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OUR TURN: VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF THE NEW VOICE STAFF



NOTES ON DES MOINES

By Sharon Van Butsel

I recently had the opportunity to visit Des Moines for the annual conference of the Mid Central District of UFMCC. While there I visited three of the establishments in the downtown area — Blazing Saddle, the Side Saddle Cafe, and Our Place.

Blazing Saddle was very much as I expected — rustic decor, small, and very crowded with men (about 98% men, though women were welcome). We didn't stay long — there wasn't room to turn around, but the men there certainly seemed to enjoy it.

The Side Saddle Cafe, located just next door as you might expect, was a comfortable cafe serving good quality meals ranging from hamburgers to generous cuts of prime rib. The night I was there, the Side Saddle had been totally overwhelmed by an onslaught of 50 or more people from the nearby conference. David, a dark haired, well muscled man in a tee shirt from International Mr. Leather, was doing an excellent job as the only waiter (in between frequent sprints to the Blazing Saddle to get change). Some of the customers volunteered to do dishes, pass water, and pour coffee, while the rest of us told stories, sang songs, and generally raised the roof. Carla and I shared a booth with a generous Des Moines native who watched the antics with an amused grin and commented that it was certainly more lively than most Saturday nights at the Side Saddle.

After our meal, we went around the corner to "Our Place" — a large bar with a polished wood dance floor, lots of seating, three pool tables, and a crowd that was 98% womyn, though a handful of men wandered in and out during the evening. The music was good, the dance floor excellent, and the customers friendly.

We didn't make it to The Garden — that will have to wait until our next visit. And there will be a next visit. We met some great people and had a great time.

TOP: DICK BROWN LEADS THE WAY FOR OLLIE THE TROLLEY IN PRIDE PARADE

LEFT: BRIAN AND TODD - PROUD NEWLYWEDS



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GAY CHRISTIAN SPEAKS OUT

Dear Editor,

In your editorial "Reverend Hate Comes to Lincoln", Andrew, the author, touched emotions deep inside of me. I felt like jumping up and shouting "YES, there are people in the Lincoln community that care about the goings-on within our community". Instead of shouting, though, I would like to address the issue in a different light.

My name is David, and have been a Gay Christian for 10 years. The Bible should be taken for the literal words that it says and in particular, the exact words of Jesus.

To me, the Old Testament (as it is written) confesses that 'we are born of sin'. Exactly this states that to bear child, the human species must have intercourse (sex). This makes sex a sin. It is plain and simple. Yet people have tried for years to say that being gay is a sin. That's just NOT true. Jesus never claimed anything like that.

Here is the GOOD NEWS. It's JESUS. He gave his life so that when we believe, and when we call upon his name, that he will forgive ALL sin, including one's judgment on another section of society. Furthering his thought, no where, not anywhere, does Jesus say that being gay/lesbian/or bisexual is more or less of a sin than two or more heterosexuals having intercourse, and it does not keep you from partaking in the sacraments of your faith.

I know truly that I can't wait for the day the Lord takes me away, but until then we need to strive not to complain of those that don't help, but to make note of, encourage, and applaud the efforts of those that do the community work. On June 22nd, the Ecumenical Catholic Church of America made a major announcement in Lincoln that may change the way people in our community look at the community, and maybe even ourselves.

My thoughts and prayers are with you,
God Bless

Dave

UNHAPPY WITH CHANNEL 7 COVERAGE OF PARADE

Dear Sharon,

I was disappointed with NewsWatch 7's coverage of the parade and rally of Sunday, June 11, "From Silence to Celebration." The event was covered only briefly, and the Newscaster told viewers that the event was a celebration of the homosexual lifestyle. This information was incorrect.

Use of the term homosexual lifestyle gave no indication of the diversity that exists among gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people, and no indication of the variety of organizations represented at the event. Use of the term also gave the false impression that we were celebrating only our sexuality and reduced the GLBT rights movement to a bedroom issue.

Sunday's event was intended to increase awareness of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. However, the brief coverage the event received will only reinforce those stereotypes that the GLBT community has worked to eliminate.

I encourage those of you who saw the NewsWatch 7 report to write or call KETV - NewsWatch 7. They need to know not to make the same mistake again. You can contact KETV at:

KETV
NewsWatch 7
2665 Douglas
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 978-8950

Sincerely,
Kit Blase

ISOLATED IN GREATER NEBRASKA?

Dear Editor,

Thank you for getting my classified in your June edition. I received the checking copy and was really impressed. I was afraid I had missed the deadline for that edition, and I really wanted to advertise in the PRIDE issue.

I have had some orders for the AIDS Awareness Flags already, however, and maybe equally important have heard from several nice people just asking for other information, catalogs, or inquiries about other flags I have available.

Several of your readers were happy to have a "contact" in this part of the State. They tell me how isolated they feel, that there is no support group in this vast area, and wanting to get together for coffee or a drink sometime. I appreciate and rely on my flag business but I wanted to let your readers know that personal contacts are also very welcome. I am a SW Nebraska native who moved back here from the "Big City." I had forgotten how alone we are out here. YOUR READERS ARE INVITED TO GET TOGETHER WITH ME ANYTIME. Thanks again.

Philip Spotts
Phil's Fun Stuff
P.O. Box 236
North Platte, NE 69103

Editor's Note: Thanks for the invitation! You might also check the resource directory and consider getting involved in Gays and Lesbians of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) or Parhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services (PGLSS).

IMSL

Need a vacation? Just want to get out of town for a weekend? Plan on attending the International Ms Leather Contest in Chicago the weekend of July 20. Celebrate the leather lifestyle! Not only will there be the contest, but also workshops and vendor space (just think of the new toys!). There is the opportunity of meeting new friends and renewing old friendships. Master Cindy will be stepping down from her title year as International Ms Leather. Who will be filling her shoes? You could be among the first to know! Plan now to play with us in Chicago. It will be the time of your life!

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NAMES PROJECT VOLUNTEER HAS "QUILT FEVER"

by Penny Wallace of NAMES Project Foundation

There's an affectionate term for volunteers who have been with the NAMES Project Foundation since its inception: Dinosaurs, they call them. One such volunteer is Ruth 'Jenks' Jenkins, a 69-year old woman who's been with the project since 1988. Jenks had worked at I Magnins for 26 years as a window trimmer and thought she might try sewing for the Quilt. "At first, I kept killing the machines. But eventually I got better and stopped breaking them," she said.

Jenks, from Illinois by way of Texas, has been living in San Francisco's Castro District since 1961. She used to walk by the NAMES Project workshop when it first opened and one day she walked in. At first, Jenks volunteered one day a week. Then she decided two days would be better. "They told me, 'Jenks, you've got Quilt fever,' and it was true. Now I have my own special shelf that says 'Jenks' panels'."

Although Jenks herself has never made an entire panel, she worked on one for a minister friend named Jim. Her artist friend painted it with two angels and the Golden Gate Bridge. "I really didn't have too much to do with it except I did embroider the church symbol. I had to, because I realized there wasn't one single bit of stitching on the panel!"

Jenks was asked if she had been familiar with the Quilt before she began volunteering. "Oh yes," she said, "my supervisor at I. Magnins was the first person I knew who died of AIDS." She's also on the Board of Directors for the Life Center, a project for the community started by the Trinity United Methodist Church. "It's going to be a beautiful building containing AIDS service organizations so that people who are ill can go to one place and get all the information they need."

What has kept Jenks volunteering at the

NAMES Project so many years? "It gives me satisfaction to help complete a panel," she says. "Sometimes when people send panels in, they just glue or pin things so there's lots of sewing to be done." She feels her work at the NAMES Project is especially important now, with the 1996 Washington, D.C. display coming up. She was there in '89 and '92 and she's thinking about going again. "Just before the '92 display, we got tons of new panels that required a lot of work. And now it's so much bigger."

She was asked what she remembers most about Washington. "It was amazing to see the volunteers all dressed in white during the unfolding ceremony. The first time the Quilt was unfolded in D.C., somehow the panels were at an angle. So everybody took hold of their corners and flipped it up in the air and turned it. That's become part of the opening ceremony — lifting and turning. It's wonderful to watch the big twelve-by-twelves going up in the air. The first time I did it my feet went off the ground!"

SUPPORT THE READER

Dear Editor,

The claim is made that homophobia and being pro-life go together, hand in glove, but recent events cause me to once again point to false connections. A letter from Don Kohls of Omaha for Decency, appearing in *The Reader* of May 24 drives the point home. Kohls could have found fault with the personal ads or blasted the ad for an abortion clinic which appear in the newspaper. Kohl and his group of 900 were concerned with the "men seeking men" and "women seeking women" section of the ads. He states, "encouraging/ promoting homosexuality is detrimental to the well being of society." He goes on to cite the dangers of AIDS.

Let us say AIDS is a gay disease and gays deserve it, primarily AIDS has killed those who have engaged in sex or used intravenous drugs. Straight people, though, kill over a million and a half innocent babies every year through abortion. Straight people are those abandoning their children and breaking up families through divorce. If homosexuals are hurting anybody, they are most often hurting themselves, while straight people try to prove they are better by putting homosexuals down, breaking up families through divorce and killing innocent children through abortion.

Regardless of what you may think of my own views, please write John Heaston, managing editor of *The Reader* (512 S. 11th Street, Omaha, NE 68102) and urge the paper not to cave into such homophobic attacks. To understand how pro-abortion homophobia can get, consider Chuck Volz. He is a good pro-life soul. He blocked an abortion clinic and as a lawyer represented pro-life rescuers in at least 50 trials. He opened the one and only home in Philadelphia for women with crisis pregnancies. Then the "pro-life" community discovered he was gay and ALL organized "pro-life" groups pulled their funding of the crisis pregnancy home. If you want to know how to help Volz and the crisis pregnancy center just write to him at Blessed Margaret of Castello (BMC) Home for Crisis Pregnancies, PO Box 361, Bensalem, PA 19020. Of course, in the end there are always a good proliferator who are just as homophobic as they are pro-life, like Attorney General Don Stenberg who has signed a legal brief calling on the U.S. Supreme Court to restore Colorado's anti-gay initiative.

Sincerely, Andrew Sullivan

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POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

"DOLLAR DANCES WITH THE GURU....." or "DO YOU (STATE YOUR NAME) TAKE THIS GURU?"

Good afternoon, my little hedgehogs of haiku! Well, we must all think nice thoughts towards Sharon, our beloved Editor-in-Chief, for allowing me to be so late with my little page of poetry and witty prose. You see, my wee bairns, your Guru has just been hitched!! On June 11th, Todd and I tied the knot with an intimate gathering of friends, family, and paparazzi from all the best papers (you know, the *Enquirer*, the *Star*, *Rolling Stone*, *High Times*, *Field and Stream*.) It was a lovely ceremony, with all the proper intrigue and foreshadowing. A mysterious figure in black appeared, only to disappear after the nuptials. My parents didn't seem to be on any serious medications.

In more important news, we raked in three (count 'em three!) soup tureens. Do you know how many cans of Spaghetti-O's it takes to fill one of those suckers? Too many for a decent breakfast, let me tell you!

Oh, since I haven't said anything about it for at least five minutes, **buy my book dammit!!!!** Remember, the more copies you buy, the sooner I will stop babbling about it! *Gay...Some Assembly Required* is a wonderful collection of my poetry over the last two years. It makes a great gift for those who are tired of the same old thing on first dates, does not cause cancer, has not been tested on lab animals, and tastes great with a slice of lemon!

For all my groupies, fans, followers, acolytes, and zombies, I will be appearing at the MAX on July 27th, as part of the A.C.E. Fundraiser. I will be reading some selections from my book (**buy the book, please!! I need to pay for my cat's liposuction!**) along with some new pieces. Maybe if you are all good, I'll do some interpretive dance!

Well, enough of my posturing, this month we will be featuring a piece by De Moreland who has been sorely missed on this page, and Mark Hallman, a poet from San Jose, California, who also has a book out entitled *Soul Tracks* (**buy his book after you buy mine!!!!**), and one of my new ones just to be precocious!

Have a good month, my little vessels of verse!

Love, Brian

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CAT'S SECRET

By Mark Hallman

Fuzzy had taken to disappearing into the cane brake four or five times a day, her tail down.

"You keep out of there," Mamma warned, having seen me trail off after pets too often, the freedoms and dangers of their worlds more intriguing than my own. "Probably just hunting for mice."

Fuzzy grew fat, between visits to the brake, slept long hours on the living room sofa. She rarely touched her food.

Near the end of July, she failed to show up in her usual places.

After a few days, Mamma said, "Snake probably got her."

But early one morning two weeks later, as Momma stood in the kitchen frying bacon, Fuzzy was there rubbing at her ankles and meowing loudly. She had lost weight and was back to her old wiry self.

From then on, she stayed out of the brake. Occasionally though, we'd see her sitting about five feet from the perimeter, flicking her tail and staring in.

HYMNAL

By Mark Hallman

It was a sorry Sunday, the religion being served up as bland and homogeneous as the communion bread

freshly shed from the hide of the preacher, his meanness of face and torque of tongue mirroring that of the congregation, no Jews, no Catholics, or anything unlike us within a fifty mile radius, and several hundred years.

Our options now so progressively thinned by a vehement history and our own stubborn doing

that we had little to strive for but what we'd inherited, the carapace melted by each new generation crowded in under the one before it, stifling us further.

A world fated to bear unsalvageable crazies, misfits of niche and distillate voice.

PIETA

By De Moreland

On the top steps of the Halleluia Temple after choir practice and on her way home, Olivia stiffens as the street light bends its neck to cast a halo over Roy Lee and Leon, two brothers engaged in a rapid exchange of hot lead between them, the first and last thing they ever agreed on, final confession from two men of few words. The red-lighted chariots siren salvation but swing low too late to restore peace in the valley, or to comfort Olivia rocker her children, their blood mingled briefly, like sin with baptism, washed away in the rain behind Whiteflag's Liquor store.

"For those that have no home, the journey is endless...." — Anonymous

DROPLETS IN THE SNOW

By Brian Bengtson

I have pulled at roots many times in this life. First reaching for an answer out of nature, desperate grabs as an all-or-nothing attempt at controlling her growth, sometimes I bathed fingers in the earth just for fun

I hold secrets with winds skimming past unkept fields towards the beginnings of a state highway sunset. Some of these riddles are just whispered regrets to wipe the lost look off my sleeping face.

I've crushed many a fruit, both from the fall's harvest and fruits of Man's work, between my top and bottom molars as I walked on the journey. I leave some of the bitter tastes as markers in the road, or as droplets in the snow.

I have polished my reflection in countless mirrors, sometimes I was just shinting up the fish-hook of despair lodged in my chest, tearing at my eyes. Some days I was only squirming my neck to peer around the morning stubble to see the path behind me.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace London, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Well, now we know: we are prone to judge before we have the facts! At least this is one of the lessons we should have learned following the horrible terrorist attack on the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Why? Well, because before any news at all came out about the culprits, we had already set our sights on "those damn Arabs and Islamics". We play the same tune throughout the year when we hear of a 7-11 robbery. Immediately we just know it is a Black or a Mexican who did it. All of this is probably a hangover from the wild west days when citizens would take the law into their own hands and hang the nearest suspect from some tree, only to find out later they had hung the wrong man. Wonder how they could live with themselves after something like that!?

I wonder what ever happened to the old saying from the Bible where it says "judge not lest ye be judged" and "cast out the beam out of thine Own eye" before we try to cast out the silver in our brother. It seems these sayings certainly don't carry any weight anymore!

When we judge before viewing the entire story, we are placing ourselves in jeopardy of being embarrassed when the whole truth arises. We can know, however, that time has not changed this aspect in man; they were doing it way back in Jesus' time. Maybe one of these days we'll get it!

It would be interesting to speak with some of the Folks who "just knew" - it was those Islamics or Arabs who did the bombing. What would it be like to awaken to the reality of two White Americans being arrested?

Why might it be so hard to believe it could be someone here? Have you noticed how many idiots and complete nut-cases there are roaming around our neighborhoods nowadays? Have you heard some of the insane rhetoric being advocated by speakers in these paramilitary groups; the White Supremacy advocates...with their know-it-all arrogance mirroring the memories of Herr Hitler. And surely we've all heard the rabid ravings of anti-abortionists who would think nothing at all about murdering a doctor who performed an abortion. And we're aware of the likes of Rev. Fred Phelps, who has the nerve to call himself a servant of God when he preaches hate and intolerance.

Oh, they are all around us! All kinds of nuts! BUT! How dare we even think about casting the silver out of our Arab, European, Asian and African brothers eye before we correct our own sight impairment first!?

Jumping to conclusions is an attitude of youth. And, since our youth is part of our Past, it is something always in our memories and habits, it will probably always be present in us. Maturity should give us wisdom and strength when we are tempted to youthfully pre-judge. Should we yield to temptation, we could learn something, however. We should be able to detect previously

hidden prejudices in ourselves. It's a hell of a way to have to learn a self-mastery lesson, though!

Pre-judging is a part of many lives in our gay/lesbian community also, isn't it? What we should be and could be doing is gathering facts, facts, facts before we condemn a brother or sister. Then and only then can we go directly to them and say they have or don't have our support.

What if one of our own is a pedophile? Do we condemn before we have facts? If the facts prove true that pedophilia exists, do we then go to them and try to help them get help? Or, do we just sit back and talk about them behind their back?

Or, what about someone who is carrying the AIDS virus but doesn't use protection when in sexual encounters. Do we simply talk about them in judgment, yet do not sit down face to face and try to bring them to sanity?

Yeah, the philosophers down through the ages, including the Biblical ones, have urged their followers NOT to pre-judge others. The

problem has existed and it still does as evidenced by the Oklahoma City bombing, the O.J. trial, etc. Plus, our very own Military, which prejudices our homosexual community with its idea that gays and lesbians are unfit for service because we screw everything walking on two legs. Maybe the military thinks this is what we are all about, it is because they are mirroring thoughts of what they themselves are like on the inside! Possibly they also do not read their own Bible.

I'm reminded once again of one of Dad's old sayings: "You can't pull a man out of the well, kid, if you are in the well with him." And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet!

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

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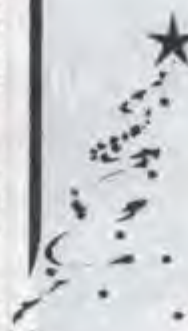
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ROBERTS' RULES FYI. What's On The Agenda:

by Shelly Roberts

Have you got your copy of The Gay Agenda? I can't find mine. I'm sure I must have one around here somewhere, in a stack someplace, but my office is a mess right now, and I was wondering if I could borrow yours? Could you fax it to me?

What, you don't have a copy either? Damn. I know that everyone in the Harrassgayterian Church got one. I'm pretty sure they were also sent out to all the members of Jerry Falsewell's congregation. And I think Senator Sam Numb distributed copies to the entire Senate Armed Services Committee. None of whom I'm speaking to this week. Well, isn't that odd. Since it's OUR agenda, you'd have thought at least one of us would be able to come up with a copy. Would have one lying around in the corner of a hard drive or a filing cabinet somewhere.

Hmmmm. I can't seem to find a one of us with her own Xerox. As I said, "Odd." You see, I've been in far too many corporations for far too long, to proceed without one. I've lived too long in unfocused conference rooms, participating in aimless, egotistical exercises in futility, lead by senior members (most of the conveners *were* men) in the service of their own ambition, to think that we can accomplish much without one.

(This is not a lesbian anti-male diatribe. It's just that, in my humble experience, women are usually more prone to perpetrating Parliamentary Procedure and less to committing Machiavelli. A playing field I'm sure we're working handily to level even as you read.) It seems to me to be a waste of everybody's time and attention to show up for even one more triangle conference, or rainbow committee meeting without a copy. So I guess there's just nothing for it, but to write up a new one, right now, and distribute to everyone, so we'll know exactly the purpose of the gathering is, what's scheduled, and what time we can get

out of the meeting and get back to getting some real work done.

THE GAY AGENDA

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER TWENTY MINUTES LATE

This is Gay Lesbian Standard Time, and to presume anything different would be to defy Standard Operating Procedure. Proceed.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

They proposed. We disagreed. We proposed. They disagreed. DC al Coda.

III. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

Well, the U/S Parks Department was off by about seven hundred thousand. Approximately. Give or take a couple of guys in corsets, and a few bare-chested women.

97% of all child molesters are heterosexual. We don't recruit, we're an all-volunteer army. Because it is more than likely, doubtlessly, presumably, apparently, believably, feasibly, GENETIC, it WAS your parents' fault.

The uniform of the day for most of us is not tutu's and goatees.

Contrary to the popular wish-fulfilled beliefs of most married heterosexual females, most lesbians do not hate men, unless they have ever masqueraded as married heterosexual females. Or daughters. Or employees. Or voters.

The only other people's children we want, thank you very much, are the helpless, the abandoned, those with AIDS, and the ones they don't want unless we ask to adopt them.

Minutes approved as read and amended. Amen.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Housing and Urban Development.

Shut Up and Salute.

Insurance Benefits and Beneficiary Rights.

Job Security and Tax Equality.

Legal Marriage and Universal Spousal

Prerogative.

Custody and Adoption.

Will The Real Queer Please Stand Up.

And why-the-hell-don't-your-folks-put-me-on-the-Christmas-card-too?

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Perpetrating the following:

The Golden Rule.

The wisdom to know the difference.

Family (Of Wo/Man) Values.

A balance of beams and notes.

V. TABLED FOR A FUTURE DISCUSSION:

World domination and/or demoralization. (At least any more than it already is. (About which we had nothing to do.)

VI. VETOED

Subornment of Children

Seduction of Housewives and Truckdrivers

(Unless Volunteering.)

Satanic Ritual. Bestiality. Unnatural Acts.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

There you have it. The entire Gay Agenda. From an entirely gay person for a change. Not a religious fanatic of any describable wing.

Because, it seems to me, if we don't get our real agenda out on the table loud and clear they'll just keep following their hidden ones.

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Astrological Forecast for July 1995

Is it hot in here or is it just my career? July gets all four burners roaring away with a massive planetary march right through sensitive Cancer and ultimately into regal and proud Leo. The Sun (our personal mission in life), Mercury (how we think) and Venus (how we love) all get energized as they figuratively bounce off each other. Let's go for the gusto, friends. The time is ripe for change and we are just the gang to do it.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) It is wise to center most of your activities close to or right at home since your heart, mind and complete sense of well being centers there this July. Family issues and unresolved matters involving the dominant parent in your life may take a turn for the better. Good! It's time to get on with your lifestyle. Drop all that excess baggage. Partners need some TLC and attention.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) As your mind thinks, so you will speak. The balanced and carefully pondering gay Bull waxes poetic this July with wise observation. Ask and you shall have it, but don't rely on friends to offer it to you. There are still some nasty patches with pals that

need to be worked out and it can't be rushed. Everything takes time.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Money matters take on an increased importance this July, but don't worry, everything appears to be on track. You have obviously taken the necessary steps and done the appropriate homework to see that finances are under control. It's a shame that the same thing can't be said for your career. Problems still exist as the learning phase continues.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Happy Birthday! This is your month to shine as your personal magnetism soars. It is an excellent time to meet as many new people as possible and charm the pants off them. Relationships also need some attention; there may be something going on there that you are not seeing properly. Cast off the illusions and demand respect.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Leos achieve some major karmic points by volunteering for a worthy gay cause. The more you give, the more you get so choose a charity to support and jump right in. There are so many good deeds you can do for our community. Take the time to air out a closet and

explore any psychological barriers that hold you back for true happiness. Breakthroughs now possible.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) We all need a strong circle of friends. They reaffirm our sense of self and personal pride and give us confidence as well as plain old good times. Encourage friendships this July and put all important projects on the front burner. It is an excellent time for new beginnings because you have the energy and the stamina to get the whole thing off the ground.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 21) Concentrate on your career, the planetary energy points to professional success. Day to day chores may still be sticky and problematic, but long term goals appear to be on track. If you have kept a watchful eye on finances, you may begin to see a huge transition from famine to feast. If you have been negligent, then the opposite is true.

SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22) Personal transformation continues apace. (Or maybe you're just mellowing with age?) Travel is the keynote this month so head for parts unknown and just enjoy yourself. It still may be difficult to tap your more creative side, but don't despair, you simply need to find a more suitable outlet for your muse. If it ain't poetry, maybe it's theater.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Career takes off like a rocket blast. I can't remember when you've been so motivated. Thankfully, all that professional energy has not quelled your sexual appetite. Merging on many deep levels that special someone is particularly important to your sense of well being and personal happiness (as it is for all of us). Money may arrive through the kindness of others.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Although you lack a bit of perspective and self confidence, all is not lost. I sense there is someone there to lend support. Relationships are particularly important to you now so try to maintain the balance between partners and the urge to get out and see the world. Why fret? You needn't explore alone. Don't they say that two heads are better than one?

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Finances are still challenging, but you can bury yourself in the day to day job and get along just fine for now. In fact, detailed projects may be just what the doctor ordered so dive right in! Anything involving psychology or mystery will be an especially tempting target. Who knows? It may lead you down an entirely new professional path.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) You learn by doing... and perhaps failing, but each setback is a valuable lesson in itself. Believe it or not, you will persevere and gather quite a bit of wisdom and experience in the process. The temptation is to party hearty and forget your stumbling blocks, but try to find time for both work and pleasure. The reward for work will be much sweeter in the long run.

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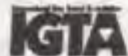
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EXPLORING MILITIAS & ANTI-GAY RHETORIC

by Scott Nakagawa, NGLTF

The media attention focused on the April 19 bombing in Oklahoma City has triggered debate on citizen militias and the consequences of Right Wing resentment toward government. In the wake of the tragedy, a terrified public is struggling to understand the threat posed by militant groups. However, trying to understand militias and the danger they pose by studying the bombing and the militias' self-professed hatred of government is like trying to understand the entire gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community on the basis of one night at a gay bar. The citizen militia movement is a complex phenomenon reflective of fast-growing reactionary sentiment with consequences for all of us.

The citizen militia movement is one faction within a broader Right Wing backlash against democratic values. The militias are situated to the right of more mainstream rightists such as Pat Buchanan, and are tied to white supremacist movements like the Posse Comitatus, the Ku Klux Klan, Christian Patriots, and Christian Identity. When militiamen talk about their "anti-government" agenda, we should hear — "anti-gay, anti-Semitic, anti-woman, anti-democratic, and anti-racial justice" agenda. The militias' proposed alternative to "big bad government" is a return to society ruled by an unamended Constitution — constructed to protect the rights of white property owners, and intended to exclude women and people of color from participation in the franchise. Former Center for Democratic Renewal Research Director Leonard Zeskind writes, "It has the smell of yesteryear — states' rights and armed vigilante gangs — but the militias are now the most popular vehicle to the right of

Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition. Like the Posse Comitatus 15 years ago, the body work is painted with religion, patriotism and the U.S. Constitution, but the motor is anti-Semitism and racism, and the drivers are white supremacists." *The Dignity Report Coalition for Human Dignity*

The militia movement is powered by a growing fear of white male disprivilege. In an economy in which temporary employment agencies have become our largest private employers, and American workers' standard of living has dropped to pre-1953 levels (Jobs with Justice), rightists such as the militiamen are growing nostalgic for a time when white male entitlements went largely unchallenged. In this respect, the militiamen are part of a growing phenomena. Perhaps this is the most important aspect of the militia movement. In spite of the more bizarre racial and religious agendas of some white supremacist members, militiamen share many things in common with more mainstream elements of the Right Wing.

The militiamen contend that government is failing their members — white men — because of the influence of the civil rights lobby ("racial preferences" and "special rights"), Jews ("international bankers"), feminists ("breakdown of the family and gender roles"), and gays (you know what they say about us). This is mirrored in the rhetoric of mainstream rightists, who believe education is in ruins because of political correctness and secular humanism; oppose government programs for the poor, denounce gay/lesbian/bisexual people; and scapegoat minorities as immoral and unproductive. They say we are all destroying God, family, and country and use this to justify super authoritarian measures to control or eliminate us. Samuel Sherwood of the United States Militia Association, based in Blackfoot, Idaho, says of President Clinton, "(he) is determined to seize your guns, steal your food, take your children away. In his term, he will have killed more babies than Hitler, put more homosexuals in government than Sodom and Gomorrah, had the schools teach your children it is right and forced you to accept it." In Michigan, the head of the effort to place an anti-gay initiative

on the ballot used the rhetoric of the militia as he advanced the anti-gay measure. In an interview with MetroTimes, a Michigan newspaper, George Matousek described the importance of his anti-gay initiative. "Where sodomy is acceptable, the nation declines. Homosexuals are a tool to weaken America. I love this country and I want to remain strong... The Homosexual movement will destroy the military. Soon half of the troops will be gone. They don't want to serve beside queers. And the half that's left will be useless — made up of women and homos, people who can't fight their way out of a paper bag. When this happens, we'll be doomed. We'll be attacked, or called into a war that our military can't handle. Clinton, or whoever's in office, will turn all our troops over to the United Nations. And this country won't exist anymore." Matousek's plan? "Step one, stop the homos".

Only the U.S. Constitution and armed citizens will prevent such a takeover, according to Matousek. Which is why he advocates all citizens owning guns. Matousek expressed frustration at the stagnating economy and how that inspired his actions. "When I grew up... I could get a job with any factory I wanted. I could earn money. Now, with the international bankers in control, there's so much socialist thinking. Work, work, work — but never really own anything, because of taxes." The solution is "armed revolution. I believe that we're headed for this someday."

This is what the militias represent. As we mourn the tragedy in Oklahoma City, we must not allow our grief to blind us to the continuing threat of the militias and the Right Wing movement to which they belong. We need to get down to business and educate ourselves about the wide array of Right Wing groups that threaten our rights and security, and understand the social and economic factors that lead to their development. We must further understand that our fates as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are inextricably tied to other groups under Right Wing attack. It's time to reach out, broaden our agenda, and increase our capacities for compassion and human connection. We must overcome fear, come out, and organize, organize, organize.

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

By Rev. Dr. C. Earle Lewis, Pastor, MCC-Omaha

Hello! My name is Earle Lewis. I'm the newly elected Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, Omaha. My partner, Martie Reyes, and I have just arrived in Omaha from Santa Rosa, California, which lies in the heart of the Wine Country of Northern California.

I was pastor of New Hope! Metropolitan Community Church there, and worked professionally as a Loan Processor for a major bank in that city, since the Church was not a fulltime situation.

Martie is a professional hair stylist who is working for a salon here in Omaha. Martie and I are both native Texans who met in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We just celebrated our third anniversary in April.

I've been invited to write an article for *The New Voice* on a regular basis. Hopefully it will be something which will stimulate you to consider new ideas or to re-think old ones. Either way, I look forward to sharing something with you regularly in the months ahead.

I want to begin by complimenting the Omaha/Council Bluffs/Lincoln communities on something I have experienced in the few days I've been here. There is a positive feeling of acceptance and cohesiveness which excites me, since I've not experienced these attitudes in other communities where I've lived.

The positive relationships between organizations, businesses and churches in Omaha is most gratifying to me as a newcomer. I've been

with a number of diverse groups since arriving and have felt comfortable in each one.

In these days when so much negative pressure is being exerted against the G/L/B/T community by the radical right groups (including religious groups), we need the sense of unity and solidarity to see us through. It is much easier to maintain a positive self image when we have support than it is when we are alone.

Being at the Pride Parade and Celebration June 11th reminded me of how much easier it is to be open with who I am when I'm with others who understand and appreciate those things which we share in common. Understanding how to access resources which are needed in the community, feeling confident of those with whom we deal, being secure in our physical safety, and sharing like interests are all positive things which enable us to become the people we can be more easily.

In community, we are more able to be heard than as a single voice. In community, our minds and hearts can work toward the goal of betterment for everyone. In community, we can come to understand what it means to be unique and diverse, yet valued for who we are.

Thank you for your gracious acceptance of Martie and me into this community. You have given us a great gift, and we are grateful for it. Let's really strive to keep the doors to our community open and welcoming to those who come our way.

GAY MEN'S GROUPS IN SIOUX CITY

The American Business & Professional Guild is a network of gay businesses and professional men from MN, IA, SD, and NE. The organization was formed in January of 1994 and meets at locations throughout the four-state area, generally on the last Saturday of each month. The group has 25-30 paid members and a mailing list of 50.

Also, another men's support group is in the process of being formed in Sioux City to deal with men's issues. If an appropriate number of men are interested we will go ahead with this.

If you are interested in either of these groups, write to: ABFG, P.O. Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102

QUILT TO BE IN DC IN 96

Even though the largest display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt — the Washington, D.C. display set for October 11-13, 1996 — is months away, planning for the massive undertaking has already commenced.

Spearheading the effort is NAMES Project Founder Mike Smith, who has assumed the role of director, DC96 display.


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NEBRASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL ENDORSES AMENDMENT 2

Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg was among seven attorneys general who signed onto a brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2. The highest court in the country is reviewing the amendment, which was ruled unconstitutional by the Colorado State Supreme Court. A hearing will be held this fall. Other state attorneys general who signed onto the brief are from Alabama, Idaho, California, South Carolina, South Dakota and Virginia. The brief argued that the Colorado ruling would extend the same rights to "every and any special interest group" and "cast a long shadow of uncertainty over the traditional rights of democratic self-government." The attorneys general say they are not against gay rights, but are for states' rights. In another blow to the gay rights movement, the Clinton administration declined to join the legal attack on Amendment 2. Attorney General Janet Reno decided not to file a friend-of-the-court brief with the Supreme Court opposing the ban on laws and politics designed to protect homosexuals from discrimination in Colorado. Reno said since no federal program or federal statute was involved, her department was not a party. The Justice Department has, however, acted to protect homosexuals from being denied security clearances within the federal government, including the Justice Department and the FBI.

MAYOR ENDORSES GAY MARRIAGE

The mayor of Ithica, New York is urging his state to allow gay couples to marry. His support was sparked by Toshiav Greene and Phillip Storrs, who applied for a marriage license at the Ithica city clerk's office. Their request was denied.

Mayor Benjamin Nichols said he disagreed with the law and asked city lawmakers to pass a

WEEKLY GAY SERIES AVAILABLE TO PBS

The first weekly gay television series premiered with little fanfare in Denver on June 8.

The program is called Network Q: Out Across America. There are 13 one-hour episodes being made available to PBS stations nationwide. There are plans to continue producing the program as a weekly, with 26 episodes annually. Each episode has been drawn from feature-length documentaries produced by Network Q since 1992.

With a format reminiscent of the old "On the Road" series, Out Across America travels to different regions, profiling the wide range of people, issues, events and culture in the gay and lesbian community. Some areas visited include New York City; Seattle; Denver; Oveti, Mississippi; Salt Lake City; Austin, Texas; and Sydney, Australia.

The New Voice learned there were no plans yet by NETV to show the program locally. In fact, NETV had not heard of the program since it was so new.

When Denver PBS station KBDI aired the program in early June, it received a 1 share which means one percent of the people watching TV that moment was tuned into the program. That may not sound like a lot, but it's about the same rating that CNN received in the days before Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman were murdered. During the program, KBDI says it raised several thousand dollars in pledges and signed up about 60 new members.

resolution, urging the state to legalize gay marriages.

The two men went ahead with a planned Jewish commitment ceremony at the end of June. Storrs said that having a mayor acknowledge the possibility of one day being legally married made a big difference in his mind.

STONEWALL AWARDS GIVEN TO FOUR DESERVING PEOPLE

The annual "Stonewall Awards" go to people who have contributed to life in the gay and lesbian community. This year's awards were announced last month. Each winner gets \$25,000 in recognition of their work. The winners were Peggy Shaw, Jim Thomas, Mandy Carter, and Franklin Whitworth.

Shaw, now 51, lived in public parks and abandoned houses while she toured Europe with a gay theatre group 20 years ago. Today, she is an award-winning artist, playwright and producer who is praised by critics. She and her partner, Lois Weaver, have their own touring theatre company, Split Britches, and a performance stage, the WOW Cafe in the East Village in New York.

Thomas, 38, established the semi-monthly newspaper *The News-Telegraph* based in St. Louis. You may have picked up a copy in Kansas City. He started the publication in 1981 without any training as a journalist. It has reached a circulation of 15,000 in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Arkansas and Tennessee. He hopes to accelerate its circulation and turn it into a weekly. Thomas helped organize St. Louis's Gay Pride Week.

Carter, 46, was raised in orphanages and a foster home, New York before she became an anti-war activists in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Durham, North Carolina. She led gay and lesbian opposition to Jesse Helms' 1990 Senate Campaign. Helms won, but Carter plans to return to North Carolina again this summer to mount an effort against Helms' re-election campaign. Also, in the early 1990's, Carter was horrified to discover, what she said, "was the Radical White Right's efforts against gays and lesbians by using the black community." She focused her attention on organizing that constituency.

Whitworth, 55, was a civil rights worker long before he redirected his energies against Fundamentalist attacks on the gay and lesbian community. He helped found the first legally chartered gay political organization in Virginia and the first gay organization in Colorado Springs. When Colorado voters passed the anti-gay Amendment 2 in 1992, Whitworth joined in creating Ground Zero, a grass roots political and educational organization. He plans to use his \$25,000 award to further the work of Ground Zero and fix a long-ignored broken tooth.

The Stonewall Awards have had significant impact on their recipients, all of whom have experienced personal financial sacrifice to support their roles in the gay and lesbian community. The awards often enable winners to accelerate their leadership activity, pay off debts and initiate savings. Winners are selected regardless of sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, age or gender.

MCC GENERAL

CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA

The fourth week of July will find Rev. Lewis and several members of the MCC-Omaha congregation in Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. This conference, held every two years, brings together MCC churches from around the world to worship, learn, and conduct the business of the church.

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FREEDOM IN RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Almond has signed a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit which had passed both houses in the General Assembly.

With the Republican governor's signature, Rhode Island became the ninth state to pass civil rights legislation for gay men and lesbians. Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Hawaii, Vermont, California, Connecticut and Minnesota all have some type of prohibition on discrimination based on sexual orientation.

1995 marked the eleventh year of the bill's introduction. Speakers at the signing ceremony included sponsors of the civil rights bill and activists who had seen a decade of disappointment end with celebration. State Senator Rhoda Perry read a letter that she received after the bill had passed the Senate. "As a result of your work, I am relieved of a burden that has been so painful to bear. I may not come out at work, but I no longer agonize about being found out. The recently passed legislation is a gift of enormous proportions, and I thank you and the State of Rhode Island."

MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 20th Anniversary of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival will be held August 8-13. A record number of womyn are expected to attend the '95 festival, with womyn from dozens of countries throughout the world for this 6-day all-womyn camping event.

The oldest and largest of the outdoor womyn's music festivals held in the United States, Michigan takes place on 650 acres of remote country land where womyn live communally for the week in this female-created village. The gathering which generally attracts 7-8,000 womyn each August, offers 300 workshops, a womyn's crafts fair with 140 artisan booths, sports, dances, and many special events. The 40 performances featured on the three stages present womyn artists from throughout the United States, Canada and an increasing number of international performers, in a dynamic mixture of music, dance, theatre, comedy, and performance art.

There are special networking centers for differently-abled womyn, womyn of colors, womyn over 50, womyn in recovery, and womyn with children.

For information regarding the 1995 festival, write to WWTMC, PO Box 22, Waltham, MI 49458 or call (616) 757-4766.

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SECRET SERVICE FEARS AIDS, WEARS GLOVES

What was supposed to be an historic meeting between gay elected officials and White House officials turned into controversy last month.

On June 13, the elected officials were escorted into the White House by secret service agents wearing latex gloves. The gloves were used when the officers searched the gay elected officials' belongings. The gay elected officials were outraged after learning this was not standard procedure. The officers were fearing exposure to

AIDS. The Washington Post quoted Secret Service Director Eljay Bowron as saying, "It is not the policy of the Secret Service to wear gloves merely based on known sexual preference" and he said he would "hold a special training session directed specifically at these matters." White House spokesman Michael McCurry said, "It's safe to say that the chief of staff and others were distressed by that and believe it to be an error of judgment."

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LOCAL NEWS



REV. DR. C. EARLE LEWIS IS PASTOR AT MCC-OMAHA

June 11 marked the first time that the Rev. Dr. C. Earle Lewis spoke as the Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Rev. Lewis and his partner Martie arrived in Omaha June 1, moved their furniture in on June 2, attended church services on June 4, and began work in the office on June 5. This rapid involvement has been seen throughout the Omaha and Lincoln Communities as Rev. Lewis and Martie have attended ANGLE's Pride Show at the MAX, have cheered on MCC's softball team, have marched in the Pride Parade (Rev. Lewis marched wearing his cleric robes and carrying a bouquet of rainbow colored balloons) and spoke at the rally, have attended the Prayer, Share, Care Group in Lincoln, and have repainted the men's and women's restrooms at the church. In between all of this activity they have, of course, had time to start to get acquainted and to make friends in their new home.

Welcome to Omaha!

FROM SILENCE TO CELEBRATION — OMAHA STYLE

This year's Pride Celebration, entitled "From Silence to Celebration," was organized by some of the newer members of ANGLE who joined moderator Rich Ketter to plan and implement this year's Pride activities.

Much of the activity on June 11 was familiar — we gathered at Turner Park, a reporter circulated trying to find people willing to be interviewed, hot dogs and pop were available, and the microphone didn't always want to work. All of these seemed familiar from previous celebrations. But there were a few new touches — like the three blue "Port-a-Potties" that stood like soldiers at attention. The parade was earlier than usual this year — step off was at 2 p.m. The turn-out was larger than before — someone counted 450 persons taking part in the parade with another 150 waiting in the park. The Imperial Court hired a horse drawn carriage for some of its present and former monarchs. There was a group from Grand Island making their presence known. CFEP gave out whistles that were blown enthusiastically at every opportunity. Children rode bicycles or were pulled in wagons. As in years past, there were convertibles with dignitaries, lovely ladies in high heels, folks in shorts and jeans, rainbow flags of all sizes and descriptions.

After the parade, a series of speakers addressed the crowd, but it seemed much more like a family reunion than a rally. People sat on the ground and talked and sang and chased their children and their dogs. Old acquaintances were renewed and new friendships begun. Strangers wandered through the park, pausing to ask what was going on before continuing on their way.

All in all, it was no different than many of the small town celebrations that you encounter across the Midlands. It was a party, a picnic, a time to celebrate. And for us it was a time to celebrate our Pride.

JULY 4 PICNIC AT PROGRESSIVE PARK

ATTENTION PICNICKERS — The July 4 Picnic will be held at Progressive Park from noon til 5 Tuesday, July 4. Admission is \$7 per person. Beer and pop will be provided! You will be asked to show an ID at the gate. No pets are allowed. Progressive Park is located in Council Bluffs. To get there from Omaha, take the South Omaha Bridge going east. Turn at 36th—a gravel road, which is just east of Screamer's, and go south. Take the curve back east when you get to it. The park is about a mile down the road. Or catch a free bus ride from Gilligan's.

Fried chicken, potato salad & baked beans will be for sale by the folks from Ice Bowl for only \$5 a plate. There will be information booths from organizations and vendors selling their wares. There are facilities for horseshoes, volleyball, basketball, and softball if you are so inclined. There's shade and sun and the mighty Missouri rolling by. There will be a DJ playing your favorite music and there will be lots of friends, both old and new.

Remember, the Fourth of July Picnic, ICON, Progressive Park in Council Bluffs, \$7 admission, you must have ID, no pets, have fun!

GARY GEORGE RESIGNS FROM NAP

Gary George has announced plans to resign from the Nebraska AIDS Project. In nearly four years as executive director, George has taken on the agency from four full-time employees to 12 full-time and two part-time employees. At a reception in his honor, George thanked all of those attending, emphasizing that the work being done at NAP is a combined effort of volunteer, staff and board. George, who has agreed to serve until a new executive director is found, plans to return to school to pursue a nursing degree. NAP will miss him. He has been a driving force behind the expansion of its services and programs.

ICON BOARD TO MEET IN LINCOLN IN AUGUST AND OCTOBER

The Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska will hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Monday of the month in August and October at 6:30 P.M. in the downstairs bar at the Panic, 200 S. 18, in Lincoln.

The Board of Governors invites all Lincoln area friends to attend the meeting. A special time will be set for those who wish to address the Board. Those who wish to address the Board will need to advise the President, Gary West, of that prior to the start of the meeting.

Great turnout at the polls, Lincoln. Please join us for this meeting!

SPRING PWA SHOW RAISES \$4500

Spring to Assistance, the 1995 version of WW Productions' annual fundraiser for the PWA Assistance Fund was an outstanding success. The final figure revealed that \$4500 had been raised to help the Nebraska AIDS Project meet emergency needs of Persons Living With AIDS.

BBQ DINNER SET FOR MCC-OMAHA JULY 15

The ushers of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha have planned a fund raising dinner for Saturday, July 15. The dinner will feature BBQed Ribs, Green Bean Salad, Vegetable Jello Salad, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Deviled Eggs, Coffee, Iced Tea, Hot Rolls, and Cake. All for just \$5.50 per person. Advance tickets are available and encouraged! This is a benefit for the Chair Fund. Fifty additional chairs that match those we currently have have been ordered for the Sanctuary. They will replace the folding chairs currently in use! For advance tickets call the Church Office at 345-2563 or contact one of the Ushers!

MCC CRUSADERS TAKE TO SOFTBALL FIELDS

On Wednesday evenings, Omaha's softball fields are adorned by burgundy tee shirts with a large white MCC logo emblazoned on their front. These distinctive shirts are worn proudly by the MCC Crusaders, a women's softball team playing in Class D, coached by Mr. Pat Phalen.

This year's Crusaders are almost an entirely new team and they are now beginning to develop a level of comfort playing as a team. After a slow start and several rain-outs, the Crusaders are playing with greater confidence and better precision and coordination. Spectators are welcome at any of the Crusaders' games. The only requirement is that you come prepared to cheer loudly!

Crusaders' Schedule of Games

7/5 8:30pm Dodge Field #1

7/12 7:30pm Dodge Field #1

7/19 6:30pm Dodge Field #1

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LINCOLN POLICE ASK GAY COMMUNITY TO HELP CONTROL SEX IN PARKS

An Interview with Captain David Beggs of the Lincoln Police Department

By Sharon Van Butsel

The New Voice recently received a telephone call from Captain David Beggs of the Lincoln Police Department, requesting our assistance in getting a message out to Nebraska's gay community.

Captain Beggs stated that he was calling in response to a recent article in the *Lincoln Journal-Star* regarding the growing problem of men engaging in open sex in three of the city parks. Captain Beggs admitted that his knowledge of the gay community was limited, but was calling to request our help. (In fact, Captain Beggs was quite knowledgeable — he had a copy of *The New Voice* at hand, had recently attended a meeting with "leaders of the gay community in Lincoln" and was able to discuss his concerns about the listing of cruising areas in the *Dumron Guides*.)

Captain Beggs stated that his office has had many complaints from Lincoln citizens about men having sex in Wilderness, Mandan, and Pioneers Parks in Lincoln. Citizens have observed open sex as well as finding discarded used condoms in the parks.

Captain Beggs repeated several times that he wants to avoid having a general sweep of the parks similar to what has happened in Omaha, but that his officers cannot ignore blatant violations of Lincoln's city code regarding public indecency. Captain Beggs has assigned more frequent patrols of the parks by Uniformed Officers and some citations have been issued, including two for indecent exposure to men who were completely naked in the park. At this point, the Lincoln Police have not yet assigned plain clothes or undercover details, but this will be likely in the

future if the complaints from citizens continue.

Captain Beggs expressed concern that this sort of illicit sex presents a health hazard in addition to being a violation of city code. Along with members of Lincoln's gay community, he recently attended a meeting called by Tim Timmons of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department to discuss strategic planning to decrease the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Timmons expressed serious concern over the behavior of some gay men, who have expressed the feeling that because the incidence of HIV is quite low in Lincoln they do not have to use condoms during casual sexual encounters. Those attending the meeting agreed that more education is needed, both through publications and in the schools, and also shared their thoughts about the recent increase of sex in the parks. The group did agree that park sweeps, plainclothes, and undercover operations are not positive, but lead to negative feelings and strained relationships. Captain Beggs was also concerned that one time intervention, such as a sweep of the parks, does not change behavior any more than one radar check point makes a significant reduction in speeding.

Captain Beggs stressed that neither he nor anyone else on the Lincoln Police Department has any intent or desire to stop men from meeting other men. He stated that they are well aware that gay men meet at "The Loop" but they have not had any problem with open sexual encounters there — rather, there has been concern about possible gay bashing.

The problem with the parks has been the

allegations of open sexual encounters, not that men were meeting other men there. Beggs also stressed that all of his officers have been instructed to enforce the city code equitably and to issue citations to any persons engaging in open sex, whether homosexual or heterosexual.

Captain Beggs asked for the community's cooperation to abide by the city codes and abstain from sexual contact in any public place. He did acknowledge that if the complaints continue, he will have no choice but to take other action.

I would like to personally express my gratitude to Captain Beggs for his openness and willingness to "play fair" with the gay community. We have been reminded of the consequences of our actions, it is up to us to heed the warning and monitor our own behavior.

MEET THE ROYAL FAMILIES FOR REIGN XV OF THE IMPERIAL COURT

July 30 at The MAX, the newly crowned monarchs of ICON will announce their Royal Families for Reign XV. The Board of Governors invites you to join them for this time of investiture and Celebration.

Investiture is also the time to say "Goodbye" and "Thank You" to the Prince and Princess Royale for their contributions to the community during Reign XIV. Join us in acknowledging Brooke and Hugh for a job well done.

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JIM GAU IS MR. DESERT PLAINS DRUMMER

The 1995 Mr. Desert Plains Drummer contest, sponsored by Fantasy Productions, was held in Omaha the weekend of June 9 & 10. The Desert Plains region consists of New Mexico, Kansas, Arizona, Missouri, Nevada, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

The contest began with the opening number performed by all the contestants to "The Phantom of the Opera" in which they were each dressed in masks and capes to set the mood for the entire evening. Throughout the entire contest, special guests speakers, Fantasies, and performances took place. The Fantasy performed by Keith Hunt, International Mr. Drummer, and Monica West, Miss MAX II, had the whole audience roaring with laughter. Some great speeches were presented throughout the evening by visiting dignitaries as well. A few of the 1994/95 titleholders who were in attendance included Cindy Bookout, International Ms Leather 1994; Mike Siemer, Mr. Missouri Leather 1995; Miss Amanda, Miss Leather Nebraska 1994; and Stephen Lenius, Mr. Great Lakes Drummer 1994. The event was emceed by Dustin Logan, co-sponsor of the Desert Plains contest.

Contestants were: Bruce Towe - Iowa; Chris Reynolds - Nevada; Dean Galoway - Missouri; and Jim Gau - Nebraska. They were judged in pre-judging interview that lasted as long as 40 minutes per contestant, speech, jockstrap, on stage question and answer, and performance of their fantasy. In the Jockstrap category, Jim Gau

appeared in a Jockstrap/harness made entirely out of steel chain, that had to weigh at least 50 pounds. In the question and answer category, Chris Reynolds explained why it should not matter to anyone whether a title holder is a top or bottom, but rather on the person's gifts, talents, and abilities to serve the title well. Each contestant brought his own unique qualities to the contest, and any of them would have been a fine representative of the leather lifestyle.

Judges for this year's contest were: Head judge, Mr. Marcus - Regional Coordinator for the International Drummer Contest; Mr. Southwest Drummer 1994 Bob Michaels; Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1994 - Mike Cox; International Mr. Drummer 1994, Keith Hunt; Fantasy Productions Sponsor - Bob Ewing; Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1993 - Joey Kraly; Past President of the Cornhaulers L & L Club - Jim Sterba; Mr. Southwest Drummer 1993 - Blade; and Emperor VI of ICON - Pat Phalen.

After all events were completed, the winners were:

2nd runner up - Bruce Towe, Des Moines, Iowa

1st runner up - Chris Reynolds, Las Vegas, Nevada

Mr. Desert Plains Drummer 1995 - Jim Gau, Omaha, Nebraska

Jim will be traveling to San Francisco in September to represent our region at the International Mr. Drummer Contest.



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Laura Grey is Crowned Miss River City

The Miss River City Pageant was held on May 28 at the Run Bar. Pageant owner and producer, Mr. Terry Tippet, joined Show Director, Steve Koeller aka Stella Dullas, to honor the first Miss River City, Miranda Wrights as she ended her reign. Five beauties were eager to impress the judges as they competed to wear the Miss River City Crown. The unique design of the crown was echoed in the glamorous set created by Mr. Tom Cech, which was a perfect backdrop for contestants Barbra Love, Breana Alanda, Josephine Williams, Sammi Bennett, and Laura Grey. The judges: Marty, Scott, Dorian, Arthur, and Laura Lee, had a difficult choice, but at the end, Miss Laura Grey received the crown and the title of Miss River City. Sammi Bennett was first Runner-Up and Josephine Williams of Lincoln was Second Runner-Up and also received the title of Miss Congeniality. By next year, the Miss River City Pageant will be established as an official primary to Miss Gay America.

Laura Grey Named Entertainer of the Year

On June 11, the MAX hosted the incomparable talents of the national Entertainer of the Year, Electra, as Laura Lee presented the 1995 Nebraska Entertainer of the Year Contest. The four contestants, Laura Grey, Monica West, Vanessa Van Damme, and Ineeda Bigguns, competed in the standard categories, but with an emphasis on entertainment. At the end of the evening, Laura Grey added another title to her collection as she was crowned Nebraska's Entertainer of the Year. First Runner-Up went to Miss Monica West.

DC's to Celebrate Anniversary

Saturday, July 8, marks 4 years since DC's opened its doors. Dan, Charley, and David will celebrate this very special occasion by throwing a huge anniversary party for all of their patrons. There will be free champagne, cake, music, dancing, and lots of fun!

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will join in the party by sponsoring a **BOXER & BOOTS** contest. All those dressed in Boxer shorts and Cowboy boots will get Happy Hour drink prices all evening. Special prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place entries.

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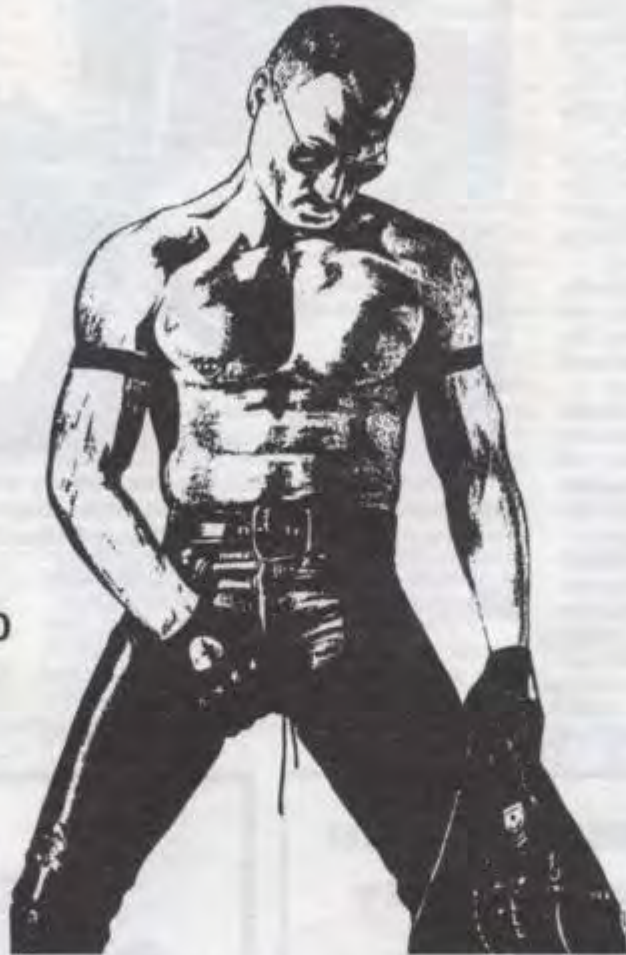
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ICON AWARDS GRANTS FROM MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC PROCEEDS

The Imperial Court of Nebraska announced that they have awarded \$1499 from the proceeds of their Memorial Day Picnic.

Thanks to the generosity and support of the 459 people who attended the picnic, 6 local groups received grants.

The initial grant for \$100 was awarded to P-FLAG of Lincoln for its *Straight from the Heart* campaign, which helped put gay/lesbian positive videos into the hands of our Congressional representatives in Washington.

The next grant for \$100 was awarded to the Hospice Project of Bergan Mercy Hospital and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. This project will build a \$3 million hospice which will be open to all terminally ill persons.

A grant of \$450 was awarded to the Omaha-Council Bluffs Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) to assist with many projects, including educational programs on domestic violence, eating disorders, women's rights in the workplace, and cancer awareness.

Another grant of \$450 was awarded to the G/L/B/T Community Resource Center Development Committee to assist them as they develop a plan to implement a Resource Center here in Omaha.

A grant of \$315 was made to ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) to assist with its projects including the annual community recognition dinner, its ongoing efforts



ICON Recognizes its 15th Anniversary with a Horse Drawn Carriage Ride for Monarchs Regeant I, Don Randolph; Emperor XIV David Hansen, Empress XIII Roxy, and Empress XII Phonix Fallentino during this year's Pride Parade

to network and avoid conflicts in scheduling major events, and the annual Pride celebration.

A grant of \$84 (from the tips at the beer wagon) was awarded to the Outreach Center to help with its continued work to educate and counsel people in the downtown area about HIV prevention and to continue HIV testing. The

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SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS: "Camp and Nostalgia"

By Al S.

April 17th, the Ranch Bowl was the host for the third time to Dred Zeppelin. Talk about camp! Lead singer Tortelvis (is that Elvis as a tortoise?) had a sort-of valet he called Charlie Hinds, who handled his towels, took off his cape, etc. This guy was a total straight man, so to speak. He pretended to catch Tort when he got exhausted and he rubbed his face with a towel even when he didn't need it. Tortelvis' role is a combination of Elvis and Robert Plant. **Dred Zeppelin** mixes Elvis songs with Led Zeppelin songs and adds a reggae beat, like "Heartbreaker Hotel." The encore of "Viva Las Vegas" and "Teddy Bear" really took the cake. I almost forgot the highlight of the evening—the lead guitarist, Butt-Boy (believe it or not), a sexy blond who wore only a pair of boots, chaps, and black bikini underwear. Woah!

On the nostalgia front, I saw two great acts in April. On the 27th, **The Coasters** played Bluffs Run Casino. Back in 1952 they were known as

The Robins. Of course, none of the originals tour anymore, but this is the only authorized version. They played all their hits using members of the Omaha Symphony as their back-up band. Only one was changed — "Charlie Brown" became "Charlotte Brown" because they got a lady from the audience to sing the bass part. A bit butch, wouldn't you say? They were fun!

Then on the 29th, Buddy Miles, who recently joined The Mighty Jailbreakers after moving back to Omaha, played an inspired set at the Jones St. Brewery. This man has played with so many great musicians over the years; it's great to have him back. In 1968, his Buddy Miles Express played the long lamented Music Box, and I was there. So was Jimi Hendrix. He was here to watch Buddy, who soon joined his band of Gypsies. He also recorded with Carlos Santana, Electric Flag, Timothy Leary (?), and most recently as the main raisin in the commercial, who sings "I Heard it

Through the Grapevine." I also saw him on May 11th at the Saddle Creek as a special guest of ReXperience, the Omaha Hendrix cover band. He puts on one hell of a show!

NOTE TO CORRESPONDENT DAWN LUTRELL: You are right - there is burgeoning acoustic music scene here in Omaha. Downtown Grounds has been one of the biggest promoters of the scene, as has Earl Bates at the Saddle Creek with his Wednesday night Original Acoustic Jam. Then there's the 13th Street Coffee Company and McFoster's, which unfortunately do not accommodate us smokers. The Shelterbelt (formerly Kilgore's) still has some acoustic music. The Dubliner features mostly Irish music. On May 17, I saw Dan Hicks and his Acoustic Warriors at the Jones Street. I'm probably forgetting some, but let's not forget the sidewalks of the Old Market — there's almost always some street musicians there on the weekend. Enjoy!

DC's TRIUMPHS IN OMAHA INDOOR RODEO

It was May, the weather was rainy, and the laughter and the spirits inside DC's were boisterous (and a little nervous) as 5 teams and several individuals signed up to compete in the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association's Annual Indoor Rodeo. This year's indoor rodeo featured five events: Bull Riding (bouncing around the dance floor on an inflated rubber ball), Barrel Racing (riding a tricycle in a figure 8 around two barrels), Dart Throwing (throwing a dart at a target while prancing along with a stick horse clutched between your legs), Roping (trying to rope a wooden horse without first catching your rope in the ceiling fans), and the Drag Race (dressing in bra, dress, wig, and boots and racing to the finish line). Hosts for the afternoon were owners of DC's, David Brady and Dan Johnson, along with Mr. HGRA, Jim Bohrer. Timekeeper for the events was Jo. Competing for top honors in the team events were one team from DC's, one team from HGRA, and three teams from the Imperial Court of Nebraska — the "Good," the "Bad," and the "Ugly." The contests were fast and furious, pausing only for basic instruction in the skills necessary to survive an Indoor Rodeo. And by the end of the afternoon, three individuals had emerged successful. Taking first place in the individual competition was Mr. HGRA, Jim Bohrer (the only one there who actually owns a horse). Second place went to Mark Warneke, and third place went to Joe Batter. In the team competition, DC's took first place, HGRA took second, and two of the ICON teams "The Bad" and "The Ugly" tied for third place. Only "The Good" failed to place. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun. Thanks to HGRA and to DC's for a great time.

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Just 3 days after Phil Sherman shared a few moments with the Omaha community, he received notice that *Uncommon Heroes* was awarded the American Library Association's 1995 Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award for non-fiction, sharing the award with Dorothy Allison's book, *Skin: Talking About Sex, Class, & Literature*, the association's first tie in its 25 year history. Upon learning of the award, Sherman stated "I'm thrilled. It was really a labor of love, and to be acknowledged like this is wonderful. I hope it means that more people, particularly gay and lesbian youth, will have the opportunity to read it. It's just the kind of thing I wish existed when I was a kid."

The book is well written and informative with excellent black and white photographs of many of our heroes. It makes an excellent gift for yourself, for a friend, or for your local library. *Uncommon Heroes* is available at bookstores throughout the country or by ordering direct at 1-800-HEROES 4 (1 800 437-6374)

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GILLIGAN'S GRILLE IS OPEN

The remodeling is done and owner, Kenny Carlson, has cut the ribbon to announce the opening of Gilligan's Grille. The Grille features an assortment of Gilliburgers and other sandwiches along with the standard appetizers. The sandwiches are generous, freshly prepared to order, and have a distinct flavor that is reminiscent of Buddha's smoked ribs.

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The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at the Civic Auditorium on October 7 and 8. If you are interested in making a panel, please contact Ron Wilson at 734-3421. There will be a "quilting bee" at Ron's home, 5101 South 39th Street, Omaha, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, July 15, August 19, and September 16. These "bees" will be an opportunity to get help with your panel and a chance to talk with other panel makers. Please call to confirm your attendance.

For further information, contact Ron Wilson at the above number.

METROPOLITAN CLUB AT FRANKIE PANE'S

The Metropolitan Club, a professional gay and lesbian social organization which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will hold its monthly meeting on the 20th of July at FRANKIE Pane's, 1112 Douglas Street. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a short presentation at 7:00 p.m. For those of you unfamiliar with the Metropolitan Club, our charter is to provide a social atmosphere where Omaha's Gay/Lesbian/BiSexual/Transgendered community and supporters can meet.

Interestingly enough, though the number of people attending is relatively constant — 45 to 66 people, there are always plenty of new faces in the crowd. So, even if you've been to one of our meetings, it's likely that you'll encounter new

people the next time you attend.

You might also be interested to know that the professional make-up, gender, and age of our membership is quite varied — something we are very proud of and hope to continue fostering. While we are a largely social club, we also present topics of interest and provide other information important to our community. You control the topics we present, so take a minute at the next meeting and let us know what interests you.

We are currently accepting nominations for a permanent Board of Directors. If you didn't pick up a nomination form at the June meeting, you should have received one in the mail — provided you signed the mailing list at a previous meeting, of course! Nominations are being accepted through the 7th of July and can be mailed to:

The Metropolitan Club
PO Box 31484
Omaha, NE 68131-0484

Nominees will be announced at this month's meeting and ballots will be distributed. Anyone who has attended a previous meeting is eligible to vote.

Ballots should be returned to the above address no later than August 4 and the new board will be announced at the August 17 meeting.

There will be a \$4.00 cover charge at the door to defray the cost of renting FRANKIE'S. A fun presentation will be given on how to organize and throw a low stress summer dinner party for those occasions when a keg and some pretzels just won't do! Activities under consideration for future meetings:

- ✓ A history of architecture in Omaha
 - ✓ A gay/lesbian film festival featuring critically acclaimed works
 - ✓ Wine tasting
 - ✓ A history of gay/lesbian art
- Come, have a cocktail, and meet Omaha's growing professional gay and lesbian community. Hey, how else are we going to meet?

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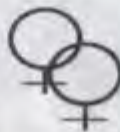


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It'll be easy to get your hair cut, or styled, and help fight AIDS on Saturday August 12. That day will be the 1995 Nebraska AIDS Project Cut-A-Thon.

Salons throughout Nebraska are asked to donate a portion of their August 12 receipts. Last year, more than 40 salons participated. This year, the NAP Cut-A-Thon hopes to enlist more than 100 salons in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Information about the event is available from NAP at (402) 342-6367 or (800) 782-AIDS.

Innersalon Supply & Design, Peel's Beauty Supply, Klindt Corporation, Progressive Beauty Enterprises and Standard Beauty Supply have each agreed to donate \$5,000 raising a total of \$25,000 in support.

Due to the sponsors' commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS, all monies raised by the statewide event will go directly to NAP. NAP provides support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Nebraska and western Iowa, as well as extensive education and prevention programs designed to reach the general public.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL MR FANTASY TO BE CROWNED IN OMAHA IN AUGUST

For seven years, Omaha, Nebraska, USA has been the place for Leatherfolk to gather during the month of August. This year, Fantasy Productions is making Omaha an even better place to be with the creation of the first International Mr. Fantasy Contest.

The Contest will be different from any other in the leather circuit. Only 1 (one) contestant from each state or province will be allowed to compete. All of the categories are geared to finding "Hot," "Creative," "Imaginative" Fantasy men. The categories are Pre-Judging, On Stage Question and Answer, Fantasy Wear, Fantasy, and the "Mystery" Category. The Mystery category will change each year. No one will know the details of the mystery category until the day of the contest. The International Mr. Fantasy Contest promises to leave politics behind in its search for a truly hot "Fantasy" man.

The Radisson-Redick/Omaha will be the host hotel for this year's contest, and is offering a special room rate of \$85.00 per night, which includes a full breakfast and 2 hour cocktail reception each evening. To reserve a room, call (402) 342-1500. Be sure to mention the International Mr. Fantasy Contest to receive the special rate. Make your reservations early to guarantee a room.

A few of the Judges for this year's contest are: Larry Everett - Oklahoma - IML '95
Dave Rhondes - California - The Leather Journal
Bob Ewing - Nebraska - Co-Sponsor
Dan Noel - Maryland - Mid Atlantic Leather '89
Cindy Bookout - Nebraska/Oklahoma - IMSL '94
Jim Richards - Texas - TLJ Man of the Year '91

Local Contests are being held across the U.S. as well as London, England, and Amsterdam to make this truly an International Contest.

Weekend packages are an affordable \$30.00 before August 1 or \$35.00 after August 1. Your weekend package will include admission to all scheduled weekend events. Be sure to mark your calendars to be in Omaha August 18-20, 1995 as the first International Mr. Fantasy is named and takes his place among the Leather Icons of our community. For more information, please contact Fantasy Productions, PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108-8203, USA

PFLAG CHARTS NEW COURSE -- TO PUTT-PUTT GOLF COURSE

PFLAG's meeting on July 13 takes on an aspect never seen before in the annals of recorded history for this chapter. We are taking our meeting on the road. Well, maybe more accurately we are setting a new course for the chapter. Instead of staying inside on what could be a wonderful, warm summer evening, we are going to putter around at the Putt-Putt Course at 91st and Center. This will be a fund raiser for us, but one which will be some fun.

We will be selling tickets for \$5 for the evening's activities. The ticket will entitle you to play two rounds of Putt-Putt, which is a \$7.50 value. The first round will be practice so that you may become friends with your putter. The second round will be a tournament. The course's owner, Betty's son David (he will blend right in with the five other Daves in the chapter), has graciously agreed to provide trophies for the event.

No, the winner does not get a pink coat, instead of the Masters Tournament traditional green coat. But in order to ensure that we can complete the tournament without having to stay too late, please arrive at the course between 7:00 and 7:15 PM that evening.

If you cannot attend on the evening of July 13, the ticket you purchase from us will be honored on any other night at the Center Street location.

In case of rain on that night, the backup date for our golf outing will be one week later, July 20.

Please join us for some fun as we try to find out who will be the best Putt-Putter as we putter around on July 13, at the Putt-Putt Course at 91st and Center St.



PFLAG Members from Omaha and Lincoln joined in Pride Parade

WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE NEW VOICE?

We've listed many of the regular distribution points below. If your group or business would like to be included on our distribution list, please contact us.

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The Chesterfield
D.C.'s
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Council Bluffs:

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Shooters Lounge 515 E 6th 245-9126
Chat Noir Cafe 644 18th 244-1353
The Side Saddle Cafe 418 E 5th
282-7041

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The Chesterfield 1901 Leavenworth
345-6889
DC's 610 S. 14th, 344-3103
The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595
Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,
449-9147
The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110
The New Run 1715 Leavenworth,
449-8703

Lincoln (A.C. 402)

Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764
Q 226 S. 9th St. 475-2269

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

HIV TESTING*

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

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

Douglas County Health Department,
1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-7750

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

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

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

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

Hastings College Health Center, Hastings, NE 68901 402-461-7372 Ask for Judy

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, Omaha 342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437]

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

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

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

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

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

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

AIDS ADVOCACY

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

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Omaha, NE 68105, 345-1976, Open Wed - Sat 10am-4pm for Drop In Visits, Activities include: Friday lunches for PWA's, support groups, classes, TV, movies, therapeutic massage, other activities for those with HIV.

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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,
2245 Heather Dr, Crete 68333 (402) 826-3785
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) 444-7750

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project {statewide} (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131 for Volunteer Services and Administration 402-342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling

Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave

Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
Northeast Nebr Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,

Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
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Scottsbluff, NE 69361. (308) 635-3807

Nebraska Dept of Health, Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847, (308) 234-8183

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery)

Service: 2nd Monday, 7pm, St Cecelia's, Nebraska Chapel, 40th & Webster

Lincoln Interfaith Council, 140 S. 27th St., Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing

Service: 1st Tues, 7pm, St Francis Chapel, 1145 South Street, Lincoln, Public is invited

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

AIDS Support Group, Sponsored by PFLAG, Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437

Family AIDS Support Group, Sponsored by PFLAG-Omaha, Meet 1st Sunday, 2p.m. First United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha

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

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

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

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

HOME HEALTH CARE

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

ACE HOLDS GARAGE SALE JULY 13, 14, 15

It's summer and time for that great succession of Garage Sales, where you can find treasures among other people's discards. As any dedicated garage sale knows, the bigger the sale, the better the chance of finding a real treasure. The AIDS Coalition for Empowerment wants to help you find a very special treasure, so they've been busy gathering discards and donations from all of their friends and relatives. The garage at Unity House is overflowing, and so it's time for you to come look for treasures. This huge garage sale will be held July 13, 14, and 15th at 1007 S. 37th Street. AND there is a special offer for the readers of *The New Voice*. Check out the ACE Garage Sale Ad in this issue and you'll find a coupon that will get you \$5 in free merchandise with a \$5 purchase.

ACE HOSTS SHOW AT MAX

July 27th will be the time to be at The MAX for a special evening of entertainment hosted by the AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (ACE). This evening will feature the talents of Wayne, an up and coming comedian who performed for Metropolitan Club this spring; the poetry reading of Brian Bengtson; and the incomparable performances of Miss Monica West. Admission for the evening reception and show is \$15.00.

RESOURCE DIRECTORY

*****LINCOLN*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:

**Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526
**Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214

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

BiSexual Discussion Group, No longer active
Gay Men's Support Group, c/o Counseling & Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL, Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential
SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, Info, Conference Updates, Education for older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, All welcome.

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

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

The Male Space, 3rd Sunday 2pm, 1744 "L" St., Lincoln. Focus "Spiritual Healing", Gay/Bisexual Men, all ages, all races welcome. Membership \$12/year. Info write/visit Mark Whitworth, Dir., 1744 "L" St 1-C, Lincoln, Ne. 68508 S.A.S.E.

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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), Box 30128, Lincoln, NE 68503-0128, 434-9880. 4th Tuesday, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A". Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group meet same time & place.

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

The Wimmis Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln.

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

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Info: 345-9916

**Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm MCC-Omaha
**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm, Unity House, 1007 South 37 Street;

**Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm
A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108-0343 558-5303, Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE activities throughout the year.

Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155 (402) 398-3027, Legislative action-eliminate discrimination for g/l/b employment, housing, education, public accommodations. 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

Different Realities, Computer Bulletin Board for gay, lesbian, bisexual, leather, transgender community. Access by modem at (402) 697-1512 using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours/day at 14-4 baud.

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians. US WEST. Contact Pat Phalen, 1299 Farnam, 11th Flr, Omaha 68102 (402) 348-8569

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Org. for Women (NOW) Omaha political & grassroots activist org. issues of full equality for women- Omaha NOW, Box 3325, Omaha 68103-0325, (402) 391-7303, Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*****STATEWIDE*****

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter

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

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Center, Hastings, College, Hastings, NE 68901. Info: Judy at 402-461-7372 (Health Center) or 402-462-2961 (home). For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students and Friends - a safe place to meet, discuss & learn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services, P.O. Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046.

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

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

PRIDE Group, c/o Counseling Center, Wayne State College, Wayne, NE 68787. Info: Karen or Virginia, (402) 375-7321. Group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students and Friends to meet new people, discuss issues, provide community service, educate, and raise awareness.

Thanks to Internet, you are now in touch with The New Voice via your computer's modem at:
tjrr05c@prodigy.com

JULY CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Editor's Note: OK, we've tried this format for a while and I've only received two comments on it -- and both of those said they didn't like it. I really need your help. If you have an idea about how to do a Calendar of Events that's easy to read and can still include all of the things that happen each month, please drop a note to: The New Voice, PO Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103

JULY 3

*HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
*RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM
*Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm

ICON Board of Governors Meeting, The MAX, 6:30pm, Omaha

The Run's Annual July B-B-Q, All day specials, 6-8pm Beer & Cocktail Bust, Food available at 6pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

*OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p
*GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm

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

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

ICON 4TH OF JULY PICNIC, Progressive Park, Council Bluffs, IA, 12n-5pm, \$7 admission, Beer & Pop provided, Food available

JULY 5

*Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p
*Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,
*AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p
*GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha

JULY 6

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

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

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

GIL Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" Lincoln, Call V.J. 477-3526

JULY 10

Deadline for August issue of The New Voice

*HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
*RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM
*Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm

AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, Omaha

MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 3101 Webster, Omaha, 7pm

JULY 11

*OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p
*GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm

ANGLE, 7pm, Omaha

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

Omaha NOW, 7pm, 1st Unitarian 3114 Harney, 391-7303

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

JULY 12

*Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p
*Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,
*AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p
*GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha

JULY 13

*HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
*GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm

ACE Garage Sale, 1007 S. 37, Omaha

Play Putt-Putt Golf with PFLAG-Omaha, 91st & Center

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

JULY 17

*HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
*RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM
*Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm

JULY 18

*OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p
*GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm

JULY 19

*Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p
*Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,
*AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p
*GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha

JULY 20

*HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
*GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm

GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

JULY 24

*HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
*RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM
*Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm
MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 3101 Webster, Omaha, 7pm

JULY 25

*OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p
*GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm

Parent/Friend of Lesbians/ Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Ch, 6300 A, Program: 467-4599, 7pm

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

JULY 26

*Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p
*Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,
*AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p
*GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha

JULY 27

*HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
*GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm

GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

ACE Night of Entertainment at The MAX, featuring Comedian Wayne, Monica West, and Brian Bengtson, Admission \$15, 7-10pm, Omaha

JULY 31

*HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
*RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM
*Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm

JULY CALENDAR

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

JULY 1

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am, Gathering Place, Lincoln, Judith 472-2598
 *Womens Support Grp, 11am, MCC-Omaha
 *Youth Support Grp, 291-6781, age 13- 21, gay, lesbian, or questioning sexuality, Omaha, River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community. Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 Heartland Gay Rodeo Assc 6pm DC's Omaha

JULY 2

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Children & Adult Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10a, 38 & South St. by tennis courts. Optional brunch follows.
 Kendra performs at The Q, 226 S. 9th, Lincoln

JULY 7

*Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 1-4pm
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm, different locations, call 472-5644 for location
 *Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, ***"An Alternative" Open Gay Mens Stag Grp 7pm, Unity House, 1007 S. 37, 455-7916
 ***"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran Church, 303 S. 41, 345-9916
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha
 Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

JULY 8

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln
 SAGE Coffee House; 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, (402) 488-4178
 DC's 4th Anniversary Party, featuring "Boots & Boxers Contest", 610 S. 14, Omaha

JULY 9

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln
 Family AIDS Support Group, 2pm, 1st Methodist, Omaha
 MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 6pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln
 Monica West performs at The Q, 226 S. 9th, Lincoln

JULY 14

*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p and 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha
 ACE Garage Sale, 1007 S. 37, Omaha

JULY 15

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 "Quilting Bee" Call 734-3421 for details
 MCC Barbeque Ribs Supper, \$5.50/person, Call 345-2563 for info
 ONYX Images "Summer Madness", Food, DJ, & Show The Run Bar, Omaha
 Mr. Nebr Fantasy 1995, 10pm, DC's, Omaha
 ACE Garage Sale, 1007 S. 37, Omaha

JULY 16

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln
 P-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave. (308) 382-0752/995-5490, 3pm
 Sheza Mann's Grand Slam Show, The Q, 226 S. 9th, Lincoln

JULY 21

*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

JULY 22

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 Coalition Bowling Night, 7pm, Gateway Bowl, 333 N. Cotner, Lincoln, \$1.50/game

JULY 23

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln
 Parents FLAG-Omaha, Mead Hall, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781
 Mr. Q Pageant at The Q, 226 S. 9th, Lincoln
 MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 6pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln

JULY 28

*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p & 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm
 *Al-Anon, MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha

JULY 29

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

JULY 30

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am
 *Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln
 ICON "INVESTITURE OF REIGN XV" 9:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha

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AIDS QUILT TO VISIT OMAHA

A three-day display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will open Friday, October 6 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. The Quilt is an international memorial to those who have died of AIDS.

The Omaha display will feature more than 1,000 panels, each commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS. This is just a portion of the entire quilt which includes more than 30,000 panels.

On opening day, school children and educators from all across Nebraska and Iowa will view the Quilt from 9AM to 5 PM. A private showing for persons with AIDS and their family members will be held that evening from 5 until 9.

Opening ceremonies for the Quilt will be Saturday, October 7 at 9AM. The Quilt will be on display until 9PM and then again the next day from 9AM until 6PM.

Volunteers to help with the visit are needed. Please call NAP for more information.

CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE TRAVELS TO DETROIT

Creating Change, the preeminent national gathering of gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender activists, will be hosted this year in Detroit, November 8-12. All conference events during this 8th annual conference will be held at the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit.

Major program elements of this year's Creating Change Conference have been locked in. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is pleased to announce that Urvasi Vaid, writer, veteran activist, dynamic speaker and executive director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force from 1989-1992, will address the conference at the traditional Sunday closing brunch/plenary session. Vaid is currently completing a book that critiques our political movement. Vaid's book, *Virtual Equality: The Mainstreaming of Gay & Lesbian Liberation* (Anchor Books), is due out on October 11, just weeks before Creating Change.

As in past years, several all-day pre-conference institutes are scheduled prior to the core workshops and roundtables of the conference. On November 8, the two simultaneous institutes will be the annual "People of Color Organizing Institute" and "Eliminating Racism: Doing The Right Thing". On November 9, the two simultaneous institutes will be "Building Alliances Across Race, Class & Gender Lines" and the new "Youth Organizing Institute".

To make Creating Change more useful as an organizing and strategy-building event, this year's conference will feature a new format — Organizing Roundtables on a number of topics. These all-day sessions will allow attendees to immerse themselves in one issue. The Organizing Roundtables will cover the "how do we do it?" stage of an issue and will then progress to the "what to do next?" stage of organizing.

Some topics that will be covered in the Organizing Roundtable format include: rural organizing, people of faith organizing, speakers bureaus, equal marriage rights, anti-violence work, family issues, and workplace/employee organizing.

Back to this year's Creating Change by popular demand — skills-building intensives. These all-day instructional sessions will be offered on topics such as fundraising and campaign management.

The always provocative Hot Topic Series this year will include presentations on transgender/gender identification issues and the New York City sex club/safe sex debate.

Creating Change attendees will also be provoked and enlightened by a screening of Black Is... *Black Ain't*, Marlon Riggs final and award-winning film. The 82-minute film, made available by California Newsreel, prominently features the perspectives of those who have been silenced because their complexion, class, sexuality, gender or speech have rendered them "not black enough," or conversely, "too black". Riggs became an on-screen character in his own film after he was bedridden by AIDS. Many scenes are shot in his hospital room as he contemplates his own life and his own answers to the question: What has his "blackness" meant to African Americans?

For more information or to receive a Creating Change 1995 registration brochure, call (202) 332-6483 ext. 3329.

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Monday July 10
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Thursday July 13
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Sunday July 16
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