the *Times*' future?

Tim—We want to see the *Times* in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. You just can't do a weekly and pay for it out of Omaha and Lincoln. Besides, we'll have a lot more clout politically if we can join together as a region. Eventually we want to distribute in cities throughout the Heartland. Each city will have a section devoted to local news from that city. We'll have Headline News that are major stories that effect all of us in the region. We'll cover the hard news and then go into the local news. Each city will have a 2-6 page section for their news. Right now we have sections for Omaha and Lincoln. We haven't been able to add Des Moines or Sioux Falls because we haven't found writers in those cities. Each city section will include a map, a resource guide, a calendar, and the local news. Then we'll also have the special sections like the Looking Glass which we envisioned as reflecting ourselves—a mirror of the whole community.

Sharon—How do you think your "for-profit" status will effect the *Times*?

Tim—No one's ever asked me that before. I think it will be positive. Non-profit organizations are much more susceptible to community pressure because of their funding. Our for-profit status allows greater journalistic integrity. You can be critical when it's needed. I also believe in gay owned businesses. But there's a downside though I think it's the same for a non-profit. Right now we're losing lots of money and I don't know how soon it will turn around. We're putting in awful hours. We don't have time to socialize or to network with the organizations we need to network with. We don't even have time to do our laundry.

Sharon—What challenges do you see ahead?

Tim—To retain our focus and adhere to our original plan. We're already behind schedule in adding cities. We need to find writers. We need to find advertisers and we need to prove to the advertisers the value of advertising in a gay and lesbian newspaper. We've found that businesses don't see a need to advertise. They seem to figure "everyone knows we're here, so why advertise." We need to prove the effect of advertising. That's why we've been pushing the circulation, trying to get the *Times* in everyone's hands. We check the distribution points 2 and 3 times a week to make sure they have newspapers.

Sharon—How has the response been so far?

Tim—Mixed. The biggest complaint is that there's too much fluff and not enough hard news. There are complaints about the editing—too many misspelled words and grammatical errors. Our feature Dueling Drag Queens attracts the most interest. Some people ask why so much emphasis on Drag Queens? Why do we reinforce stereotypes in this way? We write about Drag Queens because they do so much in the community—they're always in fundraisers and the MAX does two drag shows each month and lots of people come out to see them so they must have a following. We want to reflect the whole community and we're not doing it yet. We get lots of positive comments, too. People say they're happy we're publishing but I guess we pay more attention to the criticisms because we're not even remotely satisfied that we're doing as good a job as we want to do or as we're going to do.

Sharon—What can the community do to help you?

Tim—Read the paper and support the advertisers. And come out of the closet!

Sharon—Good Luck on your venture!

Tim—Thanks and thanks for the interview.

## EXTENDING OUR PRIDE AND OUR POLITICAL AGENDA

by Karen Peper

Washington was wonderful! The opportunity to be among so many queers was exhilarating. Returning home, I wondered how to keep the spirit alive and the political energy moving. A conversation with a friend yielded what feels like a positive step toward extending the impact of our April gathering. Her suggestion was to ask all of our supportive family and friends to join "Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays" (PFLAG). The rationale is that by swelling the membership

rolls of this organization, a message will be sent to the Right that "mainstream America" is not as "straight and narrow" as they would like to portray. When we come out as proud lesbians and gay men and ask those who love and accept us to join with us, we strengthen our point that we desire equal rights and not "special rights" as religious conservatives allege. So the next time someone asks you what you want for your birthday, an anniversary, or as a holiday gift, consider asking

them to join PFLAG. A membership to PFLAG is a gift that will give not only to you, but to our whole community. Pass the word—keep the political momentum alive! For information on chapters throughout the country, contact the national PFLAG office at:

PFLAG, P.O. Box 27605, Washington DC 20038 (202)638-4200

See the Resource Directory on page 33 for a listing of Nebraska area chapters of PFLAG.



# "AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

## Pride Parade Shows Diversity and Unity

By Sharon Van Butsel

It was just before the Pride Parade when I turned to Dave England, Moderator of ANGLE, and asked if I could help line up people to carry the flags. Dave gave his assent and I started off to find people willing to lead the parade. I hadn't gone more than a couple feet when a small voice said "I want to carry a flag." This small voice belonged to a small person. Landon is only 10 years old and had come to his first Pride Parade with his father and stepfather (our very own B & G—R.N. "Bob" Hedges and Greg Hicks) and his older sister, Natalie. "That flag's awfully heavy. Do you think you can manage it?" "I can do it." "We'll see." Now my kids and grandkids could tell you that when I say "We'll see," it usually means "No" but Landon wasn't so easily put off. As I walked away I could hear Landon trying to convince his father that he really could do it.

I went on my way and found two women and two men to carry the other flags and went back to check on Landon. Yes, indeed, he intended to carry the flag--as a matter of fact he was practicing carrying it already. But now my concerns were put to rest because Cheryl Wallace, Landon's Sunday School teacher, had volunteered to walk near him so she could help if he got too tired.

Landon's sister, Natalie, was helping Brandon and Stan get hamburgers and hot dogs ready for the picnic which would follow the parade. Folks from New Realities were passing out Rainbow Flags for people to carry. Carla and others were selling Pride Buttons and Shirts. Vendors were setting up tables with goods to sell. The horse trailers of the Omaha Police Department arrived and the mounted Patrol took their places. People started to get lined up for the parade, so Carla and I left the assembly area and headed down to our vantage point for taking pictures.

It wasn't long before the sound of the bass drums of the Condors Drill Team signaled the beginning of the parade. I was stationed at Turner Boulevard and Douglas, but the parade actually started two blocks away, at 31st and Dodge. As the parade turned the corner onto Douglas, I felt my throat tighten up and tears come to my eyes, for there was Landon, so very serious as he marched behind the lead police car, holding the American flag at just the right angle. Behind him were Maggie and a young man whose name I don't know, propelling their wheelchairs in perfect alignment. And behind them were the four flag bearers with the two rainbow flags and the state flags of Iowa and Nebraska. Cheryl walked along the side, keeping a polite distance from the youngest flag bearer but readily available. Her chance came quickly, for as the parade paused in front of our vantage point, Landon decided he had to hand the flag to Cheryl just long enough to pull up his shorts which kept slipping down.

The parade seemed to take forever to go past us—so many old friends were there. JoJo Morrison helped carry the ICON banner again this year. She was in the very first Pride Parade (and her photo appeared in the *World Herald* that year) and has been in almost every parade since. The PFLAG sign was there (there's a picture of this sign being carried in the second Pride Parade on the cover of an old *New Voice*). MCC, the Diamond, EAGLE, ANGLE, CFEP were all there. The Gay AA group was back as were the River City Mixed Chorus, Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, the National Organization of Women, Nebraska AIDS Project, and the Gay/Lesbian Student Group from Lincoln. New



Groups were there also—the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, the AIDS CARE Group, members of Omaha Players Club, the staff of the *Times of the Heartland*, and the Lift the Ban group (who set up their computer in the park so people could sign letters to their senators and congressional representatives). There was a teenager carrying a homemade sign stating "My Mom is a Lesbian and I'm Proud of Her", and a banner proclaiming that "Hate is NOT a Family Value" Rod Shuey caught the attention of the TV cameras as he roller-bladed down Douglas—tanned, muscular, and gorgeous—carrying a sign declaring "Positively HIV+." (In case you wondered where *The New Voice* was, Carla and I were on the sidelines taking pictures, Dick Brown was a parade marshal, Pat Phalen, Terry Sweeney, and Sharon McCartney were all with EAGLE; Bob Hedges marched with MCC; Greg Hicks helped carry the Hate is Not a Family Value Banner; and RJ was at the parade in Kansas City. We were all accounted for—just wasn't anyone available to carry the banner.)

The official count for the parade was 266, about the same as last year, but it seemed much larger. There were 3 decorated vehicles (one for ICON's Athena IV Tami and friends, one for ICON's Empress XIII Roxy, and one for ICON's Empress XII Phoenix). Phoenix was joined by Tina DeMero and Sammi Bennett. Sammi was looking her finest in a tiny swim suit—so fine, in fact, that she not only turned heads—she inadvertently was the cause of an accident (the first one in the Pride Parade's history).

Traffic was passing the parade on Douglas and going rather slow, so a driver was looking at and talking with Sammi as he drove along beside their vehicle. Unfortunately he didn't see that the cars in front of him had stopped and he ran into the back of a motorcycle, throwing the riders to the pavement. No one was seriously hurt and the parade continued on its way. However, I can't help wondering just how that driver filled out the accident report for his insurance. "Distraacted by a Drag Queen?" or "Talking with a Lovely Lady?" or "I couldn't control myself when I saw all those homosexuals?" I'm afraid we'll never know—we can only conjecture.

After the parade passed us we hopped in our trusty Bronco and drove to 24th & Farnam so we could photograph the parade coming up that hill. As we watched them come we could see that Landon was still carrying the American Flag though for a while it was the wheelchairs that led the parade. We could now see the marchers

stretching back for about six or seven blocks

We had just gotten in position when a passing cloud couldn't hold its burden of raindrops any longer and we were all caught in a sudden downpour. A sign that had introduced Roxy as ICON's Empress XIII was turned into a makeshift umbrella by her trusted attendant, Jim Linkletter, but most just let the cooling rain run off their hair and bodies. A few enthusiastically proclaimed it a wet tee shirt contest. The rain ended as the parade reached the park and the summer sun quickly dried hair and clothes.

After a brief rally, featuring local leaders, many of the marchers relaxed and visited with friends in Turner Park. Some left for the Ice Bowl Pig Roast at Gilligan's and some headed home to catch the evening news.

About 35 people ended the afternoon with a vesper service led by Rev. Matthew Howard. His words were especially fitting as he spoke of how we did not march for ourselves, but rather we marched for those gay and lesbian children who are now in their mothers' wombs. We marched so that those gay and lesbian babies yet to be born will have a better life. For me, it was one of those moments when theory takes form and becomes reality. I believe that sexual orientation is a matter of nature—not choice—but I'd never thought of it in terms of tiny gay and lesbian babies growing in a warm, safe place below their mothers' hearts. It made me realize in a whole new way the enormous responsibility we have to march, to vote, to write our legislators so that these gay and lesbian babies who are not yet born will have a chance at living in true freedom.

It was a day of Diversity—of ordinary people, of leather folk, of female impersonators, of heterosexuals, of church goers, of senior citizens, of those who are Bi, of transgender, of parents, of grandparents, of children, of cowboys, of artists, of writers, of singers, of activists, of spectators, of those who are HIV+, of women with breast cancer, of the politically active, of bar goers, of AA members, of signs, of banners, of chanted slogans, of new friends, of old friends, of those with us and of those only remembered.

It was truly a day of diversity and a day of unity as all these people and groups came together to show their pride in being who they are; who came together as a Family of Pride: a family that included one 10 year old boy who came to the park with his father and ended up leading the parade, carrying the American Flag (with a little help from his Sunday School teacher). What could be more American than that?



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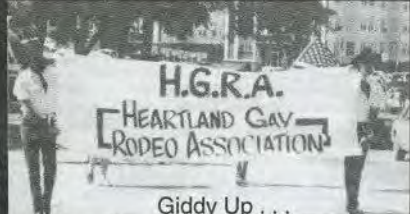


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## MY FIRST PARADE OR: HOW I LEARNED TO MARCH IN PUMPS

by Michael DeVore

Sunday, June 27 dawned bright and warm. I woke up with a feeling of excitement and anticipation. Today I was going to march in my first gay pride parade.

I had planned on marching with some friends who were also marching for the first time under the MCC-O banner. But at the last minute I was asked to be a line monitor. I marched between the River City Mixed Chorus and the Presbyterian contingency. There were three marchers under the Presbyterian banner and I jokingly told the woman carrying one side of the banner that my mother would wonder why I was marching with this particular group since I was not Presbyterian. She told me she wasn't either and neither was one of the others in our group. Of the three marching under the Presbyterian banner only one marcher was actually Presbyterian.

It made me wonder at the great power of our commitment to be seen and heard that we even marched behind banners that didn't necessarily fit our own particular situation. A straight friend (a fellow N.A.P. volunteer) wore a T-shirt he had worked on all week end that proclaimed "Straight But Not Narrow" on a pink triangle. He marched under the N.A.P. banner carried by leather clad marchers. Children carried banners stating their pride in their gay parents, parents carried banners proclaiming their pride in their gay children. The rainbow colors waved and snapped in the air, showing to all who were willing to see that we are a family with a rich heritage, strong convictions, great diversity, and hopefully an even greater future. All my feelings of doubt, anxiety, and fear were washed away by the brief shower of joyful tears that blessed us that afternoon. The thunder served as a fine bass drum that set us cheering with each loud peal.

I love my gay family. We bring into it our individual quirks and human faults. But into this family we also bring our individual gifts. We bring our God given talents, our compassion and our passion. We are carpenters, nurses, artists, caregivers, teachers, used car salesmen and ministers.

How can anyone possibly think that we are less equal than our straight brothers and sisters when we have so much beauty and good to contribute and share with?

It is with great pride and love that I sign this.  
Michael De Vore

## KANSAS CITY PRIDE SUNDAY

By RJ

Deciding to see how others handle Pride Sunday, I headed to KC. Up early Sunday morn. And headed for Spirit of Hope, KC. They are early birds. Singing begins at 8:45.

It was a neat service this morn. Rev. Barbone gave a good sermon. Hey! I like his style. He is one good preacher person. Rev. Barbone is not a pulpit preacher, but a congregational preacher. He had plenty to say this morning about Pride Sunday, and why the church is changing it's name to "Spirit of Hope."

Rev. Barbone is one of those rare preachers. I don't get a chance to sneak a quick cat nap in during the sermon. It was good to be served the Holy Eucharist, again, by Rev. Kross.

Upon completion of service, a quick breakfast in the Social Hall. They do have some good cooks at that Church.

Meanwhile, Spirit of Hope had commandeered a KC trolley, like they have here in Omaha at the Old Market. They were busy decorating it in the parking lot.

The parade was to start by Nichols Fountain, at the east end of the Plaza, on Broadway. This is that huge fountain of horses and naked men, there at the east entrance of the Plaza.

The parade was to go up Broadway, north to Valentine, then west to Roanoke Park. It was here in that park at the conclusion of the parade, the Festival was to be held, up until 6 that evening.

It was interesting watching a parade form. The hurry and scurry, the last minute preparation, the "Is everything right?"

This year KC had something a little different. They had a "Grand Marshal". The gentleman was Karl Cropsey, prominent in the G/L community, for the work he does on their behalf.

Really neat were the T-shirts. With messages like: "Husker Homo" — "No one is free until we are all free" — "March on Washington, 93."

The balloons really caught the eye. A regular rainbow of colors, balloons everywhere.

And the placards. They read: "182,275 men, women and children, dead from AIDS in America" — "I'm a Queen, everyday" — "I got this way from kissing boys" — "That's MS Bull Dyke to you" — "Jesus said, LOVE your enemies."

One of the neatest floats in the parade was a little old Volkswagen MicroBus. It was entered by the "Kansas City Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf."

They really did a neat job. Pink Triangles on the hub caps. Two palm trees, one on each door. The top was popped to make a tent, and two

people rode up on the roof by the tent. Both sides were decorated with the Rainbow Flag. White gloved hands were fastened to the windshield wipers. They signed "Love". The wipers were turned on, and the hands moved back and forth, a big bow tie rode between the headlamps. They really did a neat decorating job on that bus.

Johnson County MCC, marched on foot, under their banner, and gave a strong showing.

The Rainbow Flag was everywhere. One version I had not seen before. It had a field of stars in the left corner. While I had no problem with that flag, I did hear of some who did.

At precisely 12:30 sharp, the parade stepped out smartly. Proud and strong in spirit, up Broadway they started. Led by the Grand Marshal, the people were on foot, in private vehicles, commandeered trolleys, flat bed trucks, Volkswagens, trailers pulled by cars.

PFLAG was there, marching behind their banner, strong in number, three dozen plus.

The Oak Lawn Band had a real neat, colorful banner behind which came a precision Marching Band, all the way from Dallas, Texas. Their lines were straight, their marching perfect, their music right on!

The Missouri State Flag, the Kansas State Flag, both carried as banners, with mini AIDS Quilt panels, added to each side.

Strongly, proudly, stately, they marched up Broadway to Valentine, then over to Roanoke Park.

Upon reaching Roanoke Park, they marched into the park, under an arch of multi-colored balloons, under a literal rainbow of balloons.

Imagine if you will Elmwood Park, filled end to end with booths, eating stands, games, of which my favorite, was the condom toss. You try and toss those little suckers into a dish!

There was a special area for the Kansas Humane Society, who also marched in the parade, with dogs and cats, up for adoption. Many found a good home that day.

But the place was jammed with people. A special sound stage provided live entertainment, throughout the afternoon.

It was a great Pride Sunday in KC. One that they can really be proud of. Hot! Very hot! But no rain, today, on this parade. Or festival.

It was a ten plus Sunday!

*Editor's Note: If you attend an event that is of special interest, please consider submitting an article describing your reaction to the event. I can guarantee that there will be others who will want to hear what you have to say.*

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### NATIONAL G/L BUSINESS GROUP FORMED

Twenty Gay and Lesbian professional, business and social organizations from around the nation met recently in New Orleans to officially establish and fund Global: Gay and Lesbian Organizations Bridging Across the Land. These groups represent over 10,000 individual members. To date, more than 40 other groups have asked for information on membership in Global.

Global is a non-profit association of Gay and Lesbian organizations which is inclusive of a broad range of social and professional groups. Its mission is to facilitate communication among its member organizations; support their growth and success; and encourage the sharing of ideas and opportunities for professional development and social interaction. This sharing of management experiences and programs will enrich each member organization and expedite the creations of new groups by their being able to call upon the national association for guidance. Individuals on their business and social travels will be able to participate in the functions of the Global member organization in the city they are visiting. A quarterly newsletter will be provided for participating groups to include in communications with their members. There will be an annual conference of Global that will blend the sharing of ideas, programs, seminars and fun. For more information, write Global, Box 42406, Philadelphia, PA 19101-2406.



## ANTI-MILITARY BAN RALLY HELD IN LINCOLN

by RJ

This Saturday afternoon saw a good turn out on the north steps of the capitol in Lincoln for a rally to lift the ban on G/L people in the military.

Despite the heat (and it was hot enough to fry Freddie Phelps testicles on the sidewalk) there was a good turn out. I would say 125+ people from all walks of life, both genders, a good showing of PFLAG, and ex-vets from all branches of the services. Yours truly served with the U.S. Navy, so you could bet my bippy I'd be there.

Six speakers took the stand this afternoon. The first was Jean Durgin Clinchard, well known for her role in PFLAG, and a very militant lady. Ms Clinchard gave a very interesting point of view on the "Don't ask, don't tell" proposal. Ms Clinchard believes strongly there should be no compromise, that President Clinton, as Commander-in-Chief, should lift the ban and let the onus fall on Congress.

Marion Messner next took the podium and gave a brief statement. Lisa Giddings followed and told how while in the military academy, and after attending two years, they found out her sexual orientation and how she was forced to resign. She read a poem she had composed on the issue. The fourth speaker was R.C. Hampton, an Army veteran who had served three years. Next up was Marlayn Cragun, Executive Director of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, who gave a most thought provoking speech. Michael Jones of Omaha and one of the Lift the Ban Committee was the final one to speak. His speech also gave one food for thought.

Running from two until three, the rally had a positive turnout. Letters were signed to send to those in Congress urging them to end this discriminatory ban against G/L people who wish to serve their country.

It is up to all of us to band together and do our part in putting an end to this discrimination. Having been in the military, I know they are as bad on discrimination as the far religious Right could ever hope to be. President Clinton, many of us G/L people voted for you. And you're only in for four years. We'll still be around. Will you?

## SPAGHETTI DINNER PLANNED AT MCC-O

The Social Committee of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha, has planned a Spaghetti Dinner for Sunday, August 22, immediately following the Morning Worship Service. The community is invited to join in this fundraiser for the church's Handicap Accessibility Fund.

The menu consists of spaghetti, 2 or 3 different sauces (including one vegetarian), garlic bread, salad, etc. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Serving will begin around noon and will continue as long as the spaghetti lasts or until there are no more takers.

## G/L SOCIAL WORK GROUP DISBANDS

The NASW Nebraska Chapter Lesbian and Gay Task Force is discontinuing at this time. Liz Bartle has stated she can no longer lead the group. A number of us have moved, started new jobs, encountered other major life transitions and are unable to hold a leadership position. It is our hope that other individuals able to step into organizing roles will take on the challenge of this needed group at a future time.

## JULY FOURTH PICNIC A SUCCESS FOR ICON

The 432 picnickers who supported the Imperial Court of Nebraska at the July Fourth Picnic had a great day frolicking in the sun and enjoying the pleasant atmosphere of Progressive Park.

Booths by local groups such as Project: Lift the Ban, *The New Voice of Nebraska*, *The Times of the Heartland*, etc. added to the independence celebration of the day.

A financial summary of the day follows:

EXPENSES:	Park Rent	\$ 500
	Pop	\$ 300
	Flyers	\$ 7.49
	Beer	\$1020
	Taxes	\$109.2
	TOTAL	\$1936.69

INCOME: Gate Adm. \$3007.20  
\$109 in tips for PWA

PROCEEDS FROM PICNIC \$1070.51

Thanks to all of you in the community for your support. We hope you will join us Sunday, Sept. 5, for the Pre-Labor Day Picnic. This will be a fund raiser for AIDS/PWA. There'll be raffles and more raffles, games, a food booth, and lots, lots more. (See a related article for a possible site change due to July floods and be watching mid-August for complete picnic details!)

## LINCOLN VARIETY SHOW BENEFITS NAP

*Healing Arts*, a variety show to benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project will take place at 8pm on August 21 at the Lincoln Community Playhouse. Tickets are \$6 and are available only at the door. Come see the myriad talents of our local community and support Nebraska AIDS Project.

## LARRY KRAMER'S THE NORMAL HEART TO BE STAGED

SNAP Productions, a fund-raising support organization for the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP), will present *The Normal Heart*, by Larry Kramer at the Firehouse Dinner Theater, 514 South 11th Street, in the Old Market on September 19-21, 27 and 28, 1993.

Both a matinee and an evening performance will be presented on September 19. The \$50/patron brunch will start at 12:30 p.m. with the performance following at 2 p.m. Tickets for the evening show are \$25/person which includes a champagne and dessert reception after the 8 p.m. performance.

The remaining performances of *The Normal Heart*, on September 20, 21, 27, and 28, are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15/person. Please call the Firehouse Box Office at (402) 346-8833 for reservations.

All proceeds will benefit the programs of the Nebraska AIDS Project. We, at SNAP Productions, have a primary focus of producing and presenting dramatic plays and other arts offerings which help to create community awareness of AIDS-related issues in order to raise funds for the programs of the Nebraska AIDS Project. We ask your help in spreading the word of our third production and help make it successful. THANK YOU a hundred times.

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## NEWS FROM THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle



### GETTING CRAZY FOR THE CAUSE

Robert and Mark, two of Omaha's "Finest," decided to have little fun at a couple of the local bars. These two "men" donned their summer frocks and went to DC's and the Chesterfield to strut their stuff. The enthusiastic crowds at both bars threw money at these two beauties as they danced about. Their tops were auctioned off at the Chesterfield to benefit the Awareness Ribbon Campaign. A total of \$40 was collected. Robert is a member of Omaha Men.

### KANSAS CITY HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE TO FACE STIFF TEST

On Thursday, June 3, the Kansas City, Missouri, City Council passed a civil rights ordinance which provides anti-discrimination protection based on sexual orientation. The newly passed ordinance faces an immediate test as religious right groups have come together into the Missouri Family Coalition and are mobilizing to seek a state constitutional amendment like amendment 2 in Colorado.

Pee Wee is loose, Barbara is stopping by on her way back to Hollywood from D.C., and Eunice is taking a trip up North. They all will be here at The MAX on Sunday, August 8, really! Actually they will, but they will be brought to you by the very talented C.C. Rae. C.C. has been in the top ten at Miss Gay U.S.A. and is extremely talented. I know you won't want to miss this show.

Who is the beauty that will be representing Nebraska at the National Entertainer of The Year Contest? Who is her very talented first runner-up? Who will be headlining at The MAX on Sunday, August 15? Well, it's Nebraska's own Monique and first runner up, Miss Max 9, Amanda Foxx. Please come out and help support these two performers on their way to the nationals.

The MAX is always trying to find the hottest men for you to ogle. Believe me, it is a very difficult job and Stosh and I get so tired of it sometimes, you have no idea. Really! I'm serious! It's tough, but we make it through—somehow. This month we've gotten really lucky because we've found them right here in our own backyard. That's right, get ready for some home grown talent when The MAX presents Men of the Midwest on Sunday, August 22.

If the summer gets to be too hot and you just feel like running around in nothing but your underwear, and you just don't think it will look too good if you do it walking down Dodge Street, we've got a place for you. Thursday, August 26, Aunt Mike returns to the patio with Underwear Night 12. Drop your drawers and join us. It's only on the patio, and it's only for men.

The MAX goes retro on Sunday, August 29, when Gloria Revelle takes you back in time. Join us for Gloria's Time Warp. It's your favorite hits of the 60's and 70's performed by your favorite stars. Joining Glo will be Jennifer Jett, Dietra Snow, Shanna Stone, Eva Destruction, newcomer Vivian and from Des Moines—Nina Foxx. Take a trip and have some fun.



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## GOODS NEWS FROM MCC-OMAHA

by Carla

August here at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha finds the congregation busy in a flurry of activity as usual. Rev. Howard is conducting five sessions of membership classes so by mid-August we will be officially increasing our numbers again. Praise God! These new members will learn some of the history of the Fellowship; they'll study a little about what the scriptures say about sexuality; they'll be oriented to the governance of MCC-Omaha; and they'll be challenged by our teachings on pledging and tithing. Their sessions will conclude with a Potluck Dinner, and the next day, they'll be accepted into membership.

MCC-O, as well as MCC's all across the nation and even in other nations, has far more friends and very regular attendees than members; however, we are glad to have people interested in both relationships. We are just very thankful for all of the support we have from all of our friends and members throughout the community.

Country-Western dancing is on the ticket for our August 7 Coffeehouse. So if you've been wanting a reason to put on those jeans and that cowboy hat—or maybe you have a new pair of boots—well, August 7 is just the reason to get all duded up. The coffeehouse is held in the Social Hall at MCC-O and runs from 7-10 p.m., the first and third Saturdays of each month. Admission is \$1.00 per person or an item for our pantry. Light refreshments are served at no charge! Come on down, partners! Everyone is welcome!

EXCEL members are busy preparing for the

EXCEL of the Midlands retreat Sept. 10-12. This activity is open to anyone wishing to strengthen their relationship with God and their Christian family in a retreat setting. Cost for the retreat is \$55.00 up til Sept. 1. After that it is \$65.00. The retreat is held at the Wakonda Prayer House in Griswold, IA. For a brochure, call 345-2563.

Aug. 22 the social committee has a spaghetti dinner planned for the social hall following the Morning Worship Service. Everyone is invited to join us. Labor Day Weekend, the social committee is planning a campout at Two Rivers. (For complete details regarding either activity, see the related articles in this issue or call the Church Office).

The choir has taken a break during August, but they will be back in full force come Sept. 19. If you've been waiting for an invitation to join—this is it. Last year a very devoted group provided some fantastic special music during our worship services and at some fundraising functions. They hope to be even bigger and better this year, and I believe God is going to bless them in that. Bill B. directs the MCC-O choir, and he'd love to talk to you about participating!

We had a good outing at The Run in July when we gathered there to thank the management, staff, and patrons for their support of our food pantry. Lots and lots of sloppy joes and chips were devoured by one and all. MCCers had a great time playing pool, pinball, and just fellowshiping with their friends from church and the community. Thanks to all of you who

participated, and a continued THANK YOU to The New Run Bar for its support of our pantry!

In September we will be adding to our morning worship times: **STARTING SEPTEMBER 18, MCC-O WILL CONDUCT WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY MORNING. WE WILL HAVE EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ONLY. IT WILL BE AT 6:00 P.M. AND WILL BE PRECEDED BY A POTLUCK DINNER AT 5:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 5 WILL BE THE FIRST OF THE NEW EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES.**

For now, that's it from my pew. Come join us for church; there's a seat waiting just for you!

### CLUB 332 IN SIOUX FALLS FORCED TO MOVE

"We will re-open," answered Club 332 owner Doug K. after the Sioux Falls *Argus Leader* reported that businessman Jeff Hazard has purchased the building on the corner of 12th & Phillips. Hazard plans to build second story apartments with businesses below. Doug said that the new owner of the building promised him four months notice before the bar will need to vacate, although the game room is already closed for renovation. Two new sites are being considered for Sioux Falls only openly Gay bar, but Doug was not prepared to disclose the possible locations.

—Progress Tribune

## THE RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE IS NOW FORMING!

The voting of rules and the commencement of league bowling begin on August 29, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. in Sky Lanes at the Center Mall, 42nd and Center Streets. The league will be limited to 24 - 4 man teams. You may have more than four bowlers per team. Substitutes are welcome.

For further information, please contact Charley Wade at 597-1689 or Scott Rezek at 346-4110.



# ICON CORONATION XIII

## A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE AND CHAMPAGNE ABOARD THE USS NEBRASKA

By Sharon Van Butsel

June is a special month—the month when we welcome summer, celebrate Pride, and crown the new monarchs of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. This year marked the 13th anniversary of the Imperial Court of Nebraska—13 years of glamour, excitement, hard work, changing with the times, and fundraising for the community. Coronation XII, held at Ramada Hotel Central, actually began on Friday, June 18, with the “Visiting Natives’ Show” (in previous years called the Out of Town Show) a traditional event which gives the visitors from other Courts a chance to perform for the local community. This year’s event was all that we have come to expect—a delightful Tropical Island set with palm trees, native heads, and grass skirts, wonderful talent from visiting royalty, and a chance to get acquainted with folks from across the country.

There were at least 12 out of town courts represented during Coronation weekend. I met folks from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Hawaii; Colorado Springs; Denver; Houston; the new court in Des Moines; Portland, Oregon; Salt Lake City; Minneapolis; San Francisco; Sacramento; and Los Angeles.

Saturday evening brought the big event—The set was reminiscent of a ship with smokestacks and pennants and travel brochures were scattered on the tables. It was the Grand Gala when visiting courts and local dignitaries would pay their respects to the three Monarchs who were stepping down and welcome the newly elected Monarchs. The Imperial Court of Nebraska is unique in the International Court System in that we have three Monarchs of equal standing: an Emperor, an Empress, and Athena (who is to represent the women’s community). Only two monarchs would ascend the throne after this night (Emperor and Empress) since no woman stepped forward as a candidate for the throne of Athena. One candidate for Empress had withdrawn, so Roxy was running unopposed and would be elected by a yes/no vote. For her to ascend the throne there would need to be a majority of yes votes. There were two candidates for Emperor, Connie Henke and DJ Eddie B. But the announcement of the new monarchs would not come until the end of the evening. The evening now belonged to the three Monarchs who were completing their reign.

The evening progressed with the introduction of the Princess Royale, Melissa Morgan; the Monarchs, Empress Phoenix Fallentino, Emperor Steve Koeller, and Athena Tami Griffith; and the monarchs’ personal attendants. Reagent I Don Flowers and Mother to All Athenas JoJo Morrison were presented. And then the Monarchs and royal families from past reigns came forward to pay their respects to the Monarchs, soon to be joining the ranks of the “Wuzzies.” (The term comes from a good natured teasing about “Will He be a monarch? Is He a Monarch? Was He a monarch?”) But, of course, it’s Murphy’s Law that the more things there are that can go wrong, the more things will go wrong. There was an initial delay while DJ Larry D searched for the tape of the Canadian National Anthem (after the court from Canada had specifically brought their flag for the presentation of colors.) But the lost was found and the pageantry began -- only to have a high headress catch in the pennants that were strung across the room. Quick thinking members of the audience quickly removed the pennants so that other headresses would not be in danger.

A highlight of for me is always the presentation of local bars, businesses, and organizations. Among those represented were Gilligan’s, The MAX, Club 2001, A.N.G.L.E., *The New Voice*, MCC-Omaha, P-FLAG, Citizens for Equal Protection, the River City Mixed Chorus, the River City Gender Alliance, and the Omaha Player’s Club. Groups are always invited to come up with costumes, music, or some sort of “walk” that has to do with the theme of the Coronation. Most groups choose to be dignified and formal when they walk forward to pay their respects to the Monarchs, but others take advantage of the opportunity to be creative.

As I said, most were formal and dignified, but thanks to the imagination of Dick Brown, advertising manager and treasurer for *The New Voice*, the steering committee of *The New Voice* went to pay their respects by singing “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” while in five rainbow colored life boats which spelled out PRIDE. (Dick, how do I let you get me into these things?)

Not so for the River City Gender Alliance. These ladies were at their glamorous best for the evening, both to pass out programs at the door and for their walk. Following are excerpts from how RCGA perceived Coronation as written in their newsletter, *The Transformer*.

“Several RCGA members attended and assisted. Gloria, Joni, and Claire were hostesses at the door and presented programs to the attendees. Barb joined the festivities later along with Dr. [Krys] Dean...RCGA’s turn came and all of us there walked forward up the ramp to the dais. During our walk the mistress of ceremonies read our ‘protocol’ (a short description of RCGA). We were totally blown away by the applause we received. Later on Dick Brown...informed me that we received louder and longer applause than any other group in attendance...With this participation we hope to increase the ties that bind our communities together. That common thread is that we are all God’s children who only want to live our lives as who we are, with the respect and

dignity due all human beings...I want to thank all of my sisters who attended for their beauty and grace. They were excellent representatives for all of us. They really did us proud.”

The out of town courts also were introduced and came forward to pay their respects to the Monarchs—and with these presentations came the real glitz and glamour that for me has always been the mystical wonder of Coronation. There were wonderful dresses and headresses with feathers and flowers.

There were excellent Las Vegas style costumes, and one presentation that was a Las Vegas Casino skit with call girls, tourists, gamblers, and all. And then there was the delightful presentation of the theme from *Gilligan’s Island*. The presentation that took the award for the best out of realm presentation was the one from Houston that took you on a cruise around the world utilizing breath-taking costumes from all the glamorous ports of call.

The evening wound down with thank yous, awards, and then the final walks of the outgoing Monarchs. Each monarch left the throne to the sound of heartfelt applause for a job well done.

And at last the Archbishop of the Imperial Court, Ron Minobe, was called forward for the crowning of the new Monarchs. President Carla Petersen accepted the envelope with the election result and announced that the Monarchs of Reign XIII would be Empress Roxy and Emperor Connie Henke. Each knelt and received their crown with dignity and grace. As the evening ended, their loyal subjects came forward to offer congratulations.

Coronation weekend continued into Sunday with the Victory Brunch Sunday morning and the Victory Show at the MAX on Sunday night, when not only the new Monarchs but also the Visiting Court Royalty had a chance to perform for the community.

And with that it was over for another year—the glamour and mystic that will always be the Coronation of the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

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## A NEW "ANGLE" IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

The summer has been very busy for ANGLE members with all our Pride activities in June, and now planning for National Coming Out Day in October. Thank you to all who supported our Food Booth at the Pride Parade. We raised \$170 and appreciate the extra donations people contributed.

The money will go into our general operating fund which supports the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line, the 1994 Pride Activities, and National Coming Out Day.

During the Pride Parade and Picnic, I had a number of people ask me what ANGLE stands for and what we do.

Being active in the Gay and Lesbian community for a number of years, that questions surprised me and disappointed me as well. It shows me that ANGLE members must continue to communicate to the community what we do and encourage others to join our organization. ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) is a group of people who organize the parade, rally, and picnic each year besides other activities. That may seem like an easy job but it isn't.

It requires a lot of time, money, and energy. A few of the things that need to happen for the event to occur include: getting a permit for the parade, asking for police protection for the event, getting the sound system, contact speakers for the rally, advertising the event, and the list goes on.

As for the food booth, I know first hand what that involves since my partner, Brandon and myself organized it this year. It's not easy planning to feed approximately 200 people.

Besides getting everything to the park, including grills; the food must be purchased and stored, everything must be made easy to serve, volunteers must be contacted to help with the event, and clean up must occur after the picnic. That's just a few examples of what ANGLE members do.

If you can volunteer a little bit of time during Pride activities or would like to be involved throughout the year, we need your help! Volunteers are always needed to staff our Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line, too. Please call the Information and Referral Line, 558-5303 for more information about ANGLE.

Our meetings are at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd. Please join us and show your Pride throughout the year by helping your community.

## WJA BECOMES FEMINIST FREE PRESS

Times, they are a changing and *Women's Journal-Advocate (WJA)* is too! To better serve the minority communities of this area, WJA has, in the past six months begun to institute more up-to-date publishing methods. Some of these changes are noticeable, such as the switch from the three column page to a five column page. This allows for greater content at less expense.

More changes are underway which we hope will enable people to more easily access the paper. In keeping with WJA's original mission, which is to provide a voice for women and minorities, advance and promote feminism, expose and examine all oppression, and to celebrate creativity in all cultures, the paper is making three major changes.

As of September 1993, the paper will be known as the *Feminist Free Press (FFP)*. This is being done to promote inclusiveness. Feminism connects all the issues; racism, ableism, heterosexism, ageism, classism, of course, sexism. This paper wishes to connect these issues as well, and will welcome submissions from both women and men in our efforts to expose and end oppression. Many of the faces, volunteers, workers, and former collective members, of the *FFP*, are the same familiar ones which have been involved with this publication for many years. As it has in the past, our dedication to women's issues will remain unflinching.

To further encourage inclusiveness, the paper is instituting an advisory board. The purpose of this board will be to provide input, direction, and assistance from our readership as to the issues confronting our communities. This board will be composed of volunteers (female and male) from the minority communities of Nebraska. Board members need not be part of any formal group or organization to participate. Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis (every three months). For more information on becoming an Advisory Board member, write WJA, P.O. Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501.

The WJA collective has disbanded and the paper will continue to be published through its corporate entity, the *Feminist Free Press, Inc.*, a private, non-profit Corporation [501 (c)(3)]. All contributions are tax-deductible. As always, we need your monetary support to continue serving you.

Give generously to continue this publication's fine HER-itage of championing feminism and cultural diversity.

## RODEO ASSOCIATION ON THE MARCH HGRA Report by Pat G.

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association's July meeting was held at DC's on July 10. The Board of Directors met at 3 p.m. with the general membership meeting at 4. President Rodney D. presided over the discussion of the seven agenda items.

Our organization must get our articles of incorporation sent in to the International Gay Rodeo Association to complete our membership. The IGRA Annual Convention will be in Billings, Montana, August 26-29, and we will have David representing HGRA. This is a convention that we might consider hosting in the future.

HGRA currently has an operating budget of \$288.22 with all bills paid and 26 active members. An active member is anyone who has paid the \$25 dues and is involved in organization activities. We welcome three new members at this meeting.

Jim reported the Gay Pride Parade was a fun time, but just a little wet. He felt the parade was well received by people along the route. We had nine HGRA members march and carry our banner. We were unable to have a member attend the ICON Coronation due to a last minute conflict. The Rodeo in Minneapolis was a good one, but heavy rain turned it into a rather muddy event. This is where HGRA was first announced and David and Dan were in attendance.

We had 15 members attend the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in Denver. These members marched in our first Grand Entry of States Parade. It gave us a feeling of Pride to represent the Heartland in this big rodeo event.

We will try to have members attend the Wichita Rodeo on August 13-15, Kansas City, Pikes Peak and New Mexico in September, and the Atlantic States in Washington DC in October. We want to keep the HGRA name visible on the gay rodeo circuit.

We do have some members who are training in events and hope to soon have our first rodeo contest. We will have an Indoor Rodeo September 18 at DC's to help create more community awareness of our organization. We will also begin publishing a newsletter to circulate to members who live in the outlying areas as well as distribute at local organizations.

We are working full steam ahead on plans for our Mr./Ms/Miss HGRA contest in October. Be watching for upcoming details of this and our indoor rodeo.

The winning logo of our HGRA Official LOGO contest will be published soon. Beth and Dana from Lincoln submitted the winning entry. Our thanks to all the entrants (eight, besides the winner)!

At the meeting, Shelley and Terry showed their handcraftsmanship with HGRA leather accessories that will soon become available in our communities.

The August meeting will be Aug. 7 in Hastings, Nebraska. We will have a pool party and cook out starting at noon. The Board will meet at 3 p.m. and the general meeting will begin at 4. If you want to attend, call DC's for information.

We invite all members of the gay/lesbian community in Iowa/Nebraska/South Dakota region to join HGRA. Thanks for readin'!

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# THE NEW VOICE BENEFIT SHOW In Black & White

By B & G

On the 27th of June at The MAX in Omaha, we were witness to a grand finale Pride Week Show, a benefit for *The New Voice of Nebraska*. This 24 act show, produced and directed by Mr. Dick Brown, featured the top performers of the community, showing the capacity crowd how proud they were to be members of this community.

The show opened with the staff of *The New Voice* distributing March on Washington Freedom Flags and buttons which said "No one's free til everyone's free," to the tune of *No One's Free*. A nice touch for an end to Pride Week. By the end of the song, the entire audience was on their feet singing and waving their flags. We really felt that family spirit of togetherness during this number.

The second performance featured a live performance by The Tom Boys. These girls have performed for several community fundraisers, and several local clubs. If you have not seen their act, please do check them out. The girls performed three numbers, and the ones we enjoyed most were *Losing Everything*, which was written by Sheri (a member of the duo), and *I Feel Lucky*—written by Mary Chapin Carpenter.

The third performance brought Mr. Dick Brown and Mr. Pat Phalen to the stage, performing a dramatic duet number from a *Starlite Express*. A great performance! We did not know Pat and Dick had performing in their blood.

The next act featured "Little LeRoy - AKA Billy Bohannon," dressed in full clown costume, performing a delightful live performance called "Great Big Baby." Billy's performance, as usual, was flawless, witty, and loads of fun. Later that evening, LeRoy assisted Dick and Pat during the "Let's Make a Deal Raffle."

The next number brought Miss Viktoria Towne to the stage performing *I Don't Know How To Love Him*, from Jesus Christ SuperStar. Viktoria has always been one of our favorite performers. Before the show, we did learn that Viktoria was performing with the company of Jesus Christ Superstar at the Orpheum. Congratulations, Viktoria!

We were then treated to a performance by Ms Sharon Van Butsel performing *Free to Be Who I Am*. A very inspiring number. (It brought tears to our eyes.) Sharon's many community involvements are too numerous to mention here, but, along with her partner, Carla, they make a terrific team. We love these ladies.

Next to the stage brought performances from Justine Seals, performing the number *Make it Happen*, and Christine Sands, performing *He's Mine*. This is the first time we've seen performances by these performers, and we hope to see more of them in the future.

The 9th performance featured the ever popular "Inga," performing the Dolly Parton number, *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*. We've had the honor of assisting Inga in several shows, and after helping her prepare for her role of Dolly, we now know what it takes for a female impersonator to prepare for a show. We hope Inga plans to do Dolly again in the future because she really was a delight to the audience.

The Skag Drag of "Miss Easy Does It" performing *Lying-Cheating-Heart*, brought loads of laughs and cheers from the crowd. Miss Easy is a member of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha and a good friend!

The next performer brought a standing ovation from the audience. Mr. R. N. Hedges, another member of MCC-Omaha, did a superb live performance of Bill Medley's *Unchained Melody*. R.N. has been an active supporter of many

community fundraisers and after witnessing his performance that evening, we know why he has to be in great demand because of his powerful voice. Bravo, R.N.!!!

Next to the stage, the forever popular and dynamic "Kendra," dancing and strutting her stuff to a very upbeat disco mix. Kendra always amazes us. We always wonder where she gets all the energy to perform as she does. Kendra was recently featured in an interview in a new community newspaper, *The Times of the Heartland*. Check it out. (We learned a lot about Kendra after reading the article.)

From Kendra, we were treated to a fine performance by Mr. Rick Tornow, doing *Garth Brooks We Shall All Be Free*. Rick is another supporter of community activities. We always enjoy his performances and so did the audience.

The last act of the first half was a performance by "Miss Mae-O-Naise" (Empress XI Mae) doing a skit from the Phantom of the Opera. A very impressive number with incredible costume and make-up. Another favorite of the audience.

Before the second half of the show, a "Let's Make a Deal Raffle" was conducted by Dick, Pat, and Little LeRoy. Prizes were donated by Union Jack Screen Printing, New Realities, Absolutely Flowers, The Mole Hole, River City Mixed Chorus, The Mole Hole, Popeye's Chicken, Dick Brown, Terry Sweeney, and Pat Phalen. Guess what, folks? We finally won a raffle! (A year's subscription to *The New Voice* and several novels—it's about time we won!)

The second half of the show commenced with a performance by Stella. *I Believe in Dreams*. Thanks for your support, Stella.

The next two performers brought cheers and raves from the audience. We have figured out why "When it rains, it snows" because every performance by Miss Dietra Snow always brings thundering applause from the crowd. Dietra performed a number from *The Wiz* and really strutted her stuff as she does in all her performances. Athena III and IV, Tami, performed another crowd pleaser, proclaiming *I Am What I Am*. Tami had the audience on their feet, waving freedom flags back and forth in the air, as she shimmed and shook her way throughout the room. We loved it, Tami!! Our hats go off to you.

Next to the stage was a performance by Empress IX, Felice Whitney, doing her rendition of *Passionate Kisses*. We had not seen Felice perform before, but from the audience's reaction, she is well known by many who were in attendance. We both enjoyed her number, and hope to see her performing again real soon.

The beautiful and charming Empress XIII, Roxy, teased the audience with her rendition of *No One Else on Earth*. We have followed Roxy's career and we were so overjoyed when we heard she was crowned Empress XIII (Lucky #13 for Roxy). We have found Roxy to be a real go-getter and hope she goes far. We asked her how she felt about being crowned Empress XIII. Her one word answer was "Fabulous."

As was stated earlier, this show featured many Top Performers of our community. The next four performers have all been extremely active in our community. They all deserve special "Hurrahs and Congrats" for their performances. Miss Sammi Bennett performing *Dangerous*, Miss Miranda Wrights *I Eat Cannibals*, Monica West performing *Everybody's Free*, and Barbra Love performing *You're Gonna Love Me*. We sincerely thank you ladies for your contributions.

The final performance of the evening was

Sharon Van Butsel and Carla Petersen performing *Shelly, You've Gone Nellie on Me*. This was the first time we've seen Carla in Drag. A Truly delightful ending to a Truly enjoyable evening.

We, as members of the writing staff of *The New Voice*, would like to salute everyone involved in Pride Week activities and celebrations, either as a participant, performer, supporter, or just friend of the community. We would really like to thank Mr. Dick Brown, Mr. Pat Phalen, Mr. Terry Sweeney, Stosh, Bruce, and the staff at The MAX, all performers, and especially the audience for a grand finale to our Pride Week celebration. We are very proud of this community.

*Editor's Note: Thanks to your generosity, this show (the first fundraising show held by the New Voice since moving to Omaha 5 1/2 years ago) was an overwhelming success. The exact breakdown follows:*

Pride Variety Show Income Report	
Submitted by Dick Brown, Treasurer	
Income:	
Donation from the MAX (224 through the door)	448.00
Raffle Proceeds	260.00
Tips Donated by Performers	170.75
Individual Donations:	
Printing Plus	250.00
Gilligan's	250.00
Ron Fort	100.00
ANGLE	25.00
Schumacher	25.00
Country Side Travel	20.00
Brandon Shukis	15.00
Total Income	\$1563.75
Expenses:	
Kinko's (Posters)	\$32.14
Nobbies (Set Materials)	97.45
Total Expenses	129.59
Total Proceeds After Expenses	\$1434.16

## THANKS FROM THE NEW VOICE STAFF

Thank you for making the *New Voice* Pride Variety Show a success! A special thank you to the performers that rose to the occasion and graced the stage:

The Tom Boys	Pat Phalen
Bill Bohannon (LeRoy)	Dick Brown
Viktoria Towne	Terry Sweeney
Sharon Van Butsel	Inga
Carla Petersen	Roxy
Justine Seals	Kendra
Krystyn Sands	Barbra Love
Miss Easy Does It	Monica West
R. N. Hedges	Mr. Stella
Sammi Bennett	Tami Griffith
Miss Mae-O-Naise	Dietra Snow
Felice Whitney	Rick Tornow

A very heartfelt Thank You to all of you who attended the show; to Stosh, Bruce and the staff at the MAX; to those who made "special" donations; to those individuals, businesses, and organizations who donated prizes for the raffle; and thank you, Sharon & Carla, for the "No One's Free Until Every One Is" buttons.

Thank you all very much for your time, talents, and financial support.

*The New Voice Staff*  
P.S. Should you wish to donate to our cause (upgrading our computer capabilities), please do so. It would be greatly appreciated.

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# FANTASY 93 August 20-22

The weekend of August 20-22, 1993 will mark the 5th year anniversary of "FANTASY". This year, Fantasy '93 will be back in Omaha, Nebraska co-sponsored by Fantasy Productions and *The Leather Journal*.

Fantasy is a national fundraiser, this year benefiting the Leather Archives in Chicago, IL, the AIDS Emergency Fund in San Francisco, CA, and the Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha, NE.

Title-holders and Leather Dignitaries will flock to the heart of the Great Plains Region for this annual event, which has become one of the biggest "sash - bashes" in the country.

Over 50 title holders and dignitaries have confirmed attendance for this years event. The goal for this year is to have over 100 titleholders and dignitaries on hand.

The weekend will begin with presentation of club colors (if you are a member of a club, be sure to bring your colors) and introduction of all of the titleholders and dignitaries. A Leather Dance will follow.

The next day will be a leather fair with vendor, game and informational booths from across the U.S. There will also be seminars and demonstrations of safe play, as well as titleholder workshops.

Saturday evening will be "Fantasy" the show, which will be produced by "That funny broad, IMSL 88, Shan Carr", and "The wicked tongue lady, Ms Sacramento Leather 89 Jolanne Tierney."

The show also features the titleholders and dignitaries singing, dancing, speaking, and

performing their fantasies live on stage.

A few of those confirmed include: IML Director Chuck Renslow, IMSL 93 Amy Marie Meek, Int'l Mr Drummer 92-93 Emerson Briney, Publisher of *The Leather Journal* Dave Rhodes.

You'll see Ms NLA 91-92 Ruth Marks, Int'l Mr Drummer 89 Brian Dawson, IMSL 88 Shan Carr, Ms Sacramento Leather 89 Joanna Tierney (poster child), Mr Floyds Leather 89 Jeff Burnam (poster child), Mr Gulf Coast Drummer 91 Mark Frasier, Mr Rocky Mountain Drummer 91 Joe Potter, TLJ Man of the Year 91 Jim Richards, and Mr Minnesota Leather 93 John Tudor.

They'll be joined by Mr Minnesota Drummer 93 JD Laufman, Mr Rocky Mountain Drummer 93 Greg Lowe, Mr Colorado Leather 90 Alan Potter, Mr Colorado Leather 91 Jim Chandler, Rocky Mountain Drummerboy 91 Steve Truses, and many many many more.

The host hotel this year will also be the site of the leather fair and seminars and workshops. It is also only a 2 block walk to The Max which is where the evenings entertainment will be.

This year, Fantasy has blocked the entire hotel. The host hotel is the Radisson Redick - phone (402) 342-1500 - please mention "Fantasy 93" to receive a special rate.

Weekend packages are available from \$30.00 in advance, or \$35 at the door.

Check your local establishments for Posters and registration forms, or contact "Fantasy 93", P.O. Box 6232, Omaha, NE 68106-0232 for more information.

## FLOOD WATERS JEOPARDIZE ICON'S PRE- LABOR DAY PICNIC

Flood alert! Flood Alert! Flood Alert! Due to flooding along the Missouri, Progressive Park in Council Bluffs may not be open for the Pre-Labor Day Picnic scheduled by the Imperial Court of Nebraska for Sunday, September 5. The rains that put Des Moines without drinking water for weeks and caused flooding in eastern Nebraska and all along the Mississippi will be taking a toll on the Midwest for weeks and months to come.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska hopes to have their "Flood Plan" finalized by August 10 should Progressive Park be closed for the season (that decision will be made about the first of August). Look for flyers and banners in the bars, as well as announcements in the *New Voice* and the *Times of the Heartland*.

The Pre-Labor Day Picnic is a fundraiser for AIDS and PWA's. ICON hopes all of the community will make a special effort to come out to the Pre-Labor Day Picnic regardless of the site and help us to support the organizations that serve our friends and family who live with HIV and AIDS. See you Sun., Sept. 5! And start saving—we're promising you lots and lots of raffles and a good time!

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# RESPONSE TO THE NEW YORK CITY SURVEY

ANGLE is coordinating a trip to New York City from June 23-28, 1994. A bus will be leaving early morning June 23 for New York and the bus will be returning the evening of June 28. The trip will cover the weekend of the Stonewall 25 anniversary march and some of the events beginning the Gay Games. This is an attempt to meet as many of the needs of the community as possible. There are people interested in different lengths of stays as well as different types of transportation. ANGLE is working with Countryside Travel for the bus trip as well as gathering information on plane and train fare. Our intent is to make this trip not only a dream but also a reality.

This is a breakdown of the costs for the bus and hotel. Not all of those choosing to take the bus are required to also take advantage of the hotel rates, but we would need to know as soon as possible. We have an anonymous member of our community who generously offered to make the deposit of \$1860.00 for the hotel so that we could secure 15 rooms because they believed that this was a great opportunity. The money will be reimbursed to this person as soon as people begin to pay. Please support this person by giving your deposit as soon as possible and as a way of saying THANK YOU!

We realize that this is an economical trip, but it still is a sizable amount for some to pay all at the same time. We have set up the following payment schedule to help you and us budget:

Deposit	\$35 by Sept. 30, 1993
Additional	\$100 by Jan. 15, 1994
Remaining	\$83.75 by May 15, 1994

Total cost for lodging and transportation per person equals \$218.75. The deposit of \$35 is non-refundable, but will be transferable.

Cost breakdown: Bus—\$125 per person (47 spaces available) Crusader Coach Lines.

Hotel—\$31.25 per person per night (with four people sharing a suite for three nights) 15 rooms available—a suite includes 1 room with 1 double bed and 1 room with 2 twin beds. Hotel: The Mansfield Hotel, 12 W 44th St., NY City, NY. (located approximately one mile from parade start.

Please make your payments to ANGLE, P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131.

For further information call the Gay/Lesbian/Bi Information and Referral Line at (402) 558-5303 and ask for Becky to give you a call.

Thank you for your participation and hope to see you in New York City.

## SURVEY RESULTS

1. Do you think ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) should help promote and sponsor a bus trip to New York City for the Gay Games, Stonewall, or both in June of 1994?  
30 Yes 1 No

2. Do you want to go to New York City for the Gay Games? 36 Yes 10 No
3. Do you want to go to New York City for the 25th Anniversary of Stonewall?  
43 Yes 6 No
4. How much would you pay for transportation?  
6—\$100.00
5. Plane? 21 \$150-400  
Car? 18 \$50-300  
Bus? 20 \$30-200  
Train? 14 \$50-300
6. How much would you pay for lodging?  
Family/Friends 4  
\$25-50 per night 13  
\$60-100 per night 9  
\$140-200 7  
\$500 1
7. How long would you want the trip to be?  
4 da—27 1wk—18  
1+wk—4
8. Would you or your organization or business be willing to help fundraise for a bus trip?  
31 Yes 10 No
9. Would you or your organization or business be willing to help organize?  
31 Yes 10 No
10. Would you or your organization or business be willing to help advertise or inform?  
32 Yes 6 No
11. Do you have contacts for lodging or transportation? 5 Yes 37 No

## NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT

The Imperial Court of Nebraska thanks all of you for your support of Coronation '93. We also want to thank the monarchs of Reign XII for their many accomplishments for the gay and lesbian community.

The Board of Governors says "Welcome and Congratulations to Emperor XIII Connie and Empress XIII Roxy! We are looking forward to working with you for the betterment of the area's gay and lesbian community."

Our encore performance by Miss Closet Ball '93, her competitors, and some specially invited performers was a smash hit at Club 2001 in Lincoln. We raised \$506 at the door and through tips.

We hope that all of you took in Investiture '93. Again we thank Melissa Morgan for her work as Princess Royale XII. We also thank all of the Royal Family Members of Reign XII for their contributions of time and talent this year.

As always, the Investiture audience was entertained by the best the community has to offer, but for most the highlight of the evening was the announcing of the royal families for Reign XIII. Michael G. was named Prince Royale and Monica West was named Princess Royale.

We invite you to come meet all of the royal family members at the Labor Day Picnic. That's the first big function for Reign XIII. The royal families have taken charge of the small raffles. It'll be fun to see what wonderful prizes they bring to the Court. The Board welcomes all of the Reign XIII royal family members.

Do remember to mark the Pre-Labor Day Picnic on your calendar (SUNDAY, SEPT. 5—noon til 5:00 p.m.). Flooding may cause a site change, but we'll announce complete details by mid-August! See you somewhere!

July 4 Picnic results are summarized in another article in this issue.

The Board of Governors meets the first Monday of each month in Stosh's Saloon at 6:30 p.m. in THE MAX. Our meetings are open to the public. Please join us! We welcome your questions and input. Our next meeting is Monday, August 2. See you in Court!

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## SEN. EXON IS UPSET!!!!

The *Omaha World Herald* (May 25, 1993) reports that Sen. Exon said he and some other Democratic senators resent having to vote on controversial presidential nominees, such as San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, for high government jobs. Ms. Achtenberg became the first openly gay person ever confirmed by the U. S. Senate to a top federal post. Exon voted against Ms. Achtenberg and said he did not understand why the Clinton administration wanted the Senate continually to confirm controversial issues, such as homosexuality. Exon said, "I am concerned about the whole problem of these kinds of controversial nominations that continue to upset the Senate and the way the Senate operates. With all the matters we have to deal with here, I just wanted to send a signal that I am weary of these controversial things coming over from the White House."

Sen. Kerrey voted to confirm Ms. Achtenberg and said, "I don't see any reason why she shouldn't be confirmed. She seems to be competent for the job."

Perhaps Sen. Exon did not realize that some other members of the Senate were making this a controversial issue. No record exists of Pres. Clinton saying he was nominating Ms. Achtenberg because she was a lesbian. But Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina in giving a reason he was trying to delay her confirmation said, "Because she's a damn lesbian. I'm not going to a lesbian in a position like that. If you want to call me a bigot, fine."

Perhaps Sen. Exon would appreciate hearing from Nebraskans about the issue. He also enjoys hearing from Nebraskans about the lifting of the ban on gays in the military.

Sen. Exon's address is:  
528 Hart Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 or  
Suite 700, 1625 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102

You can give him a jingle on the phone at: Washington (202)224-4224 or Omaha 341-1776.

-Citizens for Equal Protection

*Editor's Note: I did write to Senator Exon. The following is the response I received.*

## EXON RESPONDS ON ROBERTA ACHTENBERG

Dear Sharon:

I appreciate knowing of your support for the nomination of Roberta Achtenberg to be the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I did not support this nomination. My concern centered around Roberta Achtenberg's continued inclination to promote the causes of her sexual preference. I would not have considered her sexual preference except that her continued promotion of that cause could bias her work in formulating and carrying out national housing policy. Nevertheless, the Senate confirmed her nomination by a vote of 58-31. While we do not agree on this matter, I appreciate having benefit of your thoughts.

Best wishes.

Cordially,  
J. James Exon  
United States Senator



## APRIL LANE, MISS CLOSET BALL '93, SCORES HIT AT CLUB 2001 IN LINCOLN

July 11, Club 2001 and the Imperial Court of Nebraska presented a top notch show. The Imperial Court had turned over responsibility for the show to April Lane, Miss Closet Ball '93, who gathered together other contestants from Closet Ball along with some of the area's top notch performers to produce an excellent show.

The performers played to a standing room only crowd in the main bar at Club 2001. The set was a delightful and imaginative creation featuring rainbow colored round foil packages hanging against a black backdrop. Not only was the set attractive, but its almost subliminal message of "safer sex means using condoms" was perfectly appropriate.

The show opened with the second alternate to Miss Closet Ball '93, Miranda Wrights, performing *I Eat Cannibals* and later *Never Say Never*. Miranda's high energy performance set the pace for the evening, both with its off-beat style and with the energy that caused her wig to go flying by the end of the number. Miranda was followed by Miss Amie Zahn, first alternate to Miss Closet Ball '93, who performed her ever popular rendition of *Super Model* and *On My Own*.

Then Miss Closet Ball took the stage. April Lane is strikingly attractive as a female impersonator, with a slender beauty that looks almost fragile — until she starts to perform and then she moves with the best of them. Her costumes were striking in both her numbers — the first a white net and fringe seduction, the second a bold combination of lime and purple.

The show was emceed by the incredible Dorian Drake, Miss Gay Everything, whose typical high energy dancing during *Love's About to Change* caused her blond wig to suddenly be at her feet. Never missing a beat, Dorian reclaimed her hair, put it back in place perfectly, and continued dancing. Way to go, Dorian! Dorian's second number for the evening, *I'll Never Love This Way Again*, showed her in her short, jet black hair that presents such an entrancing contrast to the more familiar blonde.

The evening's challenges were not yet done. Empress XIII, Roxy, took the stage to perform *I Saw The Light* and was halfway through her number when the speakers suddenly went dead. It only took DJ Larry D. a minute to find the problem and correct it. Roxy continued her performance, only to have the speakers die again. Roxy, I salute you. You not only kept your poise and continued performing, you even smiled about it.

However, Roxy's perseverance was almost outdone when her Princess Royale, Monica West, took the stage. Monica had just come down to see the show but good naturedly agreed to perform at the last moment, using a tape borrowed from Kathy Klein. Monica's energetic dance style is her trademark and when the speakers again went dead during her number, Monica got the audience to clapping in quick time and continued dancing until the music came back on. You've got to hand it to the royalty of the Imperial Court. They certainly know how to go on with the show.

A hauntingly beautiful new performer RayGan, took center stage with a single lighted candle to perform *Papa, Can You Hear Me?* This moving performance brought an emotional response from the audience. The melancholy mood of this song was echoed in her second performance, the country classic that tells the story of *Fancy*.

Another song, remembering those that are gone, brought tears to the eyes of the audience -- Ed Shaw's live performance of the song *Friends*.

A real crowd pleaser was the extraordinary Kathy Klein, Miss Gay Missouri, Miss Gay Midwest, and Miss Gay St. Louis. Kathy took to the stage with thigh high leather boots and again danced her way into the hearts of the audience. Her high energy dancing goes on and on and on, demonstrating the physical abilities and stamina of a professional.

The evening's entertainment was made complete by two Lincoln favorites, both former City Sweethearts. The lovely LaTasha DeVore (Miss City Sweetheart 1986) charmed the audience with *The Best You Ever Done*. Then the quiet, classic beauty of Brooke Owens (Miss City Sweetheart 1991) took over the stage as she performed *Conviction* and then *The Greatest Love*.

Our congratulations to April Lane for staging an excellent show and our thanks to all those who supported the show.

## COMING IN SEPTEMBER: TWO MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT MCC-O

Okay, all you early-birds, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will soon be having a Sunday Morning Worship Service just for you!

Starting Sunday, September 18, MCC-O at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha, will have two Morning Worship Services. The first will be at 9:00 a.m. and the second will be at 10:30 a.m.

We invite you to join us for the service of your choice! Increased attendance and the anticipation of that trend has led the Pastor and the Board to add the 9:00 a.m. service.

Also starting in September, MCC-O will have one Sunday Evening Service per month. That service will be the first Sunday of each month. The 6:00 p.m. service will be preceded by a 5:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner in the Social Hall. For those of you in the community who remember the Wednesday evening potlucks, here's a chance to gather with friends regularly once a month for food and fellowship. Sunday, September 5 will be the first Sunday for the Potluck Dinner followed by Evening Worship. Hope you will join us. We'll save a pew for you!



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

Omaha Frontrunners, location varies 10am

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

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

### MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

### SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

### SUNDAY, August 1

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

### MONDAY, August 2

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

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Directors. 6:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha

### TUESDAY, August 3

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

### THURSDAY, August 5

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

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

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

### SATURDAY, August 7

Coalition 1st Sat Event, "Coffee House/Game Nt", Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Coffeehouse, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-10pm, Informal, alcohol-free, open to public

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Hastings, Pool party and cook out start at noon. Board meeting 3pm, General meeting 4pm. If you want to attend, call DC's for information.

### SUNDAY, August 8

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

Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska Board of Directors Mtg., 1-5pm

MCC-Omaha, Evening Worship, 819 S. 22

The Incredible Talents of C.C. Rae at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

### MONDAY, August 9

River City Mixed Chorus Auditions, Call John Bennett, 551-6517, to schedule or for info

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

### TUESDAY, August 10

Deadline for September New Voice

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

River City Mixed Chorus Auditions, Call John Bennett, 551-6517 for audition or more info.

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

### THURSDAY, August 12

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 291-6781, Program, Time for Sharing, 7pm, First Methodist, 7020 Cass, West Entrance

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

### FRIDAY, August 13

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am

### SATURDAY, August 14

River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender/ Cross-dress community. All welcome. No sexual encounters, Write for Info: Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Omaha Players Club, Info: call 451-7987

### SUNDAY, August 15

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

Omaha Men (OMEN), 4pm, The New Run Bar, Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

Nebraska Entertainer of the Year, Monique, & 1st Alt., Amanda Foxx, at The MAX, Omaha

### TUESDAY, August 17

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

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights — Board Mtg., CornerStone, 640 N 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

### FRIDAY, August 20

"Fantasy '93" A Leather Weekend, Radisson-Redick Hotel, Omaha

### SATURDAY, August 21

"Fantasy '93" A Leather Weekend, Radisson-Redick Hotel and The MAX, Omaha

"Healing Arts," a variety show to benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project, 8pm, Lincoln Community Playhouse.

### SUNDAY, August 22

Spaghetti Feed MCC-Omaha, 12pm, \$4 each

"Fantasy '93" A Leather Weekend, Omaha

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 291-6781, "Time for Sharing" 2pm, First Methodist Church, 6900 Cass, West Entrance

MCC-Omaha, Evening Worship, 819 S. 22

"Men of the Midwest" perform for you at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

### TUESDAY, August 24

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, 6pm, "Potluck Picnic" Bring a dish to share and own service. Program: "HIV/AIDS" For more information call 435-4688

### THURSDAY, August 26

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

Aunt Mike returns to the Patio with Underwear Night 12 (Only for Men) at The MAX, Omaha

### FRIDAY, August 27

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am,

### SATURDAY, August 28

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, call for info: Cleve, 733-1360

### SUNDAY, August 29

Gloria's Time Warp with your favorite hits of the 60's and 70's performed by your favorites, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha



# JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

by RJ

*Jesus Christ - Superstar* has come to Omaha. Opening night part of the proceeds went to NAP.

Quite frankly speaking, I was just a little disappointed at the turnout, especially as part of the proceeds were going to NAP. There was a good crowd, but still many, too many empty seats. I had especially expected a good turnout from the G/L community.

As short on green as I usually am, I was still able to make it though I had to go up where the pigeons roost. But the sound system was real good, and a good strong pair of binoculars took care of the distance. And I see, as he was on the cross, Rex Smith is getting a little soft around the middle. But then, aren't we all. I also noticed they crucified him in his sandals. Unusual.

I also was a little bothered by how heavy they made out the Sanhedrin to be. Those costumes made them look like demons from Hell. Even poor old Judas was running around in red pajamas. I'm surprised they didn't put horns on him. Judas happens to be my favorite biblical underdog, and I strongly believe Judas got shafted royally.

But, despite the somewhat heavy Christian bias, I really thought it was a good performance. Before I had spaced off the musical, more from ignorance, but last spring at the United Church of Christ, Rev. Ruhe gave a real good Bible Study on Judas. Rev. Ruhe played some parts of *JC Superstar*, and we went over the musical, discussing it. I became hooked, so when it came to Omaha, come Hell or high water, I was going to see it.

And I enjoyed it greatly. I can strongly recommend seeing it. But please keep your ears open and view it with an open mind. It is a strong performance with a strong message. Especially listen to what Judas has to say.

Without Judas, there very well could have been no crucifixion. And no crucifixion, and Saul would have had nothing to build his religion on.

So be sure to see *JC Superstar*. Rex Smith does a powerful performance of JC. He has strong looks, the right age, masterful talent. I also thought Clyde McNeal, Jr., as Judas, really brought the right touch to his role. He gave a very touching, very sensitive portrayal of Judas. Listen to what he has to say. I don't think anyone could have done better.

I could go on and on. Mary Magdalene, Apostle Peter, the whole cast, such a paramount cast. They really put heart and soul into this musical.

Two scenes that stood out were the King Herod scene and the Limbo scene. The King Herod scene sent gales of laughter through the audience. It was outrageously hilarious. On the surface. And yet? And yet? I still have an itch I can't reach to scratch.

The portrayal, or better yet, the caricature of King Herod, as a stereotypical aging Drag Queen, bothered me. Am I being overly sensitive? Did anyone else in the G/L Community feel this itch? Any comments?

But, all in all, it was an evening to enrich one's knowledge of Biblical study, just by getting another point of view. Or just an evening out to enjoy, an escape from the humdrum of the real world.

How ever you view the musical, it was a unique musical, magnificent talent, exceptional enjoyment. Go see the musical. Enjoy the musical. Be kind to yourself. Splurge a little. Live a little.

# FLORIDA FROLICS

By Gert

Hey, Everybody! Um-m-m, "Hey" down here is comparable to "Hi" up there. Oh. Down here is Florida. Anyway, just call me Gert. Glad to meet y'all.

I haven't been able to get out-and-about much lately due to doctor appointments, car problems, and just general lack of funds. Besides, I'm still trying to find me. But that's another story. Still and all, I've managed to come up with some interesting info for y'all.

In this age of homophobia, gay bashing, parents who are afraid we're going to recruit their children, etc., etc., etc., it's amazing just how much heterosexuals figure they can get away with. For instance, what happened back in the early part of March this year at a club called The Park Avenue in Tallahassee.

During the week TPA is a straight club, but Saturdays and Sundays it belongs to the gays and lesbians. Now understand that the owner has let it be know that if it were up to him, it would be a G/L club all the time, but he'd be closed down in no time flat. Remember that we're dealing in the Bible Belt here. Be that as it may, the arrangement seems to work for most. Except for this one heterosexual couple...

A man and a woman went to TPA on a Saturday night last March. They didn't go in as a couple. In fact, they came in with two separate groups of people and didn't even know each other. They started drinking, as folks will, and the man asked the woman to dance.

As the night wore on, they became progressively intoxicated and started kissing and dancing suggestively on the dance floor. That in itself isn't so bad, but suddenly they were lying on the dance floor and actually having sexual relations!

The customers and manager tried to separate them, but the man and woman would have none of it. They were too far gone. The manager called the police and the couple was arrested for indecent exposure, lewd practices in public, and a host of other charges.

No! I'm not making this up. The entire incident was printed in *The Tallahassee Democrat*.

And heterosexuals call us sick. That's it til next time...

## "A CAMPING WE SHALL GO, A CAMPING WE SHALL GO"

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Each camper is responsible for paying his/her own camp fees. Meals will be done potluck-style with each camper providing goodies as they wish.

A worship service will be held Sunday. For more details contact the Church Office at 345-2563.

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Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508

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Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

The New Run 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

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**Gay & Lesbian Assoc.**, Counseling Ctr, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, Lincoln 68508. 472-1804. Confidential

**Information for Older Gay People (INFORMATION)**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043 Local, Nat'l Info, Conference Update, Educ.

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

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

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**Star City Gay Men's Club**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043 For men in 30's, 40's, 50's, & Up, Thursdays, The Arbor Moon, 2017 "O", Movies, cards, a Little Fun. Info: Write or call 477-5666.

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

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

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

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

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**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

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**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative"**, Fri. 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 455-7916;

**Live & Let Live Group**, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 345-2563, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103, Services held at 819 S. 22 St, Omaha, Sunday School Classes for Adults and Children & Youth at 9am, Sunday Worship at 10:20am.

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

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

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

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays \*PFLAG**, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, (402) 291-6781. Meets: 2nd Thursday, 7pm, "Program & Time for Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Time for Sharing"; 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street, West Entrance.

**Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns**, (402) 733-1360. Cleve, Omaha. Generally meets last Sat. Jan-Oct, 2nd Sat. in Dec., No Nov mtg

**Prime Timers**, Social/support organization for older gay and bisexual men and their younger admirers. Call (402) 895-9599 or write: 13908 "S" Plaza, Box 1088, Omaha, NE 68137

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

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

**River City Mixed Chorus**, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 453-8884. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

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

**Women of the Plains**, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 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. Magazine for lesbian women's voices to be heard.

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, \*Grand Island, Open Mtg 12noon, Sundays

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

**Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska**. To provide a healthier environment through support meetings, social events, workshops, & newsletter. Contact Dennis V., 4005 Rodeo Road, Lot #4, North Platte, NE 69101

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA)**, Box 57441, Lincoln, 68505-9998. Info: Dan 344-3103 (Omaha) or Patrick 477-3899 (Lincoln) Open to all who enjoy and supports rodeos and other country activities. Meetings generally 1st Saturdays at DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

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

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

**Lesbian & Gay Task Force, National Assoc. of Social Workers, Nebr Chapter**, Has Disbanded

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

**The New Voice of Nebraska**, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine for Lesbian/Gay community. Subscriptions \$19/year. Deadline: 10th of month for publication following month.

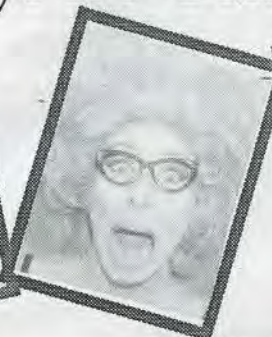
**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays \*PFLAG**, Kearney, NE: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 382-0752 or (308) 995-5490. Direct correspondence to: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

**Times of the Heartland**, 601 S. 16, Ste 110, Omaha, 68102 Newline: 341-6900. Advertising: 341-1667. A weekly newspaper for the heartland region published by Equity First Corporation. Publisher: Tim Kennedy, Editor: Jay Jankovich

**If your organization is not listed, please contact us at 556-9907, or write PO Box 3512, Omaha 68103**



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