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GAY SERIES "IN THE LIFE" STILL NOT AVAILABLE IN NEBRASKA -- WHY NOT?

By Sharon Van Butsel

The nationally acclaimed TV news and features magazine series, "In The Life," is still not available for viewing in Nebraska. Why? Because of the persistent apathy and lack of interest on the part of the viewing audience.

Programming on Nebraska Public Television, as programming on any television station, is strongly influenced by the input from viewers. *The New Voice* participated in a drive to get our readers and others in the community to write or call Nebraska Public Television and request that "In The Life" continue to be aired locally.

The result? A handful of letters and calls, described by a representative of Nebraska Public Television as "unremarkable" and certainly not enough to cause them to consider showing a series which, in the early days, showed uneven quality and content.

However, "In The Life" continues to be aired in nearly 100 viewing areas across the nation, and is rapidly coming of age in the television industry. The producers of "In The Life" were kind enough to provide *The New Voice* with tapes of their last two productions, so we can honestly counter some of the objections raised previously. "In The Life" has continued to improve and refine the quality of its productions.

The series now features a single anchor, which has led to a quicker pace and eliminated that interminable patter which anchor "teams" feel is an essential part of their stock in trade. The quality of the photography and editing have both shown marked improvement over the early shows, and the switch to a quarterly rather than monthly format has resulted in a greater depth in the interviews and features.

The most recent edition of "In The Life" featured a segment on the NBC presentation of "Serving in Silence." This segment had style

along with the glitz and glamour of Hollywood and the brief, personal look at the real Margarethe Cammermeyer was entrancing.

The next segment, a comparison of the similarities between the gay rights movement and the historic civil rights movement, was of special interest to me as I had just finished speaking to a Social Work class at UNO and had used the anti-gay film "Inside the Homosexual Agenda" as a kick-off for the discussion. It would have been highly effective to show this segment in conjunction with the anti-gay film.

"In The Life" then took us to Cuba for a look at the emerging gay and lesbian activist culture there. The segment featured interviews with Cuban gays and lesbians and documented an unprecedented meeting between government representatives and gays and lesbians.

In addition, "In The Life" featured a warm and loving tribute to recently deceased writer Andrew Kopkind. The show was rounded out by snapshots of gay and lesbian families - vignettes which showed gay parenting at its best.

All in all, "In The Life" kept my interest throughout the presentation. I found the presentation to be professional in content, style, and appearance. I might not stay home to watch "In The Life" but I would definitely set my VCR to record each segment.

So, now what?

The outcome is up to you.

You can wait until "In The Life" sends me another promo tape and I have a chance to preview it and write up an article so you can hear about all the things you could have seen. Or you can get out your pen, pencil, telephone, fax, or e-mail and contact Nebraska Public Television. It's your choice.

FORMER NEW VOICE STAFF MEMBERS RESPOND TO THE NEWS ABOUT THE NEW VOICE ACCESS ON INTERNET

Dear Sharon,

I can't believe you would hook up to the Internet without having a major story in *The New Voice*! It's a good thing I tend to read the fine print or I would have missed it! If you've surfed the net at all, I'm sure you know that thousands of gays get together there including many in the Omaha metro who never show up anywhere else. Believe me when I say this is a newsworthy topic of great interest to many of us.

Sincerely,
Lee Donehower

Dear Sharon,

It's great that you're now electronically connected. But WHY DID YOU HIDE IT? Possibly THE smallest article in your March issue was the great news that you're on the Internet! Sounds like a major story to me! I hope to see more about this new venture. Is this going to be one-way, or will *The New Voice* have stories available on-line too?

Regarding a question asked in the recent issue: I may be the only one responding this way, but I preferred the old calendar format. This one has too many abbreviations, too much stuffed into those boxes.

I've always said *The New Voice* was great and the on-line possibilities are almost unlimited. I'll be anxious to see what you do with it. GOOD MOVE!

Sincerely,
Gary



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REMEMBERING EJ

Dear Sharon,

I would like to thank you for your homily for EJ Byington. Thanks to your printing my letter requesting a pen pal in I believe it was the November 1994 issue of *The New Voice*, I was made one of the proud few who knew EJ. Unfortunately, I was probably one of a few who missed the warning signs of EJ's impending suicide. I only hope Jim and Gary, and mainly EJ, can forgive me. I received a letter from Jim two days ago and have been kicking myself ever since. I never met EJ face-to-face because I'm in prison at OCC, but I do know he was a truly unique and special individual and I will miss him greatly. After I had learned of EJ's death, I did this writing or whatever you want to call it. It probably isn't very good at expressing what I wanted to say but it is from the heart.

See enclosed poem.

Thank you all very much,
Lydell Miller

ODE TO A VERY SPECIAL YOUNG MAN

by LM Miller

There are too few people in this world who touch our lives in a special way.

And when one comes along, we want them to stay.

One such person was EJ Byington.

With all the trials and tribulations he suffered in his 17 years of life.

He was happy to help others and had the courage to write to a person most wouldn't, a convict.

When there are so many bad people in this world, why is it the good ones die, and always die young.

I will always remember EJ.

He was a very special young man who died before he should have.

I will always love you EJ for the kindness you showed unto me.

I'M OUT NOW

Dear Sharon,

My last relationship inspired me to completely open my closet door, go back to school to finish my education, and to be happy. Opening the closet door for good has been very positive. I've met a much better class of people in the gay and lesbian community than in society at large. I go to the bars, restaurants, churches and other social activities not feeling out of place. Most people I've met have been very receptive. I hope to meet someone with which I can have a long lasting and loving relationship, not just a one night stand. I'm still shy in going up to someone and introducing myself, especially if it looks as though she may be in a relationship. My friends have been helping me meet other people, they have been a blessing. I've finally found the community to which I belong. Thanks to all for making me feel welcome.

A New Addition to the Community
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GET YOUR LESBIAN BOOK CATALOG

Heartland Books, a company run by two Vermont women, has announced the arrival of its latest catalog. Linda Weiss and Joyce McKeeman of Corinth, Vermont are offering a wide variety of lesbian and feminist reading by mail. The 16-page annotated and illustrated Heartland catalog contains about 120 book selections, covering such categories as fiction, biography, relationships, erotica, sexuality, and humor. They can be reached at PO Box 1105A, East Corinth, VT 05040.

Heartland is the culmination of a passionate lifelong love of books by both women. Joyce grew up in Colorado and attended the University of Wyoming in the 1970's. "It was really frustrating and lonely trying to come out in an area without a lesbian resource. A catalog like this would have been a lifesaver for me." For Linda, a native New Yorker, compiling the booklist has been a treat. "It's simply wonderful to spend my workdays immersed in lesbian and feminist literature. I'm getting the chance to meet scads of terrific women and having more fun than I ever imagined."

DON'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU HEAR

Dear Sharon,

I have lived in Omaha for 15 years now, and in that time I have been fortunate enough to have met many close friends and associates. Most of you had always known me as being "single". I was. However, in the last several months, I did have someone associated with me on a rather personal level. "Did have" are the operative words here. This person is no longer in my life. Or so I had thought. It has been made aware to me by others that this person has now gone on to try to tarnish and/or destroy my character and reputation in the eyes of my long time comrades.

I guess the point of me writing this letter to you all is to say that I am still the same person you all once knew; so please disregard what you might be hearing about me.

Thank you,
Derwood

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The New Voice will publish only those letters to the editor which include full name and either address or phone number so we can verify authenticity. You can request that your name not be published but we must be able to contact you for verification.

HUMOROUS GAY FICTION WANTED

Alyson Publications seeks short fiction for a gay and lesbian humor anthology, to be published in the spring of 1996. Stories should offer a fresh, funny perspective on some aspect of our gay and lesbian lives. Submissions should be 1000-5000 words, typed, double-spaced, and include a SASE. Deadline: June 30. Send to: Anthony Grima, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118

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GAY SKI WEEK

Dear Sharon,

We just returned from the 18th annual Gay Ski Week in Aspen, CO. It was such a fun time that we wanted to tell our friends in the Omaha area what a wonderful experience it was and, hopefully, to encourage a few more Omahans to go there next year. You don't need to be an expert skier, or even a skier at all to enjoy what the week has to offer. It is hosted each year by the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community, and was sponsored this year by Pusser's Rum.

The week officially started on Sunday the 22nd of January. However, we got there Saturday afternoon and enjoyed a dance party at the Planet Hollywood that night. The Denver ski club (COSA) hosted a party too at a local club called the Double Diamond. Then Sunday evening the opening party was held at the Jerome Hotel, a grandly refurbished hotel built in the 1890's. And what a party that was— with just over 2000 "family skiers" all anxious to meet everyone. Sunday night was also the premiere of the Australian film "The Sum of Us", about a gay man who comes out to his father. The film was to open in the US in March. Take your tissues! The movie "Priscilla: Queen of the Desert" was shown at the local theater a couple of nights as well.

Throughout the week a 'Mountain de jour' was designated if you wanted to ski with "the family". Aspen has four separate mountains to ski on. Snowmass is awesome! Our family luncheons were held at the restaurants up on the slopes. Monday during lunch a costume competition was held. What a sight it was to look up and see two entrants skiing down the slope in Dutch Maiden costumes of white aprons and caps, large wooden shoes over their ski boots and tulips tied to their ski poles. However, their yellow braids did not match their brown moustaches. Their picture graced the front page of the Aspen daily newspaper the next day. Everyone got a laugh out of them.

Most afternoons had events other than skiing. There were NASTAR races to watch (just like the Olympics), ice skating, a trip to the hot springs in Glenwood Springs, crosscountry skiing, snow boarding and even a scavenger hunt.

A person could never get bored in the evenings. Besides shopping in the beautiful stores, there was a Women's Reception on Tuesday night, a Gay Comedy Show with three very funny comedians, a Casino night, a benefit party for Colorado AIDS Project, a Wild West Party thrown by COSA (with gorgeous strippers), a spaghetti dinner, and an art show by Jack Pierson. Any night of the week you could enjoy a dinner show at the historic Crystal Palace Dinner Theater, dine at one of many restaurants, or visit one or both of the night clubs specially designated for "family" dancing during the week.

We met and skied with people from all over the world. Next year will be fun getting reacquainted with all of them. We invited all we met to come visit Omaha and "ski Nebraska", but usually that comment brought a big chuckle or puzzled look. Omaha?

Oh, well. Maybe next year there will be a few more Midwesterners kicking up snow by day and their heels by night to show that we really do exist out here!

Next year Gay Ski Week will be held during the first week in February so mark your calendars and save your pennies for a wonderful winter "family vacation" in Colorado.

If anyone would like more information about the ski week, you can call us at 392-0969. See you on the slopes!

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POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

"TOUCH ME IN THE GURU, AND THEN JUST WALK AWAY...."

Good morning, lambchops! I am much better now after my "episode" last month. After a few weeks of chanting, followed by an exorcism (performed by an Agnes Moorehead impersonator), and the blue skies are back again!!

It has been another one of those "busy months," what with all the planning and general insanity-causing festivities over my up-and-coming wedding. Yes, you heard right. The Guru is getting hitched, and yes, I do know who the other person is. Todd and I have started the "what do you think?" game and I am slowly developing the ability to color co-ordinate on command. I personally feel that if I show up on time, and don't pass out during the ceremony, then I have done my part. Anytime I mention that, world-war 14 erupts, and I have to choose what kind of napkin I would like.

Keep your eyes peeled to this section over the next couple of months, because soon you will see notice of the release of my first book (I am serious this time. No silly jokes here, nosiree!), entitled "Gay...Some Assembly Required." It's a collection of some of my best poetry, and will be published by Lone Willow Press. Signings and readings are being planned as we speak, and I am sure that in the next couple of months, you will all be sick of me hocking this book.

This month, we will be reading the works of r. reid, Christopher Thomas (both of whom have graced this illustrious page before), along with newcomer Christina Springer, a performance poet who lives out in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a piece by Steven Blaski from his book, *Keep the Killer Asleep*. Hope will all my heart that you all enjoy.

Peace, love, and matching tablecloths,
Brian

TOUCHING

By Christopher Thomas

Your shadow rests
damp on my skin,
seeps into me
like the moon seeps
into the nest of the day.

We are!
I need never dream.
Our sweet nectars,
our sublime fragrances,
are a music to the skin.

We were made
for such touching,
for being together
like wine and host
on the sacred altar.

I'M ALRIGHT

By r. reid

She called wanting to know,
if I'm alright.
She then hung up
not wanting to know -
any more.

She doesn't want to know
how I sat for days
and nights -
waiting for her.

She doesn't want to know
how I thought
I would die -
from the pain I felt.

She doesn't want to know
how I looked out the window
every time I heard a car -
thinking it was her.

She doesn't want to know
how I fall the pieces
just by hearing -
her voice.

I'm alright.
And that's all -
she wanted to know.

THE TALE OF THE MAN WHO LOVES

TOO MUCH

By Steven Blaski

begins with a boy and his father
in a boat on a lake that mirrors the father's
magnificent seduction of fish
whose dying eye meets the eye of the boy
who will feel the burning hook of the
swallowed
father inside him ripped out again and again
by his father's ghosts - men
he'll lure like blood-teased sharks with the
smell
of his wound. the tale of the man who loves
too much ends with the boy who is now a man
who one dusk walks out of his haunted house,
past his gate, past the garden of arsenic,
the riven trees, the acid lake where the song
of his father sucks and gushes and creams
over his feet till he turns away -
the hook still writhing inside him
and no weapons for the coming dark.

MINOR INCONVENIENCE (FOR RLR)

By Christina Springer

I.

The pain congeals in your tear duct
the drops, steady, cajoled by bulbous
tissue expanding. a single battalion marches
across your body. Seizes control. Fighting
back.

I wipe with Kleenex. My hands, under latex
gloves,
ignore the wet white power residue they leave
behind. I think of when you stood in the dining
room,
mopping the water I drizzled from between my
legs.

You wrapped my bottom in soft white cotton
towels & took me dancing. You would
not wake. Once ready, I bid you come
& watch me bleed, bear down, expel this baby.

I waited until you woke. Then, on command
brought her forth to meet you. Even messy
syrupy red & white coated, breathing, blinking
life you took her up in your happy bare hands.

"Guru Registry forms in the rear...."

- 1.) Send **typed** poems of (thirty lines or less).
- 2.) Send comments/critiques if you would like (I will respond, but you know how I get!)
- 3.) SASE if you want them back.
- 4.) Will try to respond within a reasonable time frame. (oooh - how technical!)
- 5.) We have two waffle irons already, just in case you were curious.

MARRIAGE WITHOUT WEDDING BELLS

by Richard D. Mohr

Love and marriage may go together like a horse and carriage, but weddings and marriages do not.

We met — Bob and I — one May afternoon in 1978. We were cruising one of the continent's great sexual playgrounds — the ravines that make up Toronto's David Balfour Park. Yes, we exchanged bodily fluids before names. But names exchanges, we went to my place — and had more sex. Sex led to dating. And before you knew it, nigh on the seventeen years of life and love had logged for our journeyings together.

Along the way, we had accumulated the standard debris of daily domestic life in America — sanitary district tax bills, car insurance payments, property tax evaluation reassessment challenges, a mortgage (now burnt), sets of dishes, toasters, a post hole digger, leftover gallons of house paint, stuff like that. In the main, our life together is ordinary, not operatic. Perhaps sedimentation alone is the explanation and perhaps I'm simply deluded, but our love feels ever more deep, robust, substantial — the sort of thing that might lead one to believe in permanent non-material objects, traces of the divine, whatever. In any case, we consider ourselves married. But it has never crossed our minds to have a wedding, a marital ceremony, or what the laws call a solemnization.

To put things somewhat poetically, marriage is intimacy given substance in the medium of everyday life, the day-to-day; marriage is the fused intersection of love's sanctity and necessity's demand. In consequence, though, one can be married without being wed. A wedding is not needed to call a marriage into being. Indeed, until recently, by far the most usual form of marriage is Western Civilization was common law marriage — in which there is no wedding ceremony, either religious or civil, nor even a registering of the relationship with the government. Common law marriage continues to be legally recognized in one-quarter of the states and has much to recommend it.

In such marriages, the sacred valuing of love grows from within the couples' relation and realizes itself over time through little sacrifices in day-to-day existence. The values, loyalties, and intimacies contained in the relation are products of the relation itself, not of social custom, expectation, or demand, they are truly the couple's own. In this way, intimacy takes on weight and shine, the ordinary becomes the vehicle of the extraordinary, and the development of the marital relation becomes a mirror reflecting eternity.

In a common law arrangement, the marriage is at some point culturally and legally acknowledged in retrospect as having existed all along. Remember that as a matter of law, the standard requirement of living together seven years is evidentiary and not constitutive of the relation as a marriage; so, for example, a child born in the third year of a common law marriage is legitimate from the moment of its birth, and need not wait four years as mom and dad log seven years together. The marriage was there in substance all along.

We know, though, from gay experience that many couples want a wedding even if it's not

needed to jump-start their marriage. If you read the burgeoning literature of gay weddings or simply ask gay couples why they want marriage ceremonies as opposed just to marriages, you get two stand responses. One is that the publicity of the event is key — that the making of their love public is what is important to the couple about the event.

But, it should also be remembered that publicity is a requirement of common law marriage. The members of the couple must "hold themselves forth" as married in order to be considered married at law; if they live together in some other way, say, in secret or leaving uncorrected a social belief that they are siblings, then they are never married no matter how many years they live together. So publicity won't do as a rational to distinguish solemnized from non-solemnized marriages.

The other explanation has to do with commitment; indeed frequently gay couples call their solemnizations "commitment ceremonies". But a promise made in private is as morally binding as one made in public. What distinguishes these promises is their enforcement mechanism. A public promise invokes the threat of shame as the chief means of its governance. But at our stage of civilizations, such appeal to shame is both unseemly and primitive even for those couples who incorporate the pledge of "forsaking all others" into their ceremonies. Moreover, any resort to social enforcement here is compatible with marriage understood as the development of intimacy through the medium of day-to-day living. For this understanding of marriage calls for choice and consent to be continuously given, not given once and for all.

So what's left? The gods. If marriage is as I claim, then marriage is worthy of blessing and sanctification, if anything is. And many gays call their ceremonies "holy unions". But care needs to be taken that religion's hallowed elements, of which gays now chiefly bear the brunt, are not unconsciously incorporated and ritualized in such ceremonies.

Hippies, you see, were right about at least one thing. They knew that ceremonies were tricky,

that ceremonies almost automatically invoke and reconsecrate social norms rather than the value of individuals and their intimacies. As a check against this subtle tide, hippie martial rites typically included texts of the couple's own fashioning and a time for friends to give voice to their distinctive ties to the couple and to bestow individualized blessings. Some of this reform has been taken up by yuppies. New Agers, gay folk, and progressive denominations. With such checks in place, a ceremony invoking the gods can legitimately serve not as what creates a marriage but as a sort of bon voyage for the marital couple where the hopes expressed are not merely for clear skies and smooth sailing but for psychic or spiritual adventure.

To date at least, Bob and I have not felt a need for gods. And we certainly don't need another toaster. So our marriage courses on unwed — shimmering, if plain, constant and nice.

Richard D. Mohr's most recent book is A More Perfect Union.

TWO BOY BIRDS RAISE CHICK

The German publication *Statts-Zeitung* reports two male flamingos at the Rotterdam Zoo formed a loving relationship and have bred a female chick. The pair repeatedly tried to steal eggs from female flamingos to hatch as their own. Finally, moved by the persistence of the birds, zoo keepers provided them with a fertilized egg which the two hatched. The proud fathers have remained faithfully at the side of their youngster ever since.

Animal behaviorists have observed homosexual behavior in a wide range of species including antelopes, apes, cats, cows, donkeys, elephants, geese, goats, hamsters, horses, hyenas, lions, lizards, mice, monkeys, pigs, porcupines, porpoises, rabbits and sheep. So much for homosexuality being "unnatural".



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UNSAFE SEX IS KILLING US

The love that dare not speak its name is becoming our dirty little secret again. Only now it's not just putting us in closets, it's killing us. Unsafe sex has become the new dirty little secret. We have lost our commitment to safer sex. We have abrogated our leadership in the queer community to HIV prevention issues. In back rooms, and barrooms, in sex clubs and in our bedrooms we have let the fog of denial fall upon us.

How many of you have had unsafe sex in the last six months? How many of you know someone who has recently tested positive? How many of you know someone else who is having unsafe sex? How many of you, when asked to have sex by Mr. Right at the moment, think that unsafe sex is OK, just this one time, him being so gorgeous and all? What happened to the frequency of condoms in the bars and the posters in the clubs encouraging safer sex practices? When did we stop caring about one another?

We got tired of hearing it, so we just stopped saying it. Now the leading killer of men between the ages of 23 and 44 is AIDS. Not cancer, not accidents, not violence, not heart disease, not anything else but AIDS. AIDS is killing us and it is still 80% Gay men who are dying. How many more? What has to happen before we get it?

HIV is sexually transmitted through unprotected sex. It's just that simple. Why have we forgotten or allowed ourselves to ignore that simple message? Can it be that the forces of hatred and bigotry have won out? Have we decided we are not worthy of life?

We have invested all our energy and funds into worthless counseling and testing programs that are preventing zip. Testing is not a prevention issue, it's a treatment tool. By the time a person needs to be tested, they've already had unsafe sex. Having unsafe sex is what put them at risk in the first place. We're not doing much at all to prevent unsafe sex. We can test till we're all dead and it won't solve the problem. We're having unsafe sex with one another. That is the problem. Whatever we were doing about that problem, we've stopped doing. Or we've thrown condoms

and brochures out and called ourselves finished with the task. Well, we're not finished with the task. Our brothers are dying in higher numbers than ever. Fourteen years into this plague and still most of the new infections are among Gay men. Are you listening here? Are you paying attention? Do you think that the dominant heterosexual culture cares if we screw each other to death?

We must return to our leadership on HIV prevention issues in the queer community. We must make safer sex the only way we are willing to have sex. We must stop transmitting this misery to one another. We must begin to care again about ourselves and our brothers. Or we're all going to be dead. There has never been a group of people, a tribe, that banded together and protected one another like we did early on in the crises of this plague. I am so proud of what we have done and the leadership we gave to the rest of the world.

Many of us from the AIDS activist movement have gone on to be firm and knowledgeable participants in HIV/AIDS treatment, care and service delivery. But we have abandoned prevention efforts. Why are we not still talking openly and honestly about sex? Why are we letting this government dictate to us how to run our prevention programs? Is doing it the way the government has been telling us to been preventing the spread of this virus among Gay men? If we need to reconceive ourselves that we are worthy of loving one another, then let's get on with the task.

Let's do whatever we have to do to stop this death march. But let's stop doing nothing or just more of the same. That's not working. I know we're tired of AIDS. I know we're tired of talking about AIDS. I know we're overwhelmed by the grief so many of us dying of AIDS. Too bad. AIDS is here. It's here to stay for a long while and it's killing Gay men. Either we stop having unsafe sex with one another or we die. Period.

I'm sitting here ranging inside, sick with AIDS and preparing to die a long, suffering, painful, depleted death. How could we continue to pass this misery along to one another? We

must rise from the grief and denial and take back our lives. We must fight this disease with every recourse available and by any means necessary. Where resources do not exist, we must create them and we must demand that governments and communities make resources available in proportion to the need. There is no cure for AIDS. There will be no cure for years and possibly decades to come. The new estimates are now saying that the worldwide figure for AIDS infection could be ONE BILLION by 2005. Is a billion deaths acceptable to you? Is the loss of a quarter of our population something we can survive as a species? When are we going to say enough is enough and demand that we respond to this plague in a way that will save lives instead of take them?

When will you stop having unsafe sex? It all begins with each and every one of you: every Gay man. The world needs to commit to safer sex practices. We have not done the job of making that happen. We are, therefore, complicit in the death of thousands and thousands of our brothers. The blood of our brothers is no longer on Reagan, or Bush, or Clinton, or the AIDS czar. It's on us. It's on ourselves. It's on each and every one of us who have sex without a condom. Having sex without a condom is murder. Have we gone from the right to be ourselves to the right to be murderers? I will not support murder as a civil right. If we have to close every sex club on the planet, if we have to abstain from sexual expression, I just don't care anymore. We have got to stop killing ourselves and we've got to stop letting others kill us. There is no other way to say it, safe sex or no sex is the option. Oh, I'm sorry. There is one other option that far too many have taken already. We can continue to die.

Til next time, unsafe sex is suicide or murder, and my words are just musings and tribal writes.

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR KIDS OF G/L PARENTS

For the second year, the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International and Children of Lesbian and Gays Everywhere will be awarding \$500 in scholarship money to further the education of a deserving child of a lesbian or gay parent.

"The GLPCI-COLAGE Scholarship Fund was started by a generous - and anonymous - gift from a gay father," said, GLPCI's Executive Director Tim Fisher. "He knew firsthand how little support our families get society wanted to start a program which would provide some tangible support back to our community."

"We hope this scholarship program will continue to grow over time," continued Fisher. "And of course, your contributions to the fund are always welcome."

Applicants must have at least one lesbian, gay or bisexual parent and be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary institution. The scholarship recipients will be announced on July 3 at GLPCI's 16th Annual Conference in Los Angeles. Applicants for the 1995 GLPCI-COLAGE Scholarship are available now by writing to GLPCI at PO Box 50360, Washington, D.C. 20091; or call (202) 583-8029. The deadline for applications is May 15.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

Well kiss ma' grifs and butter ma' huns! Ms. Joycelyn said the "M" word!! Oh, my lord, how *could* she have done this in public!?!? There are Republicans like myself running around the country. Doesn't she know Republicans don't "M"? Well, that's not exactly true - some of us have "M"ed for years. For health reasons. You see, it is a proven medical fact that it does relieve tensions. Granted, it probably also takes the edge off for those of us prone to promiscuity and even rape. I've heard. And I suppose it does have a positive effect on easing the #1 problem in the world: overpopulation!

But for the few of us Republicans who do participate in the positive aspects of "M"-ing, it probably is minimal to the heroic efforts of Ms. Joycelyn's Party. So therefore, for the few of us who do see these positive efforts, to the many of the mass of them: We wish you god-speed in your pursuits, not only for your own happiness but also the well-being of our planetary citizens. As Republicans, we shall remain in our "M"-ing closets, lest we also be fired from our party.

EYES AND EARS OPEN TIME! Watch for the syndicated "Schroeder Kennedy Radio Talk Show" airing in a few hundred outlets across the nation. We may or may not agree, but he's one of our brothers, and deserves our love and support.

YOUR "FRIEND" HAS AIDS! "Although a lot of knowledge re: AIDS has been acquired since Dec. '88, some things remain the same:

It was a small town in north-central California - Truckee. We found out later that there were six others who had been diagnosed with the AIDS

virus, but it was *our* doctor's first diagnosis. I was at the hospital when Doc arrived with the news for my Patrick. He asked me to leave the room. It was OK if I heard the report, I said, and my lifemate said "Ditto", but Doc was so visibly nervous that I agreed and went to the small waiting room when he told Patrick that he'd been diagnosed with AIDS.

Pat's first concern was to calmly tell the Doc, "Now go immediately and tell Ace, and test him right away." A nervous Doc arrived to agonizingly explain the diagnosis. Of course, he had no idea Pat and I had been involved in helping care for friends and acquaintances with AIDS since as early as '81, do when my response was outwardly calm. Doc thought I might be in shock. When I asked him to test me ASAP, I tried to calm him down, as he was more in shock than I.

Although there are fewer doctors today, even in small town America, who haven't experienced their first AIDS patient, what remains the same is that victims of the virus and their mates seldom hear the diagnosis together. What remains the same is that many of us are capable of not being shocked, yet still being devastated inside our hearts and minds by the news.

Patrick requested to be released immediately from the hospital, and together we went home that day. We didn't talk much, but we experienced a unity and love incomparable as we held each other silently throughout the remainder of the day and night. Where were my tears, you say? Where so many of our tears are: inside our hearts, which sometimes do get crushed, torn apart, and broken. What remains the same today is that "hero" in Mariah Carey's song arises; that "hero" we may

have never known existed, and we go forward one day at a time, facing one crisis after another because of this unseen enemy.

Was I shocked? Is the Pope Polish? What an understatement! But, this is something else which hasn't changed over the years for mates when they hear the Doc's words "Your friend has AIDS." What has changed is that we now have so many more support groups we can take advantage of in our need and learning how to cope.

My test results returned "negative". Unfortunately, this isn't always the easy for lifemates or lovers. All Patrick could say over and over was "thank God!", and he slept soundly for the first in many a night.

Did I wonder during those days about how he got the virus? Not really. During our 12 years together, we were monogamous. It was 10 months later that it occurred to me to ask "How do you think you got the virus?" He responded, "I thought you'd never ask! Remember that 3 weeks when we separated after our argument? I thought we'd never get back together, and 3 days before we did, I got drunk, went on a date and had sex. That was the only time I could have gotten the virus."

That's something that never changes, isn't it? The consequences of unprotected sex... even from a one-night fling!

That's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet. Mr. Lundon is former *Mg. Editor* of Zipper 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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"OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for April 1995

by C. Lichtenstein

If April showers bring May flowers, let's get our soap and towel ready kids! While we anxiously wait for the impending storm and the subsequent rainbow, the planets prepare to give us a few new energies for our life's work. First, Sun in Aries with its unbridled heat and later, Sun in Taurus with its sensual beauty lead us into temptation. What can I say except, do what you will, planets...

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Imagine yourself in a fabulous, sporty new car, racing around hair pin turns and scattering pedestrians as you go! Now imagine that you generously allow the fool next to you to steer. Good idea? I don't think so. The best thing that you can do this April is to drive purposefully, with your eyes open and take full control of the vehicle. Don't even listen to the directions of others!

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) April may be called the cruelest month, but you can help make the world a better place by volunteering for Gay causes and doing good things for our community. Consider a little home entertaining or spend some time redecorating or refurbishing. For the fullest effect, be sure to plan pleasant home-based projects involving family and childhood friends.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) The corporate chickens will come home to roost this month if you have allowed yourself to drift in your career. Don't panic; friends and certain acquaintances give you a few new nifty ideas and push you in the right direction, if you only ask their advice. Meanwhile, you have a golden opportunity to further the cause through writing or public speaking.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You may prefer to stay close to home this month as travel plans become too difficult or expensive. Don't despair; it is still possible to escape, relax, and have a good time. Allow yourself a few delights throughout the month; life is too short and friends are far and too dear. Gay Crabs can find plenty of reason to spoil themselves and others.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Leos have more than a little get up and go this month. You practically catapult yourself into center stage, come what may. The trouble is that all this you, you, you is not conducive to a we, we, we. It is more than likely that you will upset the alpacorn of love on your way to fame and fortune. Ever hear the old saying, "It's lonely at the top"? ... Keep it in mind.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Virgos are one of the most self-sacrificing signs of the

zodiac and now you, can really make some headway in your quest to make a difference out there. This month you seem to have almost boundless energy and can really help those in need.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) Gay Libras are usually very chatty and the planets will now give you all the sociability that you could ever want. April brings people in all forms, shapes and sizes to your door. Friendships, relationships and even sexual exploits are all highlighted and can be enjoyed immensely. Can you handle all this company, dear? Try not to get names and faces confused!

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) Career opportunities heat up and you may be able to make significant headway in your professional goals. If I know you, this is what you have been plotting, planning and working towards for quite a long time. You will also get some much needed support and encouragement from partners. Play the vulnerability game and let them take care of you for a change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Oh, you can have fun now, but prepare for a new emphasis on work later this month. The good news is that your efforts on the job will pay off handsomely. In the meantime, allow your creative muse to run free and get out and have fun. It is also possible to gain a great deal from travel. April may be a busy month for both business and pleasure trips.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Communication will not go as well as you hope, so be very careful of what you say and how you say it. It seems to me that the planets are encouraging you to more fully examine why you may not be moving ahead in your personal goals as fast as you would like or deserve. Be proud of who you are. Maybe you are secretly undoing yourself. Think about it or ask an expert.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Relationships give us grounding and a sense of pride. Spend more time making partners feel special this month. You communicate well and can ask for what you need without seeming greedy. The only problem is in the area of finances. You may spend more than you have or squander money on foolishness. There is a lesson to be learned.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Work and more work! You may feel a little like a rat on a treadmill this April. Don't worry, you can

accomplish a great deal if you remain focused. Self-confidence is lacking though. Ignore those nasty gremlins who always try to tear you down. You are terrific and must allow yourself to get sidetracked with nonsense ideas. Confidence is the key to success.

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HIV-INFECTED WOMEN HAVE INCREASED RISK OF DEATH

HIV-infected women are one-third more likely to die without an AIDS-defining condition than are HIV-infected men, according to a study from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), reported in the Dec. 28 *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The investigators could not identify why the women had a greater risk of relatively early death but suggest that important factors may involve poorer access to or use of health care resources among HIV-infected women as compared with men, domestic violence and lack of social supports for women. The findings stem from 15 months of observations of more than 4,500 people enrolled in a study of HIV disease progression and survival.

Among the surviving HIV-infected people in the study, no gender differences occurred in the risk of subsequently developing an AIDS-associated condition.

For these women and men, the most commonly occurring AIDS-associated conditions included Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, an invasive form of the fungal infection candidiasis and extreme weight loss.

"To date, this study is the largest prospective analysis to compare survival and disease progression between HIV-infected women and men while controlling for predictors of disease," says Jack Gillen, M.D., director of the NIAID Division of AIDS (DAIDS). "We anticipate that these study data will help in the pursuit of improved therapies for people with HIV disease and AIDS."

AIDS among women in the United States now represents nearly 13 percent of all U.S. cases, a more than 20-fold increase since 1981.

The disease is the leading cause of death for women in New York City aged 25 to 44, and among the top five leading causes of death for other U.S. women of the same age, reports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Some 51,235 women and 344,776 men in the United States have developed AIDS as of June 30, 1994 according to the CDC. Nearly half of the women acquired the virus through injection drug use and more than 35 percent from heterosexual contact.

The NIAID Terry Bein Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA) conducted the study.

Among those HIV-infected people who enrolled without a previous history of AIDS-associated conditions, 27.5 percent of the women experienced death as the first observable event, compared to 12.2 percent of the men.

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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: SEXUAL ORIENTATION

by Shelly Roberts

I never met a Japanese lesbian I didn't like. In fact, I never met a Japanese lesbian. Not for lack of trying, of course.

Now it should come as no surprise that I am President and Chief Operating Officer of Lesbian Uncovery Service. It's just one of those small but critical responsibilities I feel obligated to take up on your behalf. No, no, don't feel required to share this treasured G2 INFO with anybody I might happen to be married to at this time. She knows. Trust me. Has already accepted the fact that I am an unregenerate Lesbian quester. But, like the proverbial Great Dane chasing sports cars, it's okay, as long as I don't catch one.

I know that we are *everywhere*. And I also know that, even now, I am continuously surprised, impressed and astounded really, at who we often turn out to be, what we actually look like, and what extraordinary things we've accomplished in our masks and disguises.

So when I get a chance, I seek. Besides, I get some extraordinary opportunities.

I should have started this column by telling you that I went out looking for *resbians*. But, of course, a) the editor, assuming typos, would correct my spelling, and b) you'd think I was violating Roberts' Rules of the Politically Correct. Before you get your socks in a snarl, I come by the term legit. I saw it at Stonewall. It was the very best sign in the whole procedure. Carried by a Japanese woman, it read "**Resbian Lights!**" I rest my case.

I wouldn't have brought this up, but I am writing to you from... ahem... (I just love getting to say this)...Tokyo. Right. That Tokyo. The one in Japan.

Don't start throwing bread rolls and hissing. I am *not* making this up just to impress you. Since you can't see where I'm typing from. I could just say it and how would you ever know? Besides, it's not as though I were writing to you *next* week, figuring out how to work. "*Last week when I was in Tokyo...*" into a sentence. (Not that I won't, of course, next week. But by then I will have earned missiles and catcalls.) For now, *urrigato goziamas*.

I'm here on somebody else's business, natch, being way too cheap... *you* try living on what gay and lesbians papers can pay to buy a business class ticket for myself, or twist myself into a pretzel for twelve hours lark in Cattle Car Class. Who I'm here for isn't all that important. That I can expand our recognition code by whole continents is.

Let me tell you, any Caucasian who ever said all Orientals look alike never spent one day outnumbered in the Pacific Rim country. I have seen a Japanese counterpart for every type I ever went to high school with, or saw when I was last in Akron, Ohio. Fat ones. Skinny ones. Ones who climb on rocks. Short ones. Tall ones. Even one with chicken pox (well, okay, not that one. You can only carry an Oscar Meyer analogy so far.)

In four days here, I've seen Japanese who remind me of every aunt I ever owned, that neurotic Jewish kid we all chose last on the baseball team, dozens of your favorite fashion models, Generation X-hibitionists in black with crayon-red wigs. I've seen ladies in kimonos whose faces, except for the eyes, looked just like my grade school teachers. I've had taxi drivers who could have been my dad's brother if his father had been a bit more Asian influenced. In fact, I've seen every kind of identifiable types. Except, of course, us.

I couldn't just shake hands with strangers here. And the Japanese *never* make eye-contact in public, a gross violation of private space in a very crowded country. Voilla! *Invisibility*. Maybe there aren't any Lesbians in Japan. Maybe they both marched at Stonewall and haven't come yet.

I tried a club. It was closed. I walked at night in a safe section of Tokyo. I wouldn't risk it if I were in New York. Or for that matter Cleveland. It was in the midst of Tokyo's gay section with glass fronted sex shops, and open men's clubs. Beautiful young men paced most street corners late for appointments judging from how anxiously they glanced at their watches, waiting no doubt, for Mom to buzz by in the Honda to pick them up after practice. (Wanna buy a bridge?)

I asked a clerk in a gay sex shop for "Club Madonna?????" He was appalled when I walked in. You could tell how much by how he gheish'd a giggle while shaking negatives with his head. If he didn't know where the lesbians were, how was I going to find them in a city where cab drivers expect you to give them a map, and addresses are in a language foreign even to the natives.

That night I did meet an equally bewildered young man from Hong Kong who timidly asked if was "Irresbian?" in that special Asian middle sound that has no English consonant. Thinking I'd spotted a Mazda Mafia bouncer who could direct to me an ahso deska dyke den, I nodded enthusiastically, only to discover that he, too, was a tourist, hoping to find a club for female Hong Kongese friends.

I found Club Madonna, but it never opened. So I never met a Japanese lesbian. Even one I *didn't* like. It was disappointing. I know they're here. But I have to leave. I'll keep a world eye open for you though. And I'll let you know how I do.

Next week when I'm in London and Frankfurt. Sayonara.

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CHIMP VACCINE MODEL PROTECTS AGAINST HIV-1 INFECTION

Chimpanzees inoculated with one HIV-1 strain can resist later infection with a different strain, according to scientists from the National Institutes of Health and two other institutions. Successful protection, their experiments show, depends on the infectiousness of the first strain.

Unlike humans, chimpanzees infected with HIV-1 fail to develop disease. The scientists reasoned that an initial HIV infection might act like a weakened live-virus vaccine such as Sabin polio vaccine.

"In this study, the first infection simulated the effect of a successful attenuated HIV-1 vaccine," says Riri Shibata, Ph.D., the study's lead author. "The virus induced protective immunity against subsequent HIV-1 infection. Scientists now have a model system that can help develop an attenuated HIV-1 vaccine for humans."

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PAT ROBERTSON MEETS WITH REV. MEL WHITE

You'll remember that on Valentine's Day this year, Rev. Mel White was arrested for trespassing at the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia. White, a former ghost writer for CBN's Rev. Pat Robertson, wanted to meet with Robertson about the plight of homosexuals in this country and about how false charges on CBN contribute to anti-gay violence. Rev. White finally got his meeting on March 9.

"Robertson said he was meeting with me out of compassion for my parents for their son," White explained. "That's okay by me. Thousands of parents now have hope that Robertson will care about their gay and lesbian children too."

On the 23rd day of his prison fast, White met with Robertson and his spokesman, Gene Kapp, at the Virginia Beach Correctional Facility.

White says the meeting was brief and cordial. He asked Robertson to acknowledge and publicly condemn hate crimes against gays and lesbians. He also wanted Robertson to meet with a delegation from PFLAG.

After the surprise visit, Robertson dropped the trespassing charge against White. White was released after paying no fine. "I'm free to come back to visit Robertson again," White said grinning. Before that day, March 9, Robertson had never agreed to meet with gay or lesbian Christians.

White, who lost 15 pounds during his fast, will monitor Robertson's 700 Club broadcasts, his print material and future fundraising letters. "We are going to be sure that Pat acknowledges and condemns the hate crimes against God's gay and lesbian children," said Dawn Rankin-Phelps, an organizer of vigils being held outside CBN.

During his 23 days of isolation, White received more than 12,000 letters of support.

After his release, White and more than 100 supporters walked to the CBN property and presented security with a dozen white roses and a card of thanks for Pat Robertson. They were met by a group of counter protesters who held signs of protests.

The group Bearing Witness was formed to maintain a daily vigil at CBN. You can reach members at (804) 543-2460.

"MY GYM COACH MIGHT BE A LESBIAN"

A Colorado public high school is considering firing two female gym teachers who are rumored to be lesbians. Students have complained, saying they feel uncomfortable in the girls' locker room. The school board in Longmont, Colorado began investigating the allegations even though the teachers are accused of no wrongdoing. Radical Right activists have flooded the Longmont School Board with letters, calling for the removal of the teachers. Letters and faxes are urgently needed to reinforce the school board's decision to handle the situation just as they would any other student welfare, regardless of the sexual orientation of those involved. You can write Longmont public school superintendent Roger Driver by faxing a letter to (303) 682-7343.

LESBIAN MOTHERS' NAT'L DEFENSE FUND EXPANDS

The Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund celebrated its 20th anniversary with an expansion of its membership and program services and a name change.

Founded in 1974 by 12 "founding mothers" who began fundraising for two lesbian mothers and their custody battles in Eatonville, Washington, L.M.N.D.F. branched out years ago to provide information about donor insemination, adoption, and parenting rights.

With this broader range of family issues, they have helped many people who are not lesbians: co-parents, children, gay fathers, bisexuals, researchers, and teachers.

The Lavender Families Resource Network will continue to provide:

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- contact information for parents' and children's support groups.
- quarterly newsletter, Mom's Apple Pie.

For more information, contact Lavender Families Network, Box 21567, Seattle, WA 98111; (206) 325-2643 V.T.D.D.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGES CHALLENGED

All signs indicate that the state of Hawaii may soon grant gay and lesbian couples the right to legally marry. A decision of the Hawaii courts will likely give same-sex couples the identical rights and benefits of married heterosexual couples. This has some other states taking action in an attempt to discredit same sex marriages. In March, Utah lawmakers rushed legislation that bans recognition of same-sex marriages.

Gay rights activists plan to appeal the bill's passage on a technicality. The Utah Senate approved it around midnight on the last day of the legislative session. If the vote was taken after midnight, the legislation would supposedly be invalid. If Utah governor Mike Leavitt signs the bill, which he's expected to do, a campaign will begin to block Utah's bid for a future winter Olympics. The effort would be a takeoff on the successful campaign to keep the 1996 Summer Olympics out of Cobb County, Georgia.

There is some hope. On March 1, the South Dakota legislature failed to pass a bill similar to the one that passed in Utah. The issue was historic for South Dakota. For the first time in that state's history, testimony was made in a senate committee on a gay issue. Activists said one deciding factor in the bill's defeat may have been tourism. Lawmakers feared they would face a nationwide boycott if the bill passed. South Dakota's Mount Rushmore and Black Hills are heavy tourism draws.

RALLY FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

The National Organization for Women is mobilizing to show the nation, the Congress and President Clinton that those who oppose violence against women — including anti-abortion terrorism and the tyrannical measures of the Republican "Contract With America" — are the

overwhelming majority. Thousands will rally to send an unmistakable message: WE WON'T GO BACK! We will fight back, and we will fight for all women's rights. Rally details: Assemble at the National Mall in Washington at 11AM on April 9. Rally is Noon-5PM

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NEWT DOES IT AGAIN

by GLAAD-San Francisco

Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich — the second most powerful man in the country — has declared that homosexuality is not a "reasonable lifestyle". Therefore, the Republican concludes, the subject simply has no place in the classroom.

It can be argued that what is truly unreasonable is the homophobic censorship and heterosexual bias that characterize millions of tax-supported textbooks in public schools.

The silence in our schools not only fails to prevent homophobic discrimination, but actively encourages the violent oppression of lesbian, gay and bisexual people.

The climate of hatred in which we live is sustained by the textbooks children read. In that regard, GLAAD says, Newt Gingrich couldn't be more wrong. Schools are a recruiting ground for

homophobes, not homosexuals.

Register your concerns with Newt Gingrich, brother of a lesbian, to: Office of the Speaker of the House, H-204 Capitol Building, Washington, DC 20515, telephone (202) 225-4501, fax (202) 225-4656, or you can e-mail georgia6@hr.house.gov

To help fill in the gaps still found in most textbooks, GLAAD's "Project 21" has created a full-color classroom poster, suitable for all grade levels, depicting significant events and figures throughout history.

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RITA MAE BROWN & JANIS IAN TO APPEAR AT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Rita Mae Brown, the best-selling author of "Rubyfruit Jungle" and "Starting from Scratch: A Different Kind of Writer's Manual," and Janis Ian, an impressive presence on the music scene since breaking onto the charts at 15 with "Society's Child," will appear at the National Women's Music Festival in June.

Brown will give the keynote speech on Thursday, June 1. She also will lead a workshop the next day.

Performing on the festival's main stage will be Ian, who now composes in Nashville and also writes a column for "The Advocate".

The festival will be June 1-4 on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington. It is the longest-running celebration of women's music and culture in the country. Advance registrations are now being accepted.

Other special guests of interest are Torie Osborn, former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Vicki Noble, a Feminist Shaman, healer, co-creator of Motherpeace Tarot and author. Osborn will lead political workshops; Noble will appear at workshops on women's spirituality.

Also, actress and comedienne Judith Sloan will be performing her one-woman show, "Denial of the Fittest: excavations of untold truths and other outbursts". It was nominated for best comedy performance at the 1994 Edinburgh International Fringe Festival in Scotland.

Concerts and workshops are the main components of the festival, which is in its 21st year. There also are dances each evening.

In addition to Ian, artists appearing on main stage are: Straight Ahead, with swaying instruments, soul-infected vocals and world-based jazz.

Doss Fallopia, performing duo presenting warped comedy combining music, sketch comedy and general lunacy.

Betty, an eccentric trio that draws from funk, rap, reggae and women's prison films.

Ubaka Hill, with he powerful blend of poetry and drumming.

Margie Adam, a founding mother of women's music who continues to create solo piano pieces and heart-filled ballads.

The Laura Love Band, which mixes fusion, funk and pop with strong rhythms and astonishing vocals.

The Dance Brigade, a politically savage, dramatically rambunctious remarkably passionate group.

disappear fear, a young and fresh sister duo who just might threaten the Indigo Girls' standing.

The festival is held in campus buildings. Dorm housing and meals are available, as is access to local stores, restaurants and motels.

A four-day pass costs \$160 before April 30 and \$180 after. One or three-day passes and individual concert tickets also are available. Those wishing to work during the festival in exchange for a reduced-cost pass may do so. Information on that option is in the registration brochure.

The deadline for mail pre-registration is May 15. You also may register on-site.

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NIAID REPORTS NEW DATA ON NON-PROGRESSIVE HIV

Recent studies have revealed important clues as to why a small minority of HIV-infected people have remained healthy for many years without loss of immune function, according to researchers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease and their colleagues.

As reported in the January 26, 1995 *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the investigators found that 15 HIV-infected volunteers with nonprogressive HIV disease had very low levels of HIV in their blood and lymph nodes; however, viral replication was persistent. The internal structure of these individuals' lymph nodes, unlike those of most people with HIV infection, appeared essentially undamaged, and the volunteers' immune function remained virtually unimpaired.

"Cohort studies of HIV-infected individuals in the United States suggest that approximately 5 percent of these people can be characterized as 'long-term, non-progressors,'" said Giuseppe Pantaleo, M.D., of NIAID's Laboratory of Immunoregulation and lead author of the paper. "Although we do not know precisely why these individuals are able to contain the virus, our data suggest that this phenomenon is associated with the maintenance of the integrity of the lymphoid tissues and with less virus-trapping in the lymph nodes than seen in other HIV-infected individuals. In addition, in the long-term non-progressors whom we studied, the immune response was relatively intact and appeared to control substantially, but not completely, HIV replication and the spread of the virus."

"These findings suggest that low-level, persistent HIV replication may not necessarily be associated with disease progression if efficiently controlled over time," said Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of NIAID and IIR chief. "A further understanding of the relative contributions to non-progressive HIV disease of host factors such as the immune system and of virologic factors such as less virulent strains of the virus may prove critical to our understanding of AIDS pathogenesis and to the development of new vaccines and treatments for HIV infection."

The investigators defined long-term non-progressors as individuals who had been HIV-infected for seven or more years, had stable CD4+ T cell counts of 600 or more cells per cubic millimeter of blood, no HIV-related diseases and no previous antiretroviral therapy. CD4+ T cells are the critical immune system cells targeted by HIV and typically depleted during the course of HIV infection.

DRUG-SENSITIVE HIV COULD MAKE SAFER AIDS VACCINE

Experimental vaccines based on live but weakened or attenuated forms of HIV could be safer thanks to drug-susceptible HIV clone created by scientists at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The clone can be eliminated from the body after use in the vaccine, according to Stephen M. Smith, M.D., and Kuan Teh Jeang, M.D., Ph.D., of NIAID's Laboratory of Molecular Microbiology.

Although attenuated live-virus vaccines have been licensed for several other diseases, many scientists think that such a vaccine based on HIV, which causes a fatal disease, may be too hazardous. HIV multiplies by inserting its genetic material into that of its hosts' cells, raising concerns that even if crippled so as not to cause disease, HIV could lead to long-term, unanticipated side effects.

To bypass this problem, Drs. Smith and Jeang added to HIV a foreign gene that codes for thymidine kinase (TK), a protein found in HSV-1, the herpes virus that causes cold sores. Cells that produce this protein can be selectively killed by a drug called ganciclovir.

The scientists found that under certain laboratory conditions, ganciclovir eliminated cells infected with HIV-TK. According to Dr. Smith, "This result suggests that after it has had a chance to work, an unattenuated vaccine based on the HIV-TK clone could similarly be eliminated by co-administration of ganciclovir, reducing the concern about long-term adverse side effects."

When they treated HIV-TK infected cell cultures with ganciclovir, the NIAID scientists found no increased cell death due to HIV and no rise in levels of the HIV enzyme reverse transcriptase — an indirect measure of HIV activity. In untreated cell cultures, however, significant cell death occurred, and levels of reverse transcriptase rose.

Dr. Smith says the virus inhibition may occur via the drug-induced death of infected cells. "By killing infected cells before virus production occurs, ganciclovir interrupts the spreading HIV infection without influencing uninfected cells."

AIDS comes in all sizes.



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14 months



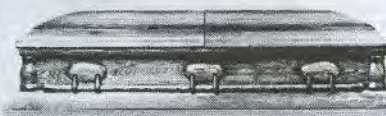
Christine,
age 7



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age 23



Betty,
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CONVICTION IN TEENA BRANDON CASE *Marvin Nissen Found Guilty of First Degree Murder*

A jury in Falls City, NE convicted Marvin Nissen of one count of first-degree murder and two counts of second degree murder for the Dec. 31, 1993 killing of three people in a Richardson County farmhouse.

The first degree conviction was for the slaying of Teena Brandon, whom Nissen admitted he stabbed. The second degree murder counts were for the killings of Lisa Lambert and Philip DeVine.

Brandon was born female and chose to live her adult life as a male. At one time, he dated a woman who was a friend of Nissen and John Lotter. The two men discovered that Brandon was anatomically a female and began harassing him. On Christmas Day 1993, they kidnapped and raped him. When these crimes were reported to the sheriff there was a delay before any action was taken. The sheriff publicly admitted that he did not believe Brandon, calling him a liar. This was in reference to prior misdemeanor convictions as well as "the way she lived."

The following week both men allegedly broke into the farmhouse near Humboldt, NE and killed Brandon and his two friends, Lisa and Philip. Each was shot twice in the head, and Brandon was also stabbed. Although the shooting was alleged to have been done by Lotter, Nissen was charged with first-degree murder in each instance. Nebraska law allows for first-degree charges for felony and premeditated murder.

Fourteen months after Teena Brandon's death, a jury brought in from Douglas County (because of pretrial publicity) found one man Guilty of first degree murder. John Lotter is expected to go on trial in May.

The members of the Equality Before the Law task force have been continually monitoring the events related to this case. This will continue through the Lotter trial and the sentencing of each person. First-degree murder is punishable by Nebraska law with life imprisonment or the death penalty. The members of Equality Before the Law are opposed to the death penalty in any situation.

Equality Before the Law was formed to protest the negligence in the investigation of the rape and kidnapping reports, and the disregard shown during the murder investigation. The group members called for a complete investigation with charges filed against Nissen and Lotter, a speedy and fair trial, and the removal of the Richardson County Sheriff. It was also felt necessary to send an alert to the Nebraska Unicameral on the need for Hate Crimes Legislation.

Criminal investigation and prosecution was directed by a special prosecutor, James Elworth. The people of Richardson County voted the sheriff out of office. Response from the State Senators regarding Hate Crimes Legislation has been less than favorable.

Sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Teena Brandon, Lisa Lambert, and Philip DeVine with the sincere hope that Nebraskans realize the need to accept and value our differences, and that those entrusted to enforce the law do so without bias. In this way we can be assured Equality Before the Law.

REV. C. EARLE LEWIS TO CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF SENIOR PASTOR FOR MCC-OMAHA

The Pastoral Search Committee of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha has issued an invitation to the Rev. Dr. C. Earle Lewis of Santa Rosa, California, to come to Omaha as a candidate for the position of Senior Pastor. Rev. Lewis, an ordained Methodist Minister who is in the process of transferring his credentials to MCC, has served as pastor of his present church for nearly 3 years. Rev. Lewis will meet with the congregation of MCC-Omaha and members of the community at a reception to be held in the Social Hall at MCC-Omaha at 7pm on Saturday, April 29. Rev. Lewis will preach at both services on Sunday, April 30, and will dialogue with the congregation at a forum to be held that Sunday afternoon.

The members of MCC-Omaha will meet in a congregational meeting on May 7 at which time they will decide if they wish to issue a call to Rev. Lewis to come to Omaha as Senior Pastor.

WINNING POET TO VISIT OMAHA AND LINCOLN

Chrystos, Menominee poet and Native American rights activist, winner of the 1994 Audre Lorde International Poetry Competition, and author of *Not Vanishing, In Her I Am, and Dream On*, will be performing her work in Lincoln and Omaha April 7 and April 10.

On April 7, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the multipurpose room of the UNL Culture Center will be "A Discussion with Chrystos." At 7:00 PM Chrystos will give a poetry reading in the UNL Union. Call UNL Women's Studies at 472-9392 to confirm these times and places.

In Omaha on April 10 beginning at noon, Chrystos will give a poetry reading at UNO at the Milo Bail Student Center in the Dodge Room. In the evening there will be a reading and reception downtown at the Antiquarium at 1215 Harney Street at 7:30 PM.

Chrystos was born November 7, 1946, off reservation, to a Menominee father and a Lithuanian/Alsace-Lorraine mother. Raised in San Francisco and now living in the Pacific Northwest, she is a self-educated artist and writer, and an activist for numerous Native Rights and Prisoners causes. Her writing has been widely anthologized, including in *This Bridge Called My Back*; *A Gathering of Spirit*; *Gay & Lesbian Poetry of Our Time*; *Intuitive Passions*; *Making Face*; *Making soul/Haciendo Caras*; *Living the Spirit*; *In Versions*; *Writing by Dykes, Queens and Lesbians*; and *Piece of My Heart*.

In 1990 she received a National Endowment for the Arts grant for literature and in 1991 she was awarded a Lannan Foundation fellowship for poetry. She travels extensively throughout North America for readings and speaking engagements.

DO YOU WANT A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER? YES!!

The results of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Resource Center Surveys, completed by organizations and individuals, affirm that people are interested in a Community Resource Center.

The results of both surveys can be located in this issue of *The New Voice*. Not every voice of our community was heard and many may still have more to say. If you would like to get involved, please join us at our next meeting, **April 22, 2-4pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St.**

We are also planning to facilitate a **Town Hall Meeting, Wednesday, May 17 at First United Methodist Church**. If you are interested in helping organize this event, plan to join us at our next meeting. The Committee will share preliminary study information as well as an outlined "Plan of Action" that will move us to the next phase. As a Community we have confirmed there are needs and wants of a Resource Center. Please plan to join us in assessing how those needs and wants can best be accomplished for the entire Community.

For further information, contact the Information and Referral Line (402) 558-5303 or leave a message for the Community Center Feasibility Study Committee.

OUTREACH CENTER

In February, there was a lot going on at the Outreach Center. Even though we had sub-zero temperatures and near blizzard conditions, we managed to test more people than we've ever tested in February. The FREE BAKE SALE offered a wide variety of cakes, cookies, popcorn, and brownies. Someone stopped by with a Bigfoot pizza and we had the usual coffee and soft drinks. Don't forget that from 1-4PM Friday, the Outreach Center is also open.

The Outreach Center has been successfully staffed by NAP volunteers. There have been a handful of devoted volunteers who have given their Friday nights to this necessary cause. We open the doors at 9PM and try to reserve 9-10 for people to pick up test results. At 10PM, people can stop to be tested and we begin to make the rounds, doing Outreach Education.

If you are interested in volunteering for this project and have the necessary training, please join us. We need receptionists, phlebotomists, counselors, and people who are interested in Outreach Education in the bars.

It is necessary to complete a volunteer application and screening. You also must have taken basic HIV training and done the required observation necessary to perform certain tasks.

If you are interested in volunteering, call Rich S. at NAP 342-6367, for a volunteer application or to let him know you want to help at the Outreach Center.

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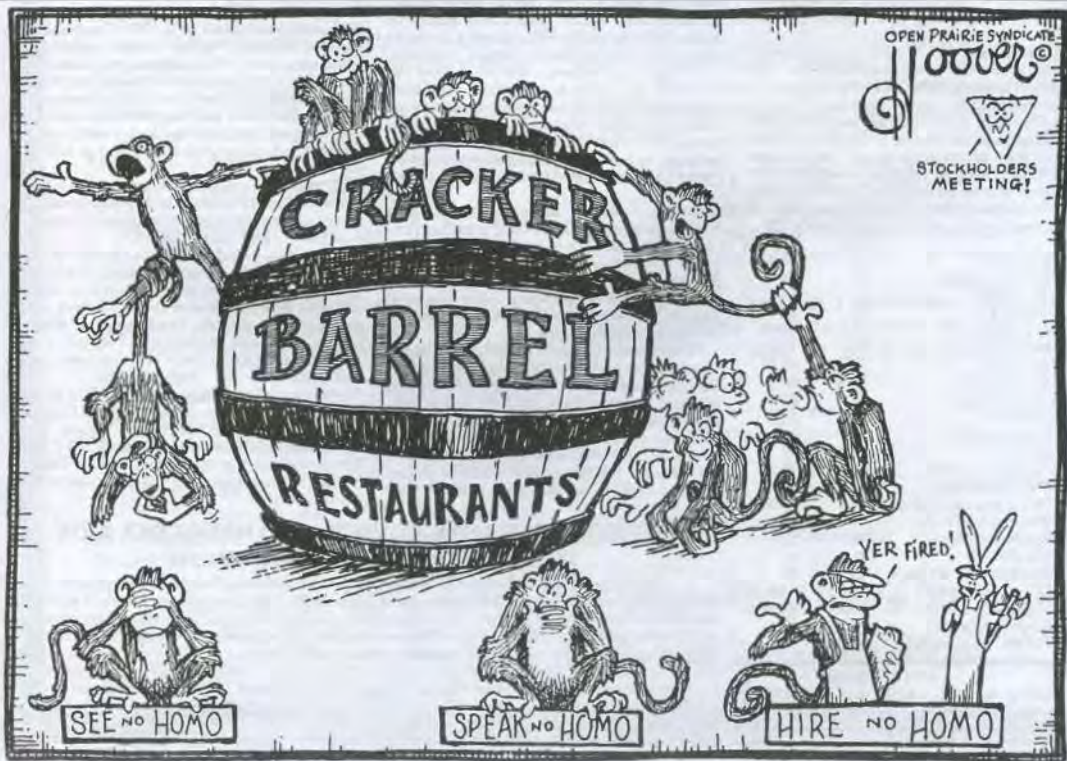
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DC's #1 MAINTAINS LEAD IN BOWLING LEAGUE

DC's #1 now holds first place with 67.5 games won in the River City Mixed Bowling League after 25 weeks of bowling. Run Jim Dandies has dropped back and is now 5.5 games. City Lickers has moved into third place with 60 games won and Gilligan's #2 is hot on their heels with 59 games won. 9-4 Gets & Nots has dropped back into 5th place.

The high scores for men's scratch game and series are unchanged. The high men's scratch game is held by Mike Wierznicki (258) followed by Dan Cooper and Joe Bloemer with identical 248 games. Dan Cooper holds high men's scratch series (697), followed by Bloemer with a 674 and Wierznicki with a 646. Dan Cooper holds the high men's average with a 201.6, followed by Bob Andresen with a 184.7 and Joe Bloemer with a 183.5.

For the women, Rhea Lukehart still holds high scratch game (250), followed by Kellie Loveall (236), and E. Mueller (231). Mueller still holds the high series (602), followed by Rhea Lukehart with a 598 series and Cherie Iniguez with a 552 series. These three have shuffled the lead for high average — Rhea Lukehart is high with a 170.7 followed by E. Mueller with a 169.7 and Cherie Iniguez with a 163.1.

City Lickers still hold both high handicap team game and high handicap team series (814 and 2328 respectively). Rainbow Chaser have second high team game with a 783, followed by DC's #1 with an increase in their high game score to 779. DC's #1 has second high team series with a 2153 an Gilligan's #2 holds third high with a 2105.

During week #25 of bowling, Dan Cooper bowled a nice 246 game and 653 series. Bob Andresen bowled a 238 game and 623 series. For the women, Cherie Iniguez bowled a 217 game and 576 series, and E. Mueller had a 187 game and Rhea Lukehart bowled a 522 series. Darrin Blazek was 116 pins over average, Cherie Iniguez was 93 over average, Melissa Getschell was 92 pins over average and our very own Dick Brown was 90 pins over average. Way to go, Dick!

Complete team standings as of week #25:

	Won	Lost
1. DC's #1	67.5	28.5
2. Run Jim Dandies	62	34
3. City Lickers	60	36
4. Gilligan's #2	59	37
5. 9-4 Gets & Nots	57	39
6. Delivery Boys	57	39
7. The MAX	55.5	40.5
8. DC's Liplockers	54.5	41.5
9. Wurgler Photo	51.5	44.5
10. Dicksters	50.5	45.5
11. Express Male	50	46
12. Misfits	47.5	48.5
13. Gilligan's 1 CCB	46.5	49.5
14. The Taylor Shop	46	50
15. DC's 2 Reason to Drink	44.5	51.5
16. Bowling for Tricks	44	52
17. Rainbow Chasers	44	52
18. The DJs	43	53
19. Puss&Boots Gilligan 3	43	53
20. DC's Tuna Melts	42.5	53.5
21. Night Riders	39.5	52.5
22. Kings & Queens	38	58
23. TM #8	38	58

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MOTHERS' VOICES

Mothers' Voices fourth annual Mother's Day Card Campaign is underway. Individuals and families from all 50 states will circulate and collect signatures on specially designed Mother's Day cards, demanding more AIDS research. Last year, the mothers group collected a quarter of a million signatures. Signed cards were delivered to all 100 members of the U.S. Senate and 410 of the 435 members of the House of Representatives.

Mothers' Voices is a non-profit organization working to increase awareness of AIDS. Since 1992, Mothers' Voices has been mobilizing the families and friends of people with HIV & AIDS, turning grief, anger, and fear into positive action to end AIDS.

For the second straight year, PFLAG Omaha is participating in this campaign. Last year's campaign saw over 40 cards distributed for signatures in Nebraska and western Iowa. This year the chapter will have 100 cards available early in April. People will then have approximately 3-4 weeks to collect signatures. The only commitment is to collect signatures — 15 names and addresses to a card — and return them to Mothers' Voices no later than April 28th. They will sort them by state and congressional districts and deliver them to Capitol Hill. Our goal is to fill the 100 cards with 1500 signatures of people who care! Please call the PFLAG Helpline at (402) 291-6781 and leave your name and phone number if you would like a card to collect signatures.

It only takes a moment to show the Congress that we understand, care, and are people taking action against AIDS. The active nature of collecting signatures provides people a chance to speak about AIDS to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others. We must show the Congress that, in the heartland, we have been touched by HIV/AIDS and that we are raising our voices with others who are "speaking from the heart about AIDS." The cards send a powerful message to our senators and representatives, letting them know that AIDS deeply affects their constituents.

While collecting signatures for the cards would also be a great time to hear a speaker from the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) at your church group, class or work site meeting, or organization program, or to ask about volunteering a few hours with NAP. Call the Nebraska AIDS Project at 342-6367 or 1-800-782-AIDS (2437) for speakers or volunteer opportunities.

The Omaha chapter of PFLAG (Parent, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons, their families and friends through support, education, and advocacy. With advocacy efforts such as the Mothers' Voices campaign, we wish to raise the consciousness of our national legislators that AIDS is in fact touching us NOW and cure is needed NOW!

METROPOLITAN ARTS COUNCIL AND NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT TO SPONSOR ART SHOW

A multi-media art show sponsored by Metropolitan Arts Council and Nebraska AIDS Project will be held at the new Art Space, 1209 Hamey Street, May 19-29. The show will feature artists who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. The event is being planned in conjunction with a 2 day seminar at Nebraska Methodist College. The seminar will explore ways communities can come together to support persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. The featured speaker, Carol Levine, is the executive director of The Orphan Project in New York City and will share her experiences with working with children and families who are impacted by the disease. Both the seminar and the art exhibit are open to the public. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit at Art Space on Friday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

DUNDEE DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM"

For an evening of pure entertainment, gather a gaggle of geese or a group of gay guys and gals and head to the Dundee Dinner Theatre for its current production "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." This slapstick comedy is a quick moving collection of prat falls and sight gags interspersed with the music of Steven Sondheim. From the initial entrance of the Roman Slave Pseudolus, to the final bow of the Roman Captain, Miles Gloriousus, you laugh and chuckle at the antics of the talented cast.

The Dundee brings together old friends and new talents for a cast that carries off this comedy with ease. Led by the award winning talents of Gordon Drentz playing Pseudolus, the cast includes Scott Meister as Marcus Lycus, a buyer and seller of courtesans; Jim Knerim as Hysterium, Roman slave (including his debut in drag); Michael Taylor-Stewart as Erroonius, an old man; Cindy Rismiller as Philia, a virgin; Bill Green as Roman Senator Senex and Shari Hoelker as his wife Domina; Andrew Rannella as their son Hero; Jennifer Priesman, Jennifer Curran, Teri Fender, Leslie Reams, and Emily Jane Moore as the Courtesans; Mike Sewell as Miles Gloriousus; and Bryan McAdams and Jim Knight as Roman soldiers.

Cast members carry off their parts well and obviously have fun doing it. An occasional dropped line only gave the opportunity for entertaining moments of ad lib. I especially enjoyed Michael Taylor-Stewart portraying Erroonius, a nearly blind old man who took fall after fall as he groped his way on and off the stage. His initial entrance involves a complete somersault over the back of a kneeling Roman soldier. I found myself holding my breath with every entrance and exit as Michael tumbled on and off the stage.

The show is well worth attending — just remember that the message of this show is indeed a serious one. "Tragedy Tomorrow, Comedy Tonight!"

The newly remodeled Dundee Dinner Theatre is now preparing its dinner selections on site, so your evening can include a delicious meal featuring gourmet entrees, delivered fresh and piping hot to your table. The desserts and drinks are as delectable as always, and are now accompanied by a selection of latte and cappuccino choices from the new Clapboard Cafe.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" continues through April 22 at the Dundee Dinner Theatre, 5021 Underwood Avenue. For reservations and ticket information call 558-0705. The next offering at the Dundee will be "Damn Yankees," opening April 28 and continuing through June 17.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES PLANNED AT MCC-O

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha is pleased to invite the community to special Easter services planned. These services include the Good Friday Service tentatively set for 7:00 p.m. on April 7. Presiding at that service will be the Rev. Dave Holmes, a friend in the congregation who has preached Sunday Morning Worship Services a couple of times in recent months.

A Sunrise Service is planned Easter morning. Service time will be around 6:30 A.M. Call the Church Office for the exact time (345-2563). Watch flyers in the bars and at the church for the announcement of the speaker for the Homily for that service. Easter Morning Worship Services at

both 9 and 10:30 A.M. will be led by Ms. Sharon Sloat from Des Moines. Sloat served as Co-Worship Leader in the Des Moines MCC for over a year and has been delivering messages at MCC-Omaha monthly for the past 1 1/2 years. We know you'll be touched by the resurrection message she'll bring.

Do remember the Palm Sunday Cantatas (see a related article) and the Saturday Easter Egg Hunt (Sat., April 15). We invite you to join us this Sunday and every Sunday as we "celebrate life in Christ!"

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha.

EASTER EGG HUNT PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 15

GALP (a gay and lesbian parents' group) and Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha invite you to gather your children, the neighbors' kids, those nieces and nephews, the grandchildren—and join them for a traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., April 15, in the MCC-O yards and garden. Activities begin at 2:00 p.m. There'll be crafts, refreshments, games, maybe a movie and even the Easter Bunny, with the Easter Egg Hunt as the grand finale. Come watch! Come help! Come join in this celebration the season! Everyone is welcome! For details call the Church Office at 345-2563!

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When John W. walked into my office today, I could see that he was terribly upset. He was fighting back tears and his face was gray and care-worn with exhaustion.

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ANGLE ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATION RESPONSES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER SURVEY

During January an ad hoc committee from ANGLE surveyed community organizations regarding their interest and the feasibility of Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans Community Resource Center in Omaha. Here are the results:

Surveys were given to thirty-three local organizations, six of which proved to be inactive. Nineteen groups of the 27 active returned surveys for a 70% return rate. These groups represent 844 individuals in the community—some of which have overlapping membership. The organization responses were as follows:

QUESTION #1—Do you feel a Resource Center (however you envision it) would be valuable in Omaha at this time?

- 17 YES 1 MAYBE
1 NO

QUESTION #2—What space would you foresee your organization using? (Check all that apply.)

- 5—OFFICE SPACE
2—MEETING SPACE
5—(mtg. for 5-10)
8—(mtg. for 10-20)
2—(mtg. for 20-50)
1—(mtg. for 50-100)

- 9—STORAGE SPACE
4—KITCHEN SPACE
8—LIBRARY SPACE

OTHER—computer time, pantry, restrooms, promo space, event space, office equipment

QUESTION #3—What equipment would you foresee your organization needing? (Check all that apply.)

- 10—Computers/Printers
14—Copier 1—Video Library
11—FAX 7—Telephone
7—Voice Mail 9—Mailboxes
5—Office furniture 12—Info. Racks
7—Video/audio equipment

QUESTION #4—How could your group support a Resource Center? (Check all that apply.)

- 0—Building 13—Volunteers
4—Shared Equipment
12—Library/Archival Materials
3—Financial Resources
1—Publicity 1—Equipment
1—Lots 1—Yes

QUESTION #5—Where would you like to see the Resource Center located? (Check all that apply.)

- 16—Downtown 1—West
0—South 1—North
11—Midtown 1—No opinion
2 indicated anywhere on bus route

QUESTION #6—Would you like to be contacted by phone before the next planning meeting?

- 9—YES 9—NO

Anyone interested studying the results in preparation for a May Town Hall Meeting should attend the April 22 meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of MCC—Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St.

FOSTER CARE POLICY CHALLENGED

A group of Nebraskans opposed to the interim policy developed by Mary Dean Harvey, Director of the Nebraska Department of Social Services, has been gathering to create campaign strategies. The policy prohibits placement of children in the workshop of DSS in homes unmarried, non-related adults living together, or in homes of persons who are gay and lesbian. The group, known as Concerned Citizens for Nebraska Children has developed a statement saying, "A child's best interest is served when placed in a foster home that is chosen based on the child's emotional, social, and spiritual needs and the foster parent's ability to fulfill those needs. The Nebraska Department of Social Services interim policy which prevents unmarried, non-related adults residing together and gay/lesbian individuals from being foster parents if not in the best interest of children.

1. There is current agreement among professional child welfare organizations that neither marital status nor sexual orientation has any bearing on an individual's ability to parent.

2. This policy will further stress an already overburdened foster care system by categorically eliminating potential resources for Nebraska's foster children.

3. The Department of Social Services is currently responsible for more than 2500 children who are in need of out of home placement with only 750 licensed foster homes available.

4. This raises ethical questions for case managers/child welfare workers who are bound by non discrimination codes."

Everyone is encouraged to write a letter expressing your opposition to this policy to:

— Mary Dean Harvey, Director Nebraska Department of Social Services, PO Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026/ Fax (402) 471-6031.
— Governor Ben Nelson, PO Box 94848, Lincoln, NE 68509-4848/ Fax (402) 471-6031.

Concerned Citizens for Nebraska Children would like to have copies of all letters sent in order that an accurate count of opposing mail can be maintained. These should be sent to: PO Box 55548, Omaha, NE 68155-0548/ Fax (402) 558-2558. Persons wanting more information or to volunteer to help defeat this policy are invited to call (402) 398-3027.

GAY COMEDIAN KEVIN SNOW TO APPEAR AT NOODLES APRIL 14 & 15

Bred and buttered near Birmingham, Alabama, Kevin Snow is the eldest child of a Hillbilly Mama and a Redneck Daddy. His parents were somehow able to breed three more times before they divorced, giving Kevin a brother, two sisters and an endless supply of comedy material.

Kevin describes himself as "A rural kind of guy, with cosmopolitan ideas, wandering aimlessly around metropolis." His positive outlook on the world, family life, and post-modern culture is colored by his experiences growing up in the South. He delivers his comedy from the unique, honest viewpoint of a macho gay man who expects the aliens who left him on Earth (and

NOW SPRING EVENTS

The Omaha/Council Bluffs Metro Chapter of the National Organization for Women is presenting two events in the month of April to kick off the Spring and Summer months for activists all over the community.

PROGRAM SERIES CONTINUES WITH PRESENTATION ON HAND GUN OWNERSHIP

The first event is the third in a series of eight Program Nights which Metro NOW is sponsoring in 1995. It is scheduled for Thursday, April 6 in the basement of the First Unitarian Church at 31st and Harney in Omaha. The title is Gun Ownership as a Choice (How to Do It). The speakers include Monte Letholtz, immediate past Coordinator of Omaha NOW, Officer Steve Osier of the Omaha Police Department, and a leading woman expert to be announced. We also anticipate having a woman gun expert speaker. The program is from 7 to 8:15 pm. Childcare and parking escorts provided.

NOW BENEFIT FEATURES LAVENDER COUCH, JUMPIN' KATE, & THE GRATEFUL DUDES

On Sunday April 30th, Metro NOW is holding a Benefit Bash at the Saddle Creek Bar and Grill from 5 PM to ?? WE WON'T GO BACK! is the theme, the rallying cry for us all in these dark Newt-clouded times. Special musical guests include Lavender Couch, Jumpin' Kate, and The Grateful Dudes. A silent auction, with a lot of really fun stuff from some of the area's finest (unfortunately without Melissa Etheridge's guitar!) is scheduled along with raffles, games, and the delicious food and drink that is always available at the Saddle Creek. Bring your checkbooks and your dancin' shoes! A suggested donation of \$8 at the door is welcomed. All ages, genders and fashion statements are welcome. As a matter of fact, if any readers of *The New Voice* want to contribute time, energy or stuff, just call the Metro NOW Hot Line at 391-7303, and let us know. All proceeds benefit Metro NOW in the never ending struggle to educate and empower the women of Omaha and Council Bluffs.

too near a race track) to return for him soon.

Winner of the HBO Comedy Relief VI Comedy Contest in Kansas City and finalist in The Eureka Springs Comedy Festival, Kevin has performed in Comedy clubs from the Funny Bone in Omaha, to Stanford's Comedy House in Kansas City, to The Comedy Club at the Stardome in Birmingham. He has also appeared on television and radio, in jazz clubs, and at conventions and charity benefits throughout the Midwestern and Southern United States.

Kevin Snow and his unique brand of comedy will return to Omaha on April 14 and 15 for an appearance as the feature performer at Noodles Comedy Club in the Old Market.

PRIDE MEETING

Planning moves into high gear for the 1995 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade and Celebration. The Parade will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, June 11, 1995. Planning meetings will take place at Downtown Grounds on Wednesday April 12 and April 26. Meetings are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Those persons, businesses, and organizations interested in purchasing advertising space in the 1995 Pride Guide should call Mike Johnson at 558-5303.



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The application period for those interested in running for Emperor XV or Empress XV of the Imperial Court of Nebraska is coming to a close. The application form, a list of goals, and the \$50 application fee must be postmarked no later than April 15.

Applications are available in all of the gay and lesbian bars in Omaha, as well as at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, or you may receive an application by mail by calling 556-9907 and leaving your name, address, and zip code. No hand-delivered applications will be accepted. All applications must be submitted with a postmark of April 15, 1995, or earlier.

Qualifications and a brief description of campaigning rules are included with the applications. Once a candidate appears before the Board of Governors at its May meeting and is approved, candidates prepare for the 30 days of campaigning which take place before Coronation.

Voting this year will again be the Saturday the week prior to Coronation. In Omaha voting will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM in the lobby of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St. In Lincoln there will be voting on that same day (Sat., June 17) from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. at a site to be announced in May.

Crowning of the new monarchs will take place at Coronation XV at the Ramada Inn Airport on Sat., June 24. This year's theme Nebraska Hoedown with Heartland Hospitality, Country Music & Dancing, and Jello-Salad promises to provide a delightful atmosphere for the weekend's activities. Packets regarding ticket prices, etc. should have already arrived at local organizations' mailing address. The whole community is encouraged to attend Coronation to thank the monarchs of Reign XIV for the over \$7,000 they have helped raise for community organizations. For details on Coronation contact any member of the board of ICON or call 345-2930 or 556-9907.

HEARTLAND G/L AA ROUNDUP APRIL 28, 29, 30

This year's Heartland Gay/Lesbian AA Roundup will be held April 28, 29, and 30 at the Ramada Inn Airport. Cost for the Roundup is \$26. \$16 is conference fee, \$10 for the banquet. This year's Roundup will feature the best of our local speakers as well as featured speakers.

ANGLE: MAY WE HELP YOU?

One of the services of ANGLE provides for the community is the Information and Referral Phone Line. This service responded to hundreds of calls each month requesting information on bars and businesses, doctors and support groups, and "who can I talk to" questions. Offered free to the Omaha and surrounding community, the Phone Line is staffed by volunteers who call back to inquiries left in the ANGLE Phone Line voice mailbox.

The Phone Line is just one of the opportunities available to people wanting to volunteer time to the Omaha gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community. Persons are needed for Phone Line volunteers to respond to calls, calculate data, and maintain the ever changing resource directory. ANGLE is also taking applications for the position of Phone Line Coordinator. Any interested person is invited to call the Phone Line at (402) 558-5303 or write PO Box 8343 Omaha, NE 68108-0343.

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The Callboard Cafe is open for breakfast, lunch, and afternoon coffee, Monday through Saturday. Monday through Friday the Cafe opens at 6:30 a.m. with a selection of fresh baked muffins and bagels to accompany the selection of Espresso, Latte, and Mocha drinks. The lunch menu features an assortment of sandwiches along with a daily "hot" special and a soup of the day. Saturdays, the Cafe doesn't open until 8:00 but the Callboard remains open every day until 5:00 p.m. For a pleasant interlude in a relaxed yet elegant atmosphere, check out the Callboard Cafe at the Dundee Dinner Theatre, 5021 Underwood. All selections are also available for take out, and the Cafe can be reserved for company meetings during morning and afternoon hours.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER PRELIMINARY INDIVIDUAL SURVEY RESULTS

The ad hoc committee from ANGLE announces the following results in the individual surveying conducted in February. With an even 600 surveys completed, 589 responded that they felt "a G/L/B/T [gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender] Resource Center . . . would be valuable in Omaha at this time!

The survey allowed individuals to identify programs they would utilize. Over 25 programs were suggested and individuals could mark as many as they wanted. Those areas marked by over 300 respondents include the following: discussion groups, support groups, recreational activities, social activities, legal services, and AIDS information. Other areas receiving high interest include these: classes/seminars, health information, political information, "coming out" hotline, information & referral line, employment aid, library & media services, and community bulletin board.

Those surveyed identified all areas of Omaha as desirable for the location of a Resource Center, but downtown and midtown were the overwhelming favorites 6 to 1. Individuals surveyed were also asked how they could support a Resource Center. Over 1/2 said they could volunteer. Over 1 in 4 were willing to share occupational skills/knowledge. And 1 in 6 said they could organize activities and the same number said they could support a Resource Center with their financial resources.

In the optional demographic section only two categories have initially been tabulated: education and income. Forty-seven percent of those surveyed indicated post high school education. Thirty-eight percent of those surveyed indicated having an income of over \$25,000 per year.

More analysis of the information will take place in March and April. If you are interested in finding out more about the survey and its results, you are invited to attend the next meeting of the ad hoc committee. This meeting will be held Saturday, April 22 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha at 819 S. 22nd St.

1995 GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER

The 1995 Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest will be held in Omaha the weekend of June 9 & 10. Sponsored by Fantasy Productions, the contest will feature men competing in pre-judging, jockstrap, speech, and presentation of their Fantasy is a preliminary for the International Mr. Drummer Contest which will be held in San Francisco in September.

The Great Plains Region consists of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Statewide contests are being planned for Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota. The contest is also open to invitational contestants from Kansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota since no state contests are planned for those areas.

This will be the fifth year that Fantasy Productions has sponsored this contest. In the past, they have sponsored Fantasy 89-94, and this year plan on sponsoring the first International Mr. Fantasy Contest.

For information on attending or competing either of the events, contact Fantasy Productions, PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108-8203.

TECA DANCE

by Al S.

TECA (Teens Educated to Combat AIDS) sponsored a teen dance on February 17 to benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project. After expenses, all proceeds were donated to NAP. The dance, held at the National Guard Armory at 70th and Mercy Road, featured 4 local teen bands. The dance will help support the new teen AIDS hotline (342-TEEN), which operates Tuesdays and Saturdays from 7 to 11PM.

First up was **Traut Cowboys**, made up of Mark Stinson, bass, Jeremy Stanosheck, drums, Kevin Colabello, guitars, and Chris Benak, vocals. They have a pop-punk sound, with all original material, and have been together about six months.

Second was **Glen Canyon Dam**, one of my favorite new local bands. They play a more melodic punk with politically liberal lyrics (which I like a lot).

Third was **C'mon Jack**, a jazzy kind of band

with a super-sexy singer who calls himself David K. Redwood. He always starts out in a white shirt and tie, but eventually gets rid of them. He's been known to strip nearly naked to get in touch with his Native American roots.

Militia was the fourth band. Band members play heavy speed-thrash death metal. Their style is summed up by the song "Happy", which is anything but! **Militia** features a cute, skinny drummer, Aaron Goldsberry, who is always shirtless. He plays a double bass drum set with enormous power. The other feature is the lead guitarist/high pitched screamer who I mistook for a girl the first time I saw them. Jason Houston is really skinny with long, straight red hair.

Everyone played well and it was for a good cause. Let's say "Thanks" to these caring teens of TECA who sponsored the show, and to the bands who donated their time and talent to play.

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INTERNATIONAL MS LEATHER SEEKS NEW LOGO

Bare Images Productions, producers of the International Ms Leather Contest, has extended its deadline for submissions of artwork to be considered for the new IMsL logo.

Submissions will be accepted through the first of July 1995. Artwork has been donated by Mistress Mir for use in this year's campaign, so extending the deadline will give artists more time to work on what is hoped will be "the" logo for the International Ms Leather Contests and merchandise.

Artwork should include the word IMsL and will be used for letterhead, merchandise, promotions, etc. Merchandise will include everything from very small membership pins to sweatshirts so the logo must be clear and legible at any size. Several versions of the logo may be used such as simple versions for small pins as well as more ornate concepts for larger items. Artists should keep this in mind.

The artist selected will receive a royalty contract for the use of his/her work on all associated merchandise, but not for printed materials. The logo selected will be the official logo for the contest for its duration with Bare Images Productions and the royalty contract will last as long as the Bare Images Contract does.

Send any and all submissions to Bare Images Productions, 4332 Browne St., Omaha, NE 68111-1829. Call 402-451-7987 (fax 402-457-5350) for further information.

OMAHA'S GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY RANKS #1 IN NATIONAL FUNDRAISING EFFORT

By Rich Richenberg

NBC's February 6th airing of *Serving in Silence: The Margarette Cammermeyer Story* gave Omaha's Gays and Lesbians and their supporters the perfect opportunity to put themselves in the national spotlight. Thanks to the efforts of the fundraiser's organizers, Jim Schumacher and Dick Smith, the generosity of Bruce and Stosh (no last names necessary!), and to those of you who made a financial contribution, Omaha now has the proud distinction of being the community to raise the most of any of the many fundraising parties held nationwide on that evening!

The event, held in Stosh's Saloon, raised over \$1,000 with proceeds benefiting Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) in Washington, D.C. This organization, created in 1993 in response to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, is our community's only national level watchdog agency. In their short history, Co-directors

Michelle Benecke and Dixon Osburn, have amassed a network of over 200 cooperating attorneys, providing badly needed assistance to over 500 military members, including myself, caught in the crossfire of our nation's painfully slow movement toward equal rights for all. They've developed a nationwide database to track legal cases and trends, advised the Department of Defense on policy abuses and inconsistencies, provided early intervention for military members at risk from death threats, and have helped to keep the issue of equal rights for all of us in the public forum.

Many of you know me, some of you have even written letters and made phone calls on my behalf. Thanks to your help and the efforts of Michelle and Dixon, I've had access to the legal resources I need to protect myself against this arbitrary policy. And now, thanks to your willingness to support their efforts, SLDN can continue to provide its much needed services.

THE BABY HAS ARRIVED!

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha is pleased to announce that Wednesday, March 8, it became the proud parents of a baby grand piano, a Kawai to be exact! And oh, the gurgling sounds she/he makes. Thank you one and all for your support in the fund-raising for this project, but please don't end your generosity yet; payment has been staggered while we raise the remaining funds. Keys can still be "purchased" for \$100. Just send those donations to MCC-Omaha, P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103, and clearly mark them PIANO KEY!

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GAY FRIENDLY BOOKSTORE

It has come to the attention of PFLAG Omaha that another bookstore in the metro area is supportive and offers some special options to members of the gay & lesbian community. A **Child's Garden of Versus**, 5011 Underwood Ave., has in stock some of the standard works for children concerning families and gay and lesbian relatives. The store will special order books that are not in stock. As an incentive to check it out, the managers, Lucy and Midge, will give you a **20% discount** if you mention PFLAG when making your purchase. Check with them for the times the stories are available at 553-7002.

MCC-O CHOIR TO PRESENT CANTATA PALM SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha is pleased to announce that Palm Sunday, April 9, the MCC-O Choir, under the direction of Mr. Bill Burch and accompanied by Mr. Garrett Burton, will present two performances of the Easter Cantata *Sacrifice of Glory*.

The first performance will be at 10:30 A.M., and the second will be at 7:00 P.M. There will be no 9:00 A.M. worship service that Sunday.

DON'T MISS IT—THE SHOW OF THE YEAR! CLOSET BALL IS APRIL 9

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is thrilled to once again bring you one of the premiere shows of the year — Closet Ball. Here's the night you have been waiting for — the night when all of Omaha's newest impersonators come out on stage to entertain you! You won't want to miss it. Rumor has it there'll be a whole house full of contestants for the event.

In addition Miss Closet Ball '94 Siera Sands has lined up a great evening of experienced entertainers as well. You'll, of course, want to come enjoy her talents, as well as those of Kimber Leigh, Katrina Kane, Dorian Drake, Tracy Grant, Mr. Jim Gau, Monica West, Emperor XIV David, and Empress XIV Mae. All of this plus the excitement of watching new impersonators appear first in their natural gender and then just 60 minutes later as either female or male impersonators.

Door admission for Closet Ball is \$5 per person, and ICON advises you to come early to get a good seat! Closet Ball will be the "show of the year." Don't miss it!

APRIL FOOL'S DAY DANCE

WomenSpace presents an April Fool's Day Dance, to be held Saturday, April 1, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight, at Unity Church of Today. Admission is \$5 per person.

There will be a DJ, and you are invited to bring your favorites. Dance to all the great ladies from Melissa to Mary-Chapin.

This is a smoke- and chem-free event.

SNAP SCORES ANOTHER HIT WITH "FALSETTOS"

The weekend of March 8-12 brought a special treat to the Omaha community as SNAP Productions brought *Falsettos* to the stage of the Witherspoon Concert Hall at Jocelyn Art Museum.

Falsettos, billed as "everybody's musical" certainly lived up to that title. Even those who normally don't like musicals were caught up in the fast patter and fast action of this production. The seven member cast, led by Michael J. Simpson as Marvin, gave outstanding performances. Jason Booth, as Whizzer, was a master of character development as he used slight changes in stance and posture to take his character from hedonistic jock to loving best friend to Marvin's son and then to a dying man, reduced to a mere shadow by AIDS. John M. Alec Zuerlein, as Mendel, the psychiatrist, and Mitchell Raftery as Jason, Marvin's 12 year old son, rounded out the male part of the cast. Kathy Kautz, as Trina, brought the house down with her rendition of "I'm Breaking Down," as Pamela Carter and Roxanne Wach delighted the audience with their portrayals of "the Lesbian neighbors."

It was an outstanding production and one which should result in more TAG nominations for SNAP Productions. Once more, our hats are off to the members of SNAP productions for an outstanding job.

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METROPOLITAN CLUB

The Metropolitan Club, a professional gay and lesbian organization which meets on the Third Thursday each month, will hold its sixth meeting on April 20 at FRANKIE Pane's, 1112 Douglas. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with a short business meeting at 7 p.m. There will be a \$4.00 cover charge at the door to defray the cost of renting FRANKIE's. Last month's presentation featured the comedy debut of Omaha's own Wayne Garsky. A promising young talent, Wayne reminded us that, just because we're professionals, that doesn't mean we can't laugh. If you happen to meet him on the street, ask him about his hat collection (go ahead, I dare you!) Those who attended were also treated to a presentation on gay and lesbian travel opportunities such as RSVP Cruises, Atlantis Tours at Club Med, and other "family values" vacations. Thanks to Becky and Dave for great information and for reminding us it's time to start toning up and tanning so we're ready to hit the beach (or at least look like we did!) Come, have a cocktail. Meet Omaha's growing professional gay and lesbian community. Hey, how else are we going to meet?

KATHY TYREE & FRIENDS

SCORE HIT AT THE MAX

In a notable break from tradition, Bruce and Stosh opened the stage at The MAX for an early Saturday night performance by Kathy Tyree and Friends. By the 7pm starting time, the disco floor was crowded with standing room only as the band hit the opening notes for the performance.

The electricity began to build as Miss Tyree's "Friends" took the stage, when Miss Tyree stepped on stage, she was greeted with cheers. From the opening chords, Kathy Tyree had the audience in the palm of her hand. Song built upon song as Kathy soloed and then shared the spotlight with her "Friends."

One of the high points of the evening came with as Kathy Tyree paid tribute to her mother with the song, "Wind Beneath My Wings," and went on to delight the audience with a duet with her mother, Shirley Tyree. As their voices intertwined to perform Nat King Cole's "Unforgettable," the audience was drawn into the bonds of affection which were so obvious. Kathy's good friend and co-star in the wonderful production of "Beehive", Tiffany White, also shared the spotlight as did the third member of Kathy's "Friends," Mr. Todd Brooks.

The concert was highly interactive and highly affirming of the relationship of mutual love and support which exists between Miss Tyree and the gay community. A scrapbook was passed through the audience so that individuals could sign their names and write messages. This simple act reinforced the conviction that Kathy and her friends were truly performing to an audience of their friends and family.

Before Kathy Tyree left the stage, she shared with the audience her one resolution for the year - that she would be the best possible parent and teach her child (due to arrive the first of June) to be a good person who judges other people only on their individual actions, not on any form of prejudice or stereotype. The audience's response gave a clear and affirming message. We love you, Kathy!

ICON RAISING FUNDS FOR WHEELCHAIRS FOR NAP

You won't want to miss this opportunity to help the Imperial Court of Nebraska help PWA's. The event is a show, of course. The date is Sun., April 2. The place is DC's. Be there! Be a part of this fund raising effort. Come in person or send a donation! Empress Mae and Emperor David have promised an evening of fun with a twist or two for those who prefer the "unusual."

The goal for the evening is at least \$500. That will purchase at least two nearly new wheelchairs for NAP to loan to clients so that PWA's won't have to use their sometimes limited financial resources renting or buying wheelchairs while they wait for them to be provided via Medicare?????Medicaid?????

Want to send that donation??? Send your check to ICON, P.O. Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68103. Checks should be made out to either ICON or NAP.

CONGREGATION SAYS THANKS, MATTHEW & CRAIG

The congregation of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha took March 19 following the 10.30 Worship Service to say Thank You to Rev. Matthew Howard and his partner Craig for their nearly six years of ministry in the community. The Thank You Celebration began with a Potluck Dinner in the Social Hall. Friends and members of the congregation were invited to bring photos, cards, and other memorabilia to give to Matthew and Craig to honor this time and their ministry. The Kitchen Committee had festively decorated the Social Hall to lighten what for many is a sad time—this time to say "Thanks" and goodbye.

While Rev. Howard and Craig have no immediate plans to leave Omaha, they will be taking a time of separation from MCC-O, a time to allow the congregation to build new relationships.

During his time here Rev. Howard has spoken on behalf of the gay, lesbian, bi, and transgender community countless times. He served not only MCC-O, but the entire state and region as a spokesperson, educator, and spiritual leader. Praise God for the ministry he has had here, all the congregation in the area unite in asking God's blessing upon him and Craig as they continue their service to God.



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SNOBALL AT THE MAX FEATURES ICON ROYALTY

The Imperial Court of Nebraska began a new tradition with this year's celebration of Snoball, held February 26 at the MAX. For Snoball, all past and present Monarchs of the Imperial Court as well as all local title holders were invited to participate. The result was a glittering show that featured excellent entertainment by the best performers.

The evening also featured the retitling of several members of the Imperial Court. ICON has retired the position of Athena and the two Athenas (Carla, Athena II, and Tami, Athena III and IV) were given new titles. Carla was proclaimed as Co-Emperor IX, and Tami was proclaimed as Co-Emperor XI, and Co-Empress XII. In addition, Hugh Farrell was named Prince Royale to Emperor XIV, and Annie Welty was elevated to the position of Grand Duke XIV.

Emcees for the evening were Emperor VI, Pat Phalen; Empress XII, Phoenix Fallentino; and Reagent I, Don Randolph. Featured performers included Emperors Gary West, Gerald Brown, Connie Henke, Dick Brown, Steve Koeller, and David Hansen; along with Empresses Laura Lee, Felice Whitney, Phoenix Fallentino; Roxy; and Mae.

Also appearing were Miss River City, Miranda Wrights; Miss Closet Ball, Siera Sands; Miss MAX, Monica West; Mr. MAX, Tim Pedersen; Miss DC's, Donian Drake, Ms. Leather Nebraska, Amanda, and Mr. Leather Nebraska, Renfield.

STRAIGHT SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP

PFLAG Omaha reports attendance at the second meeting of the Straight Spouse Support Group was smaller than the first, but that did not dampen the enthusiasm. The speaker from Nebraska AIDS Project gave a very informative presentation and answered many questions from those attending. The interesting part of the evening was watching the group caucus in the hallway, doorway and parking lot as they chatted their way to their cars. Carla reports a lot of interest in the group. She is researching our resources for ways to make additional information available for members of the group. Remember, the support group meets the second Thursday of the Month (April 13) at 7PM. Just follow the signs in the Education Wing of First United Methodist Church to room 209.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC PLANS BEING FINALIZED

The final plans for ICON's traditional summer picnics are now being made. For now, mark those calendars for MONDAY, May 29, from noon til 5. The Memorial Day Picnic will be held at Vennelyst Park on north 31st St. Complete directions will be published later. Plan now to celebrate the beginning of summer with your friends in the gay and lesbian community. The picnics offer fun in the sun in an environment where you can enjoy the activities special to you: sunbathing, volleyball, conversation, a cold beer, music, etc.

A MOTHER ON AIDS

Donna Hruska, President of the Nebraska AIDS Project, will join members of PFLAG Omaha in April. Her presentation is entitled *A Mother on AIDS*. While most of us hope we will never have to personally cope with the issue, Donna will share her personal story and those of other mothers she has met. Her experiences and

those of others demonstrated to Donna and Kathy that there was an unmet need in the Omaha area. As a result, they are collaborating to form an AIDS Support Group for families and friends. Date and time of the meetings are to be determined, but the location will likely be at First United Methodist Church in Omaha.

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Ronnie Gilbert will appear on May 6, performing her old favorites and songs from *Mother Jones*, and **Ferron** will lead off the Kansas City Gay Pride celebration on June 10.

All of these concerts will take place at the Granada Theater in Kansas City, Kansas, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for Susan Herrick are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For Ronnie Gilbert, \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. For Ferron, \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.

Tickets may be ordered from Willow Productions by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to PO Box 10104, Kansas City, MO 64171. Or call 816-691-8785 for further information.

For those of you traveling to Kansas City, tickets are available at Jan's Westport Tropicals and Classical Westport.

NEON GIRLS & ALIEN JANE TO APPEAR AT PRIDEFEST 95

WOMENSPACE of Omaha, Nebraska announces its third annual PrideFest Women's Music Festival. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 1:00 p.m. - Midnight at the Terra Jane, 5 miles east of Council Bluffs on Highway 92.

Headlining this years PrideFest will be the **Neon Girls** from Kansas City on the afternoon stage, and **Alias Jane** from Lincoln on the evening stage. The Neon Girls, a delightful singing duo from Kansas City, inspire their audiences with both humorous and serious songs which reflect the experiences in women's lives.

Alias Jane is a newly formed band made up of most of the members of the former group, Amethyst. Linda Mackie, popular local entertainer, has joined this group to lend her own versions of songs made popular by such famous female artists as Melissa Ethridge and Mary-Chapin Carpenter.

Other activities will include workshops on such subjects as financial planning, legal issues for lesbians, and spirituality, volleyball, line dancing lessons, a DJ dance, and an outdoor movie. In addition, Midwestern artisans will be in attendance to share their merchandise and crafts.

Cost for PrideFest is \$13.00 until May 15 and \$15.00 from May 16 - June 22 for a full day ticket.

Evening-only tickets are available for \$10.00 and allow participants in the gate at 6:00.

Tickets at the gate will be \$18.00 for the full day and \$12.00 for the evening only. For further information, contact WomenSpace at PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124-0712 or call (402) 493-8811.

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The Sixth Annual Interfaith Passover Seder will be hosted by Congregation B'nai Jeshurun (20th & South Streets in Lincoln) on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM. Seating will be limited to the first 100, so advance reservations are required, to be made no later than Friday, April 14. Cost is \$7.50 and checks can be made payable to: IJC SEDER, 140 South 27th Street, Suite B, Lincoln, NE 68510.

The Seder is sponsored by the Lincoln Interfaith Council. It is the ceremonial feast of Passover, an incomparable religious creation of the Jewish community.

It represents the unique artistry of the Jewish soul. Cantor Michael Weisser has developed a special "Haggadah" for use in this service.

In ancient times, Jews were required to make a pilgrimage to the Temple, bringing an offering to God. Mary and Joseph fulfilled this duty, and we know from the Gospel story that Jesus, at age 12, accompanied them on the pilgrimage.

The central ceremony of the Passover festival is the Seder, which is both a meal and a worship service celebrated in the home on the eve of Passover.

The entire family gathers around a festive dinner table for the occasion. Friends, neighbors, and even strangers are invited to share in the festivities. The celebration centers around the story of the Exodus from Egypt.

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The contest will be different than any of the existing contests currently around. One issue will be that only 1 (one) person will be allowed to enter from each state. The Producers of the International Contest are currently seeking individuals, bars or clubs to sponsor a statewide, province-wide, or country-wide contest. There will be no sponsor fee assessed to the sponsors of these events. If you are interested in sponsoring a contest, please contact Fantasy Productions at the address listed below. Many states within the U.S. and 2 provinces within Canada have already begun organizing their contests.

The categories for the contest itself, as well as the narrowing down of contestants will also be handled differently in this contest.

For more information on the Int'l Mr. Fantasy contest, please contact Fantasy Productions, P.O. Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108-8203.

HGRA TO HOST INDOOR RODEO IN DES MOINES

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association of Nebraska and Iowa is proud to announce an addition to the Indoor Rodeo Circuit! On April 8, the 1st Annual HI-RIDE RODEO (Heartland's Indoor Rodeo in Des Moines for Entertainment) is to be held at "Our Place" (424 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa) at 8 pm. Contestants from various bars and organizations in the Des Moines area will be competing. Between the events, entertainment from the HGRA members and Royalty will all add to the rodeo fun. Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit the All Iowa AIDS Benefit. Advance tickets are available from HGRA members for \$2.00 in advance, \$3.00 at the door. Events in which the contestants will be competing are: Bull Riding, Sharp Shooting, Barrel Racing, Calf Roping, and the Wild Drag Race. So saddle up and ride on over to Des Moines on April 8th and enjoy an evening of Rodeo and Fun!

HGRA Newsletter

Bars & Restaurants

Des Moines (A.C. 515)

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St.,
246-1299
The Garden 112 SE 4th St. 243-3965
The Play Pen 424 E Locust 243-9626
Shooters Lounge 515 E 6th 245-9126
Chat Noir Cafe 644 18th 244-1353
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282-7041

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The Chesterfield 1901 Leavenworth
345-6889
DC's 610 S. 14th, 344-3103
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449-9147
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The New Run 1715 Leavenworth,
449-8703
Trick's Public House 1019 S. 10th,
345-1661

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

SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS

by AI S.

I don't know what to make of **Blue Up**, the all-woman trio that played at the Ranch Bowl on March 4. I'm not sure if they want to be called "riot grrls", "womyn", or "dykes". Lead singer/guitarist Rachel came out dressed like a Killer Bee with sunglasses. She sounded like Glinda, the good witch in the Wizard of Oz, and when she took off her bee cap, she looked like a young Phyllis Diller. She is a super-skinny, cute, platinum blonde. Carolyn, the bass player/singer, is also cute, but a bit more masculine. Renee, the drummer, is the most masculine. She plays drums standing up like the early Karen Carpenter. Their music is indescribable, kind of an alternative pop/punk sound. There was a hippie feeling as they had a row of candles across the stage and the scent of sandalwood in the air. **Blue Up** has been together 10 years, but has never left the Minneapolis area until this tour. It has its first Columbia recording coming out in April. It's called "Spool Fork a Dish", whatever that means!

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2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433

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

Drop-In/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 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

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

**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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6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV tests,
AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
Lincoln Office: 3818 Sheridan Blvd. 484-8100
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Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
Northeast Neb Office: 304 N. 5 St., Ste C,
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807
Western Nebraska Office: 3707 Ave. D,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807

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.

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

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

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Nebraska Dept of Health,
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Norfolk, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm
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NorthPlatte, Craft St. Office Bldg,
200 So. Silber, 69101 (308) 535-8133

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL

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

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

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Box 81-455,
Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Omaha, NE 68105,
345-1992, Open Wed - Sat 10am-4pm for Drop
In Visits. Activities include: Support groups,
classes, i.v., movies, therapeutic massage, other
activities for those with HIV.

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

AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),
P.O. Box 31205, 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
every other Sunday 6pm

PASTORAL CARE

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery)
Service: 2nd Monday, 7pm, St Cecilia's,
Nebraska Chapel, 40th & Webster

Lincoln Interfaith Council, 140 S. 27th St.,
Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing
Service: 1st Tues, 7pm, Trinity United
Methodist, 1345 S. 16, Lincoln

Unity House Calendar
Unity House is open as a Drop-In
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Wednesday - Saturday. Call for
information on Support Groups.

**Every Friday: Noon Luncheon for
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Gay men's AA Group
April 2: 6:00pm

ACE Board Meeting
**April 8: Noon Luncheon for
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April 12: Noon Luncheon
for Persons With AIDS

Sponsored By Lord of Love
Lutheran Church

April 16: 6:00pm
ACE Board Meeting

April 30: 6:00pm
ACE Board Meeting

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) 640 N16. All sexes welcome.

Bisexual Discussion Group, No longer active
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Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential**
INFORMATION/SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln
68542-2043. Info, Conference Updates, Education
for older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee
House 2nd Saturday, 4-9pm, Lesbian Videos at
7:15pm, at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln. Everyone
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",
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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 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, 467-
4599. 4th Tuesday, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300
"A", Group for family of people with HIV, and G/
L Youth Group meet same time & place.**

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-Midnite, Lincoln. Emotional support,
referrals, AIDS info for callers Age 23 and
under. Project of Coalition for G/L Civil Rts

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

*****OMAHA*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, 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 Endeav-
ors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108-0343 538-5303,
Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE
activities throughout the year.

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Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548,
Omaha, 68155. (402) 398-3027. Legislative
action-eliminate discrimination for g/l/b employ-
ment, 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
Luthrans Concerned, 1st Sun 7pm 1st Luth,
31 & Jackson, Omaha 345-4080/453-7137

Metropolitan Club, PO Box 31-484, 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
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New Releases, Books, Tapes, Gifts, Old Market
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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 the 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 heartfelt 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 Neb.

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 treat-
ment 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

PEL 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 8787. Info: Karen or
Virginia, (402) 375-7321. Group for Gay, Lesbian,
Bisexual Students and Friends to meet new people,
discuss issues, provide community service,
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APRIL CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Please let us know if you like this style of calendar.

We want to continue to improve *The New Voice* so it can speak even more clearly to the community.

*Indicates Repeated Events; Check Initial Listing in Calendar or check Resource Directory for Details

Do You Know of An Event That Should Be Listed? Write to: **NVN, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103**

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Imperial Court of Nebr Board of Gov. 6:30pm, The MAX, Omaha
MCC Prayer Care Circle, 7pm
 3101 Webster, Omaha, 345-8948
 *HIV Test Site, 3610 Dodge, Ste 110, West door Omaha 7-9:30pm
 *River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal, 7:15p, 1st Methodist Church, NW Door, Omaha
 *Bi-PALS (BiSexual People, Alter-nate Life Styles), Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm
 Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, Info: Barb (308) 865-5610

4
 *Women for Sobriety 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29, Call Judith 472-2598
 A.N.G.L.E. Mtg, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha
 HIV/AIDS Healing Worship Service, St. Francis Chapel, 1145 South St., Lincoln, 7pm
 *UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr. Lincoln, 7pm, Nebr Union, 14th & R, Rm 234, 472-5644, days or 465-5703, nights

5
 *Gay Men Discussion Grp, 6pm, Lincoln, contact Luis 472-7450
 *Omaha Frontrunners 6:30pm Ford Birthsite, 32 & Woolworth
 *AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm AIDS Info Line: 475-2437
 *Alcoholics Anonymous, "Stone-wall" Grp, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha

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
 NOW Program Night "Handguns for Women", 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha

10
Deadline for May New Voice
 *HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
 *RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM
 *Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm
 Chrystos, Menominee Poet, appears in Omaha: UNO Milo Bail, 12n; Antiquarium, 7:30pm
 AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, Omaha

11
 *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

12
 *Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p
 *Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,
 *AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p
 *GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha
 Pride Committee Mtg., 7:30pm, Downtown Grounds, Omaha

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 *HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
 *GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm
 GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island call: (308) 384-7235
 PFLAG-Omaha, 7pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodst 7020 Cass 291-6781
 MCC Prayer Circle 6510 Charles Omaha, 7pm, Call 556-1769

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 *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

18
 *OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p
 *GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm
 Lincoln NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women), The Women's Club, 407 S. 14, 477-1226, 7pm
 Omaha NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women), 7pm, 1st Unitarian 3114 Harney, 391-7303
 Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, 8pm (308) 381-5175

19
 *Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p
 *Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,
 *AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p
 *GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha

20
 *HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
 *GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm
 Metropolitan Club, FRANKIE Panes, 1112 Douglas, Omaha, 7pm

24
 *HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
 *RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM
 *Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm

25
 *OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p
 *GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm
 Parent/Friend of Lesbians/ Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Ch, 6300 A, Program: "Welcoming Congregation: Unitarians Speak Out" 467-4599, 7pm
 Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658

26
 *Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p
 *Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,
 *AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p
 *GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha
 Pride Committee Mtg., 7:30pm, Downtown Grounds, Omaha
 Regional Gay Rodeo, Little Rock, Arkansas

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 *HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p
 *GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm
 GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235
 MCC Prayer, Care Circle, 6510 Charles, Omaha, 7pm,
 **Gay Rodeo, Little Rock, AR

APRIL CALENDAR

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

7 **Chrystos, Menominee Poet**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 3 & 7pm, Call 472-9392
***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**
***Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214**

14
***Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4pm & 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**
Good Friday Services at MCC-Omaha, 7pm
Kevin Snow, Gay Comedian appears at Noodles Comedy Club, Old Market, Omaha

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***Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4pm**
***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**

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***Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**
***Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm**
***Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm**
****Heartland Gay /Lesbian AA Roundup, Ramada Inn Airport, Omaha, \$26 registration**
****Gay Rodeo, Little Rock, AR**

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***Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am, Gathering Place, 15 & E, 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, 7pm - 12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln**
April Fools Day Dance, WomenSpace, 8pm-12m, Unity Church of Today, \$5 person, Smoke/Chem-Free Event

8
***Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am**
***Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha**
***Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781**
***Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**
Omaha Players Club, Workshop 2-5pm, Play Party 8pm, 451-7987
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assc. Mtg, 6pm, followed by 1st Annual HI-RIDE Indoor Rodeo at "Our Place" Des Moines, IA
SAGE Coffee House; 4-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, (402) 488-4178
Susan Herrick performs Granada Theater, 8pm, Kansas City

15
***Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am**
***Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha**
***Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781**
***Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**
Easter Egg Hunt for the community's children, sponsored by GALP & MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 2pm, all children welcome
Kevin Snow, Noodles Comedy Club, Omaha

22
***Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am**
***Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha**
***Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781**
***Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**
Community Resource Center Meeting, 2-4pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St.
Coalition Bowling Night, 7pm, Gateway Bowl, 333 N. Cotner, Lincoln, \$1.50/game

29
***Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am**
***Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha**
***Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781**
***Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**
****Heartland AA Roundup, Ramada Inn Airport Omaha**

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.**
Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137
NAP Benefit Show, hosted by Emperor XIV David & Empress XIV Mae, DC's, Omaha

9
***Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln**
New Voice Steering Comm., MCC-O, 1pm
Easter Cantata by MCC Choir, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 10:30am & 7pm
MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 7pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln
Closet Ball, Sponsored by ICON, 9:30pm, The MAX, Omaha

16
***Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln**
Easter Services at MCC-Omaha
6:30am, Sunrise Service
9 & 10:30am, Worship Service
P-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/995-5490, 3pm

23
***Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln**
Parents FLAG-Omaha, Mead Hall, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781
MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 7pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln

30
***Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln**
****Heartland AA Roundup, Ramada Inn AP, Omaha**
Benefit for NOW, featuring Lavendar Couch & others, Saddle Creek Bar, Omaha, \$8 donation suggested

CLASSIFIEDS

Call for papers: Gays, Bisexuals, Transgendered People and Education. Deadline for optional proposals is May 1, 1995. Deadline for papers is September 1, 1995. To receive a Call for Papers contact *Harvard Educational Review*, Gutman Library Suite 349, 6 Apptian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138; phone: (617) 495-3432; fax: (617) 496-3584 (comp)

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PERSONALS

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GWM, 32 years old, 5'5", 140#, brown hair, moustache, hazel eyes, hairy and love the outdoors. I enjoy meeting people and love the company of another man. If interested please contact Steve, Box 5705, Lincoln, NE 68505 (Ap95)

Wanted: Young, healthy, bondage bottom(s)/slave(s). No experience needed. Gary. PO Box 8050, Omaha, NE 68108-0050 (Ap95)

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE

"Liberated And Not Forgotten: 1945-1995" is the theme for the Thursday, April 27 Holocaust Memorial Observance to be held at 7:30 PM in the East Senate Chambers of the State Capitol in Lincoln. Dr. Sander L. Gilma of the Department of German Literature at Cornell University will be the keynote speaker this year. The people of Nebraska are called upon to re-dedicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all peoples during this 50th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, and are asked to remain vigilant against all tyranny recognizing that hatred and bigotry provide a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish. The program is free, and the public is cordially invited. A sign-language interpreter will be provided.

GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS PLAN SHOW AT TRICKS APRIL 1

The Gay and Lesbian Parents Group (GALP) from Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha has a show set for Tricks Pub on Saturday, April 1. Show time is 9:00 p.m. Included in the list of performers are Muffy Rosenberg, Laura Gray, Jennifer Jett, Dietra Snow, and more! Come out and join this group of parents in one of their first fund-raising efforts. The show promises to be a good time for one & all. And it's on a Saturday!

♥ Nebraska Personals

Discreet Phone Contacts By Area Code

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Lincoln **NEW TO AREA** from CA, iso a person who is betw 25-37, short, hairy and have some facial hair, pref mustache, masculine, muscular, shy, sensitive and fun loving- I am oriental/latino, 30s, like to meet galkg, int music art politics- #36569

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Omaha **NEW TO TOWN:** 6' brn/blu 33 int in meeting people, int are music arts literature and hanging out and some quiet time at home- #36897

Omaha **DARK HAired MEN:** John, GWM 6'1, 200, 35, not into bars, like guys with dark hair, 25-40, lkg for a pass rel, not into heavy set or fem guys- #37090

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Omaha **SKIN TIGHT LEVI'S:** GWM, 5'7, 130, 34, romantic nite, dinner music quiet eyes, cuddling, kissing videos, like cowboy type, built hairy type, skin tight levis- #23546

Omaha **RELAXING TIMES:** Dan, 30 blnd/blu 5'9, 160, I believe in enjoying life, movies, camping out relaxing times someone I care for if you are the person #1975

Omaha **FORMER GYM-NAST:** Kent, 5'7 145, blk, brn eyes cln shaven, former national gymnast, hoping to hear from 25-35 intellectual, liberal, trust-worthy, #35069

Omaha **LIKE SPORTS?** Xavier, looking for a Gay or bi male 18-25 must be fun and like to play sports, 22 5'7 155, #35141

Omaha **LUCY FAN:** Bill, GWM 37, 6'1, brn/blu, 230, getting in shape, like movies beer like nick at nite, lucy fan, romantic times, slow dancing, sports, like to get to know people, new to the area; orig from NY- interested, give me a call- #35314

Omaha **MUSCLE MEN:** searching 20-30 race unimp avg to musc build to have fun with, 27 6'1 musc 215, brn eyes, dk hair, waiting to hear from you, willing to travel- #35335

Lincoln **LIKES TO CD:** GWM, 5'5, 135, like to be a loody, attr passable and discreet, btm- #35396

Omaha **THOMAS 22:** It skinned man brn/ 6' 168 iso 18-22 Just to have fun- give me a call- #35531

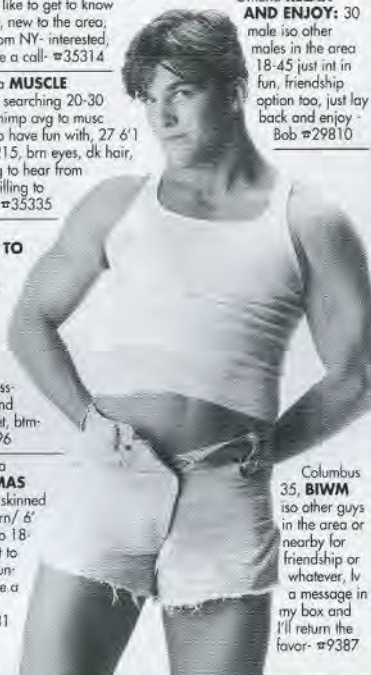
Omaha **STOCKY BEAR CUB:** dk blnd/blu 23, like to have fun, go out listen to music, all types of arts, give me a call- #36225

Lincoln **SEXY CD:** GWM 5'5 130, like being a sexy and fem lady, passable and discreet like to pls men in any way th #36227

Omaha **TV OR TS:** 5'9, very firm, 160, med cxion, hairy, first timer, int in poss a TV or TS, like to meet someone to find out what its like interested in the Omaha/Lincoln area- #35998

Omaha **BIG BROTHER TYPE:** Don gentle big bro type 21, lkg for someone to loved pampered, if thats u, lv a number 18-21- #29712

Omaha **RELAX AND ENJOY:** 30 male iso other males in the area 18-45 just int in fun, friendship option too, just lay back and enjoy - Bob #29810



Columbus 35, **BIWM** iso other guys in the area or nearby for friendship or whatever, lv a message in my box and I'll return the favor- #9387

SW IA **ALOT TO OFFER:** Chuck, GWM subm, like meeting GBM who have alot to offer, know what they want and how to get it, if ur interested, give me a call- #25071

Omaha **LOOKING FOR GUYS:** David, GWM 29, 5'9, 150, brn/blu, wide var of int iso guys in my area to do things with, maybe lead to something else- lv a message- #27399

Lincoln **BIG SCREEN TV:** 40s GM iso assertive tps around 35 thn's musc, have a big screen TV, let's watch it and do what they do- #27971

Omaha **COWBOY BEARS:** Alex, 5'11 190, It brn cut flat-top, blu semi hairy enjoy out-doors rodeos, horses, country music sports, esp football, honesty is #1 iso bear cowboy 6' hairy masc tp - who knows what to do, heart of gold- #28014

Omaha **HEY COWBOYS:** this is Alex, 28, 5'11, 190, It brn flat top blu eyes semi hairy short brn beard must, like rodeos horses sports and football- looking for a bear cowboy, 30-50 hairy and masc, who knows what to do and when! #28293

NE **SOMETHING NEW?** 30, lkg for men in 20s 30s open to scenes, give me a call- #23206

Omaha **IRISH STUD MUFFIN:** GWM 5'7 irish stud muffin, looking for hot hairy bodies, tight jeans a plus- give me a call - #23546

Omaha **LIGHT SKINNED MAN:** Thomas, 22, It skinned brn eyes 6'1 168 iso 18-22 just to have fun and go out #24348

Milliken **QUIET TIMES:** Michael, like biking, cooking, quiet times and videos- give me a call- #21541

NE **REGULAR FUN:** GWM 6'2, 190, 26, not into bars, like hot fun iso rman 25-35 for reg get togethers, no commitment reqd #22473

Rx Dr. MacLennan

SPRING FEVER?

Use personals as needed.

Call Now!

Omaha **GOOD CLEAN FUN:** 30 Bi WM iso guys to get together for good clean fun, - lv a message- #12608

Omaha **DINNER FOR TWO:** Jim, in late 30s, like to spend quiet evenings, going out for supper, like to hear from you like 20-30 slender build- #18426

Omaha **QUIET EVENINGS:** Jim prof'l like to meet musc guy for quiet eyes, going out, late 30s, #18426

Lawton **SCI FI FAN:** Robert, 5'9 170, blnd/blu, theatre, movies, sci fi, int in 30-45 sense of humor, fun, friendship #18659

Odessa **COMPANION/FRIEND:** Charles, lkg for a male companion for friendship or rel, #32098

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Sunday, April 9

*Some People Come Out Quietly &
Discretely Others Blow The Door Off
The Hinges, Find Out Who They Are
When The Max & I.C.O.N. Present
Closet Ball 1995*

Sunday, April 16

*Bimbos, Bouffants & Bad Girls
Monica, Jennifer, Felice,
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Show Us How Bad Girls
Can Also Be Very Very Good!*

Sunday, April 23

*There's New Meat In Town
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Sunday, April 30

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APRIL HEATS UP AT Q.

Sunday April 2nd
Dorian Drake and
Guests

Thursday April 6th
BackTracks 70's & 80's
music and drink prices

Thursday April 13th
Wet Jockey Shorts
Contest • Cash Prizes •

Sunday April 16th
An Evening of
Entertainment by the
Newly Crowned Miss Q

Thursday April 27th
Casino Night - start
collecting Q-pons April
13.

Thursday May 4th
People Auction - benefit
for Lincoln Chapter of
P-FLAG.



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